

Cathedral of St Michael & St George, Makhanda (Grahamstown)

STATEMENT OF WELCOME AND AFFIRMATION

I praise you, because I am fearfully and wonderfully made
Psalm 139:14

We affirm all human beings equally as created in the image of God, all equally sharing in God's love and grace.

We acknowledge centuries of bias and discrimination against those whose sexual orientation and gender identities differ from the dominant heterosexual male/female experience and understanding.

We welcome developing understandings of the complexity and diversity of our human sexuality, sexual orientations and gender identity. We affirm and support those who identify as part of the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer, Intersex, Asexual (LGBTQIA++) spectrum.

As the Cathedral, we are actively participating in the Archbishop's Provincial Task Team on Human Sexuality which is exploring ways in which ACSA may minister more effectively to all members of the LGBTQIA++ community.

We do so in the context of the Pastoral Standards of our Province, which have the intention of the church being a safe and welcoming space for all.

I came that they may have life, and life in all its fullness
John 10:10

The Dean, Church Wardens and Cathedral Parish Council
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