

## REPORT OF THE LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO GENERAL SYNOD 2013

### MEMBERSHIP ELECTED 2010

The Rt Rev Harold Miller (Chair)  
The Rt Rev Michael Burrows (Vice Chair)  
Rev Canon Gerald Field (Hon Secretary)  
Rev Canon Michael Kennedy  
Ven Ricky Rountree  
Very Rev Maria Jansson \*

Rev Alan Ruffli  
Rev Elizabeth Hanna \*  
Rev Peter McDowell  
Mrs Jacqui Wilkinson  
Mrs Alison Cadden  
Ms Julie Bell

### Co-opted Members:

Rev Dr Peter Thompson  
Rev Adrian Dorrian  
Very Rev Sandra Pragnell  
Rev Robert Ferris  
Rev Ken Rue

### Consultants:

Canon Lady Shiel  
Rev Canon Brian Mayne†  
Rev Canon Edgar Turner  
Dr Donald Davison

### Church of Ireland Theological Institute Rep:

The Rev Colin Darling

\* *Resigned May 2012*

† *Died 19<sup>th</sup> December 2012*

### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

Since its formation in 1962 the Liturgical Advisory Committee has sought diligently to implement the objectives then set before it:

- To formulate and suggest to the General Synod such liturgical proposals relating to Public Worship as may seem desirable to the Advisory Committee from time to time;
- To consider and report on, if requested to do so by the General Synod, such other liturgical proposals relating to Public Worship as may be brought before the said body from time to time;
- To foster the study of the Book of Common Prayer and of the Public Worship of the Church by preparing articles relating to these subjects and offering them for publication.

During the past fifty years much has changed in the way we do liturgy. During that time the LAC has been regularly evaluating its role in the light of those changes and at the request of General Synod. Some of those changes, in both printed and electronic liturgical resources, have led to the development of making what would be considered 'corporate worship' more easily accessible for private devotion, and so enhance a growth

in personal spirituality. Our primary aim remains to provide quality liturgical resources worthy of the Church of Ireland, and worthy of the glory of the God whom we serve.

The Committee usually meets four times a year, and the sub-committees developing material in the areas of Liturgical Education and Formation, Music, Liturgical Resources and Electronic Liturgy continue to be the focus of the Committee's discussions, planning and action.

The objectives for the coming year will be:

- to further consider the content for and provision of a supplement to the hymnal;
- to work with Historical Centenaries Working Group of the General Synod in the preparation of liturgical resources to meet their requirements;
- the completion of on-going projects in the area of formation, electronic liturgical resources;
- to encourage and support the Chairman in the production of his work *The Week of Weeks*, providing resources for Lent Holy Week and Easter pertinent to the Church of Ireland.

Our participation in, and representation of the Church of Ireland at, international and interdenominational liturgical fora is a role much valued by fellow members of the Four Nations Liturgical Group (a conference of representatives from the Liturgical committees of the Anglican churches in Ireland, Scotland, England and Wales) and the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation, which we shall be hosting in Dublin this year.

## REPORT

### REV CANON BRIAN MAYNE

It was with great sadness that the Liturgical Advisory Committee, the Church of Ireland, and those involved in the wider liturgical life of the Church, received news of the death of Canon Brian Mayne last December. As was noted in last year's report (when Canon Mayne's resignation from the LAC on health grounds was reported) as a former Honorary Secretary of the committee, Canon Mayne had serviced the liturgical life of the Church in many and varied ways, notably as editor of the *Book of Common Prayer 2004*, and also through his books and contributions to the *Church of Ireland Directory*, *The Church of Ireland Gazette*, the *Sunday and Weekday Readings* booklet, the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation, and his continued membership of the Liturgical Advisory Committee as a consultant since retiring from parochial ministry. We extend our sympathies and prayers to Brian's widow Valerie, and to their family.

The past year has been one of both consolidation of continuing projects and developing of new projects.

The Committee's request to the House of Bishops to extend by, a further five years, their permission for the experimental use of *Holy Communion by Extension (for those unable to be present at the public celebration)*, received a favourable response. We shall be reviewing the use of this service in the light of experience over the coming year.

As reported last year, we began discussions with Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise, whom the LAC wishes to commend, for their work of making available further services from the *Book of Common Prayer 2004* in Irish. This has subsequently led to the production

of an Irish/English parallel texts publication of prayer book material, and we shall be developing ways to make this available in electronic format.

The preparatory work begun last year on a liturgy for use across the Church of Ireland for the commissioning of diocesan lay ministers, including diocesan readers, was put on hold to allow time for the new training programme to be assessed and any liturgy to reflect the ethos of that training.

The request from Standing Committee, to collaborate with the Church of Ireland Historical Centenaries Working Group in providing liturgies pertinent to the decade of celebrations, has been the focus of the work of the Resources sub-committee, and is reported below.

The work on a supplement to the Church Hymnal has also continued during the past year with a very positive response from Church of Ireland members with regard to possible content. Those many suggestions have challenged the members of the Hymnal sub-committee, but a definitive list is nearing completion at the time of writing this report. (See Appendix 2). A full copy of the texts will be available for members of General Synod to peruse.

At the November meeting of the LAC we were pleased to welcome the Rev Paul Thomas from the Church of England Liturgical Commission. Mr Thomas explained the background to the creation of a resource “*Worship Workshop*”, for use by schools, Sunday schools and Church families. This is intended to be a free resource, designed to be used primarily with whiteboards and projectors in classroom setting. The site, [www.worshipworkshop.org.uk](http://www.worshipworkshop.org.uk) suggests music and seasonal material for use in an act of school worship, and whilst still undergoing further development it will eventually include Eucharistic material.

Mr Thomas led the Committee through the stages for the on-line production of a worship resource on a specific theme. He further explained that this resource was being made freely available by the Church of England.

The response from members was very positive, whilst recognising that certain elements may need to be adapted for use in two jurisdictions, something the Committee will work on in collaboration with Mr Thomas. There is a willingness to promote the site as much as possible within the Church of Ireland.

Whilst the work of the Liturgical Advisory Committee relies to some extent upon the initiative of its members to implement the objectives set out by the General Synod, it is also very much dependent upon suggestions made to it by those within the Church community who identify areas where liturgical resources may be lacking. We are grateful to all those who over the past year have identified ways in which we may support them in their ministry of worship.

## **LITURGICAL EDUCATION AND FORMATION**

The resignation of one of the authors from the Committee has meant that work on the completion of the second volume in the PRISM series looking at Baptism has not been finalized. We hope to make progress on this in the coming year.

## MUSIC

Consideration of a supplement to the current Church Hymnal came in response to individuals or groups in the Church of Ireland identifying a lack of suitable music resources in certain categories. These include material which is suitable for worship with children, 'new' material that has emerged in recent years, liturgical resources, and popular hymns which are absent from Church Hymnal 5. In the sixteen years since work began on the composition of the current hymnal, a significant number of new hymnody resources have been produced, which has led the sub-committee to consider items suitable for use in the Church of Ireland.

The provisional list of material which was appended to last year's report has undergone further revision as this project nears completion, and will be on the LAC stand at General Synod.

## LITURGICAL RESOURCES

As noted above, the request of Standing Committee for the Liturgical Advisory Committee to resource orders of service for use during the various centenary celebrations through 2012 - 2022 has focussed much of the work of this sub-committee. Work is currently underway for the provision of liturgical resources which could be used in a general commemoration context and also for material applicable to each specific commemoration during this decade. We have completed work on a Service of the Word to commemorate the Dublin Lockout, and a template for future liturgical resources.

There has also been a request for the provision of suitable prayers and liturgies for use in the circumstance of suicide and in the circumstance of miscarriage or stillbirth. This very sensitive area of ministry will be given due consideration in the coming year.

The on line resource "*Worship Workshop*" mentioned earlier will be an on-going part of this sub-committee's work, in liaison with the Church of England.

The number of visitors to the Worship webpage continues to give encouragement to those responsible for the maintenance of this on line resource. The work of maintaining and updating the liturgical resources on the Worship webpage is time consuming and is undertaken on a voluntary basis by people already committed in other areas of ministry. As such we are grateful to those kind enough to point out any errors that may occur, and for the patience of users of the site whilst corrections and improvements are made.

## FUTURE PLANS

Our future plans include:

- The finalizing of the hymnal supplemental;
- Implementation of an evaluation procedure for current liturgies approved for experimental use;
- Endeavouring to provide resources for the various centenary celebrations with assistance of other appropriate persons;
- Furthering development of the worship section of the website;
- Furthering the collaboration with Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise on Irish liturgical texts;

- The provision of suitable prayers and liturgies for use in the circumstance of suicide and in the circumstance of miscarriage or stillbirth;
- A continued representation of the Church of Ireland in the wider national and international liturgical fora, so that resources and ideas which might be of value in the celebration of our liturgy are available for use from the wider Church.

As noted previously, the work of the Liturgical Advisory Committee is dependent to a large extent upon the needs of parishes and worship co-ordinators being identified and communicated to it. Once again we would encourage those involved in planning worship to advise the committee, through the Honorary Secretary, of any resources they feel the Liturgical Advisory Committee may be able to help provide.

### **RESIGNATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS**

During the year the Committee has regrettably noted the resignations of the Very Rev Maria P Jansson and the Rev Elizabeth Hanna from its membership. The Committee wishes to record its deep appreciation to them for their dedication and committed work. The Rev Jonathan Campbell-Smyth, the Church of Ireland Theological Institute observer on the Liturgical Advisory Committee was replaced by the Rev Colin Darling. Also Canon Patrick Comerford, in his capacity as Lecturer in Anglicanism and Liturgy in the Church of Ireland Theological Institute, was invited to be an observer.

After 21 years as a member of the LAC, Bishop Michael Burrows has decided not to put his name forward for re-election to the Committee in this year's triennial election. Whilst many General Synod members will have experienced his eloquence and enthusiasm for liturgy from the podium during the years of preparation for the Book of Common Prayer 2004, only those who have served on the LAC with him will have known the consistency of that enthusiasm over the years and its infectiousness for fellow committee members. We wish to acknowledge Bishop Michael's significant contribution to the work of the LAC, and his wider contributions to the liturgical life of the Church of Ireland.

**Liturgical Advisory Committee Motion No.1:**

*To be proposed by Bishop Michael Burrows, seconded by the Revd Adrian Dorrian*

“That the following be elected to the Liturgical Advisory Committee for the triennium term May 2013 – May 2016.”

The Rt Rev Harold Miller  
Ven Richard Rountree  
Rev Canon Gerald Field  
Rev Canon Michael Kennedy  
Rev Adrian Dorrian  
Rev Robert Ferris  
Rev Peter McDowell  
Rev Kenneth Rue  
Rev Alan Ruffli  
Rev Dr Peter Thompson  
Ms Julie Bell  
Mrs Alison Cadden  
Ms Jacqueline Mullen

**Liturgical Advisory Committee Motion No.2:**

*To be proposed by Bishop Harold Miller, seconded by the Revd Canon Gerald Field*

“That General Synod welcomes the progress made towards an authorized supplement to the Hymnal, approves the proposed content subject to any final revision necessary, and directs the Standing Committee to make whatever arrangements needed for its publication as soon as is practicable.”

## APPENDIX 1

### Holy Communion by Extension - A Sample Survey of Licensed Clergy

#### Questions to be put to clergy

- Do you use the facility of Holy Communion by extension?
  - How often?
- Who is authorised to administer Communion in your context?
  - By whom are they authorised?
  - What form does this authorisation take?
  - Are they offered training, and if so, how?
- Does the administration take place immediately after services in Church?
- In what circumstances is this service used?
- What are the practical difficulties with the administration of Holy Communion by extension?
- What changes, if any, would you make to the liturgy as it is provided?
- Is a traditional language version of Holy Communion by extension required?
- Have you identified any used for this service other than with the sick and housebound?
- Would you be in favour of any additional uses for the service?

## APPENDIX 2

### Hymnal Supplement – Contents March 2013

A rich young man  
A sign shall be given (Immanuel)  
Advent Candles tell their story  
All hail the lamb  
All heaven declares  
All I once held dear  
Allunde, Allunde  
And he shall reign  
As we gather  
Be bold, be strong  
Before the throne  
Behold the Lamb  
Beneath the cross of Jesus  
Blessed be your name  
Blessed is the king who come  
Blest are they  
Bread is blessed and broken  
Bring to the Lord a glad new song  
Calm me Lord  
Child of blessing, child of promise  
Christ is surely coming  
Clap your hands all you nations  
Come let us use the grace divine  
Come Lord and meet us  
Come, sing the praise of Jesus  
Come, thou fount of every blessing  
Defend me, Lord  
Don't build your house  
Eat this bread  
Eternal God before whose face we stand  
Faith as small as a mustard seed  
Far and near, hear the call  
Father God you love me  
From the breaking of the dawn  
From the squalour of a borrowed stable  
Give me peace O Lord I pray  
Give me the faith which can remove  
Glory to God, the source of all our mission  
Go at the call of God  
God everlasting, wonderful and holy  
God loves me  
Great is the darkness  
Hail thee, festival day!



Hallelu, hallelu, hallelu, hallelujah  
He came down that we might have love  
he made the stars to shine  
He's got the whole world in his hand  
How good is the God we adore  
How lovely is your dwelling place  
How sacred is this place  
How shall they hear  
I stand amazed in the presence  
I will not be afraid  
I will offer up my life  
I will sing the wondrous story  
I'll go in the strength of the Lord  
I'm gonna jump up and down  
I'm not ashamed  
In Christ alone  
In the heart where love is abiding (Ubi Caritas)  
In the Lord I'll be ever thankful  
In the name of Christ we gather  
Jesu tawa pano  
Jesus Christ is waiting  
Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice  
Jesus is king  
Jesus keep me near the cross  
Jesus lead us to the Father  
Jesus' love is very wonderful  
Jesus on the cross is lying  
Jesus, be the centre  
Jesus, Saviour, Lord (Saranam)  
Jesus, tempted in the desert  
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho  
King of Kings, Majesty  
Let all creation dance  
Let me tell you about a baby  
Let us talents and tongues employ  
Lift high your hands in blessing  
Lift thy banner  
Light of the world  
Like the murmur of the dove's song  
Longing for light (Christ be our light)  
Lord, I come to you  
Lord, I lift your name on high  
Lord, make us servants of your peace  
Lord, we have come at your own invitation  
Low in the grave he lay  
Mayenziwe (Lord's Prayer)  
Mister Noah built an ark

Morning glory, starlit sky  
My God is so big, so strong and so mighty  
My heart is filled with thankfulness  
My hope is built on nothing less  
My Jesus I love thee  
My Jesus, my Saviour  
My life flows on in endless song  
Now go in peace  
Now let your people  
Now through the grace of God we claim  
O Church arise  
O God how we have wandered  
O God of faith  
O God, you are my God alone  
O God, you search me  
O Lord you knelt to wash  
O Merciful redeemer hear  
Oh, to see the dawn  
One is the body, and one is the Head  
Our God is a great big God  
People look east  
Praise the One who breaks the darkness  
Pray for the church, afflicted and oppressed  
See him lying on a bed of straw  
See the Lamb of God  
See what a morning  
Send me, Lord (Thuma mina)  
Shalom Chaverim  
Silent Surrender  
Sing a song, sing a joyful song  
Sing choirs of heaven (Exsultet)  
Sing God's Easter people sing  
Sing of Andrew, John's disciple  
Sleep my darling (Heaven Song)  
Sons of the holy one  
Speak, O Lord, as we come to you  
Spirit of God within me  
Spirit of holiness, wisdom and faithfulness  
Spirit of the Lord, come down  
Stay with me, remain here with me  
Stop and think  
Sweet Sacrament divine  
Take, oh take me as I am  
Teach me to dance  
The Church is wherever God's people are praising  
The hour has come foretold since time began  
The kingdom of God is justice and joy

The Lord's my shepherd  
The time was early evening (Song of the Supper)  
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy  
There is a higher throne  
This is the truth sent from above  
This little light  
To be in your presence  
Wash me clean in that cool river  
We bring you, Lord, our prayer and praise  
We pray thee, heavenly father  
We shall go out  
When it's all been said and done  
When Joseph went to bed one night  
When pain and terror  
When peace, like a river  
When you prayed beneath the trees  
Who is on the Lord's side?  
Who is the Rock?  
Who would think that what was needed  
With Jesus in the boat  
Wonderful Lord  
Word of the Father, the life of creation  
Worship, glory, praise and honour  
You are my strength when I am weak  
You can't stop rain  
You who dwell (eagle's wings)  
Your words to me  
You're the Lion of Judah

### **Liturgical Section**

Armagh Setting  
St Columbas Setting  
Kyrie Eleison (Ghana)  
Kyrie Eleison (Russian)  
Lord have mercy (Perry St)  
Gloria (Fintan O'Carroll)  
Gloira, gloria in excelsis Deo (Anderson)  
Glory to God, glory to God (Peru)  
Gloria (Taize)  
Alleluia! Your words, O Lord  
Halle, halle, hallelujah  
Pentecostal Alleluia  
We believe in God Almighty  
We believe in God the Father  
Lord hear our prayer (Byzantine)  
Through our lives and by our prayers  
Sanctus (Joncas)

Sanctus

Sanctus (Scarborough Fair)

Christ has died (John Pantry)

Amen

Lord's Prayer (Byzantine)

Our Father (Caribbean)

Lord's Prayer (Lees)

Lord's Prayer (Millennium Prayer)

Agnus Dei (Plainsong)

Agnus Dei

Agnus Dei (Ar hyd y nos)

Lamb of God (Lourdes)

Alleluia, Alleluia (Te Deum)

Behold the Lamb of God

Come my brothers (Venite)

Dona Nobis

Jubilate Deo

Let all creation bless the Lord

Long the year's of faithful waiting

My soul rejoices in God, my Saviour

Our God and Father blessed

With Mary let my soul rejoice

Ps 23 (Fintan O'Carroll)