



DIOCESE OF YORK

## **Resources List for:**

Admission of  
Baptized Children  
to Communion  
before Confirmation

## Preparation

Preparing Children for Admission to Holy Communion

- ❖ Brown, Joan      **Celebrating with Children**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2000      ISBN: 1840034815

Ten Roman Catholic liturgical celebrations to use with children who are preparing to receive Communion. Designed for use in both schools and parishes and to enable children to be involved in a meaningful way.

- ❖ Brown, Joan      **Enjoying Mass: A resource for teachers and catechists**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2002      ISBN: 1840039736

A book that explores the structure, purpose and celebration of Mass. The first section aims to bring liturgy to life and give it relevance to children. The second presents examples of parts of the Mass to familiarise children with the purpose, preparation and celebration of each section

- ❖ Brown, Joan      **Meet Christ with Joy: Preparation for Holy Communion**  
Kevin Mayhew, 1991      ISBN: 0862091721

A colourful activity book for parents to use with their children as they prepare for first Communion. Through activities, prayers, Bible stories and celebrations the book aims to relate Mass to everyday experience.

- ❖ Brown, Joan      **Parents' and Catechists' Companion to  
'Loved and Forgiven' and 'Meet Christ with Joy'**  
Kevin Mayhew, 1999      ISBN: 1840034742

A companion volume to the preparation courses 'Loved and Forgiven' and 'Meet Christ with Joy'. It comprises five units of home and group sessions covering the themes community, prayer, good news, celebration and remembering. It aims to relate Catholic faith to everyday experiences.

- ❖ Byrne, A. et al      **My Eucharistic Journey in Here I Am**  
Collins, 1997      ISBN: 0003176711

Closely linked to Here I Am programme this book provides worksheets and activities to introduce the themes of Eucharist.

- ❖ The Church in Wales **Blessed be God Forever – Nurturing Children in Holy Communion**  
Church in Wales Publications, 2005      ISBN: 0853261105

- ❖ The Church in Wales **Children and Holy Communion – Guidelines and Resources for Parishes**  
Church in Wales Publications, 2005      ISBN: 0853261113

- ❖ Cronin, Gaynell      **The Table of the Lord**  
Ave Maria Press, 1986      ISBN: 0877933251

A Roman Catholic preparation programme including a Family book, Director's Manual and Child's Workbook. Sessions include celebrating, forgiving, listening, caring, giving, sharing, remembering, belonging, receiving and serving.

- ❖ Pedley, Betty      **Children and the Eucharist: A Resource Pack**  
Diocese of Wakefield,      ISBN: -

A simple introduction to the service of Holy Communion with activities for children

- ❖ Edwards, June      **Sharing Our Faith: Involving people with learning and communication difficulties in the spiritual life of the parish community: Preparing for First Eucharist**  
Matthew James, 1997      ISBN: 1898366284

This resource uses a sensory approach to introduce the Eucharist in fifteen sessions to those with learning and communication difficulties.

- ❖ Harding, Nick      **SHARE: A Communion Preparation Course for 7-11's**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2002      ISBN: 1840039272

Pre-confirmation. 5 children's sessions including Bible activities, games, prayers & practical ideas. Subjects covered - God's work, God's word, God's way, God's meal and God's future. + 2 parent sessions

- ❖ Leichner, Jeannine      **Joy, Joy The Mass: Our Family Celebration with Parent-Teacher Notes**  
Our Sunday Visitor, 1977      ISBN: 0879733500

A simple activity-oriented presentation of the basic ideas of mass for young children.

- ❖ Mordefroid, Marie-Paul      **I am Preparing for My First Communion**  
McCrimmons, 2000      ISBN: 0855976187

A presentation of Mass that focuses on Jesus' meeting with Zacchaeus. It introduces the parts of the Mass explaining the purpose of each section.

- ❖ Pate, Jenny      **The Lord Be With You: Introducing the Mass to Children**  
McCrimmons, 1997      ISBN: 0855975792

A Roman Catholic developmental approach to understanding mass. It introduces both adults and children to subjects including Liturgy of the Word, Liturgy of the Eucharist and Preparation of the Gifts.

- ❖ Pearce, Steve & Diana Murrie      **Children and Holy Communion**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2003      ISBN: 1844171515

Developed by the Church of England to enable children to learn about and reflect upon the Eucharist. It includes a six session course for children aged 7-11 years.

- ❖ Rylands, Paddy      **Journey Together Towards first Holy Communion**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2000      ISBN: 1840036087

A preparation resource specifically aimed at parents of catechists. It provides a variety of readings, poems and guidelines for those developing preparation courses.

- ❖ Talbot-Ponsonby, Jill      **I Belong**  
Redemptorist, 2001      ISBN: 0852311729

A programme for parents and children that includes themes, such as parenthood, mercy and glory, drawn from the celebration of Communion and firmly rooted in everyday experience. The programme includes a leader's guide, parent's guide and children's workbook.

- ❖ Treasure, Geoff      **One Foot in the Water**  
CPAS, 2001      ISBN: -

A series of 6 teaching sessions which form an activity pack to help children understand the significance of baptism and prepare for admission to Holy Communion

- ❖ Urquhart, Aileen **Let's Go to Mass**  
Redemptorist, 1999 ISBN: 085231194X

Provides a step-by-step guide to Mass for children with activity pages to help children understand and concentrate on each section of the service and its purpose.

- ❖ Wilson, Bernadette **God's Greatest Gift: preparing for first communion**  
Viewpoint Resources direct, 2nd ed 1995 ISBN 1899916016  
See also: <http://www.viewpoint24.com/gggguidelines.html>  
Workbook ISBN 1899916016  
Catechist's Guide ISBN 1899916008

- ❖ Withers, Margaret **Welcome to the Table:  
An ecumenical course for preparing children to receive Holy Communion**  
BRF, 1999 ISBN: 184101043X

10 teaching units including introduction to belief, baptism, scripture, discipleship, prayer and worship, forgiveness, resurrection, Holy Communion.

- ❖ Withers, Margaret **Welcome to the Table: Activity Book**  
BRF, 1999 ISBN:

A colourful and attractive collection of activities to complement each unit of the course

- ❖ Family Faith Centre **Family Faith: Eucharist**  
Redemptorist, 2001 ISBN: 085231244X

In a fresh approach to working with families, this material supports parents in handing on the faith. The workshops are complementary to whatever sacramental preparation programme is being followed in the parish or school and include a four page "handout" to encourage active participation.

- ❖ **plugged in - Youth CaFE** is a fast moving and inspiring video/DVD resource for teenage Catholics.

The course is very flexible and can be used for youth groups, confirmation, schools and chaplaincy groups.. Each of the 6 sessions contains several powerful elements including a personal witness, young people's questions and thoughts, scripture dramatisation, "Grill the Priest" questions and answers, songs and challenge from Fr Stan Fortuna, music and images.

<http://www.faithcafe.org/pi.htm>

## Liturgy for Admission

See Common Worship - Initiation Services

Also, some of the preparation materials include sample liturgies for the admission of Children to communion.

Also, material is available from other dioceses – check out their websites or contact the Children & Youth Work Advisory Team

## Registers

Available from SPCK (and other church suppliers)

## Celebration

Celebrating Eucharist with Children present

- ❖ Berglund, Mary Catherine **Gather the Children: Celebrate the Word with Ideas, Activities, Prayers and Projects**

**YEAR A:** OUT OF PRINT

**YEAR B:** Pastoral Press, 1988

ISBN: 0912405309

**YEAR C:** Pastoral Press, 1989

ISBN: 091240552X

A complete and detailed plan of children's liturgies for the year designed to appeal to under elevens.

- ❖ Francis, Leslie & Drayson, Diane **Bread for all God's Family: Projects on Communion**  
Gracewing, 1997

ISBN: 0852442831

A project approach to Communion with readings, hymns and songs, prayers, children's activities, project ideas, discussion starters, dance, drama, and all-age ideas.

- ❖ Pedley, Betty & Muir, John **Children in the Church**  
National Society, 1997

ISBN: 0715148850

Practical advice on the involvement of children in all aspects of the communion service and a range of all-age services.

- ❖ Sayers, Susan **Bread and Wine People**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2001

ISBN: 184003694X

An all-age programme to enable a whole church approach to exploring the meaning of communion. Relating to Common Worship it explores the difficulties of an all-age faith community and celebrates the diversity of such congregations.

- ❖ Swain, Sharon **The New Sermon Slot: All-Age Ideas for the Common Worship Lectionary Year C**

SPCK, 2000

ISBN: 0281051917

This provides practical and imaginative ideas for all-age worship for each week of Year C of the Common Worship Lectionary. It offers advice to help parishes devise all-age services relevant to their own congregations

- ❖ Thomas, Stuart **Come to the Feast: All-Age Services for Common Worship**  
Kevin Mayhew, 2002

ISBN: 1840039752

All-age services for each Sunday of the year and for a number of festivals including All Saints Day, Harvest and Remembrance Sunday. The structure of all-age Eucharistic services is considered and suggestions for further development discussed.

- ❖ Thompson, Katie **Complete Children's Liturgy Book**  
Kevin Mayhew, 1995

ISBN: 0862096367

A comprehensive programme for each Sunday of the lectionary including discussion ideas, activities and worksheets.

- ❖ Withers, Margaret & Pinchin Tony **Celebration! Celebrating for all God's Family**  
Gracewing, 1996

ISBN: 085244348X

Explores the principles of all-age Eucharist and the worship involved and concludes with 15 all-age services.

## Teaching

Teaching to Accompany the Common Worship Lectionary

❖ Brown, Joan  
**with Children**

**Welcome the Word: Celebrating Liturgy of the Word**

**Volume 1:** Geoffrey Chapman, 1995 ISBN: 0225667916  
Geoffrey Chapman, 1997 ISBN: 0225667924

**Volume 2:**

**Worksheets:** Geoffrey Chapman, 1992 ISBN: 0225666502

Offers a wealth of practical ideas as to how the shape, style and form of the celebration of the Liturgy of the Word at Mass can be accommodated to children in terms of their own surroundings and experience.

❖ Francis, Leslie & Drayson, Diane

**Learning with the Sunday Gospels**

**Advent to Pentecost:**

Mowbray, 1999 ISBN: 0264674456

**Advent to Pentecost Take Home Sheets:**

Mowbray, 2000 ISBN: 0264674952

**Trinity Sunday to Christ the King:**

Mowbray, 1999 ISBN: 0264674960

An all-age resource providing themes associated with the weekly Gospel readings of the Common Worship Lectionary. Each theme is explored using a variety of activities, discussion starters and ideas for both children and adults. It may be used in both churches and church schools.

❖ McNaughton, Pam (Ed.)

**Roots: Children and Young People**

Methodist Publishing House, 2002 ISSN: 14770555

A bi-monthly magazine providing a varied selection of weekly activities closely linked to the Lectionary cycle. The linked website enables topical issues to be addressed when required.

❖ Murrie, Diana

**My Communion book: A Child's Guide to Holy Communion**

National Society, 2001 ISBN: 0715149466

Encourages children to reflect on each aspect of the Communion service.

❖ Murrie, Diana & Bruce, Hamish

**Worship through the Christian Year**

**Year A:** NS/ CHP, 1997 ISBN: 0715149032

**Year B:** NS/ CHP, 1998 ISBN: 071514927X

**Year C:** NS/ CHP, 1999 ISBN: 0715148907

A collection of practical resources to help leaders to plan all-age services for each week of the Common Worship Lectionary. It includes Bible readings, all-age activities, drama, music, stories and intercessions.

❖ Sayers, Susan

**Living Stones: Complete Resource Book**

**Year A:** Kevin Mayhew, 1997 ISBN: 184003

**Year B:** Kevin Mayhew, 1998 ISBN: 184003

**Year C:** Kevin Mayhew, 1999 ISBN: 184003

This book provides an exploration of the themes inherent in the Common Worship Lectionary and an abundance of ideas for all age worship. There are three age related strands within the material for each week. Pebbles caters for children aged three to five, Rocks is for six to ten year olds and Boulders covers evelens and over. In addition to the Complete Resource Books there are individual books for each age group, which include the same material but also contain photocopyable pages for each week.

- ❖ Sayers, Susan      **Living Water: Complete Resource Book**  
    **Year A:** Kevin Mayhew. 1997      ISBN: 1840032170  
    **Year B:** Kevin Mayhew. 1998      ISBN: 184003405X  
    **Year C:** Kevin Mayhew. 1999      ISBN: 184003

These books are identical in content to 'Living Stones' but for the Roman Catholic Lectionary. Again there are three age related strands. These are Treasure Seekers caters for children aged three to five, Pearl Divers is for six to ten year olds and Gold Panners covers elevens and over

- ❖ Schofield, Kathryn et al      **Celebrating Together: Exploring Holy Communion**  
    NCEC, 1999      ISBN: 071970944X

Explores the significance of the meal of Communion and the symbolism of the bread and wine as signs of God's love. It comprises a structured programme of activities for each age group from under 5's through to adult.

- ❖ Thompson, Katie      **Footprints in Faith: Common Worship**  
    Kevin Mayhew, 1999      ISBN: 1840034610

Photocopiable activity sheets for every Sunday of the Common Worship Lectionary for use with 7 – 11 year olds.

- ❖ Thompson, Katie      **Footprints in Faith: Roman Catholic Lectionary**  
    Kevin Mayhew, 1999      ISBN: 1840033002

Photocopiable activity sheets for every Sunday of the Roman Catholic Lectionary for use with 7 – 11 year olds.

- ❖ Thompson, Katie      **Step by Step: Common Worship for ages 3-6 years**  
    Kevin Mayhew, 1999      ISBN: 1840034629

Photocopiable activity sheets for every Sunday of the Common Worship Lectionary for use with 3 - 6 year olds.

- ❖ Thompson, Katie      **Step by Step: Common Worship for ages 3-6 years**  
    Kevin Mayhew, 1999      ISBN: 1840034629

Photocopiable activity sheets for every Sunday of the Catholic Lectionary for use with 3 - 6 year olds.

- ❖ Minasian-Dalton, G. et al      **Seasons of the Spirit: Multi-age**  
    Logos, 2002      ISBN: 1931853150

Bible-based resources connecting worship, learning and service. A highly detailed resource with a variety of talk, activity and worship ideas for 5 – 12 year olds for every Sunday of the Lectionary.

- ❖ Unknown      **Faith Map**  
    Redemptorist, 2002      ISSN: -

A Lectionary-based publication offering material and resources for children's weekly liturgy based on the reading for the Sunday each week. Material is provided for very young children, older children and children with special needs. Templates are included each quarter and take-home sheets supplied on CD for reproduction as required.

*Preparing and Celebrating: A list of resources for use with children in churches using the Common Worship lectionary and where the Eucharist is central to Worship* – a publication of the Newcastle Diocesan Board for Ministry and Training and the North East Religious Learning Resource Centre – on which this resource list is largely based, is used with permission