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Scottish Anglicans will not bar sodomite clerics



The House of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church

The moral plague of sodomy has increased with the Scottish Episcopal Church announcing that being a practising sodomite is no bar to a person becoming a priest.

The Church's College of Bishops made the statement on its website and said clergy had occasionally responded to requests to bless same-sex couples.

The view differs from the Anglican Communion worldwide, which is arguing over the consecration of a US bishop, and brings it into conflict with that body.

The Scottish Church said it "had never regarded the fact that someone was in a close relationship with a member of the same sex as in itself constituting a bar to the exercise of an ordained ministry".

The pro-sodomite group Stonewall welcomed the announcement, a response to a February meeting of 35 world Anglican leaders. Spokesman Alan Wardle said: "We are not theologians but we welcome the sensible approach taken by the Scottish Episcopal Church.