

APPENDIX J**PUBLICATION OF PRAYER BOOK ADVISORY COMMITTEE****REPORT 2002****MEMBERSHIP**

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BACKGROUND

The General Synod in 1997 and 1998 agreed to undertake a total and thorough revision of the *Book of Common Prayer* to include traditional and contemporary texts. The target date for publication of a new edition of the *Book of Common Prayer* was set at 2004.

In September 1999 the Rev Canon JAB Mayne was appointed editor of the book and in September 2000 the Publication of Prayer Book Advisory Committee was established to assist him. The Committee has met four times, in December 2000, June 2001, September 2001 and January 2002.

WORK TO DATE

The Committee's work relates mainly to the content of the book and the editorial and production aspects as the texts passed by the General Synod come to the editor.

All material for inclusion in the book must be brought before the General Synod for approval by 2003 in order to meet the target publication date of 2004. Members of the Committee are proof-reading the material on an ongoing basis as it passes through the legislative process and the Committee is dealing with matters of consistency in relation to punctuation, spelling, capitalisation and the like as they arise. Inconsistencies will be corrected in a two-year "tidying up" bill to be brought before the General Synod in 2002 and 2003.

Current plans are to print desk and pew editions of the *Book of Common Prayer 2004* as well as a large print edition of selected relevant parts of the *Book of Common Prayer*. This last edition will be in a type size recommended by the Royal National Institute for the Blind to meet the needs of those with sight difficulties. The Church of Ireland will retain all electronic rights and the right to print a Braille edition.

The proposed publishers will supply the Committee with several blank dummies of the pew edition in the near future. It is planned to make the dummies available for inspection at the General Synod in 2003.

In September 2001 the proposed publisher's designer supplied sample pages for the book based on some of the material already approved by the General Synod. The design was modified according to the Committee's suggestions and the resulting style and layout can be seen in the book *Calendar and Collects* circulated to all serving clergy in 2001 and on sale to the general public. The Committee invited reactions to *Calendar and Collects* and has considered those received so far.

MARKET RESEARCH

In February 2002 the Committee sent a letter to all parishes requesting an estimate of their requirement for copies of all editions of the *Book of Common Prayer 2004*. The results of this research will help determine the first print run and will facilitate the preparation of costings for the production of the book.