

The issue of *Anaphora* to hand at time of writing (Volume 3, Part 2, December 2009), as well as a substantial list of book reviews, contains papers on the following topics:

- how far the non-conformist Quaker conformed to the ideal of Quaker burial
- the impact of Ghanaian Methodism on Methodist worship in London
- liturgical authorship (when authorship is composite or anonymous)
- the Protoevangelium of James and the modern Roman rite: a case study in the structure of liturgical memory

Information about subscriptions to *Anaphora* (free to members of the SLS) can be had from the Revd Darren McFarland, Convener of the Liturgy Committee of the Scottish Episcopal Church and a member of the Church Service Society Council: rector@paisley2.freeserve.co.uk. Membership of the Society (subscription £20, payable each January) is open to anyone with an interest in the history, development and practice of Christian worship. Application forms may be downloaded from the Society's website or by contacting the Membership Secretary by email on secretary@studyliturgy.org.uk.

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SECRETARIAL NOTES

In common with the wider Church, the Church Service Society has been keen to acknowledge the various themes and anniversaries of 2009 and 2010. At our annual meeting in Edinburgh last year, for instance, Professor Alasdair Heron from the University of Erlangen marked the Year of Calvin with a fascinating lecture on Calvin, the Genevan Service Book and Psalter, while after the short business meeting at this year's AGM on 24th May Douglas Galbraith's Presidential Address also served as one of three Chalmers special lectures to mark the 450th anniversary of the Scottish Reformation.

But the Society is looking ahead as well as back, and our website has been taking shape and already receiving encouraging feedback. Check it out for yourself on www.churchservicesociety.org and see what you think. We'd be glad to hear your comments and even more glad to receive offers of help with the ongoing process of summarising articles in our publications. The website was officially launched after lunch at the Scottish Storytelling Centre during the course of our Study Day in October 2009, when the main subject matter revolved around the newly-published *Worship and Liturgy in Context* (SCM Press), edited by Past President Rev Prof Duncan Forrester and Rev Dr Doug Gay, of the University of Glasgow and now Principal of Trinity College. A number of contributors to this excellent volume were present to share their own thoughts and perspectives during a worthwhile day in Old St Paul's Scottish Episcopal Church, Jeffrey Street, in Edinburgh.

The Study Day took the form this autumn of an overnight conference at the Cathedral of the Isles and College of the Holy Spirit, Cumbrae, which focused on a paper from Rev. Principal Doug Gay, Trinity College, Glasgow, a version of which had been given earlier in the year as one of the three Chalmers special lectures to mark the 450th anniversary of the Scottish Reformation. Provocatively entitled 'Uncommon Order? Possible Futures of Worship in the Church of Scotland', it gave rise to searching discussion. This was augmented by a Skype conversation with former President of the Society, Rev. Prof. Bryan Spinks of Yale, who had just published *The Worship Mall* (SPCK), a survey and critique of alternative worship patterns, including those associated with 'emerging church' and 'fresh expressions', together with the burgeoning online resources which often served a 'consumerist' approach to worship. As part of the purpose of the conference, the Society reviewed its role in the contemporary Church as it approached the 150th anniversary of its founding in 1865.