

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**NOVEMBER GROUP OF SESSIONS 2014**  
**AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER**

**TIMES OF SITTINGS**

<b>Monday 17 November</b>	1.45 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 18 November</b>	9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**SERVICES**

**Monday 17 November**

12.45 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
1.45 p.m.	Worship in the Assembly Hall
5.40 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Assembly Hall

**Tuesday 18 November**

9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel

## GENERAL NOTES

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

1. 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.
2. The period of notice of new business **has expired**, save for urgent or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.
3. 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(a), 11 and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the first day of the group of sessions (17 November) -  
**5.30 p.m. on Friday 14 November**

Business appointed for the second day of the group of sessions (18 November):

Business appointed for the *morning* sitting -  
**10.00 a.m. on Monday 17 November**

Business appointed for the *afternoon* sitting -  
**4.00 p.m. on Monday 17 November**

Contingency business  
**10.00 a.m. on Monday 17 November**

4. Under Standing Orders 10(a) and 26(a), 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.)
5. Notice of amendments to legislative business must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in Special Agenda I.
6. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)(i)).
7. The email address in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda is:  
**amendments@churchofengland.org**
8. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 105-106 must be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 5 November 2014** (SO 10(b)(i)), with an indication of whether an oral or written answer is required (SO 105(c)).  
**Members are reminded that, unless notice is given that an *oral* answer is required, it will be assumed that a *written* answer is required.**

9. Notice must be in writing signed by the member giving notice and delivered to the Clerk to the Synod either by hand or by post, fax or email. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The email address in respect of questions is:  
**questions@churchofengland.org**

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

10. 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.

## **CONTINGENCY BUSINESS**

11. If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda during this group of sessions, contingency business will be taken as follows:

### **PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION CANON B 38 (GS 1972A and GS 1972B)**

*The Revd Canon Dr Michael Parsons (Gloucester) to move:*

'That this Synod call on the Business Committee to introduce legislation to amend Canon B 38 so as to allow those who have taken their own life, whatever the circumstances, to be buried in accordance with the rites of the Church of England.'

12. The deadline for motions or amendments arising out of this item of business is **10.00 a.m. on Monday 17 November** (SO 26(a)(ii)).

## **CONTACTS**

13. Other contact email addresses are as follows:

for submissions to Revision Committees:  
**revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org**

other matters:  
**jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org**

## MONDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2014

1.45 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

### WORSHIP

#### 1 INTRODUCTIONS

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#### 2 PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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#### REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1967)

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

#### 3 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

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#### SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following item will be taken (see pages 5-7 for full details):

#### 500 Amending Canon No. 33 (GS 1926D) – *Canon for Enactment*

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#### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

#### 4 The Archbishop of Canterbury will give a Presidential Address.

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#### SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items will be taken (see pages 5-7 for full details):

#### 501-2 Draft Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (Amendment) Measure (GS 1919B) – *Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval*

#### 503-4 Draft Church of England (Ecclesiastical Property) Measure (GS 1921B) – *Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval*

#### 506 Draft Amending Canon No. 35 (GS 1964A) – *Draft Amending Canon for Revision and Final Drafting*

#### 508 Draft Scheme amending the Diocese in Europe Constitution 1995 (GS 1968)

**507** Draft Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure (**GS 1969**)  
– *Draft Measure for First Consideration*

**505** Draft Naming of Dioceses Measure (**GS 1935A**)  
– *Draft Measure for Revision*

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**Not later than 4.40 p.m.**

**GUIDELINES FOR THE PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT OF THE CLERGY  
(GS 1970)**

A member of the House of Clergy to move:

**5** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

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**Not later than 5.40 p.m.**

**WORSHIP**

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**6** **QUESTIONS**

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**TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2014**

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall

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**10.30 a.m. – 1.00 p.m.**

**VIOLENCE AGAINST RELIGIOUS MINORITIES IN IRAQ AND SYRIA**

- 7 Presentation under SO 97.
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**Not later than 12 p.m.**

**SPECIAL AGENDA I  
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Any legislative business included in the Agenda for the afternoon sitting on Monday 17 November which was not completed or not reached will be taken here.

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**2.15 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.**

**THE ANGLICAN-METHODIST COVENANT: REPORT FROM THE  
COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (GS 1971), to which is appended the  
Final Report from the Joint Implementation Commission**

- 8 Presentation under SO 97.

The Co-Chair of the Joint Implementation Commission on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant and Chair of the Faith and Order Commission (*the Bishop of Coventry*) to move:

- 9 'That this Synod:
- (a) thank the Joint Implementation Commission on the Anglican-Methodist Covenant for its work in its second phase;
  - (b) endorse the three recommendations made in its Final Report (appended to GS 1971);
  - (c) invite the Appointments Committee to appoint the Church of England co-chair and two Church of England members of the proposed Joint Covenant Advocacy Group; and
  - (d) request the Council for Christian Unity and the Faith and Order Commission to work with the Faith and Order Committee of the Methodist Church to undertake the work set out in Recommendation 1 of the Final Report.'
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**SPECIAL AGENDA IV  
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

**SPARE ROOM SUBSIDY (GS 1965A and GS 1965B)**

*Mr Ian Fletcher (Leeds) to move:*

- 10** 'That this Synod, noting the rise in the number and seriousness of reported concerns about the impact of the Spare Room Subsidy (the 'Bedroom Tax') on the vulnerable and others, call on the Mission and Public Affairs Council:
- (a) to evaluate the findings of research into the effect of removing the Spare Room Subsidy across the country; and
  - (b) to promote with Her Majesty's Government and partners from the social and housing sector ways of ensuring access to suitable local housing for all, especially for those who are vulnerable without increasing levels of debt.'

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**Not later than 4.40 p.m.**

**11 FAREWELLS**

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**12 PROROGATION**

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## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

### **AMENDING CANON No. 33 (GS 1926D)**

#### **Canon for Enactment**

**(Finally approved at the July 2014 group of sessions)**

#### **Article 7 and Article 8 business**

*The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:*

- 500** ‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 33” be made, promulgated and executed.’

### **DRAFT CARE OF CHURCHES AND ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1919B)**

#### **Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval**

**(Revision at the July 2014 group of sessions)**

#### **Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1919Z)**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Rt Worshipful Charles George (ex officio)) to move:*

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

#### **Note:**

*If item 501 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 59(d)).*

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Rt Worshipful Charles George (ex officio)) to move:*

- 502** ‘That the Measure entitled “Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (Amendment) Measure” be finally approved.’

### **DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (ECCLESIASTICAL PROPERTY) MEASURE (GS 1921B)**

#### **Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval**

**(Revision at the July 2014 group of sessions)**

#### **Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1921Z)**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Venerable Clive Mansell (Rochester)) to move:*

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

#### **Note:**

*If item 503 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 59(d)).*

## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

*The Chair of the Steering Committee* (the Venerable Clive Mansell (Rochester)) to move:

- 504** 'That the Measure entitled "Ecclesiastical Property Measure" be finally approved.'<sup>1</sup>

### **DRAFT NAMING OF DIOCESES MEASURE (GS 1935A)**

#### **Draft Measure for Revision**

**(First Consideration at the February 2014 group of sessions)**

#### **Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1935Y)**

*The Chair of the Revision Committee* (Dr Edmund Marshall) (St Albans) to move:

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

#### **Notes:**

1. *In the debate on item 505 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 54(c)).*
2. *When the debate is concluded on item 505, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).*

### **DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 35 (GS 1964A)**

#### **Draft Amending Canon for Revision**

**(First Consideration at the July 2014 group of sessions)**

#### **Article 7 business**

#### **Notes:**

1. *As reported in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Notice Paper, no proposals for amendment were received and there were no other matters for the Revision Committee to report.*
2. *The Synod will consider the draft Amending Canon paragraph by paragraph.*

#### **Draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee* (the Bishop of Sodor and Man)  
(the Rt Reverend Robert Paterson)) to move:

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

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<sup>1</sup> The Steering Committee will be proposing as a Drafting Amendment at the Final Drafting Stage that the Title of the Measure be "Ecclesiastical Property Measure".

## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

### **Notes:**

1. Under SO 59(a) there will be no Final Drafting Stage for the draft Measure if, following the completion of the Revision Stage, the Steering Committee considers that a Final Drafting Stage is unnecessary and so informs the Synod. In that event item 506 will not be moved.
2. If item 506 is moved and carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 59(d)).

### **DRAFT DIOCESAN STIPENDS FUNDS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1969)**

#### **Draft Measure for First Consideration**

*A member of the Steering Committee to move:*

- 507** 'That the Measure entitled "Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

#### **Note:**

*If item 507 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee should send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> December** (SO 53).*

### **DRAFT SCHEME AMENDING THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE CONSTITUTION 1995 (GS 1968)**

#### **Draft scheme for approval**

*The Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe (the Rt Reverend Robert Innes) to move:*

- 508** 'That the draft scheme amending the Diocese in Europe Constitution 1995 be approved.'

#### **Note:**

*Under the Diocese in Europe Measure 1995 amendments to the draft scheme are not permissible.*

## **SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS**

*Note: This is the current order which includes signatures received by 9 September 2014.*

### **PUBLIC DOCTRINE OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE**

*Mrs Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chichester) to move:*

‘That this Synod affirm the public doctrine of Christian marriage, between a man and a woman, as set out in the Book of Common Prayer, as the only basis for engagement with public policy on marriage and family life.’

143 signatures

February 2012

### **REGISTRATION OF CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS**

*Mr John Ward (London) to move:*

‘That this Synod:

- (a) give its general consent, pursuant to regulation 2D of the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005, to any application made in respect of a church or chapel of the Church of England for approval as a place at which two people may register as civil partners of each other; and
- (b) require the Clerk to the Synod forthwith to publish evidence of this consent in writing.’

137 signatures

February 2012

### **CANON B 38**

*The Revd Canon Dr Michael Parsons (Gloucester) to move:*

‘That this Synod call on the Business Committee to introduce legislation to amend Canon B 38 so as to allow those who have taken their own life, whatever the circumstances, to be buried in accordance with the rites of the Church of England.’

110 signatures

February 2014

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**PROVISO TO CANON 113**

*The Revd Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to move:*

‘That this Synod call on the Business Committee to bring forward legislation amending the proviso to Canon 113 of the Code of 1603 so that a minister who, in the exercise of the ministry of absolution, receives a confession of a serious criminal offence (including in particular a sexual offence involving a child or vulnerable adult) is not required to keep the confession confidential.’

10 signatures

July 2014

## **SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

### **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:
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- (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;
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  - (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference. '

April 2012

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### **NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND – NATIONAL DEBATE**

*Mrs Mary Judkins (Wakefield)* to move on behalf of the Wakefield Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod ask the House of Bishops to facilitate a theologically informed national debate about the organisational shape of the Church we are called on to be in order to best equip the parishes to serve the people of our land.'

July 2012

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April 2014