

GENERAL SYNOD

JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2017

FOURTH NOTICE PAPER

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEM

In exercise of their power under SO 4(3) the Presidents have directed the addition to the agenda of an additional item, to be taken on Friday 7 July immediately after Item 3 (Report by the Business Committee (GS 2060)).

The additional item of business will take the form of a debate on the following motion, to be moved by the Archbishop of York:

AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION, A STILL SMALL VOICE OF CALM

That this Synod, mindful that the recent General Election has left many questions unanswered about the shape and priorities of our government at a critical time in the nation's history:

- (a) give thanks, nonetheless, for the increased turnout and call upon all parties to build on this by addressing the causes of voter apathy and non-participation;
- (b) pray for all those elected to Parliament that they will prioritise the common good of all people in everything they do, especially in negotiations between parties to secure support for a legislative programme;
- (c) call upon Christians everywhere to maintain pressure on politicians of all parties to put the cohesion of the nation and its communities at the heart of their programmes;
- (d) pray for courage, for our political leaders as they face the constraints and opportunities of uncertainty and weakness, and for the people of the nation as they too face unprecedented questions about the future;
- (e) commend the continuing work of the churches serving the poor and vulnerable, at home and worldwide, as an example

of the priorities which we hope to see in the programmes of government; and

- (f) commit the Church of England to maintaining strong and generous international relations, through our dioceses, the Anglican Communion and ecumenical links, as relationships within the United Kingdom, across Europe and worldwide face new tensions and challenges.

The deadline for the giving of notice of amendments to the motion is **5.30 p.m. on Thursday 6 July** (SO 10(2)(a)). Amendments can be sent to amendments@churchofengland.org

If you wish to speak in the debate, please send an email to requeststospeak@churchofengland.org with the following information:

Your name; Synod number; diocese; the title of the debate; an indication of whether you are for or against; the substance of what you wish to say (be concise, please!); and an indication of why you wish to speak.

VARIATION OF ORDER OF BUSINESS

As a result of the addition to the Agenda, it is intended that the Chair of the Business Committee will propose a variation of the order of business under SO 9 in respect of other business scheduled for Friday afternoon's sitting. The variation will be to the effect that that the rubric preceding Item 7 (Questions) in the Agenda be amended to read "**Not later than 6.00 p.m.**".

ITEM 5

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2062)

Also as a result of the addition to the Agenda, Item 5 (Annual Report of the Audit Committee of the Archbishops' Council (GS 2062)) will now be taken as deemed business, in accordance with SO 106. In accordance with SO 106(6), any member who wishes this item to be debated must give notice in accordance with SO 13 no later than **5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 28 June**, giving details of the member's concerns.