



Editorial

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This issue of the *Journal of Anglican Studies* is a little different from earlier issues in that we are not publishing any book reviews. We have rather taken up a number of very important issues which are critical in the way in which the Anglican Communion faces the next few years, and are especially urgent in the light of the forthcoming Lambeth Conference. We publish three pairs of articles in this issue. The first pair deal directly with global issues in the Anglican family. We publish a write-up of a lecture David Ford gave to the Society for the Study of Anglicanism. We have published lectures before from Rowan Williams and Stephen Sykes and from time to time we will publish such lectures from leading scholars in the Anglican world. The second article of global concern is a critique of the Windsor Report by Darren Marks.

The second pair of articles relate to specific member churches on subjects which are of global concern. Ecclesiology in the case of Stephen Pickard and an aspect of the life of the Church of England after the ordination of women as priests.

The third pair deal with issues of current importance in the light of two authors who have been regarded as classic Anglicans—Richard Hooker and William Temple. Esther Reed takes up the issue of the exercise of authority from Hooker and Wendy Dackson takes up the issue of a public theology from Temple.

The *Journal of Anglican Studies* has a long-term horizon and despite the continuing debates and conflict in the Anglican Communion we see our vocation to be set within the understanding that this tradition of Christian faith has proved to be resilient because it sustains important elements of the universal faith. Furthermore these elements are likely to be increasingly important for Christianity as whole. Despite the storms of the present generation this faith tradition will look back on our time with interest and probably some gentle, albeit wry, amusement. We expect that they will do so while reading an issue of the *JAS*.