



ANGLO-CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

Message from the Chairman

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

I look forward to seeing some of you at the AGM on 12th June when Canon Paul Avis returns to give us a lecture on *Michael Ramsey and the Reformation*, having given a lecture in 2003 on Ramsey's hero Charles Gore.

The Tractarians of course took an increasingly negative view of the Reformation as witnessed by Hurrell Froude's *Remains*, and it was this that brought about a decisive break with the older High Churchmen. As a young scholar Michael Ramsey wrote *The Gospel and the Catholic Church* which engaged more positively with Reformation thought in exploring the link between Gospel and Catholic Order. In this he was truly ahead of his time and that book had a profound impact on the growing ecumenical movement influencing many Roman Catholic writers on ecclesiology in the lead up to the Second Vatican Council. So this will be our contribution to the commemoration of the 500th anniversary of Luther's protest.

TALKS

On 9th October we welcome back Professor Ken Fincham. He has moved forward from the 1630s to the experiences of 'Anglicans' under Cromwell.

He will talk to us on *To have done the best things in the worst times, and hoped them in the most calamitous: persecution and revival in the Church of England 1640-1660*.

I have also fixed our speaker in January. We look forward to welcoming Dr Michael Walsh, the former Librarian of Heythrop College in London, on Monday 29th January, who will speak on *The Catholic League and Vatican II*.

Fr Perry Butler