
EDITOR'S REPORT 2025

This is my fourth report as editor of the *Journal*. The most significant change to the *Journal* (which was foreshadowed in my report last year) has been the introduction of the new online submission system, as required by CUP. I am still working closely with CUP to ensure that the production workflows are efficient from CUP's, the Society's, and author's perspectives. Anyone who has used the system is encouraged to provide feedback so that I can pass this on to CUP (who are willing to work to make the system as bespoke as possible to meet our needs).

I regret that, over the last year, the production of the *Journal* has been hampered by unavoidable technical issues. Members will recall that the September 2024 issue was delayed because of a significant cyber security incident affecting CUP. More recently, the January 2025 issue has been delayed as a result of a new typesetting service being commissioned by CUP (and the need to put in place additional quality control measures to ensure consistency between issues). I'm very sorry for the inconvenience this may have caused members and I hope things will be back on track for the May 2025 issue.

I continue to meet with the CUP production team on at least a quarterly basis to: (i) discuss marketing proposals, (ii) ensure that production processes are streamlined, (iii) discuss financial matters, and (iv) ensure compliance with ever burgeoning ethical guidelines which apply to the publication of journals like ours.

Professor Mark Hill KC continues in his role as consultant editor. His support remains invaluable in both marketing the *Journal* and by fostering a rich and diverse source of materials for publication. I am also grateful for his practical assistance with proof-reading and other mundane, and laborious, activities.

The Society remains indebted to all the work that goes on behind the scenes from the section editors (Russell Dewhurst, Frank Cranmer, and David Willink). Simon Stanley has joined the team working with Frank in jointly editing the Parliamentary and Synod reports. He brings considerable experience as Deputy Head of Parliamentary Affairs for the Church of England. The work of anonymous peer reviewers (which is considerable, and particularly time-consuming) remains vital to maintaining high scholarly standards. Diana Jones continues in post as copyeditor, and I am grateful for her support throughout the year in the preparation of each issue.

It bears repeating that much of the work of the *Journal* goes unremunerated. On behalf of the Society, I thank all those individuals for their work.

The editorial policy remains focussed on the study of the law of the Church of England and the Anglican Communion, but also encompasses broader ecumenical, international, social, historical, and comparative perspectives. Members are once again encouraged to contact me with any suggestions or feedback they may have with regards to the *Journal* generally.

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