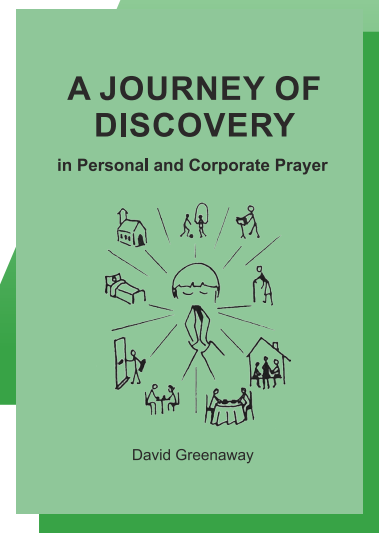


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THE CHURCH, ITS MISSION IN LOVING, WORSHIPPING, CARING AND SHARING *David Greenaway*

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This book is a thoroughly Bible-based exploration of the Church's mission. The author considers each aspect in turn, and if only Christians were able to follow all the teaching in this book, then the church today would look very different. There was nothing new that I had not read, been taught, or experienced in the many churches where I have worshipped during my lifetime, but sadly I have never been a member of a congregation where all the points in this book were in operation. Perhaps there are such churches, and the rest of us would do well to begin to work together to achieve more of the teaching, but I think that the church as David Greenaway longs for us all to be is, for most of us, still far from reality. I was left with a feeling of sadness that we are so far from being what we are called to be.

This is certainly a challenging book, though easy to read and with good, clear print. There are simple line drawings to illustrate the points made, and I found these helpful to ponder on. There are also very useful lists of questions, charts and agencies that can assist in various ways.

A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY IN PERSONAL AND CORPORATE PRAYER *David Greenaway*

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CHALLENGING QUESTIONS FOR THE CHURCH *David Greenaway*

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These two booklets are well presented and easy to read. The booklet on prayer is a beginning for those setting out on the journey of faith, and a gentle reminder to those of us who have been longer on The Way. Whilst it obviously cannot go into detail or depth, it sets out the different types of prayer we need to use, and gives Bible references for the reader to explore. A brief look at praying in the Celtic tradition is included. There is a helpful list to make sure everyone is included when praying for the church's ministry - every task is important!

The booklet of challenging questions is exactly that, and very good they are! 'Lessons from a church for Adults with a Learning Disability' is an interesting and inspiring account of alternative, accessible worship.

Reviewed by Sue Wiggins, Local Preacher in the Isle of Wight Circuit.