

THE CHURCH SERVICE SOCIETY

The Church Service Society, founded in 1865 by a group of ministers of the Church of Scotland, celebrated its Centenary in 1965. The Society arose at a time when there was a reawakening of interest in the more seemly ordering of the worship of the Church. Its main object has been to study ancient and modern forms of prayer and to prepare services for public worship and for the sacraments and other ordinances of the Church more suitable in form and order than those which were then in use. The Society's first publication was *Euchologion* a Book of Common Order, in 1867. Other scholarly works followed, including the re-issue of historic Scottish post-Reformation service books, and these have earned the gratitude of the Church.

The United Presbyterian Church founded its Devotional Service Association in 1882, and the Free Church its Public Worship Association in 1891. These combined in 1900 to form the Church Worship Association of the United Free Church, and in turn it united with the Church Service Society after the Union of 1929. As now constituted the Society is therefore representative of the whole Church.

The Society's aims and purposes of a century ago have resulted in a great enrichment of public worship within the Church of Scotland, as is evidenced in the official service books issued by authority of the General Assembly. Through its activities and publications the Society has contributed towards a greater measure of order, reverence, beauty and reality in the worship of the Church.

It is clear that there is at the present time a remarkable revival of interest in worship in every branch of the Christian Church. The Church Service Society, by interpreting this world wide liturgical renewal fulfils a vital service within our own Church of Scotland. Discussion is initiated and guidance offered on all matters that come within the scope of worship, including the seemly ministration of the sacraments and other ordinances, the architectural setting of worship and the fuller use of Church music.

To further these aims the Church Service Society's Journal, *Liturgical Review*, is issued each year in May and November. This attractively printed volume has a large and growing sale not only in Scotland but also in the Commonwealth and overseas churches.

The Annual Meeting is held during Assembly Week and an annual autumn conference is convened on a regional basis for the discussion of matters of interest and concern to members.

The members are convinced that the contribution of the Society to the devotional and liturgical life of the Church is a vital one, and

are confident also that its aims are generally acceptable to the Church. The success of our witness, however, is largely dependent on the support of an enthusiastic and contributing membership. We hope for your interest in and support of the Society which exists to serve the Church at worship and to aid our fulfilment of the apostolic injunction, 'let all things be done decently and in order'.

The Annual Subscription of 75p entitles you to a post-free copy of the Journal twice yearly. Membership is open to all ministers, office-bearers and members of the Church of Scotland, and associate membership to all others interested.

You are cordially invited to become a member by completing the attached form.

ENROLMENT FORM

I wish to become* a Full Member of the Church Service Society
 an Associate Member
 a Student Member

and enclose the sum of* 75p/50p

Name (block letters please)

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*Full membership including post-free copies of the Journal and voting rights at Annual and other General Meetings

75p per annum

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75p per annum

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50p per annum

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