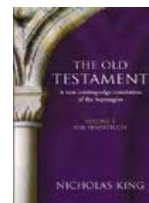


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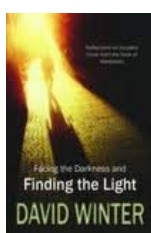
THE BOOK OF GOD: the Bible as a Novel, by Walter Wangerin
A retelling, from Abraham to Pentecost, of the Bible story. Vivid imaginative detail and a swift narrative flow enhances the literally-interpreted events and makes for easy reading.

THE OLD TESTAMENT. VOL 1 – THE PENTATEUCH, by Nicholas King
A brilliantly readable new translation - not a paraphrase - of the first five books of the Bible, made not from Hebrew but from the Greek version that was used by most people, even Jews, in the time of Christ. The footnotes are so lively that you hardly notice the translator's immense learning. Highly recommended.



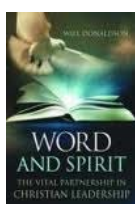
NOTHING TOO RELIGIOUS, by Andrew Pratt and Marjorie Dobson
Resources (hymns, prayers, ideas for worship) with a difference for clergy and worship leaders. They are aimed at helping people who very seldom come to church to feel more at home when they do –for example at christenings, or Christmas, or when they turn up in search of personal or spiritual guidance.

LEADERS LEARNING TO LISTEN, by Chris Edmondson
The Bishop of Bolton and former Warden of Lee Abbey looks at barriers to good listening, the importance of silence and the challenge of listening to those with whom we deeply disagree. He offers some practical ways to create a more listening church community.



FACING THE DARKNESS AND FINDING THE LIGHT: reflections for troubled times from the book of Revelation, by David Winter
What David Winter calls “this strange and mesmerising book” looks at some of our toughest questions. Why does evil exist? Why do the innocent so often suffer? If God is good, why does his world have to endure war and natural disasters? Revelation is not a book for the squeamish, but in this study it does also offer light and hope.

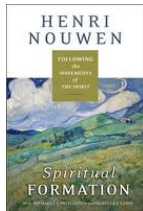
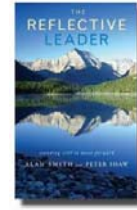
HOW TO MAKE GREAT APPOINTMENTS IN THE CHURCH, by Claire Pedrick and Su Blanch
Intended for anyone with leadership responsibility in their church who is faced with the need to select a new minister, and also for clergy who are seeking new posts. It looks at canvassing opinions, selection processes, pitfalls, CVs, interviews and welcoming the new incumbent. “Worth buying in quantity” says one reviewer.



WORD AND SPIRIT: the vital partnership in Christian leadership, by Will Donaldson
A call to Christians of ‘conservative’ and ‘charismatic’ traditions to focus on what unites rather than divides - to come together in a celebration of both Word and Spirit to build each other up and further the sharing of the Gospel

THE REFLECTIVE LEADER, by Alan Smith and Peter Shaw

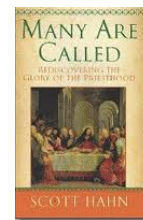
One author is a coaching organisation executive, the other an Anglican bishop. Both have extensive experience in developing leaders. This practical guide helps you to know yourself, to understand others, to use feedback, keep an open mind and create a team that can flourish.



SPIRITUAL FORMATION: following the movements of the Spirit, by Henri Nouwen

The late, much loved Henri Nouwen taught a famous course in spiritual formation, but never set its theory on paper. Now two of his students have taken the course and added some of his unpublished writings to reveal his advice on how to live out the five classic stages of spiritual development.

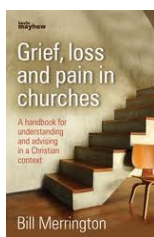
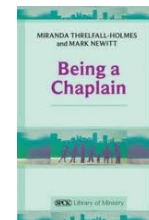
MANY ARE CALLED: rediscovering the glory of the priesthood, by Scott Hahn
The Catholic priesthood has had a bad press recently. But Scott Hahn, a best-selling Catholic writer, believes in the blessing of God's call. In examining the biblical and historical roots of the priesthood, he also looks at, and celebrates, the many roles required of the priest: father, brother, teacher, breadwinner, warrior, judge....



NEW MONASTICISM AS FRESH EXPRESSION OF CHURCH, edited by Graham Cray, Ian Mobsby and Aaron Kennedy

Today growing numbers of groups, from the Quiet Garden Movement to The Order of Missions in Sheffield and the Prayer Boiler Room in Reading, are seeking to live the gospel as communities, whether gathered or scattered. New monastic pioneers from Britain and the USA share their inspiring stories in this book and explore how the essentials of an old spirituality can resource modern mission.

BEING A CHAPLAIN, by Miranda Threlfall-Holmes and Mark Newitt
Intended for all who are considering becoming chaplains or have dealings with them, this useful handbook gathers stories of 22 chaplains from different churches in a variety of situations. It also looks at the skills needed for the job and some of the problems that may arise in the work.

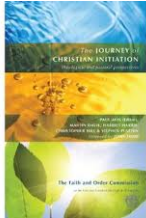


GRIEF, LOSS AND PAIN IN CHURCHES: a handbook for understanding and advising in a Christian context, by Canon Dr. Bill Merrington

Every day people in churches – clergy, parish workers, ordinary members – come into contact with others who are in trouble, shocked, grief-stricken. How can they best help? The aim of this wise and practical book is to prepare and equip them to deal better with such serious situations, from loss of faith to the death of a child.

COMFORT AND CONSOLATION: prayers for funerals and the bereaved, by David Adam, Nick Fawcett, Susan Hardwick and Ray Simpson.

Several well-known Christian resource providers have combined to compile a useful anthology of prayers for public and private occasions of grief that expresses the reality of pain as well as words of comfort and hope.



THE JOURNEY OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION: theological and pastoral perspectives. From the General Synod Faith and Order Commission. This study sets out to explore and clarify the Church of England's approach to baptism, confirmation and admission to Holy Communion. It looks at theological understanding and ministerial practice, both of which can vary, in the light of historical perspective and some present-day initiatives.