

# 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 and Background Reading**

### **Let the Children come to Communion**

Stephen Lake; pub.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.

[www.spckpublishing.co.uk/shop/let-the-children-come-to-communion](http://www.spckpublishing.co.uk/shop/let-the-children-come-to-communion)

### **Children at Communion**

Lloyd; pub. Grove Books

ISSN: 0144 1728 £3.95

Brief introduction to ways a service of Holy Communion might be planned so that children can more fully participate.

[www.grovebooks.co.uk/cart.php?target=product&product\\_id=17453&category\\_id=265](http://www.grovebooks.co.uk/cart.php?target=product&product_id=17453&category_id=265)

### **Children's Spirituality**

Nye; pub Church House Publishing

ISBN: 9780715140277 £8.99

Essential reading for understanding how children's spirituality and faith grow and are nurtured.

[www.chpublishing.co.uk/product.asp?id=2395003](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/product.asp?id=2395003)

### **Come and Join the Celebration**

Pedley, Betty and Muir, John; 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.

[www.amazon.co.uk/Come-Join-Celebration-Experience-Communion/dp/0715149474](http://www.amazon.co.uk/Come-Join-Celebration-Experience-Communion/dp/0715149474)

## **Resources to Use with Children for Preparation and Follow-up**

### **Children & Holy Communion**

Murrie & Pearce; pub. Kevin Mayhew

ISBN: 9781844171514 £14.99

Very good basic introduction with a simple, 6 part preparation session

[www.kevinmayhew.com/children-holy-communion-revised.html](http://www.kevinmayhew.com/children-holy-communion-revised.html)

### **Welcome to the Lord's Table**

Withers; pub. BRF £12.99

A Communion preparation course for 6 – 11s. A children's activity book is also available.

[www.brfonline.org.uk/9781841015040/](http://www.brfonline.org.uk/9781841015040/)

### **I Belong**

Urquart; pub. Redemptorist Publications

ISBN: 9780852311707 £15.50

A Common Worship version of the Roman Catholic material. Leader's Guide for a Communion Preparation course. Children's and parents' books also available.

[www.rpbooks.co.uk/product\\_details.php?category\\_id=17182&item\\_id=1359](http://www.rpbooks.co.uk/product_details.php?category_id=17182&item_id=1359)

## **Roman Catholic Material which may be helpful**

### **Called to His Supper**

Leichner; pub. Our Sunday Visitor

ISBN: 9781592763498 £10.38

Catechist's Roman Catholic Communion Preparation course from America. Children's book also available

[www.eden.co.uk/shop/called-to-his-supper-1180134.html](http://www.eden.co.uk/shop/called-to-his-supper-1180134.html)

### **Meet Christ with Joy**

Brown; pub. Kevin Mayhew

ISBN: 9780862091729 £7.99

Roman Catholic Communion preparation course for children.

Parents/Catechist's book also available

[www.kevinmayhew.com/christian-books/catholic-resources/sacramental/meet-christ-with-joy.html](http://www.kevinmayhew.com/christian-books/catholic-resources/sacramental/meet-christ-with-joy.html)

## Liturgical Resources

### **The Feast is Ready to Begin**

Nicholls; pub. Kevin Mayhew

ISBN: 9781848671768 £15.99

EXCELLENT book on All-Age Eucharist based on Common Worship. 14 outlines following the church year, with very good 'how to' material in the introduction.

[www.kevinmayhew.com/the-feast-is-ready-to-begin.html](http://www.kevinmayhew.com/the-feast-is-ready-to-begin.html)

### **Spiritual Garments**

McCann; pub. Decani Books £8.99

Written to help Roman Catholic primary teachers know and understand liturgy. Very good, practical book on leading worship with children and helping children become leaders of worship.

[www.decanimusic.co.uk/acatalog/Decani\\_books.html](http://www.decanimusic.co.uk/acatalog/Decani_books.html)

### **All-Age Everything**

Harding; pub. Kevin Mayhew

ISBN: 9781848671775 £15.99

A book full of liturgical worship resources (greetings, confessions, creeds, intercessions, blessings, visuals etc) which are interactive and designed for all age worship.

[www.kevinmayhew.com/christian-books/all-age-worship/all-age-everything.html](http://www.kevinmayhew.com/christian-books/all-age-worship/all-age-everything.html)

### **Together for a Season...**

Drawing on material in *Common Worship: Times and Seasons*, this series 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.

### **Together for a Season – All-age seasonal resources for Advent Christmas and Epiphany** (Includes CD-ROM)

Gill Ambrose, Peter Craig-Wild, Diane Craven and Mary Hawes; CHP 2006

ISBN: 0-7151-4062-0

### **Together for a Season – All-age seasonal resources for Lent, Holy Week and Easter** (Includes CD-ROM)

Gill Ambrose, Peter Craig-Wild, Diane Craven and Peter Moger; CHP 2007

ISBN: 978-0-7151-4063-5

**Together for a Season: All Age Resources for Feasts and Festivals of the Christian Year**

Gill Ambrose, Tom Ambrose, Alison Booker, Peter Craaig-Wild, Diane Craven, Jan Dean and Margaret Withers; pub. Church House Publishing  
ISBN No: 9780715140642

**Resources to help congregations think through different ways of Celebrating Communion**

**Creative Communion**

Withers & Sledge; pub. BRF

ISBN: 9781841015330 £7.99

Workshops and preparation to help the whole church think through aspects of Communion.

[www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/9781841015330](http://www.barnabasinchurches.org.uk/9781841015330)

**Liturgies**

**Common Worship: Additional Eucharistic Prayers  
With Guidance on Celebrating the Eucharist with Children**

Pub: Church House Publishing

ISBN-13: 9780715122259

The increased participation of children in celebrations of the Eucharist and the growing practice of admitting children to communion have been notable features of the life of the Church of England in recent years. These additional Eucharistic prayers for Common Worship are designed for use where significant numbers of children are present, particularly in school worship.

**His Spirit is with us**

Francis, Leslie & Drayson, Diane; pub. Kevin Mayhew

ISBN: 1 84417 018 7

An innovative programme of education based on the Communion service and designed to support the illustrated Communion book, The Lord is Here! Ideal for churches which want to nurture adults and children within the richness of the liturgy.

[www.kevinmayhew.com/his-spirit-is-with-us.html](http://www.kevinmayhew.com/his-spirit-is-with-us.html)

### **The Lord is Here**

Pub: 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.

[www.kevinmayhew.com/the-lord-is-here.html](http://www.kevinmayhew.com/the-lord-is-here.html)

### **Come to the Feast: All-Age Services for Common Worship**

Thomas, Stuart; pub. 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.

[www.kevinmayhew.com/come-to-the-feast-revised.html](http://www.kevinmayhew.com/come-to-the-feast-revised.html)

## **Resources for Ongoing Nurture and Teaching**

### **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.

[www.rootsontheweb.com](http://www.rootsontheweb.com)

### **Creative Ideas for Children's Worship: Years A B and C**

Sarah Lenton; Pub: Canterbury Press Norwich

A resource book which can be used for All Age worship, School assemblies or children's groups during the Ministry of the Word. These books present a way in which children's groups can still share effectively in the Eucharist.

Sixty complete worship outlines are included and they feature: ready-to-use scripts to open up the Sunday Gospel for children of all ages, activities, games, and creative ideas, reproducible artwork and cartoons, simple responsive prayers to begin and end each session, and ideas for 'back in church' presentations to the adults by the children.

[www.chbookshop.co.uk/books/9781848252417/Creative-Ideas-for-Childrens-Worship-Year-C](http://www.chbookshop.co.uk/books/9781848252417/Creative-Ideas-for-Childrens-Worship-Year-C)

## **Resources for Children in Church**

### **Pray, Sing, Worship (paperback)**

Publisher SPCK

ISBN 9780281065905

This is a beautifully illustrated full-colour book which follows the structure of the *Common Worship* Holy Communion service. It is aimed at children aged 4-6. It could be used by a child in the service itself.

### **My Communion book: A Child's Guide to Holy Communion**

Murrie, Diana; pub. National Society, 2001

ISBN: 0715149466

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

[www.amazon.co.uk/My-Communion-Book-Childs-](http://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Communion-Book-Childs-Guide/dp/0715142259/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1358264967&sr=1-1)

[Guide/dp/0715142259/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1358264967&sr=1-1](http://www.amazon.co.uk/My-Communion-Book-Childs-Guide/dp/0715142259/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1358264967&sr=1-1)

### **Communion Cube**

Author(s): Diana Murrie, Margaret Withers; pub. Church House Publishing

This full-colour, ingenious cube is designed for children between 4 and 8 years old and it can be used during church as a fun way of taking children through the Communion service.

[www.chbookshop.co.uk/books/9780715149768/Communion-Cube](http://www.chbookshop.co.uk/books/9780715149768/Communion-Cube)

## **Parish Resources**

### **A register for recording those children admitted to communion**

[www.chbookshop.co.uk/books/9781853119415/Parish-Registers](http://www.chbookshop.co.uk/books/9781853119415/Parish-Registers)

### **Rites of Affirmation: Contains a liturgy for admitting Children to Communion**

[www.churchofengland.org/media/41166/ciritesofaff.pdf](http://www.churchofengland.org/media/41166/ciritesofaff.pdf)

**Please Note:** Some of these resources can be borrowed or seen at the Resources Centre. Call the Resources Department to see if books are available for inspection.