

Diocese of the United Kingdom

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For Lay People interested in being received into the Full Communion of ACC

If you are interested in joining the ACC, perhaps you should consider the following ...

What does membership mean?

Whilst we welcome people of goodwill to worship with us, ordinarily only Church Members may make their Communion unless invited to do so by individual priests for pastoral reasons, it is very important for the future stability of the ACC that we ask that people consider formally joining us. Some do by virtue of their baptism or confirmation but others (usually, but not always, adults) join the Church through the Office of Reception.

Before making such a commitment people need to understand something about the history of the ACC, our liturgy and what we believe. Church members also need a clear knowledge of the fundamental rules of personal discipline which are part of the heritage of the Anglican Catholic Church, and these are to be found in a simple summary known as:

THE SIX PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

Being the Irreducible Minimum of Catholic Practice

- 1.** Of Mass. To assist at Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation (and when prevented from doing so for lawful reasons undertaking the steps recommended by their priest)
- 2.** Of Fast and Abstinence. To keep those prescribed in the Prayer Book and according to normal Catholic custom.
- 3.** Of Confession. To examine their consciences regularly and to seek sacramental absolution when needed for mortal sin, and at Easter time to do so as a matter of obedience to normal Catholic custom.

4. Of Communion. To receive Holy Communion at least once a year, during Eastertide. To make each and every act of Communion (especially when receiving more frequently) only after due and careful preparation.
5. Of Almsgiving. To give regularly to the support of the Church and the poor.
6. Of Marriage. To keep the Church's law of marriage.

Reception into the ACC

If you feel ready to join ACC then you should ordinarily already be worshipping with us as a guest. If you are not in touch with your nearest Parish or Mission please do so. The priest there should be asked to endorse your application. However, if you wish to further discuss membership of ACC and the duties and responsibilities of such membership, or are many miles from an existing congregation, please do not hesitate to contact us at the Diocesan Office (**NB:** The Office telephone has an ansaphone - all messages will be answered in due course).