

EDITORIAL

“CRISIS”

Spiralling inflation, rising costs and restrictive practices are hastening the day when printing will defeat itself as a means of communication.

Liturgical Review faces its share of all this, and space will have to be cut to 40 pages for the 1978 numbers. Economies are being worked on and in 1979 we might have to revert to a single number, but *even this may be in jeopardy* if the Church Service Society does not have a larger annual income to meet the costs. It seems unlikely that this can be achieved by any increase in the amount of subscription. The only answer is an *increase in MEMBERSHIP*. If every ministerial member of the Society persuaded ONE of his congregation to join, the Society could be almost doubled in size and strengthened at the same time. We need younger ministers and theological students also. Members and correspondents it is your crisis. YOU must act *NOW* to save the situation.

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Churches faced with lack of an organ or organist might find temporary help through recorded music. Apply in the first instance to Mr William D. Bernard, Forfar Old Parish Church, who has experience of this possibility.

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Now that drive-on-drive-off ferries are so common more churches ought to have their summer announcements of hours of services etc. at least in French and German if not in other languages as well. The continental practice of advertising types and hours of services on a special sign at the entrance to towns and villages might well be looked at more closely.

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We now have more formal teaching in ‘Practical Theology’ than was known in 1929 yet there appears to be a clear lack in Scotland of men with knowledge of, and expertise in, liturgy. The Society might well provide an elementary ‘Guide to Liturgy in the Light of the needs of the Church of Scotland’!