

GENERAL SYNOD

July 2004 Group of Sessions

Report by the Business Committee

Introduction and Overview of the Agenda

1. The agenda for the July Group of Sessions covers a wide range of subjects, with a strong focus on mission and public policy issues and on ways of making the Synod's own procedures more effective. There is a substantial amount of legislative, liturgical and financial business, alongside debates on mission, ministry matters, ecumenical relations and issues of political and social concern. There will also be an exposition of Scripture by the Archbishop of York. As the Synod moves towards the end of the quinquennium 2000-2005, there is still a substantial amount of business to be completed, and the Synod's agenda in July is therefore quite tightly packed.

Venue and Timing

2. The July meeting of the General Synod will take place at the University of York **from 8 pm on Friday 9 July to 1 pm on Tuesday 13 July.**

Highlights of the Agenda

3. Principal debates at the July Synod include:
 - **Restorative justice** (para 44-45)
 - **Drug misuse** (para 64)
 - **Domestic violence** (para 61)
 - **Trade justice** (para 59-60)
 - **European constitutional and ecumenical issues** (para 62)
 - **Mission agencies (para 49-50)**
 - **Marriage law** (para 37-38)
 - **Clergy discipline - doctrine** (para 33-36)
 - **Ordination training: sources of funding** (para 39-41)
 - **Liturgical business and liturgical reports:** (para 46, 47, 57, 58, 63)
 - **Financial issues** (para 52-54)
 - **Legislative business: including final approval of the Synodical Government reforms** (para 28-32)

4. The Agenda includes two Private Members' Motions, from the Revd Chris Lilley on Stipend Differentials, and from Mrs Kathleen Ben Rabha, on Domestic Violence. At this stage of the Synodical quinquennium, the Committee has given precedence in the agenda to the private members' motions (rather than diocesan synod motions) because there are more of them waiting to be debated.

5. There is, however, space in the agenda for one diocesan synod motion. The next motion in the list is from London Diocese, on Apportionment, but the Diocese has asked the Business Committee to hold this back pending the wider financial discussions between the Archbishops' Council and the dioceses. The next diocesan synod motion to be debated will therefore be from Blackburn, on Drug Misuse. Consideration of several diocesan synod motions which appear earlier in the list is being deferred, pending the outcome of relevant reviews. For example, the second report from the Working Group on Clergy Terms of Service, the report of the Working Group on Women in the Episcopate, and the report of the Lambeth (Eames) Commission on the Anglican Communion are due to come to the Synod within the next year. (The report from the Bishop of Rochester's Group on Women in the Episcopate will be published in October and will be debated by Synod in February. The debate on clergy terms of service (including the freehold) is scheduled for February, and that on the Anglican Communion provisionally for February.) Apart from the deferred motions and the Blackburn Diocesan Synod Motion, there now remains only one diocesan synod motion to be debated (from Southwark, on Carbon Dioxide Emissions), assuming that the substance of the Canterbury and Salisbury motions on fairer world trade can be addressed in the debate on Trade Justice at this Group of Sessions.

6. The first item of contingency business for this Group of Sessions will be the Ely Diocesan Synod Motion on Ecumenical Canon B44. The next item will be the Private Member's Motion from Dr Christina Baxter, on Christmas Stamps.
7. At the July Synod, it is customary to include either an exposition of Scripture or group work based on Bible study, or other study material. This year the Archbishop of York will be giving **an Exposition of Scripture on the Saturday morning**.
8. At the February Group of Sessions, the debate on the Future Use of the Church Commissioners' Funds (a report by the Archbishops' Council and the Church Commissioners (GS 1529) was adjourned. Further work is now being undertaken on specific aspects of the Review (details of this are being circulated separately to Synod members), and it is expected that a further report will be presented to the July Synod next year.
9. A financial comment has been prepared by the Finance Division on items of Synod business which have significant financial implications, and this will be circulated in a Notice Paper.
10. The Committee has considered the case for a November Synod, mindful that a third Group of Sessions would only be justified if there was urgent or pressing business, which could not be held over until February 2005. Whilst it would be highly

desirable for the Revision Stage of the Common Worship Ordinal to be taken in November (to avoid the possibility of the synodical process not being completed within this quinquennium) the Committee does not consider that this would justify the very considerable cost of holding even a short November Group of Sessions. The Committee similarly does not regard a debate on the Report of the Working Group on Women in the Episcopate in November as essential. The Committee has therefore advised the Presidents that there is not a sufficient case for holding a November Synod. In the light of this advice, the Presidents have decided that no November Synod will be held this year. There will, of course, be three Groups of Sessions next year, including the Inaugural Sessions of the new Synod in November 2005.

11. The forecast of business annexed to this report provides a forward look to the Groups of Sessions in February and July 2005. There are always considerable uncertainties when looking ahead in this way, so this should not be read as more than a broad indication of the business expected to come to the Synod before the end of the present quinquennium.
12. The Synod will be invited to agree the dates for the Groups of Sessions from February 2006 to February 2008. The Synod will meet slightly earlier than normal in February 2006, and slightly later than usual in February 2007 because of the

planned refurbishment of Church House in 2006/7 (v GS Misc 746). The proposed dates are as follows (with contingency dates in brackets):

2006 6-10 February, 7-11 July
(13-15 November)
2007 26 February-2 March, 6-10 July
(12-14 November)
2008 11-15 February

13. The Business Committee has continued to consider ways in which the business and procedures of the General Synod might be made more accessible, both to Synod members and to the Church more generally. The Committee has met with representatives of two groups of Synod members – the Communicating General Synod Group and the Making Synod User Friendly Group – and in the light of these meetings, it has discussed ways of streamlining Synod’s business with the Standing Orders Committee. The Business Committee has now prepared a report (GS 1542) with proposals, which will give the Synod an opportunity to express its mind on the principle of electronic voting (by secret ballot) and other matters (such as time limits for speeches and the handling of amendments).

Dates and Hours of Sitting

14. The times of the July Group of Sessions are set out on the front of the Agenda (GS 1539). The notes –

to be circulated in the second Synod mailing - on transport, accommodation, etc, supplied to members who are coming to York, include a timetable, which also shows the times of services and meals.

Anglican and Ecumenical Representatives

15. The Synod will have the opportunity to welcome as observers:

The Rt Revd Alan Harper, Bishop of
Connor, Church of Ireland
Dr Alfred Rauhaus, Evangelical Church in
Germany

16. Young Anglican adult observers will also be present in York as in previous years and will no doubt welcome the opportunity, outside the formal proceedings, to meet as many Synod members as possible. Under the new Standing Order (SO 113A), three representatives of the Church of England Youth Council may attend the General Synod, with the right to speak but not to vote. It is hoped that the CEYC will be formally convened this autumn and representatives should be nominated in time for them to be welcomed at the February Group of Sessions in 2005.

Synod Worship

17. There will be a clear strand of worship throughout the Synod and the worship will reflect some of the themes of business before Synod. Holy Communion will be celebrated at 7.30 am on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday in the Central Hall. Evening worship will take place daily in the Central Hall at 6.20 pm. It is also intended to continue the practice begun in 2002 of a short act of worship in the Central Hall, immediately before the morning sessions on Monday and Tuesday. Service leaflets will be distributed to members at York.

18. On Sunday 11 July, the Synod will attend a service of Holy Communion in York Minster. Arrangements for transport to the Minster on the Sunday will be announced in a separate notice to be circulated later. A special coach service will be provided, tickets for which will be on sale from the information desk in the concourse of the Central Hall. As there may not be enough places for everyone on the coaches, it is hoped that some members will walk or use their car and take passengers. There is usually plenty of vacant space on Sunday mornings in the car parks near the city centre (for which a fee may be charged).

Voting Procedures

19. Members are reminded that particular voting procedures on a division apply at York. The Business Committee has decided to alternate (in successive years) the practice at York of ascending and descending the stairs in order to vote. Therefore, this year clergy and laity wishing to vote 'yes' will vote by ascending the stairs and leave the Hall via the doors to the balcony; those wishing to vote 'no' will descend the stairways and leave the Hall through the exits to the concourse. Members who have difficulty in ascending or descending the steps in order to vote are reminded that they may remain in their seats and have their vote taken by a member of the staff who will pass it on to the registrar.

Order of Business

20. The business of the Synod has, as usual, been arranged by days. The business each day will follow the order set out in the daily list given in the Agenda, except where it is necessary to modify this. Every effort will be made to give the Synod the longest possible notice of any variations which it is proposed to make in the timetable and to keep such changes to a minimum. Members are, however, reminded that if at any time within the Group of Sessions an unexpected gap opens in the Synod's agenda, business earlier in the agenda, which has not been reached or completed within

the period allotted, can be called by the Chairman, unless other provision has already been made for it.

21. If there is no such outstanding business and an unexpected gap opens in the Synod's agenda, then unless the adjournment is carried, the Business Committee has decided that the next item to be taken will be the contingency business, set out in paragraph 6 above (i.e. the Ely Diocesan Synod Motion on Ecumenical Canon B44, followed by the Private Member's Motion from Dr Christina Baxter, on Christmas Stamps). Members are reminded that the rubric 'not later than' in the Agenda does not prevent an item coming on significantly earlier than the time stated, depending on the progress of the preceding business.

Private Members' Motions

22. Notice of Private Members' Motions received is contained in Special Agenda III. Any future notices of Private Members' Motions will be published in notice papers and will be available for signature at the July Group of Sessions only if they are received **no later than 5.30 pm on Friday 9 July**.

Content of Business

Introductions (Friday, 9 July)

23. There will be the customary introduction of new members and the welcoming of the ecumenical representatives.

Report by the Business Committee

24. This will provide the customary opportunity for members to raise points about the Agenda for this Group of Sessions or about the Synod's business generally. After this debate, the Synod will be invited to agree the dates for Groups of Sessions for February 2006 to February 2008.
25. There will then be a separate debate on the Business Committee's report on Making Synod's Procedures More Effective (GS 1542), which will include an opportunity for the Synod to express its mind on the principle of electronic voting.

Appointment of Chairs of the Appointments, Business, and Audit Committees

26. The background to these appointments is set out in GS 1551. The Revd Preb David Houlding is proposed for re-appointment as Chair of the Appointments Committee (having had to step down as an *elected* member of the Committee upon his election to the Archbishops' Council). The Revd

Dr Richard Turnbull is proposed as Chair of the Business Committee, in succession to the Right Revd Michael Perham (upon his appointment to the See of Gloucester). Mr Anthony Hesselwood is proposed as Chair of the Audit Committee, in succession to Mr Ian McNeil.

Exposition of Scripture (Saturday, 10 July)

27. The Archbishop of York will give an exposition of Scripture.

Legislative Business

28. Full details of the legislative business for this Group of Sessions can be found, as usual, in Special Agenda I.
29. The draft legislation relating to the **reform of Synodical Government** returns to the Synod for final approval, subject to the resolution of some technical issues arising out of the amendments made in the course of revision in full Synod last February.
30. The Synod will also be asked to give Final Approval to the draft **Stipends (Cessation of Special Payments) Measure**, which abolishes guaranteed annuities and certain other direct payments (mainly to clergy).

31. The **draft Pastoral (Amendment) Measure**, which will enable leases to be granted of a part or parts of a church which is still in use, has completed its Revision Committee stage and accordingly returns to the Synod for revision.
32. Finally, in addition to approving the usual **Fees Orders**, the Synod will be asked to give first consideration to a further **Miscellaneous Provisions Measure**, which will make a number of uncontentious changes to Church legislation, mostly relating to the powers of the Church Commissioners.

Clergy Discipline (Doctrine) Report

33. The Synod will be given the opportunity to debate the report of the group set up by the House of Bishops in 1999 to consider clergy discipline in relation to matters of doctrine, ritual and ceremonial (GS 1554).
34. When the *Under Authority* Report was debated by the General Synod in November 1996, an amendment was carried to the effect that clergy discipline in relation to matters of doctrine should not be included in a new Measure but should be left to be dealt with under the existing procedures of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963. The Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 reflects that decision.

35. However, in June 1999 the House of Bishops reported to the Synod that it believed the procedures for dealing with doctrinal offences under the 1963 Measure to be unsatisfactory and that further investigation was needed before proposals for its amendment could be brought forward. A group consisting of three members from each House was accordingly set up to carry out this work.
36. The group has now made a number of proposals, which have been endorsed by the House of Bishops. In essence they involve applying to complaints relating to matters of doctrine, ritual or ceremonial procedures broadly comparable to that applied by the Clergy Discipline Measure to complaints about other types of misconduct. The group also recommends the creation of a new category of misconduct for the purposes of those procedures, committed if a cleric professes, advocates or promotes beliefs incompatible with the doctrine of the Church of England.

Marriage Law Review

37. The Marriage Law Working Group was established following Synod in July 2002 to take forward the recommendations contained in *The Challenge to Change* (GS 1448). So far as broadening the range of places available to couples for marriage is concerned, the Group has identified three main options. The main aim of the debate is to obtain a

decision from the Synod on which of those options should form the basis for the provisions on the place of marriage in the draft Measure which the Group has the task of preparing, and which is now expected to come before the Synod for First Consideration in February 2005. The Group envisages that this will make the passage of the legislation through the Synod more straightforward, which in turn will help to achieve the very tight timetable which will be necessary in order to minimise any delay between the implementation of Government legislation and the Church's legislation.

38. The item will be introduced by the Bishop of Newcastle, who chairs the Working Group. The Group is also hosting a fringe meeting on its work at lunchtime on Saturday.

Structure and Funding of Ordination Training:
Alternative Sources of Funding

39. The report *Formation for Ministry within a Learning Church (The Hind Report, GS 1496)*, recommended that an additional £1 million per annum be spent nationally on Continuing Ministerial Education (CME 1-4), and that this should be funded by reducing by about 75 the number of people in colleges receiving family support. The Synod asked for alternative sources of funding to be identified to avoid such a large

reduction in the number of supported residential places.

40. A working group was accordingly set up at the request of the Archbishops' Council, by the Theological Education and Training Committee, under the chairmanship of the Revd Dr Richard Turnbull. Its report (GS 1541A) identified a number of potential new sources of funding, including personal contributions by all ordinands, a partnership scheme between training institutions and parishes, and the receipt of Child tax credits.

41. The report was considered by the College of Bishops in June, who agreed that a reduction of 75 residential places for married ordinands should not be pursued, and offered its support for an increase in the funding of CME 1-3 (£750,000 per annum), but declined to support the alternatives in GS 1541A. A report by the Bishop of Chelmsford, Chair of the Bishops' Committee on Ministry (GS 1541), summarises the points made by the College of Bishops, refers to other developments in the funding arrangements, and identifies different ways of raising funds in the present situation. The Synod is accordingly asked to invite the Archbishops' Council, after consultation with the dioceses and others, to bring further proposals to the February 2005 Group of Sessions for how the funds for this additional spending might be raised and channelled.

Questions

42. Under SO 105, members may address Questions to the Secretary General, the Clerk to the Synod, the Chairman of any body answerable to the Synod through the Archbishops' Council (including Boards and Councils), the Chairman of any Church of England body on which the Synod is represented, the Chairman of each of the three Houses of Synod, and the Church Estates Commissioners. Anyone wishing to ask a question must give notice of it to reach the Clerk to the Synod **by 5.30 pm on Tuesday 29 June**. The Questions notice paper will be distributed at the beginning of the Group of Sessions (or as soon as possible thereafter).

43. Members are reminded that 'omnibus' questions are not in order. If a member wishes to query several points, each should be the subject of a separate question. Detailed information, tables of figures, etc are better dealt with in a written answer and members are urged to be selective in matters which they raise orally at Question Time, including in any supplementaries, which must be framed as a question and should be kept brief. Members should indicate clearly when submitting a Question whether it is for oral or written answer.

Restorative Justice (Sunday, 11 July)

44. Criminal justice has always been a political issue but increasingly so in recent years. Since 1997, the Government has introduced seventeen criminal justice Bills and instituted a number of administrative re-organisations of which the latest is the plan to form the prison and probation services into a new National Offender Management Service (NOMS).
45. This debate will provide the Synod with an opportunity to consider recent developments. It will in particular focus on issues of restorative justice as in many situations a more effective means of meeting the requirements of justice and restoration for offenders, the victims of crime and wider society. The debate will be resourced by a collection of essays *Rethinking Sentencing* (GS 1536), prepared by a number of Christians who are also experts in the criminal justice system. It will be introduced by the Bishop of Worcester, the Bishop to HM Prisons, on behalf of the Mission and Public Affairs Council.

Liturgical Business: Weekday Lectionary

46. Details of the formal Liturgical Business can be found in Special Agenda II.
47. The Liturgical Business for this Group of Sessions is the Revision Stage for the Weekday Lectionary

and Amendments. The Weekday Lectionary is intended to replace the current (temporary) Weekday Lectionary. This Liturgical Business was presented to the Synod in February for First Consideration and has now been revised by the Revision Committee.

Stipend Differentials (Private Member's Motion: The Revd Chris Lilley)

48. This Private Member's Motion, seeking to phase out differentials in stipend for dignitaries, was included as the first item of the contingency business for the February Group of Sessions. Mr Lilley's background paper (GS Misc 738A) and a note by the Ministry Division (GS Misc 738B) have been re-circulated.

Mission Agencies

49. Although Synod has affirmed the work of the Church's mission agencies in a number of resolutions over the past ten years, it has never had the opportunity to hear from them and debate the work that they carry out. In a mixed-economy church, the mission agencies are one of the many ways in which Christians associate together to contribute to the Church's missionary calling. They are expressions of the life of the Church and major channels for the Church's connections with the worldwide Church.

50. In recent years the nature of their work has evolved as they have responded to God's call and their changing contexts both internationally and in this country – not least in a Covenant of Commitment witness by the Archbishop of Canterbury last year. At the invitation of the Presidents, two representatives of the mission agencies – Ms Sue Parks, Director of SPCK Worldwide, and Mr Reg Bailey, Chief Executive of the Mothers' Union - will make a presentation to introduce the debate, which will be led by the Bishop of Coventry as Chair of the Partnership for World Mission. The debate will be resourced by a report from PWM, entitled *Enabling a World of Difference* (GS 1544).

Archbishops' Council: Annual Report (deemed approval) (Monday, 12 July)

51. The Archbishops' Council's Annual Report for 2003 (GS 1550) reflects the wide range of work undertaken by and on behalf of the Council within the overall context of the Council's themes. The report is the first to reflect the new structures introduced following the recommendations of the Guildford Review. 2003 was a very demanding year in terms of the number of major pieces of work being undertaken.

Financial Business: Archbishops' Council's Budget for 2005

52. Having frozen its net administrative costs (Vote 2) for three years (2002-4), the 2005 Budget provides for very modest underlying increases. However, it does also take account of the transfer from September 2005 to Vote 1 (ordination training) of responsibility for funding maintenance costs to candidates in training previously met by dioceses. It also provides for a new Vote 5 in respect of costs of Church Housing Assistance for Retired Ministry, which were previously funded by the Church Commissioners. The Synod agreed in November 2002 (*Clergy Stipends, Pensions and other financial issues: GS 1467*) that these costs should transfer to apportionment from 2005 to increase the amount available for allocation to the least well resourced dioceses. GS 1545 provides a commentary on all aspects of the budget, which the Synod will be asked to approve.

Mission Agencies' Pension Contributions

53. The Pensions Measure 1997 lays on the Church Commissioners an obligation to meet the pension costs of clergy employed by certain mission agencies. To avoid this having an adverse impact on the amount made available in selective allocations to the less well resourced dioceses, it was agreed that the cost would be met through

apportionment, and Vote 4 came into being as a result.

54. Following discussions with representatives of the mission agencies and dioceses, it has been agreed that the contribution through Vote 4 to the Commissioners' liability should be capped. The Synod will be asked to signal its agreement to that proposal, which is further explained in GS 1545 (the budget commentary). (This motion was due to be taken last July but had to be deferred as in the event there was insufficient time.)

Church Commissioners' Annual Report

55. The Business Committee normally permits the Annual Report of the Church Commissioners to be debated, at their request, on a biennial pattern (unless other business items involving the Commissioners make a separate debate unnecessary). Timetable pressures have meant that the Commissioners' report has not been debated since 2001 and the Business Committee believes such a debate is now timely. The report will be presented by the First Church Estates Commissioner, Mr Andreas Whittam Smith. The 'take note' debate on the report will provide Synod members with an opportunity to raise points and ask questions about the wide spectrum of the Commissioners' work, with particular reference to the year 2003.

56. The Church Commissioners will also host a fringe meeting on the Monday evening as part of their consultation on new guidelines for diocesan bishops' housing, which will provide members with a specific opportunity to engage with issues in this area.

Liturgical Commission Report: Initiation Services

57. Liturgical texts which are not alternative to provisions in the Book of Common Prayer do not require synodical authorisation. By custom such texts, prepared by the Liturgical Commission at the request of the House of Bishops, are given initial consideration by that House, debated by the Synod on a 'take note motion', revised in the light of the debate and then commended by the House of Bishops. Two such sets of texts will be debated at this Group of Sessions.
58. The first, Initiation Services, comprises the remaining material for inclusion in a definitive edition of *Common Worship: Initiation Services* (to replace the temporary paperback edition published in 1998). It consists primarily of two sets of material: Rites on the Way (rites to accompany the spiritual journey of individuals towards baptism, confirmation and/or affirmation of baptismal faith) and Reconciliation and Restoration (services intended to assist the Church in its ministry of reconciliation, set in the broader context of the

renewal of the baptismal covenant and of the prayer of the Church for healing and restoration).

Trade Justice

59. Since 2000 the Churches' international development agenda has increasingly focused on the perceived adverse trading relations that, it is argued, has exacerbated the acute economic and social problems facing many developing countries. The launch of the Trade Justice Movement in 2000 coinciding with the start of the Doha trade round is an example of this activity. In 2005 the British Government will chair the G8 Summit as well as holding the Presidency of the European Union. It is anticipated that many churches and aid agencies, including Christian Aid and Tearfund, will use the opportunities presented by 2005 to press for a revision of the rules governing international trade. This debate provides an opportunity for the Synod to consider the issue of trade justice in general, whilst discussing ways in which the Church, at all its levels, might contribute its voice to public policy debates in 2005. To facilitate this process the Mission and Public Affairs Council commissioned Christian Aid to write *Trade Justice: A Christian Response to Global Poverty* (GS Misc 744).
60. As will be seen from Special Agenda IV, Trade Justice is also the subject of two Diocesan Synod Motions, from Canterbury and Salisbury. It is

envisaged that the subject matter of those motions will be reflected in the debate.

Domestic Violence (Private Member's Motion:
Mrs Kathleen Ben Rabha)

61. This motion expresses particular concern about the number of incidents of domestic violence being regularly reported, and calls for the Archbishops' Council to issue national guidelines for those with pastoral care responsibilities and for the dioceses to consider ways of addressing the serious situation of domestic violence in this country. A background note by Mrs Ben Rabha is being circulated (GS Misc 747).

Europe: Constitutional and Ecumenical Issues

62. The last time the General Synod debated European issues was in 1994. Since then Europe has changed significantly, particularly with the recent enlargement of the European Union. This debate will give Synod members an opportunity to consider a range of concerns relating to mainland Europe, and to consider the constitutional and political issues facing Europe as part of the context in which the Churches are working. The debate will be set within consideration of ecumenical agreements, including the Bonn and Porvoo, Meissen and Reuilly Agreements, and also within the context of the Charta Oecumenica. It will also focus on the work of the Diocese in Europe and the

other Anglican jurisdictions, and on the connections provided through the world mission agencies and diocesan links. The debate will be resourced by a joint report by the Mission and Public Affairs Council and the Council for Christian Unity, entitled *The Church and the Future of Europe* (GS 1548). The debate will be preceded by an address by the Revd Dr Keith Clements, the General Secretary of the Conference of European Churches.

Liturgical Commission Report: Times and Seasons; Festivals (Tuesday, 13 July)

63. The second set of liturgical texts for commendation (cf. para. 55-56 above) comprises material for use in the seasons of the Christian year and for the seasons and festivals of the agricultural year, and for use on festivals. This represents a revision of *The Promise of His Glory* (for the season from All Saints to Candlemas, 1991) and *Lent, Holy Week, Easter* (1986), both of which were commended by the House of Bishops following Synod debates, and also of *Enriching the Christian Year* (1993), an unofficial publication by members of the Liturgical Commission. The texts have been conformed to those in *Common Worship* and the opportunity has also been taken to revise, delete and add material in the light of experience of the use (or non-use) of the earlier texts. It is proposed that they should be published in two volumes: *Common Worship: Times and Seasons* and *Common Worship:*

Festivals. Publication of these volumes and of the Common Worship Ordinal will complete the *Common Worship* family of volumes and thus the *Common Worship* project.

Drug Misuse (Blackburn Diocesan Synod Motion)

64. This motion expresses concern about the extent of drug misuse at all levels of society, and urges the Archbishops' Council and Diocesan and Deanery Synods to hold discussions about ways in which the Church can be involved with Christian and secular agencies working in this field. A background note from Professor Helen Leathard (GS Misc 748) is being circulated.

Concluding Business

65. Following the customary farewells, the Synod will be prorogued, no later than 1 pm. The closing ceremonies will be conducted by the Archbishop of York.

On behalf of the Committee

Alan Hawker

May 2004

Members of the Business Committee

The Very Revd Michael Perham, Dean of Derby - Chair
(to March 2004)

Elected by the House of Bishops

The Rt Revd George Cassidy, Bishop of Southwell

Elected by the House of Clergy

The Ven Alan Hawker, Archdeacon of Malmesbury –
Acting

Chair (from March 2004)

The Revd Prebendary Sam Philpott (Exeter)

The Revd Simon Pothen (London)

Elected by the House of Laity

Mrs Sue Johns (Norwich)

Mr Frank Knaggs (Newcastle)

Mrs Maryon Jägers (Europe)

Two members of the Archbishops' Council

Mr Brian McHenry (Southwark)

Professor Peter Toyne (Appointed)

(The Secretary to the Committee is David Williams and the
Assistant Secretary is Malcolm Taylor)

General Synod: Provisional Forward Look

In addition to the items listed below, it is expected that there will be one or more Private Member's Motions.

February 2005

Legislation Promulgation of Amending Canon No 26
(Bridge Follow-up)

Pastoral (Amendment) Measure: Final
Drafting and Final Approval

Miscellaneous Provisions Measure:
Revision Stage

?Marriage Measure: First Consideration

?Clergy Discipline (Doctrine) Measure:
First Consideration

Liturgy Weekday Lectionary: Final Approval
Ordinal: (First) Revision Stage

Reports Representation of the Synod 2005-2010
Women in the Episcopate

Review of Clergy Terms of Service:
second phase report

Review of constitutions of bodies
answerable to the General Synod

through the Archbishops' Council
Church Urban Fund
Higher education issues: church colleges
and universities
Environmental Issues
?Report of Lambeth (Eames)
Commission

Diocesan Synod Motion

Ely: Ecumenical Canon B44

July 2005

Legislation Miscellaneous Provisions Measure: Final Drafting
and Final Approval
Amending Canon No 24 (Clergy
Discipline): Promulgation
Marriage Measure: Revision Stage
?Clergy Discipline (Doctrine) Measure:
Revision Stage
?Clergy Discipline Measure Rules and
Code of Practice
?Care of Cathedrals Rules
Fees Orders

Liturgy Ordinal: Second Revision Stage or Final
Approval

Reports 2006 budget

Strategic Financial Review: progress
report
*Anglican/Methodist Covenant: report
from Joint Implementation Commission*
Inter-Faith Relations
Arms Trade
Hospital Chaplaincies
Ethical Investment Issues (including
alcohol)
Review of Diocesan Practice on
Communion before Confirmation

May 2004