

Friday 7 July 2017
2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER I

WORSHIP

1 INTRODUCTION

2 WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS

The Rt Revd Dr Matti Repo, Bishop of Tampere (Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland) will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 120.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2060)

The Revd Canon Sue Booy (Oxford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

3 That the Synod do take note of this Report.

AFTER THE GENERAL ELECTION, A STILL SMALL VOICE OF CALM

The Archbishop of York to move:

- 46** 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) 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;
- (d) 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;
 - (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.

Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move as an amendment:

47 At the end of paragraph (a), *insert—*

“, in particular, by:

- (i) taking steps to change the current outdated and unfair voting system by introducing proportional representation by single transferable vote at Parliamentary elections (as used in this Synod); and
- (ii) lowering the voting age to 16”.

Mrs Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chichester) to move as an amendment:

48 In paragraph (b), after “the common good of all people” *insert* “as revealed in the bible and taught by the Church”.

The Revd Canon Jonathan Alderton-Ford (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move as an amendment:

49 After paragraph (c), *insert—*

“(–) recognise that as Scotland has voted decisively to remain in the European Union the people of Scotland should be given the opportunity for a fresh referendum

on their UK membership.”

Mrs Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chichester) to move as an amendment:

50 At the end, *insert—*

“(–) urge the government:

- (i) to reduce the huge gap between rich and poor in the UK;
- (ii) to recognise and safeguard the sanctity of the human person from conception to natural death;
- (iii) to promote marriage and the family as understood by the canons of the Church of England which remain the law of the land; and
- (iv) to maintain and promote the fundamental freedom of biblical based speech and the manifestation of the Christian faith.”

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move as an amendment:

51 At the end, *insert—*

“(–) urge all bishops, clergy and lay people at this time of anxiety and uncertainty to take every opportunity to commend to all the people of England faith in Jesus Christ, who is King of kings, the Prince of Peace and the Hope of every nation.”

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 36 (GS 2029B)

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 37 (GS 2029BB)

Article 7 business (both Canons)

Draft Amending Canons for Final Drafting

(Revised at the February 2017 group of sessions)

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2029Z)

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of St Albans) to move:

506 That the Synod do take note of this Report.

If item 506 is carried, the following Special Amendment to draft Amending Canon No. 36 (GS 2029B) will be moved:

511 In paragraph 1(6)(a), *leave out* “on a Sunday”.

**APPOINTMENT TO THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL
(GS 2061)**

The Archbishop of York to move:

4 That the appointment of Mrs Mary Chapman as a member of the Archbishops’ Council for a term ending on 31 December 2019 be approved.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS

6 Presentation under SO 107.

Not later than 5.30 p.m.*

7 **QUESTIONS**

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship

* Note: If the proposed variation of the order of business notified on the Fourth Notice Paper is made, the rubric will read “**Not later than 6.00 p.m.**”