

The Minister and Elders have issued a statement concerning our understanding and belief about Marriage - This statement is born out of Biblical understanding.

Marriage

We believe Marriage is a holy covenant before God (Malachi 2 v 14)

We believe Marriage is between one man and one woman (1 Corinthians 7 v2)

We believe Marriage is given by God and intended to be life-long relationship of intimacy, companionship, comfort, sacrifice, support, faithfulness and love.(Genesis 2 v 18,21,24. Matthew 19 v 4-6, Ephesians 5 v 23-32.

We believe that, within a Marriage, a wife and a husband have different, yet equal roles. (1 Peter 3 v 1-5, 8)

We believe Marriage is the 'place' for sex, procreation and the nurture of children. (Genesis 1 v 28, Exodus 20 v 14, Hebrews 13 v 4, Ephesians 6 v 1-4,)

We believe that where relationships have broken down and we have sinned, God shows grace and mercy to those with repentant hearts. (1 John 1 v 9, Romans 3 v 23)

We believe that God's love for us as human beings is not dependent on our marital status and that those who are married and those who are single are equal before God (John 3 v 16, Acts 10 v 34, Galatians 3 v 28)

We believe that everyone should be made welcome at St. George's Church no matter what their marital status is.

In view of our understanding of marriage, the Minister and Elders, as Trustees of St. George's Church, will not be making an application to approve our premises as a place where civil partnerships/same sex marriages may be registered.

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Same sex marriage. General Assembly has sent a questionnaire to all churches. The question to be answered by Church meetings is "Should local URC congregations who want to offer and host same sex marriage services be allowed by the Church to do so"

Elders discussed the situation and agreed that our Marriage statement remains our stated position.

We therefore bring this to the Church meeting as a recommendation.

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