Did You Know? An Anglican Glossary



The Anglican Breviary

The Anglican Breviary is based on the Roman Breviary in its form before the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) and the 1955 reforms of Pope Pius XII. The Roman Breviary was the official prayer book of the Roman Church and required daily reading for clergy and monastics. It contains the prayers for the Liturgical Hours of Matins, Laud, Prime, Terce, Sext, None, Vespers and Compline. Included are excerpts from liturgical writings and Scripture references.

The first version was compiled by Venerable John Cosin, later Bishop of Durham, in 1627. There were many other adaptations including one from the Sarum Office. The Breviary has a long and interesting history. A cotemporary version is available.