

SECRETARIAL NOTES

We were sorry to record the death of one of our longest-serving members, the Very Revd **Ted Luscombe**, former Bishop of Brechin. Ted's many small books on the history and development of liturgy and life in the Scottish Episcopal Church were much valued as increasing the awareness of the substantial contribution that Church made to the nation across the centuries.

The timing of the **Annual Meeting** was restored this year in that it took place during what was a 'hybrid' General Assembly in May 2022. Although this had to be organised at the last minute due to the difficulty of planning an Assembly in the twilight of the Covid outbreak, an important and substantial paper proposing work on a global Ecumenical Calendar was given by one of our members the Revd Alan Falconer DD, formerly of the World Council of Churches and of St Machar's Cathedral, Aberdeen. This proposal has been passed from the Society to the Joint Liturgical Group of Great Britain. The text of this paper is included in this issue of the *Record*. The meeting also heard from Fr Jamie McMorrin, to whom the Roman Catholic Church in Scotland has given the task of expanding its Calendar of Scottish saints.

We were glad to note that The Revd Dr **Martin Ritchie**, recently Secretary of the Church Service Society, has now been able to take up his post as minister at the Presbyterian Church in Tenafly, New Jersey, the necessary visas now having been obtained. An early event is to be the reconstruction of a typical service from the early years of the Scottish Reformation, which Martin had previously prepared for the Haddington event which is now recorded on our website.

The Society has been glad to resume its pattern of an annual **Study Day**. An event has been planned for Friday February 24th 2023 based on the theme 'Streaming the Sunday Service', when speakers and participants will examine recent experience as well as consider what lessons have been learned about our worship practices in general. It will be in Holy Trinity Church, Stirling, at the kind invitation of the Rector, Christoph Wutscher, who represents the SEC's Liturgy Committee on the Society's Council.

A new feature is appearing on the Society's **website** in the form of a growing 'bank' of simple arrangements of hymn tunes. These may be used by beginner

pianists, who are either called on in an emergency or, even better, nurtured by congregations and given experience that might lead in the future to a regular commitment. These arrangements can also help those of long experience whose agility is becoming impaired. The arrangements are made by a number of people and the project is edited by Brigitte Harris (director of music at Morningside United Church) and Michael Harris (Master of Music at St Giles' Cathedral). It is made possible by a generous grant from the Church Hymnary Trustees.