

## **The Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham's Statement regarding the Anglican Communion and Lambeth Conference**

The actions of the Episcopal Church of the United States some five years ago, relating to issues of human sexuality, have resulted in much international debate and fragmentation and were contrary to the mind of the Anglican Communion as a whole. The subsequent publication of the Windsor Report and its processes, which commented on this issue, were agreed by the General Synod of the Church of England, as was also the Covenant process, which continues to be developed in other provinces of the Anglican Communion.

The position the Communion has now arrived at was clearly articulated by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his Advent letter to the Primates of the Communion and can be found on the Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Website.

For the benefit of prayer and understanding within the diocese, I feel it important to issue this statement on behalf of the Bishop of Sherwood and myself, and to make it clear that the Archbishop of Canterbury will continue to have our support and prayers in everything that he is doing to hold the Church of England and the Anglican Communion together. Furthermore, he will have our presence and support as he draws together the Bishops of the Communion for the Lambeth Conference later this year and we will be delighted to share in offering hospitality to our Anglican guests from overseas.

All are welcome on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July at 3.30 p.m. at Southwell Minster for a Special Service of Prayers and Welcome to our overseas guests.

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