

**LITURGICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
REPORT 2023**

**MEMBERSHIP ELECTED 2022**

Chair – Most Rev Michael Jackson	
Vice Chair – Ven Ricky Rountree	Rev John McLoughlin
Very Rev Gerald Field (Hon. Secretary)	Rev Abigail Sines
Very Rev Susan Green	Rev Julie Bell
Rev Alan Ruffli	Rev Nigel Pierpoint
Ven Dr Peter Thompson	Very Rev Lynda Peilow
Rev Canon Peter McDowell	Mrs Jacqueline Mullen
Rev Adrian Dorrian	Mr John Morris

**Co-opted Members:**

Ven Ricky Rountree	Rev Dr Michael Kennedy
Rev Canon Gary Hastings	

**Consultants:**

Ms Rachael Murphy  
The Rev Andrew Neill  
Mr Bryan Whelan

**Church of Ireland Theological Institute Observer:**

Dr Bridget Nichols (2017)

**Church of Ireland Theological Institute Student Observer:**

Mr Cameron Mack (2022)

**Methodist Church Observer:**

Rev Ruth Patterson (2017)

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

Since the last Report the Committee has met twice online, a one day meeting and in a residential two-day setting.

The objectives for the coming year will be:

- to assist with the provision of resources for encouraging children’s engagement with and participation in worship;
- to provide new prayers and resources for the 18-35 age group;
- to continue making available liturgical resources online and to improve access to them;
- to continue developing bi-lingual liturgical resources in collaboration with *Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise*;
- to provide liturgical material as and when requested by other committees of the Synod and wider Church of Ireland organisations.

**REPORT:**

The past year has seen the production of further liturgical resources in online and printed format. Key projects have been:

- Publication in print of the Service of Prayer and Naming and the Funeral Service in Cases of Stillbirth and Neonatal Death;
- Publication in print of the Collects of the Word, Years A, B & C in a single volume;
- Provision online of services and resources for use in cases of Sudden or Unexpected Death;
- Online publication of services and resources for use in Creation-tide;
- Provision online of Prayers for Use in a Time of War in the Ukraine;
- Provision of a bilingual welcome card in English and Ukrainian on an A5 card;
- Provision of prayers around issues of social justice and concern for CASC;
- Provision of resources for the Platinum Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II;
- Prayers and resources following the death of Queen Elizabeth II;
- Prayers and resources marking the Coronation of King Charles III;
- Continued expansion of services marking Celtic Commemorations/Local Saints.

Three of the existing sub-committees of the LAC were reviewed during the year (Resources, Music and Children's Ministry) so as to include newly elected members and to bring in some expertise from some temporary consultants with specialist skills in various fields. Our thanks to the Revd Andrew Neill and Ms Rachael Murphy for agreeing to assist the Children's Ministry sub-committee with their work. We are also grateful to Ms Lydia Monds for her work with this group in recent years.

The Digital Electronic and Typesetting sub-committee has been reconstituted in order to spread wider the very significant workload involved in this area of the Committee's work. We are grateful to Mr Bryan Whelan, Assistant Librarian at the RCB Library who has agreed to assist the group with its work.

**FUTURE PLANS:**

Our future plans include:

- The provision of resources for any remaining historic centenary celebrations as may be requested by the Historic Centenaries Working Group;
- A full re-development of the worship section of the website;
- Working with our Children's Ministry Sub-committee and the Rev Julie Bell on the provision of a major new resource to support liturgical ministry with children, including a resource for daily prayer in the home to be used by families;
- New prayers and resources for the 18-35 age group which will address issues such as:
  - Homelessness
  - War
  - Family life
  - Education
  - Affording a house
  - Energy costs
  - Unemployment
  - Health (mental and physical)
  - Gender issues
  - Domestic coercive control/violence
  - Sustainability and Environment Food, including plant based.
  - Social media – trolling, harassment, misinformation (false news) pornography etc.

It is intended to consult widely across the church, including with third-level chaplains, the Church of Ireland Youth Department, material already existing in the Church of England and the Methodist Church in Ireland's 'Big House' project.

- Seek advice from those with expertise in the area of interfaith dialogue with a view to providing liturgical resources for occasions of interfaith worship.
- Renew contact with Diocesan Liturgical Officers and create opportunities to update them on new materials available and their intended usage.
- Furthering the collaboration with Cumann Gaelach na hEaglaise on Irish liturgical texts
- Seek leave to introduce a Bill clarifying in the Table of Readings in the Book of Common Prayer as to when Remembrance Sunday should be observed.
- Request the Presbyterian Church in Ireland to nominate a new observer.

The Liturgical Advisory Committee is always open to suggestions as to what resources might be needed to support ministry in parishes, chaplaincies and other ministries both in terms of resources for public worship and for private prayer in the home. The Honorary Secretary can be contacted by email at [honsec.lac@gmail.com](mailto:honsec.lac@gmail.com)