

GS 1812

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2011
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Monday 7 February	3 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Tuesday 8 February	9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Wednesday 9 February	9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

SERVICES

Tuesday 8 February

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall

Wednesday 9 February

9.30 a.m. Worship in the Assembly Hall
1 p.m. Holy Communion in Church House Chapel

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) must be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (Standing Orders 10(a) and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the *first day of the group of sessions* (7 February) –
5.30 p.m. on 6 February

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 sitting – **4 p.m. the day before**.

Under Standing Orders 10(a) and 26(a), such notice must 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.)

Notice of amendments to legislative business must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in this Agenda.

3. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)(i)).
4. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 105-106 must be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 26 January 2011** (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.**
5. Notice must be in writing, signed by the member giving notice and delivered to the Clerk to the Synod by hand, 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:

in respect of Questions: questions@churchofengland.org
in respect of amendments: amendments@churchofengland.org
in respect of other business: david.williams@churchofengland.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

6. 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.

MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF LAITY

7. The House of Laity will meet on Monday **7 February at 1.45 p.m.** in the Assembly Hall.

Monday 7 February 2011

3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of the Prolocutor of the Convocation of Canterbury

Presentation of the Prolocutor of the Convocation of York

Presentation of the Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity

3. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4. *The Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP* (Secretary of State for International Development) will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 112.
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REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1817)

The Acting Chair of the Business Committee (The Bishop of Dover (The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott)) to move:

5. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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DRAFT ACT OF SYNOD ADOPTING THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT: REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIAL MAJORITIES ON FINAL APPROVAL

6. *Mr John Ward* (London) to move:

'That this Synod resolve that final approval of the Act of Synod adopting the Anglican Communion Covenant shall require the assent of two-thirds of the members of each House present and voting.'

7. QUESTIONS

Tuesday 8 February 2011

9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL

SPECIAL AGENDA I (see page 8) LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

- 500 Draft Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure (**GS 1814**) – *Draft Measure for First Consideration*
 - 501 Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (**GS 1808**) – *Amending Code of Practice for Approval*
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not later than 12.15 p.m.

ETHICAL INVESTMENT POLICY

- 8. Presentation by the Ethical Investment Advisory Group under SO 97.
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2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 9. *The Archbishop of York* will give a Presidential Address under SO 111.
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INTO THE NEW QUINQUENNIUM: REPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1815)

The Bishop of Birmingham (The Rt Revd David Urquhart) to move:

- 10. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

- 11. Details of the motion to be moved under this item will be given in a Notice Paper.
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APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK TO THE SYNOD

12. Details of the motion to be moved under this item will be given in a Notice Paper.
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WEDDINGS PROJECT

13. Presentation under SO 97.
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PAROCHIAL FEES POLICY: REPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1813)

The Bishop of Rochester (The Rt Revd James Langstaff) to move:

14. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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Wednesday 9 February 2011

9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WORSHIP

THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE AFTER DIVORCE AND THE ORDAINED MINISTRY (GS Misc 960)

The Bishop of Norwich (The Rt Revd Graham James) to move:

15. 'That the Synod do take note of this report.'
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SPECIAL AGENDA IV (see pages 12-13) DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS: COMMON WORSHIP BAPTISM PROVISION (GS 1816 A and GS 1816 B)

The Revd Dr Tim Stratford (Liverpool) to move on behalf of the Liverpool Diocesan Synod:

16. 'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to ask the Liturgical Commission to prepare material to supplement the Common Worship Baptism provision, comprising additional forms of the Decision, the Prayer over the Water and the Commission, expressed in culturally appropriate and accessible language.'
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ANGLICAN – ROMAN CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION REPORT: *MARY: GRACE AND HOPE IN CHRIST* (GS 1818)

17. *The Chair of the Council for Christian Unity* (The Bishop of Guildford (The Rt Revd Christopher Hill)) and The Rt Revd George Stack (Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of Westminster) on behalf of the Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales will make a presentation on the ARCIC report under SO 97.
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2.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

**ANGLICAN – ROMAN CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION
REPORT: *MARY: GRACE AND HOPE IN CHRIST* (GS 1818)**

The Chair of the Council for Christian Unity (The Bishop of Guildford
(The Rt Revd Christopher Hill)) to move:

18. ‘That this Synod, affirming the aim of Anglican – Roman Catholic theological dialogue “to discover each other’s faith as it is today and to appeal to history only for enlightenment, not as a way of perpetuating past controversy” (Preface to *The Final Report*, 1982), and in the light of recent steps towards setting up ARCIC III:
- (i) note the theological assessment of the ARCIC report *Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ* in the FOAG briefing paper GS 1818 as a contribution to further dialogue;
 - (ii) welcome exploration of how far Anglicans and Roman Catholics share a common faith and spirituality, based on the Scriptures and the early Ecumenical Councils, with regard to the Blessed Virgin Mary;
 - (iii) request that, in the context of the quest for closer unity between our two communions, further joint study of the issues identified in GS 1818 be undertaken – in particular, the question of the authority and status of the Roman Catholic dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Anglicans; and
 - (iv) encourage Anglicans to study the report with ecumenical colleagues and in particular, wherever possible, with their Roman Catholic neighbours.’

19. **FAREWELLS**

20. **PROROGATION**

SPECIAL AGENDA I

DRAFT CLERGY DISCIPLINE (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1814)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

The Chair of the Steering Committee (The Bishop of Guildford (The Rt Revd Christopher Hill)) to move:

- 500** 'That the Measure entitled "Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note:

If item 500 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee should send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach him **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 14th March 2011** (SO 53).

AMENDING CODE OF PRACTICE UNDER THE CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE 2003 (GS 1808)

Amending Code of Practice for Approval

The Bishop of Guildford (The Rt Revd Christopher Hill) to move:

- 501** 'That the Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 be approved.'

Notes:

1. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that the Amending Code of Practice shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).*
2. *Amendments to the Amending Code of Practice are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 4th February 2011.***

SPECIAL AGENDA III

MISSION ACTION PLANNING IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Revd Mark Ireland (Lichfield) to move:

'That this Synod

- (a) recognize the urgent missionary task facing the Church of England to reverse decades of numerical decline and make new disciples for Jesus Christ in every community in our land;
- (b) affirm the experience of a remarkable and growing number of parishes that find mission action planning to be a strategic tool which helps them grow in faith, in numbers and in service to their community; and
- (c) call on the Archbishops' Council to work with the central structures of the Church of England to produce a national mission action plan that will support parishes in growing the number of worshipping Anglicans, enabling them to grow in faith.'

82 signatures

(November 2010)

ORDER FOR HOLY BAPTISM

Revd Moira Astin (Oxford) to move:

'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commission the preparation, by the end of this quinquennium, of a draft Order for Holy Baptism for use where a significant number of those attending are not regular churchgoers.'

31 signatures

(November 2010)

ETHICAL INVESTMENT POLICY

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to move:

'That this Synod, recognizing

- (a) that dioceses, parishes and parishioners wish their investments to be compliant with the ethical investment policy and list of restricted investments maintained by the Church's Ethical Investments Advisory Group; and
- (b) that only a single organization is currently able to offer managed collective investment funds in compliance with this policy, consider that the policy and list should be made available under licence

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(subject to an appropriate fee) to commercial fund managers so that they are in a position to offer a competing range of ethically compliant funds of varying risk, management and performance profiles which can be available for both Church bodies and individual Christians.'

19 signatures

(November 2010)

ELECTRONIC VOTING IN SYNOD GENERAL ELECTIONS

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

'That this Synod, concerned both about limited public engagement with the issues affecting General Synod elections and about recent disappointing turn-outs despite the high cost of printing and postage, invite the Archbishops' Council to:

- (a) seek advice from the Electoral Reform Society about the best way to achieve maximum use of electronic voting for all future General Synod elections;
- (b) obtain quotations from Electoral Reform Services and other suitable organizations for running elections to the next General Synod with voting by internet alongside optional paper voting;
- (c) require all clergy and lay candidates' election addresses to be published on those candidates' own diocesan website; and
- (d) bring forward necessary amendments to the rules governing the conduct of elections and any other relevant provisions.'

19 signatures

(November 2010)

FIVE-YEAR MINISTRY PLANS

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to move:

'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to provide it each year with a five-year plan for ministry ordination training, resources and deployment, and that it should set clear targets in order to ensure that future ordained stipendiary ministers will be capable of both engaging with young people and offering a significant period of ministry before retirement following their training.'

9 signatures

(November 2010)

SPECIAL AGENDA III

GENERAL SYNOD INTERNET FORUM

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

‘That this Synod, considering that the witness, debates, exchange of ideas and questions to responsible parties through which the General Synod works as a public sounding-board could usefully be continued between groups of sessions, request that proposals be brought forward, including for any necessary amendments to Standing Orders, to set up a General Synod internet forum (subject to a moderator’s supervision) where members only could post contributions and comments and where notice could be given of questions of the kind for which provision is made under Standing Orders 105 and 106 which would have to be answered within a suitable timescale.’

8 signatures

(November 2010)

LAY CHAIR FOR THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to move:

‘That this Synod consider that a lay chair for the Church of England should be appointed with executive responsibility for administrative co-ordination throughout the whole Church, and that dioceses should co-operate with his/her office to introduce common accounting standards and, where possible, integrated administration and support facilities in order to increase efficiency and reduce costs.’

1 signature

(November 2010)

CATHEDRAL ENTRANCE CHARGES

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

‘That this Synod believe the profit from entrance charges to cathedrals most able to attract visitors ought to be shared, just as historic parish endowments were long ago, and invite the Archbishops’ Council to bring forward an amendment to the Cathedrals Measure to achieve a degree of pooling between all the cathedrals of the profits from such charges.’

1 signature

(November 2010)

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

‘That the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 be rescinded.’

March 2003

ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE EPISCOPATE

to move on behalf of the Rochester Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod

- (a) note that it was resolved in July 2005 that the “process for removing the legal obstacles to the ordination of women to the episcopate should now be set in train”;
- (b) express its wish for suitable pastoral provision to be made for all those, whether clergy or laity, who are unable in conscience to accept this development;
- (c) is particularly aware of the difficulties faced by clergy opposed in conscience to the ordination of women bishops but who currently work, and will continue to do so, in parishes where the Parochial Church Council would otherwise welcome the sacramental ministry of women bishops.’

October 2007

COMMUNION OF BAPTISED ADULTS

to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod ask the House of Bishops to bring forward regulations under Canon B15A.1 to authorise the admission to the Holy Communion of adults who have been baptised but who have not yet been confirmed and who are not yet ready and desirous to be confirmed.’

May 2010

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

COMMON WORSHIP BAPTISM PROVISION

The Revd Dr Tim Stratford (Liverpool) to move on behalf of the Liverpool Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to ask the Liturgical Commission to prepare material to supplement the Common Worship Baptism provision, comprising additional forms of the Decision, the Prayer over the Water and the Commission, expressed in culturally appropriate and accessible language.’

May 2010

HOUSE OF LAITY ELECTIONS

to move on behalf of London Diocese:

‘That this Synod request the Business Committee to commission a thorough review of how the House of Laity of this Synod and the houses of laity of diocesan synods are elected, particular consideration being given to whether the electorate should be some body of persons other than the lay members of deanery synods.’

December 2010