

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2016 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6.25 P.M.
ON FRIDAY 8TH JULY 2015

WORSHIP

The Revd Michael Gisbourne led the Synod in an act of worship.

INTRODUCTIONS

1 The following introductions were made:

New members

The Rt Revd Martyn Snow, the Bishop of Leicester (who had replaced the Rt Revd Timothy Stevens)

The Rt Revd Michael Ipgrave, the Bishop of Lichfield (who had replaced the Rt Revd Jonathan Gledhill)

The Rt Revd Steven Croft, the Bishop of Oxford (who had replaced the Rt Revd John Pritchard)

The Revd Dr Patrick Richmond (Norwich) (who had replaced the Ven Jan McFarlane)

PRESENTATIONS

2 The Revd Prebendary Stephen Lynas was presented as a Pro-Prolocutor of the Convocation of Canterbury.

The Revd Canon Paul Ayers and the Revd Paul Benfield were presented as the Deputy Prolocutors of the Convocation of York.

WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS

3 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK welcomed the following Anglican and ecumenical guests:

The Very Revd Dr Angus Morrison (representing the Church of Scotland)

The Revd Dr Claire Potter (representing the Methodist Church)

Mr Andreas Henriksen Aarflot (Adviser of the National Council, Department of Church Order, Church of Norway)

Mr David Ritchie (Secretary General, Representative Church Body, Church of Ireland)

The Most Revd Ralf Meister (Landesbischof, Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Hanover, Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland).

At the invitation of the Presidents, Landesbischof Meister addressed the Synod under Standing Order 120.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a), the order of business for the sitting on Friday afternoon was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that Item 10 (*Nurturing and Discerning Senior Leaders: Report from the Development and Appointments Group of the House of Bishops (GS 2026)*) be taken after Item 6 (Report of the Business Committee (GS 2024)) and that the rubric preceding Items 7 and 8 (Appointments to the Archbishops' Council (GS 2025)) in the Agenda be amended to read "Not later than 6.00 p.m."

THE EU REFERENDUM

24 The motion

"That this Synod, recognising the result of the recent referendum on the United Kingdom's membership of the European Union, welcome the Archbishops' call for all to unite in the common task of building a generous and forward looking country, contributing to human flourishing around the world, and encourage all members of the Church of England to play their part actively in partnership with everyone in Civil Society in pursuit of this task."

was moved.

- 25 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost.
- 26 The amendment (Order Paper I) was carried.
- 24 The motion as amended

“That this Synod, recognising the result of the recent referendum on the United Kingdom’s membership of the European Union:

- (a) welcome the Archbishops’ call for all to unite in the common task of building a generous and forward looking country, contributing to human flourishing around the world, and encourage all members of the Church of England to play their part actively in partnership with everyone in Civil Society in pursuit of this task; and
- (b) commend the work already carried out by the Church in bringing communities together and recommend that as a minimum every bishop identify a champion in their diocese to assess what more the Church could so and to make recommendations for creating stronger and more constructive links between local communities as a basis for achieving this common task.”

was carried.

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 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a presentation under Standing Order 107.

REPORT FROM THE ANGLICAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL IN LUSAKA, APRIL 2016

- 5 The Bishop of Chelmsford and Mrs Margaret Swinson (*ex officio*) gave a presentation under Standing Order 107.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2024)

6 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a), the order of business for the sitting on Friday afternoon was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that the rubric preceding Items 7 and 8 (Appointments to the Archbishops’ Council (GS 2025)) in the Agenda be amended to read “Not later than 5.50 p.m.”.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL (GS 2025)

7 The motion

‘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.’

was carried.

8 The motion

‘That the appointment of Mrs Rebecca Salter as a member of the Archbishops’ Council for a term ending on 28 February 2019 be approved.’

was carried.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS’ ANNUAL REPORT

9 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was moved.

Under Standing Order 15(6) the sitting was extended by not more than five minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

9 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Ven Dr Anne Dawtry led the Synod in an act of worship.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2016 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 10 P.M.
ON FRIDAY 8TH JULY 2016

QUESTIONS

- 11 Supplementary questions in respect to questions 1 to 50, as set out on the Questions Paper, were answered.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10 p.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT STATUTE LAW (REPEALS) MEASURE (GS 2030)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Under Standing Order 51(5) the draft Statute Law (Repeals) Measure was deemed to have been given first consideration by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the draft Measure debated. The draft Measure accordingly stood committed to a Revision Committee.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Consolidation Measure

Under Standing Order 52(1) the draft Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure was deemed to have been given first consideration by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the draft Measure debated. The draft Measure accordingly stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Under Standing Order 51(5) the draft Pensions (Pre-Consolidation) Measure was deemed to have been given first consideration by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the draft Measure debated. The draft Measure accordingly stood committed to a Revision Committee.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Rules 2016 were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Rules debated.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

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

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Suspension Appeals (Churchwardens etc.) Rules 2016 were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Rules debated.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Amending Code of Practice debated.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

A member gave notice of a wish that the Order be debated; but the Fees Advisory Commission indicated that it did not intend to move a motion for the approval of the Order.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2016 was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Order debated.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2016 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 1 P.M.
ON SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2016

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Bertrand Olivier and the Revd Michael Gisbourne led the Synod in an act of worship.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT MISSION AND PASTORAL ETC. (AMENDMENT) MEASURE
(GS 2014A)

Draft Measure for Revision (First Consideration February 2016)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2014Y)

500 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

Clauses 1-4

With the permission of the Chair clauses 1-4 were taken *en bloc* under Standing Order 58(4).

504 The motion

‘That clauses 1-4 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 5

505 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.

506 The motion

‘That clause 5 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 6

507 The motion

‘That clause 6 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 7

508 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	140
AGAINST	190

11 abstentions were recorded.

509 The amendment (Order Paper II) lapsed.

510 The motion

‘That clause 7 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clauses 8-14

With the permission of the Chair clauses 8-14 were taken *en bloc* under Standing Order 58(4).

511 The motion

‘That clauses 8-14 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Schedule

512 The motion

‘That the Schedule stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Long Title

513 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT LEGISLATIVE REFORM MEASURE (GS 2027)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

501 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Legislative Reform Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Legislative Reform Measure stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than Friday 12th August 2016.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

DRAFT INSPECTION OF CHURCHES MEASURE (GS 2028)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

502 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Inspection of Churches Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was moved.

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned.’

was carried and the Chair called the next item of business on the Agenda.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 36 (GS 2029)

Article 7 Business

Draft Amending Canon for First Consideration

503 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 36” be considered for revision in committee.’

was moved.

Under Standing Order 15(7) the Chair adjourned the debate at 1 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2016 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6.15 P.M.
ON SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2016

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a), the order of business for the sitting on Saturday afternoon was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that Item 10 be taken not later than 5.30 p.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 36 (GS 2029)

Article 7 Business

Resumed Debate – draft Amending Canon for First Consideration

503 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 36” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Amending Canon stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than Friday 12th August 2016.

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

12 The motion

‘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.’

was carried.

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND VISION FOR EDUCATION: A REPORT FROM THE EDUCATION DIVISION (GS 2039)

13 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

NURTURING AND DISCERNING SENIOR LEADERS: REPORT FROM THE DEVELOPMENT AND APPOINTMENTS GROUP OF THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS (GS 2026)

10 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Revd Sean Doherty, Mr Clive Scowen and members of the congregation of St Michael-le-Belfry, York led the Synod in an act of worship.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2016 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 9.50 P.M.
ON SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2016

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S ANNUAL REPORT (GS 2040)

- 14 Mrs Mary Chapman (*ex officio*) and Mr Philip Fletcher (*ex officio*) made a presentation under Standing Order 107.

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

- 15 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

- 16 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2017, as shown in its budget, of £14,749,011 in respect of Training for Ministry.’

was carried.

- 17 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2017, as shown in its budget, of £16,376,263 in respect of National Church Responsibilities.’

was carried.

- 18 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2017, as shown in its budget, of £1,220,587 in respect of Grants.’

was carried.

19 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2017, as shown in its budget, of £794,254 in respect of Mission agency pension contributions.’

was carried.

20 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2017, as shown in its budget, of £4,577,129 in respect of Clergy retirement housing grant.’

was carried.

21 The motion

‘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.’

was carried.

22 The motion

‘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.’

was carried.

PROROGATION

23 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK prorogued the Synod at 9.50 p.m.