

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2012 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 P.M.
ON MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2012

PRAYERS

The first verse of the National Anthem was sung.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY opened the Synod with prayer.

INTRODUCTIONS

1 The following were welcomed:

New members

The Rt Revd Timothy Dakin (Bishop of Winchester)
The Rt Revd Nicholas Holtam (Bishop of Salisbury)
The Rt Revd Christopher Lowson (Bishop of Lincoln)
The Rt Revd Justin Welby (Bishop of Durham)
The Revd Canon James Allison (Wakefield)
The Revd Jonathan Beswick (Oxford)
The Revd Douglas Dettmer (Exeter)
The Revd Janet Kearton (Ripon and Leeds)
The Revd Marc Wolverson (Sodor and Man)
The Ven Peter Eagles (Forces Synodical Council)

New ecumenical representatives

His Grace Bishop Angaelos (Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches)
The Revd Robert Byrne (Roman Catholic Church)

The Rt Revd Susan Moxley (Bishop of Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island) and the Rt Revd Geralyn Wolf (Bishop of Rhode Island), sitting in the public gallery, were also welcomed by the Synod.

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY reported that:

the Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure stood committed to the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament;

the Care of Cathedrals Measure 2011 came into force on 1st September 2011;

the provisions of the Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure 2011 which were not previously in force came into force on 1st October 2011;

the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2011 and the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2011 had been laid before Parliament and came into force on 1st January 2012; and

the Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2011 had been laid before Parliament and would come into force on 1st April 2012.

LOYAL ADDRESS

3 The motion

‘That this Synod congratulate most warmly Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on her Diamond Jubilee and approve the submission to Her Majesty of a Loyal Address along the lines indicated in the Second Notice Paper.’

was carried. A draft text of the Loyal Address had been circulated to members on the Second Notice Paper.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1849)

4 The motion

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

was carried.

DATES OF GROUPS OF SESSIONS IN 2014-2015 (GS 1849)

5 The motion

‘That this Synod meet on the following dates in 2014 and 2015:

2014	10-14 February 11-15 July 17-19 November (contingency dates)
2015	9-13 February 10-14 July 23-25 November (inaugural group of sessions).’

was carried.

APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 1850)

6 The motion

‘That the appointment of Mr Andrew Britton for a term ending on 30 September 2013 be approved.’

was carried.

7 The motion

‘That the appointment of Miss Rebecca Swinson for a term ending on 31 December 2016 be approved.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON ASSISTED DYING (GS 1851A and GS 1851B)

8 The motion

‘That this Synod express its concern that the Independent Commission on Assisted Dying is insufficiently independent to be able to develop proposals which will properly protect the interests of vulnerable and disabled people.’

was moved.

33 The amendment (Item 33 Order Paper I) was carried.

8 The motion (as amended by Item 33)

‘That this Synod

(a) express its concern that the Independent Commission on Assisted Dying was insufficiently independent to be able to develop proposals which will properly protect the interests of vulnerable and disabled people;

(b) endorse the responses to the Commission on Assisted Dying referred to in paragraphs 7 and 8 of GS 1815B;

(c) affirm the intrinsic value of every human life and express its support for the current law on assisted suicide as a means of contributing to a just and compassionate society in which vulnerable people are protected; and

(d) celebrating the considerable improvement in the quality of care of the dying brought about by the hospice and palliative care movements and by the input of clinicians, clergy and others, encourage the Church’s continued involvement in the wider agenda of the care of those approaching the end of their lives and the support of those caring for them.’

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

IN FAVOUR	284
AGAINST	0

Four abstentions were recorded.

QUESTIONS

9 Questions 1 to 77, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.00 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2012 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 12.55 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2012

MORNING WORSHIP

Miss Prudence Dailey led the Synod in prayer.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
DRAFT PAROCHIAL FEES AND SCHEDULED MATTERS AMENDING ORDER
2012 (GS 1852)
Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986 for Approval

505A The motion

‘That the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2012 be considered.’

was carried.

- 506 The amendment (Item 506 Order Paper II) lapsed.
- 507 The amendment (Item 507 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 508 The amendment (Item 508 Order Paper II) lapsed.
- 509 The amendment (Item 509 Order Paper II) lapsed.
- 510 The amendment (Item 510 Order Paper II) fell.
- 511 The amendment (Item 511 Order Paper II) fell.
- 512 The amendment (Item 512 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 513 The amendment (Item 513 Order Paper II) lapsed.
- 514 The amendment (Item 514 Order Paper II) was not moved.
- 515 The amendment (Item 515 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 516 The amendment (Item 516 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 517 The amendment (Item 517 Order Paper II) lapsed.

- 518 The amendment (Item 518 Order Paper II) lapsed.
- 519 The amendment (Item 5119 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 520 The amendment (Item 520 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 521 The amendment (Item 521 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 522 The amendment (Item 522 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 523 The amendment (Item 523 Order Paper II) was not moved.
- 524 The amendment (Item 524 Order Paper II) was not moved.
- 525 The amendment (Item 525 Order Paper II) fell.
- 526 The amendment (Item 526 Order Paper II) fell.
- 527 The amendment (Item 527 Order Paper II) carried.
- 528 The amendment (Item 528 Order Paper II) was not moved.
- 529 The amendment (Item 529 Order Paper II) was not moved.
- 530 The amendment (Item 530 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 531 The amendment (Item 531 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 532 The amendment (Item 532 Order Paper II) was not moved.
- 533 The amendment (Item 533 Order Paper II) was not moved.
- 534 The amendment (Item 534 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 535 The amendment (Item 535 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 536 The amendment (Item 536 Order Paper II) was carried.
- 505B The motion

‘That the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2012 be approved.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2012 stood referred to the Archbishops’ Council.

DRAFT CLERGY DISCIPLINE (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1814A)
Draft Measure for Revision (First Consideration February 2011)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1814Y)

503 The motion

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

was carried.

Clause 1

537 The amendment (Item 537 Order Paper II) lapsed.

538 The motion

‘That clause 1 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clauses 2-10

With the permission of the Chair clauses 2 to 10 were taken en bloc under Standing Order 55(c).

539 The motion

‘That clauses 2-10 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Schedule

540 The motion

‘That the Schedule stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Long Title

541 The motion

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

was carried.

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

DRAFT DIOCESE IN EUROPE MEASURE (GS 1853)
Draft Measure for First Consideration

504 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Diocese in Europe Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Diocese in Europe 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, 12th March 2012.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.55 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2012 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 5.30 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2012

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i) the order of business for the current sitting was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that Item 12 would be taken immediately before Item 11.

DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE: DRAFT CODE OF PRACTICE (GS Misc 1007)

10 Under Standing Order 97, the Rt Revd Nigel Stock (Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) gave a presentation and answered questions.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

THE ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE) (CONSEQUENTIAL PROVISIONS) ORDER 2012 (GS 1858)

Order made under section 11 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009 for approval

542A The motion

‘That the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012 be considered.’

was carried.

543 The amendment (Item 543 Order Paper II) was carried.

542B The motion

‘That the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012 be approved.’

was carried

The Chair reported that the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012 stood referred to the Archbishops’ Council.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS
APPOINTMENT OF ARCHDEACONS (GS 1846A and GS 1846B)**

12 The motion

‘That this Synod request that Canon C 22.1 be amended to read “No person shall be capable of receiving the appointment of archdeacon unless he has been six years complete in holy orders at the time of appointment”.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	9	21
Clergy	31	118
Laity	53	84

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, one in the House of Clergy and nine in the House of Laity.

ANGLICAN ALLIANCE FOR RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY

11 Under Standing Order 97, Mrs Sally Keeble (Director of the Anglican Alliance for Relief, Development and Advocacy) gave a presentation and answered questions.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 5.30 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2012 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 1.00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2012

HOLY COMMUNION

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

RECENT VIOLENCE IN NIGERIA (GS 1861)

Under Standing Order 4(b), the Presidents directed the addition to the agenda of the following motion, first circulated to members in the Twelfth Notice Paper.

34 The motion

‘That this Synod, gravely concerned at the desperate plight of Christian communities in parts of Nigeria, as described in GS 1861, request the British Government to do all it can to support those in Nigeria seeking to protect religious minorities of all faiths and enable them to practise their religion without fear.’

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

IN FAVOUR	344
AGAINST	0

One abstention was recorded.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1708B) and DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 30 (GS 1709B)

Report by the Business Committee on the Article 8 Reference (GS 1847)
(Article 7 and Article 8 Business)

501 The motion

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

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.00 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2012 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6.50 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS (GS 1854A, GS 1854B and GS 1854C)
WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE

13 The motion

‘That this Synod call upon the House of Bishops, in exercise of its powers under Standing Order 60(b), to amend the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure in the manner proposed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York at the Revision Stage for the draft Measure.’

was moved.

35 The amendment (Item 35 Order Paper III) was moved.

36 The amendment (Item 36 Order Paper III) was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	40	5
Clergy	122	70
Laity	107	85

One abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops, one in the House of Clergy and four in the House of Laity.

35 The amendment (Item 35 Order Paper III) was carried after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	26	16
Clergy	128	64
Laity	111	85

Five abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, none in the House of Clergy and one in the House of Laity.

13 The motion (as amended by Items 35 and 36)

‘That this Synod

- (a) noting the significant support the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure has received in the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity of diocesan synods, and
- (b) desiring that the draft Measure be returned to the Synod for consideration on the Final Approval Stage substantially unamended so that it can be seen if the proposals embodied in it in the form in which it has been referred to the dioceses can attain the level of support required to achieve Final Approval,

request the House of Bishops in the exercise of its power under Standing Order 60(b) not to amend the draft Measure substantially.’

was carried.

Under Standing Order 14(g), the Chair adjourned the sitting at 5.30 p.m. The sitting was resumed at 5.50 p.m.

CHAIR OF THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE AND MISCELLANEOUS AMENDMENTS: FORTY-SIXTH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1855)

14 The motion

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

was carried.

20 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Friday 10th February 2012:

In Standing Order 115(a) for sub-paragraph (i) *insert*:

“(i) a Chairman elected by and from the Synod;”.’

was moved.

37 The amendment (Item 37 Order Paper III) was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	99
AGAINST	103

Nine abstentions were recorded.

20 The motion at Item 20 was carried.

21 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Friday 10th February 2012:

In Standing Order 115(c) for the words from “and among the appointed members” to the end *insert*:

“(but so that, in its application to a casual vacancy in the office of Chairman, the provisions of SO 120(e)(i) shall not apply).”.’

was carried.

Under Standing Order 39(c), the amendments to the Standing Orders set out at Items 22 to 32 in the First Notice Paper were deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment with effect from Friday, 10th February 2012.

The Chair adjourned the sitting under Standing Order 14(g).

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 6.50 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 1.00 P.M.
ON THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2012

WORSHIP

Morning Prayer was led by representatives from Deaf Anglicans Together.

SPECIAL AGENDA II
LITURGICAL BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS (GS 1822A)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1822Y)
(Article 7 Business)

600 The motion

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

was carried.

601 The motion for recommittal (Item 601 Order Paper IV) lapsed.

602 The motion for recommittal (Item 602 Order Paper IV) lapsed.

The Chair reported that the Liturgical Business entitled “Additional Eucharistic Prayers” stood committed to the House of Bishops under Standing Order 77(f).

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF
WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1708B) and DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 30 (GS
1709B)
Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting (Revision July 2010)

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1708-09Z)
(Article 7 and Article 8 Business)

The Bishop of London signified to the Synod that Her Majesty the Queen and His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, having been informed of the purport of the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure, had consented to place their prerogatives and interests, so far as they were affected by the draft Measure, at the disposal of the Synod for the purposes of the draft Measure.

502 The motion

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

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	28	0
Clergy	149	14
Laity	132	37

Two abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, eight in the House of Clergy and ten in the House of Laity.

HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING CHANGES (GS Misc 1008)

15 Under Standing Order 97, the Rt Revd Steven Croft (Bishop of Sheffield) gave a presentation and answered questions.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.00 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 5.30 P.M.
ON THURSDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS
REFORM OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS (GS 1856A and GS 1856B)

16 The motion

‘That this Synod request that the Archbishops’ Council establish a working group with members from each House of the General Synod to prepare the Church of England’s official response to the Government’s consultation on the reform of the House of Lords and that any such Church of England response should be tabled at General Synod in February 2012 for debate and approval.’

was moved.

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

40 The amendment (Item 40 Order Paper IV) fell.

16 The motion (as amended by Item 39) read:

‘That this Synod, welcoming both the Archbishops’ submission to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the draft Bill on House of Lords Reform and the extension of the Episcopal group on Lords Reform to include members of the other two Houses of Synod:

(a) invite the extended group to bring to the February 2013 group of sessions

(i) an assessment of the implications for the church and nation of any Bill to be brought forward by the Government,

(ii) recommendations for changes in custom and practice to accommodate any new requirements of the Church; and

(b) recognising the unpredictable nature of the passage of any such Bill through parliament, request that the extended group allow Synod members to contribute to published statements by alerting them in advance, by email where necessary, and inviting comments.’

DIVISION OF TEXT

Under Standing Order 23, the Chair, with the general consent of the Synod, divided the motion into two parts as follows:

Part A

‘That this Synod, welcoming both the Archbishops’ submission to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the draft Bill on House of Lords Reform and the extension of the Episcopal group on Lords Reform to include members of the other two Houses of Synod:

- (a) invite the extended group to bring to the February 2013 group of sessions
 - (i) an assessment of the implications for the church and nation of any Bill to be brought forward by the Government,
 - (ii) recommendations for changes in custom and practice to accommodate any new requirements of the Church.’

Part B

‘and

- (b) recognising the unpredictable nature of the passage of any such Bill through parliament, request that the extended group allow Synod members to contribute to published statements by alerting them in advance, by email where necessary, and inviting comments.’

Part A was put and carried.

Part B was put and lost.

The motion, as amended and carried following division, therefore read:

‘That this Synod, welcoming both the Archbishops’ submission to the Joint Parliamentary Committee on the draft Bill on House of Lords Reform and the extension of the Episcopal group on Lords Reform to include members of the other two Houses of Synod invite the extended group to bring to the February 2013 group of sessions

- (i) an assessment of the implications for the church and nation of any Bill to be brought forward by the Government,
- (ii) recommendations for changes in custom and practice to accommodate any new requirements of the Church.’

HEALTH CARE AND THE CHURCH'S MISSION: REPORT FROM THE MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GS 1857)

17 The motion

‘That this Synod, mindful of our Lord’s ministry of healing and his charge to his disciples to heal the sick in his name:

(a) affirm the ministry of all who promote health and wholeness in body, mind and spirit, and call upon Her Majesty’s Government to ensure that chaplaincy provision remains part of the core structure of a National Health Service committed to physical, mental and spiritual health;

(b) call upon Her Majesty’s Government to apply as the test to any proposed changes to the NHS whether they are best calculated to secure the provision throughout the country of effective and efficient healthcare services provided free at the point of delivery and according to clinical need;

(c) commend the work of mission agencies and the networks of the Anglican Communion in embodying the churches’ contribution to health and wholeness and promoting fairer sharing of health resources worldwide.’

was moved.

41 The amendment (Item 41 Order Paper IV) was lost.

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

17 The motion (as amended by Item 42)

‘That this Synod, mindful of our Lord’s ministry of healing and his charge to his disciples to heal the sick in his name:

(a) affirm the ministry of all who promote health and wholeness in body, mind and spirit, and, recognising in particular the role of chaplains in the NHS as an expression of the Church of England’s commitment to minister to all in the community, whether as patients or healthcare workers, call upon Her Majesty’s Government to ensure that chaplaincy provision remains part of the core structure of a National Health Service committed to physical, mental and spiritual health;

(b) call upon Her Majesty’s Government to apply as the test to any proposed changes to the NHS whether they are best calculated to secure the provision throughout the country of effective and efficient healthcare services provided free at the point of delivery and according to clinical need;

(c) commend the work of mission agencies and the networks of the Anglican Communion in embodying the churches’ contribution to health and wholeness and promoting fairer sharing of health resources worldwide.’

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

IN FAVOUR	208
AGAINST	0

One abstention was recorded.

FAREWELL

- 18 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Rt Revd John Hind (Bishop of Chichester) who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

PROROGATION

- 19 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 5.30 p.m.