

The House of Bishops met in London at Lambeth Palace from 10-12 December.

The agenda was wide ranging. On the first day, the bishops considered the priorities for the Church over the three-year period 2020 to 2022.

They reviewed progress with the Church's body of work called Renewal and Reform, which is intended to bring more people to know the good news of Jesus Christ. They explored the Church's mission with children and young people and made a renewed commitment to that mission.

They agreed to examine some areas where Church law might be simplified.

On the second day the Chair of the National Safeguarding Panel, Ms. Meg Munn, addressed the House with her initial observations on taking the role. A more detailed briefing on safeguarding followed. The bishops engaged with the issues facing the nation in the current turbulent political climate. The Pastoral Advisory Group reported to the House on its recent work on gender, identity and sexuality.

On the third day the Bishops participated in exploratory work related to the *Living in Love and Faith* project.

The House of Bishops prayed for the nation and all our politicians at this challenging time.

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