

## Question 54

### Holy Communion Working Group

#### Terms of Reference

1. The House [of Bishops] invites the Bishop of Lichfield to continue as the chair of a 'Holy Communion Working Group', supported by the National Liturgy and Worship Adviser.
2. The Group's remit is as follows: to
  - (a) advise the work of the House of Bishops Recovery Group on practical guidance related to the sacrament of Holy Communion, as required from time to time;
  - (b) provide resources for bishops and others to use in teaching the faithful about Holy Communion, and for reflection and study by members of the House at its invitation;
  - (c) investigate theological questions about Holy Communion which have been brought to prominence as a consequence of the pandemic, and which may continue to affect the worshipping life of the Church of England, and to offer to the House practical suggestions for practice. In particular these include exploring:
    - (i) an Anglican understanding of Spiritual Communion;
    - (ii) the theological arguments for and against receiving Holy Communion in one kind as necessity may require;
    - (iii) the significance of the common cup, and how that significance could be expressed through different methods of administration;
    - (iv) theologies of the Eucharist which might underpin 'blended' celebrations of Holy Communion at which some participants are not physically present with the president, or at which only the president is physically present.

*Chair*            The Bishop of Lichfield

*Members*        The Bishop of Fulham  
The Bishop of Kensington  
The Revd Dr William Adam  
The Revd Canon Prof Loveday Alexander  
The Revd Mark Earey  
The Revd Canon Dr Simon Jones

*Secretary*      The Revd Dr Matthew Salisbury