

Creating Uncommon Worship

A handbook on bringing the

Liturgy to life

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This groundbreaking resource will be put to immediate use in churches up and down the country and will transform the way that worship is both conducted and experienced. Liturgy is all too often about words and is led from the front. This imaginative and profoundly theological companion is packed with ideas on how to enrich the liturgy by creating a context of action, movement and symbolic expression involving the whole assembly. A modern-day Priest's Handbook, this will not only instruct and inspire clergy and worship leaders, but will fully engage congregations in creating worship that is nurturing and challenging.

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Special Offer

Come and do your Christmas shopping at the Cathedral Shop.

A discount is offered to all those who come to the shop with their Servers' Guild badge.

During November and December you can get a 10% discount on all transactions over £10.

The shop is an Aladdin's Cave of cards and gifts for Christmas.

But remember. No badge, no discount



New creation

This first year of the life of the Diocesan Servers' Guild, established as part of our Centenary celebrations, has proved to be very successful. We now have 231 members which is a tremendous achievement in one year and shows just how many people are involved in this ministry in the diocese. And of course this is only the tip of the iceberg. I suspect that there are many other people who are servers who we have not made contact with yet.

We were delighted that members of the Guild were able to assist with the Centenary Eucharist at Lambeth Palace on 2 July. I hope that you saw the pictures in *The Bridge* which showed the wonderful offertory procession and our members carrying their Eucharistic Banners. Thank you to all those who were involved.

We are now planning the Annual Servers' Festival which is to be held at the Cathedral on Saturday 7 January 2006. The Choral Eucharist is at 12 noon and we are delighted that Bishop Christopher, the Bishop of Woolwich, will be presiding and preaching. He will be staying for lunch which will give him an opportunity to meet many of you, and especially those who not from his Episcopal area.

Remember to bring your own sandwiches for lunch. Servers from the Cathedral team will be serving drinks. Food is of course available in the Cathedral Refectory and from the myriads of fantastic stalls on the Borough Market.

As in the past few years there will be two training sessions in the afternoon - one for servers of 16 years and under and one for those over 16. We hope that many of you will stay for these sessions and for the Choral Evensong which will conclude the day. Evensong is at 4.00pm and will be sung by the choir of St Peter's Streatham. The preacher is to be Canon John Ackland, the Vicar of Perry Hill & Forest Hill.

Bishop Tom has written to all incumbents to inform them of the Festival. He has also sent a letter and reply slip which needs to be copied and given to each server. If you haven't seen the letter please ask your priest for it. It may have slipped to the bottom of their in-tray!

I will not be at the Festival on this occasion as I will be in the middle of my

sabbatical break – but I will be thinking of you and praying for you. You will be well looked after by Fr James Buxton who is the Succentor at the Cathedral.

This newsletter contains other items which I hope you will find of interest. Continue to enjoy serving – it is an enabling ministry that is vital to the life of our churches.

Andrew Nunn

Liturgical News

Useful Websites

If you are involved in putting together services as well as serving, or if you are simply interested in liturgy then the following are some useful websites to visit.

Church of England

www.cofe.anglican.org/worship
Links to Remembrance Material, Daily Prayer and Common Worship
www.vislit.com
The comprehensive *Visual Liturgy* site

Praxis

www.praxisworship.org

The Alcuin Club

www.alcuin.mcmail.com
Liturgical publications including the *Alcuin Guides* and the Alcuin / GROU *Joint Liturgical Studies*

Grove Books Ltd

www.grovebooks.co.uk

Oremus

www.oremus.org
Includes an Anglican Liturgical Library, NRSV Bible Browser, and much more...

Labarum

www.oremus.org/labarum
Services and prayers from the Royal Army Chaplains' Department



RSCM

www.rscm.com
Resources and training for music in worship

Music in Worship Foundation (MWF)

www.mwf.org.uk
Resources and training for music in worship

Christian Music Ministries (CMM)

www.cmm.org.uk
Resources and training for music in worship

Iona

www.ionabooks.com
Publications from the Wild Goose Resource Group

Common Worship

Publication of Common Worship: Times and Seasons has been delayed and will not happen until autumn 2006. This also applies to Common Worship: Festivals. The new Ordinal (Ordination Services for Deacons, Priests and Bishops) is published and authorised and is available for free on the Church of England website.

Cathedral Pilgrimages 2006

Each year the Cathedral organises a pilgrimage. However in 2006 there are to be two!

The first is a walking pilgrimage through the Sinai desert after Easter. This is a two week wilderness experience which is being led by Fr James Buxton. If you would like to know more he can be contacted on 020 7367 6705 or by email james.buxton@southwark.anglican.org

From 5-14 September there will be Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. We will travel from Jerusalem to Galilee visiting all the sites associated with Our Lord's life and ministry. If you have never been to the Holy Land it is an incredible experience. The tour is being organised by McCabes.

Brochures and booking forms are available from me on 020 7367 6727 or by email andrew.nunn@southwark.anglican.org

New Church Year

If you are the person who has to find the right pages in the Lectionary remember that from Advent Sunday we are in:
Sunday Year B –
St Mark's Gospel
Weekdays Year Two

New Books

Being a Server Today
Author: Brendan Clover, Chris Verity
Publisher: Canterbury Press
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This is an all-round companion for everyone involved in the ministry of serving. Servers play a key part in the celebration of the Eucharist and knowing what to do is only half the story - how to serve in a dignified way that adds to worship and doesn't detract from is equally important. This very practical guide includes instruction on: · relating to the clergy and the congregation, and working as a team · how to cultivate one's own spiritual space · knowing your way around the sanctuary · tools of the trade - a guide to liturgical objects · movement, posture and processions, the Eucharist step-by-step · the liturgical year · prayers and personal preparation for serving