

# Using the President's Edition

## What it is

The President's Edition of *Common Worship: Services and Prayers for the Church of England* was published in December 2000. A large format book, with large clear type, it is designed for use principally by the President at a celebration of Holy Communion or the administration of Holy Baptism.

Although some priests prefer to produce their own presidential folders for use in worship, there is nevertheless a need for this book, which gathers under one cover all the texts from the main tranche of *Common Worship* published in 2000 that a presiding priest might need on both Sundays and weekdays.

## What it contains

Much of the material in the President's Edition is also to be found in the *Common Worship* 'main volume'. To help cross-referencing between the two volumes, pages in the President's Edition which also appear in the main volume have the page numbers from that volume given in **bold**.

There is also a significant quantity of material in the President's Edition which is not contained within the Main Volume. This additional material includes:

- Eucharistic Prefaces for use when pastoral offices (Marriages, Funerals and services of Wholeness and Healing) are celebrated within Holy Communion
- Collects and Post Communions for Lesser Festivals and Special Occasions
- A fuller range of Proper Prefaces and seasonal Blessings, commended by the House of Bishops
- Music for the Eucharistic Prayers

The inclusion of this material means that the President has access, within a single volume, to all the necessary presidential texts that might reasonably be needed for a Sunday or weekday celebration.

The President's Edition does not contain material published in *Common Worship: Times and Seasons* and in *Common Worship: Festivals* other than that which had already been authorized or commended by December 2000.

## How the book is set out

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## Using the President's Edition

The book is provided with ribbons, to enable the marking of pages, and ease of forward and backward movement. The President's Edition has been designed principally with use at the Holy Table in mind and, for that reason, the orders for Holy Communion are placed in the centre of the book, where it will most easily remain open on a bookstand or cushion.

There are, broadly, three sets of additional material for use with the main Order for Holy Communion:

- Collects and Post Communions for *individual Sundays and occasions*.
- Supplementary texts for use *throughout the year*. These are presented by genre in the order in which they would be used in a service.
- Seasonal provisions for use on *a group of Sundays and provisions for Pastoral Services*. These are grouped according to the occasion in a separate part of the book.

The pages preceding the orders for Holy Communion contain the Collects and Post Communions (in both modern and traditional language), and the pages immediately after the orders for Holy Communion contain seasonal material and supplementary texts.

The president should therefore put marker ribbons at those places in the book where departure from the main Order for Holy Communion may be necessary (i.e. where the 'variable texts' are to be found).

For example, at a celebration of Holy Communion Order One on the Fourth Sunday of Easter, the president would begin with the book open at page 393 (Holy Communion Order One).

Marker ribbons would be inserted for

- the Collect and Post Communion on page 98
- any of the required Supplementary Texts (e.g. one of the Forms of Intercession on page 541) and
- the seasonal provisions (Invitation to Confession, Gospel Acclamation, Introduction to the Peace, Eucharistic Prefaces and Blessing) on page 586.

If it were intended to sing all or part of the Eucharistic Prayer, further ribbons would be inserted at the appropriate pages (e.g. page 636 for Prayer A, and page 704 for the Proper Prefaces for Eastertide).

### **A note on music**

The President's Book includes musical settings of Eucharistic Prayers A to G for use in Order One and Prayer A and C for use in Order One in Traditional Language, a setting of the Prayer of Consecration in Order Two and settings of Prefaces. Full details of the contents of this section are given on page 633 of the President's Book and the rationale behind the various settings is explained on pages 634-635 and at

<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/liturgy/commonworship/texts/books/presed/musicintro.html>