# GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND AMENDING CANON NO. 43 (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)

## PART 1

## THE DEMISE OF THE CROWN

# The Church of England

- 1. In each of Canons A1 and A6 (the Church of England and its government), for "the Queen's Majesty" substitute "the King's Majesty".
- 2. In Canon A7 (the Royal Supremacy), for "the Queen's excellent Majesty" substitute "the King's excellent Majesty".

## The Bidding Prayer

- 3. (1) In Canon B19, the Bidding Prayer is amended as follows.
  - (2) In the second paragraph—
    - (a) for "the Queen's most excellent Majesty our Sovereign Lady Elizabeth" substitute "the King's most excellent Majesty our Sovereign Lord Charles",
    - (b) for "her other realms and territories, Queen" substitute "his other realms and territories, King", and
    - (c) for "Philip Duke of Edinburgh, the Prince of Wales" substitute "Queen Camilla, William Prince of Wales, the Princess of Wales".
  - (3) In the third paragraph—
    - (a) for "Queen's" substitute "King's", and
    - (b) for "her people" substitute "his people".
  - (4) In the sixth paragraph, for "Queen" substitute "King".

# The Oath of Allegiance

4. In Canon C13, in the Oath of Allegiance set out in each of paragraphs 1 and 3, for "Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors" substitute "His Majesty King Charles III, his heirs and successors".

## **Archbishops**

5. In Canon C17 (archbishops), in paragraph 7, for "the Queen's Majesty" substitute "the King's Majesty".

#### PART 2

## MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS

# Services in parish churches

- 6. (1) In Canon B 11 (morning and evening prayer), after paragraph 2 insert—
  - "2A. In making a decision as to how to give effect to paragraph 1 or 2, the person or persons doing so shall ensure that no church ceases altogether to be used for public worship."
  - (2) In Canon B 14 (Holy Communion), after paragraph 1 insert—
    - "1A. In making a decision as to how to give effect to paragraph 1, the person or persons doing so shall ensure that no church ceases altogether to be used for public worship."

## **Marriage**

- 7. (1) In Canon B 31 (impediments to marriage), in paragraph (1), for "16" in each place it appears substitute "18".
  - (2) In Canon B 32 (impediments to solemnization of matrimony)—
    - (a) omit "(not being a widow or widower)", and
    - (b) omit from "otherwise" to the end.
- (3) The amendments made by this paragraph do not affect the validity of a marriage made before 27th February 2023 (the date of the commencement of section 1 of the Marriage and Civil Partnership (Minimum Age) Act 2022).
- 8. (1) In Canon B 34 (preliminary requirements for solemnization of matrimony), in paragraph 1, for sub-paragraph (d) substitute—
  - "(d) on the authority of a marriage schedule issued under Part 3 of the Marriage Act 1949."
- (2) In Canon B 36 (service after civil marriage), in paragraph 2, for "licence or certificate authorizing a marriage" substitute "licence authorizing a marriage nor any marriage schedule under Part 3 of the Marriage Act 1949".

## Lay residentiary canons

9. In Canon C 21 (deans and residentiary canons), in paragraph 1, at the end insert "; but this is subject to section 14A of the Cathedrals Measure 2021 (which enables the constitution of the Chapter of a cathedral to provide that a person who has been admitted to the office of reader or as a lay worker for at least six years and is licensed to exercise office or serve as such may be appointed as a residentiary canon of that cathedral)".

#### **Rural deans**

- 10. (1) In Canon F 17 (keeping a record of property of churches), in paragraph 2, after "rural dean" insert "or some other deputy".
  - (2) In Canon F 18 (survey of churches), after "rural dean" insert "or some other deputy".

## **Ecclesiastical Courts**

- 11. In Canon G 4 (registrars), after paragraph 2 insert—
  - "2A. The qualifications for appointment as the deputy of such a registrar under section 29(1) or 31(1) of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 are the same as those for the appointment of such a registrar under paragraph 2; and the registrar making the appointment must be satisfied that the appointee is a communicant."

# Interpretation

- 12. In Canon I (interpretation of the Canons), after paragraph 2 insert—
  - "3. A reference to a Canon includes a reference to an instrument made under a Canon."

#### PART 3

## UPDATING STATUTORY AND OTHER REFERENCES

## Section B (divine service and the administration of the sacraments)

- 13. (1) In Canon B 2 (approval of forms of service), in paragraph 2B—
  - (a) in sub-paragraph (2), for "Part 1 of the Cathedrals Measure 1999" substitute "the Cathedrals Measure 2021", and
  - (b) omit sub-paragraph (3).
  - (2) In Canon B 42 (language of divine service), in paragraph 4—
    - (a) in sub-paragraph (2), for "Part 1 of the Cathedrals Measure 1999" substitute "the Cathedrals Measure 2021", and
    - (b) omit sub-paragraph (3).

## Section C (ministers, their ordination, functions and charge)

14. In Canon C 22 (archdeacons), in paragraph 5, for "the Inspection of Churches Measure 1955" substitute "sections 45 to 47 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018".

# **Section E (the lay officers of the Church)**

15. In each of the following provisions, for "advisor" substitute "officer"—

- (a) in Canon E 6 (licensing of readers), paragraphs 6(6)(a) and 7(5)(a) and (10)(g), and
- (b) in Canon E 8 (admission and licensing of lay workers), paragraphs 8(6)(a) and 9(5)(a) and (10)(g).

# **Section F (things appertaining to churches)**

16. In Canon F 18 (survey of churches), for "the Inspection of Churches Measure 1955" substitute "sections 45 to 47 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018".

# **Section G (the ecclesiastical courts)**

17. In Canon G 4 (registrars), in paragraph 2, for "have a general qualification within the meaning of section 71 of the Courts and Legal Services Act 1990" substitute "be a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales or a barrister in England and Wales".