

Wednesday 17 February 2016

10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

ORDER PAPER III

9.15 a.m. Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall

10.30 a.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

**IMPACT OF SANCTIONS ON BENEFIT CLAIMANTS
(GS 2019A AND GS 2019B)**

The Revd Canon Kathryn Fitzsimons (Leeds) to move on behalf of the Leeds Diocesan Synod:

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That this Synod:

- (a) request the Church of England Mission and Public Affairs Council to evaluate, with others as appropriate, the impact of sanctioning upon benefit claimants; and
- (b) call on Her Majesty's Government to implement the recommendations numbered 58-63 inclusive, made in December 2014 by the All Party Parliamentary Inquiry Report into Hunger in the UK *Feeding Britain* in respect of the use of sanctions upon benefit claimants.

Nigel Bacon (Lincoln) to move as an amendment:

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Leave out paragraph (a) and *insert*–

- “(a) welcome the extensive work already undertaken by the Church of England in partnership with others to evaluate the impact of benefits sanctioning and to identify and promote recommendations for the reform of sanctions policy and practice;”

The Venerable Malcolm Chamberlain, Archdeacon of Sheffield and Rotherham (Sheffield) to move as an amendment:

24 At the end *insert–*

“(–) call on Her Majesty’s Government to initiate a full independent review of the impact and efficacy of the sanctions and conditionality regime.”

The Bishop of St Albans to move as an amendment:

25 At the end *insert–*

“(–) encourage every part of the Church of England to offer practical and pastoral support to those experiencing benefit sanctions, building on the Church’s work with food banks, credit unions and debt advice.”

RENEWAL AND REFORM

16 Presentation under SO 107.

Note: *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*
