

CHURCH OF ENGLAND RECORD SOCIETY

The Society was founded in 1991 with the object of promoting
interest in and knowledge of the Church of England
from the 16th century by publishing
primary sources of information

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REPORT FOR 2008

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Church of England Record Society was held in the Great Hall, Lambeth Palace, on Wednesday 9th July 2008.

The Chairman, Professor Diarmaid MacCulloch, warmly welcomed members and guests.

Apologies had been received from a number of members, including those of the Society's Patron, Professor Owen Chadwick, and of our founder Vice-President, Professor Derek Brewer, and were duly recorded.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on 2nd July 2007, which were included in the Annual Report, pp. 1–3, were approved and signed as a correct record.

The Chairman presented the Annual Report for 2008, drawing attention to the Society's activities recorded there. In particular, he noted the excellent new website that had been constructed for the Society by Ms. Claire Hadaway and the Executive Secretary. He reported on plans for a special additional volume of the Society's publications. This volume, an edition of the register of Archbishop Thomas Cranmer, edited by Paul Ayris, would be distributed free to members, probably in 2012 to celebrate the 21st anniversary of the foundation of the Society. The Chairman also drew attention to two conferences that were being supported by the Society: one in March 2010, organized by the Y.M.C.A., in connection with the Society's publication of the papers of Barclay Baron, and the second, in 2011, to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the King James Bible. The Chairman concluded by warmly thanking the Executive Secretary for all she did for the Society.

The report of the Honorary Treasurer, Dr. Alec Ryrie, was delivered *in absentia*. Having presented apologies for his absence, Dr. Ryrie reported that the Society had incurred a loss of almost £7,500. However, this had been anticipated, since the cost of both the 2006 and 2007 volumes fell in the 2007 financial year. In this context the Society's finances remained in a very sound condition, with a surplus at the end of the year of over £46,000. Dr. Ryrie noted that that position did owe something to two significant donations received in 2007, and he took the opportunity to remind members of the value of such gifts, especially as donations, unlike subscriptions, could be Gift-Aided. He further reported that Council had agreed to increase the subvention for the anniversary volume (Cranmer's Register) to £2,000 per annum, which would, by 2011, give us a fund from which the Society should be able to cover its share of the production costs.

A motion that the accounts formally be adopted was proposed and seconded from the floor and was duly passed. The Chairman paid tribute to Dr. Ryrie for his work on the Society's behalf.

The Honorary Secretary, Dr. Michael Snape, reported on the membership, noting it continued to be stable at around 430, with new members being roughly balanced by losses through death, resignation or default. The Society still had a target of 500

members, a figure that Council believed would guarantee its long-term future, and Dr. Snape encouraged members to do what they could to recruit new members. He drew attention in particular to the benefits of student membership, at the highly attractive rate of £10.

Professor Stephen Taylor, the Honorary General Editor, reported on the Society's publications. He was pleased to report that the first volume of Professor G. M. Ditchfield's *The Correspondence of the Rev. Theophilus Lindsey (1723–1808)* had appeared towards the end of 2007. This publication represents the culmination of a lifetime's work by Professor Ditchfield and is a major contribution to the history of the 'liberal' movement within the eighteenth-century Church of England and the origins of Unitarianism. The preparation of volume 2 of this important work is well advanced and publication can be expected in 2011 or 2012.

He announced that the 2008 volume would be *The Papers of the Elland Society 1780–1818*, edited by John Walsh and Stephen Taylor. However, he regretted that, while it was in an advanced state of publication, it would not appear before the end of 2008. He hoped that it would appear before the 2009 AGM. He was also pleased to inform the meeting that the 2009 volume would be *The Y.M.C.A. Memoirs and Letters of Barclay Baron 1915–1919*, edited by Dr Michael Snape. This volume of recently-discovered papers will provide a fascinating insight into the life of an army chaplain during the First World War.

As regards new proposals, Professor Taylor reported that Council had accepted a proposal for a miscellany volume celebrating the 400th anniversary of Lambeth Palace Library in 2010. This volume would include a series of contributions reflecting the variety of the Library's collections, each edited by a scholar who had made extensive use of the Library in the course of their research. It would be edited by Melanie Barber, formerly the Library's assistant archivist, and Stephen Taylor. He concluded his report by reminding members that the Society was always on the look out for new proposals.

The Honorary Secretary, Honorary General Editor and the Honorary Treasurer agreed to stand for re-election and were duly re-elected.

The Chairman reported that there were two vacancies on the Council created by the retirement by rotation after four years' service of Dr. Susan Mumm and Dr. Michael Sanpe. Council proposed the nomination of Dr. Natalie Mears of the University of Durham and the Rev. Dr. William Whyte of St John's College, Oxford, to serve for a period of four years. There being no other nominations, they were duly elected. The Honorary Secretary, Dr Michael Snape, was co-opted onto Council.

The new Council therefore comprised: Dr. Nigel Aston, the Revd. Dr. Andrew Atherstone, the Revd. Dr. Nicholas Cranfield, Dr. Matthew Grimley, the Revd. Canon Dr. Judith Maltby, Dr. Natalie Mears, Dr. Helen Parish, Dr. Michael Snape, the Revd. Dr. William Whyte, and Dr. David Wykes.

On the nomination of Council the meeting agreed to the election of Professor Arthur Burns of King's College London to the post of Honorary Vice-President for a term of five years. Professor Burns had previously served on Council continuously from the foundation of the Society until 2007, acting for much of that period as Honorary Treasurer.

Mr. Simon Purvis of Dr. Williams's Library had agreed to stand for re-election as the Society's financial examiner. He had served in this capacity for the previous three years and we were grateful to him for his expertise and advice. Mr. Purvis was duly re-elected.

The Chairman concluded the meeting with warm thanks to the Librarian of Lambeth Palace Library, Dr. Richard Palmer, for the use of the Great Hall which provided a very appropriate setting for the meeting and an excellent association with the Library.

2008 ANNUAL LECTURE

The 2008 Annual Lecture, which preceded the Annual General Meeting, was given by Dr Michael Snape, entitled 'Anglican Army Chaplains in the First World War: goodbye to Goodbye to All That'.

2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND LECTURE

The 2009 Annual General Meeting and Annual Lecture by Professor Philip Williamson, Dr Natalie Mears, and Professor Stephen Taylor will take place in the Great Hall, Lambeth Palace, on Monday 29th June. Details are given on the back cover of this report. Members are welcome to bring guests, but in view of the venue, it is essential that they notify Dr. Michael Snape, the Honorary Secretary, of their intention to attend.

MEMBERSHIP

Although the Society manages to recruit new members each year, the overall total membership remains fairly static at around 430. The Society's membership is inevitably depleted by deaths, resignations and lapses. Members are encouraged to draw the attention of their colleagues and postgraduate students to the excellent value of membership. Members are also reminded that back-issues may be purchased at substantially less than the retail price.

Institutions comprise less than a quarter of the present membership. In view of the continuing financial constraints on the budgets of university libraries, members are asked to consider subscribing on behalf of institutions or younger scholars.

During 2008, the following 11 new members were welcomed into membership:

Margaret Bird
Sarah Cieglo
David Cummings
Daniel Cummins
Robert H. Dudley
Stephen Edmonds
Deidre Heavens

Reider Payne
Joanne Towers
R. L. Whitehead
William Whyte

We report, with regret, the deaths of Professor Derek Brewer, a member of the committee responsible for establishing the Society and one of its founding Vice-Presidents, and also of Professor Nigel Yates.

PUBLICATIONS

Regrettably, no volume has been circulated to members since the 2007 subscription volume. Professor G. M. Ditchfield's *The Correspondence of Theophilus Lindsey (1723–1808)*, vol. 1, was circulated to all those who had paid their 2007 subscription at the end of the calendar year. Volume 16 will now be Dr Michael Snape's *The Back Parts of the War. The Y.M.C.A. Memoirs and Letters of Barclay Baron, 1915–1919*. This volume is now in the press and it is expected that it will be sent out to members, as the 2008 subscription volume, in the autumn. *The Papers of the Elland Society 1780–1818*, edited by John Walsh and Stephen Taylor, will now appear as Volume 17, the subscription volume for 2009. It is expected that this will be sent to the press shortly. In addition, Volume 18, the subscription volume for 2010, is also about to go to press. This is a miscellany volume, containing contributions illustrating the history of the Church of England from the Reformation to the 1960s, which has been assembled to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Lambeth Palace Library in 2010. The Society has a number of excellent publications, covering a wide variety of subjects, accepted for publication. A full list is printed at the end of this report.

THE COUNCIL

The Charity Trustees during the year to 31st December 2008 were the Society's Council as listed in the Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held 9th July 2008 (p. 2). As recorded there, two ordinary members of the Council, the Dr. Susan Mumm

and Dr. Michael Snape, retired after four years' service at the Society's Annual General Meeting in July 2008, and their places were filled by Dr. Natalie Mears and the Rev. Dr. William Whyte. In order to continue as Honorary Secretary Dr. Michael Snape had been co-opted on to the Council. The Council met twice during the year, in January and July.

THE SOCIETY'S WEBSITE

Thanks to Ms. Claire Hadaway, the Society's website (www.coers.org) is regularly updated with information on forthcoming publications, details of the Annual General Meeting and Lecture, and with a copy of the latest Annual Report. Forms for membership and the purchase of back volumes are also available there.

**RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS ACCOUNTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008**

	2008 £ (Unrestricted)	2007 £ (Unrestricted)
INCOME		
Subscriptions	7,331	8,472
Royalties	3,641	434
Additional sales	593	230
Bank interest	2,191	2,218
Donations	579	2,019
Miscellaneous income	0	380
<i>Total</i>	<i>14,335</i>	<i>13,753</i>
EXPENDITURE		
Direct charitable expenditure:		
Publication costs	0	15,989
Copy-editing	0	2,100
Distribution of publications	2,293	1,287
Subvention to 2011 volume	2,000	1,000
Indirect charitable expenditure:		
Independent examiner's fees	100	100
Meeting/annual report	618	559
Website expenses	80	67
Postage, administration and publicity	127	63
Bank charges and refunds	5	1
Exchange rate (gain) loss	(2,312)	69
<i>Total</i>	<i>2,911</i>	<i>21,235</i>
Total Surplus (Deficit) of Income over Expenditure	11,424	(7,482)
Funds Brought Forward	46,378	53,860
Funds Carried Forward	57,802	46,378

STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

Assets	31 December 2008	31 December 2007
HSBC Current Acct.	£ 3,718	£ 1,419
CAF Gold Deposit Acct.	£48,145	£40,454
HSBC USA BusinessExtra Acct.	£ 9,309	£ 6,357
Total	£61,172	£48,230
Less Current Liabilities		
Accruals	£ 3,370	£ 1,852
Net Assets	£57,802	£46,378

These accounts have been prepared for the approval of the Council at their meeting on 29 June 2009.

NOTES TO ACCOUNTS

The Church of England Record Society is a registered charity and as such is governed by the Charities Act 1993. Under this Act and the Charities (Accounts and Reports) Regulations 2000, it is classified as a small charity since it has a gross income or total expenditure of not more than £100,000 per annum. Section 42(3) of the Act therefore entitles this charity to take advantage of the more limited and simplified presentation of its financial statements.

Surplus: Due to publication delays this year we would expect 2008's large surplus to be offset by a deficit in 2009–10.

Reserves: Our total assets of £57,802 are roughly in line with our reserves policy of four years' income, designed to cover the costs of two volumes in process of publication and the expenses of the Society's AGM and Annual Report.

Financial developments: We are largely insulated from the recent financial turmoil. The sharp fall in the pound against the US dollar has wiped out several years of exchange rate losses. However, bank interest payments fell sharply by the end of 2008 and we expect them to remain very low throughout the current year.

Accruals: Costs incurred against the 2008 income but not paid during the financial year have been accounted for to match costs strictly to revenue: 1) Net subscriptions £270; 2) independent examiner's fee of £100; 3) subvention of £3000 held towards production of a commemorative volume for the Society's twentieth anniversary in 2011.

Risk Management: The Trustees have identified major risks and believe that appropriate action has been taken to mitigate these.

Governance: The Trustees are satisfied with the accounting systems and procedures, which the Society has in place, in the light of the size of annual income and expenditure. All disbursements of £100 or greater have to be countersigned by two of the President, Honorary Secretary, Executive Secretary or Honorary Treasurer.

INDEPENDENT EXAMINER'S REPORT

To the Trustees and Members of the Church of England Record Society

I have examined the accounts for the financial year to 31 December 2008 as set out on the preceding two pages on the basis explained below.

Respective responsibilities of the trustees and examiner.

The charity's trustees are responsible for the preparation of the accounts. The charity's trustees consider that an audit is not required for this year (under section 43(2) of the Charities Act 1993 (the 1993 Act)) and that an independent examination is needed.

It is my responsibility to:

- examine the accounts (under section 43(3)(a) of the 1993 Act);
- follow the procedures laid down in the General Directions given by the Charity Commission (under section 43(7)(b) of the 1993 Act); and
- state whether particular matters have come to my attention.

Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination was carried out in accordance with General Directions given by the Charity Commission. An examination includes a review of the accounting records kept by the charity and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also includes consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the trustees concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit, and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

Independent examiner's statement

In the course of my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. which gives me reasonable cause to believe that in any material respect the requirements

- to keep accounting records in accordance with section 41 of the 1993 Act; and
- to prepare accounts which accord with the accounting records and comply with the accounting requirements of the 1993 Act

have not been met; or

2. to which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached.

Dated:

Signed: Simon Purvis, Flat 10, Pines Court, 48 Victoria Drive, London SW19 6BG.

THE SOCIETY'S PUBLICATIONS

- Volume 1: Kenneth Fincham, *Visitation Articles and Injunctions of the Early Stuart Church*, vol.1, 1994. £40. (£25)*
- Volume 2: Jeremy Gregory, *The Speculum of Archbishop Thomas Secker: the Diocese of Canterbury, 1758–1768*, 1995. £40. (£25)*
- Volume 3: Sarah Brewer, *The Early Letters of Bishop Richard Hurd, 1739–1762*, 1995. £65. (£32.50)*
- Volume 4: Andrew Chandler, *Brethren in Adversity: Bishop George Bell, the Church of England and the Crisis of German Protestantism, 1933–1939*, 1997. £45. (£25)*
- Volume 5: Kenneth Fincham, *Visitation Articles and Injunctions of the Early Stuart Church*, vol. 2, 1998. £40. (£25)*
- Volume 6: Gerald Bray, *The Anglican Canons, 1529–1947*, 1998. £95. (£45)*
- Volume 7: Stephen Taylor, *From Cranmer to Davidson. A Church of England Miscellany*, 1999. £50. (£25)*
- Volume 8: Gerald Bray, *Tudor Church Reform: the Henrician Canons of 1535 and the Reformatio Legum Ecclesiasticarum*, 2000. £70. (£35)*
- Volume 9: Susan Mumm, *All Saints Sisters of the Poor. An Anglican Sisterhood in the Nineteenth Century*, 2001. £40. (£25)*
- Volume 10: Patrick Collinson, John Craig & Brett Usher, *Conferences and Combination Lectures in the Elizabethan Church. Dedham and Bury St. Edmunds, 1582–1590*, 2003. £60. (£30)*
- Volume 11: Tom Webster & Kenneth Shipps, *The Diary of Samuel Rogers, 1634–1638*, 2004. £55. (£27.50)*
- Volume 12: Mark Smith & Stephen Taylor, *Evangelicalism in the Church of England c.1790–c.1890*, 2004. £50. (£25)*
- Volume 13: Anthony Milton, *The British Delegation and the Synod of Dort, 1618–19*, 2005. £30. (£ 60)*
- Volume 14: Henrietta Blackmore, *The Beginning of Women's Ministry. The Revival of the Deaconess in the Nineteenth-Century Church of England*, 2007. £25 (£40)*
- Volume 15: G.M. Ditchfield, *The Letters of Theophilus Lindsey (1728–1808)*, vol. 1, 2007. £90. (£45)*

* indicates reduced price to members wishing to purchase back numbers or additional copies.

FUTURE PUBLICATIONS

The following proposals for editions have been accepted for publication:

British state prayers, fasts, thanksgivings and days of prayer 1540s–1970s, ed. Alasdair Raffe, Philip Williamson, Natalie Mears and Stephen Taylor.

A Lambeth Palace Library miscellany, 16th–20th century, ed. Melanie Barber & Stephen Taylor.

Letters of the Marian Martyrs, ed. Tom Freeman.

The Parker Certificates, 1560's, ed. Ralph Houlbrooke, Helen Parish & Felicity Heal.

The Correspondence of Archbishop William Laud, ed. Kenneth Fincham & Nicholas Cranfield.

The Diary of John Bargrave, 1644–1645, ed. Michael Brennan, Jas' Elsner, & Judith Maltby.

The Diary of Thomas Larkham 1647–1669, ed. Susan Hardman Moore

The 1669 Return of Nonconformist Conventicles, ed. David Wykes.

The Correspondence of the Revd. Theophilus Lindsey (1723–1808.) Volume II, ed. Grayson Ditchfield.

The Elland Society, 1780–1818, ed. Stephen Taylor & John Walsh.

The Sermons of the Revd. John Sharp, ed. Françoise Deconinck-Brossard

The Diary of an Oxford Parson: the Revd. John Hill, Vice-Principal of St. Edmund Hall, Oxford, 1805–1808, 1820–1855, ed. Grayson Carter.

The Journal of Bishop Daniel Wilson of Calcutta, 1845–1857, ed. Andrew Atherstone.

Anglo-Catholic Communicants' Guilds and Societies in the late Nineteenth Century, ed. Jeremy Morris.

Correspondence of Archbishop Lang with Bishop Wilfrid Parker, ed. Garth Turner.

The Back Parts of the War. The Y.M.C.A. Memoirs and Letters of Barclay Baron, 1915–1919, ed. Michael Snape.

Suggestions for publications are welcome and should be addressed to:

The Honorary General Editor, Professor Stephen Taylor,
Department of History, University of Reading, Whiteknights, Reading RG6 6AH.

CONSTITUTION

1. The Society shall be called the Church of England Record Society.
2. The object of the Society shall be to advance the education of the public in the history of the Church in England, and in particular of the Church of England, from the sixteenth century onwards by the publication of primary sources of information.
3. Membership of the Society shall be open to individuals and institutions, and shall be constituted by the payment to the Honorary Treasurer of an annual subscription of such an amount as may be determined from time to time by the Council, payable in advance on the first day of January each year.
4. Each member of the Society shall be entitled to receive one copy of every work published by the Society in respect of his/her membership. If this copy is lost in the post, a replacement volume shall be supplied at no additional cost unless the loss is the result of a failure to notify the Society of a change of address. No member shall receive any such volume if his/her subscription be in arrears. Each individual member, and one representative from each subscribing institution, shall be entitled to attend and vote at general meetings of the Society.
5. There shall be a President of the Society who shall be elected for five years at the Annual General Meeting. In the event of his/her being unable to accept office, the Vice-President of longest standing shall act as President. There shall be not more than six Vice-Presidents who shall be elected for five years, on the nomination of the Council, at an annual general meeting.
6. The management of the affairs of the Society and of its funds shall be vested in a Council consisting of the Officers of the Society, namely the President, the Honorary Secretary, Honorary Treasurer, Honorary General Editor, and eight ordinary members to be elected at an annual general meeting of the Society. The ordinary members shall serve for not more than four years successively. The Officers of the Society shall be elected annually, those retiring being eligible for re-election in that year. Nominations for Officers and members of the Council may be made by the Council and by any two members of the Society, and shall be communicated in writing to the Honorary Secretary not less than three weeks before the Annual General Meeting. Two ordinary members of the Council shall retire in rotation each year and shall not be eligible for re-election in that year. The Honorary Secretary shall be elected from among the Council Members.
7. The Council shall have the power to co-opt not more than two additional members, and to appoint committees. Vacancies among the Officers of the Society occurring between annual general meetings shall be filled by the Council. The Council shall meet at least once a year, and on any other occasion at the request of at least three of its members. Five members shall form a quorum.
8. An annual general meeting of the members of the Society shall be held each year to receive a report of the work of the Society with its inspected or audited accounts as required under paragraph 11; to elect Officers, members of the Council, and an inspecting accountant or Honorary Auditor for the year ensuing; and to transact any other business. Not less than one month's notice of the meeting shall be given to

members.

9. A special general meeting may be called at the discretion of the Council or at the written request of 15 members of the Society. Not less than one month's notice of such a meeting shall be given to members.

10. All monies raised by or on behalf of the Society shall be applied to further the objects of the Society and for no other purpose provided that nothing herein contained shall prevent the payment in good faith of reasonable and proper remuneration to any employee of the Society or the payment to members of the Council of reasonable out-of-pocket expenses.

11. The Treasurer shall keep proper accounts of the finances of the Society. The Society's year of account shall be 1 January to 31 December. The accounts shall be subject to an independent review at least once a year by the inspecting accountant appointed at the Annual General Meeting. Should expenditure or income exceed the limits set by law for this arrangement, the accounts shall be audited by the auditor or auditors appointed at the Annual General Meeting. A statement of the accounts shall be submitted by the Council to the Annual General Meeting as aforesaid, and circulated with the notice of the Annual General Meeting.

12. A bank account shall be opened in the name of the Society with such bank as the Council shall from time to time decide. All cheques up to a maximum determined from time to time by the Annual General Meeting shall be signed by the Treasurer only. The Council shall authorise in writing the Officers of the Society to sign cheques on behalf of the Society. All cheques must be signed by not less than two of the authorised signatories, and where possible shall be signed by the President and Treasurer. No expenditure shall be incurred without the prior approval of the Council.

13. Alterations to this Constitution shall receive the assent of two-thirds of the members present and voting at an annual general meeting or a special general meeting. A resolution for the alteration of the Constitution must be received by the Honorary Secretary of the Society at least twenty-one days before the meeting at which the resolution is to be brought forward. At least fourteen days' notice of the resolution must be given by the Secretary to the membership, and must include notice of the alteration proposed. Provided that no alteration to clause 2, clause 14 or this clause shall take effect until the approval in writing of the Charity Commissioners or other authority having charitable jurisdiction shall have been obtained; and no alteration shall be made which would have the effect of causing the Society to cease to be a Charity in law.

14. If the Council by a simple majority decide at any time that on the ground of expense or otherwise it is necessary or advisable to dissolve the Society it shall call a meeting of all members of the Association who have the power to vote, of which meeting not less than one month's notice (stating the terms of the Resolution to be proposed thereat) shall be given. If the decision shall be confirmed by a majority of those present and voting at such a meeting, the Council shall have the power to dispose of any assets held by or on behalf of the Society. Any assets remaining after the satisfaction of any proper debts and liabilities shall be given or transferred to such other charitable institution or institutions having objects similar to the objects of the Society as the Council may determine and if and in so far as effect cannot be given to this provision then to some other charitable purpose.

MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION RATES

Individuals: £21, or £20 if paid by banker's order (\$37.50)

Full-time students: £10 (\$20)

Joint membership for married couples: £21/20 (\$37.50)
(Couples are entitled to receive one copy of each publication
for their joint membership)

Life membership for those over 65: £200 (\$375)

Institutions: £30 (\$55)

Subscriptions are due annually on 1 January, and should be sent to the Honorary Treasurer, Dr Alec Ryrie, Department of Theology and Religion, University of Durham, Abbey House, Palace Green, DH1 3RS. Banker's orders are available on request. Members are also asked to notify the Honorary Secretary of changes of address and e-mail address (m.f.snape@bham.ac.uk).

North American Members may pay their subscription to the North American Secretary, Dr. Robert G. Ingram, Department of History, Ohio University, Bentley Annex, 411 Athens, Ohio, 45701-2979, U.S.A. (e-mail: ingramr@ohio.edu).

Membership is open to all who are interested in the history of the Church of England. Members are encouraged to invite their friends to join the Society. If every member recruited one new member, the Society would double its membership.

CONSTITUTION, CHARITY REGISTRATION AND OBJECTS

The Society was set up at its inaugural meeting held in the Great Hall, Lambeth Palace, in December 1991. The original constitution was adopted at that meeting, and has been amended twice since, in December 1995 and in July 1999. The Society is registered with the Charity Commissioners as number 1013701. The primary object is to promote interest in and knowledge of the Church of England from the 16th century onwards by publishing primary sources of information of significance for the history of the Church of England.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

OF THE

CHURCH OF ENGLAND RECORD SOCIETY

will be held in

The Great Hall, Lambeth Palace, London, SE1 7JU

on

Monday 29th June 2009

following the Annual Lecture entitled

**‘Fasts, thanksgivings and national days of prayer
from the 16th to the 20th century’**

to be given by

**Professor Philip Williamson, Dr Natalie Mears and
Professor Stephen Taylor**

R.S.V.P.

by 24th June to:

Dr Michael Snape, Honorary Secretary,
Department of History,
University of Birmingham. B15 2TT.
Lecture at 4.00 p.m.

Alcoholic refreshments and exhibition from 5.10 p.m.

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AGM at 5.40 p.m

Entrance *via* the Main Gate, Lambeth Palace.

**Members and guests wishing to attend must notify the Honorary Secretary of COERS
of their intention to come.**