



THE PRAYER
BOOK OF
1662

Students at Kings College London's faculty of theology in the 1950's, worshipped on Sunday mornings at Anglican churches in the capital according to their liturgical preferences. Some may have gone to All Souls, Langham Place, which had the reputation at the time of being very 'low-church' ; others to the Church of the Annunciation, Marble Arch - extremely 'High'. But on week-day mornings, in the College chapel, all would come together for Morning Prayer using the 1662 Prayer Book.

The 1662 Prayer Book evolved during the tumultuous period when official religion swung from one extreme to the other - from Protestantism under Edward VI's reign to Catholicism during the reign of Mary. And it was Cranmer's genius to devise a liturgy which, to some extent, satisfied both factions.

The language is elegant and splendid: This prayer used before receiving Holy Communion is just one example.

"We do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy"

Parishioners at Aisholt treasure the liturgy of the 1662 Prayer Book and are anxious to keep it alive; so if parishioners of other churches in the benefice feel they could pay us an occasional visit on Sunday mornings (11 a.m.), we should be grateful for their support.

Spaxton & District Oil Consortium

Earlier in the year, the email address for the Oil Consortium was changed to

spaxtonoilta5@outlook.com

Although we tried hard to make sure that all members of the Consortium were aware of this change, we are still hearing of people who have not got the message. If that includes you, please note the change of email address as the old address is now no longer usable.

The next delivery of oil will be made at the end of July and the order forms will be sent out by email and also available from the counter of Waterman's garage on 10th July. If you are not yet part of the Consortium and would like to join, or want more information about how it works, please get in touch.

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