

## Help your church think about marriage

Australia is in the middle of a debate about marriage and marriage redefinition. It is a key moment to make sure that Christians have thought about what the Bible says about God's plan for marriage. The Gospel, Society and Culture Committee of the Presbyterian Church (NSW) has produced *Marriage God's Way*, a series of four studies which go back to basics, look at the key Biblical passages and think about the implications. They are ideal for small groups in your church to think about the big picture of marriage in God's plan.

### Four Studies:

- 1) Marriage God's Way
- 2) Marriage for companionship and sex
- 3) Marriage for children, family and society
- 4) Marriage - the difficult issues
  - singleness
  - submission
  - domestic violence
  - divorce

### Cost for printed studies:

1-20 copies \$6 per copy  
20+ copies \$5 per copy  
(Plus postage or collect from Christ College.)

### Available as pdf:

1-30 users \$10  
30-60 users \$20  
60+ users \$30



Leaders notes will be provided as a pdf with all orders.

To order email: [gsc2016events@gmail.com](mailto:gsc2016events@gmail.com)  
Please include your postal address and phone number in order.

Studies will be printed and delivered in October.



"A much needed resource at a time when our understanding of marriage and gender is undergoing radical re-definition ... a safe and pastorally sensitive forum for discussion ... uncompromisingly founded in God's word, the Bible."

**Carmelina Read**, Chatswood Presbyterian Church; Dean of Women, Christ College

"This is a time for Christians to think clearly from the Bible about marriage. Marriage God's Way is a great resource to help us to do that."

**Sandy McMillan**, Senior Minister, Drummoyne Presbyterian Church

"A clear biblical foundation for marriage in a refreshing, sensitive and thought provoking way. ... I really appreciated that they tackle some of real and difficult issues of divorce, abuse, childlessness, remarriage very sensitively and respectfully (something I don't usually find in Bible studies so thank you!!!)."

**Chris Quirk**, Blacktown East Presbyterian Church; Visiting Lecturer, SMBC

## Christianity Everyday



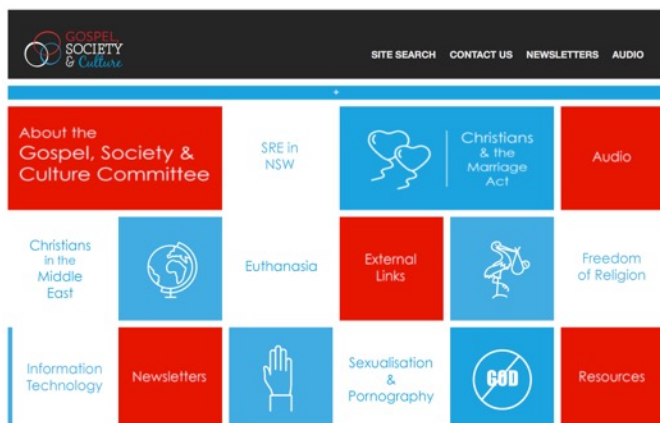
In recent months members of the Committee have been out and about presenting our Christianity Everyday training for the Blaxland and Merrylands East congregations, and also for PY Winter Camp.

If you would like the Committee to visit your congregation or presbytery, please contact us at [contact@gsandc.org.au](mailto:contact@gsandc.org.au) We can tailor the training to suit the interests and needs of your congregation, with presentations on a range of topics including apologetics, science and Christianity, end-of-life and beginning-of-life issues, asylum seekers and refugees, information technology, and more.

## New Website

The Committee has launched a new-look website. The address remains the same ([gsandc.org.au](http://gsandc.org.au)) and all of the content from the old website is still available, but we hope you find it easier to navigate. In time we also hope to introduce a blog feature that we can integrate with the posts on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/GospelSocietyCulture/>).

Feedback on the usability of the website is very welcome - [contact@gsandc.org.au](mailto:contact@gsandc.org.au).



## Marriage Matters



The 2016 Assembly of the PCNSW & ACT approved funding for a package of actions to be carried out by the Committee in preparation for a plebiscite on the question of redefining marriage in Australia.

This work included the completion and publication of a set of Bible studies that could be used by congregations. See the flyer on the front page of the newsletter for information about the studies, including reviews and details of how they may be purchased.

The Committee also began work on a series of Marriage Matters meetings hosted by several congregations around the state. So far we have spoken at Burwood, Newcastle, Taree, Epping and Hurstville. More meetings have been booked for Bathurst, Mudgee, Albury, Henty, Wagga Wagga, Penrith and Randwick.

The current political situation is that the legislation necessary for conducting the plebiscite appears very unlikely to be passed by both Houses of Parliament, and that there will be no plebiscite held in February 2017.

It is possible that legislation for a change to the definition of marriage might be introduced by means of a Private Members Bill.

For this reason, and because of the great value in talking about the Biblical view of marriage, the Committee has decided to go ahead with the meetings that have been booked up to the end of 2016.

We will be watching the political situation closely, and will keep the Assembly informed of developments as they arise, through our Facebook page, our website and direct communication with congregations.