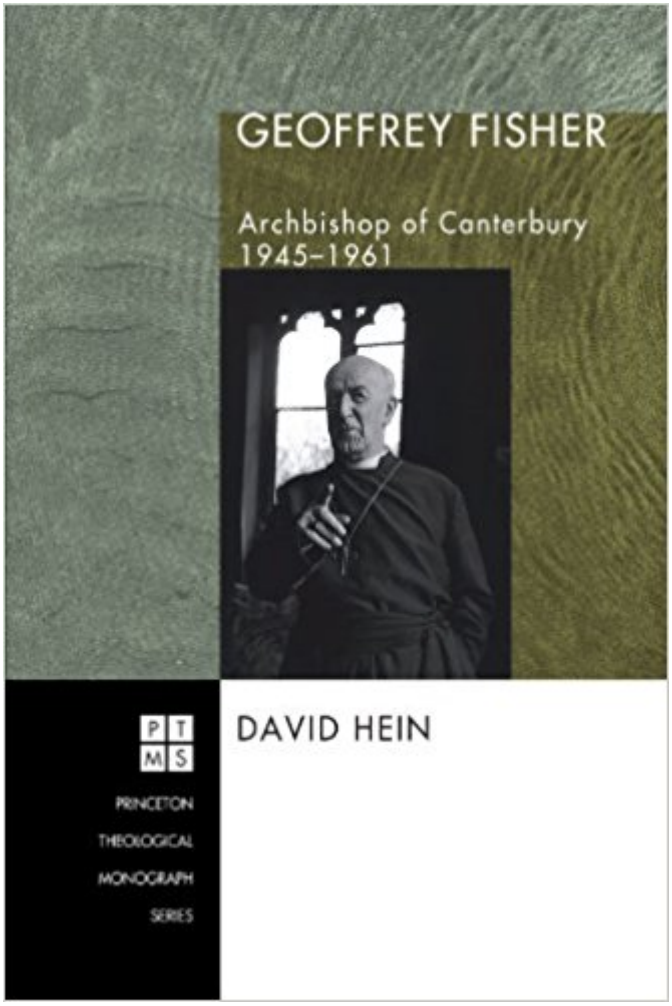
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This new study is a welcome complement to the major, perhaps magisterial but not I think hagiographical, biography by Edward Carpenter, Archbishop Fisher : His Life and Times, which is an indispensable account.

David Hein’s book is invaluable for those seeking a concise and factual book on an Archbishop who coped with times of change in the Anglican Church. The references are invaluable to those undertaking further study involving the Prelate.Mention might have been made of the stressful interactions which Fisher had with his Dean, and also of the problems the Archbishop’s Freemasonry caused in the Church. But the book avoids the hagiography of previous studies of Fisher.Doris LeRoy, PhD candidate, Victoria University, Footscray Park, Victoria, Australia.

This splendid new biography fills a vital gap in the literature on one of the most important -- albeit overlooked -- C20th Archbishops of Canterbury. It is clearly written and easily accessible. It will be

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