

- Are our resources really available and dedicated to what we may be in the best position to offer to the Church?
- In short – how can we make the Consultation be more worthwhile and effective for its members, and for the wider Church?

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We now have a Consultation Group on Facebook - it is a closed group, and therefore confidential to members only. If you would like to join the Facebook Group, please e-mail Chris at: convenor@clergyconsultation.org

CLERGY CONSULTATION DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES:

November 29th 2007

St Peter's Church, Eaton Square



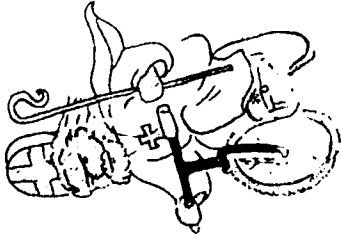
**Meeting with The Archbishop of Canterbury,
The Most Revd and Rt Hon Rowan Williams**

- 10.00 Welcome by The Vicar of St Peter's, The Revd Nicholas Papadopoulos
Holy Communion and Homily
(Celebrant: The Archbishop, assisted by the Co-Convenors)
The Archbishop's Address to the Consultation:
- 10.40 *Present Realities and Future Possibilities for LGBT people in the Church*
- 11.10 Coffee Break
- 11.25 Question and Answer Session (Moderated by Chris N.)
- 12.00 Archbishop departs – The Discussion Continues
- 12.45 Lunch
- 13.45 AGM
- 16.00 Tea and Depart

This is the first time an incumbent Archbishop of Canterbury has visited the Consultation – so we do hope there will be a **HUGE** turnout from members on this occasion. We are delighted that he has agreed to come

and spent time with us, as our Chief Bishop and Pastor, and address the most pressing question that we all have at the moment: "Present Realities and Future Possibilities for Lesbians and Gay Men in the Church". We will all be very keen to hear what he has to say to us, and we will have the opportunity to have a dialogue with him once he has addressed us.

However, we do urge you to **RESPECT HIS CONFIDENCE**, as he will respect ours. This means that we ask you not to publish the fact that he is coming to the Consultation Meeting beyond the membership of the group; we also ask that anything which Archbishop Rowan says to us remains as such – and is not published, or directly quoted following the meeting. This is what is generally referred to as "The Chatham House Rule". It means that we are able to engage in honest and open dialogue with our Archbishop in a way which would not be possible in any other context.



Further, **ON THIS OCCASION ONLY**, the Archbishop has asked to know in advance who will be present, so please note that when you book your place you will be asked to consent to your name being on a list which will be shown to the Archbishop. Names will be on a list which will be shown to the Archbishop only, in the presence of a Steering Committee member, and no copies will be made of that list, which will be shredded once seen by the Archbishop.

There will be a maximum number of people who can be accommodated at St Peter's, so please do book your places as soon as possible. We regret that only people who have registered by booking in advance (by 30.09.07) will be able to attend the Consultation on November 29th. Because of the extreme sensitivity of the meeting, unfortunately we will not be able to accommodate any members who turn up on the day without advance registration.

Chris & Christina