

Department for Christian Life and Worship

Liturgy Committee Annual Report 2005

Introduction

The Committee has met three times in the last year in London and Leeds.

Membership

Rt Revd Alan Hopes

Chairman

Rt Revd Kevin Dunn

Revd Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ

Revd Philip Gillespie

Revd Tim Menezes

Mgr Kevin McGinnell

Revd Peter McGrail

Revd John Meredith

Revd Philip Moger

Ms Ann Moynihan

Revd Michael O'Boy

Mr Anthony Ogunseitan

Ms Mag Shepherd

Sr Anthony Wilson SND

Canon David Kennedy *Church of England Observer*

Sr Anthony Wilson SND retired from the Committee in January. Fr O'Boy joined the Committee in July. Mgr McGinnell, Mr Ogunseitan and Ms Shepherd stood down as members in October and Fr Gillespie joined the Committee.

September Meeting of Committee

Bishop Hopes as the new chair of the Committee took the opportunity at the September meeting of asking members and invited guests to reflect on what the current and future liturgical needs were and how best could the Committee respond to them. He indicated 4 aspects of the Committee's purpose:

- An advisory body to Bishop Hopes who had a responsibility for liturgy within the Department for Christian Life and Worship.
- A place for ideas – to look forward, to be prophetic; to identify and encourage good practice.
- Formation as fundamental to the work of both the Liturgy Committee and its Formation Subcommittee; to assist people in a deeper understanding of the Liturgy.
- Where ideas and proposals are sifted so that the Committee engages in what is important and necessary

Two of the members gave presentations to inform the discussion. Among the issues that emerged were the need for the ongoing formation and support of clergy and more work to be done on the ministries and skills of presiding and preaching. It was recognised that specific opportunities and challenges would flow from the revision of the Missal and the need to both form and inform people about it would be crucial.

Projects

Translation of the Order of Mass

Bishop Hopes invited the Committee to send comments to him on the revised translation of the Order of Mass.

Cathedral Liturgy

The issue had been raised by the Southern meeting of diocesan liturgy commissions and the Committee considered some of the implications.

Working Groups

The Committee considered the brief for two working groups to look at the *Liturgical Formation of Deacons* and *Celebrating Endings and Beginnings*.

The Committee reviewed material relating to the celebration of marriage in preparation for the setting up of a working group to look at resources for celebrating marriage.

Review of Department papers

The Committee commented on the following Department papers and issues: Communion under both kinds, Celebrations of Word and Communion, Ritual Music.

The Committee also commented on a revised paper on *Blessing at Communion* prepared by the Spirituality Committee.

Reports

The Committee received reports from people representing the Department at the *Churches Funeral Group*, *Joint Liturgical Group* and *Royal School of Church Music*.

Formation Subcommittee

Introduction

The Subcommittee has met 4 times in the last year in Swanwick and London.

Membership

Mr Paul Inwood

Revd Martin Jakubas

Revd Peter McGrail

Chair

Mr Mike Stanley

Ms Nicky Stevens

Network Meeting

The Subcommittee held a successful meeting with diocesan liturgy contacts in Swanwick in February. The meeting explored the liturgical assembly, its formation and the role of the diocesan liturgy commission.

The 2006 meeting will be held at Leeds in February.

Projects

Formation for Lay Liturgical Ministers

The Subcommittee has continued to work on a Syllabus for Liturgical Ministers in particular exploring how best the material could be organised and delivered in a diocese and what were realistic expectations and aspirations of participants.

DVD for liturgical formation

The other significant project that the Subcommittee has worked on is a DVD intended for liturgical formation looking at Sunday Mass and using a number of different communities to show good practice in a variety of settings.

Martin Foster

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