

## **Introduction to the Daily Office**

The Daily Office is the main prayer of the day of the Order for Baptist Ministry. Additionally there is a Midday Prayer and Prayer at Day's Ending.

The Daily Office differs according to the day of the week, so there are seven different offices. These also correspond to the seasons of the Church Year. This means that during Ordinary Time a different office is said depending on the day of the week. During a particular season, that office is used every day for the duration.

The correspondence is as follows:

Monday – Pentecost – Living Spirit

Tuesday – Advent – Coming Lord

Wednesday – Christmas – Incarnate Lord

Thursday – Epiphany – Revealing Lord

Friday – Lent and Passiontide – Suffering God

Saturday – Creation – Creating God

Sunday Easter

So, for example, on a Wednesday in the middle of August and in Ordinary Time, the Wednesday/Christmas office is used, but only on a Wednesday. From the end of Advent and the beginning of Christmas, until the beginning of Epiphany, the Wednesday/Christmas office is used every day.

In addition to the standard Daily Office there are some shorter versions that are entirely different offices and are more succinct. Also there are some alternative versions which provide an opportunity to use a different set of words.

A copy of the Common Worship Daily Lectionary is an aid to the dates within the Church Year.

The scriptures each day are taken from the Common Worship Lectionary, following either Holy Communion or Morning Prayer readings.