

# **Diocese of St Albans**



## **Admission of Baptised Children to Communion before Confirmation:**

### **A Selection of Resources**

**This selection is not exhaustive. Most of the suggestions are Anglican in origin and outlook. There are a few examples from the Roman Catholic perspective (a search in their publishers' catalogues will give an even greater choice). Keep an eye out on the Children's Work pages of the Diocesan Website for newly published materials.**

## **Exploration**

- Stephen Lake      **Let the Children come to Communion**  
SPCK (2006)                      ISBN: 0 281 05795 8  
This book summarizes the relevant practice, information and theology and shares the experience of some who have already taken this step. A useful starting point for parishes considering admitting children to Communion.
- **Godly Play materials, such as "The Good Shepherd and World Communion", can be used both to explore and to teach.**  
The Diocesan Resources Centre can lend both materials and Godly Play books. The Children's Work Advisers would be happy to discuss the use of Godly Play materials with you.
- Ed. Diane Craven and Mark Stafford      **About to Receive: resources for exploring the Eucharist**  
Diocese of Southwark                      ISBN: 0-904129-19-5

## **Preparation and Follow-up**

- Pedley, Betty and Muir, John      **Come and Join the Celebration**  
National Society (2001)                      ISBN 0 7151 4947 4  
This book aims to help parishes to think further about how to include children in their Eucharistic worship. It includes guidance, activities, resource sheets and ideas for preparing children to receive Communion before Confirmation.
- Edwards, June      **Sharing Our Faith: Involving people with learning and communication difficulties in the spiritual life of the parish community: Preparing for First Eucharist**  
Matthew James, 1997                      ISBN: 1898366284

This resource uses a sensory approach to introduce the Eucharist in fifteen sessions to those with learning and communication difficulties.

- Harding, Nick      **SHARE: A Communion Preparation Course for 7-11's**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2002                      ISBN: 1840039272

Pre-confirmation. 5 children's sessions including Bible activities, games, prayers & practical ideas. Subjects covered - God's work, God's word, God's way, God's meal and God's future. + 2 parent sessions

- Pearce, Steve & Diana Murrie      **Children and Holy Communion**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2003                      ISBN: 1844171515

Developed by the Church of England to enable children to learn about and reflect upon the Eucharist. It includes a six session course for children aged 7-11 years.

- Rylands, Paddy **Journey Together Towards first Holy Communion**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2000 ISBN: 1840036087

A preparation resource specifically aimed at parents of catechists. It provides a variety of readings, poems and guidelines for those developing preparation courses.

- Talbot-Ponsonby, Jill **I Belong**  
Redemptorist, 2001 ISBN: 0852311729

A programme for parents and children that includes themes, such as parenthood, mercy and glory, drawn from the celebration of Communion and firmly rooted in everyday experience. The programme includes a leader's guide, parent's guide and children's workbook.

- Treasure, Geoff **One Foot in the Water**  
CPAS, 2001 ISBN: -

A series of 6 teaching sessions which form an activity pack to help children understand the significance of baptism and prepare for admission to Holy Communion.

- Urquhart, Aileen **Let's Go to Holy Communion**  
Redemptorist,

Provides a step-by-step guide to the Communion Service for children with activity pages to help children understand and concentrate on each section of the service and its purpose.

- Withers, Margaret  
**Welcome to the Lord's Table: An ecumenical course for preparing children to receive Holy Communion**  
BRF, 1999 (*Now revised*) ISBN: 184101043X

10 teaching units including introduction to belief, baptism, scripture, discipleship, prayer and worship, forgiveness, resurrection, Holy Communion.

- Withers, Margaret **Welcome to the Lord's Table: Activity Book**  
BRF, 1999 (*Now revised*) ISBN: 1 84101 044 8

A colourful and attractive collection of activities to complement each unit of the course

## Liturgies

- Gill Ambrose, Peter Craig-Wild, Diane Craven and Mary Hawes  
**Together for a Season – All-age seasonal resources for Advent Christmas and Epiphany.** (*Includes CD-ROM*)  
CHP 2006 ISBN: 0-7151-4062-0

Drawing on material in *Common Worship: Times and Seasons* this book is aimed at those who plan and lead worship, as well as those working with adults and children in groups. A rich source of creative, multi-sensory suggestions designed to enrich the seasonal liturgy, including some fully worked-out all-age services

- Gill Ambrose, Peter Craig-Wild, Diane Craven and Peter Moger  
**Together for a Season – All-age seasonal resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter.** (Includes CD-ROM)  
CHP 2007 ISBN: 978-0-7151-4063-5

The second in this series offering imaginative suggestions for all-age worship and more to encourage the participation of the whole people of God.

- Francis, Leslie & Drayson, Diane **His Spirit is with us**  
Kevin Mayhew ISBN: 1 84417 018 7

A flexible project-based programme covering 31 Eucharistic themes, this is an update of *Bread for all God's Family* (published by Gracewing). It can be used as an all-age, whole congregation project or in a variety of ways with children in Sunday, midweek or holiday groups. The layout is simple, clear and easy to use, and there are copyright free photocopyable worksheets. There are also suggestions for hymns and other worship resources.

- **The Lord is Here**  
Kevin Mayhew ISBN: 1 84417 017 9

An illustrated Communion book for Common Worship aimed at 4-8 year olds. The pictures link the worship of the church to the children's experiences and way of thinking.

- Pedley, Betty & Muir, John **Children in the Church**  
National Society, 1997 ISBN: 0715148850

Practical advice on the involvement of children in all aspects of the communion service and a range of all-age services.

- Sayers, Susan **Bread and Wine People**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2001 ISBN: 184003694X

An all-age programme to enable a whole church approach to exploring the meaning of communion. Relating to Common Worship it explores the difficulties of an all-age faith community and celebrates the diversity of such congregations.

- Swain, Sharon  
**The New Sermon Slot: All-Age Ideas for the Common Worship Lectionary Year C**  
SPCK, 2000 ISBN: 0281051917

This provides practical and imaginative ideas for all-age worship for each week of Year C of the Common Worship Lectionary. It offers advice to help parishes devise all-age services relevant to their own congregations

- Thomas, Stuart **Come to the Feast: All-Age Services for Common Worship**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2002 ISBN: 1840039752

All-age services for each Sunday of the year and for a number of festivals including All Saints Day, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. The structure of all-age Eucharistic services is considered and suggestions for further development discussed.

- Thompson, Katie **Complete Children's Liturgy Book**  
Kevin Mayhew, 1995 ISBN: 0862096367

A comprehensive programme for each Sunday of the lectionary including discussion ideas, activities and worksheets.

## Teaching

### Teaching to Accompany the Common Worship Lectionary

- Francis, Leslie & Drayson, Diane **Learning with the Sunday Gospels**  
Mowbray

An all-age resource providing themes associated with the weekly Gospel readings of the Common Worship Lectionary. Each theme is explored using a variety of activities, discussion starters and ideas for both children and adults. It may be used in both churches and church schools.

- **Roots: Children and Young People**  
Methodist Publishing House

A bi-monthly magazine providing a varied selection of weekly activities closely linked to the Lectionary cycle. The linked website enables topical issues to be addressed when required.

- Murrie, Diana **My Communion book: A Child's Guide to Holy Communion**  
National Society, 2001 ISBN: 0715149466

Encourages children to reflect on each aspect of the Communion service.

- Murrie, Diana & Bruce, Hamish **Worship through the Christian Year**  
CHP

A collection of practical resources to help leaders to plan all-age services for each week of the Common Worship Lectionary. It includes Bible readings, all-age activities, drama, music, stories and intercessions.

- Withers, Margaret & Pinchin Tony  
**Celebration! Celebrating for all God's Family**  
Gracewing, 1996 ISBN: 085244348X

Explores the principles of all-age Eucharist and the worship involved and concludes with 15 all-age services.

- Partners Together in Learning **Celebrating Together**  
NCEC, 1999 ISBN: 071970944 X

A four week programme designed to encourage churches to work on an all-age basis to discover the importance of Communion to Christians, explore the words, objects and symbols.

*(Please Note: We cannot guarantee these books will remain in print. The later the publishing date, the more likely you will be able to obtain them. Many of these resources can be found at the Diocesan Resources Centre to borrow/buy)*