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The articles collected here shed new light on the significance of rites of passage in the churches, and on ways of marking them. Importantly, they also broaden the concept of rites of passage to include events and experiences other than those marked by the Church's pastoral offices. The result is a rich collection of articles which demonstrate the importance of this theme. We are grateful to Professor Knight for proposing the theme and for her leadership of the society during this complex period. We wish also to thank the society's Conference Secretary, Professor Elizabeth Tingle, for her careful planning which ensured the smooth running of the Summer Conference and Winter Meeting. Thanks are due also to the society's Secretary and Treasurer, Dr Jacqueline Rose and Simon Jennings, for their ongoing work and support.

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Preface

The Ecclesiastical History Society offers two annual prizes for articles accepted for publication in *Studies in Church History*. In this volume, the Kennedy Prize, for the best contribution by a postgraduate student, has been awarded to Tim Yung for his article “‘Does God Mind?’ Reshaping Chinese Anglican Rituals, *c.*1877–1940.’ The President’s Prize, for the best contribution by an early career scholar, was awarded to Conor O’Brien, ‘The Origins of Royal Anointing.’ These articles both draw on careful scholarship to offer an innovative exploration of the theme.

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Abbreviations

<i>ActaSS</i>	J. Bolland and G. Henschen, eds, <i>Acta sanctorum</i> (Antwerp etc., 1643–)
BIA	Borthwick Institute for Archives
BL	British Library
BM	Bibliothèque municipale
BnF	Bibliothèque nationale de France
Bodl.	Bodleian Library
CChr.CM	Corpus Christianorum, continuatio medievalis (1966–)
CChr.SG	Corpus Christianorum, series Graeca (1974–)
CChr.SL	Corpus Christianorum, series Latina (Turnhout, 1953–)
CERS	Church of England Record Society
<i>ChH</i>	<i>Church History</i> (1932–)
CSCO	Corpus Scriptorum Christianorum Orientalium (Paris, 1903–)
CUL	Cambridge University Library
CYS	Canterbury and York Society
EETS	Early English Text Society
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i> (1886–)
ET	English translation
HBS	Henry Bradshaw Society
HC Deb.	House of Commons Debates
<i>HistJ</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i> (1958–)
HL Deb.	House of Lords Debates
<i>HR</i>	<i>Historical Research</i> (1986–)
<i>JEH</i>	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i> (1950–)
<i>JHC</i>	<i>Journal of the House of Commons</i>
LMA	London Metropolitan Archive
LPL	Lambeth Palace Library
MGH AA	Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Auctores antiquissimi, 15 vols (1877–1919)
MGH Conc., Ord.	Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Ordines de celebrando concilio (1996)
MGH Epp.	Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Epistolae (1887–)

Abbreviations

MGH LL nat. Germ.	Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Leges nationum Germanicarum (1892–)
MGH Poetae	Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Poetae Latinae Medii Aevi (1881–)
MGH SRG i.u.s.	Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Scriptores rerum Germanicarum in usum scholarum seperatim editi (1871–)
MGH SRM	Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Scriptores rerum Merovingicarum, 7 vols (1884–1951)
MGH SS	Monumenta Germaniae Historica, Scriptores (in folio) (1826–)
n.d.	no date
n.f.	neue folge
n.pl.	no place
n.s.	new series
<i>ODNB</i>	H. C. G. Matthew and Brian Harrison, eds, <i>Oxford Dictionary of National Biography</i> , 63 vols (Oxford, 2004), and subsequent online versions
o.s.	old series
Parl. Deb.	Parliamentary Debates
<i>PBA</i>	<i>Proceedings of the British Academy</i> (1904–)
PG	J.-P. Migne, ed., <i>Patrologia Graeca</i> , 161 vols (Paris, 1857–66)
PL	J.-P. Migne, ed., <i>Patrologia Latina</i> , 217 vols + 4 index vols (Paris, 1844–65)
<i>P&P</i>	<i>Past and Present</i> (1952–)
SCH	Studies in Church History (1964–)
SCH Sub	Studies in Church History Subsidia, 14 vols (1978–2012)
TNA	The National Archives
<i>TRHS</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i> (1871–)
TTH	Translated Texts for Historians

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