

# FAITH CONFIRMED 2019



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# Faith in God

- When did you first become aware that you believed in God or sensed that there was something more to life?
- What has deepened and furthered that belief?





# How we know God

- Scripture
- Tradition
- Reason
- Experience





## Why God? – Creation...

- The universe has a beginning, an origin
- The universe has beauty
- The universe has order and design
  - reason
  - experience
  - tradition
  - scripture



## God and Relationships

- We have an inbuilt capacity to love
- Christians believe in a relational God
- A God who longs to be in right relationship with us
- A God who internally is mutual and reciprocal love - Trinity



# God & Ethics

- Human beings have consciences – where does this come from and why do we have it?
- Human beings long for justice
- Human beings hope for mercy





# Questions of Sin & Suffering

- Without God, there is no hope, even though the question of suffering is complex
- Without God, there is no justice nor mercy, and the question of sin is not addressed





## God and purpose

- Human beings seem to yearn for the eternal
- Humans long for purpose and meaning in life
- Is there a God-shaped space in your heart?
- Does a God of love start to address all these questions?



# Discussion

- For you, is the question:
- Is there a God?
- Or why God allows...?
- Or something else?
- And how might scripture, tradition, reason and experience help answer these Qs?

