

SHORT NOTICE

Colin Buchanan: *Inflation Deployment and the Job Prospects of the Clergy* (Grove Books, Bramcote, Notts). pp. 16. 30p.

Colin Buchanan has produced a sequel to his 1972 *The Job Prospects of the Anglican Clergy* – bringing his conclusions up-to-date in the light of current ordination statistics, rates of inflation and the Sheffield report on deployment of the clergy in the Church of England. It makes depressing reading for anyone engaged in the full-time parochial ministry and its conclusions must be equally relevant to members of the Church of Scotland. Whilst ordination figures show signs of ceasing to decline, actual job prospects for Anglican clergy, through inflation and closures, are deteriorating. Buchanan is partisan – he makes no mention of non-stipendiary forms of ministry for example – but his worries for those already employed by the Church of England (and other churches too) are both real and important.

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