

## GENERAL SYNOD

### FEBRUARY 2009 GROUP OF SESSIONS

#### BUSINESS DONE AT 6.59 P.M.

#### ON MONDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009

### PRAYERS

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY opened the Synod with prayers, including in particular prayers for Mr Ian Smith (York). The Synod also remembered Mr David Warner (St Albans), who had died since the last group of sessions in July 2008.

### INTRODUCTIONS

1 The following new members were introduced:

Mr Philip Brown (St Albans)  
The Ven. Peter Burrows, Archdeacon of Leeds (Ripon & Leeds)  
His Honour Judge Peter Collier QC, Vicar-General of York (*ex officio*)  
The Revd Robert Cooper (Wakefield)  
The Rt Revd Steven Croft (Bishop of Sheffield)  
The Revd Eva McIntyre (Worcester)  
The Revd Charles Marnham (London)  
The Revd Alan Moses (London)  
The Revd Caroline Ralph (Exeter)  
Mrs Christine Sandiford (Manchester)  
The Revd Dr Joanna Spreadbury (St Albans)  
The Revd Wayne Stokoe (Sheffield)  
The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton (Bishop of Truro)  
Miss Carol Wolstenholme (Newcastle)

Charlotte Cook, Edward Keene and Rob Hurley, new representatives of the Church of England Youth Council, were also welcomed by the Synod.

### PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY reported that:

further provisions of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 not previously in force had come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2008 and 1<sup>st</sup> February 2009;

the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure and the Church of England Pensions (Amendment) Measure had been found expedient by the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament; and

the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2008, the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2008 and the Parochial Fees Order 2008 had been laid before Parliament and had come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> January 2009; and the Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2008 had been laid before Parliament and would come into force on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009.

### **REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1676)**

3 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

4 The motion

‘That this Synod meet on the following dates in 2011 and 2012:

2011	7–11 February 8–12 July 14–16 November (contingency dates)
2012	6–10 February 6–10 July 19–21 November (contingency dates).’

was carried.

### **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE**

5 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the appointment of the Reverend Prebendary David Houlding as Chair of the Appointments Committee from 1 March 2009 to 28 February 2013.’

was carried.

### **ANGLICAN–ROMAN CATHOLIC RELATIONS**

6 At the invitation of the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, His Eminence Cardinal Cormac Murphy-O’Connor, the Archbishop of Westminster, addressed the Synod under Standing Order 112.

**CHURCH AS COMMUNION (GS 1713)  
AN AGREED STATEMENT BY THE SECOND ANGLICAN–ROMAN  
CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION (ARCIC II)**

7 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

**QUESTIONS**

8 Questions 1 to 46, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 6.59 p.m.

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**BUSINESS DONE AT 12.55 P.M.**  
**ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

The Revd Lynda Barley led the Synod in prayer.

**REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONS**

- 9 Under Standing Order 97, Dr Christina Baxter gave a presentation and answered questions.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I**  
**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**AMENDING CANON NO 28 (GS 1642B)**  
**Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval (Revision February 2008)**  
**(Article 7 Business)**

- 500 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Draft Amending Canon No 28” be finally approved.’

was carried after a division by Houses, a majority of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting in each House being required. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	19	2
Clergy	84	21
Laity	103	23

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 1 in the House of Clergy and 3 in the House of Laity.

- 501 The motion

‘That the petition for Her Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence (GS 1642C) be adopted.’

was carried.

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE  
(GS 1683B)  
Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revision July 2008)**

502 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

503 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure” be finally approved.’

was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	16	0
Clergy	69	1
Laity	100	0

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, none in the House of Clergy and 1 in the House of Laity.

The Chair reported that the Measure stood automatically committed to the Legislative Committee.

**DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL FEES (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1715)  
Draft Measure for First Consideration**

506 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

**VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i), the order of business for the sitting was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod to take Items 509 and 510 immediately following.

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSIONS SCHEME (EXCLUSION OF  
INELIGIBLE PERSONS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2008 (GS 1718)  
Rules made under the Pensions Measure 1997 for Approval**

509 The motion

‘That the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Exclusion of  
Ineligible Persons) (Amendment) Rules 2008 be approved.’

was moved.

**ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE**

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned and resumed at the time appointed in the  
published agenda.’

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting under Standing Order 14(g) at 12.55 p.m.

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**BUSINESS DONE AT 7.04 P.M.**  
**ON TUESDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

10 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Address.

**VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i), the order of business for the sitting on Thursday morning was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that Item 510 would be taken immediately following the resumed debate on Item 509.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III**  
**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**  
**MEMBERSHIP OF ORGANIZATIONS WHICH CONTRADICT THE DUTY TO**  
**PROMOTE RACE EQUALITY (GS Misc 903A and GS Misc 903B)**

11 The motion

‘That this Synod, noting that in 2004 the Association of Chief Police Officers adopted a policy whereby

“no member of the Police Service, whether police officer or police staff, may be a member of an organization whose constitution, aims, objectives or pronouncements contradict the general duty to promote race equality” and “this specifically includes the British National Party”,

request the House of Bishops to formulate and implement a comparable policy for the Church of England, to apply to clergy, ordinands, and such employed lay persons as have duties that require them to represent or speak on behalf of the Church.’

was moved.

28 The amendment (Item 28 Order Paper III) was lost.

29 The amendment (Item 29 Order Paper III) was lost.

- 30 The amendment (Item 30 Order Paper III) was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	166
AGAINST	177

Eleven abstentions were recorded.

- 11 The motion

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was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	322
AGAINST	13

Twenty abstentions were recorded.

## **THE INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL CRISIS AND THE RECESSION**

- 12 Under Standing Order 97, Mr Andreas Whittam Smith (First Church Estates Commissioner), Lord Griffiths of Fforestfach and the Rt Revd Peter Selby addressed the Synod and answered questions.

### **SPECIAL AGENDA IV DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS VOICE OF THE CHURCH IN PUBLIC LIFE (GS Misc 898 (revised) and GS Misc 898A (revised))**

- 13 The motion

‘That this Synod, mindful of the questions raised in public debate about the role of the Church in civic society, invite the Divisions of the Archbishops’

Council to report to the General Synod, before the end of the quinquennium, on their work:

- (a) to foster clearer understanding of the Christian faith among the institutions and organisations of society; and
- (b) to reinforce the claims of the Church to take its place in public life in Britain.’

was moved.

31 The amendment (Item 31 Order Paper III) was carried.

13 The motion (as amended by Item 31)

‘That this Synod, mindful of the questions raised in public debate about the role of the Church in civic society and believing that the most effective way to communicate the role of Christian faith in public life is through the witness and service of Christian men and women in their daily lives:

- (a) affirm the work of the House of Bishops and the divisions of the Archbishops’ Council in fostering the understanding of the Christian faith among institutions and organisations in society;
- (b) request the Business Committee to consider how the issues raised in *Moral, But No Compass* might best be debated; and
- (c) urge the members of this Synod actively to promote public engagement in their dioceses and parishes to reinforce the values of the Christian faith.’

was carried.

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.04 p.m.

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**BUSINESS DONE AT 12.55 P.M.**

**ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**HOLY COMMUNION**

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY presided at a celebration of Holy Communion.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1708)**

**DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 30 (GS 1709)**

**Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for First Consideration**

**(Article 7 and Article 8 Business)**

507 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	281
AGAINST	114

Thirteen abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

508 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No 30” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	309
AGAINST	79

Fourteen abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that draft Amending Canon No 30 stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2009.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.55 p.m.

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**BUSINESS DONE AT 7.05 P.M.**

**ON WEDNESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**SPECIAL AGENDA III**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

**CHURCH WATER BILLS (GS Misc 904A and GS Misc 904B)**

14 The motion

‘That this Synod, concerned about the effect on many parishes of sudden, massive rises in water charges for churches, request HM Government to remind OFWAT of its obligations to ensure that the water companies adhere to the clear guidance given by the Secretary of State for the Environment in 2000, which states that “there are many non-household users who are not businesses ... including places of worship ... and it would be inappropriate to charge all non-household customers as if they were businesses”.’

was moved.

42 The amendment (Item 42 Order Paper V) was lost.

14 The motion

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was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	282
AGAINST	0

Three abstentions were recorded.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

**UNIQUENESS OF CHRIST IN MULTI-FAITH BRITAIN (GS Misc 905B)**

15 The motion

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain's multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.’

was moved.

43 The amendment (Item 43 Order Paper V) was lost.

44 The amendment (Item 44 Order Paper V) was lost.

45 The amendment (Item 45 Order Paper V) was carried.

15 The motion (as amended by Item 45)

‘That this Synod warmly welcome Dr Martin Davie’s background paper ‘The witness of Scripture, the Fathers and the historic formularies to the uniqueness of Christ’ attached to GS Misc 905B and request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain’s multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.’

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	283
AGAINST	8

Ten abstentions were recorded.

#### **FORTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1699 (revised))**

16 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

27 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009.’

was moved.

46 The amendment (Item 46 Order Paper V) was lost.

27 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009.’  
was carried.

29 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009.’  
was moved.

47 The amendment (Item 47 Order Paper V) was lost.

29 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009.’  
was carried.

40 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009.’  
was moved.

48 The amendment (Item 48 Order Paper V) was lost.

40 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009.’  
was carried.

Under Standing Order 39(c), the amendments to Standing Orders set out at Items 28, 30–39 and 41 in the First Notice Paper were deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment with effect from Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2009.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV  
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS  
HUMAN TRAFFICKING (GS Misc 906A and GS Misc 906B)**

17 Under Standing Order 97, Canon Michael Webb, the Reverend Sarah Chapman and Mr Ron Craigie addressed the Synod.

18 The motion

‘That this Synod, in celebrating the centenary of the death of Josephine Butler, who is remembered in the Calendar on May 30<sup>th</sup>,

- (a) recognize and deplore the continuing evil of human trafficking, especially of children and young people;
- (b) urge the Church of England to support the work of those who seek to end the traffic and rescue those trapped in it; and
- (c) support the vigorous implementation of the UK Action Plan on Tackling Human Trafficking, and in particular, call on HM Government to ensure that effective measures are in place to prevent sex workers being trafficked into Britain during the 2012 Olympics.’

was moved.

49 The amendment (Item 49 Order Paper V) was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	95
AGAINST	114

Twelve abstentions were recorded.

50 The amendment (Item 50 Order Paper V) was carried.

18 The motion (as amended by Item 50)

‘That this Synod, in celebrating the centenary of the death of Josephine Butler, who is remembered in the Calendar on May 30<sup>th</sup>,

- (a) recognize and deplore the continuing evil of human trafficking, especially of children and young people;
- (b) urge the Church of England to support the work of those who seek to end the traffic and rescue those trapped in it;
- (c) support the vigorous implementation of the UK Action Plan on Tackling Human Trafficking, and in particular, call on HM Government to ensure that effective measures are in place to prevent sex workers being trafficked into Britain during the 2012 Olympics; and
- (d) request the Archbishops’ Council to explore the possibility of affiliating to the United Kingdom Human Trafficking Centre in order to combat this traffic as an urgent priority.’

was carried.

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.05 p.m.

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**BUSINESS DONE AT 12.47 P.M.**  
**ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

The Ven. John Green (Armed Forces) led the Synod in prayer.

**ANGLICAN COVENANT (GS 1716)**

12 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I**  
**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**DRAFT VACANCIES IN SUFFRAGAN SEES AND OTHER ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES MEASURE (GS 1692)**

**Draft Measure for Revision (First Consideration July 2008)**

504 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

With the permission of the Chair certain items were taken en bloc under Standing Order 55(c).

**Clauses 1–4**

511 The motion

‘That clauses 1 to 4 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

## **Long Title**

512 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Vacancies in Suffragan Sees and Other Ecclesiastical Offices Measure stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

## **DRAFT CROWN BENEFICES (PARISH REPRESENTATIVES) MEASURE (GS 1693)**

### **Draft Measure for Revision (First Consideration July 2008)**

505 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

With the permission of the Chair certain items were taken en bloc under Standing Order 55(c).

## **Clauses 1 and 2**

513 The motion

‘That clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

## **Long Title**

514 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Crown Benefices (Parish Representatives) Measure stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

## **CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSIONS SCHEME (EXCLUSION OF INELIGIBLE PERSONS) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2008 (GS 1718)**

### **Rules made under the Pensions Measure 1997 for Approval (Resumed debate)**

## **ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE**

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned.’

was carried. The Chair reported that debate could be resumed only by direction of the Business Committee and called the next item of business on the agenda.

## **CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSIONS SCHEME (DEBT APPORTIONMENT) (AMENDMENT) RULES 2008 (GS 1717) Rules made under the Pensions Measure 1997 for Approval**

510 The motion

‘That the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Debt Apportionment) (Amendment) Rules 2008 be approved.’

was carried.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA IV DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS EUCCHARISTIC WORSHIP FOR YOUNG PEOPLE (GS Misc 911A and GS Misc 911B)**

The motion

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commission the preparation and collation of materials for Eucharistic worship, including Eucharistic prayers, for use on occasions when a significant number of young people are present, having a mind to Church Secondary Schools as well as youth services and events.’

was moved.

## **NEXT BUSINESS**

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the next business.’

was carried. As a result the item lapsed, and could not be reconsidered in the lifetime of the current Synod, except with the permission of the Business Committee and the general consent of the Synod.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.47 p.m.

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**ON THURSDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i) the order of business for the sitting was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod to insert immediately before Item 21 the rubric “Not later than 4.40 p.m.”

**IMPLICATIONS OF THE FINANCIAL CRISIS AND THE RECESSION (GS 1719)**

20 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

**INTER FAITH: PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT (GS 1720)**

21 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV**  
**DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**  
**THE FUTURE OF CHURCH OF ENGLAND RETREAT HOUSES**  
**(GS Misc 907A and GS Misc 907B)**

22 The motion

‘That this Synod

- (a) celebrate the contribution of the Diocesan Retreat Houses to the Retreat Movement, and to the mission of the Church and the spiritual well-being of the nation;

- (b) in the light of the closure of several Diocesan Retreat Houses, invite the Archbishops' Council to review and to make recommendations for the future sustainability and development of the remaining Diocesan Resort Houses; and
- (c) encourage the Archbishops' Council and the other National Church Institutions, Dioceses, regional training partnerships and parishes to make full use of the Diocesan Retreat Houses for retreat, prayer, study, conferences and creative thinking for the future.'

was moved.

53 The amendment (Item 53 Order Paper VII) was carried.

22 The motion (as amended by Item 53)

'That this Synod

- (a) celebrate the contribution of the Diocesan Retreat Houses to the Retreat Movement, and to the mission of the Church and the spiritual well-being of the nation; and
- (b) encourage the Archbishops' Council and the other National Church Institutions, Dioceses, regional training partnerships and parishes to make full use of the Diocesan Retreat Houses for retreat, prayer, study, conferences and creative thinking for the future.'

was carried.

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.04 p.m.

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
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**ON FRIDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2009**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

Mrs Gill Ambrose (Ely) led the Synod in prayer.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV**  
**DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**  
**JUSTICE AND ASYLUM SEEKERS (GS Misc 908A and GS Misc 908B)**

23 The motion

‘That this Synod, continuing to affirm scriptural teaching about care for the vulnerable, welcome for strangers and foreigners, and the Church’s calling to reach out to the marginalized and persecuted, call upon Her Majesty’s Government:

- (a) to ensure that the treatment of asylum seekers is just and compassionate, and to that end to consider:
  - (i) conferring a right to work on all asylum seekers, and
  - (ii) declaring an amnesty for so called ‘legacy cases’ that predate the Government’s New Asylum Model; and
- (b) to find a practical and humane remedy to the intolerable situation of destitute ‘refused’ asylum seekers who are unable to return to their country of origin because of personal safety, health or family reasons.’

was moved.

54 The amendment (Item 54 Order Paper VIII) was carried.

55 The amendment (Item 55 Order Paper VIII) was carried.

56 The amendment (Item 56 Order Paper VIII) was carried in the following form:

‘After paragraph (a)(ii) *insert* as a new sub-paragraph:

- “(iii) bring to an end the practice of detaining children and families in Immigration Removal Centres;”’.

57 The amendment (Item 57 Order Paper VIII) was carried.

23 The motion

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- (a) to ensure that the treatment of asylum seekers is just and compassionate, and to that end to:
  - (i) confer a right to work on all asylum seekers,
  - (ii) declare an amnesty for so called ‘legacy cases’ that predate the Government’s New Asylum Model, and
  - (iii) bring to an end the practice of detaining children and families in Immigration Removal Centres;
- (b) to find a practical and humane remedy to the intolerable situation of destitute ‘refused’ asylum seekers who are unable to return to their country of origin because of personal safety, health or family reasons; and
- (c) to investigate and report publicly on the quality of the legal services provided to asylum seekers.’

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	242
AGAINST	1

One abstention was recorded.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV  
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS  
CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE CHURCH’S PROPERTY TRANSACTIONS  
(GS Misc 909A and GS Misc 909B)**

24 The motion

‘That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council to conduct an urgent review of the Endowments and Glebe Measure and other relevant Church legislation, with a view to bringing forward at the earliest possible opportunity any amendments needed to enable diocesan bodies and PCCs lawfully to dispose of land on terms which give proper weight to environmental considerations as well as financial ones, and so enable the Church to give a stronger moral lead

in achieving Her Majesty's Government's objectives in cutting carbon emissions.'

was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	83
AGAINST	98

Eighteen abstentions were recorded.

## **FAREWELLS**

- 25 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Bishops of Carlisle and Peterborough, who were attending their last meeting of the Synod.

## **PROROGATION**

- 26 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 12.37 p.m.