

Changing Attitude Sussex Brighton and Hove Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement

Brighton and Hove Churches Survey

Name of Church: _____

Please place a tick in the circle alongside *one* of the four descriptions which *best relates to your church*

Whilst openly gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgendered (LGBT) people are welcomed they would not be permitted to be involved in many positions in the church, and especially not in lay leadership roles. Leaders and congregation believe that the Bible teaches that homosexual acts are sinful and that it is wrong to be in a gay or lesbian relationship; similar views are held about people who are bisexual or transgendered.

There is a variety of views on LGBT issues among the congregation, but the church is not comfortable having openly LGBT people involved in some aspects of the church's life. Leaders hold to traditional biblical teaching on sexual orientation but are willing to hold dialogue and to explore different interpretations.

Openly LGBT people, including those in relationships, can be involved in every aspect of the church's life, including lay leadership roles. The equality and worth of openly LGBT people is implicit, but is not often explicitly discussed. There are few or no visible signs of the involvement of LGBT people and organisations in the church.

Gay and lesbian people can be fully and openly involved in every aspect of the church's life, including lay leadership roles. A conscious effort is made specifically to include LGBT people and to affirm the equality and worth of their lives and relationships, with explicit references in, for example, intercessions or sermons. LGBT Christian or secular posters can be displayed on church noticeboards. The church has already or would be willing to make a public declaration of its open and welcoming character through registration with a body such as Inclusive Church, Changing Attitude, or a similar organisation.

Please add any comments you wish to make (continue overleaf if necessary):