

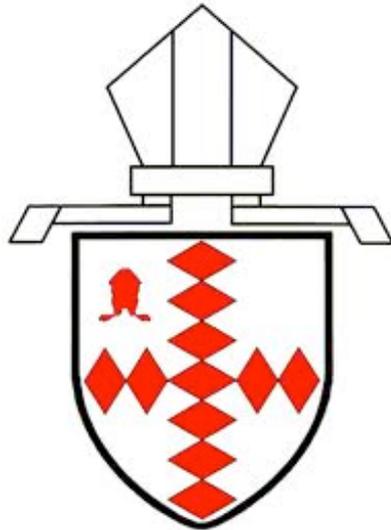
'I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full' (John 10:10)

'In Christ, there is no difference between Jew and Greek'

There is no difference between male and female.

You are all the same in Christ Jesus.'

(Gal 3:28)



Southwark Diocese

disability, many of the same conditions as at a should be taken into account: keeping the litur length, careful consideration of music and the us symbols. The vicar/priest who marries the coi take into account Canon Law over profession of v

Some clergy will bless marriages after they ha registry offices because of these difficulties. Th discriminatory. God does not discriminate. I needs guidance on Canon Law requirement they the local registry.

Marriage preparation

If it is the practise of the Parish, people with le should be included in this process. If it is not t Parish to do such it is appropriate to have a con people who are getting married about why the sometimes it may be appropriate to involve carer important that people with learning disabilities tr contract that they are entering into, but unreas not put in place. There are sometimes fears al may come from the union, people with le; marriages are as varied as the rest of the popu the individuals involved.

The Service

Rehearsals are common place for weddings. incumbent an excellent opportunity to work w

in its own right and in the sight of God.

Tie them together explaining that when people get married it is expressed as “tying the knot”. Also explain that it is also a symbol of a new way of life. Begin to twist the two colours together, then hold them up to show that they are making a new pattern.

Talk about the new things they will experience in their married life together: a new love for each other; constant love, twenty-four hours a day, every day. Sometimes it may be hard to twist the ribbons and they slip - just like we do. We may be in a bad mood, or we may not want to do something. We must forgive each other within marriage as God forgives us.

At the end present the ribbons to the couple saying that God will be with them and helping them throughout all the changing patterns of each day. Encourage them to look at the ribbons and remember God’s promise to help them when times are hard.

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