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Love Matters

A report about families and
households



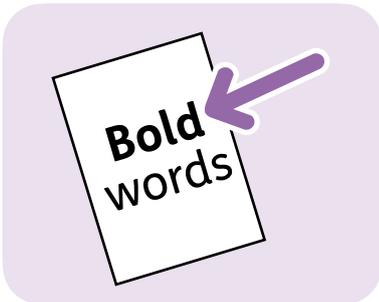
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This Easy Read information uses easier words and pictures. You may still want help to read it.



Some words are in **bold** - this means the writing is thicker and darker.



These are words that some people will find hard. When you see a bold word, we will explain it in the next sentence.



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About this booklet



This is information about a **report** on families and households.

A **report** is written after some new information has been found out.



The report was written for the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York.



They wanted to find out what families and households of all kinds need to live well.



The full report was first shared with the public on 26 April 2023.

What the Archbishops say about the report

The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Archbishop of York said:



- This report looks at good and bad parts of life that we all deal with.



- Family is usually what makes us the happiest and saddest in our life.



- Families are where we feel we can be useful to other people and also where we can feel disappointed by other people.



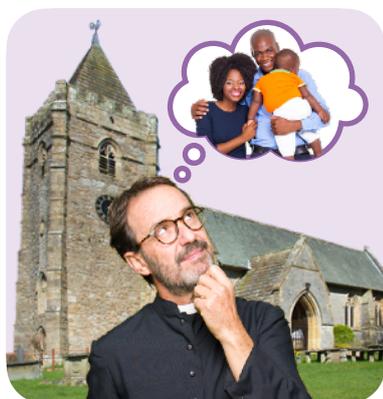
- This report says that we should all think about supporting families when we make decisions.

What the report found out



The report found out about 2 main things about what families and households need to live well.

These were:



- **Institutions** like the Church of England and the Government must think about ‘family’ in everything they do.

Institutions are organisations that do important work in a country.

- People must try to support and help each other in any kind of **relationship** they are in.

A **relationship** might be:

- Being a couple, married or unmarried.
- With people we are related to.
- People we are not related to but who feel like family to us.





The report says it is important for families and households to live well so that the whole country can work well.



When the report talks about love, it does not just mean the emotional feeling of love.



It means making sure that you are supporting and looking after other people in your life, even when it is hard.

Our 5 ambitions



The report has 5 **ambitions** that institutions like the Church of England and the Government should work towards.

Ambitions are things that we would like to happen.

The 5 ambitions

Institutions must:



1. See how important all the different types of families are.



2. Support relationships all through people's lives.



3. See the importance of people who are single and live on their own.



4. Help children and young people to have their voices heard.



5. Make the country a kinder, fairer and more forgiving place to live.



The full report gives some ideas about what the Church of England and the Government can do to make these ambitions happen.

How the report found out these things

The Love Matters report collected information in lots of different ways, like:



- Visiting different organisations.



- Listening to groups of people.



- Doing surveys.



- Looking at what people have written about families and households.



You can see a list of people who helped to write this report here: www.churchofengland.org/about/archbishops-commissions/families-and-households/families-and-households-commissioners

For more information



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