

THE CHURCH SERVICE SOCIETY AUTUMN MEETING

One of the attractions of a Society such as ours is that it provides a fellowship for like-minded persons whose concern is to maintain standards of worship and to deepen their understanding of them. At times the Society has appeared to some as a sort of bastion of tradition, a gathering of high-church enthusiasts, or orthodox conservatives. There may well have been grounds for thinking so because it is organisations such as this which have adhered to important principles in times of change and confusion. Since the Second World War theological ferment and social change have influenced thinking on modes of worship, and rekindled interest in liturgical matters. If at such a time the tendency of the Church Service Society has been conservative on the whole, it must also be said that the publications of the Society have reflected and often promoted many new and forward-looking ideas, thus contributing much valuable material for the guidance and general interest of its readers. The Council is only too well aware of all this and has accordingly decided that the time is ripe for some form of outreach so that its aims and objects should be more widely known, and its image clarified.

It is now proposed to have a special meeting on Monday 21st October at 10.30 am in order to discuss future policy, and to consider at the same time some aspects of worship which we regard as of current interest and importance not only to members but to non-members. It is therefore to be seen as something of an open meeting, and those attending are encouraged to invite others to join with us on that day.

The meeting will take place at Dundee Parish Church (St Mary's). Following opening devotions it is intended that there should be papers on Art as an aid to worship, and the use of CH3 as a manual of devotion, and thereafter there will be general discussion on the place and purpose of the Society in the Church today. The proceedings will conclude with a short epilogue finishing at about 4 pm. A slip is enclosed in this issue of 'The Record' for those wishing to attend.

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PRESIDENT

FOOTNOTE: The paper on Art will be delivered by the Revd Andrew J Scobie, Cardross, and that on CH3 by the Revd James M Annand, Lockerbie. WCN