



Developing the Science of Cathedral Studies

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As a Christian theologian and as Canon Treasurer and Canon Theologian in the Chapter of Bangor Cathedral, the Revd Canon Professor Leslie J Francis describes himself as having for a long time been concerned with the distinctive opportunities and challenges presented by cathedral ministry and mission. In this significant edited collection of essays, Leslie Francis offers to us 'the Science of Cathedral Studies', which proposes a new theoretical framework and systematically applied approach to the study of cathedrals, illustrated through a collection of empirical studies.

Contributors to the book include among others, the Right Revd Dr David Walker, Bishop of Manchester, on cathedral carol services, the Revd Dr Tania ap Sion on the ministry of the cathedral prayer board, Dr Owen Edwards on cathedral engagement with young people, Dr Judith Muskett on cathedral associations of Friends, the Revd Dr Lewis Burton on cathedral

visitors' books, and the Revd Canon Professor Leslie Francis on cathedral congregations and on cathedral visitors.

The Very Revd Michael Sadgrove, Dean of Durham, writes of the publication:

"A landmark contribution to cathedral studies that will open doors to further research in years to come. This book will inform strategies that will help cathedrals to make an even greater contribution than they already do. It may also dispel a few myths. I warmly welcome *Anglican Cathedrals in Modern Life*. The essayists deserve our warmest thanks."

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