

Thursday digest

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- Steve Woolley on [supply clergy](#): "What are supply clergy? Are they merely ordained persons who are authorized to use the costume, magic words and hand motions needed to legitimize an hour of worship while the life of the congregation goes along without them quite well, thank you very much?"

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