

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2011 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6.25 P.M.
ON FRIDAY 8TH JULY 2011

PRAYERS

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY opened the Synod with prayers.

INTRODUCTIONS

- 1 The following introductions were made:

New members

The Rt Revd Nicholas Baines (Bishop of Bradford)
The Revd Ann Hollinghurst (St Albans)
Miss Priscilla Hungerford (Winchester)
The Revd Canon Dr Christopher Sugden (Oxford)

The Rt Revd Mark Bryant (Bishop of Jarrow), acting for the Bishop of Durham during the vacancy in See, and the Rt Revd Peter Hancock (Bishop of Basingstoke), acting for the Bishop of Winchester during the vacancy in See, were also welcomed by the Synod.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2 The Revd Alastair Cutting and the Revd Preb David Houlding (the Pro-Prolocutors of the Convocation of Canterbury) were presented to the Archbishop of Canterbury.

WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY welcomed the following Anglican and ecumenical guests:

His Beatitude Anastasios (Archbishop of Tirana, Durrës and All Albania)
Bishop Andon Merdani (Bishop of Kruje and auxiliary bishop to Archbishop Anastasios)
The Rt Revd Peter Skov-Jakobsen (Bishop of Copenhagen)
The Rt Revd Dr Gregor Duncan (Bishop of Glasgow and Galloway).

- 3 At the invitation of the Presidents, His Beatitude Anastasios, Archbishop of Tirana, Durrës and All Albania, addressed the Synod under Standing Order 112.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY also welcomed Dame Mary Tanner (European President of the World Council of Churches), the Rt Revd Dean Wolfe (Bishop of Kansas), the Revd Canon Dr Chuck Robertson (Canon to the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church (USA)) and the Rt Revd Victoria Matthews (Bishop of Christchurch), who were seated in the public gallery.

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

4 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY reported that:

the Mission and Pastoral Measure, the Care of Cathedrals Measure and the Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure all received the Royal Assent on 24th May; and that

Part 1, Sections 4, 5(2) and (3) and Schedules 1 and 2 of the Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure 2011 came into force on 1st July.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1824)

5 The motion

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

was carried.

DATES OF GROUPS OF SESSIONS IN 2013

6 The motion

‘That this Synod meet on the following dates in 2013:

4-8 February

5-9 July

18-20 November (contingency dates).’

was carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL (GS 1831)

7 The motion

‘That the appointment of Professor John Craven to the Archbishops’ Council for a term ending on 31 July 2013 be approved.’

was carried.

8 The motion

‘That the appointment of Mr Philip Fletcher to the Archbishops’ Council for a term ending on 31 December 2014 be approved.’

was carried.

CONSTITUTION OF THE LEGAL ADVISORY COMMISSION (GS 1829)

9 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the constitution of the Legal Advisory Commission of the General Synod, as set out in the annex to GS 1829.’

was moved.

Under Standing Order 14(e), the sitting was extended by not more than 10 minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

9 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the constitution of the Legal Advisory Commission of the General Synod, as set out in the annex to GS 1829.’

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.25 p.m.

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND YOUTH COUNCIL OBSERVERS

The observers from the Church of England Youth Council sitting in the public gallery were welcomed by the Synod.

QUESTIONS

10 Questions 1 to 49, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2011 (GS 1825)
ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER
2011 (GS 1826)

Under Standing Order 69, the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2011 and the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2011 were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have these Orders debated.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10.00 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 10.01 A.M.
ON SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2011

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 11 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Address and introduced the group work that was to take place that morning.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 10.01 a.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2011 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 5.59 P.M.
ON SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2011

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1805A)
Draft Measure for Revision (First Consideration November 2010)

Report of the Revision Committee (GS 1805Y)

500 The motion

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

was carried.

Clause 1

508 The amendment (Item 508 Order Paper II) was lost.

509 The motion

‘That clause 1 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 2

510 The amendment (Item 510 Order Paper II) was carried.

511 The motion

‘That clause 2 as amended stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

512 The motion

‘That clause 3 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

513 The motion

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

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

**THE PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCHES CONVERSATION TRUST ORDER 2011
(GS 1828)**

Order made under section 53 of the Pastoral Measure 1983 for Approval

503 The motion

‘That the Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2011 be approved.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Order would now be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

PAROCHIAL FEES ORDER 2011 (GS 1832)

Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986 for Approval

504A The motion

‘That the Parochial Fees Order 2011 be considered.’

was moved.

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned.’

was lost.

504A The motion

‘That the Parochial Fees Order 2011 be considered.’

was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	134
AGAINST	166

18 abstentions were recorded.

514-538 The amendments (Items 514-538 Order Paper II) fell.

504B The motion

‘That the Parochial Fees Order 2011 be approved.’

fell.

The Chair reported that the Parochial Fees Order 2010 remained in force.

**THE REORGANISATION SCHEMES (COMPENSATION) RULES 2011 (GS 1839)
Rules made under paragraph 16 of Schedule 2 to the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission
Measure 2007 for Approval**

505A The motion

‘That the Reorganisation Schemes (Compensation) Rules 2011 be considered.’

was carried.

539 The amendment (Item 539 Order Paper II) was carried.

505B The motion

‘That the Reorganisation Schemes (Compensation) Rules 2011 be approved.’

was carried.

**THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSIONS SCHEME (SODOR AND MAN)
(AMENDMENT) RULES 2011 (GS 1833)
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS (SODOR AND MAN) (AMENDMENT)
REGULATIONS 2011 (GS 1834)
Rules made under the Pensions Measure 1997 for Approval
Regulations made under the Clergy Pensions (Amendment) Measure 1972 for Approval**

506 The motion

‘That the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Sodor and Man)
(Amendment) Rules 2011 be approved.’

was carried.

507 The motion

‘That the Church of England Pensions (Sodor and Man) (Amendment)
Regulations 2011 be approved.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Regulations would now be laid before both Houses of Parliament.

Under Standing Order 14(g), the Chair adjourned the sitting at 5.59 p.m.

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ON SATURDAY 9TH JULY 2011

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS
MISSION ACTION PLANNING IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (GS 1835A and 1835B)

12 The motion

‘That this Synod

- (a) recognise the urgent missionary task facing the Church of England to reverse decades of numerical decline and make new disciples for Jesus Christ in every community in our land;
- (b) affirm the experience of a remarkable and growing number of parishes that find mission action planning to be a strategic tool which helps them grow in faith, in numbers and in service to their community; and
- (c) call on the Archbishops’ Council to work with the central structures of the Church of England to produce a national mission action plan that will support parishes in growing the number of worshipping Anglicans, enabling them to grow in faith.’

was moved.

35 The amendment (Item 35 Order Paper II) was carried.

36 The amendment (Item 36 Order Paper II) was lost.

37 The amendment (Item 37 Order Paper II) was carried.

12 The motion

‘That this Synod

- (a) recognise the urgent missionary task facing the Church of England to reverse decades of numerical decline and make new disciples for Jesus Christ in every community in our land;
- (b) welcome the priority given to facilitating church growth in *Challenges for the New Quinquennium* (GS 1815) and

Challenges for the New Quinquennium – Next Steps (GS Misc 995);

- (c) affirm the experience of a remarkable and growing number of parishes that find mission action planning to be a strategic tool which helps them grow in faith, in numbers and in service to their community; and
- (d) call on the Archbishops' Council to work with the House of Bishops to develop the priorities identified in *Challenges for the New Quinquennium* (GS 1815) and further outlined in *Challenges for the New Quinquennium – Next Steps* (GS Misc 995) into a national mission strategy that will support dioceses, deaneries and parishes in their own church growth and mission planning.'

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	333
AGAINST	9

11 abstentions were recorded.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10.00 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 6.05 P.M.
ON SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2011

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING CHANGES: A REPORT FROM THE MINISTRY COUNCIL (GS 1836)

13 The motion

‘That this Synod endorse the recommendations made in paragraph 11 of GS 1836.’

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	342
AGAINST	0

6 abstentions were recorded.

THE ANGLICAN-METHODIST COVENANT: A REPORT FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (GS 1837), to which is appended *MOVING FORWARD IN COVENANT: INTERIM REPORT OF THE JOINT IMPLEMENTATION COMMISSION*

14 The motion

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

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	269
AGAINST	12

14 abstentions were recorded.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS
ADMISSION OF BAPTIZED ADULTS TO COMMUNION (GS 1840A and 1840B)

15 The motion

‘That this Synod ask the House of Bishops to bring forward regulations under Canon B 15A.1 to authorize the admission to the Holy Communion of adults

who have been baptized but who have not yet been confirmed and who are not yet ready and desirous to be confirmed.’

was moved.

38 The amendment (Item 38 Order Paper III) was lost.

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business.’

was carried.

As a result Item 15 lapsed, and could not be reconsidered in the lifetime of the current Synod, except with the permission of the Business Committee and the general consent of the Synod.

Under Standing Order 14(g), the Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.05 p.m.

11 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 10.00 P.M.
ON SUNDAY 10TH JULY 2011

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE (GS 1830)

16 The motion

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

was carried.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL (GS 1827)

17 Under Standing Order 97, Mr Mark Russell gave a presentation, after which Mr Russell, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Mrs Mary Chapman, Mr Andrew Britton and Dr Philip Giddings answered questions.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10.00 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 1.05 P.M.
ON MONDAY 11TH JULY 2011

MORNING WORSHIP

The Very Revd David Ison led the Synod in prayer.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE

18 The motion

‘That the appointment of the Bishop of Dover (the Rt Revd Trevor Willmott) as Chair of the Business Committee until 31 July 2013 be confirmed.’

was not moved.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND MARRIAGE (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1805A)

Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revision July 2011)

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1805Z)

501 The motion

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

was moved.

The Chairman of the Steering Committee informed the Synod that the Steering Committee had made an alteration to its report, removing the words “in the parish” from the new subsection (1A) of section 7 of the Marriage Act 1949 set out in paragraph 7 of the Annex to its report.

The motion was carried.

502 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure” be finally approved.’

was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	27	0
Clergy	168	0
Laity	172	0

No abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the Measure stood automatically committed to the Legislative Committee.

**SPECIAL AGENDA II
LITURGICAL BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS (GS 1822)
Draft Texts for First Consideration**

Article 7 Business

600 The motion

‘That the liturgical business entitled “Additional Eucharistic Prayers” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the liturgical business entitled “Additional Eucharistic Prayers” stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be submitted to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday, 12th August 2011.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i), the order of business for the sitting on Monday, 11th July was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod to insert immediately before Item 29 that it would be taken not later than 5.15 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS
HOUSE OF LAITY ELECTIONS (GS 1843A and 1843B)**

19 The motion

‘That this Synod request the Business Committee to commission a thorough review of how the House of Laity of this Synod and the houses of laity of diocesan synods are elected, particular consideration being given to whether the electorate should be some body of persons other than the lay members of deanery synods.’

was moved.

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business.’

was lost.

39 The amendment (Item 39 Order Paper IV) was carried.

19 The motion

‘That this Synod request the Business Committee to commission a thorough review of how the House of Laity of this Synod and the houses of laity of diocesan synods are elected, particular consideration being given to:

- (a) whether the electorate should be some body of persons other than the lay members of deanery synods; and
- (b) ensuring that the diverse membership of the Church of England is fully reflected and represented.’

was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	17	3
Clergy	88	24
Laity	92	66

4 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 11 in the House of Clergy and 9 in the House of Laity.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.05 p.m.

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ON MONDAY 11TH JULY 2011

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: A PASTORAL AND MISSIONAL APPROACH FOR THE NEXT DECADE: A REPORT BY THE COMMITTEE FOR MINORITY ETHNIC ANGLICAN CONCERNS (GS 1844)

Under Standing Order 97, the Ven David Kajumba (Archdeacon of Reigate) gave a presentation.

20 The motion

‘That this Synod, mindful of the recommendations made in 2003 in *Called to Act Justly* (GS 1512) and in 2007 in *Present and Participating* (GS 1655), and recognising the importance of converting good intentions into real change, request the Archbishops’ Council and the House of Bishops, in consultation with CMEAC, to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations in paragraph 32 of GS 1844.’

was moved.

40 The amendment (Item 40 Order Paper V) was carried.

20 The motion

‘That this Synod, mindful of the recommendations made in 2003 in *Called to Act Justly* (GS 1512) and in 2007 in *Present and Participating* (GS 1655), and recognising the importance of converting good intentions into real change

- (a) request the Archbishops’ Council and the House of Bishops, in consultation with CMEAC, to take the necessary steps to implement the recommendations in paragraph 32 of GS 1844; and
- (b) in order to provide a baseline against which to measure the progress to be reported in 2014, request the Archbishops’ Council to collect and publish for each diocese the current numbers of Black, Asian and other Minority Ethnic (i) clergy and (ii) laity in specified significant roles, including suffragan bishops, deans, archdeacons, residentiary canons, directors of ordinands, examining chaplains, bishops’ advisers for selection conferences and other diocesan officers.’

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 285

No abstentions were recorded.

THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S DRAFT BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT FOR 2012 (GS 1842)

21 The motion

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

was carried.

VOTE FOR TRAINING FOR MINISTRY

22 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2012, as shown in its budget, of £12,510,000 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of Training for Ministry.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR THE WORK OF THE COUNCIL GENERALLY

23 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2012, as shown in its budget, of £10,492,700 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of the work of the Council generally.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR GRANTS AND PROVISIONS

24 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2012, as shown in its budget, of £1,376,000 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of Grants and provisions.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR MISSION AGENCIES' CLERGY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

25 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2012, as shown in its budget, of £785,000 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of Mission agencies’ clergy pension contributions.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR CHARM

26 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2012, as shown in its budget, of £3,586,300 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of the CHARM scheme.’

was carried.

APPORTIONMENT

27 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 1842) 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 2012.’

was carried.

28 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 1842) for the pooling adjustment for 2012 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.’

was carried.

41 The motion

‘That this Synod, mindful of the policy established by the Archbishops’ Council as set out in GS Misc 995 to “release energy by simplifying the church’s internal structures and processes” in order to achieve its goal of achieving spiritual and numerical growth, request that it should be afforded a “take note” debate each year to consider a report which would provide, so far as is possible (recognising the autonomous nature of each legal entity in the church), a consolidated oversight of administrative expenditure by diocesan

church houses and national church institutions, with a view to reducing the extent of time and money spent on duplicated or inefficient activities and monitoring progress in this respect.’

was lost.

GENEROUS LOVE FOR ALL: PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT FOR THE NEW QUINQUENNIAL: A REPORT FROM THE PRESENCE AND ENGAGEMENT TASK GROUP (GS 1838)

29 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) reaffirm the commitment to the Presence and Engagement programme;
- (b) note with pleasure H. M. Government’s grant of £5m to the Near Neighbours project; and
- (c) accept the recommendations in paragraphs 21-36 of GS 1838 for the future work of the Presence and Engagement programme.’

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.13 p.m.

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**CONVERSATIONS WITH THE UNITED REFORMED CHURCH: A REPORT
FROM THE COUNCIL FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY (GS 1841)**

30 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the recommendations in paragraph 144 of GS 1841.’

was carried.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10.00 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 12.29 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 12TH JULY 2011

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Dr Judith Maltby led the Synod in prayer.

CHRISTIANS IN THE HOLY LAND: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT BY THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

31 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY made a Presidential Statement.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL REPORT

32 Under Standing Order 97, the First Church Estates Commissioner (Mr Andreas Whittam Smith) and the Third Church Estates Commissioner (Mr Timothy Walker) gave a presentation and answered questions.

THE CHURCH AND EDUCATION: INTO THE NEXT 200 YEARS: A REPORT FROM THE BOARD OF EDUCATION (GS 1845)

33 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) congratulate the National Society on 200 years of outstanding service to the nation and contribution to the mission of the Church of England;
- (b) affirm the continued importance of Church of England schools being ‘distinctively Christian institutions, rooted in the life of the parishes while being open to the diverse communities they serve’; and
- (c) invite the Archbishops’ Council to report regularly in this quinquennium on the impact of the work set out in GS 1845 on enhancing the effectiveness of the Church of England’s stake in the public education system and promoting improved standards of religious education in all schools.’

was moved.

42 The amendment (Item 42 Order Paper VI) was carried.

33 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) congratulate the National Society on 200 years of outstanding service to the nation and contribution to the mission of the Church of England;
- (b) affirm the continued importance of Church of England schools being “distinctively Christian institutions, rooted in the life of the parishes while being open to the diverse communities they serve”;
- (c) invite the Archbishops’ Council to report regularly in this quinquennium on the impact of the work set out in GS 1845 on enhancing the effectiveness of the Church of England’s stake in the public education system and promoting improved standards of religious education in all schools; and
- (d) invite the Archbishops’ Council to report in this quinquennium on ways of enhancing the Church of England’s involvement in the Higher Education system.’

was carried.

PRESENTATIONS

- 2 The Revd Dr Meg Gilley and the Revd Canon Simon Killwick (the Deputy Prolocutors of the Convocation of York) were presented to the Archbishop of York.

PROROGATION

- 34 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK prorogued the Synod at 12.29 p.m.