

Department for Christian Life and Worship

Liturgy Committee **Annual Report 2007**

Introduction

The Committee has met three 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

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 have taken responsibility for the projects. Members have produced a short guide to the Prayer of the Faithful which will be available on the Liturgy Office website. For the other projects members are beginning to address the issues and finding time to develop them within the constraints of their current positions.

Projects

Translation of the Roman Missal

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. These include:

Grey Book – Proper of Seasons; Green Books – Antiphons, Ritual Masses, Eucharistic Prayers for Children, Masses for Various Needs and Intentions, Proper of Saints II, Votive Masses and Masses for the Dead, Introductory Documents.

Working Groups

The Committee has a number of working groups:

Marriage Rites

The group presented to the bishops a form for use at a Convalidation and also proposed the Availability of the alternative Civil word in the Marriage Rite. The *Order of Christian Marriage* has been reviewed and future work had been identified in 4 categories:

1. Before Marriage
2. Married Life – the couple
3. Married Life – parenting and other relationships
4. Separation, Loss & Bereavement

Celebrating Endings and Beginnings

Services for the Installation of a parish priest have been a focus of recent work. Examples were collated from dioceses and others sources and considered. The Committee have proposed that a model text for dioceses would be welcome.

Choosing Music for the Liturgy

Dioceses were consulted in the summer of 2007 about model texts for inclusion in a 'directory of texts for singing'. The working party is currently sifting the results. It is intended that the Directory will have an introduction that places the work in context and assists people with the tasks of choosing music for the liturgy.

Liturgy and Migrants

The Committee considered some the liturgical needs that had arisen from the recent number of migrants to England and Wales. They supported the view of the Formation Subcommittee who had also considered the matter that material to assist the understanding of the Oriental Churches would be useful.

The Committee also has working parties looking at *Celebrations in the Absence of a Priest, Liturgical Formation of Deacons,*

Review of Department papers

The Committee commented on the following Department papers and issues: Norms for the distribution of Holy Communion and adaptations for the Order of Mass. The Committee also had the opportunity to discuss the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum*, and the Lineamenta on the forthcoming Synod on the Word of God.

Reports

The Committee received reports from people representing the Department at the *Churches Funeral Group*, and *Royal School of Church Music*. Mrs Gillian Ambrose keeps the Committee up to date 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

Mrs Caroline Dollard

Mr Paul Inwood

Revd Martin Jakubas

Revd Peter McGrail

Chair

Mr Mike Stanley

Ms Nicky Stevens

The Subcommittee welcomed a new member, Caroline Dollard, and Gillian Ambrose, the observer from the Church of England Liturgical Commission has attended some meetings.

Network Meeting

In 2007 the meeting with diocesan liturgy contacts was held in London on a single day. In the morning Canon Alan Griffiths presented some of the issues that arose from translating the Roman Missal in the light of *Liturgicam Authenticam*. His presentation was welcomed by participants for the light he brought to this important matter. In the afternoon there was the opportunity to look at reports both national and diocesan and to hear about some forthcoming projects.

Projects

Formation for Lay Liturgical Ministers

The Subcommittee has continued to work on a Syllabus for Liturgical Ministers. an overnight meet in February was organised to facilitate the writing of course materials for three of the modules. These modules have subsequently been piloted in the dioceses of Arundel and Brighton, Hexham and Newcastle, and Shrewsbury.

Work has continued on the remaining two modules by the Subcommittee. The Department have proposed the Syllabus as a project to form part of the Bishops' Conferences' fundraising initiative.

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. Though the Subcommittee is aware that similar projects are being considered it is thought that the project has a number of unique qualities that will make it an essential formation tool when it is completed.

Working Groups

Christian Initiation of Children of Catechetical Age

At the request of the RCIA Network the Department has set up a Working group to prepare guidelines for Children's Initiation. The group has met twice and is chaired by Fr Martin Jakubas.

Other Work

The Subcommittee discussed the Holy Father's Apostolic Exhortation *Sacramentum Caritatis*, the Motu Proprio *Summorum Pontificum*, and the Lineamenta on the forthcoming Synod on the Word of God. The Subcommittee's response formed the basis of the Department's response. The Subcommittee also considered the issue of Liturgy and Migrants and received an annual report on the work of the RCIA Network,

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PATRIMONY COMMITTEE and PATRIMONY SUB-COMMITTEE

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Meetings: Four Committee meetings have been held during the year, in February, June, September and November. The Patrimony Committee and Patrimony Sub-Committee continued to be run in tandem.

Membership:

The membership of the Committee remains almost the same: Bishop Thomas McMahon (Chairman); Sophie Andreae (Vice-Chairman and Chairman Sub-Committee); Emma Bassett; Fergus Brotherton; John Cowdall; Andrew Derrick; Martin Goalen; Canon Alan Griffiths; Fr Peter Harris; William Salvin; Mike State; Abbot Geoffrey Scott and Tricia Brooking (Hon. Secretary). Michael Fitzgerald QC - Secular Planning Lawyer and Mgr Richard Moth - Canon Lawyer, give legal advice as necessary. Since the departure of Fr Allen Morris there has been no representative from the Department of Christian Life and Worship at meetings although Martin Foster has given advice and support upon request. Fr Allen Morris made a major contribution to the work of the Committee and is sorely missed.

Help and Advice:

This is given on request to HCCs. Where necessary additional advice is sought from other professionals with regard to problems or issues relating to specific churches. HCCs are circulated with any relevant information that comes to the Committee from outside bodies such as the Department for Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS), English Heritage and the like. English Heritage has been keen to encourage more applications for repair grants from Catholic cathedrals and churches and the Committee alerted HCCs accordingly.

The Patrimony Committee was consulted on an excellent draft document prepared by Birmingham HCC on the Care of Church Organs. This has now been circulated to other HCCs. The Committee welcomes initiatives like this from individual HCCs and is always willing to offer advice.

Publications:

The illustrated book *A Glimpse of Heaven: Catholic Churches of England and Wales* was launched on 30th November 2006 and has proved a great success. A second edition was printed very shortly after the launch due to the enormous strength of demand. The book was a collaboration between the Patrimony Committee and English Heritage (which published and distributed the book). There have been numerous favourable reviews both in the national press and in specialist publications. The Rt Rev. Bishop Thomas McMahon was also interviewed about the book by Mark Lawson on Radio 4's Front Row. The author, Christopher Martin, was commissioned to write a series of extended articles on a number of individual churches illustrated in the book for *Catholic Life magazine*. He is also now working on a DVD based on the book which will make use of many more of Alex Ramsay's

outstanding photographs for which there was insufficient room in the book. With support from the Catholic publisher, Gracewing, Christopher Martin has also been undertaking a number of lectures on the subject of historic Catholic churches. The Patrimony Committee remains hopeful that English Heritage will publish a paperback version of the book. Given the demand for the hardback, there seems every likelihood that a paperback version would sell very well. However, a decision on this is on hold whilst an internal review of EH's publications department is underway.

Patrimony Committee member, Andrew Derrick, guest-edited an issue of *Ecclesiology Today*, the magazine of the Ecclesiology Society. This came out in the Spring and was the first time that the Society had devoted an entire volume to the subject of Catholic church architecture. The edition, which comprised essays written by a number of acknowledged experts, was very well received. The volume was particularly well illustrated, again mainly using photographs taken by Alex Ramsay for *Glimpse of Heaven*.

HCC Conference:

This year's Conference was held in May in St Wilfrid's Hall at the Brompton Oratory. There were 66 delegates, the majority representing HCCs. A number of Diocesan Archivists, Art & Architecture Committee Members, Property Managers/Surveyors and Trustees also attended. Other organisations represented were:- the Churches Conservation Trust, Department of Culture Media and Sport, Department of Heritage and Local Government (Eire), English Heritage, Historic Chapels Trust, the Historic Churches Preservation Trust (now called National Churches Trust), the United Reformed Church, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, The Victorian Society and the World Monuments Fund.

Presentations on Diocesan Pastoral Reviews were given and the essential role that HCCs can and should play in giving advice was discussed. It was emphasised that HCCs should be consulted at the earliest opportunity if there are proposals to close a church of historic interest and that the advice an HCC can offer can be of immense help and value to individual dioceses. In the afternoon, Dr. Tessa Murdoch, Deputy Keeper Sculpture, Metalwork, Ceramics and Glass at the V&A gave an illustrated talk on Recusant Silver. At the end of the Conference, Dr Murdoch and her museum associates gave delegates a tour of the Sacred Silver Gallery at the V&A.

Taking Stock Projects:

Following the success of the projects in the Dioceses of Arundel & Brighton and in Lancaster, similar audits of diocesan church buildings are being carried out. The review of Portsmouth is complete and those for Middlesbrough, Leeds and Liverpool are currently underway. Initial discussions have been held with Clifton, Southwark and Westminster with a view to English Heritage supporting similar initiatives in those dioceses. It is understood that Shrewsbury, Salford and Birmingham have also expressed interest. The initial audits (now called Taking Stock Projects) were very generously fully funded by English Heritage. Funding is now on a 50/50 basis between EH and respective dioceses. This still represents good value for dioceses. The great advantage of having a Taking Stock review undertaken is that dioceses can become fully informed and conversant with the heritage value of their buildings. Having this information in a readily accessible form provides diocesan trustees and parishes alike with an invaluable tool for future planning and pastoral review. Unexpected spot-listings should no longer take those responsible for church buildings by surprise and upset long term pastoral planning. The Patrimony Committee urges all dioceses to participate in the EH scheme before the funding stream runs out or before it is spoken for by other denominations who are now increasingly applying for this particular funding.

Archives: Abbot Geoffrey Scott continued to keep the Committee informed of the work of the Catholic Records and Archives Societies and other issues relating to archives. The CAS sent a draft copy of their document 'The Care and Administration of Parish Records' which the Patrimony Committee commented on and which has since been published. There was concern that a number of Catholic libraries, either wholly or in part, have been sold.

Committee member, Fr Peter Harris, (in his role as archivist at the English College, Valladolid) attended a meeting of the Society of Archivists "Special Collections" Conference at the British Library together with the archivists of Westminster and the Bishops' Conference. In an informal meeting all agreed to work together. Valladolid has agreed to make the initial investment to purchase 'CALM' (an archive computer programme). The others, and possibly the English College in Rome, can then purchase licences and become licensed users. This would enable the catalogues of their collections to be put on the internet and be accessible to all.

Vatican Documents:

The Vatican Information Service continues to be monitored for relevant information.

Endangered Churches and related patrimony matters:

The future of the Grade II* listed church at Amlwch on Anglesey looks more promising now that a Cadw grant has been offered for repairs. A group of local people has come together to help take the project forward. The Patrimony Committee has offered advice on Our Lady of the Assumption in Tavistock and on Quarr Abbey. It remains concerned about the implications of the probable church closures that might result from the pastoral review currently being undertaken in the Diocese of Lancaster.

On other patrimony matters, the Committee has also been actively involved in supporting efforts to secure the future of Walpole's Strawberry Hill in Twickenham, and in ensuring that, rather than being sold through the salerooms with every probability of going abroad, a highly important recusant reliquary belonging to the Poor Clares' (from their former Convent in Darlington) was instead lent on long term loan to the V&A Museum. In addition to libraries and archives, the early identification and safeguarding of significant objects, particularly those with important historical associations (of which those responsible for them are sometimes unaware) is increasingly an area in which the Committee is being asked for help.

Central Register for Contents of Closed Churches:

There was no longer the personnel available in the Department to action this initiative. However, Committee member, Martin Goalen, had made enquires about the storage of redundant artefacts and would talk about the matter at the next HCC Conference.

Heritage Protection Bill:

Members of the Committee attended a meeting at the Department of Media and Sport about the proposals contained in the White Paper to discuss how these might affect the current operation of the Ecclesiastical Exemption. It was noted that the Heritage Protection Bill involved two government departments. DCMS was in the lead in close consultation with the Department for Communities and Local Government (DPLG). There were likely to be some changes before any legislation was enacted and the Committee would continue to play an active part in the ongoing consultation process.

Other Denominations:

Sophie Andreae continued to be the Catholic representative on English Heritage's Places of Worship Forum. This committee advises EH on policy matters relating to the heritage of both Christian and non Christian places of worship.

Planned Work:

HCC Conference. The 2008 Conference will be held in Leeds on 24th April.

Other matters will continue to be dealt with as they arise and when requests are received from HCCs and other bodies. As noted above the Committee will be involved in the on-going consultation about the Government Bill on Heritage Protection.

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

Report to the Department: 2007

Membership

Bishop Brian Noble (Chair) , Jenny Bond, Susy Brouard, Mark Davis, Mgr Kevin McGinnell (Secretary), Fr David O Malley sdb, Sr Diane Reynolds ssa

Meetings

Since April 2007 the Committee has met three times in the last year, in Milton Keynes, Worth Abbey (residential), and Shrewsbury.

The Committee has engaged in the following areas of concern and projects :

1. Liturgical Spirituality

A discussion has begun, initiated through a request from the Liturgy Committee. Fr Philip Gillespie of that Committee met with us in December and we have started to see how this can be progressed jointly. This also has implications for the necessary contribution on liturgical spirituality to the introductory and formative material to accompany the new translation of the *Missale Romanum*. There has also been an exchange between ourselves and the Liturgical Formation subcommittee about cooperation in their current projects.

2. Using liturgical space

The 2007 Consultation raised an issue of how accessible churches are to people throughout the week, and this has led to further consideration of many issues surrounding such a topic.

3. Web based resources -

We are considering how to offer materials from the Committee and the emerging network of Consultation representatives through the web site.

4. Worth Residential Meeting

Abbot Christopher was generous with his time and together we explored the areas in which he is particularly concerned : that of spirituality making a difference to people's lives, enabling people to experience true paschal joy, and to be a tool for evangelisation. The contemporary search for happiness does not always lead to true contentment. Catholic Christian spirituality offers so much, provides "sanctuary", and leads to fulfilment. (*cf Minutes 23 for further detail*)

5. Consultation 2008 - March 6 - St Andrew's, Waterloo.

This will be our third meeting of diocesan representatives and promoters of spirituality. Abbot Christopher is the keynote speaker. The development of this day and its subsequent network is positive and valued.

6. Summorum Pontificum

A discussion about the *motu proprio* raised some questions about the implied spirituality of such celebrations, and that the whole area of *ars celebrandi* needs further thought.

6. The Committee exchanges minutes and information with CASE and Churches Together in England Spirituality Co-ordinating Group.

Kevin McGinnell
January 2008

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Staff

Fr Allen Morris completed his time as Liturgy Office Secretary in November 2006. Pam Class served as Administrative Assistant until the end of March 2007 and was replaced by Jennie Coffey for August - November 2007. We are grateful for their help and assistance in the last year. Martin Foster has continued as Liturgy Office Assistant Secretary.

Information

Liturgy Newsletter

The *Liturgy Newsletter* is produced 4 times a year and is distributed via diocesan liturgy contacts as well as on the website. The Newsletter provides an opportunity to advise about new publications and initiatives and of progress in continuing works such as the preparation of new translations of the Missal and Lectionary.

Website - www.liturgyoffice.org.uk

The website is part of the Conference website but is maintained by the Office. It is both one of the most significant and most visited parts of the Conference's web presence. In the last year the pace of expansion has slowed down due to time constraints. The only significant additions were an introduction to *Sacramentum Caritatis* and material to mark the forthcoming Year of St Paul.

Magazine Subscription Service

The Office continues to manage a service making available subscriptions to many of the excellent English language liturgical periodicals available around the world. This year the Canadian magazine *Celebrate!* was added.

Diocesan Liturgy Contacts

There is one such Contact in each diocese and they form the primary conduit for information to diocesan liturgy commissions and others. The annual meeting is noted in Formation Subcommittee report. The contacts and other members of diocesan commissions also meet in North and South groupings twice a year which the Office tries to attend.

Spirit of the Season

A half-termly liturgy bulletin for schools that is distributed via dioceses and the website. The current year's issues look at liturgy and migration, the Word of God, reflecting on the liturgy and introducing the Directory for Masses with Children among other items. A special edition was issued on Holydays and also on the use of PowerPoint in the liturgy.

Formation

Working with dioceses and organisations

Martin worked with or in the following dioceses and organisations in the last year: Loud and Clear (Clifton, Plymouth, Portsmouth) Brentwood, Hexham and Newcastle, Westminster, Heythrop Parish Ministry Certificate, RCIA Network, Society of St Gregory.

Martin Foster

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