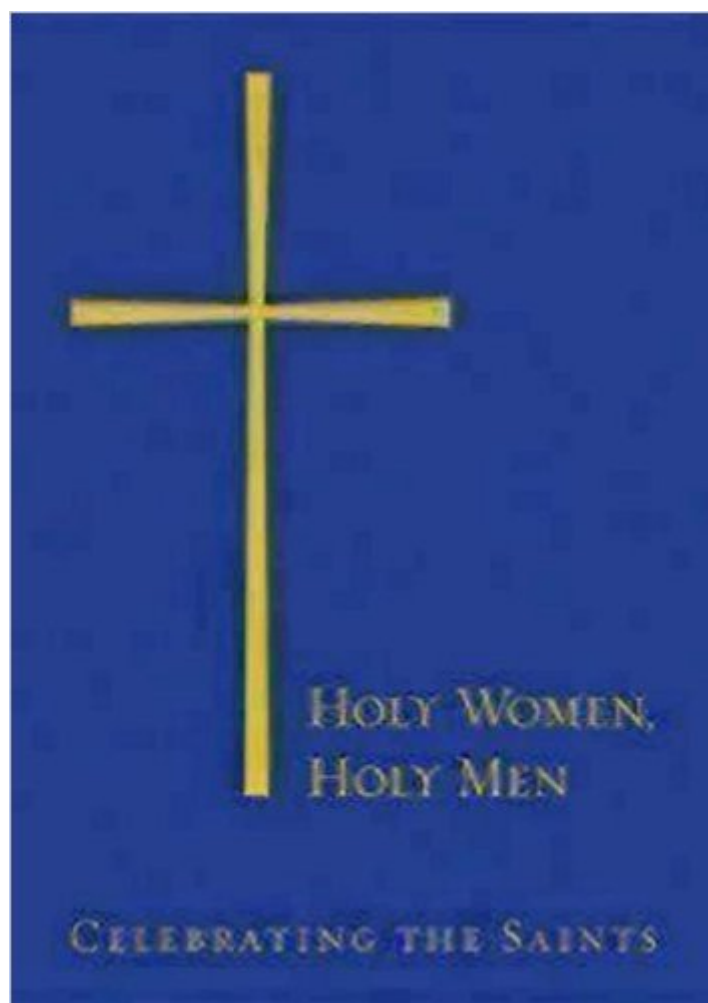


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# Holy Women, Holy Men: Celebrating The Saints



## 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 for trial use 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. This new resource, again, is a trial edition, and is being evaluated by a formal quantitative survey of the Church, plus a blog, until June 30, 2011. Ultimately, the Standing Commission on Liturgy and Worship will take its findings and make recommendations in its Blue Book report to the 2012 General Convention for revision or approval of the publication as a permanent resource. The General Convention will then consider adoption of the texts during the 2012 General Convention.

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Holy Women, Holy Men, which is the updated version of the more commonly known book, Lesser Feasts and Fasts. Usually, this book is updated every three years (at the General Convention of the Episcopal Church); however, for the most part, the text remains essentially the same from edition to edition, with certain additions and corrections, so that any particular edition has an effective useful life of a decade or so. This latest revision shows the most change of any of the past dozen or so incarnations of the book. In some ways, it is the same. The book begins with a layout of the calendar of the church year. The first few pages are text that give the dates of principle feasts (or methods for calculating the movable feasts), holy days and major feasts, the fasts (Ash Wednesday and Good Friday), and days of special devotion and optional observance. There is a calendar of the days of observance for particular persons. The Anglican communion does not have the same method of canonisation of saints as does the Roman church; 'saints' as such are people accepted by communal assent as having led lives worthy of note and model, as appropriate.

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