

YouGov / The Times Survey Results

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Currently the Church of England does not permit same-sex marriages in church.

Do you think the Church of England should or should not allow same-sex marriages in church?

Should	54	42	73	67	70	42	47	61	59	62	55	39	60	47	55	48	51	59	50	56	55
Should not	27	39	13	20	15	39	32	21	20	21	25	41	24	30	26	29	26	24	28	25	28
Not sure	19	19	14	13	16	19	20	18	21	18	20	20	16	23	19	23	23	17	22	19	17

It has been proposed that in the future the Church of England will still not allow same-sex marriages to take place in church, but will allow same-sex couples who have a civil marriage or partnership to come for a blessing in church.

Which of the following best reflects your view?

The church should allow same-sex couples to marry in church	52	40	69	66	68	40	46	58	55	58	54	38	58	44	53	46	50	58	50	49	52
The church should allow priests to bless same-sex couples, but should not marry same-sex couples in church	14	19	10	11	10	18	13	15	13	9	12	24	15	12	14	20	5	12	14	18	15
The church should not bless or marry same-sex relationships	16	23	7	9	7	24	21	11	12	14	14	22	13	20	16	14	16	14	17	14	17
Don't know	18	18	13	15	14	18	21	16	20	18	20	16	15	23	17	21	28	16	19	18	17

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The Archbishop of Canterbury has said he welcomes the new blessings for same-sex couples, but has said he will not perform any so as to remain a figure of "unity" for both supporters and opponents of the blessings. Do you think this is the right or wrong stance for the Archbishop to take?

Right	26	34	19	21	22	34	27	25	22	22	24	37	24	28	26	32	20	25	26	28	27
Wrong	44	39	53	55	52	38	44	44	46	47	46	35	50	36	44	39	44	45	44	37	46
Don't know	30	26	27	24	26	28	29	32	32	31	30	28	26	36	30	29	37	30	30	34	27

Currently the Church of England teaches that only married people of the opposite sex should have sex, that sex before or outside marriage is wrong, and that gay sex is wrong. Some people believe that the Church should maintain its opposition to gay sex completely, or drop its opposition as long as it is within "committed, stable, faithful relationships".

Which of these comes closest to your view?

The Church of England should maintain its position that gay sex is wrong	18	26	9	8	9	27	23	13	15	17	14	25	15	21	18	22	13	15	20	17	20
The Church of England should drop its opposition to gay sex altogether	43	32	63	52	58	34	40	46	43	49	45	32	49	36	43	41	44	47	40	42	43
The Church of England should drop its opposition to gay sex, but only if it is within "committed, stable, faithful relationships"	19	24	14	26	18	21	15	22	15	14	22	24	19	18	19	17	15	17	22	19	19
Don't know	20	18	14	14	15	19	22	19	27	20	19	19	17	25	20	20	28	21	18	22	18

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Now thinking about Church of England clergy who are themselves gay. Currently gay priests are allowed to enter into civil partnerships with a same-sex partner, but are not permitted to marry them, in church or in a civil wedding. Do you think the Church of England should or should not allow gay priests to marry their same-sex partners in civil marriages?

Should	55	46	73	72	71	45	48	62	51	61	58	45	61	47	56	47	52	59	52	55	56
Should not	22	33	11	13	11	34	26	18	17	17	21	33	19	25	22	23	19	20	25	20	23
Don't know	23	21	17	15	17	21	26	20	32	22	21	21	19	28	22	30	29	21	23	25	21

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Should remain the established church in England	41	57	32	40	35	54	39	43	24	34	45	56	40	42	42	44	23	39	41	45	45
Should be disestablished	29	20	42	39	39	21	34	24	31	32	29	23	34	21	29	21	36	26	29	31	29
Not sure	30	23	26	21	26	25	28	33	44	35	26	22	26	36	29	35	40	35	30	24	26

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Should be disestablished	29	38	10	25	22	16	28	18	24	26	39	54	51	36	11	12	44	38	16	36
Not sure	30	32	18	35	22	27	34	38	0	30	37	46	14	33	21	35	13	32	23	32

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