

ADOPTING ORDINANCE 1974AN ORDINANCE

TO adopt the Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is desirable that the Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 of General Synod of the Church of England in Australia should be adopted by the Diocese of Grafton

THEREFORE the Bishop Clergy and Laity of the Diocese of Grafton in Synod assembled decree ordain and enact as follows:

SHORT TITLE

1. This Ordinance may be cited as the "Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 Adopting Ordinance 1974"

ADOPTION

2. The Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973 which is set out in the Schedule hereto is hereby adopted and shall apply within the Diocese of Grafton as an Ordinance of the Synod of the Diocese of Grafton.

THE SCHEDULE

No. 12, 1973

**A CANON TO PROVIDE FOR LAY ASSISTANTS AT
HOLY COMMUNION**

The General Synod prescribes as follows:—

1. Lay persons being communicants may be authorised by the bishop to assist the priest in the ministrations and distribution of the Holy Communion.
2. The Synod of any diocese may by ordinance set further limitations to the doing of any act referred to in this Canon by any lay person.
3. The bishop of any diocese may make regulations which specify the qualifications to be required of such persons before any such authority is conferred upon them, the person or persons who may authorise such lay persons to assist as aforesaid, the form of authority to be issued to them and the vesture to be worn by such persons while assisting at Holy Communion as aforesaid.
4. This Canon affects the order and good government of the Church of England in Australia and shall not come into force in any diocese unless and until the diocese by ordinance adopts the said Canon.
5. This Canon may be cited as "Lay Assistants at Holy Communion Canon 1973".