



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, awarded doctorates to three graduates of the Archbishop's Examination in Theology (AET) scheme today in a ceremony at Lambeth Palace.

This year's graduates were the Revd Robert Chapman for a thesis on the Eucharist and mission; the Revd Antony Hodgson for a thesis on the evolution of suffragan bishops; and the Revd Lyndon Shakespeare for a thesis on managerial concepts in the contemporary church.

The power of the Archbishop of Canterbury to award degrees derives ultimately from the Ecclesiastical Licences Act of 1533, commonly known as the Peter's Pence Act.

In parallel with university practice, these degrees are granted on the basis of research conducted under the guidance of an approved supervisor, leading to the submission of a substantial thesis which is examined internally and externally and subject to a *viva voce* defence. Students are able to work towards the degrees of MPhil or PhD.

For more details of the AET scheme visit: <http://aet-lambeth.org/>

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