Rt Revd Keith Sinclair is the Bishop of Birkenhead. He served on the committee which produced the Pilling Report, to which he contributed a dissenting statement. He is also on the Council of Reference for the True Freedom Trust, a member of CEEC and attended GAFCON 2018.

Revd Iain Baker is the vicar of St Thomas’ Church, Kidsgrove. Iain is a trustee of the True Freedom Trust, a Christian ministry that offers pastoral support and biblical teaching on same-sex attraction.

Dr Ros Clarke is Associate Director of Church Society and Course Leader of the Priscilla Programme, an online training course for women run in partnership between Church Society and Union School of Theology.

Revd Dr Lee Gatiss is the Director of Church Society. He is the editor of *Gospel Flourishing in a Time of Confusion, The NIV Proclamation Bible*, and *Foundations of Faith*. His latest book is called *Fight Valiantly! Contending for the Faith, in the Bible and in the Church of England*.

Dr Matthew Rowley is an honorary visiting fellow at the University of Leicester and a Non-Stipendiary Fellow at the Wooff Institute, Cambridge. His PhD thesis concerned Puritan interpretations of providence in military victory over enemies in England, Ireland, Scotland and colonial America.

Saturday 18th May, 2019, 10am—4pm
Christ Church Mayfair, Down St, LONDON W1J 7AN.

Please note that there is NO parking at the venue.
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Tea and coffee will be provided but please bring your own lunch.
There will be a Church Society bookstall on the day.

Church Society Conference 2019

redeeming
love and faith
sexuality and the good news
for the Church of England

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Conference Programme

10.00am  Sex and the Word of God
Bishop Keith Sinclair will outline the biblical teaching on marriage and human sexuality, equipping us all to understand and participate better in the current debates in the Church of England.

11.00am  Coffee

11.20am  Sex and the People of God
Iain Baker will explore the pastoral implications of the biblical teaching, helping us to examine how we may do better at living out the biblical teaching in our own lives and in our churches.

12.20pm  Lunch: please bring your own packed lunch to eat during the AGM.

12.30pm  Church Society AGM

2.30pm  Sex and the Heavenly City
Ros Clarke will look at God’s eternal purposes for our sexuality, offering a wider context for understanding and applying the ethical imperatives on sexual activity.

3.15pm  Contending with Love and Faith
Lee Gatiss will show us how the book of Jude teaches us to contend for the faith, with love and faith, as we look ahead to the publication of Living in Love and Faith in 2020.

The conference will end by 4pm.

4.30pm  St Antholin Lecture
This public lecture is free and open to all.

Toxic and Intoxicating: Puritan Theology and the Thirst for Power
2019 St Antholin Lecture, Dr Matthew Rowley

The thirst for power changed Puritan theology, often in ways that went unnoticed. The rise and decline of political puritanism afforded unique theological temptations. As victors or victims, many approached cultural conflict with a sense of unreflective righteousness. This talk focuses on the darker moments of this history and explains how some of their worst actions flowed from good intentions and admirable character traits. We must remember these moments and learn from them if we are to avoid toxic and intoxicating mixtures of piety and patriotism today.

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Members will be sent papers for the AGM in advance.