

## WORKING PARTIES

*Establishment:* (Convener; The Revd. Roger Brown, The Vicarage, Church Street, Welshpool, Powys SY21 7DP)

This group was set up at the Cardiff Conference in 1991. It has identified areas calling for detailed consideration – patronage, marriage and peculiars to name but three. It is preparing a bibliography and intends to go on to consider the effect of the ordination of women to the priesthood. Additional members are welcome. The group meets in various parts of England for the convenience of members.

*Peculiars:* (Convener; Mr John Holden, 49 Brooklands Road, Towneley, Burnley, Lancs. BB11 3PR)

This group was set up at the London Conference in 1992. It is primarily engaged in the scholarly approach of categorising all the peculiars in the Church of England, and what particular attributes they possess. There are believed to be up to fifty and it is hoped to produce a definitive list. The work is done mainly through correspondence. The group wishes to emphasise that the word ‘peculiar’ relates to jurisdiction and not to the relevant building. There is some confusion and uncertainty at the present time regarding jurisdiction e.g. whether the faculty jurisdiction applies. Paul Barber hopes to write a preliminary article for publication in the Journal. Any members with expertise and interest in this topic are welcome.

*Legal Education:* (Convener; The Revd. John Masding, Hamstead Vicarage, Walsall Road, Birmingham, W Midlands B42 1ES)

This working party is writing a ‘child’s guide’ on ecclesiastical law to be given to deacons on ordination. It is also engaged in preparing a popular course for churchwardens and other leading laity in parishes. It has in mind a national certificate validated by the Society. It hopes to draw on material in the LL.M. course at Cardiff. Those with teaching skills are particularly welcome.

*Training Archdeacons:* (Convener; Mr David Cheetham, St. Albans Diocesan Registry, 41 Holywell Hill, St. Albans, Herts AL1 1HD)

This group successfully launched courses for new archdeacons and these are being held regularly in conjunction with archdeacons’ conferences and Marc Europe. Chancellor Bullimore and the Society’s Members had addressed meetings. The next conference is planned for 1995.

*Civil Preliminaries to Marriage:* (Convener; The Revd. Michael Smith, Silverton Rectory, 21A King Street, Silverton, Devon EX5 4JG)

This group is in the early stages of its work and has sent out a questionnaire to registrars. It is particularly concerned about residence qualifications.

*Marriage following Divorce:*

This group has concluded its work and its report ((1992) 2 Ecc LJ 359) has been sent to the House of Bishops.

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