

Include people with autism and Asperger Syndrome

People with autism and Asperger Syndrome can find it harder to read the signals that most of us take for granted. This means they find it more difficult to communicate and interact with others. This can lead to high levels of anxiety and confusion.

Autism is a lifelong developmental disability that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people. It also affects how they make sense of the world around them.

People with Asperger Syndrome are often of average or above average intelligence. It is a form of high-functioning autism.

People with autism may share certain difficulties but their condition will affect each in different ways. Some people with autism are able to live relatively independent lives but others may have learning disabilities and need a lifetime of support.

Many people with autism may be particularly over or under-sensitive to sounds, touch, tastes, smells, light or colours.

As our understanding increases, we are able to help people living with autism or Asperger Syndrome function better.

Download advice for churches from Oxford Diocese.

<http://www.oxford.anglican.org/mission-ministry/faith-in-action/disability/>

Useful website

The National Autistic Society <http://www.autism.org.uk/>

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