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Church of England: Women, Learn Your Place!

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Don't be surprised that major religions are struggling with gay marriage and gay priests. For most of them, even women priests are still a radical and divisive idea. The Church of England (the British mother church for Episcopalians) is still struggling with its decision to let more than half the population -- women -- be priests. In just a few years, 1 out of 5 priests are now women, but some 500 parishes still refuse to have anything to do with them.

Now, the Church is embroiled in another dispute: since women are now priests, obviously they should be eligible to become bishops. The General Synod voted yet again to continue discussions, which means that possibility is one step closer. But traditonalists (also known as narrow-minded idiots) are **threatening a schism**.

One supporter of women told the Independent in UK quite reasonably, "The vast majority of church members want women bishops. Excluding half the human race is increasingly embarrassing."

So when you're astonished that suggesting gay people are the children of God still creates major agita, remember that women are treated as second class citizens by virtually every major religion in the world.



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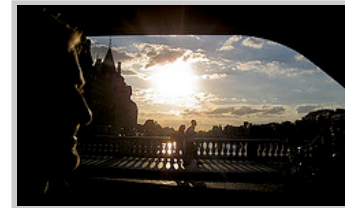
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