

Announcements of Divine Service and Clerical Vestures Ordinance 1949

An Ordinance to regulate the practice in relation to announcements of Divine Service and Clerical Vestures.

Whereas it is desirable to remove doubt and to secure a measure of uniformity of practice within the Diocese.

The Synod of the Diocese of Sydney in pursuance and within the limits of the powers in that behalf conferred upon it by the Constitutions for the management and good government of the Church of England within the State of New South Wales ordains and rules -

1. That whenever notice either in oral written or printed form shall be given of the intention to conduct the Service of the Lord's Supper or Holy Communion such notice shall describe the service by the title or alternative title assigned to such Service in the said Book of Common Prayer and not otherwise.
2. In accordance with the decision of the Judge or Official Principal of the Arches Court Lord Penzance subsequently upheld on appeal by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council this Synod requires that every minister below the order of Bishop saying the public prayers or ministering the sacraments or other rites of the Church shall wear a decent and comely surplice with sleeves to be provided at the charge of the Parish. No minister when celebrating the Holy Communion shall wear the alb the chasuble the dalmatic the tunicle.
3. The provisions of this Ordinance are not intended to effect or be construed as effecting any alteration in the articles liturgy or formularies of the Church contrary to the twenty-fourth section of The Church of England Constitutions Act Amendment Act of 1902.
4. This Ordinance may be cited as "Announcements of Divine Service and Clerical Vestures Ordinance 1949".

Notes

Clause 9 of the General Synod - Use of the Surplice Canon 1977 Adopting Ordinance 1997 provides -

"To the extent of any inconsistency between this ordinance and the Announcements of Divine Services and Clerical Vestures Ordinance 1949 then this Ordinance shall prevail but apart from such inconsistency the 1949 Ordinance shall continue in full force and effect."

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