

Bishop backs same sex blessing

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"A DIOCESAN bishop in the Church of England has become the first to give his public backing to marriage-style services for gay and lesbian couples, despite fears that this could lead to schism within the Church.

The Right Rev John Packer, Bishop of Ripon and Leeds, has granted approval for same-sex services to take place at All Hallows church in Leeds. Later this month a lesbian couple are expected to pledge vows of undying love and exchange rings blessed by the celebrant, the retired Bishop of Glasgow, the Right Rev Derek Rawcliffe."

The article continues and may be available via www.thetimes.co.uk