

SECRETARIAL NOTES

Our President, the Rev Marion Dodd, welcomed 44 members of the Church Service Society to the AGM in Greyfriars Kirk during General Assembly week in May 2005. After the short business meeting, former President the Rev Tom Davidson Kelly gave a stimulating talk entitled 'The Manna of Ecclesiology', a thoughtful reflection on contributions by members of the Church Service Society to the development of Scottish Ecclesiology. Appropriately, Tom's address was dedicated to the memory of the late Douglas Murray. As always after the AGM the discussion and fellowship continued over supper in the Kirkhouse.

The AGM marked the retirement of our Treasurer, Mr Andrew Stewart, after ten years of sterling service. These notes offer an ideal opportunity to put on record, as it were, the Society's gratitude to Andrew for all that he has done over the last decade. It is good also to be able to report that the Rev Jennifer Macrae has kindly offered to take on the Treasurer's responsibilities.

The annual Study Day took place in Kelso Old Parish Church on Thursday 6th October, when Marion Dodd guided us through some of the discussion and decision processes behind the compilation of the new hymn book, the Church Hymnary: Fourth Edition (CH4). Her fascinating revelations were interspersed with a selection of new hymns, and much appreciated by those present. A suitably ecumenical dimension came in the form of an excellent lunch provided in the Quaker Meeting House just across the road.

The creation of a Church Service Society website is still under review – suggestions and recommendations by members would still be welcome. In the meantime, a number of liturgical books have been added to the considerable Society Library, always available to members.