

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2010 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 6.59 P.M.

ON MONDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2010

PRAYERS

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY opened the Synod with prayers.

INTRODUCTIONS

1 The following new members were introduced:

The Rt Revd Paul Butler (Bishop of Southwell & Nottingham)
The Rt Revd Richard Frith (Bishop of Hull)
The Rt Revd James Newcome (Bishop of Carlisle)
Revd Johannes Arens (Ripon & Leeds)
Revd Professor John Barton (Universities (Oxford))
Revd Canon Richard Franklin (Salisbury)
Revd Dr Jonathan Gibbs (Chester)
Revd Canon Giles Goddard (Southwark)
Ven Andrew Piggott (Bath & Wells)
Revd Dr Philip Plyming (Guildford)
Revd Anthony Redman (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich)
Ms Michelle Sulkey (Manchester)
Revd Jennifer Tomlinson (Chelmsford)
Mrs Mary Chapman (ex officio; appointed member of the Archbishops' Council)
Revd Dr Rosalyn Murphy (ex officio; appointed member of the Archbishops' Council)

The Rt Revd Laurence (Laurie) Green (Bishop of Bradwell), acting for the Bishop of Chelmsford during the vacancy in See; the Rt Revd Frank White (Bishop of Brixworth) acting for the Bishop of Peterborough during the vacancy in See; and the Rt Revd Dr Brian Castle (Bishop of Tonbridge) acting for the Bishop of Rochester during the vacancy in See were also welcomed by the Synod.

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY reported that:

the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, the Vacancies in Suffragan Sees and Other Ecclesiastical Offices Measure and the Crown Benefices (Parish Representatives) Measure had been found expedient by the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament;

the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2009, the Parochial Fees Order 2009, the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2009, the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations 2009, the Church of England Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2009 and the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2009 had been laid before Parliament and came into force on 1st January 2010; and

section 8 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure came into force on 24th November 2009.

DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE AND DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 30

3 Under Standing Order 97, the Bishop of Manchester gave a presentation.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1757)

4 The motion

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

was carried.

QUESTIONS

5 Questions 1 to 68, 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.

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2010 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 12:44 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2010

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Rhiannon Jones led the Synod in prayer.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 29 (GS 1639B)

Draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting and Final Approval; Approval of Petition for the Royal Assent and Licence (Revision February 2008)

500 The motion

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

was carried.

New paragraph after paragraph 5

513 The special amendment (Item 513 Order Paper II) was carried.

New paragraph after paragraph 16

514 The special amendment (Item 514 Order Paper II) was carried.

501 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 29” (as amended) be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	25	0
Clergy	98	2
Laity	108	2

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

* Corrected figures

502 The motion

‘That the petition for Her Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence (GS 1639C) be adopted.’

was carried.

DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL FEES (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1715B)
Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revision July 2009)

503 The motion

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

was carried.

Clause 1

515 The special amendment (Item 515 Order Paper II) was carried.

516 The special amendment (Item 516 Order Paper II) was carried.

504 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure” (as amended) be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	22	0
Clergy	99	10
Laity	115	9

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops, 11 in the House of Clergy and 4 in the House of Laity.

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

DRAFT MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE (GS 1740A)
Draft Measure for Revision (Deemed First Consideration at the July 2009 Group of Sessions)
Consolidation Measure

505 The motion

* Corrected figures

‘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 – 112

517 The motion

‘That clauses 1 – 112 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Schedules 1 – 9

518 The motion

‘That schedules 1 – 9 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Long Title

519 The motion

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

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Measure stood automatically committed to the Steering Committee for final drafting.

DRAFT CARE OF CATHEDRALS MEASURE (GS 1727A)

Draft Measure for Revision (Deemed First Consideration at the July 2009 Group of Sessions)

Consolidation Measure

508 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 – 25

520 The motion

‘That clauses 1 – 25 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 26

521 The amendment (Item 521 Order Paper II) was carried.

522 The amendment (Item 522 Order Paper II) was carried.

523 The motion

‘That clause 26 (as amended) stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 27

524 The motion

‘That clause 27 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 28

525 The amendment (Item 525 Order Paper II) was carried.

526 The motion

‘That clause 28 (as amended) stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clauses 29 – 34

527 The motion

‘That clauses 29 – 34 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Schedules 1 – 3

528 The motion

‘That schedules 1 – 3 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Long Title

529 The motion

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

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Measure stood automatically committed to the Steering Committee for final drafting.

**CODES OF PRACTICE UNDER SECTION 8 OF THE ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES
(TERMS OF SERVICE) MEASURE 2009 (GS 1774 AND GS 1775)
Codes of Practice for Approval**

511 The motion

‘That the Code of Practice issued under section 8 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009 for the purposes of Regulation 31 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations 2009 be considered.’

was carried.

530 The amendment (Item 530 Order Paper II) was lost.

531 The amendment (Item 531 Order Paper II) lapsed.

532 The amendment (Item 532 Order Paper II) lapsed.

533 The motion

‘That the Code of Practice issued under section 8 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009 for the purposes of Regulation 31 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations 2009 be approved.’

was carried.

512 The motion

‘That the Code of Practice issued under section 8 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009 for the purposes of Regulation 32 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations 2009 be approved.’

was carried.

The Archbishops as Joint Presidents having directed under Standing Order 4(b), that it be added to the agenda, the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a statement to the Synod on behalf of the Crown Nominations Commission.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12:44 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2010 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.03 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2010

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

6 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Address.

CLERGY PENSIONS: PROPOSED SCHEME CHANGES: A REPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1758)

7 Under Standing Order 97, Mr Shaun Farrell gave a presentation.

8 The motion

‘That this Synod:

(a) endorse the recommendations at paragraph 2 of GS 1758 subject to the necessary statutory and other consultations that the Archbishops’ Council now needs to conduct; and

(b) in the light of those consultations invite the Archbishops’ Council to submit to the Synod in July final proposals, including such changes as are necessary to the funded scheme rules.’

was moved.

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

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

49 The amendment (Item 49 Order Paper III) was carried.

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned and resumed at the July 2010 group of sessions.’

was lost.

8 The motion (as amended by Item 49)

‘That this Synod:

- (a) endorse the recommendations at paragraph 2 of GS 1758 subject to the necessary statutory and other consultations that the Archbishops' Council now needs to conduct;
- (b) in the light of those consultations invite the Archbishops' Council to submit to the Synod in July final proposals, including such changes as are necessary to the funded scheme rules; and
- (c) ask the Archbishops' Council to consider the preparation of a report which describes and explores the overall clergy remuneration package.'

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

IN FAVOUR	273
AGAINST	14

8 abstentions were recorded.

CLERGY PENSIONS: ILL-HEALTH RETIREMENT: A REPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1759)

9 The motion

'That this Synod

- (a) endorse the recommendations at paragraph 1 of GS 1759;
- (b) subject to consultation with scheme members, invite the Pensions Board to submit to the Synod in July such changes as are necessary to the funded scheme rules; and
- (c) ask the Archbishops' Council to report to the Synod in 2011 on progress with arrangements for implementing national occupational health standards.'

was carried.

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS 2010: REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1760)

10 The motion

'That this Synod approve the recommendations set out in paragraphs (i) and (ii) on page 4 of GS 1760.'

was carried.

MISSION-SHAPED CHURCH: REPORT FROM THE MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GS 1761)

11 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) affirm the mixed economy of traditional churches and fresh expressions of church, working in partnership, as the most promising mission strategy in a fast changing culture;
- (b) encourage those responsible for vocations and training in dioceses and parishes to promote the imaginative recruitment, training and deployment of ordained and lay pioneer ministers in and beyond title posts;
- (c) commend the making of Bishops’ Mission Orders to integrate suitable fresh expressions of church in the life of the dioceses; and
- (d) request the Mission and Public Affairs Division and the Research and Statistics Unit to gather evidence on the spiritual and numerical growth of the mixed economy church in general and fresh expressions of church in particular, and to bring a further report or reports to Synod in the next quinquennium.’

was carried.

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.03 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 1.06 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2010

HOLY COMMUNION

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

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS
TV COVERAGE OF RELIGIOUS AND ETHICAL ISSUES (GS 1762A AND
GS 1762B)

12 The motion

‘That this Synod, call upon the BBC and Ofcom to explain why British television, which was once exemplary in its coverage of religious and ethical issues, now marginalizes the few such programmes which remain and completely ignored the Christian significance of Good Friday 2009.’

was moved.

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

12 The motion (as amended by Item 50)

‘That this Synod:

- (a) express its appreciation of the vital role played by those engaged in communicating religious belief and practice through the media, at a time of major changes within the industry; and
- (b) express its deep concern about the overall reduction in religious broadcasting across British television in recent years, and call upon mainstream broadcasters to nurture and develop the expertise to create and commission high quality religious content across the full range of their output, particularly material that imaginatively marks major festivals and portrays acts of worship.’

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

IN FAVOUR	267
AGAINST	4

Two abstentions were recorded.

44TH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1763)

13 The motion

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

was carried.

Under Standing Order 14(e) the sitting was extended by not more than 15 minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

33 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 13th February 2010 but not so as to have effect in relation to any Measure which has been printed and circulated to members pursuant to Standing Order 48 before the date on which they would otherwise come into effect:

After Standing Order 51 *insert:*

“First Consideration Stage – Consolidation Measures

51A. (a) A Consolidation Measure shall be deemed to have been given First Consideration without debate unless:

(i) the Business Committee determine to the contrary (in which case the procedure in Standing Order 51(a) - (d) shall apply); or

(ii) five members of the Synod give notice not later than 5.30 p.m. on the first day of the group of sessions at which the Measure has been laid that they wish the Measure to be debated.

(b) Where a Consolidation Measure is deemed to have been given First Consideration without debate in accordance with paragraph (a), or if the motion set out in paragraph (d) below is carried, the Measure shall not be committed to a Revision Committee (and Standing Orders 52 to 58 shall not apply) but shall stand committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting for the purposes of Standing Order 59.

(c) Should such notice as is mentioned in paragraph (a)(ii) have been received, when the item on the agenda is reached the Chairman shall call upon a member of the Steering Committee to move *‘That the Measure entitled (Short Title) be considered’* and paragraphs (b) and (c) of Standing Order 51 shall apply in relation to that motion as they apply to the motion set out in paragraph (a) of Standing Order 51.

(d) If paragraph (c) applies and the motion set out in that paragraph is carried, a member of the Steering Committee may, if he thinks fit, immediately move *‘That the Measure be committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting’* in which case the Chairman may allow such debate upon that motion as he thinks fit before putting the question on that motion.

(e) If the motion set out in paragraph (d) is either not moved, or moved and not carried, a member of the Steering Committee shall move ‘*That the Measure entitled (Short Title) be committed for revision in committee*’ and if that motion is carried the Measure shall stand so committed.”.’

was moved.

51 The amendment (Item 51 Order Paper IV) was lost.

33 The motion at Item 33 was carried.

34 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 13th February 2010:

In Standing Order 53 after paragraph (a) *insert:*

“(aa) The Clerk to the Synod shall cause all such proposals for amendment to be published on the General Synod website, subject to the deletion of such personal information and such other content as the Clerk may consider to be libellous, insulting or unseemly.”.’

was moved.

52 The amendment (Item 52 Order Paper IV) was not moved.

34 The motion at Item 34 was carried.

35 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 13th February 2010:

In Standing Order 53 after paragraph (g) *insert:*

“(h) Subject to paragraph (i), a Revision Committee shall have power to regulate its own business and procedure.

(i) The Chairman of the Committee shall have power to determine conclusively any questions of order, business and procedure.”.’

was moved.

53 The amendment (Item 53 Order Paper IV) was not moved.

54 The amendment (Item 54 Order Paper IV) was not moved.

35 The motion at Item 35 was carried.

Under Standing Order 39(c), the amendments to the Standing Orders set out at Items 28 to 31 and 37 to 46 in the First Notice Paper were deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment with effect from Saturday 13th February 2010, and Items 32 and 36 in the First Notice Paper were deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment

with effect from Saturday 13th February 2010 but not so as to have effect in relation to any Measure which has been printed and circulated to members pursuant to Standing Order 48 before the date on which they would otherwise come into effect.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.06 p.m.

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BUSINESS DONE AT 7.04 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2010

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS
ANGLICAN CHURCH IN NORTH AMERICA (GS 1764A AND 1764B)

14 The motion

‘That this Synod express the desire that the Church of England be in communion with the Anglican Church in North America.’

was moved.

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business.’

was lost.

55 The amendment (Item 55 Order Paper V) was moved.

56 The amendment to Item 55 (Item 56 Order Paper V) was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

AYES	166
NOES	223

2 abstentions were recorded.

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned.’

was lost.

57 The amendment to Item 55 (Item 57 Order Paper V) was, by leave, withdrawn.

58 The amendment to Item 55 (Item 58 Order Paper V) was lost.

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

59 The amendment (Item 59 Order Paper V) was carried.

14 The motion (as amended by Items 55 and 59)

‘That this Synod, aware of the distress caused by recent divisions within the Anglican churches of the Unites States of America and Canada:

- (a) recognise and affirm the desire of those who have formed the Anglican Church in North America to remain within the Anglican family;
- (b) acknowledge that this aspiration, in respect both of relations with the Church of England and membership of the Anglican Communion, raises issues which the relevant authorities of each need to explore further; and
- (c) invite the Archbishops to report further to the Synod in 2011.’

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

IN FAVOUR	309
AGAINST	69

17 abstentions were recorded.

MILITARY CHAPLAINCY

- 15 Under Standing Order 97, Brigadier General Patrick Marriott (Commandant, RMAS) the Ven Stephen Robbins (Chaplain General from HM Land Forces), the Ven John Green (Chaplain of the Fleet) and the Ven Ray Pentland (Chaplain in Chief (RAF)) gave a presentation and answered questions.

SPECIAL AGENDA II

LITURGICAL BUSINESS

Additional Weekday Lectionary and Amendments to Calendar, Lectionary and Collects (GS 1724A and GS1724Y) (Article 7 Business)

- 600 The motion

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

was carried.

- 601 The motion

‘That the liturgical business entitled “Additional Weekday Lectionary and Amendments to Calendar, Lectionary and Collects” be re-committed to the Revision Committee for further revision of the New Testament passage set for the Monday of Lent 3 with a view to including Luke 9:7-9, so that the reading becomes Luke 9:1-11.’

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

IN FAVOUR	110
AGAINST	108

10 abstentions were recorded.

602 The motion

‘That the liturgical business entitled “Additional Weekday Lectionary and Amendments to Calendar, Lectionary and Collects” be re-committed to the Revision Committee for further revision of its Old Testament readings, so as to remove all of the proposed passages from the Apocrypha and leave the canonical alternatives as the set passages.’

lapsed.

603 The motion

‘That the liturgical business entitled “Additional Weekday Lectionary and Amendments to Calendar, Lectionary and Collects” be re-committed to the Revision Committee for further revision of its Old Testament readings, so as to remove about half of the proposed passages from the Apocrypha and leave in those places the canonical alternatives as the set passages.’

lapsed.

604 The motion

‘That the liturgical business entitled “Additional Weekday Lectionary and Amendments to Calendar, Lectionary and Collects” be re-committed to the Revision Committee for further revision of its Old Testament readings, so that in all cases where a choice is offered between an Old Testament passage and a passage from the Apocrypha, the passage from the Old Testament is shown as the first alternative (following the precedent set by the “Revised Table of Lessons 1922” as set out in the Book of Common Prayer).’

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

IN FAVOUR	89
AGAINST	149

2 abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the Liturgical Business entitled “Additional Weekday Lectionary and Amendments to Calendar, Lectionary and Collects” stood re-committed to a Revision Committee for revision of the parts cited in Item 601 and that members of Synod may submit in writing specific proposals for amendment in respect of the parts cited in that item only. Such proposals should be sent to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach him not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 17th March 2010.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.04 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2010 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 1.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2010

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Richard Moy led the Synod in prayer.

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i) the order of business for the session on Friday, 12th February was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that the debate on Item 16, “Confidence in the Bible”, would be taken immediately after Item 24, “Compatibility of Science and Religious Belief”, and the debate on Item 25, “Deanery Synods” not taken at this group of sessions.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENT OF THE METHODIST CONFERENCE

Members of the Methodist Conference, sitting in the public gallery, were welcomed by the Synod.

- 17 At the invitation of the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY, the Revd David Gamble (President of the Methodist Conference), and Dr Richard Vautrey (Vice-President), addressed the Synod under Standing Order 112 and answered questions.

FRESH EXPRESSIONS (GS 1766)

- 18 Under Standing Order 97, the Rt Revd Graham Cray (Bishop of Maidstone) gave a presentation and answered questions.

REALIZING THE MISSIONARY POTENTIAL OF CHURCH BUILDINGS:
PRESENTATION BY THE CATHEDRAL AND CHURCH BUILDINGS DIVISION
(GS 1767)

- 19 Under Standing Order 97, the Bishop of London and Mrs Anne Sloman (Chair of the Church Buildings Council) gave a presentation.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS
REPAIR OF CHURCH BUILDINGS (GS 1768)

20 The motion

‘That this Synod, recognizing that:

- (a) church buildings are an important part of our national heritage and provide not only a spiritual focus for worship and pilgrimage but in many cases also play a vital role as community meeting places, visitor centres and spaces for the wider celebration of the arts;
- (b) many volunteers raise large sums of money to help sustain this heritage;
- (c) English Heritage, the Heritage Lottery Fund and grant making trusts make a valuable contribution towards the cost of repairing church buildings; but
- (d) the national backlog of church building repairs is still of great magnitude,

call on HM Government to:

- (i) substantially increase the amount of money available for the repair of listed church buildings; and
- (ii) fully fund the repair of Grade I listed church buildings.’

was moved.

63 The amendment (Item 63 Order Paper VI) was carried.

20 The motion (as amended by Item 63)

‘That this Synod, recognizing that:

- (a) church buildings are an important part of our national heritage and provide not only a spiritual focus for worship and pilgrimage but in many cases also play a vital role as community meeting places, visitor centres and spaces for the wider celebration of the arts;
- (b) many volunteers raise large sums of money to help sustain this heritage;
- (c) English Heritage, the Heritage Lottery Fund and grant making trusts make a valuable contribution towards the cost of repairing church buildings; but
- (d) the national backlog of church building repairs is still of great magnitude,

welcome the contribution made to church building repairs by the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme, and call on HM Government to:

- (i) substantially increase the amount of money available for the repair of listed church buildings; and
- (ii) give an early commitment to continuing beyond March 2011 the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme.’

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

IN FAVOUR	248
AGAINST	0

No abstentions were recorded.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.00 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY 2010 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 P.M.

ON THURSDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2010

The Clerk to the Synod paid tribute to four ecumenical representatives who would not be re-appointed under Standing Order 113 at the end of this group of sessions: the Revd Dr Jane Craske (Methodist Church); the Revd Gloria David (Moravian Church); the Revd Douglas Galbraith (Church of Scotland); and the Revd Nezin Sterling (Black Majority Churches).

The Bishop of Bristol reported the death of the Rt Revd Patrick Kyaligonza, Bishop of Rwenzori Diocese, and asked Synod members to remember the Bishop's wife and family in their prayers.

GOING FOR GROWTH: TRANSFORMATION FOR CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND THE CHURCH: A REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION / NATIONAL SOCIETY COUNCIL (GS 1769)

21 The motion

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

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

**PARITY OF PENSION PROVISION FOR SURVIVING CIVIL PARTNERS
(GS 1770A AND GS 1770B)**

22 The motion

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council and the Church of England Pensions Board to bring forward changes to the rules governing the clergy pension scheme in order to go beyond the requirements of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 and provide for pension benefits to be paid to the surviving civil partners of deceased clergy on the same basis as they are currently paid to surviving spouses.’

was moved.

64 The amendment (Item 64 Order Paper VII) was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 110

AGAINST 154

15 abstentions were recorded.

65 The amendment (Item 65 Order Paper VII) was lost.

22 The motion

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council and the Church of England Pensions Board to bring forward changes to the rules governing the clergy pension scheme in order to go beyond the requirements of the Civil Partnership Act 2004 and provide for pension benefits to be paid to the surviving civil partners of deceased clergy on the same basis as they are currently paid to surviving spouses.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	12	2
Clergy	98	23
Laity	77	59

3 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 10 in the House of Clergy and 9 in the House of Laity.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
DRAFT MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE (GS 1740A)
Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned and resumed at the July 2010 group of sessions.’

was lost.

507 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Mission and Pastoral Measure” be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	13	0
Clergy	72	1

* Corrected figures

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Laity	78	0
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1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops, 1 in the House of Clergy and 2 in the House of Laity.

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

DRAFT CARE OF CATHEDRALS MEASURE (GS 1727A)
Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval

510 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Care of Cathedrals Measure” be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	14	0
Clergy	72	0
Laity	97	0

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

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

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS
VIOLENT COMPUTER GAMES (GS 1771A AND GS 1771B)

23 The motion

‘That this Synod

- (a) express concern about the potentially desensitising and damaging effect upon children and young people of computer games containing gratuitous violent and sexual content;
- (b) request changes to the classification system for video games in the United Kingdom to strengthen appropriate age rating and effective enforcement;
- (c) call upon HM Government to review the regulatory system for advertising video games to prevent the targeting of children and young people with unsuitable material; and

* Corrected figures

- (d) support programmes of education for both parents and children in managing access to video games.’

was moved.

66 The amendment (Item 66 Order Paper VII) was carried.

67 The amendment (Item 67 Order Paper VII) fell.

68 The amendment (Item 68 Order Paper VII) fell.

23 The motion (as amended by Item 66)

‘That this Synod

- (a) express concern about the potentially desensitising and damaging effect upon children, young people and vulnerable adults of computer games containing gratuitous violent and sexual content;
- (b) congratulate HM Government on the action it has taken to date in response to the Byron Review;
- (c) call upon HM Government to continue to keep under review the regulatory system for advertising video games to prevent the targeting of children, young people and vulnerable adults with unsuitable material;
- (d) declare its support for all those, especially carers, working through research, education and public information, to prevent children, young people and vulnerable adults from being damaged by video and computer games and similar material; and
- (e) request the MPA Division to continue to monitor developments in this area.’

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

IN FAVOUR	168
AGAINST	0

No abstentions were recorded.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.00 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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ON FRIDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2010

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Canon Dr Alan Hargrave led the Synod in prayer.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS
COMPATIBILITY OF SCIENCE AND CHRISTIAN BELIEF (GS 1772A AND
GS 1772B)

24 The motion

‘That this Synod, concerned at the promotion of a perceived need to choose between the claims of science and belief in God:

- (a) affirm the compatibility of belief in God and an understanding of science; and
- (b) urge the House of Bishops and all dioceses robustly to promote a better public understanding of the compatibility of science and Christian belief.’

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

IN FAVOUR	241
AGAINST	2

2 abstentions were recorded.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS
CONFIDENCE IN THE BIBLE (GS 1765A AND GS 1765B)

16 The motion

‘That this Synod Request Dioceses, Deaneries and Parishes to adopt some symbol of our confidence in the Bible for our nation (such as “The Year of the Bible” recently in France), noting that the 400th anniversary in 2011 of the Authorised Version would be an obvious opportunity.’

was moved.

- 60 The amendment (Item 60 Order Paper VIII) was moved.
- 61 The amendment to Item 60 (Item 61 Order Paper VIII) was lost.
- 62 The amendment to Item 60 (Item 62 Order Paper VIII) was lost.
- 60 The amendment (Item 60 Order Paper VIII) was carried.
- 16 The motion (as amended by Item 60)

‘That this Synod

(a) believe that the 400th anniversary in 2011 of the King James Version of the Bible is an obvious opportunity to celebrate the exceptional contribution which that translation has made to shaping the life, language and culture of this and other nations;

(b) commend the King James Version and other translations of the Bible as relevant and authoritative for personal and public instruction, reiterating the importance of continuing Biblical translation, scholarship and teaching;

(c) note with enthusiasm the events throughout the year being organised by the 2011 Trust and other bodies, details of which are to be warmly commended to Church and local communities; and

(d) request that dioceses, deaneries and parishes undertake local initiatives to celebrate and teach the Bible both within the Church and throughout wider society.’

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

IN FAVOUR	244
AGAINST	0

No abstentions were recorded.

FAREWELLS

- 26 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Rt Revd Thomas Butler (Bishop of Southwark), who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

PROROGATION

- 27 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 12.26 p.m.