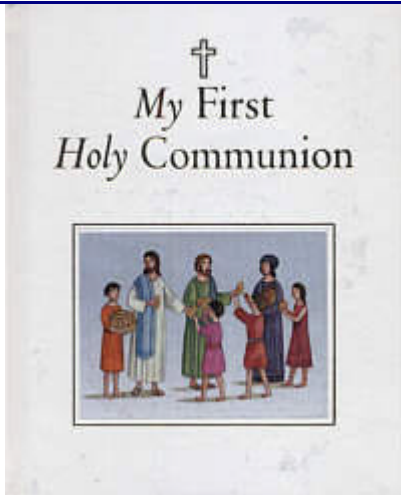


Baptism/Confirmation/First Communion



My First Holy Communion

Written and compiled by Sophie Piper, illustrated by

published by Lion

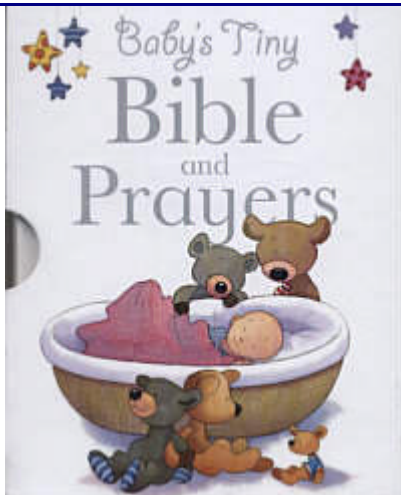
in Hardback

at £8.99

(978-0-745-94955-0)

Now children from many denominations are being considered for their first communion at a young age, a first communion book is not just for Roman Catholics. This is a gift book that is sure to be used. It has a presentation page and a marker ribbon and is a book of prayers compiled from many sources and some written especially for this book. These are not babyish prayers but they are child friendly, in fact they say exactly what we need to say, all of us, particularly the prayers asking for forgiveness, I thought these were some of the best I have read. Highly recommended.

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)



Baby's Tiny Bible and Prayers

by Sarah Toulmin, illustrated by Kristina Stephenson

published by Lion

in Boxed set

at £7.99

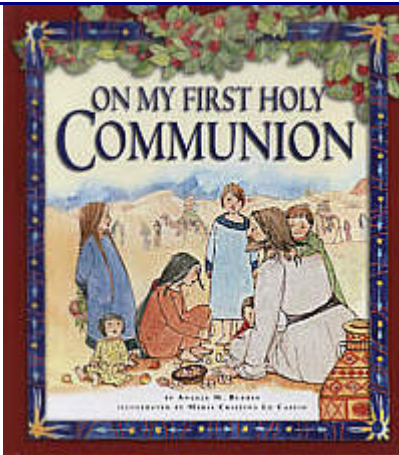
(978-0-745-96205-4)

Baby Bible and Baby Prayers were originally published separately in 2006 and 2007. Ideal to welcome new baby or as a Christening gift. Publisher. - - Lion are very good at producing quality gift books and although they have done the children's bible and prayer book sets before this is a nice addition to the range. - It is compact in size but the print is still nice and clear. The illustrations are bright and fun without being too cartoon like as some young children's books tend to be. - Some of the bible stories are a little bit on the short side but overall they are good and my two year old son enjoyed listening to them.

I particularly like the prayer book as it is separated into prayers for different occasions and times of the day. -

At £7.99 it is good value for money and would make an excellent gift.

Notes by [David Rose](#)



On My First Holy Communion

by Angela M. Burrin illustrated by Maria Christina Lo Ca

published by Redemptorist Publications

in Hardback

at £5.99 (978-0-852-31356-5)

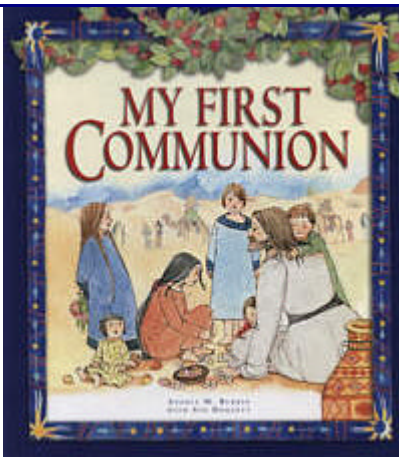
A book to present to a young person receiving their first Holy Communion, with presentation page at the front and pages at the back to list those who attended, special memories and photos of the occasion. -

Told as if by Jesus himself, the stories of the Bible are set out from the Creation, Abraham, and the Exodus to the birth of Jesus, His life on earth, the Last Supper, the Crucifixion and His Resurrection, all are illustrated tastefully and graphically by watercolours sketched in with ink, always an attractive format. -

The final pages set out useful prayers and the Apostles Creed. -

A welcome addition to the Redemptorist list.

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)



My First Communion

by Angela Burrin with Sue Doggett

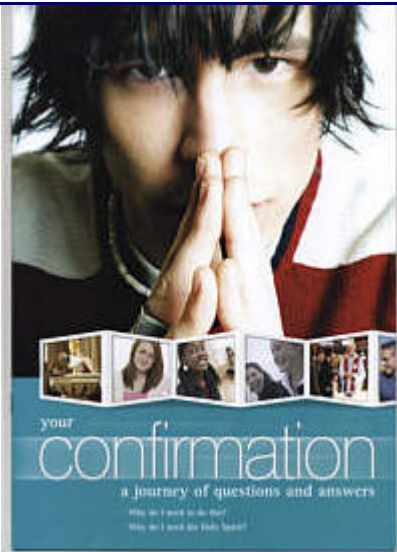
published by Barnabas imprint of BRF

in Hardback

at £6.99 (978-1-841-01687-0)

At first glance, this sweet book appears to be aimed at the Catholic market. It is a beautifully illustrated children's book which is meant as a presentation gift. It includes blank pages for photos and memories of this very special day. Having said it is primarily of Catholic ethos, the book has some helpful text and bible passages explaining the background to communion and would clearly help any child preparing for confirmation and a first communion. As more and more children are being encouraged to participate, this book would be a helpful way of making a young person feel welcome and comfortable with this significant act of worship.

Notes by [Hilary Morgan](#)



Your Confirmation

Revised edition edited by Jane Williams

published by Redemptorist Publications

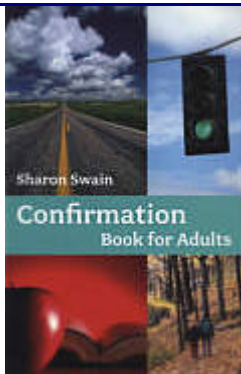
in Stapled A4 Pbk.

at £3.50 (978-0-852-31322-0)

Originally published in 1996 -

In a magazine format familiar to youngsters, this slim book is for giving to those contemplating Confirmation; answers to many of the questions going round their heads, and answers to some questions they had not thought of yet! It is in no sense a Confirmation course, but a preparation, so that those who come to a course have had the chance to think through for themselves what they are undertaking and why. Some will reject the answers given, others will approach the learning involved in the course with a much more determined effort, as they understand more fully the big step into maturity and adulthood Confirmation involves.

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)



Confirmation Book for Adults

by Sharon Swain

published by SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge)

in Paperback

at £8.99 (978-0-281-05955-3)

Not just a handbook to use for adult confirmation classes, but also a very useful book to give to adults who may be considering taking confirmation and not knowing enough about it, and perhaps are afraid to ask. Detailed chapters deal with what we understand by the call to baptism and confirmation and goes into detail about belief, the creedal statements we know are part of that belief, and what commitment as a Christian means for the future life. Needless to say every chapter that introduces a topic is backed up by biblical resource and discussion notes, so this book can be used very successfully as the basis for a confirmation course as well as the use of an individual. The language is easily understood and the arguments are sound, with plenty of chance to dig deeper if wanted to. The author has herself been in many church situations and realise the need for a book that can be understood by all.

Notes by [Ian Gibson](#)

How to be a Great Godparent

How to be a Great Godparent



by Susan Hardwick

published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd

in Hardback

at £5.99 (978-1-844-17152-1)

The 'great' here is not a generational category like 'great-grandparent' but a qualitative judgement. How can I be great in my role as a godparent to my godchild? Here is an attempted answer. Non-denominational, or rather, inclusive of many denominations, the author's suggested prayer routines make the godparenting role far more of a commitment than it would otherwise be – even life-long. Thus there are prayers and themes for each day of the week, e.g. 'Monday - My godchild's wisdom and learning'. Events in the life-cycle are also marked - the day of the Baptism, birthdays, anniversary of Baptism and so on. Prayers for the god-parent are also included to highlight this unique relationship and its responsibilities.

Notes by [Ian Gibbs](#)

On Your First Holy Communion

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Selected by Andrew Moore

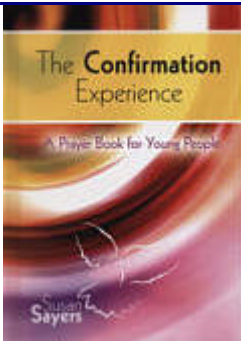
published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd

in Hardback

at £5.99 (978-1-844-17710-3)

A book to give on this vitally important occasion for the young Christian. Andrew Moore has included simple attractive illustrations to point up the themes that arise from this moment of First Communion with the Risen Lord. The Bible quotations and prayers from contemporary sources, including the Roman Missal, help the young reader to look more deeply into the mysteries of the Eucharist, so that the food of and for 'eternal life' is also the food for daily life and daily understanding of the sacramental encounter with Jesus Christ. This can be part of a firm foundation for a Christian's devotional development.

Notes by [Ian Gibbs](#)



The Confirmation Experience

by Susan Sayers

published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd

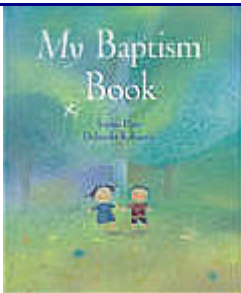
in Hardback

at £4.99 (1-844-17610-X)

I have always been impressed by the output of this author and the quality of the end result. This little book, especially for the youngsters being confirmed and being prepared, is perfect as a gift or as a memento of the big occasion. The prayers are heartfelt, simple, yet very effective and easy to understand – by all age groups. The content does not over simplify for the age group, but presents some very directed prayers especially for those sometimes tricky moments of understanding of the initiation process and for their growth afterwards. -

Also available, The Confirmation Experience - Adult, £4.99, ISBN 1-844-17609-6

Notes by [Ian Gibson](#)



My Baptism Book

by Sophie Piper, illustrated by Dubravka Kolanovic

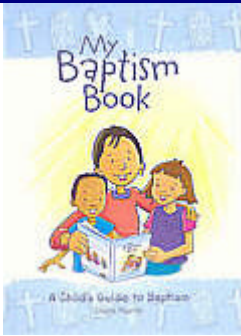
published by Lion

in Paperback

at £7.99 (0-745-94964-9)

An ideal gift book for a relative or Godparent to give to commemorate the special occasion of a little ones Baptism. With a ribbon to mark places, prayers, blessings and gentle illustrations, this is a lovely little book that will be kept by children to show to their own.

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)



My Baptism Book

by Dianna Murrie

published by Church House Publishing (CHP) Distributed by Hym

in Paperback

at £6.99 (0-715-14076-0)

In the publisher's words – 'This book aims to help children understand Baptism. It may be read by an adult and child together, or be used in more formal Baptism preparation with a family or an older child. It also serves as a reminder of a child's baptism – one which a child may wish to return to again and again.' -

For suggested follow-up activities on ways to use this material, please visit www.chpublishing.co.uk/mybaptismbook -

An attractive book to read through with the very young but equally good for those learning to read to look at for themselves. When so many children are brought for Baptism by non church going parents, it is important that they be helped to understand what is going on. Equally, for those who are in church Sunday by Sunday, they may also need further time spent with them so that they realise the importance of the occasion and that something very special is happening.

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)



See, Here is Water

by Mark Anderson

published by Barratt Ministries Publications distributed by Gardne

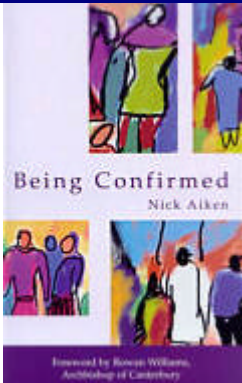
in Paperback

at £4.00 (1-904-59210-4)

An impassioned and clearly argued case for Baptism by immersion, of repentant believing adults, rather than the traditional infant Baptism of some churches. Part one is A case from scripture, Part two, A case from Church History. Mark Anderson sets out his case with biblical references and shows how the tradition for infant baptism grew, accompanied by quotations from Martin Luther and John Calvin. He then poses and answers the most commonly asked questions and in the Appendix teaches about Repentance and what repentance involves. I am an Anglican, used to Infant Baptism, I found this book helpful and enlightening.

- To purchase, email the author: markrjzz@yahoo.co.uk

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)



Being Confirmed

by Nick Aiken

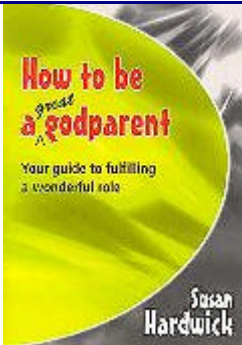
published by SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge)

in Paperback

at £6.99 (0-281-05631-5)

Originally published in 1991 by Marshall Pickering, this title has been reprinted with a foreword by the Archbishop of Canterbury. Written 'for young people preparing for confirmation, and also older readers who wish to be reminded of the promises they made at the time of their own public commitment to Christ.' Nick Aiken talks through what God has done for some of the people in the Bible, reminds us of the person of Jesus and tells of God the Holy Spirit in our lives. Only then does he talk of the significance of Confirmation, the gift of Holy Communion, and the resources of the Bible and prayer to help us with our Christian living. Clear and easy reading.

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)



How to be a Great Godparent

by Susan Hardwick

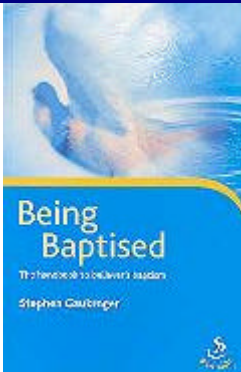
published by Kevin Mayhew Ltd

in Paperback

at £1.99 (1-844-17152-3)

A slim booklet but just the job to set out what being a Godparent is all about. For those who do not know or understand the commitment they are taking on, this is intended to help, not intimidate.

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)



Being Baptised

by Stephen Gaukroger

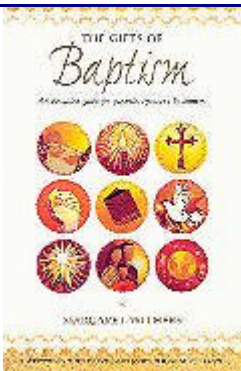
published by Scripture Union (SU)

in Paperback

at £4.99 (1-859-99768-6)

This book is a 'straight down the middle', clear and easy to read book which explains what being baptised is all about. This is a book to recommend as its informal style really helps the new believer understand what they are doing. Stephen again manages to put across this theological issue in a lively and fresh manner. I would recommend this book to any Christian as it helps to promote the significance of Baptism as a clear sign of a change in someone's life and as such as a means to reach other people. This is a good book. It's not dry, it's mildly witty and achieves much in a short space where others have tended to over complicate the issue.

Notes by Andrew Elliott



The Gifts of Baptism

by Margaret Withers

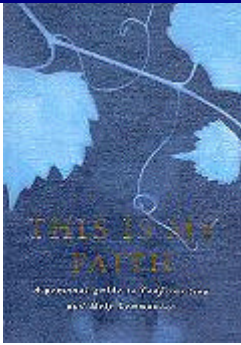
published by BRF (Bible Reading Fellowship)

in Paperback

at £4.99 (1-841-01208-4)

For any family with a young child old enough to understand what is going on and who needs to have baptism explained to them, this title will really help. By following through this book with a youngster, any adult will benefit too. As it works through the service, suggestions are given for visual aids and other ways of introducing 'Joe' to the reasons behind the various actions and words that he will encounter. This is a book that greatly appealed to me, and I am sure it is going to help a lot of people, regular churchgoers and others.

Notes by Mary Bartholomew



This is My Faith

by Douglas Dales

published by Canterbury Press imprint of Hymns Ancient & Modern

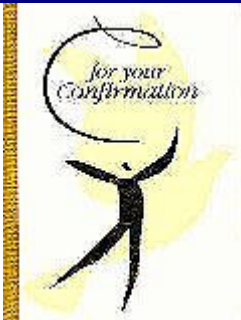
in Paperback

at £7.99 (1-853-11536-3)

Now enlarged and updated, this edition uses the Communion Service, Order One, (incorporating eucharistic prayer B) from Common Worship.

The author says in the preface "This book is intended for young people who are preparing for confirmation or simply thinking about being confirmed. It is also designed to be a spiritual handbook for them to use in the years after their Confirmation." A very useful little book containing much that will be helpful and supportive through life. In four parts, Becoming a Christian, Being a Christian, Belonging to the Church and Being with God, this book helps with the realities that we all meet if we make the commitment of being Confirmed.

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)



For Your Confirmation

Written and compiled by Rebecca Winter

published by Lion Hudson

in Paperback

at £8.99 (0-745-94679-8)

A keepsake album of the confirmation day itself, the front of the book includes pages for the recipient to record details of the service and those who attended, to attach photographs and a service sheet, and to note down favourite prayers and Bible verses. The Gold quarterbinding and foil lettering reinforce the 'specialness' of the book, and a clear acetate cover provides extra protection.

Notes by [publisher](#)



Confirmation Prayer Book

by Stephen Lake

published by SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge)

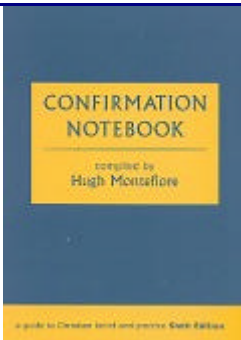
in Paperback

at £9.99 (0-281-05462-2)

Available in either Blue or White binding. The ISBN for blue is 0-281-05541-6, for white it is 0-281-05462-2

The Bp of Salisbury, David Stancliffe, says in the Forward 'This book should be in the hands of everyone who is being, or has been, confirmed. You will find encouragement to pray regularly and help in taking part in the Church's worship.' The author is an experienced parish priest, and has obviously compiled this book as a direct result of his awareness of the need for a book of this description. Beautifully presented, a pleasure to handle and read, there is a lot of useful guidance, and facts to refer to.

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)



Confirmation Notebook

by Hugh Montefiore

published by SPCK (Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge)

in Paperback

at £6.99 (0-281-05521-1)

Hugh Montefiore's Confirmation Notebook has provided several generations of confirmation candidates with a simple, succinct summary of the Christian faith since it was first published 35 years ago. Since then the need for such notes written in adult language has grown as the number of adult candidates for confirmation has increased. Existing chapters have been updated and enlarged, with new chapters on Common Worship, Christian festivals, Christian behaviour and the Christian view of sex and marriage. Now in a handy pocket size format. Long may it continue a best seller.

Notes by [Mary Bartholomew](#)