

Adultery
Voluntary sexual intercourse between a married person and a person who is not their spouse

Cohabitation
To live together in a sexual relationship without being married

Divorce
To legally end a marriage

Commitment
A sense of dedication and obligation to someone or something

Contraception
Methods used to prevent a woman from becoming pregnant

Gender Equality
Equal rights and opportunities across the genders

Responsibilities
Actions/duties you are expected to carry out

Roles
Position, status or function of a person; the characteristics and behaviours expected of them



Families:
-The foundation for all human activity
-Where human relationships develop
-**Nuclear:** Two parents and children
-**Extended:** Number of adults and children (all relatives)
-**Reconstituted:** Remarried parents and children from previous marriage
-**Single Parent:** One parent alone and children
-**Childless:** Married or cohabiting couple without children
The Worldwide Family
Christians are all considered 'People of God' and are seen as an extended family.
Pope Francis said that the family was the basis of human society; the role of the mother in passing on religious faith is fundamental.



Role of Men and Women
Traditionally, the man was responsible for providing for the family. However in a modern family, both parents are responsible for the children and domestic life of the family. Today, men and women can share parental leave to care for a new baby.

Families and Religion
-Religious belief is taught in the family
-It is a duty to bring children up in faith
-Parents are expected to take children to church
-Parents teach children how and when to pray
-Parents encourage joining in on festivals



marriage

Christians and Marriage
-Marriage is '*ordained by God*' and is a gift from God
-**Vows** are exchanged, which show the importance of the promises made before God
-God created man and woman in Genesis, setting the example
-Jesus said that marriage was the most important of human relationships
-*"A man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh"*

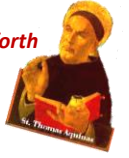
Christian Wedding Ceremonies
-Performed by a **vicar**, who welcomes everyone and gives a short sermon on the nature and purpose of marriage
-Couple exchange **vows**, which reflect the main Christian beliefs about marriage, *"to love and to cherish"* and *"Til death do us part"*
-The couple exchange rings as a sign of commitment and say:
"With my body I honour you All that I am I give to you All that I have I share with you Within the love of God Father, Son and Holy Spirit"
-Vicar declared the couple married
-**Prayers, hymns** and **Bible** readings
-**Signing the register** (legal requirement)
-In an Orthodox wedding, the couple are '**crowned**' to represent the power of the Holy Spirit
-In an Anglican wedding, the couple marries in front of the **altar**

Marriage Outside of Religious Tradition
-**Orthodox:** Can only marry if the couple are both baptised Christian
-**RC:** Partner who is not Catholic must agree to any children of the marriage being brought up in the RC tradition
-Sometimes a **blessing**, rather than a wedding ceremony, takes place
Issues faced by inter-faith couples include:
-Which festivals should the family celebrate?
-Which religion should the children be raised in?
-What is there are different expectations about gender roles?



Contraception: Roman Catholic
-Opposes artificial methods. Only '**natural**' contraception is allowed, e.g. **withdrawal** or **natural family planning**
-Contraception goes against **Aquinas' Natural Law** – to continue the species through reproduction.
-God said, *"Go forth and reproduce"*

Contraception: Church of England
-God gave humans **free will** and a conscience to do what they think is right in a situation
-**Overpopulation** of the planet is a concern, therefore use of contraception is OK
-Contraception stops the transmission of **STIs** and **STDs**



Cohabitation
-**Anglicans:** Accepted as part of a committed relationship, but marriage would still be the ideal
-**RC:** Sex should only take place within a marriage as it is sacred. Couples should remain chaste (a virgin) until they are married
-**Baptist:** Some Baptist churches refuse to marry a couple who are cohabiting

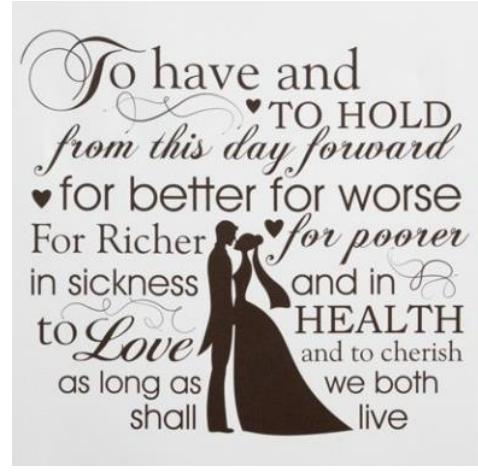
Adultery
-The law recognises adultery as a justifiable reason for a divorce
-Adultery is a **sin** as it goes against the Ten Commandments
Christianity
-Adultery is wrong because marriage is sexually exclusive and should not be shared with anyone else
-Committing adultery destroys the special relationship of marriage
-Adultery can harm the family unit and cause the partner to feel cheated and betrayed
-The Ten Commandments say, *"You shall not commit adultery"*
Why do some marriages fail?
Unemployment Alcoholism/Addict Cheating Lying
Sexual problems Fall out of love Financial problems Work

Marriage is God-given, the basis for creating an environment for children and a lifelong commitment. A wedding is an important rite of passage in Christianity (a Sacrament). Humanists view marriage as a significant part of human life and gives the couple an opportunity to show their commitment.

Same-Sex Relationships/Marriage
-Legal as of the Marriage Act, 2013
-**RC:** Against same-sex marriage as sexual relationships should only exist between a man and a woman. *"If a man has sexual relations with a man as one does with a woman, both have them have done what is detestable. They are to be put to death."* (Leviticus 20:13)
-**RC:** Purpose of marriage is to have children. Same-sex couples cannot do this naturally
-**Anglican:** Same-sex marriage should not take place in a church, although some clergy do not agree with this decision and may perform a church blessing
-**Quakers:** Believe in equality and will conduct a same-sex marriage service, but the couple will also need a civil ceremony in order for the marriage to be legal
-**United Reform Church:** Allow same-sex marriage
-**Humanists:** Humans should find personal happiness and same-sex relationships are a positive expression of this view

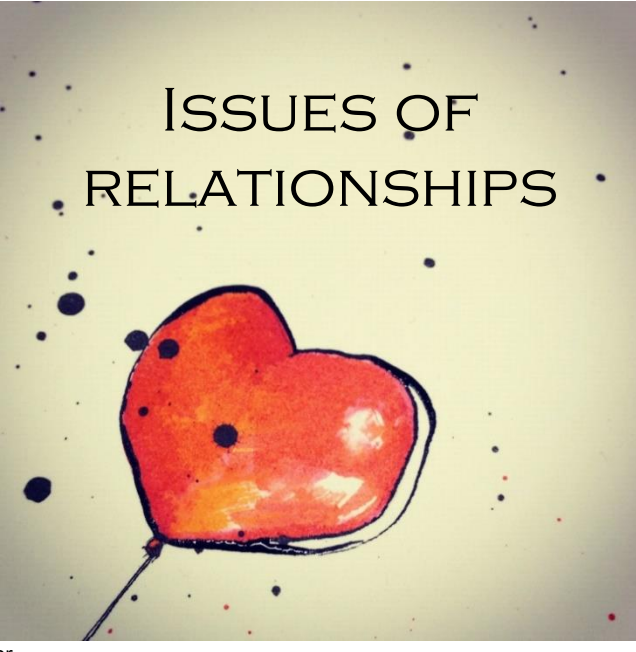


Contraception: Humanists
-It is important to **limit** the size of families
-Sex is an **expression of love** and shouldn't always come with the commitment of parenthood for those who do not choose it
-Can lead to **improved quality of life** for the parents or the children a family already have



SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS

Purpose of Sex
-Powerful human **instinct** and drive and can be enjoyed for pleasure
-Linked with **procreation**. God said, *"go forth and reproduce"*
-Usually takes part within a committed, **loving relationship**
-Physical **expression of love** for another
Christians
-Sex should take place within a **marriage**
-Sex is a **gift** from God, is holy and **sacred**
-Casual sex (**promiscuity**) is seen as devaluing people
-Concern for children brought up outside of a stable home environment
-**Chastity** is expected (RC) where a person remains a virgin until married
-In America, the '**Silver Ring Thing**' is where unmarried people wear a silver ring on their wedding finger to show they will remain chaste until they are married
-**Celibacy** is when a person decides never to have sex, e.g. a monk or a nun who dedicated their lives to serving God. A vow of celibacy is taken.



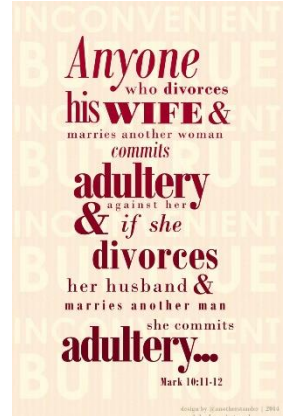
Gender Prejudice and Discrimination
-In UK, men and women have **equal rights**. Discrimination on the basis of gender is illegal
Women in the Church
-Jesus' disciples were male
-In Jesus' time it was normal for men to take up positions of authority. Society is different now and men and women are more equal
-Gender is irrelevant according to the Bible: *"There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."*
-Jesus' actions showed that he respected women and had women amongst his closest followers, despite this being unusual at the time
-in the **Parable of the Good Samaritan**, Jesus taught to not discriminate
-All humans are created in the imaged of God, so each human life is equal and sacred
-1 Timothy 2: 11-12 says: *"A woman should learn in quietness and full submission. I do not permit a woman to teach or to assume authority over a man; she must be quiet."*



Gender Prejudice: Roman Catholic
-Women can become **nuns**, taking active roles in worship and authority
-Women support the RC Church in a number of ways, e.g. administration or helping ministers to lead worship
-Women may **not**, however, become priests as while men and women are equal, they have different strengths and contributions to make
-**Pope Francis** said that he hopes women will continue to do their important work supporting their families

Gender Prejudice: Church of England
-Women now have **equal roles** in worship as men and can become ministers and bishops
-the Archbishop of Canterbury said that the Church was entering a '**completely new phase of our existence**'
-The numbers of female and male ministers are still hugely **unequal**

GENDER INEQUALITY



When people argue or are in **conflict**, making up is essential and is called '**reconciliation**'. Religious communities can help couples to reconcile, however some couples will not be able to. This might lead to **divorce**, **separation** (deciding to live separately) or **annulment** (cancelling the marriage in RC)

Divorce and Separation
-**RC:** Does not recognise divorce. There is no option but annulment (if granted) or separation. However the people may not remarry or cohabit
-Jesus said, *"Anyone who divorces his wife and marries another woman commits adultery."*
-Some RC do get a divorce, but this is not recognised by the Church. Divorced/cohabiting Catholics may not take part in Holy Communion
-**Church of England:** Divorce is accepted as it is accepted by the state (law). Remarriage of a divorced person is up to the individual minister. If remarriage is chosen, a non-church wedding is preferred
-**Annulment** is when a court says that your marriage is not legally valid, e.g. if the marriage has not been consummated (no sex) or in the event that the marriage was forced.
-No minister can be forced to conduct a remarriage service against their will