

GS 1728

A g e n d a

July Group of Sessions 2009

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2009
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Friday 10 July	3.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Saturday 11 July	10.15 a.m. to 1p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Sunday 12 July	2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Monday 13 July	9.15 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

SERVICES

Friday 10 July

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in Heslington Church
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Saturday 11 July

7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Central Hall
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Sunday 12 July

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in York Minster
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall

Monday 13 July

7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Central Hall
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GENERAL NOTES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Save where a special note is included in the Agenda the following rules apply under the Standing Orders of the General Synod to notice of motions and amendments other than procedural motions:

1. The period of notice of new business has expired, save for urgent or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.
2. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business or to amendments of Standing Orders) shall be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (SOs 10(a), 11 and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the *first day of the Group of Sessions* (10 July) –
5.30 p.m. on 9 July

Business appointed for the remaining days of the Group of Sessions:
Business appointed for a morning sitting – **10 a.m. the day before;**
Business appointed for an afternoon or evening sitting – **4 p.m. the day before.**

Notice of amendments to the contingency business shall be delivered by
10 a.m. on Friday 10 July.

Under Standing Order 10(a) and 26(a), such notice shall be accompanied by evidence of support from two or more members of the Synod in addition to the member giving the notice. (This provision does *not* apply to amendments to legislative business, or to amendments of Standing Orders.)

3. Notice of amendments to legislative business or to amendments of Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in this Agenda. Please note in particular that notice of amendments to item 505 (Draft Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure (GS 1715A and GS 1715Y) must be given by **5.30 p.m. on Monday 6 July.**
4. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)).
5. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 105-106 shall be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 30 June 2009** (SO 10(b)(i)), with an indication of whether an oral or written answer is required (SO 105(c)). **Members are reminded that, unless notice is given that an oral answer is required, it will be assumed that a written answer is required.**

6. Notice shall be in writing signed by the member giving notice and delivered to the Clerk to the Synod either by hand, by post, fax or e-mail. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The e-mail address is **questions@c-of-e.org.uk** in respect of Questions and **david.williams@c-of-e.org.uk** in respect of other business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

7. Business set out in the Timetable and the Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown there. If business set down for a particular day is completed before the next timed business is due to be called, the Chair will take the opportunity to complete business already partly considered at this Group of Sessions.

CONTINGENCY BUSINESS

8. If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda during this Group of Sessions, contingency business will be taken as follows:

SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS:
CONFIDENCE IN THE BIBLE (GS 1748A and B)

The Revd John Dunnnett will move on behalf of the Chelmsford Diocesan Synod:

‘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.’

Members are therefore asked to be ready for such an eventuality and to submit any amendments by **10 a.m. on Friday 10 July**. If this item is debated at the forthcoming Group of Sessions, it is likely to be at relatively short notice.

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3.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

INTRODUCTIONS

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1729)

The Reverend Prebendary Kay Garlick (Chair of the Business Committee)
(Hereford) to move:

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

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL (GS 1734)

The Archbishop of York to move:

‘That this Synod approve the recommendations contained in GS 1734.’

**APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE
(GS 1735)**

The Archbishop of York to move:

‘That this Synod approve the appointment of Mr Anthony Hesselwood as Chair of the Archbishops’ Council’s Audit Committee from 1 August 2009 to 31 July 2012.’

**GIVING FOR LIFE: A REPORT FROM THE NATIONAL
STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE (GS 1723 and 1723a)**

Mr Colin Slater (Southwell and Nottingham) to move:

‘That this Synod, affirming that God gives abundant gifts to us as individuals and as a Church, and that we are stewards of all that God has given us:

- (a) encourage church members to live generously as disciples of Jesus Christ, joyfully giving time, skills, money and other resources to God’s mission in the world;

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- (b) reconfirm its challenge to church members to assess annually their financial giving as a proportion of income and to adopt as an initial target the giving of 5% of their after tax income to and through the church, and a similar amount to other work that helps to build God's kingdom; and
 - (c) commend the *Giving for Life* guide (GS 1723a) to parishes and dioceses/deaneries for prayerful discussion and action.'
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Not later than 5.55 p.m.

**REPORT BY THE COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ON THE
ARCIC REPORT *LIFE IN CHRIST* (GS 1736): PREPARATION FOR
GROUP WORK**

The Bishop of Chichester will make a presentation to introduce the group work on Saturday morning on the report by the Council for Christian Unity/Faith and Order Advisory Group on the ARCIC report *Life in Christ*.

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

QUESTIONS

Saturday 11 July 2009

10.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

FAITHFUL CITIES: URBAN LIFE AND FAITH (GS 1745)

Presentation under SO 97.

Not later than 11.00 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken:

- 500** Amending Canon No 28 (**GS 1642D**) – *Canon for Promulgation*
 - 501-502** Draft Vacancies in Suffragan Sees and Other Ecclesiastical Offices Measure (**GS 1692B**) – *Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval*
 - 503-504** Draft Crown Benefices (Parish Representatives) Measure (**GS 1693B**) – *Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval*
 - 505** Draft Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure (**GS 1715A**) – *Draft Measure for Revision*
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2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

CLERGY PENSIONS (GS 1746)

Presentation under SO 97.

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S SPENDING PRIORITIES 2010-2015 (GS 1731)

Mr Andrew Britton (Chair of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council) (ex officio) to move:

'That the Synod do take note of this report.'

**ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S DRAFT BUDGET AND PROPOSALS
FOR APPORTIONMENT FOR 2010 (GS 1730)**

Mr Andrew Britton (Chair of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops' Council) (ex officio) to move:

'That the Synod do take note of this report.'

Mr Andrew Britton then to move in relation to the Archbishops' Council's expected expenditure in respect of each area of activity specified below:

'That this Synod authorise the Archbishops' Council to expend a sum not exceeding £[X] (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of [Y].':

EXPECTED EXPENDITURE [X]	AREA OF ACTIVITY [Y]
£11,803,600	Training for Ministry
£10,300,258	The work of the Council generally
£1,535,450	Grants and provisions
£830,625	Inter-diocesan support/Mission agencies' clergy pension contributions
£3,252,900	CHARM Scheme

Mr Andrew Britton then to move:

'That this Synod do approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 1730) for the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2010.'

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Not later than 5.30 p.m.

LITURGICAL BUSINESS

The following item (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda II) will be taken:

- 600** Additional Weekday Lectionary and Amendments to Calendar, Lectionary and Collects (**GS 1724**) – *Drafts for First Consideration introduced by the House of Bishops*
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8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT (GS 1732)

A member of the Archbishops' Council to move:

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

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL REPORT

Presentation under SO 97.

Sunday 12 July 2009

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

**OPENING THE DOORS: MINISTRY WITH PEOPLE WITH
LEARNING DISABILITIES AND PEOPLE ON THE AUTISTIC
SPECTRUM: REPORT FROM THE COMMITTEE FOR MINISTRY OF
AND AMONG DEAF AND DISABLED PEOPLE AND THE MISSION
AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION (GS 1725)**

Presentation under SO 97.

The Bishop of Blackburn to move:

‘That this Synod in the light of renewed interest in the challenges facing people with learning disabilities in society, commend to dioceses and parishes the guidelines contained in *Opening the Doors* (GS 1725) on best practice for the inclusion of people with learning disabilities in the life and work of the Church.’

REVIEW OF CONSTITUTIONS (GS 1737)

Canon Dr Christina Baxter (Southwell and Nottingham) to move:

‘That this Synod

- (a) welcome the further report of the Constitutions Review Group (GS 1737);
- (b) endorse the recommendations set out in Annex 1 of the report; and
- (c) invite the Archbishops’ Council and the Standing Orders Committee to take the steps necessary to give effect to those recommendations.’

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS:
EPISCOPAL AND SENIOR CHURCH APPOINTMENTS
(GS 1733 A and B)**

The Revd Dr John Hartley (Bradford) to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council to formulate proposals for reductions in the numbers of episcopal and senior clergy posts, taking into account reductions for the number of stipendiary clergy since 1979; and submit a report with recommendations to the General Synod within three years.’

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8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

***BEING ADULT ABOUT CHILDHOOD: A CONSIDERATION OF THE
GOOD CHILDHOOD INQUIRY: REPORT FROM THE CHILDREN'S
SOCIETY AND THE MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS DIVISION
(GS 1744)***

The Bishop of Leicester to move:

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

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9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

ANGLICAN COMMUNION: UPDATE

Presentation under SO 97.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken:

- 509-513** Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Additional Lump Sum) (Amendment) Rules 2009 (**GS 1749**), Church of England Pensions (Lump Sum Payments) (Amendment) Rules 2009 (**GS 1750**), Church of England Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2009 (**GS 1751**), Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Revaluation) (Amendment) Rules 2009 (**GS 1753**), and Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Exclusion of Ineligible Persons) (Amendment Rules) 2009 (**GS 1754**) – *Draft Instruments for Approval*
- 506** Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations 2009 (**GS 1726**) – *Regulations for Approval*
- 507-508** The Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2009 (**GS 1738**) and the Clergy Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2009 (**GS 1739**) – *Draft Resolutions for Approval*

Any uncompleted or remaining items of legislative business (details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken.

In the event of a debate being requested on any of the following items, it will take place at this point:

Draft Pastoral and Mission Measure (**GS 1740**) – *Consolidation Measure*

Draft Care of Cathedrals Measure (**GS 1727**) – *Consolidation Measure*

Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2009 (**GS 1741**)

Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2009 (**GS 1742**)

Parochial Fees Order 2009 (**GS 1743**)

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2.30 p.m. to 4.45 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS:
CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE (GS 1747 A and B)**

The Revd Prebendary David Houlding to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod whilst recognizing the need for discipline in the exercise of ordained ministry nonetheless note with grave concern and regret the pastoral implications of the new Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 and request the Archbishops’ Council at the earliest possible opportunity to review its practical outworkings and with reference in particular to the attached Code of Practice.’

FAREWELLS

PROROGATION
