

Faith under fire

Public meetings with Pastor Åke Green of Sweden, who faced jail for preaching that homosexuality is a sin

Meetings in:
Cardiff
London
Glasgow
Liverpool
Chessington

Hear from Åke Green

Åke Green is the Pastor of an evangelical Pentecostal church in Borgholm, Sweden. In July 2003 he preached an orthodox Christian sermon to his congregation in which he said homosexual practice was morally wrong. His sermon also included preaching on grace, forgiveness, and redemption.

In June 2004 he was convicted of a 'hate crime' because of his comments against homosexual practice and given a one-month prison sentence. Prosecutors then tried to make it six months. He successfully appealed the case and was acquitted by the Swedish Court of Appeal in February 2005. The Court said Pastor Green's rights to freedom of religion and freedom of speech were infringed by his conviction. The acquittal was confirmed by the Swedish Supreme Court.

Åke Green will be in the UK in September. He has kindly agreed to speak at a number of public meetings around the country. Through an interpreter, he will tell his own story about how he faced being sent to prison because he preached biblical truth.

Hear from others



Mark Mullins

Experienced barrister and Chairman of the London branch of the Lawyers' Christian Fellowship. Has a keen interest in religious liberty cases.



Simon Calvert

Solicitor, seasoned campaigner for religious liberty and Deputy Director (Public Affairs) of The Christian Institute.



Mike Judge

Trained journalist and Publications Manager of The Christian Institute.

New 'sexual orientation' discrimination laws threaten our religious liberty

Venues and dates

CARDIFF 7pm Saturday 9 Sept 2006

Heath Evangelical Church,
120 Whitchurch Road, Cardiff, CF14 3YL

LONDON 7pm Monday 11 Sept 2006

St Paul's Church, Robert Adam Street, London,
W1U 3HW (St Paul's is linked to All Souls, Langham Place)

GLASGOW 7.30pm Tuesday 12 Sept 2006

St George's-Tron Church, 163 Buchanan Street,
Glasgow G1 2JX

LIVERPOOL 7.30pm Wednesday 13 Sept 2006

Belvidere Road Church, Belvidere Road,
Princes Park, Liverpool, L8 3TG

CHESSINGTON 7.45pm Thursday 14 Sept 2006

Chessington Evangelical Church, The King's Centre,
Coppard Gardens, Chessington, KT9 2GZ

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The issue at stake

In Britain today, there is growing intolerance of Christians – particularly regarding moral issues. Over recent years there have been a number of victims. The Bishop of Chester was investigated by police because he said homosexuals could become heterosexual. Astonishingly, there were even calls for him to face jail. A street preacher was convicted for displaying a sign that said homosexuality is immoral. A Christian couple were interrogated by police after they voiced disapproval of their local council's 'gay rights' policies.

The Government is introducing new 'sexual orientation' discrimination laws which could cause yet more trouble for religious liberty. Some gay rights groups want to force gay rights onto churches and Christian groups. Others want the laws to force gay rights into the school curriculum. This will make it much harder for Christians, churches and Christian organisations to say publicly that homosexual practice is wrong. This is why the case of Åke Green is so important.



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