

A meeting of the House of Bishops took place today on Thursday, the 21st of May 2020 (by Zoom).

The meeting was a resumption of the previous meeting of the House of 19 May which was adjourned by the Chair due to technical issues.

Amongst the issues discussed by the House:

- An update on the Church's activity on COVID-19 with reflections and insights given by three Diocesan bishops as well as insights from Brendan McCarthy, Medical Ethics Health and Social Care Policy adviser, and continuing preparations for the gradual reopening of churches for prayer and worship, led by Bishop Sarah Mullally.
- Updates from groups of bishops looking at coronavirus and its implications for the future of the Church of England were given, with a series of breakout groups further looking at issues including political and economic change, shifts in technology as well as the impact of demographic change.

The Archbishop of Canterbury led a Vote of Thanks on behalf of the House, to the Archbishop of York, John Sentamu for his dedicated ministry and service.

The next meeting will be held on 9 June 2020.

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