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Archbishop of Canterbury pays tribute to the Archbishop of York

13/02/2020

The Archbishop of Canterbury has paid tribute to the Archbishop of York in General Synod earlier today at what would have been his final Synod.

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Cathedrals proposals move forward

11/02/2020

New measures to strengthen governance and operational frameworks for England's cathedrals have taken the next step towards formal implementation.

3.



Church of England backs sports ministry

13/02/2020

Sports and fitness activities are to be championed as part of plans by the Church of England to reach more people with the message of the Christian faith and promote the wellbeing of communities, it is announced today.

4.



Church of England launches energy rating tool as Synod considers new 'net zero' carbon target

24/01/2020

The Church of England launches energy rating system similar to those used for household appliances for church buildings as General Synod considers a major new proposal to reach 'net zero' CO2 emissions.

5. [View of the Assembly hall during General Synod from the balcony](#)

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Covenant for Clergy Care and Wellbeing declared Act of Synod

10/02/2020

Measures to promote awareness of the dangers of stress and burnout amongst clergy are to be debated by the 42 Church of England dioceses following a landmark vote today by the General Synod.

6.



General Synod approves Channel Islands legislation

13/02/2020

The General Synod of The Church of England has approved legislation following the Archbishop's Commission on the relationship of the Channel Islands to the wider Church of England.

7.



General Synod calls on Government to act over 'pauper' funerals

12/02/2020

The General Synod today called on the Government to end the 'cruel' experience of so-called 'pauper' funerals in a debate where members heard of the plight of those unable to afford funeral costs.

8.



General Synod sets 2030 Net Zero carbon target

12/02/2020

The Church of England's General Synod has set new targets for all parts of the church to work to become carbon 'net zero' by 2030.

9.



General Synod votes to apologise over racism

11/02/2020

The General Synod voted today to apologise for racism experienced by black and minority ethnic people in the Church of England since the arrival of the Windrush generation.

10.



Legal aid an 'essential service' that should be preserved for the 'benefit of the nation', Synod votes

13/02/2020

Changes to the legal aid system have left some of the most vulnerable groups in society without access to the justice system, the General Synod heard today.

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