

THE SOCIETY'S AGM : 24th MARCH 1990

The Annual General Meeting took place in Westminster Cathedral Conference Centre, in the course of the Society's Day Conference, with business alternating with other Conference activities.

The great loss to the Society represented by the death of Chancellor Graham Routledge was recorded at the beginning of the Report presented by the Acting Chairman, Chancellor Edwards. A new positive development, however, was the appointment of an Executive Officer to help with the growing volume of membership and Journal business, in the person of the Venerable David Scott.

Encouragement was also given to the working parties to continue in their labours and if possible publish papers for general consideration. However, the point was made that nothing should be published in the Society's name which had not first been approved by the General Committee. Wide dissemination of a draft paper, or of a working party's submission to the Society, was quite in order, but the precise status of such a paper would need to be made clear.

Further reports from Officers revealed a steady membership around 385 (though still a shortage of episcopal members); a healthy financial balance in the accounts as at 31st December 1989; and the latest state of preparation for the weekend conference to be held in Cardiff in Spring 1991.

Tribute was paid to Raymond Hemingray for past services in the production of the Journal, and the new Executive Officer explained the role which he was taking on and the secretarial arrangements which had been made to support this.

A discussion on the Society's Journal then took place, in which the Editor invited members' views and indicated that correspondence was welcomed and the importance of deadlines.

Working parties reported progress – including a Diocesan Synod motion seeking to implement recommendations on Boards of Finance; the results of analysis of a questionnaire on Visitations; and a recent training day for Archdeacons in the south of England. A point about liaison between working parties would be met by a convenors' meeting being organised in Cardiff.

The results of elections taking place at the AGM appear from the current list of the General Committee on the first page of the Journal.

Training for Archdeacons

Members will recall that last autumn a very successful consultation day was held for recently appointed Archdeacons. As a result of some further encouragement, the exercise is to be repeated on Monday, 8th October, 1990. The venue is likely to be St. Paul's Chapter House and Archdeacons interested in attending are requested to get in touch with the Archdeacon of Northolt, 71 Gayton Road, Harrow, Middlesex HA1 2LY. Tel. 081 863 1530. The subjects for consultation and discussion will include the new Care of Churches Measure which is likely to be on its way through Parliament at the time.

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Residential Conference 1991

12-14 APRIL

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ESTABLISHMENT – BANE OR BLESSING?

Exploration of this theme will include contributions from distinguished speakers representing the Church in Wales and the Church of England. Particular attention will be paid to:

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The interests of the Society's working parties will also be represented in the conference timetable.

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