

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2016
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Friday 8 July	2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
Saturday 9 July	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

SERVICES

Friday 8 July	
12 noon	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.15 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building
Saturday 9 July	
7.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Central Hall
6.20 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.15 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building
Sunday 10 July	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in York Minster

GENERAL NOTES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Save where a special note is included in the Agenda, the following rules apply under the Standing Orders of the General Synod to notice of motions and amendments other than procedural motions:

1. The period of notice of new business **has expired**, save for urgent or other especially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.
2. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business) must be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (SOs 10-12 and 27):
 - Business appointed for the *first day of the group of sessions (Friday 8 July)* –
5.30 p.m. on Thursday 7 July
 - Business appointed for the *remaining day of the group of sessions (Saturday 9 July)*:
 - Business appointed for the morning sitting –
10 a.m. the day before;
 - Business appointed for the afternoon or evening sitting –
4 p.m. the day before.
3. Under Standing Orders 10 and 27, such notice must be accompanied by evidence of support from two or more members of the Synod in addition to the member giving the notice. (This provision does *not* apply to amendments to legislative business).
4. Notice of amendments to legislative business must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in the Agenda.
5. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(4)(a)).
6. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 112-113 must be delivered **not later than 12 noon on Tuesday 28 June 2016.**
7. Notice must be given to the Clerk to the Synod in writing signed by the member or sent by e-mail or fax, from an address notified to the Clerk, to one of the addresses below. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The email addresses are:

in respect of Questions:

questions@churchofengland.org

in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda:

amendments@churchofengland.org

in respect of submissions to Revision Committees:

revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org

in respect of other matters:

jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

8. Business set out in the Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown. If business set down for a particular day is completed before the next timed business is due to be called, the opportunity will be taken to complete any business already partly considered at this group of sessions.

MEETING OF THE HOUSE OF LAITY

9. The House of Laity will meet from 1.00 p.m. to 2.00 p.m. on Friday 8 July in Room P/X001 (Exhibition Centre). Lunch will be provided for members of the House of Laity who have pre-booked it in P/T005 (Exhibition Centre) from 12 noon.

FRIDAY 8 JULY 2016

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

WORSHIP

1 INTRODUCTIONS

2 PRESENTATIONS

Presentation of the Pro-Prolocutors of the Convocation of Canterbury.

Presentation of the Deputy Prolocutors of the Convocation of York.

3 WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS

Landesbischof Ralf Meister (Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland), Co-chair of the Meissen Commission, will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 120.

PRESENTATION BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF YORK ON HIS PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER, WITNESS AND BLESSING, INCLUDING A SHORT TIME OF WORSHIP USING THE PILGRIMAGE PRAYERS

4 Presentation under SO 107.

***Note:** The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should not include an opportunity for questions.*

REPORT FROM THE ANGLICAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL IN LUSAKA, APRIL 2016

5 Presentation under SO 107.

***Note:** The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should not include an opportunity for questions.*

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2024)

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

6 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Not later than 4.30 p.m.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2025)

One of the Presidents to move:

- 7 'That the appointment of the Revd Dr Rosalyn Murphy as a member of the Archbishops' Council for a term ending on 31 December 2019 be approved.'

One of the Presidents to move:

- 8 'That the appointment of Mrs Rebecca Salter as a member of the Archbishops' Council for a term ending on 28 February 2019 be approved.'
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CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL REPORT

Sir Andreas Whittam Smith (ex officio) to move:

- 9 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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NURTURING AND DISCERNING SENIOR LEADERS: REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPOINTMENTS GROUP OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS (GS 2026)

The Bishop of Truro to move:

- 10 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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Evening Worship

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

- 11 **QUESTIONS**
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SATURDAY 9 JULY 2016

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items of legislative business (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I - see pages 6-10) will be taken:

- 500 Draft Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure (**GS 2014A**)
- Draft Measure for Revision
- 501 Draft Legislative Reform Measure (**GS 2027**)
- Draft Measure for First Consideration
- 502 Draft Inspection of Churches Measure (**GS 2028**)
- Draft Measure for First Consideration
- 503 Draft Amending Canon No. 36 (**GS 2029**)
- Draft Amending Canon for First Consideration

If debates are required on the following items of legislative business they will be taken here:

- Draft Statute Law (Repeals) Measure (**GS 2030**) – First Consideration
- Draft Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure (**GS 2031**) – First Consideration
- Draft Pensions (Pre-consolidation) Measure (**GS 2032**) – First Consideration
- Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Rules 2016 (**GS 2033**)
- Suspension Appeals (Churchwardens etc.) Rules 2016 (**GS 2034**)
- Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (**GS 2035**)
- Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2016 (**GS 2036**)
- Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2016 (**GS 2037**)

2.30 p.m. to 6.15 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Items of legislative business included in the Agenda for the morning sitting will be taken at this point if not completed or not reached previously.

A VISION AND NARRATIVE FOR RENEWAL AND REFORM (GS 2038)

The Venerable Cherry Vann (Manchester) to move:

- 12 'That this Synod welcome the vision and narrative for Renewal and Reform as set out in **GS 2038** and commend it as a framework for the implementation of Renewal and Reform across the Church.'
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A CHURCH OF ENGLAND VISION FOR EDUCATION: A REPORT FROM THE EDUCATION DIVISION (GS 2039)

The Bishop of Ely to move:

- 13 'That the Synod to take note of this Report.'
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Evening Worship

8.30 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT (GS 2040)

- 14 Presentation under SO 107.

***Note:** The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should not include an opportunity for questions.*

**FINANCIAL BUSINESS
ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR
APPORTIONMENT FOR 2017 (GS 2041)**

Canon John Spence (ex officio) (Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Finance Committee) to move:

- 15 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Canon John Spence to move in relation to the Archbishops' Council's expected expenditure in respect of each area of activity specified below:

'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's expenditure for the year 2017, as shown in its budget, of £[X] in respect of [Y]':

	EXPECTED EXPENDITURE [X]	AREA OF ACTIVITY [Y]
16	£14,749,011	Training for Ministry
17	£16,376,263	National Church Responsibilities
18	£1,220,587	Grants
19	£794,254	Mission agency pension contributions
20	£4,577,129	Clergy retirement Housing grant

Canon John Spence to move:

- 21** 'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in **GS 2041**) for the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2017.'

Canon John Spence to move:

- 22** 'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in **GS 2041**) for the pooling adjustment for 2017 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.'

Not later than 9.55 p.m.

- 23 PROROGATION**
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**DRAFT MISSION AND PASTORAL ETC. (AMENDMENT) MEASURE
(GS 2014A)**

Draft Measure for Revision

(First Consideration at the February 2016 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2014Y)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall) (Manchester) to move:

500 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Notes:

1. *In the debate on item 500 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
2. *When the debate is concluded on item 500, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
3. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Measure must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 5th July 2016.***

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE REFORM MEASURE (GS 2027)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

501 'That the Measure entitled "Legislative Reform Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note:

*If item 501 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than Friday 12th August 2016** (SO 55).*

DRAFT INSPECTION OF CHURCHES MEASURE (GS 2028)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

502 'That the Measure entitled "Inspection of Churches Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note:

*If item 502 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than Friday 12th August 2016** (SO 55).*

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 36 (GS 2029)

Article 7 business

Draft Amending Canon for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

- 503** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 36" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note:

*If item 503 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than Friday 12th August 2016** (SO 55).*

DRAFT STATUTE LAW (REPEALS) MEASURE (GS 2030)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Notes:

- 1. The Business Committee has determined under SO 51(5) that the draft Measure does not need to be debated.*
- 2. The Synod will be deemed to have given first consideration to the draft Measure, which will accordingly stand committed to a Revision Committee, unless at least 25 members give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod of their desire that it be debated. In accordance with SO 51(6), any member who wishes to debate the draft Measure must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8th July 2016**.*
- 3. If the draft Measure is not debated, or if the draft Measure is debated and the Synod resolves that it be considered for revision in committee, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than Friday 12th August 2016** (SO 55).*

DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION AND CARE OF CHURCHES MEASURE (GS 2031)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Consolidation Measure

Notes:

- 1. The Business Committee has directed in accordance with SO 47(3) that the draft Measure be designated as a Consolidation Measure.*

2. *The Business Committee not having determined to the contrary, under SO 52 the draft Measure will be deemed to have been given First Consideration without debate, and will accordingly stand committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting, unless at least 5 members give notice to the Clerk to the Synod of their desire that it be debated. In accordance with SO 52(3), any member who wishes to debate the draft Measure must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8th July 2016.***
3. *If the draft Measure is debated and the Synod resolves that it be considered for revision in committee, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than Friday 12th August 2016** (SO 55). Under SO 63(1), subject to certain exceptions in SO 63(2), an amendment to a Consolidation Measure is not relevant to the general purport of the Measure – and therefore not within the ambit of the Revision Committee’s power to amend the Measure – if the effect of the amendment would be to alter the existing law.*

DRAFT PENSIONS (PRE-CONSOLIDATION) MEASURE (GS 2032)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Notes:

1. *The Business Committee has determined under SO 51(5) that the draft Measure does not need to be debated.*
2. *The Synod will be deemed to have given first consideration to the draft Measure, which will accordingly stand committed to a Revision Committee, unless at least 25 members give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod of their desire that it be debated. In accordance with SO 51(6), any member who wishes to debate the draft Measure must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8th July 2016.***
3. *If the draft Measure is not debated, or if the draft Measure is debated and the Synod resolves that it be considered for revision in committee, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than Friday 12th August 2016** (SO 55).*

CLERGY DISCIPLINE (AMENDMENT) RULES 2016 (GS 2033)

Rules made under the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 and the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

Notes:

1. *The Rule Committee has laid the above Rules before the General Synod for approval under the 1991 and 2003 Measures.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1991 Measure) that the Rules do not need to be debated.*
3. *Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate the Rules must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8th July 2016.***
4. *Amendments to the Rules are permissible and any member who wishes to give notice of any amendment must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 5th July 2016.***

SUSPENSION APPEALS (CHURCHWARDENS ETC.) RULES 2016 (GS 2034)

Rules made under the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991 and the Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016

Notes:

1. *The Rule Committee has laid the above Rules before the General Synod for approval under the 1991 and 2016 Measures.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1991 Measure) that the Rules do not need to be debated.*
3. *Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate the Rules must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8th July 2016.***
4. *Amendments to the Rules are permissible and any member who wishes to give notice of any amendment must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 5th July 2016.***

**AMENDING CODE OF PRACTICE UNDER THE CLERGY DISCIPLINE
MEASURE 2003 (GS 2035)**

Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

Notes:

1. *The Clergy Discipline Commission has laid the above Amending Code of Practice before the General Synod for approval under section 39 of the 2003 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 2003 Measure) that the Amending Code of Practice does not need to be debated.*
3. *Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate the Amending Code of Practice must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8th July 2016.***
4. *Amendments to the Amending Code of Practice are permissible and any member who wishes to give notice of any amendment must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 5th July 2016.***

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2016 (GS 2036)

**ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES)
ORDER 2016 (GS 2037)**

Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

Notes:

1. *The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the above Orders (GS 2036 and GS 2037) before the General Synod for approval under sections 5 and 6 respectively of the 1986 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1986 Measure) that the Orders do not need to be debated.*
3. *Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate an Order must give notice in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8th July 2016.***
4. *Amendments to the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 5th July 2016.***

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

Note: This is the current order which includes signatures received by 12 May 2016.

PRELIMINARIES TO MARRIAGE

The Revd Stephen Trott (Peterborough) to move:

'That this Synod, noting the Registration of Marriages Regulations 2015 and the growing burden and complexity of the legal requirements imposed on members of the clergy who conduct weddings in the Church of England, invite the Archbishops' Council to bring forward draft legislation to replace ecclesiastical preliminaries to marriage by universal civil preliminaries, such as those which have been in operation in Scotland since 1977, when banns were replaced by a Marriage Schedule issued by the civil registrar.'

75 signatures

November 2015

MISSION AND ADMINISTRATION

Mr Gavin Oldham (Oxford) to move:

'That this Synod, considering the ratio of time and money spent in administration to that spent in mission to be too high throughout the Church of England, and noting the very effective facilities provided for parish statistics collection and clergy payroll:

(a) confirm that the principle of subsidiarity should not be applied to purely administrative functions; and

(b) request the Archbishops' Council to consult with the Church Commissioners and dioceses, with the objective of establishing centralised administrative facilities so that other functions which can be handled more efficiently thereby are transferred accordingly.'

58 signatures

November 2015

CANON B 30 AND CANON C 26

Mrs Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chichester) to move:

'That this Synod endorse the teaching of the Church of England contained in Canon B 30 on the nature and purpose of marriage and in Canon C 26 on the duty of clergy to conform their lives to this teaching and invite the House of Bishops to bring forward proposals to ensure that the discipline of the Church, which this entails in respect of the clergy and other Church leaders, is enforced.'

34 signatures

November 2015

FIXED ODDS BETTING TERMINALS: REDUCTION OF MAXIMUM STAKE

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move:

'That this Synod, mindful of (a) the destructive impact which accessible, high-stake machine gambling can have on families and whole communities and (b) the widespread public concern about the very large amounts being wagered at fixed odds betting terminals local in high street betting shops, call on Her Majesty's Government as a matter of urgency to reduce very substantially from £100 the maximum amount which may be wagered on a single game at such terminals in order to reduce the real risk of harm to large numbers of vulnerable people.'

59 signatures

February 2016

CANON C 4

The Revd Prebendary Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to move:

'That this Synod request the Business Committee to bring forward legislation to amend Canon C 4 so as to repeal paragraphs 3 and 3A relating to those who have previously been remarried following divorce, or who have married spouses whose previous marriage has ended by divorce, and whose former spouse is still living, mindful that paragraph 1 already places upon bishops the obligation to ensure those who are presented for ordination are "of virtuous conversation and good repute and such as to be a wholesome example and pattern to the flock of Christ".'

18 signatures

February 2016

ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

... to move on behalf of the Chelmsford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
 - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England’s involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);
 - (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
 - (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference. ’

March 2012

[The Bath and Wells, Lincoln, London, Manchester, Newcastle, Oxford St Albans and Worcester Diocesan Synods passed a motion in identical terms.]

ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

... to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason, all as set out in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the draft Anglican Communion Covenant;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
 - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of

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England's involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);

- (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
- (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference.'

March 2012

ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

... to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
 - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England's involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks;
 - (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
 - (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference. '

April 2012

FOSSIL FUELS DISINVESTMENT

...to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod:

- (a) urge the national investing bodies to disinvest from all coal companies (except those investing in carbon capture) and tar sand companies at the earliest opportunity;
- (b) urge the national investing bodies to examine the possibility of disinvestment from oil companies but not before three years from now;
- (c) urge the national investing bodies to examine the possibility of disinvestment from natural gas companies but not before five years from now; and
- (d) call on parishes and individual Christians to take steps to encourage Her Majesty's Government and political parties to act quickly on climate change.'

December 2014

WELCOMING TRANSGENDER PEOPLE

...to move on behalf of the Blackburn Diocesan Synod:

'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.'

April 2015

FIXED ODDS BETTING TERMINALS: REDUCTION OF MAXIMUM STAKE

...to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod, mindful of

- (a) the destructive impact which accessible, high-stake machine gambling can have on families and whole communities and
- (b) the widespread public concern about the very large amounts being wagered at fixed odds betting terminals located in high street betting shops,

call on Her Majesty's Government as a matter of urgency to bring forward proposals for the amendment of existing legislation to reduce very substantially from £100 the maximum amount which may be wagered on a

single game at such terminals in order to reduce the risk of harm to large numbers of vulnerable people.'

April 2016

REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION

...to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod invite the Archbishops to initiate a review into the role of the Crown Nominations Commission, including consideration of alternative methods of appointment for diocesan bishops.'

April 2016

COST OF APPLYING FOR CITIZENSHIP

...to move on behalf of the Birmingham Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod:

- (a) request the Archbishops' Council's Mission and Public Affairs Council to investigate the issues around the cost of applying for citizenship and to make recommendations to HM Government;
- (b) encourage the Lords Spiritual actively to seek opportunities to address the level of citizenship fees in debate;
- (c) urge parishes to raise the issue with their MP; and
- (d) encourage parishes to continue to support those known to them who are struggling with the cost of citizenship fees without incurring debt and to signpost responsible lenders or local credit unions for advice.'

May 2016

