

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2011 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.13 P.M.
ON MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2011

PRAYERS

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY opened the Synod with prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

1 The following were welcomed:

New members

The Rt Revd Stephen Conway (Bishop of Ely)
The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun (Bishop of Southwark)

The Very Revd David Brindley (Dean of Portsmouth)

The Revd Canon Dr Gavin Ashenden (Southern Universities)
The Revd Dr Kevin Ward (Northern Universities)

Representatives of the Church of England Youth Council

Miss Hannah Page
Miss Anna Smith

The Rt Revd Mark Bryant (Bishop of Jarrow) acting for the Bishop of Durham during the vacancy in See was also welcomed by the Synod.

PRESENTATIONS

2 The Venerable Christine Hardman (the Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury); the Revd Canon Glyn Webster (the Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of York); Dr Philip Giddings (the Chair of the House of Laity); and Mr Tim Hind (the Vice-Chair of the House of Laity) were presented to the Archbishops (as Joint Presidents).

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

3 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY reported that:

the Crown Benefices (Parish Representatives) Measure 2010 had come into force on 1st January 2011;

section 2 of the Vacancies in Suffragan Sees and Other Ecclesiastical Offices Measure 2010 had come into force on 1st January 2011;

the provisions of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009 which were not previously in force (other than paragraphs 6, 10, 12 and 13 of Schedule 2), had come into force on 31st January 2011;

the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2010 and the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Consequential and Transitional Provisions) Order 2010 had been laid before Parliament and had come into force on 1st January 2011; and

the Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure, the Mission and Pastoral Measure and the Care of Cathedrals Measure had been found expedient by the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament and awaited consideration by the two Houses of Parliament.

ADDRESS BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

4 At the invitation of the Presidents, the Rt Hon Andrew Mitchell MP (Secretary of State for International Development), addressed the Synod under Standing Order 112 and answered questions.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1817)

5 The motion

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

was carried.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i) the order of business for the sitting on Wednesday, 9 February was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod to insert immediately after Item 16 a rubric that Item 17 would be taken not later than 12.40 p.m..

DRAFT ACT OF SYNOD ADOPTING THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT: REQUIREMENT FOR SPECIAL MAJORITIES ON FINAL APPROVAL

6 The motion

‘That this Synod resolve that final approval of the Act of Synod adopting the Anglican Communion Covenant shall require the assent of two-thirds of the members of each House present and voting.’

was moved.

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned and resumed at the July 2012 group of sessions.’

was lost.

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

	AYES	NOES
Bishops	4	32
Clergy	82	92
Laity	66	112

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops and 1 was recorded in the House of Clergy.

QUESTIONS

7 Questions 1 to 26, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

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

7 Questions 27 to 37, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.13 p.m.

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ON TUESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2011

HOLY COMMUNION

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY presided at a celebration of Holy Communion.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT CLERGY DISCIPLINE (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1814)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

500 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure 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 Monday, 14th March 2011.

AMENDING CODE OF PRACTICE UNDER THE CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE 2003 (GS 1808)

Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 for Approval

502 The motion

‘That the Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 be considered.’

was carried.

503 The amendment (Item 503 Order Paper II) was carried.

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501 The motion

‘That the Amending Code of Practice under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 be approved.’

was carried.

ETHICAL INVESTMENT POLICY

- 8 Under Standing Order 97, Mr John Reynolds (Chair of the Ethical Investment Advisory Group) and the Revd Professor Richard Burrige (Vice-Chair of the Ethical Investment Advisory Group) gave a presentation and answered questions with Mr Edward Mason (Secretary to the Ethical Investment Advisory Group).

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.58 p.m.

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PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

9 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

CHALLENGES FOR THE NEW QUINQUENNium: REPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1815)

10 The motion

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

was carried.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1821)

11 The motion

‘That this Synod confirm the appointment of the Rt Revd Trevor Willmott, Bishop of Dover as Chair of the Business Committee for a term ending on the appointment of his successor.’

was moved.

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned.’

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

IN FAVOUR	147
AGAINST	119

17 abstentions were recorded.

The Chair called the next item of business on the Agenda.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CLERK TO THE SYNOD (GS 1820)

12 The motion

‘That the appointment of Dr Colin Podmore as Clerk to the Synod with effect from 29 March 2011 be confirmed.’

was carried.

WEDDINGS PROJECT

- 13 Under Standing Order 97, the Rt Revd Paul Bayes (Bishop of Hertford) and Ms Gillian Oliver gave a presentation and, with the Revd Lynda Barley, answered questions.

PAROCHIAL FEES POLICY: REPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL (GS 1813)

- 14 The motion

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

was carried.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 6.59 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY 2011 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 1.00 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2011

MORNING WORSHIP

The Very Revd Mark Boyling (Dean of Carlisle) led the Synod in prayer.

THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS' STATEMENT ON MARRIAGE AFTER DIVORCE AND THE ORDAINED MINISTRY (GS Misc 960)

15 The motion

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

was carried.

21 The motion

‘That this Synod request that legislation be brought forward for a system, parallel to that currently in place for those seeking ordination as deacon or priest, requiring the issue of an archiepiscopal faculty before a person who is divorced and remarried and, the other party to that marriage being alive, has a former spouse still living (or who is married to someone who is divorced and has a former spouse still living) can be consecrated as a bishop.’

was lost.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

COMMON WORSHIP BAPTISM PROVISION (GS 1816A and GS 1816B)

16 The motion

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to ask the Liturgical Commission to prepare material to supplement the Common Worship Baptism provision, comprising additional forms of the Decision, the Prayer over the Water and the Commission, expressed in culturally appropriate and accessible language.’

was moved.

22 The amendment (Item 22 Order Paper III) was carried.

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16 The motion (as amended by Items 22 and 23)

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to ask the Liturgical Commission to prepare material to supplement the Common Worship Initiation provision, including additional forms of the Decision, the Prayer over the Water and the Commission, expressed in accessible language.’

was carried.

**ANGLICAN – ROMAN CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION REPORT:
MARY: GRACE AND HOPE IN CHRIST (GS 1818)**

17 Under Standing Order 97, the Rt Revd Christopher Hill, Bishop of Guildford (Chair of the Council for Christian Unity), and the Rt Revd George Stack, Auxiliary Bishop in the Diocese of Westminster, gave a presentation.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.00 p.m.

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ON WEDNESDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2011

**ANGLICAN – ROMAN CATHOLIC INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION REPORT:
MARY: GRACE AND HOPE IN CHRIST (GS 1818)**

18 The motion

‘That this Synod, affirming the aim of Anglican – Roman Catholic theological dialogue “to discover each other’s faith as it is today and to appeal to history only for enlightenment, not as a way of perpetuating past controversy” (Preface to *The Final Report*, 1982), and in the light of recent steps towards setting up ARCIC III:

- (i) note the theological assessment of the ARCIC report *Mary: Grace and Hope in Chris* in the FOAG briefing paper GS 1818 as a contribution to further dialogue;
- (ii) welcome exploration of how far Anglicans and Roman Catholics share a common faith and spirituality, based on the Scriptures and the early Ecumenical Councils, with regard to the Blessed Virgin Mary;
- (iii) request that, in the context of the quest for closer unity between our two communions, further joint study of the issues identified in GS 1818 be undertaken – in particular, the question of the authority and status of the Roman Catholic dogmas of the Immaculate Conception and the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary for Anglicans; and
- (iv) encourage Anglicans to study the report with ecumenical colleagues and in particular, wherever possible, with their Roman Catholic neighbours.’

was moved.

24 The amendment (Item 24 Order Paper III) was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 147

AGAINST 158

25 abstentions were recorded.

25 The amendment (Item 25 Order Paper III) was lost.

The motion

‘That the question be now put.’

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

IN FAVOUR	171
AGAINST	153

10 abstentions were recorded.

The motion for the Closure having been carried, the amendments at Items 26, 27, 28 and 29 of Order Paper III could not be moved.

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- (iv) encourage Anglicans to study the report with ecumenical colleagues and in particular, wherever possible, with their Roman Catholic neighbours.’

was carried.

FAREWELLS

- 19 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to Mr Shaun Farrell (Secretary and Chief Executive of the Church of England Pensions Board) and the Revd David Williams (Clerk to the Synod and Head of the Central Secretariat of the Archbishops’ Council) who were both retiring shortly.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY also paid tribute to the Rt Revd Michael Scott-Joynt (Bishop of Winchester) who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

PROROGATION

- 20 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 4.17 p.m.