

THEME A: KNOWLEDGE ORGANISER

KEYWORDS

Marriage – the legal union of two people
 Divorce – the legal ending of a marriage
 Vows – promises made to each other during the wedding ceremony
 Homosexual – a person who is sexually attracted to the same sex
 Polygamy – being married to more than one person at once
 Sex – the physical union between two people
 Family – a union of people who are related to each other
 Re-marriage – getting married again
 Adultery – cheating on a married partner
 Sex before marriage
 Sex outside of marriage – considered to be adultery
 Annulment – the cancellation of a marriage.
 Procreation – biologically creating new life
 Gender equality – men and women are of equal worth
 Contraception – the method of avoiding pregnancy and STIs

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The Anglican and Catholic Churches teach that sex before marriage is wrong because the only place for sex is within a marriage due to its being a lifelong and committed relationship.. Adultery is also considered to be wrong as in the 10 commandments it says "do not commit adultery". Having sex with someone other than your marriage partner breaks the vows made in front of God.

Sex is meant for procreation "go forth and multiply"

Your body is a “temple of the holy spirit” and should be treated as such.

CONTRACEPTION

There are three types of contraception; artificial - e.g condoms and the pill, natural e.g. the rhythm and withdrawal methods and permanent e.g. sterilisation.

In Britain Family Planning is an acceptable part of education for young people and adults aiming to prevent over population, unwanted pregnancies and the spread of STIs. Most Christians support this however the main purpose of sex is still procreation and this should, for many Christians happen within a marriage. Having children is God's greatest gift to a couple.

Humanae Vitae “Every sexual act must be open to the transmission of life”


The purposes of sex for love and having children should not be separated from each other.



PURPOSE OF MARRIAGE

Procreation - having children
Union - a loving partnership
Raising children - providing nurture & security
Pattern for society - family unit of mutual support
One flesh - sexual intimacy
Sacred - blessed by God **link to the vow - "Gods holy law"
Eternal - lifelong faithful relationship

****Vow - till death do us part****
****giving of the rings****



*Do not commit adultery
What God has joined together, let no man separate
Go forth and multiply/Be fruitful and increase in number
I hate divorce, said the Lord
A man shall lie with another man, it is an abomination
There is no male or female, you are all one in Christ*

DIVORCE

Divorce is legally allowed after 1 year if a marriage cannot be saved. Reasons for divorce may include; adultery, abuse illness/disability etc The Catholic Church disagree with divorce as marriage is a lifelong bond. They do support annulment though.

Catholics absolutely disagree with remarriage on the ground that you are still married to your original partner, in the eyes of God. Divorcees in the Catholic Church may forbidden to take part in mass.

Other Christians think that Divorce can be the lesser of two evils and that the church should reflect on God's forgiveness and support couples who have divorced.

EQUALITY

In the past men held more positions of power and had more rights than women, this is still true in some parts of the world today. Tradition roles saw men working to support the family and women staying at home and raising the children. Today these are more likely to be shared..

All people are created equal “in the image of God” *imago dei*

The command to 'love your neighbour' means that all forms of discrimination are wrong and St Paul taught we are all one in Christ. Some Christians interpret texts literally and see the male as ruling over the woman.



There are many types of families, in Britain. A nuclear family; a married couple with children. A step family; and an extended family.

Christians should try to raise their children with Christian ideals and morals. They should take them to Church and teach them to pray and worship, baptise them and teach them right from wrong. Teach them values such as generosity, love and kindness.

Children are expected to obey their parents

The father is seen as the head of the family as Christ is the head of the Church. He should love his wife.



HOMOSEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS

Some Christians think oppose Homosexual relationships because the bible says it "is an abomination" and St Paul called it immoral "men who have sex with men shall not inherit the kingdom of God". Most Christians accept that people are gay but suggest that gay people should remain chaste. They should learn to control their actions.

Other Christi argue that Jesus love everyone equally and never actually spoke out against homosexuality.

The Church of England welcomes all relationships as long as they are committed and faithful

