SUNDAY 9 JULY 2017
2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER IV

SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

WELCOMING TRANSGENDER PEOPLE (GS 2071A AND GS 2071B)

The Revd Christopher Newlands (Blackburn) to move on behalf of the Blackburn Diocesan Synod:

13 That this Synod, recognising the need for transgender people to be welcomed and affirmed in their parish church, call on the House of Bishops to consider whether some nationally commended liturgical materials might be prepared to mark a person’s gender transition.

Dr Nick Land (York) to move as an amendment:

59 Leave out everything after “That this Synod:” and insert—

“(a) recognise the dignity of all people as made in the image of God and so affirm our commitment to welcome unconditionally in all our churches people who experience (or who have experienced) gender dysphoria;

(b) acknowledge different understandings around gender dysphoria and the field of gender identity more widely;

(c) consider that the preparation of liturgies to mark gender transition raises substantial theological and pastoral issues that the Church of England has not yet considered; and
(d) ask the House of Bishops to consider the theological, pastoral and other issues that gender transition raises for the Church and to report back to General Synod by the end of this quinquennium.”

INTERIM REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS MISC 1159)

Presentation under SO 107.

CLERGY WELLBEING: REPORT FROM THE HOUSE OF CLERGY (GS 2072)

The Revd Canon Simon Butler (Southwark) to move:

That this Synod:

(a) welcome and support the proposal to establish a Covenant for Clergy Wellbeing as laid out in GS 2072; and

(b) invite the Appointments Committee to appoint a Clergy Wellbeing Working Group to bring proposals for such a Covenant back to this Synod by July 2019.

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

SCHOOLS ADMISSIONS CODE (GS 2073A AND GS 2073B)

The Revd Tiffer Robinson (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move:

That this Synod:

(a) call upon the Secretary of State to include provision in the Schools Admission Code requiring admission authorities to allocate places to children of clergy and other workers who are required to live in tied accommodation, and are moving into the authority’s area, in advance of the family arriving in the area; and
(b) call on all admissions authorities to accept letters of appointment as proof of residence ahead of the children of clergy and other workers who are required to live in tied accommodation moving to the area.

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7.00 p.m. Evening Worship
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