

**God who delights in us,
You search us and find us out.
You love us from the inside.
Every thought and feeling, uttered and
held in silence
Is known to you and precious to you.
Dwell within us.
Help us discover that you mean us to
grow into who we are
And no other.
To be real, not to pretend,
To know love – given and received,
And to blossom in its liberating power.
Shelter us in your protective shadow
From those who will not accept us,
Who know us only from the outside.
Give us the peace that passes
All misunderstanding, fear and rejection
Knowing that you alone behold us,
desire us, and declare us to be your own.
Amen**

The LGBTI+ Chaplaincy Service offers listening and support, and prayerful affirmation for LGBTI+ people, their families and friends.

The service is part of a diocesan-wide commitment to foster an attitude of inclusion and respect across the diversity of sexual and gender identities in our church and in the world.

The chaplaincy is there for any person with questions, concerns, or pastoral needs relating to issues of gender or sexuality. The service provides a safe space and dignity for every person at a time when these cannot be taken for granted. In providing this service, we also hope to learn from the insights of LGBTI+ people about being church together.

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