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**People have power** - that's what we have seen in Tunisia, Egypt and Libya.

What if people within the church expressed themselves with the same strength of feeling? Within the church there is discrimination on the grounds of sexual orientation, gender, colour and social status. It seems that the structural life of the church (well the Church of England anyway) is set to maintain a church that discriminates. Why is this the case? Those who have the power to change the church (bishops and synods) - choose to keep things as they are.

There is a policy of 'don't ask...don't tell' about issues of human sexuality (it's ok to be gay so long as no one knows!). Well perhaps those with real power to change this are not the bishops, it isn't synod - it's the people! Ordinary women and men in churches who think that things should be different.

In Tunisia, Egypt and Libya - people have had to take risks to bring about change. They have also had to become actively involved in a political process that has challenged and changed those who have led corrupt governments. If the Christian gospel is about integrity, justice, truth and inclusion - maybe the people need to remind those in church leadership (bishops and synods) about that!

Time for a revolution?

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