

# What does the Bible say about LGBTQI+ issues?

Saturday February 1st

St Nicholas of Tolentino Church, Lawfords Gate, Bristol BS5 0RE

## Conference Programme

- 9.00 - 9.30**      **Registration**
- 9.30 - 9.50**      **Introductions & Check-In**
- 9.50 - 10:30**    **Catholics reading and interpreting Scripture - aspects of recent Church teaching**
- 10:30 - 11:15**   **Session 1: Reading the Bible with Integrity:**  
*Context, Subtext and Language*
- 11:15- 11:30**   **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 11.30-12.30**   **Session 2: Reading the Hebrew Bible Texts**  
*Creation: Genesis 1-2*  
*Sodom: Genesis 19*  
*The Law: Leviticus 18:22 & 20:13*
- 12.30 - 1.30**    **Lunch**
- 1:30 - 2:30**    **Session 3: Reading the Pauline Texts:**  
*I Corinthians 6:9*  
*I Timothy 1:9-10*  
*Romans 1: 26-27*
- 2:30 - 2.45**    **Tea/Coffee Break**
- 2.45 - 3.30**    **Session 4: Reading the Gospel Texts:**  
*Jesus dines with the marginalised: Mark 2:15-17*  
*Divorce & Eunuchs: Matthew 19:1-12*  
*The Roman Centurion: Luke 7: 1-10 & Matthew 8:5-13*
- 3:30 - 4:00**    **Conclusion: Resonance & Reflection and Check-Out**

**All are welcome to join us for Morning Prayer at 8.30  
and to celebrate the Eucharist at 4.30**



## Speakers

**Jayne Reaves** Originally from the Deep South of the United States, Jayme is a public theologian, and alongside her role as Coordinator of the Centre for Encountering the Bible at Sarum College she works with congregations, organisations, communities, and individuals to reflect on both developing theologies on specific public issues and on theology's public impact. Her book *Safeguarding the Stranger: An Abrahamic Theology and Ethic of Protective Hospitality* (Wipf & Stock/Pickwick, 2016) looks at the theology and ethic of providing sanctuary to the threatened other, and how the Western Christian theology and practice of hospitality can be enriched by the recovery of honour and etiquettes related to hospitality as seen in the Jewish and Islamic traditions. The majority of her work explores the various theological and social legacies created by social injustice, violence, peace, reconciliation and moral courage, with interests in both non-violent resistance and non-confessional and interfaith theological and ethical constructions and practice. Over the last 20 years, Jayme has worked as a consultant, researcher, facilitator, and lecturer in the United States, former Yugoslavia, Great Britain, and Northern Ireland. She received her PhD and M.Phil. from Trinity College, University of Dublin, and holds an M.Div. and B.A. from Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond (Virginia, US) and Union University (Tennessee, US) respectively.

**John Flannery** is a member of the parish of St Nicholas of Tolentino and of the Clifton diocese LGBT+ ministry, and has facilitated parish Scripture groups for many years. From the English Lake District, he owned a printing company in London before undertaking studies in theology at Heythrop College, University of London. The award of a Diploma in Theology in 2000 was followed by an MA in Christianity and Interreligious Dialogue in 2003, with a dissertation on the first Jesuit missions to Tibet (1624-1635). In 2009 he successfully defended his doctoral thesis on the relations of the Catholic Church with Shi'a Islam and Eastern Christianity, as illustrated by the religio-diplomatic missions of the Portuguese Augustinians in early 17th century Persia. He was Projects Administrator for the Centre for Christianity and Interreligious Dialogue, Heythrop College, from 2004-2009, and Executive Administrator of the College's Centre for Eastern Christianity from 2009-2015. He is currently collaborating on research on the life and times of Mar Ignatius I Tappouni, Syrian Catholic Patriarch of Antioch (1929-1968).