Consultation on proposals for the introduction of "Prayers of Love and Faith"

The General Synod of the Church of England has asked Diocesan Synods to consider proposals for the introduction of "Prayers of Love and Faith". This is part of the wider work under the umbrella term "Living in Love and Faith" or LLF.

This is an informal consultation (in other words not part of a legal legislative process).

LLF is about how the Church of England responds to questions of relationships, marriage and human sexuality.

General Synod is asking us six questions:

- How well informed about this work are we?
- What level of conversations have happened in parishes?
- What do people think about the proposals?
- How can the proposals be better expressed or explained?
- What questions does the ongoing work need to answer?
- What other issues or ideas are there that might be helpful?

We have asked two elected members of General Synod to prepare and lead the session at Diocesan Synod in June; the Revd Will Harwood and the Revd Jeffrey Terry.

Material to support the discussion is available on the Church of England website here.

We are providing members with four key documents:

- A leaflet that introduces the consultation
- A copy of the draft "Prayers of Love and Faith"
- The draft Code of Practice
- A leaflet giving a theological update on debates surrounding LLF and the prayers.

If you have a look on the webpage linked above you will see copies of these documents as well as more background and detailed information. If you want to read beyond the four key documents then we suggest starting with GS Misc 1406 (in particular Section 3) and the summary of GS Misc 1407.

If members want any of this material in hardcopy please let us know and we will be happy to post it to you or bring hard copies to our meeting.