

AUSTRALIAN PRAYER BOOK CANON 1977

Canon 1, 1977

A canon to authorise the use of "An Australian Prayer Book", and for related purposes.

The General Synod prescribes as follows:

1. This canon may be cited as the Australian Prayer Book Canon 1977.
2. In this canon, unless the contrary intention appears - "**Australian Prayer Book**" means the prayer book prepared by the Liturgical Commission under the name "**An Australian Prayer Book**" and amended and approved by Synod; "**Book of Common Prayer**" has the same meaning as in the Constitution; "**Constitution**" means the Constitution of the Church of England in Australia; "**this Church**" means the Church of England in Australia.
3.
 - (1) The use of the Australian Prayer Book by this Church is hereby authorised.
 - (2) The admission of persons to an office of bishop, priest or deacon in this Church in accordance with the appropriate form in the Ordinal included in the Australian Prayer Book is hereby authorised.
 - (3) Nothing in sub-section (1) or (2) or section 4 affects:
 - (a) the use of the Book of Common Prayer in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution;
 - or
 - (b) the admission of a person to an office of bishop, priest or deacon in this Church as if this canon had not been made.
4. The synod of a diocese may, by ordinance, regulate the use of the Australian Prayer Book at services held in the diocese.
5.
 - (1) Subject to this section, the bishop of a diocese may, upon request being submitted to him, authorise deviations from the Australian Prayer Book.
 - (2) The procedures set out in the second and third provisos to section 4 of the Constitution apply to and in relation to the submission of requests to the bishop of a diocese under sub-section (1) in like manner as they apply to and in relation to the submission of requests for deviations from the Book of Common Prayer.
 - (3) Nothing in this section permits a deviation contravening a principle of doctrine or worship referred to in section 4 of the Constitution.

6. A person made deacon, ordained priest or consecrated bishop in the Church of England in Australia in accordance with a form in the Ordinal contained in the Australian Prayer Book is, for the purposes of the application of Articles 36 of the Articles of Religion, sometimes called the 39 Articles, rightly, orderly and lawfully made, ordained or consecrated, as the case may be.
