

Liturgical Advisory Committee Report

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The work of the Liturgical Advisory Committee continues year by year. In some ways, the resources the LAC produces only come to light when they are needed in a particular situation and otherwise our work continues in the background.

In the past twelve months, nearly a dozen resources have been produced or continue to be developed and finessed by the LAC. These range from materials relating to the war in Ukraine, to several resources connected to the significant royal events of the past 12 months in the UK, to the recent publication of resources to mark the centenary of the end of the Civil War in Ireland.

Indeed, the LAC has enjoyed a close working relationship with the Historical Centenaries Working Group over the past ten years. The committee has been glad, from time to time, to respond to requests for specific materials to mark centenary events. We were glad this past year to work alongside the Church and Society Commission to develop prayers for use with a specific focus on social justice. May I take this opportunity to encourage other committees of Synod to make use of the years of experience and expertise on the LAC when they wish to produce liturgical resources to complement their work. As far as we are able, and with enough notice, the committee will be only too happy to help.

Last year we reported the retirement of our long-serving Honorary Secretary, Dean Gerald Field. The LAC is most fortunate to have as our new Honorary Secretary, the Dean of Cork, the Very Revd Nigel Dunne. We wish Dean Dunne well in the role.

As you will see in the report, much is already in place for the coming year's LAC agenda. As a committee, we are keen to hear feedback and suggestions at this Synod and throughout the year as to how we might be most helpful and supportive to the wider church through our work.