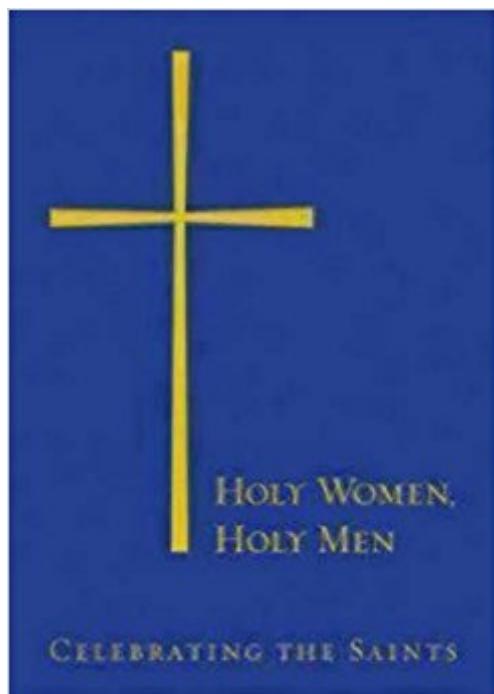


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# Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating The Saints



## Synopsis

Fully revised and expanded, this new work is the first major revision of the liturgical calendar of the Episcopal Church in more than 40 years! It is the official revision of Lesser Feasts and Fasts and authorized by the 2009 General Convention. All commemorations in Lesser Feasts and Fasts have been retained, and many new ones added. Three scripture readings (instead of current two) are provided for all minor holy days. Additional new material includes a votive mass of the Blessed Virgin Mary, many more ecumenical commemorations, plus a proper for space exploration. For years the oft revised volume, Lesser Feasts and Fasts (LFF), has served parishes and individuals mark part of the holiness of each day by providing Scripture readings, a collect, a Eucharistic preface, and a narrative about those remembered on the church's calendar that day whose lives have witnessed to the grace of God. *Holy Women, Holy Men* (HWHM) is a major effort to revise, but also to expand and enrich LFF. Where LFF provided two readings (gospel and other New Testament) plus a psalm, HWHM adds an Old Testament citation. Where LFF was limited to few non-Anglicans in the post-reformation period (and few non-Episcopalians after 1789), HWHM dramatically broadens appreciation for other Christians and their traditions. Over-emphasis on clergy is redressed by additional laity, males by females, and "in-church" activities by contributions well beyond the workings of institutional agendas. These almost daily commemorations occupy over 600 of the book's 785 pages, by far the lion's share of its content. Remaining sections address: principles of revision and guides for future revision; liturgical propers for seasons (Advent/Christmas, Lent, and Easter); and new propers for a miscellany of propers usable with individuals (or events) not officially listed in the formal calendar. Two cycles of propers for daily Eucharist are also included, one covering a six week period, the other a two year cycle.

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## Customer Reviews

The Kindle version is useless. There is no table of contents and saints' listings do not include dates. There is no calendar listing where you can click on the saint and be taken to her(his) listing. This makes it absolutely useless to me. I have to scroll through the entire book to find what I want, or else guess what location they are on! I can't believe Church Publishing did such a poor job on this. I've used Lesser Feasts and Fasts for decades and have a PDF version on my Kindle that is great. HWHM pales in comparison. I am pretty mad that I just lost \$18.00 on this. If there was a way to get my money back I would sure try. Count me very disappointed....

I purchased my Kindle version of Holy Women, Holy Men while at a Standing Committee meeting, just prior to our worship that was going to use the lessons and biographical sketch for May 20 (Alcuin, Deacon and Abbot of Tours). I couldn't believe it when I opened my downloaded copy and couldn't readily go to the page for Alcuin! The whole concept of this book is to have materials on hand for specific days of the year - and yet the date for each saint (which shows in the bottom corner of each written page) is missing! To find the correct date one must first page through the calendar in the front of the book to find who the particular saint for that day is, then guess as to how far into the book that date falls, and hunt. Granted, if one uses the book most every day the current date should be close at hand, but why not at least a working "go to" option for each month on the calendar at the front? Or better yet why not a working "go to" option to get to a specific date? Can't be done right now because they left all the dates out of the text! If I could return this ebook to and get my money back I would do so in a heartbeat. But I see no option to do so - nor do I see an option for registering a complaint other than in my review.

Not only is the table of contents not linked to pages in the book, but none of the entries have dates listed with them.

The Kindle version lacks info such as the dates for each feast celebration- essentially making the resource useless in a church environment as I need to use the paper copy to look up a holy woman

or man by date. The lack of the date info makes this resource unhelpful. I have also been extremely disappointed by the publisher's lack of response to my query when I wrote and called them, several times, to discuss this issue. I will be using this resources from other sources- and this is available in PDF form for free from other sources. What's more, others who have looked at this resource on my kindle have elected to not buy it because it is incomplete. CPG really needs to start responding to its customers.

I can honestly say, in my daily prayers, this book sure does come in handy! I use this book in my morning prayers. I'll read the biography of the "saint" for the day, then start on page 80 for Rite II of the Morning Prayer in the Book of Common Prayer (BCP). After the Lord's prayer and the sufferages, I will read the collect of the saint in this book, then read the collect for the day (or week) from the BCP and continue on. This method has really enriched my prayer life and devotional work on a daily basis! It is interesting to see so many "saints" that were Eastern Orthodox, Roman Catholic, even Southern Baptist (Martin Luther King Jr. April 4) as well from the Episcopalian/Anglican tradition. It reminds me not to be so "sectarian," but that saints throughout the 2000 year history of the church reached out to a hurting world and made it better somehow. The prayers themselves are directed to God but ever reminding us of the examples these folks did to bring God's Love to a world so desperately in need of it. This book, "Holy Women, Holy Men" (HWHM) is durable and will last a long time. Even though it is not a hardcover, or leather bound, from the first few pages, the book will lay down flat, thus one could lay the book down and not have the book fold back on itself. This is a good thing, because for these prayers, I have the BCP, the Bible (for the readings from the Daily Offices and this book, which also has the lectionaries, list of Scriptural readings for the day. Overall, I am real pleased with the book and will be using it daily for years to come! Thank you.

I gave this item 3 stars because it is really a worship supplement. While the book provides excellent information about the "Saint of the day" and the appropriate collect, I find it a bit cumbersome to use in daily prayer especially with all of the ditigal formats available which compile all of the info for you. If you enjoy flipping pages, very Anglican, for daily prayer you will enjoy this. I was intially going to retun the book because I didn't think it would be that useful however I have decided to keep it. I wish it would be called "Celebrating the saints - A WORSHIP RESOURCE". So , all in all great info but in my opinon not neceissarily for home use.

This is a book that tries to pack perhaps too much into one volume, but it does make it easier to use, especially in daily prayer and for augmenting a congregational worship service. There is just enough information about each of the individuals to get a sense of their place in church history, as well as the collect for their specific day in the church calendar. I would like to have more than just a page of historic information, but it makes it easy to fit the reading of it in my personal daily devotions without distracting from the overall process and/or adding so much time to the service that I lose focus on the worship of God that is the purpose of being in prayer.

Although this is still in the approval process by the Episcopal Church, USA, it is a wonderful resource for those of us who are involved in a worshiping congregation and who use this kind of information often. It is also valuable for directing personal prayer and for meditation on the lives and ministries of Christians who have gone before us and whose lives can be an encouragement to anyone living in today's difficult world.

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