

'SINGING HYMNS AGAIN FOR THE FIRST TIME'

Resources for Progressive Christians

There are hundreds of compilations of hymns and songs, the following may be of interest:

1. **Wild Goose publications** is the publishing house of the Iona Community and on their website you will see all of their songbooks, liturgy resources, both in print and on digital download. Go to www.ionabooks.com to see the many books for sale in their shop

2. **Stainer and Bell** is one of the main publishing houses for music both traditional and more progressive. Hymn writers such as Sydney Carter, Fred Pratt Green, June Boyce-Tillman, Brian Wren and many others have featured in its publications. Full list of the hymn books in their shop. Look out for the 'Worship Live' series of new songs and hymns.

www.stainer.co.uk

3. **Kevin Mayhew** is another well known publishing house, most of its hymn and song books are traditional but its worth looking at the **Celtic Hymn Book** which they publish. See

www.kevinmayhew.com

4. **Canterbury Press** publishes many hymns books, nearly all quite traditional but worth looking at 'Come Celebrate' See <https://canterburypress.hymnsam.co.uk>

5. **Common Ground**, published 1998 by the Church of Scotland has an excellent selection of open hearted songs and hymns. Worth searching out a second hand copy, seems to be out of print...

6. **The Unitarians** publish their own hymns books, as does every denomination, but these books may be more appealing in content to progressive folk. Hymn books include 'Hymns for Living' and 'Sing Your Faith'. Go to their shop at www.unitarian.org.uk

7. **Gretta Vosper** and her musical husband Scott Kearns have produced a number of song books such as 'Sing it Forward' and 'The Wonder of Life', which can be seen and bought on Gretta's website : www.grettavosper.ca

8. **Rex Hunt** is a retired Australian presbyter and prolific writer. His website also has an impressive list of resources, including some hymns, for progressive Christians. See [www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/.../special liturgies/specialhymns.html](http://www.rexaehuntprogressive.com/.../special%20liturgies/specialhymns.html)

9. **Taize** Compilations of Taize chants can be bought as CD's or MP 3 downloads from Amazon.

10. **George Stuart**, Australian hymn writer has many compilations of hymns on his website, see <https://sites.google.com/site/george007site>

11. **PCN Britain**. There are a number of hymns and other worship resources on the PCN Britain website See www.pcnbritain.org.uk

12. **The USA progressive Christian movement** also has a considerable number of hymn books which can be purchased on line. See www.progressivechristianity.org