

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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CATHOLIC BISHOPS'
CONFERENCE

PATRIMONY COMMITTEE and PATRIMONY SUB-COMMITTEE

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Meetings: Three Committee meetings have been held during the year, in February, July and September. A further meeting is scheduled for November. The Patrimony Committee and Patrimony Sub-Committee continued to be run in tandem. Members of the Committee are in regular email contact.

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. Fr Allen Morris of the Department of Christian Life and Worship regularly attends meetings and gives invaluable of support to the Committee.

Help and Advice:

This is given on request to HCCs. Where necessary additional advice has been sought from other professionals for problems or issues relating to specific churches. HCCs are circulated with any relevant information that comes to the Committee from outside bodies such as DCMS, English Heritage etc.

Publications:

The illustrated book 'A Glimpse of Heaven: Catholic Churches of England and Wales' is being printed and will be launched on 30th November. This book is being published by English Heritage. The Patrimony Committee has raised a substantial sum from charitable trusts to cover the cost of special photography. All the illustrations in the book have been taken specially for it.

The Patrimony Committee made a significant contribution to the new Directory 'Consecrated for Worship' to reflect the need to respect the fabric of historic churches when contemplating liturgical arrangements. The Committee also advised on publications by East Anglia HCC (on redundant churches) and Birmingham HCC (on the Care of Churches).

HCC Conference:

For the first time this year's Conference was held in May, which proved very popular. Liverpool was an excellent venue and numbers attending rose by a third to 80 delegates. Much positive feed back was received and it was broadly agreed to have been the best Conference to date. Besides members from the majority of HCCs, there were representatives from Diocesan Archivists, Financial Secretaries and Property Managers/Surveyors. Other organisations represented were: Cadw; Council for the; Care of Churches; Catholic Churches Insurance Association; Churches Conservation Trust; Department of Heritage and Local Government (Eire); Dublin Civic Trust; English Heritage; Methodist Property Division;

Liverpool City Council; United Reform Church; The Victorian Society and a number of architects.

Illustrated talks on the English Heritage Funded Reports on the architectural significance of diocesan churches in Lancaster and Arundel and Brighton were given by their authors. Comments on the strategic significance of the work followed. Ian Sergeant then spoke about 'The Methodist Approach'. After lunch Trevor Cooper of the Ecclesiological Society gave a very informative talk on 'How do we keep our Parish Churches?' English Heritage's Richard Halsey concluded the day with information on their new 'Inspired!' campaign. Delegates were then able to visit nearby St Clare, a Grade I listed church. The exteriors of two other nearby Grade I churches, Unitarian and Anglican, were also viewed. About 30 delegates had enjoyed a visit and guided tour of the Metropolitan Cathedral the evening before.

Working Party:

Members of the Working Party are Sophie Andreae, Fergus Brotherton, John Cowdall, William Salvin, Mike State and Tricia Brooking.

The Audits of Places of Worship in the Dioceses of Arundel & Brighton and Lancaster, funded by English Heritage had been completed and had been very well received. Part funding was now available from EH for further audits. So far Portsmouth, Middlesbrough, and Liverpool were undertaking joint projects with EH with Leeds and Clifton likely to follow. In October Sophie Andreae attended the Financial Secretaries Conference in Leeds and gave an illustrated talk about the challenge of finding appropriate uses for historic churches that may face closure. The talk included case histories about churches of other denominations as well as illustrating Catholic examples. She drew attention to the restoration of St. Francis Xavier, Liverpool and St. Francis Xavier, Hereford. Both these churches had been faced with closure at one time but were now happily back in full use.

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 Committee is informed of initiatives both in England and Wales and abroad.

Vatican Documents:

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

Endangered Churches: There continued to be concern about the Grade II* listed church at Amlwch on Anglesey. It was hoped that a decision to repair the church would be forthcoming.

Central Register for Contents of Closed Churches: It was agreed that the Liturgy Office would establish and maintain a central register for contents needing to find a new home which would be made available to dioceses on a regular basis.

Other Denominations:

Sophie Andreae had been invited to be the Catholic representative on English Heritage's new Places of Worship Forum. The role of this committee is to advise on matters concerning the work of EH as it relates to historic places of worship. Bishop Thomas gave the address at the Annual General Meeting of the Historic Churches Preservation Trust in the summer, the first time a Catholic Bishop has been invited to do this. Following an approach to the Cardinal by Frank Field MP, Chair of the Churches Conservation Trust, Sophie Andreae attended a meeting at the CCT to explore areas of mutual concern.

Bishops' Conference Meetings:

Reports from the Patrimony Committee were presented to the Bishops at their Low Week meeting.

Planned Work:

HCC Conference. The next Conference will be held in on 3rd May 2007 in London.

Other matters will continue to be dealt with as they arise and when requests are received from HCCs and other bodies. The government's White Paper on the heritage protection is expected before the end of the year. The broad aim of the proposals in the White Paper is to modernise the existing consent regimes by unifying them. Whilst Ministers have indicated that the Ecclesiastical Exemption will remain and that the benefits of Exemption are understood, it is clear that any new system of designation and resultant consent regimes will have some implications for how denominations operate the Exemption in the future. The Committee will play an active part in the consultation process.

Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales
Department of Christian Life and Worship

SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE

Report to the Department Meeting : April 2007

Membership

Bishop Brian Noble (Chair), Jenny Bond, Susy Brouard, Mark Davis, Mgr Kevin McGinnell (Secretary), Fr Allen Morris, Fr David O Malley sdb, Sr Diane Reynolds ssa. (Fr Allen Morris left the Committee when he ceased to be Department Secretary in November 2006.)

Meetings

Since the last report (November 2005) the Committee had one further meeting in 2005, met four times in 2006, and once in 2007. One meeting was residential at St Andrew's, Edenbridge. Other meetings were held in London, Shrewsbury, Bolton and Milton Keynes.

Working of the Committee

The Committee undertook a serious review of its purpose and activities in 2006. It was agreed that the Committee is not really tasked with production of materials. There is so much generally available etc. Various projects that were in hand have been reviewed. Some have been redirected, some have been overtaken by other issues, and some are still under consideration. It was agreed that our work needs to be directed more clearly to promoting reflection on what is happening in spirituality within the church, and from that dialogue encouraging good practice and mutual support.

Aims and Purpose

The Committee developed a paper on its aims and objectives which is attached, and which has been put into practice and has guided our work.

On The Way to Life

This report formed the basis of a discussion for a residential meeting in 2006. The dichotomy identified by the report between spirituality and religion in today's world is at the basis of the Committee's agenda. The work of the authors was very useful for members to move further in our own discussions and needs to be seen as an continuing reference point.

Consultation with those working with spirituality in dioceses and other organisations -

In February 2006 40+ delegates came from all the dioceses, sent by their bishops, for a consultation day. It was appreciated by delegates as giving a forum for the first time of its kind. The specific area of discussion was how we address the interface of the general view of spirituality with our Catholic cultural identity. There was valuable exchange of views and of current practice. There is a need for us to be able to critique what is seen as "spirituality" within the widest senses by trying to identify what is essential to Christian Catholic spirituality. This will be helped by making the wisdom of our rich tradition more widely available. Delegates welcomed the initiative and sought further meetings nationally. Some also felt it would be good to organise similar events within a diocese or region

In March 2007 a second consultation was held. Again it was considered to be very worthwhile, although not all dioceses were represented as before. At present a detailed report is being prepared of that meeting. In brief the theme explored was "Contemporary Catholicism - Religion versus Spirituality." There was a useful discussion about the place of spirituality in our church at the moment, and valuable exchange about the great variety of initiatives being undertaken across the dioceses. Spirituality was seen within a theological model of the pilgrim church, and how spirituality is part of the Christian journey was explored. This has specific application to spirituality and liturgical formation as well as so many other areas of Christian life. The delegates were enthusiastic for continuing these consultations and other dialogue.

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

*Kevin McGinnell
April 2007*

CBCEW SPIRITUALITY COMMITTEE 2006

At the heart of Christian Catholic Spirituality is the lived experience of the Paschal Mystery, the death, resurrection and glorification of Jesus Christ, celebrated in the liturgy of the Church

AIMS

1. To assist the Bishops and CBCEW in the promotion and provision of Spirituality
2. To be an informed reference point for the development of spirituality in the Catholic Church of E&W

OBJECTIVES

1. To encourage each Ordinary to exercise his responsibility for spirituality in the local church rooted in the daily life of parish and other communities
2. To inform the bishops of current issues in spirituality
3. To encourage networking between those involved in spirituality
4. To identify and disseminate good practice
5. To celebrate the rich diversity of Catholic spiritual tradition
6. To be attentive to the development of spirituality in contemporary society

MEANS

1. To set up a network of diocesan spirituality representatives and channel their issues to the Bishops
To share recent relevant experience and to keep abreast current events
To highlight for the local Church any new developments in spirituality in the wider church
2. To highlight the spirituality of daily life as lived by the people of his diocese
To name and enable a person/people in each diocese to be the contact point for spirituality in a diocese and to gather an overview of the areas of spirituality for that diocese
To communicate the response and views of the Bishops to those involved in the work generally
3. To encourage appropriate means of communication for those involved in spirituality such as our national consultation, regional meetings, diocesan gatherings etc.
To provide information through such means as email/website of those involved in the work and forthcoming events.
4. To encourage Catholic and other media to cover spirituality issues
To identify, gather and communicate examples of good practice
To involve others who are willing and skilled in promoting this work
To annually communicate this work to a wider audience
To begin each meeting by reviewing issues etc that members feel important to share
5. To initiate a conversation with the religious orders to see how together we can widen the awareness of their spiritual traditions and gifts
To speak with COR and Association of Contemplative Communities to suggest an opportunity be established for religious orders to share their charism and modes of sharing, initially with the Committee
To explore the other areas of the Church developing particular spiritualities
To ensure that the ecumenical dimension of spirituality is integral to our work
6. To maintain contact with other groups responsible for Christian spirituality
To be aware of spiritual developments in other faiths
To inform one another of current research in spirituality as understood in contemporary society.

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Staff

Fr Allen Morris concludes his time as Liturgy Office Secretary in November 2006. Martin Foster and Pam Class continue as Liturgy Office Assistant Secretary and Administrative Assistant respectively.

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. The website continues to expand. New Calendar material has been added during the year. Material has been made available on the website to assist communities respond to the change in practice regarding Holydays in England and Wales, and also to inform the work of liturgy preparation groups. Until such time a new rite is published for Celebrations of the Word and Holy Communion, the interim rite is now available for downloading from the website. Two major projects have been the preparation of formation material to assist with the reception and use of *Consecrated for Worship* and *Celebrating Sunday Evening Prayer*

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.

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. There is an annual meeting held each year in February. The contacts and other members of diocesan commissions also meet in North and South groupings twice a year.

Publishers

The Office has engaged with the following publishers in the last year: CTS, Catholic Print Company, Canterbury Press, Continuum, HarperCollins, John Neale, McCrimmons.

Media

AM is regularly sought out for comment by the Catholic and national media. He writes a popular weekly column for *The Universe*.

Publications and Formation

Celebrating Sunday Evening Prayer

This text, a more 'Cathedral' style of Evening Prayer, developed in line with what is authorised in the *Divine Office* was published by Canterbury Press during the summer.

The Liturgy Office attempted to organise training days North and South, but the initiatives were cancelled because of low numbers. To assist dioceses and parishes introduce the new resource a range of materials have been made available on the website. Others will follow.

Consecrated for Worship

This document, issued by the Bishops Conference and published by CTS was published in September. Resources to assist dioceses and parishes in their use of Consecrated for Work and to inform those involved in reviewing the ordering of churches have been prepared and are available on the website. Others are in preparation, including resources to be used by school children visiting a parish church.

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 technology, the use of the arts, the liturgy bookshelf among other items. An index of the first 5 years' issues has been added to the website.

Working with dioceses and organisations

AM and MF have worked with or in the following dioceses and organisations in the last year: Birmingham, Plymouth, Westminster, Newman Society, Panel of Monastic Musicians, RCIA Network, Society of St Gregory and Ushaw College.

Future Work

Future work will include the preparation of resources in readiness for the publication of the English translation of the 3rd edition of the Roman Missal.

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