

**EXTRACT FROM THE CANONS OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND** (see Canon C8, page 88)

**Churches in communion with the Church of England**

The term 'Churches in communion with the Church of England' may be taken to include the following Churches:

**(a) All member Churches and extra-provincial dioceses of the Anglican Communion, including united Churches which incorporate former Anglican Churches:**

Member Churches

Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia  
Anglican Church of Australia  
Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil  
Episcopal Church of Burundi  
Anglican Church of Canada  
Church of the province of Central Africa  
Anglican Church of the Central America Region  
Anglican Church of the Congo  
Hong Kong Sheng Kung Hui  
Church of the province of the Indian Ocean  
Church of Ireland  
Anglican Communion in Japan  
Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East  
Anglican Church of Kenya  
Anglican Church of Korea  
Church of the province of Melanesia  
Anglican Church of Mexico  
Church of the province of Myanmar (Burma)  
Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)  
Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea  
Episcopal Church in the Philippines  
Episcopal Church of Rwanda  
Scottish Episcopal Church  
Church of the province of South East Asia  
Church of the province of Southern Africa  
Anglican Church of the Southern Cone of America  
Episcopal Church of the Sudan  
Anglican Church of Tanzania  
Church of the province of Uganda  
Episcopal Church in the United States of America  
Church in Wales  
Church of the province of West Africa  
Church in the province of the West Indies

Extra-Provincial Dioceses

Church of Bermuda  
Anglican Church in Ceylon (Sri Lanka)  
Church of Cuba  
Lusitanian Church of Portugal  
Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain  
Falkland Islands Jurisdiction  
The Anglican Church in Venezuela  
Episcopal Church of Puerto Rico

United Churches incorporating Former Anglican Dioceses

Church of Bangladesh  
Church of North India  
Church of South India  
Church of Pakistan

**(b) The Old Catholic Churches of the Union of Utrecht:**

Old Catholic Church in the Netherlands  
Catholic Diocese of the Old Catholics in Germany  
Christian Catholic Church of Switzerland  
Old Catholic Church of Austria  
Old Catholic Church of the Czech Republic  
Polish National Catholic Church (USA)  
Polish National Catholic Church (Poland)  
Old Catholic Church of Croatia

**(c) Philippine Independent Church**

**(d) Mar Thoma Syrian Church of Malabar**

**(e) Nordic and Baltic Lutheran Churches which have approved the Porvoo Declaration. To date, these are:**

Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Finland\*  
Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Iceland  
Church of Norway\*  
Church of Sweden\*  
Estonian Evangelical-Lutheran Church\*  
Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Lithuania

\*indicates Churches with congregations in England.

The advice contained in this note is given in good faith, but does not constitute a definitive ruling. Rule 54(5) of the Church Representation Rules provides that "if any question arises whether a Church is in communion with the Church of England, it shall be conclusively determined for the purposes of these rules by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York". Section 6(2) of the Overseas and Other Clergy (Ministry and Ordination) Measure 1967 makes a similar provision.

**Church membership**

The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have issued the following short guide to the duties of church membership.

"All baptized and confirmed members of the Church must play their full part in its life and witness. That you may fulfil this duty you are called upon:

To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life and to bear witness to Him.

To be regular in private prayer day by day.

To read the Bible carefully.

To come to Church every Sunday.

To receive the Holy Communion faithfully and regularly.

To give personal service to Church, neighbours and community.

To uphold the standard of marriage entrusted by Christ to His Church.

To care that children are brought up to love and serve the Lord."