Church Society's *The Global Anglican* – Book Review Aspirations

Important stuff about *The Global Anglican* and its mission:
https://churchsociety.org/globalanglican/page/the_global_anglican/

Our ideal books

- The 80-100 key books published in the last year
- A suitable range of subjects and publishers
- Significant works of theology, biblical studies, church history, pastoral theology usually of an academic or semi-academic sort of which our readers ought to be aware
- Books by, or for, or about Anglican Evangelicalism
- Key reading for Anglican Evangelical clergy or their congregations, but not every paperback by every evangelical publisher
- Books which need answering!

Our ideal reviewers

- Will share our (Anglican) Evangelical perspective
- Will provide suitable reviews on time (ideally within 3 months of receiving the book) which conform to our template, style guide (reviewers may find our article submission guidelines helpful on points of style – see Global Anglican webpage above) and word length (typically 400-600 words)
- Will know enough about the subject to review the book and be aware of what else is available in the field
- Will include female, BAME, disabled, international (Anglican but not just C of E) voices etc.

Our ideal reviews

- Serve our readers with helpful engaging reviews!
- Briefly give any necessary context on reviewer or book series etc.
- Summarise the essence of the book and at least some of the important elements
- Say what this book aims to do. Does it do a good job? If not, what's better?
- Say for whom the book might or might not be useful if this is not obvious
- Might compare the book to other similar works: what is its unique selling point? (e.g. does this commentary on John need to be added to your shelves? Does this Systematic Theology do something especially well compared to others?)
- Are balanced and fair but not bland, and tell us more than we could find out from Amazon / the blurb and contents page; express valid opinions about the book – share your judgement
- Don't give good people a hard time, but do be willing to say if the book is a real dud, even if it is written by some eminent evangelical!
- Don't say this is not the book I would have written! Don't moan about omissions unless they are of the essence
- Are not longer than they need to be. Reviews are probably better if they are shorter than the reviewer feels they should be! Longer reviews and shorter book notes can be considered when appropriate.

Our ideal process (see further 'Production Guide Book Review Process')

- We welcome suggestions from reviewers, board members, global consultants and others about books that might be requested for review, or about potential reviewers
- Monitor forthcoming releases from key publishers and develop publisher contacts, look at publicity mailings etc.
- Develop a list of reviewers' interests, expertise, emails and postal addresses. Publishers often ask for a phone number
- We seek to match books to reviewers and ask publishers to send the books directly to the reviewer (digital and or print as the reviewer prefers). We also use a Facebook group for reviewers
- We try to discourage unsolicited books being sent to the Church Society office
- We do not promise to use all reviews submitted. Some reviews may be used in *Crossway* magazine or on the blog
- We agree any significant edits with reviewers. Reviews then go into our system for copy editing and are assigned to an addition (not necessarily in the order received) to create a balance in each edition
- We aim to have sufficient reviews in hand, but not a terrible backlog of delayed publication