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Rector, St Ebbe's Oxford and Honorary Canon of Christ Church Cathedral

Proposer: Revd Dr George Westhaver, Principal, Pusey House Oxford *Seconder:* Kate Pellereau, Curate, Buckingham Parish Church

My Experiences

- 30 years on the staff of St Ebbe's Oxford (7 years working especially with youth and students and 23 as Rector)
- Formerly Council Member of Reform and the Church Society Board of Reference
- Regular speaker at conventions, such as Spring Harvest and Keswick, and University Christian Union Evangelistic Events Weeks
- I have been open about my personal experience of same-sex attraction and helped to establish the website www.LivingOut.org

My Passions

Jesus Christ. I believe the Church of England has made the biggest impact on our country when we have talked most about the birth, life, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus.

Anglican Theology. Our Anglican inheritance, as expressed in our Church's foundational documents (Book of Common Prayer, 39 Articles and Ordinal) remains a wonderful expression of our faith. I want us to have the confidence to remain rooted in this historic tradition, while also finding new ways of engaging contemporary society.

Mission and Evangelism. We have the best news in the world to share. While protecting the local parish as the basis for our mission, we also need to keep looking to support and enable creative new initiatives.

Biblical Sexuality. The marriage of a man and a woman is the Bible's greatest unchanging picture of Christ and his love for the church and is not something we are at liberty to redefine. But we need to do better at graciously articulating this truth. We need to learn to keep learning how to speak the truth IN LOVE.