

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER GROUP OF SESSIONS 2015

FOURTH NOTICE PAPER

Notice of motions and amendments received. Amendments will subsequently be marshalled, in the order in which they are to be taken, on the daily Order Papers.

ITEM 9

THE MIGRANT CRISIS (GS 2009)

The Bishop of Durham (the Rt Revd Paul Butler) to move:

“That this Synod, recognising that almost 60 million individuals have been forcibly displaced worldwide as a result of persecution, conflict or generalised violence, a fifth of them because of the tragic conflict in Syria, and noting the compassionate response of British people to the suffering and needs of those displaced by conflict and other causes:

- (a) urge parishes and dioceses to work closely with local authorities and other community partners, to provide practical and sustainable resources and structures for the resettlement of vulnerable refugees and to pray for all those seeking to address the causes as well as the symptoms of this crisis;
- (b) welcome both the scale of the aid provided by Her Majesty’s Government to those suffering as a result of the conflict in Syria and its decision to resettle vulnerable Syrian refugees, while calling on it to increase the number significantly beyond its initial target of 20,000 over five years;
- (c) call upon the Government to work with the United Nations High Commission on Refugees to ensure that vulnerability to religiously motivated persecution is taken into account when determining whom to receive into Britain; and
- (d) call upon the Government to work with international partners in Europe and elsewhere to help establish safe and legal routes to places of safety, including this country, for refugees who are vulnerable and at severe risk.”

SPECIAL AGENDA III PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The following Private Member's Motion has been received and will be available for signature in the Bishop Partridge Hall:

CIVIL PRELIMINARIES TO MARRIAGE IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

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 1997, when bans were replaced by a Marriage Schedule issued by the civil registrar.”

ERRATA

ITEM 11

REPORT OF THE CHURCH BUILDINGS REVIEW GROUP (GS 2008)

Page 60, fourth bullet point, “£75” should read “£75m”.

A NEW ENABLING MEASURE (GS Misc 1125)

Page 7, second bullet point, for “and clergy discipline, which encompasses seven Measures” substitute “, which encompasses around a dozen Measures”.