

GENERAL SYNOD

RECORD OF BUSINESS DONE IN 2010 – 2015 QUINQUENNIUM

The roles and responsibilities of the Business Committee are set out in S.O. 115 of the Standing Orders of the General Synod. S.O. 115 (e) lists the ‘powers and duties’ of the committee. One of these duties listed in sub-paragraph (v) is the requirement

To take such action as may be necessary to ensure that decisions of the Synod are implemented and that its work is carried on between groups of sessions;

The Business Committee agreed at its May meeting that it would be helpful for Synod to receive a report of all **legislative and non-legislative business** completed in this quinquennium.

Legislative business concluded in the period 2010 – 2015 is listed in **Section 1**. **Non-legislative business** concluded in this quinquennium is included in **Section 2**, together with any follow-up actions.

The in-coming Business Committee may wish to consider whether to repeat this exercise, either as an on-going list to be updated prior to each Synod group of sessions, or as an end-of-quinquennium report in 2020.

On behalf of the Business Committee

The Revd Canon Sue Booy

Chair of the Business Committee

June 2015

**SECTION ONE -
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS CONCLUDED IN THE 2010 – 2015 QUINQUENNIUM**

DATE OF FINAL APPROVAL	DATE ENACTED	LEGISLATION
10 February 2015		Amending Canon No. 35
17 November 2014		Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction (Amendment) Measure 2015
17 November 2014		Ecclesiastical Property Measure 2015
15 July 2014		Convocations (Elections to Upper House) (Amendment) Resolution 2014
15 July 2014		Clergy Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2014
15 July 2014		Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2014
14 July 2014		Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2014
14 July 2014		Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure 2014
14 July 2014	17 November 2014	Amending Canon No. 33
12 July 2014		Act of Synod rescinding the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993
11 July 2014		Church of England (Pensions) (Amendment) Measure 2015
12 July 2014	10 February 2015	Amending Canon No. 32
11 July 2014		Ecclesiastical Officers (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2014
11 July 2014		Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2014
11 July 2014		Declarations by the House of Bishops under s.8 of Clergy Discipline Measure 2003
12 February 2014		Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2014
11 February 2014		Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2014
11 February 2014		Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2014
11 February 2014		Legal Officers (Annual Fees) (Amendment) Order 2014
19 November 2013		Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2013
18 November 2013		Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2014
18 November 2013	12 July 2014	Amending Canon No. 31
18 November 2013		Diocese of Leeds (Temporary Provision for Membership of Convocation and the House of Laity) Resolution 2013
8 July 2013		Diocese of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme 2013

8 July 2013		Resolution Establishing Transitional Vacancy in See Committee for the Diocese of Leeds
7 July 2013		Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2013
5 July 2013		Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Rules 2013
5 July 2013		Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003
5 July 2013		Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2013
5 July 2013		Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2013
5 July 2013		Scheme Amending the Diocese in Europe Constitution 1995
7 July 2012		Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure 2013
7 July 2012		Diocese in Europe Measure 2013
7 July 2012		Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Amendment) Rules 2012
6 July 2012		Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2012
6 July 2012		Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2012
7 February 2012		Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2012
7 February 2012		Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012
11 July 2011		Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure 2012
9 July 2011		Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2011
9 July 2011		The Reorganisation Schemes (Compensation) Rules 2011
9 July 2011		The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Sodor and Man) (Amendment) Rules 2011
9 July 2011		The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Sodor and Man) (Amendment) Regulations 2011
8 July 2011		Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2011
8 July 2011		Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2011
8 February 2011		Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003
24 November 2010		Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) [No 2] Regulations 2010
24 November 2010		Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Order 2010
11 July 2010		The Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2010

11 July 2010		The Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Directions 2010
9 July 2010		The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Cessation of Contracting Out etc.) (Amendment) Rules 2010
9 July 2010		The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Retirement Age etc.) (Amendment) Rules 2010
9 July 2010		The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Accrual Rate) (Amendment) Rules 2010
9 July 2010		The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Health and Disability) (Amendment) Rules 2010
9 July 2010		The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Civil Partners' Benefits) (Amendment) Rules 2010
9 July 2010		The Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Miscellaneous Provisions) (Amendment) Rules 2010
9 July 2010		The Church of England Pensions (Amendment) Regulations 2010
9 July 2010		Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2010
9 July 2010		Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2010
11 February 2010		Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
11 February 2010		Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011
9 February 2010	11 July 2010	Amending Canon No. 29
9 February 2010		Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure 2011
7 July 2012		Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure 2013
7 July 2012		Diocese in Europe Measure 2013
7 July 2012		Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Amendment) Rules 2012
6 July 2012		Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2012
6 July 2012		Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2012
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7 July 2012		Diocese in Europe Measure 2013
7 July 2012		Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Amendment) Rules 2012
6 July 2012		Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2012
6 July 2012		Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2012

**SECTION TWO -
NON-LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS CONCLUDED IN THE 2010 – 2015 QUINQUENNium**

DATE PASSED	MOTION	ACTION CALLED FOR	INTENDED AUDIENCE	FOLLOW-UP
23 November 2010	Take Note debate on a report by the Mission and Public Affairs Council on The Big Society (GS 1804)	Calls on the Archbishops' Council to dialogue with Government and other Churches on a variety of potential partnerships; carry out a feasibility study on options for dioceses and others; report back to General Synod on feasibility study.		Numerous creative conversations with members of HMG and backbenchers from all parties. Led indirectly to HMG funding for Near Neighbours programme. Formed part of the background to the HoB Pastoral Letter on the 2015 Election.
8 February 2011	Take note debate on 'Challenges for the new Quinquennium: report from the Archbishops' Council' (GS 1815)			Has shaped national work for past five years. Synod has had periodic updates. Reform and renewal programme now aims to take further.
9 February 2011	Motion on the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission Report: Mary: Grace and Hope in Christ (GS 1818)	Requests further joint study of the issues identified in GS 1818	All Anglicans; Council for Christian Unity; ARCIC	Further discussion at English Anglican Roman Catholic Committee later in 2011.
8 February 2011	Take note debate on 'Parochial Fees Policy: Report from the Archbishops' Council' (GS 1813)			Fees orders subsequently brought to Synod in light of debate
9 February 2011	DSM on 'Common Worship Baptism Provision' (GS 1816A and GS 1816B)	Calls on the Liturgical Commission to provide supplementary material in accessible language for the Common Worship Baptism Provision	Liturgical Commission	Alternative Baptism texts prepared and brought to General Synod for Final Approval in July 2015.
8 July 2011	Constitution of the Legal Advisory Commission of the	General Synod to approve the constitution of the Legal Advisory Commission	GS members	Approved.

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	General Synod (GS 1829)			
9 July 2011	PMM on Mission Action Planning in the Church of England (GS 1835A and 1835B)	Calls on Archbishops' Council and House of Bishops to develop priorities identified in <i>Challenges for the New Quinquennium</i> (GS 1815) and <i>Challenges for the New Quinquennium – Next Steps</i> (GS Misc 995)	Archbishops' Council; House of Bishops	Various national initiatives including support for Fresh Expressions, project on christening and funerals, archbishops' Task Group on evangelism, from Anecdote to Evidence research and funding for diocesan strategic development work
10 July 2011	Report from the Ministry Council on Higher Education Funding Changes (GS 1836)	Endorse recommendations made in paragraph 11 of GS 1836		Common Awards established.
10 July 2011	Take note debate on JIC Interim Report, <i>Moving Forward in Covenant</i> (GS 1837)	Further consultation with FAOC and IASCUFO on proposals for Covenant Partnerships in Extended Areas	Council for Christian Unity	Consultation pursued with both bodies and issues resolved.
11 July 2011	DSM on House of Laity Elections (GS 1843A and 1843B)	Request the Business Committee to commission a review of the elections to the House of Laity of General Synod and Diocesan Synods	Business Committee	Review completed and presented to Synod.
11 July 2011	"Unfinished Business": Report by the Committee for Minority Ethnic Anglican Concerns (GS 1844)	Calls on the House of Bishops and Archbishops' Council to implement the recommendations in paragraph 32 of GS 1844; request the Archbishops' Council to publish statistics on BME clergy and laity	House of Bishops; Archbishops' Council	Gave impetus to the "Turning up the Volume" programme and to CMEAC's ongoing work to raise awareness of BME issues. Presentation at July 2015 Group of Sessions part of report-back to Synod.

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11 July 2011	Report from the Presence and Engagement Task Group (GS 1838)	Agreed recommendations in paragraphs 21 – 36 of GS 1838 for the future work of the Presence and Engagement Programme	Mission and Public Affairs Council	P&E has taken up the new modes of working in key centres, supported by MPA, now with a dedicated P&E support worker.
11 July 2011	Report from the CCU on Conversations with the United Reformed Church (GS 1841)	Approve the recommendations in paragraph 144 of GS 1841	Council for Christian Unity	Service held at Westminster Abbey February 2012. Further round of conversations set up to meet in 2013 – 2015.
12 July 2011	Report from the Board of Education: 'The Church and Education: Into the next 200 Years' (GS 1845)	Invites the Archbishops' Council to report regularly in this quinquennium on the impact of the work set out in GS 1845 and on ways of enhancing the Church of England's involvement in the Higher Education System	Board of Education/Archbishops' Council	Regular reports have been provided. Anglican Identity project has focused on role of Church foundation universities.
6 February 2012	PMM on Independent Commission on Assisted Dying (GS 1851A and 1851B)	Raises concern regarding Independent Commission; affirms intrinsic value of human life; affirms Church's work in end-of-life care	Church; Independent Commission on Assisted Dying	Gave MPA a platform to continue to resist calls for legislation to legalise assisted suicide, most recently the Falconer Bill – MPA continues to commit major staff time to this issue.
8 February 2012	Motion on Recent Violence in Nigeria (GS 1861)	Requests HMG to assist those in Nigeria protecting religious minorities	HMG	Archbishop of Canterbury has remained in close contact with leaders in Church of Nigeria.
8 February 2012	DSM on Women in the Episcopate (GS 1854A, GS 1854B and GS 1854C)	Calls on the House of Bishops to bring forward the final approval of legislation on Women in the Episcopate without amendment	House of Bishops	This was part of first legislative process that concluded in November 2012..
9 February 2012	PMM on Reform of the House of Lords (GS 1856A and GS 1856B)	Calls on Episcopal Group on Lords Reform to bring forward an assessment of implications of future legislation; to recommend changes	Episcopal Group on Lords Reform	Further work done up to point when then Government withdrew the

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		in custom and practice to suit new requirements of the Church		Bill after Commons Second Reading
8 February 2012	MPA Motion on Health Care and the Church's Mission (GS 1857)	Affirms role of NHS Chaplaincy provision; calls on HMG to test proposals for healthcare reforms; commends work of mission agencies	HMG	Support for healthcare chaplains improved by the creation of ecumenical Chaplaincy Leadership Forum and improved structures for advising NHS Trusts on chaplaincy appointments.
7 July 2012	World-Shaped Mission (GS 1865)	Welcomes <i>World-Shaped Mission</i> report and commends it to dioceses and deaneries; affirms the role of the Mission Agencies; urges continuing development of mission partnerships globally	Mission Agencies Dioceses and parishes	Report influential in shaping policy of mission agencies and diocesan companion links towards greater cooperation. New MPA project to raise the quality of companion links emerged directly from the report.
7 July 2012	PMM on Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (GS 1876A and GS 1876B)	Calls on Archbishops' Council to amend the PCC(Powers) Measure 1956	Archbishops' Council	Legislation subsequently brought to Synod and approved.
7 July 2012	Report from the Mission and Public Affairs Council on 'Fresh Expressions and Church Growth' (GS 1870) and 'Fresh Expressions in the Mission of the Church' (GS 1871)	Affirms Fresh Expressions movement, calls on Archbishops' Council and House of Bishops to incorporate recommendations of Fresh Expressions report into work on Re-Imagining Ministry; calls for report back to Synod in July 2014	Archbishops' Council Mission and Public Affairs Council Ministry Council	Fresh Expressions continue to be a major influence on local mission and source of growth. MPA works closely with national FX Team to enable fresh expressions to be more deeply embedded in the everyday life of the church.
8 July 2012	Report on <i>Testing the Bridges</i> (GS 1873)	Calls on HMG to harness the energies of young unemployed people through offering work experience	HMG	The debate was prompted by the urban riots of 2011. The clause on work

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				experience has been partially met by HMG's programmes on apprenticeships and (in less than optimal ways) through the welfare reform programme of incentivising work for claimants.
8 July 2012	Private Members' Motion on Manifestation of Faith in Public Life (GS 1859A and GS 1859B)	Calls on Christians to manifest their faith in public life	All Christians	MPA continues to monitor and make representations when obstacles are placed in the way of public expression and manifestation of faith. House of Bishops' pastoral letter was one of many examples of the Church speaking into the public square.
9 July 2012	PMM on Palestine and Israel (GS 1874A and GS 1874B)	Affirms the work of EAPPI, mission and aid agencies in Palestine, Palestinian Christians	World Council of Churches	MPA staff worked with EAPPI to develop a broader range of contacts across the divides in the Middle East. MPA worked closely with the Board of Deputies and the Council of Christians and Jews to ensure that good relations remained intact after this motion was passed.
9 July 2012	DSM on Vacancy in See Committees (GS 1875A and GS 1875B)	Calls for amendment of Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993 to ensure that Vacancy in See Committees have at least 21 members		Regulations subsequently amended.
21 November 2012	DSM on Amendment to Canon B12 and	Amendment to Canon B12 regarding the distribution of the sacraments	House of Bishops	Legislation subsequently brought to Synod.

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	Regulations (GS 1881A and GS 1881 B)			
21 November 2012	PMM on the Living Wage (GS 1882A and GS 1882B)	Affirm importance of the Living Wage and call on Church of England institutions to pay the Living Wage	Church of England	All NCIs committed to paying the LW or working towards doing so on a clear time scale. The Archbishop of York led a national commission on the Living Wage whose report (and the later reference in "On Rock or Sand") gained extensive media coverage.
21 November 2012	Motion on Youth Unemployment from the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS 1883)	Encourages parishes to listen to the voices of young people; commends church and community initiatives on youth unemployment;	Parishes	MPA in touch with the work of the Frontier Youth Trust and Christians Against Poverty in this area of activity. CAP has helped set up 115 church sponsored job clubs.
6 July 2013	Progress Report on Meeting Challenges for the Quinquennium from Archbishops' Council and House of Bishops (GS 1895)	House of Bishops to devote 'substantial amount of time over the next two years' to considering a strategy for the re-evangelisation of England	House of Bishops	See above.
6 July 2013	Safeguarding: Follow-Up to the Chichester Commissaries' Reports (GS 1896)	House of Bishops to take forward safeguarding work programme Business Committee to schedule Safeguarding Legislation House of Bishops and Archbishops' Council to report back to Synod on the delivery of the 'Responding Well' policy	House of Bishops Archbishops' Council Business Committee	AC staff rolling out extensive safeguarding work programme including policy and practice guidance Safeguarding Legislation scheduled for Final Approval in July 2015
7 July 2013	Welfare Reform and the Church (GS 1897)	Call on HMG for a 'bias to the poor'; invite MPA council to bring recommendations back	HMG MPA Churches	MPA briefed Lords Spiritual for Parliamentary activity, especially

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		in July 2014; commend churches working with needy		highlighting growth of foodbank use. MPA partnered with other agencies to research why people use foodbanks – research widely reported. ABC's Task Group on Responsible Credit and Savings has developed extensive programmes to bring socially responsible finance into hard pressed communities.
18 November 2013	Challenges for the Quinquennium: Intentional Evangelism (GS 1917)	Support formation of an Archbishops' Task Group on Evangelism; calls on diocesan and deanery synods to discuss evangelism at least once a year	Archbishops Diocesan and Deanery Synods, local churches	Evangelism Task Group established, will report back to House of Bishops at end of 2015.
19 November 2013	Diocesan Synod Motion on the Names of Dioceses (GS 1927A and GS 1927B)	Calls on Archbishops' Council to introduce legislation to loosen way that dioceses are named	Archbishops' Council	Legislation subsequently brought to Synod (fell in February 2015).
19 November 2013	Church School of the Future: A Report from the Board of Education (GS 1920)	Urges dioceses to complete a self-evaluation framework within 12 months, promote use of Christianity Project materials; calls on Ministry Council to report on building school-related experience into lay and ministerial training; parishes to identify good practice to strengthen links with church schools; Archbishops' Council to report to Synod on discussions with the National Society	Dioceses and parishes Ministry Council Board of Education	Dioceses have made full use of the self-evaluation framework which has enabled them to better resource DBEs for the new education landscape. New governance framework for NS / AC in place, reported in GS Misc 1098. Education Office and Task Group on Resourcing Ministerial Education is taking forward proposals for lay and ministerial training.

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10 February 2014	Gender-Based Violence: Report from the MPA Council (GS 1933)	Affirms work by dioceses on gender-based violence; support prosecution of perpetrators; encourage boys and men to stand against gender-based violence; commend ACC Resolution 15:7	Dioceses, deaneries and parishes	MPA monitoring responses from dioceses. Many have done extensive training for clergy and laity – others have it on their future agenda.
12 February 2014	Diocesan Synod Motion on Environmental Issues (GS 1942A and GS 1942B)	Calls on the National Investing Bodies to review their investment policy with regards to fossil fuels; calls on EIAG to publish a report by end 2014; establishes a GS Working Group on the Environment	National Investing Bodies; Ethical Investment Advisory Group	Environment working group established with lead bishop; EIAG policy published and to be presented to Synod in July 2015; NIBs have reviewed investment policy, will report back to Synod in July 2015.
12 February 2014	Private Member's Motion on the Girl Guides' Promise (GS 1943A and GS 1943B)	Called for amendment to the Girl Guide Promise	Girl Guide Movement	Report of debate sent to Girl Guiding Movement.
12 July 2014	The Common Good (GS 1956)	Commend work of the parishes, dioceses and NCI's Call on Government and political parties to affirm the role of the churches in preparing election manifestos	Dioceses, parishes, NCI's and political parties	Formed a key part of the message in the HoB Pastoral Letter on the 2015 General Election – which had extensive media coverage and continues to be influential
12 July 2014	PMM on Canon B 8 (GS 1944A and GS 1944B)	Calls on Business Committee to introduce legislation to amend the law relating to the vesture of ministers	Business Committee, Archbishops' Council, House of Bishops	Canon B 8 will be examined by the Simplification Task Group in Phase II of their work in 2016
14 July 2014	MPA Report on Armed Forces Covenant and Community Covenants (GS 1960)	Dioceses to reflect on the Armed Forces Covenant; AC to sign a Corporate Armed Forces Covenant; AC to report to Synod in the new Quinquennium on progress on proposals in GS 1960.	Dioceses, Archbishops' Council	Armed Forces Covenant signed at Lambeth Palace in November 2014.. Continues to be rolled out locally.

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14 July 2014	Diocesan Synod Motion on the Magna Carta (GS 1945A and GS 1945B)	Recognise 800 th anniversary, calls on dioceses, deaneries and parishes to affirm the Magna Carta; welcome commemoration events	Dioceses, Deaneries and parishes	Church of England active in celebrations
17 November 2014	Guidelines for the Professional Conduct of the Clergy: Take Note Report (GS 1970)	Synod to take note	Convocations	The Convocations are being asked when they meet in July 2015 formally to approve the revised Guidelines
18 November 2014	The Anglican-Methodist Covenant: Report from the Council for Christian Unity (GS 1971)	Thank the JIC for its work; endorse the 3 recommendations; establish a Joint Covenant Advocacy and Monitoring Group; further work by both churches on Recommendation 1	Appointments Committee Council for Christian Unity Faith and Order Commission	Joint Advocacy and Monitoring Group established; joint faith and order subgroup set up for issues relating to Recommendation 1.
18 November 2014	DSM: Spare Room Subsidy (GS 1965A and GS 1965B)	MPA to evaluate research into effect of removing Spare Room Subsidy MPA to promote access to low-cost housing with HMG	Mission and Public Affairs Council	MPA stays abreast of all new research on the SRS and works in partnership with major housing charities to press the case for more social and low cost housing.
11 February 2015	Discipleship (GS 1977)	Commend Ten Marks for Developing Discipleship and call for a Revised Catechism and other resources	Dioceses (10 Marks) House of Bishops (Catechism and other materials)	Work on Revised Catechism under way with the Liturgical Commission and Ministry Council
11 February 2015	Resourcing the Future and Resourcing Ministerial Education (GS 1978 and GS 1979)	Invites AC and House of Bishops to reach early decisions on the recommendations with the two reports after consultation	Archbishops' Council and House of Bishops	Diocesan consultation under way
11 February 2015	Simplification (GS 1980)	Calls on the AC and BC to bring proposed amending legislation to General Synod	Archbishops' Council and Business Committee	Simplification consultation under way.
11 February 2015	Commissioners' Funds and Inter-Generational Equity (GS 1981)	Calls on Commissioners to consider releasing additional funds	Church Commissioners	Archbishops Council to preparing specific

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				proposals to go to Commissioners.
12 February 2015	PMM on Canon B38 (GS 1972A and GS 1972B)	Calls for legislation to be brought to Synod to amend Canon B38	Business Committee	Faith and Order Commission to work on proposals to be considered by the House of Bishops in 2016
12 February 2015	Mission and Growth in Rural Multi Parish Benefices (GS 1985)	Synod to take note	Synod	All recommendations of the report being taken forward by MPA. Working with the Simplification Group to progress recommendations for more flexible rules for multi parish governance etc.