

Wednesday 11 February 2009

9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

- 507-508** Draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure (**GS 1708**) and Draft Amending Canon No 30 (**GS 1709**) - *Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for First Consideration*
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2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA III PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION: CHURCH WATER BILLS (GS Misc 904A and B)

Mr Martin Dales (York) to move:

14. 'That this Synod, concerned about the effect on many parishes of sudden, massive rises in water charges for churches, request HM Government to remind OFWAT of its obligations to ensure that the water companies adhere to the clear guidance given by the Secretary of State for the Environment in 2000, which states that "there are many non-household users who are not businesses ... including places of worship ... and it would be inappropriate to charge all non-household customers as if they were businesses".'
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SPECIAL AGENDA III PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION: UNIQUENESS OF CHRIST IN MULTI-FAITH BRITAIN (GS Misc 905A and B)

Mr Paul Eddy (Winchester) to move:

15. 'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain's multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.'
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**FORTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE
(GS 1699)**

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall (Manchester) to move:

16. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

If item 16 is carried, the motions for amendment to the Standing Orders contained in the First Notice Paper will be moved, insofar as they need to be debated. Any member wishing to move an amendment to any of those motions must give notice in accordance with Standing Order 10(c) **not later than 5.30 p.m. on 9 February.**

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION:
HUMAN TRAFFICKING (GS Misc 906A and B)**

17. Presentation under SO 97.

The Revd Canon Michael Webb (Newcastle) to move on behalf of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod:

18. 'That this Synod, in celebrating the centenary of the death of Josephine Butler, who is remembered in the Calendar on May 30th,
- (a) recognize and deplore the continuing evil of human trafficking, especially of children and young people;
 - (b) urge the Church of England to support the work of those who seek to end the traffic and rescue those trapped in it; and
 - (b) support the vigorous implementation of the UK Action Plan on Tackling Human Trafficking, and in particular, call on HM Government to ensure that effective measures are in place to prevent sex workers being trafficked into Britain during the 2012 Olympics.'

(Winchester Diocesan Synod has passed a motion in the same terms.)
