

NEWS RELEASE

Statement by Bishop Michael re the Sunday Telegraph

The Be Faithful Press Release says that I would be calling on churches and Christians to repent of capitulating to cultures around them and to refocus on the faith of the Church from down the ages and an authentic mission to the nations. This is what I said to the reporter from the Telegraph. I said that we all needed to repent for straying from God's purpose for us. On being pressed as to whether this included homosexuals, I said something to the effect that yes, we all need to repent when we fall short of God's will and be transformed. I went on to say a little about how Christians should understand marriage and family and the proper expression of our sexual nature. The reporter then asked about the depths of division in the Anglican Communion and how the Fellowship of Confessing Anglicans would assist orthodox Anglicans to be a force for renewal and reformation in the Church.

Such a nuanced discussion falls very far short of the somewhat lurid headlines and reporting in Sunday's Telegraph.

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