

Department for Christian Life and Worship

Liturgy Committee Annual Report 2006

Introduction

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

Membership

Rt Revd Alan Hopes

Chairman

Ms Ann Blackett Moynihan

Revd Dr Andrew Cameron-Mowat SJ

Revd Philip Gillespie

Revd Tim Menezes

Revd Dr Peter McGrail

Revd John Meredith

Mgr Philip Moger

Revd Michael O'Boy

Mrs Gillian Ambrose

Church of England Observer

At the December meeting of the Committee Mrs Gillian Ambrose was welcomed as the new Observer from the Church of England Liturgical Commission. Mgr Philip Moger was appointed by Bishop Hopes the Catholic Observer on the Anglican Commission replacing Fr Allen Morris.

Committee Projects

Following the process of reflection at the September and December 2005 meetings of the Committee a number of areas of work had been identified for development.

- Formation for bishops and other clergy (initial and on-going)
 - Liturgical Spirituality – Mystagogy
 - Presiding – leading the assembly in worship
 - Preaching
- Sunday
 - Sunday's liturgy as Source and Summit, as 'fountain of grace' for the week
- RCIA
 - Basic understanding of what the Church expects of its initiatory processes
 - Celebrations
- Prayer of the Faithful

Different members of the Committee agreed to take responsibility for the projects, to identify the issues and propose ways of addressing them.

Projects

Translation of the Order of Mass

Bishop Hopes has invited the Committee to send comments to him on the sections of the translation of the Roman Missal as they have been received.

Working Groups

The Committee has a number of working groups: *Marriage Rites, Celebrating Endings and Beginnings (Liturgy and pastoral reorganisation), Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, Liturgical Formation of Deacons, Choosing Music for the Liturgy.*

Review of Department papers

The Committee commented on the following Department papers and issues: Concelebration Guidelines, Sign of Reverence at Communion.

Reports

The Committee received reports from people representing the Department at the *Churches Funeral Group, Joint Liturgical Group* and *Royal School of Church Music*. Mrs Gillian Ambrose gave a report on the current work of the Church of England Liturgical Commission.

Formation Subcommittee

Introduction

The Subcommittee has met 5 times in the last year in Leeds and London.

Membership

Mr Paul Inwood

Revd Martin Jakubas

Revd Peter McGrail

Mr Mike Stanley

Ms Nicky Stevens

Chair

Network Meeting

The Subcommittee held a successful meeting with diocesan liturgy contacts in Leeds in February. The meeting was devoted to the work on the Syllabus for Liturgical Ministers giving dioceses the opportunity to review and comment on the work so far. Bishop Hopes attended the Network meeting and this was appreciated by those present.

Projects

Formation for Lay Liturgical Ministers

The Subcommittee has continued to work on a Syllabus for Liturgical Ministers. The comments from dioceses at the Network meeting led to a revision of the Syllabus and the development of the Introductory module. The next stage is to write session plans for presenting the material. The Subcommittee recognises that if the project is to be useful more than the 'bare bones' of a syllabus need to be available.

DVD for liturgical formation

The Subcommittee is working 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. The Department have asked that such a resource be available for when the new edition of the Roman Missal is published. An initial visit was by Fr Allen Morris to 4 of the possible communities to help get an idea of what might be involved.

Martin Foster

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