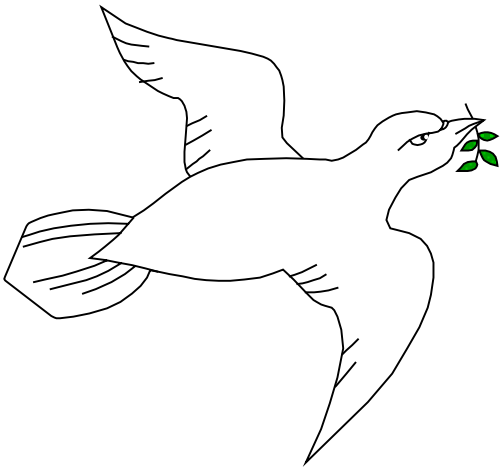
ST GILES CAMBERWELL

FIRST COMMUNION

WORK BOOK



FIRST COMMUNION CLASS

In this booklet there are suggested exercises and pieces of information for young people contemplating First Communion.

Each study helps the candidate to understand the Christian Community of St Giles.

The Church as a building and Worship centre

The Liturgy of the Mass

Those who have not been baptised will need to complete one further study, which is optional to other candidates.

SESSION I

We all have a place that we call home. This is God's house and just like in your house there are special places so in this building there are many special places.

These are areas where services of worship are held.

- We have Baptisms (Christenings) at the Font
- We celebrate the Mass at the Altar
- We get dressed in the Vestry

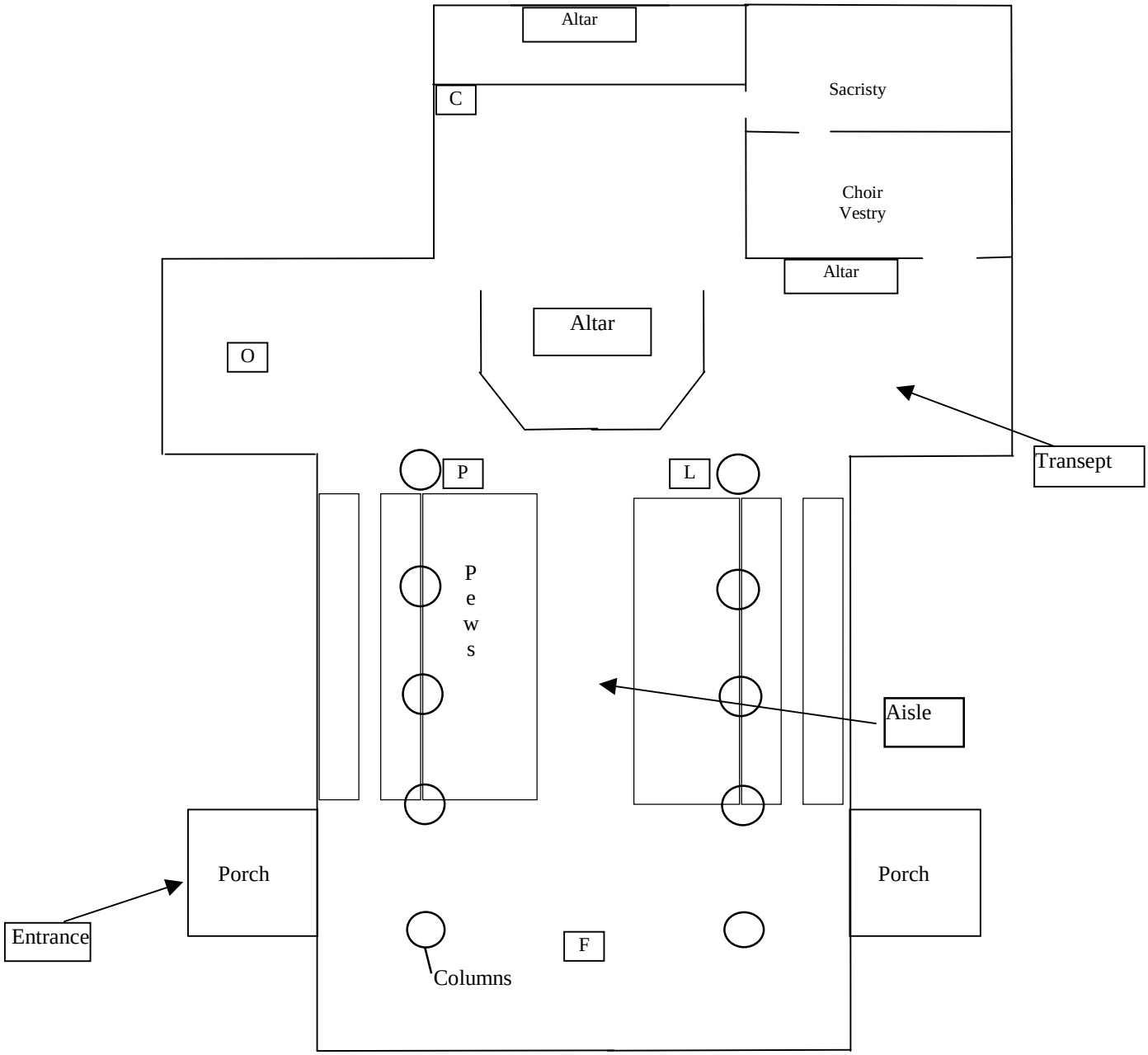
Look at the next two pages and try to find out some of the special places in St Giles'

A PLAN OF ST. GILES' CAMBERWELL

Listen to your GUIDE and try to match the following words to the special places and objects, which you can see.

ALTAR PASCHAL CANDLE FONT TABERNACLE
LECTERN ICON PULPIT STAINED GLASS WINDOWS
PEW CONFESSIONAL ORGAN CRUCIFIX

HOW MANY STATUES CAN YOU FIND?
WHO DO THE STATUES REPRESENT?
WHAT OTHER SPECIAL PLACE NAMES HAVE YOU LEARNT?



OBJECTS IN ST GILES' CHURCH

Look at these sentences **Look at these words**

Try to match the WORDS with the SENTENCES

AISLE ALTAR CHANCEL CONFESSIONAL CRUCIFIX

FONT HASSOCK LECTERN NAVE ORGAN

PASCHAL CANDLE PEW PULPIT SANCTUARY

STATIONS OF THE CROSS TABERNACLE VOTIVE CANDLE

1. The main body of the church building is called.....
2. The area at the end of the Church where the choir sits.....
3. The area around the Altar.....
4. The passageway leading down the church.....
5. The places for the congregation to sit in.....
6. The proper name for the kneelers.....
7. The place where the Bible is read from during services.....
8. The place where the sermon is preached.....
9. The musical instrument used that has a keyboard and pipes.....
10. The table where the Mass is celebrated.....
11. The safe where consecrated bread is kept.....
12. A cross with the image of Christ on it.....
13. The set of 14 pictures, which tell the story of Jesus' Passion.....
14. A Candle lit for private prayer as an offering to God.....
15. The place where people confess their sins before a priest.....
16. The Easter candle, lit during the rest of the year at Baptisms.....
17. The BOWL used for Baptism.....

SESSION 2

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

At the beginning of the service of MASS we are invited to say sorry for all the things that we have done wrong as well as the things we have forgotten to do

In St Giles you will see a CRUCIFIX and a CROSS
Can you tell the difference?

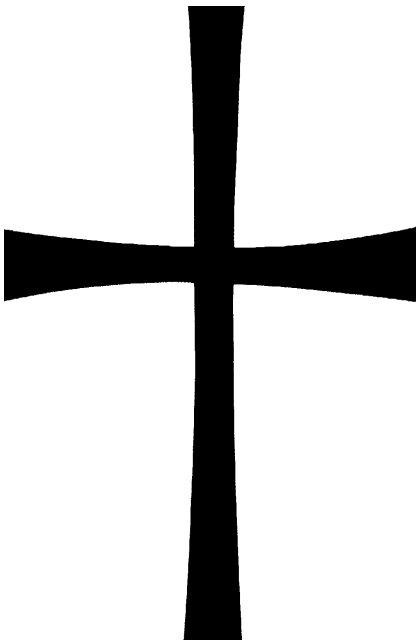
The CRUCIFIX symbolises DEATH
Jesus suffered on the CROSS for our sins.

The two arms of the CROSS symbolises the two outstretched arms of Jesus

CONFESSION	**FORGIVENESS**
This is saying	The priest gives
SORRY	ABSOLUTION
This means admitting that We have done wrong	This means that we receive Gods forgiveness

Why do you think that we begin MASS with Confession and Absolution?

Think of some of the wrong things you have done.



SESSION 3

LEARNING ABOUT OUR FAITH

The next part of the service includes the **COLLECT**
This is a special Prayer for the day There is a special prayer for everyday of the year

After the Collect there follows TWO LESSONS or READINGS from

THE BIBLE

The BIBLE is the HOLY BOOK for all Christians
It is divided into TWO sections

THE OLD TESTAMENT
This tells stories about the Jewish people and how they had a special place in God's heart. God made lots of promises / agreements wit his people.

THE NEW TESTAMENT
This tells stories about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It tells about his life and ministry. His death and resurrection. Other books are about how the message of Jesus was spread to include all people.

In our service two lessons are read. The first lesson is usually read from the Old Testament, the second lesson is read from the letters to the early Church. These are called Epistles.
These lessons are read from the LECTURN

Then follows a special reading from the GOSPELS.
GOSPEL means GOOD NEWS

- Who is the GOOD NEWS about?
- Where are the Lessons read?
- Where the Gospel is read from?

AFTER this part of the Service there is a SERMON.
This is delivered from the PULPIT. This helps to explain issues to the congregation

YOU leave for SUNDAY SCHOOL

SESSION 4

THE CREED

The CREED is a STATEMENT of BELIEF.
It is important to join together and state what we believe in and why we come to Church.

There are THREE Creeds in the Christian Church

The APOSLES CREED

The NICENE CREED

The ATHANASIAN CREED

The word CREED means I Believe.

I BELIEVE IN

GOD

CREATION

FORGIVENESS

JESUS CHRIST SON OF GOD

INCARNATION SUFFERING DEATH

RESURRECTION

BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

ONE HOLY AND CATHOLIC CHURCH

COMMUNION OF SAINTS

LIFE EVERLASTING

Summed up in the Declaration

This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

SESSION 5

PRAYER

Prayer is our way of “talking” to God

There are many types of prayer.
Set prayers as in prayer books

	Intercessions	Prayer said for us all
		Meditation Times for silent prayer
Daily prayers		Special prayers we say on our own

ACTS

A is for	ADORATION	calling on God to listen
C is for	CONFESSION	saying we are sorry
T is for	THANKSGIVING	saying thank you to God for His blessings
S is for SUPPLICATION		saying please and asking for things

All prayers contain these parts.

Look at the LORD’S PRAYER and mark in the A.C.T.S.

Our Father, who art in heaven
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation,
But deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory
For ever and ever Amen

Write your own special prayer

SESSION 6

THE OFFERTORY

After the PEACE has been exchanged, when we greet each other in friendship and peace, the BREAD and WINE is brought to the ALTAR

The ALTAR is a table and it represents the table that Jesus used at the LAST SUPPER when he took some BREAD and WINE and told his disciples that the BREAD and WINE were very special.

The BREAD Jesus said, “This is my body which is given for you”

The WINE Jesus said, “ This is my blood of the new covenant “
.
Jesus meant that every time Christians met together that they should eat BREAD and drink WINE to remember how he had died and risen for all of us.

This is the important moment that all Christians prepare for and what you are preparing to share with all other Christians

Jesus asks YOU to “ Do this in remembrance of him.”

The Priest uses a special plate called a PATEN and a special CUP called a CHALICE

SESSION 7

THANKSGIVING AND BLESSING

After we receive the BREAD and WINE we are invited to say Thank you. The Priest offers a prayer after Communion and that prayer is always on the sheet for you to join in silently with.

Then the Priest asks God to bless us and sends us out saying

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

We all reply

Thanks be to God