



*Stoles are often given as gifts to the clergy or to a particular church on a special occasion. Our stoles date from early Victorian period (seen below) to the modern day.*

## VESTMENTS: THE STOLE

To celebrate the Eucharist, a priest will also wear a stole. This was originally a scarf-like item which was worn by those in the imperial hierarchy but adopted by the church to demonstrate the office of priesthood. It is a long band of material, often decorated or embroidered, worn around the neck with the long ends hanging down in front.

