

*Watch stories of people with disabilities in the Church of England - and their perspectives on how churches can make sure everyone can participate in church life.*

These short films were commissioned for a [disability conference at Lambeth Palace](#) hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury on 13th July 2018.

The conference, created in partnership with Livability, explored how people with disabilities can participate fully in the life of the church.

## **Valuing those who are disabled - just as Jesus did**

The Venerable Canon Pete Spiers was born with limited limb function after his mother was prescribed the drug Thalidomide. Canon Pete talks about his journey to faith, and why the Church should embrace and include people with disabilities - just as Jesus did.

## **Making disability visible among church leaders**

The Revd Katie Tupling describes the challenges she and others in the church face as people with disabilities. Katie, who was born with cerebral palsy, says the Church of England must do more to support and enable those with disabilities to discover and pursue their vocations - particularly in leadership roles.

## **Finding your calling**

Nineteen-year-old Sebastian Sands talks about his experience of living with autism and finding welcome and meaning in his local church.

Sebastian describes discovering his calling in the Church and his desire to help others.

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