

## EDITORIAL

This first issue of the Church Service Society News-Letter is both transitional and experimental. It is transitional in the same that it contains material originally submitted for the new discontinued 'Liturgical Review' and experimental in the sense that a new Editor is working with a typist and a new printer. In order to keep costs to a minimum, the material is being typed, photographically reduced by half, then printed by offset litho. There will be three issues each year.

The membership of the Society will wish to thank the past Editor, Dr. Douglas M. Murray, for all his services, and also his colleague in the United States, Dr. Ross Mackenzie. They succeeded in producing a journal of true scholarly worth whose demise, due to ever increasing costs, is sorely lamented.

This new and rather homespun publication will address itself more immediately to the needs of the ordinary parish minister. It will seek to encourage and maintain all that the Society recognizes as being basic and central to true Christian worship, while at the same time endeavouring to demonstrate to the wider Church that experimentation, exploration, and the development of entirely fresh forms may take place within the context of a continuity with, and faithfulness to, all that has gone on in the past.

The Editor will welcome contributions which reflect the constructive thinking and practice which is being carried out in our churches at the present time. Prayers, orders, outline addresses, music, and articles on parish worship will be gladly received and, if possible, given space.

It is hoped that our readers will be patient with us as we discover, through a process of trial and error, what is best for our Society to be expressing in its official publication. Readers' comments in the form of printable (or even unprintable !) letters will be appreciated and taken account of in the compilation of future issues.

In an age when worship is not only unprecedentedly diverse, but also sadly disintegrated, it is our mission as the Church Service Society to ensure that all worship is centred around the true and perfect divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ. But within this basic limit the possibilities for development and fresh thinking are limitless - as we hope to show in the years ahead.

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## WATCH THAT SPACE

The front cover of this first issue of the Record has a large blank space, Readers with an artistic bent are invited to submit their own suggestions as to how this space might suitably be filled. We are seeking a design or motif which will express the primary interest of our Society in worship.

The next meeting of the Editorial Board is June 9. Possible sketches for the front cover, together with any other material for the second issue, should be in the Editor's hands by that date. Articles should be typewritten on one side of the page only, with the number of words stated at the foot.