

Canterbury Diocese
Discernment Cohort Programme – Month Six
A Place of Welcome

The Task

In this session, each participant will give a ten-minute presentation about an aspect of inclusion. This could explore issues around: race, disability, sexuality, gender, age, income or class; welcoming those who are non-neurotypical, Deaf people, have learning difficulties or are housebound; working with refugees, homeless people, older people, survivors of abuse, ex-offenders - or any other aspect of inclusion.

Preparation

Use a combination of reading, self-reflection and conversation to explore one of the aspects of inclusion listed above. Present your conclusions to the group in a ten-minute presentation, which must include quotations from your conversations with the people we hope to welcome. In the previous session your group convener will run over some of the safeguarding issues raised by interviewing children and vulnerable adults. To avoid repetition, you will be asked to say which area you are planning to explore. Many of these books are available to borrow from the DDO Office. Please get in touch and, if we have it on the shelf, we'll post it out to you. Please be aware that the list below is far from exhaustive, but limit yourself to one or two resources for the section you are exploring!

Resources

Introduction to Inclusion, Listening and Privilege

Al Barrett and Ruth Harley, *Being Interrupted: Reimagining the Church's Mission From the Outside, In* (London: SCM Press, 2020).

An Updated List of Resources about Inclusion - Has many of the sections below

Movement of Supporting Anglicans for an Inclusive Church (MOSAIC), <<https://mosaic-anglicans.org/>> [Accessed 28 February 2021].

Race

Akala, *Natives: Race and Class in the Ruins of Empire* (London: Two Roads, 2018).

A.D.A. France-Williams, *Ghost Ship: Institutional Racism and the Church of England* (Norwich: SCM Press, 2020).

Willie James Jennings, *The Christian Imagination: Theology and the Origins of Race* (New Haven, Connecticut: Yale University Press, 2019).

Ben Lindsay, *We Need To Talk About Race: Understanding the Black Experience in White Majority Churches* (London: SPCK, 2019).

Anthony G. Reddie, *Is God Colour Blind?: Insights from Black Theology for Christian Ministry* (London: SPCK, 2009).

Gender

Liz Barr and Andrew Barr, *Jobs For The Boys?: Women Who Became Priests* (London: Hodder and Stoughton, 2001).

Laura Bates, *Everyday Sexism* (London: Simon and Schuster, 2014).

Caroline Criado-Perez, *Invisible Women: Exposing Data Bias in a World Designed for Men* (London: Vintage, 2019).

Lola Olufemi, *Feminism, Interrupted: Disrupting Power* (London: Pluto, 2020).

Imogen Tyler, *Stigma: The Machinery of Inequality* (London: Zed, 2020).

Barbara Brown Zikmund, Adair T. Lummis and Patricia Mei Yin Chang, *Clergy Women: An Uphill Calling* (Louisville, Kentucky: Westminster John Knox Press, 1998).

LGBT+

Christina Beardsley and Chris Dowd, *Trans Affirming Churches: How to Celebrate Gender Variant People and Their Loved Ones* (London: Jessica Kingsley, 2020).

Christina Beardsley and Michelle O'Brien, eds., *This Is My Body: Hearing the Theology of Transgender Christians* (London: Darton, Longman and Todd, 2016).

Vicky Beeching, *Undivided: Coming Out, Becoming Whole, and Living Free From Shame* (Glasgow: William Collins, 2019).

Inclusive Church, <<https://www.inclusive-church.org>>.

Living in Love and Faith: Christian Teaching and Learning about Identity, Sexuality, Relationships and Marriage, (London: Church House Publishing, 2020).

Living Out, <<https://www.livingout.org>>.

Adrian Thatcher, *God, Sex and Gender: An Introduction* (Oxford: Wiley Blackwell, 2011).

Singleness

Sam Allberry, *7 Myths About Singleness* (Wharton, Illinois: Crossway, 2019).

Kate Wharton, *Single Minded: Being Single, Whole and Living Life to the Full* (Oxford: Monarch, 2013).

Disability, Chronic Illness and Non-neurotypical People.

Nancy L. Eiesland, *The Disabled God: Toward a Liberatory Theology of Disability* (Nashville, Tennessee: Abingdon Press, 1994).

Grant Macaskill, *Autism and the Church: Bible, Theology and Community* (Waco, Texas: Baylor University Press).

Frances Mackenney-Jeffs, *Reconceptualising Disability for the Contemporary Church* (London: SCP Press, 2021).

Roy McCloughry, *The Enabled Life: Christianity in a Disabling World* (London: SPCK, 2013).

Church House Publishing, *The Church Among Deaf People* (London: Church House Publishing, 1997).

Through the Roof, 'All of Us Complete in Christ: Four Encouraging and Challenging Findings About the Church in Britain', <<https://www.throughtheroof.org/abd/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/All-of-US-Complete-WEB-FINAL.pdf>> [accessed 7 February 2019].

John Swinton, *Becoming Friends of Time: Disability, Timefullness, and Gentle Discipleship* (London: SCM Press, 2017).

Katie Tupling and Anna de Lange, *Worship and Disability: A Kingdom for All*, Grove Worship Series; no. 235 (Cambridge: Grove Books, 2018).

Amos Yong, *The Bible, Disability, and the Church: A New Vision of the People of God* (Grand Rapids, Michigan: W.B. Eerdmans Publishing, 2011).

Survivors of Abuse

Janet Fife and Gilo, *Letters to a Broken Church* (Ekklesia, 2019).

Fiona Gardner, *Sex, Power, Control: Responding to Abuse in the Institutional Church* (Cambridge: Lutterworth Press, 2021).

Julie Macfarlane, *Going Public: A Survivor's Journey from Grief to Action* (Between the Lines, 2020).

Tanya Marlow, 'But his books are still good, right? – 5 things Christians must stop saying about sexual abusers', *Thorns and Gold*, (2021) <<https://tanyamarlow.com/5-stupid-things-christians-say-sexual-abusers/>> [accessed 28 February 2021]

Prisoners, Homeless, Refugees

Susanna Snyder, *Asylum-Seeking, Migration and Church* (London: Routledge, 2012). (London: Rowman & Littlefield Publishers, 2019).

Churches Together in Britain and Ireland, *God With Us: Worship Resources on the Theme of Refugees, Migration and Sanctuary* (2021).

Anne Richards and Juliet Kilpin, *Refugee Theology Resource for Churches and Church Groups* (Mission Theology Advisory Group of Churches Together in Britain and Ireland).

Susanna Snyder, *Asylum-Seeking, Migration and Church* (London: Routledge, 2012).

The Children's Society, 'Distress signals: Unaccompanied Young People's Struggle for Mental Health Care', (2018) <<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-10/distress-signals-report.pdf>> [accessed 28 February 2021].

— — —, 'A Lifeline for All: Children and Families with No Recourse to Public Funds', (2020) <<https://www.childrenssociety.org.uk/sites/default/files/2020-11/a-lifeline-for-all-report.pdf>> [accessed 28 February 2021].

'Things You'll Know As A Refugee', <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bbcthree/clip/d726d0d1-db5c-4e59-a7d1-64481a668819?ns_campaign=bbc-

[three&ns_mchannel=social&ns_source=bbc-link-shortener&ns_linkname=d726d0d1-db5c-4e59-a7d1-64481a668819](https://www.bbc.com/news/health-564481a6)> [Accessed 13 February 2021].

Class and Poverty

Martin Charlesworth and Natalie Williams, *A Church for the Poor: Transforming the Church to Reach the Poor in Britain Today* (Eastbourne: David C Cook, 2017).

———, *The Myth of the Undeserving Poor - A Christian Response to Poverty in Britain Today* (London: Grosvenor House Publishing, 2014).

Tim Chester, *Unreached: Growing Churches in Working-Class and Deprived Areas* (Leicester: Inter-Varsity Press, 2012).

Tim Chester and Steve Timmis, *Total Church: A Radical Reshaping Around Gospel And Community* (Leicester: Inter-Varsity Press, 2007).

Darren Edwards, *Chav Christianity: Exploring What it Looks Like to be a Working-class Christian* (New Generation, 2013).

Laurie Green, *Blessed are the Poor* (London: SCM Press, 2015).

Lynsey Hanley, *Respectable: Crossing the Class Divide* (Harmondsworth: Penguin, 2016).

Steven Horne, *Gypsies and Jesus: A Traveller Theology* (London: Darton Longman Todd, 2022)

Darren McGarvey, *Poverty Safari: Understanding the Anger of Britain's Underclass* (London: Picador, 2019).

Joanne McKenzie, 'The Person God Made Me to Be': Navigating Working-Class and Christian Identities in English Evangelical Christianity', *Sociological Research Online*, 22 (2017), p. 11.

Lisa McKenzie, *Getting By: Estates, Class and Culture in Austerity Britain* (Bristol: Policy Press, 2015).

Joerg Rieger, ed., *Religion, Theology and Class: Fresh Engagements after Long Silence* (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2013).

Age (Younger People)

Libby Brooks, *The Story of Childhood: Growing up in Modern Britain* (London: Bloomsbury, 2006).

Collins, Natalie. 2017. *Gender Aware Youth Work* (Cambridge: Grove Books).

Chloe Combi, *Generation Z: Their Voices, Their Lives* (London: Hutchinson, 2015).

Ruth H. Perrin, *Changing Shape: The Faith Lives of Millennials* (London: SCM Press, 2020).

Sara Savage, Sylvia Collins-Mayo, Bob Mayo and Graham Cray, *Making Sense of Generation Y: The World View of 15- 25-year-olds* (London: Church House Publishing, 2006).

Age (Older People)

Malcolm Johnson and Keith Albans, eds., *God, Me and Being Very Old: Stories and Spirituality in Later Life* (London: SCM Press, 2013).

Ian Knox, *Finishing Well: A God's Eye View of Ageing* (London: SPCK, 2020).

James Woodward, *Valuing Age: Pastoral Ministry with Older People* (London: SPCK, 2008).