

GENERAL SYNOD**FEBRUARY 2008 GROUP OF SESSIONS****BUSINESS DONE AT 7.02 P.M.****ON MONDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2008****PRAYERS**

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY opened the Synod with prayers, including in particular prayers for the Bishop of Peterborough and the Bishop of Portsmouth.

INTRODUCTIONS

1 The following new members were introduced:

The Reverend Mark Beach (Coventry)
 Mr Andrew Britton (Archbishops' Council)
 The Bishop of Burnley (the Right Reverend John Goddard) (Northern Suffragans)
 The Reverend Stuart Currie (Worcester)
 The Reverend Andrew Dow (Gloucester)
 The Reverend Canon David Green (Sodor & Man)
 The Reverend Canon John Hall (Blackburn)
 Mr Philip Ivey-Ray (Chelmsford)
 Mr Dan Leathers (Church of England Youth Council)
 The Dean of Manchester (the Very Reverend Rogers Govender) (Northern Deans)
 The Reverend Mark Thomas (Lichfield)
 The Reverend Celia Thomson (Gloucester)
 The Reverend Simon Tillotson (Canterbury)
 Dr Brian Walker (Winchester)
 The Bishop of Worcester (the Right Reverend John Inge)

The Right Reverend Nigel Stock, previously a member of Synod as a representative of the Northern Suffragans, was also welcomed in his new capacity as Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY reported that:

those provisions of the Care of Cathedrals (Amendment) Measure 2005 which were not previously in force had come into force on 1st January 2008;

those provisions of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2006 which were not previously in force had come into force on 1st December 2007;

the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure had received the Royal Assent on 30th October 2007, a number of provisions of the Measure had come into force on 1st

January 2008 and others on 1st February 2008, and more would come into force on 31st March and 11th June respectively, the remaining provisions to come into force on a date or dates yet to be determined;

the Church of England Marriage Measure had been submitted to the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament; and

the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2007, the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2007 and the Parochial Fees Order 2007 had all been laid before Parliament and had all come into force on 1st January 2008.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

3 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Address.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1676)

Under Standing Order 14(g), the Chair adjourned the sitting at 3.52 p.m. to allow a demonstration of the new electronic voting system. The sitting was resumed at 4.16 p.m.

4 The motion

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

was carried

5 The motion

‘That this Synod meet on the following dates in November 2010:

22-24 November (inauguration of the new Synod).’

was carried.

FORTY-SECOND REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1677)

Under Standing Order 39(c) the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders set out in the First Notice Paper were deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment with immediate effect

QUESTIONS

7 Questions 1 to 84, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

Following a reflection on Scripture, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.02 p.m.

D. J. Williams
Chair to the Synod

Tuesday 12th February 2008
D. J. Williams