

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2012
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Monday 6 February	2.15 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 7 February	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.
Wednesday 8 February	9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 9 February	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

SERVICES

Monday 6 February

10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in Church House Chapel
1.00 p.m.	Holy Communion in Church House Chapel

Tuesday 7 February

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in Church House Chapel
9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Assembly Hall
1.00 p.m.	Holy Communion in Church House Chapel
6.15 p.m.	Joint service with the United Reformed Church at Westminster Abbey

Wednesday 8 February

9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall
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Thursday 9 February

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in Church House Chapel
9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Assembly Hall

GENERAL NOTES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

Save where a special note is included in the Agenda, the following rules apply under the Standing Orders of the General Synod to notice of motions and amendments other than procedural motions:

1. The period of notice of new business has expired, save for urgent or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.
2. Except as indicated in paragraph 3 below, notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business, to liturgical business or to amendments of Standing Orders) must be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (Standing Orders 10(a), 11 and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the *first day of the group of sessions* (6 February) –
5.30 p.m. on 5 February

Business appointed for the *remaining days of the group of sessions*:

Business appointed for a morning sitting –

10 a.m. the day before;

Business appointed for an afternoon or evening sitting –

4 p.m. the day before.

Contingency business – **10 a.m. on Monday 6 February.**

3. Under Standing Order 11 the Business Committee has decided that notice of motions and amendments arising out of **item 501** (Report by the Business Committee on the Article 8 Reference) and **item 13** (Diocesan Synod Motions: Draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure) must be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod by **5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 1 February.**
4. Under Standing Order 10(a) and 26(a), such notice must be accompanied by evidence of support from two or more members of the Synod in addition to the member giving the notice. (This provision does *not* apply to amendments to legislative business, to liturgical business or to amendments of Standing Orders.)
5. Notice of amendments to legislative business, to liturgical business or to amendments of Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in this Agenda.
6. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)(i)).

7. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 105-106 must be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 25 January 2012** (SO 10(b)(i)), with an indication of whether an oral or written answer is required (SO 105(c)). **Members are reminded that, unless notice is given that an oral answer is required, it will be assumed that a written answer is required.**
8. Notice must be in writing signed by the member giving notice and delivered to the Clerk to the Synod either by hand or by post, fax or e-mail. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The e-mail address is:
 - in respect of Questions: **questions@churchofengland.org**
 - in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda: **amendments@churchofengland.org**
 - in respect of submissions to Revision Committees: **RevisionCommittee@churchofengland.org**
 - in respect of changes of address (including e-mail address): **synod.directory@churchofengland.org**
 - in respect of other matters: **colin.podmore@churchofengland.org**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

9. Business set out in the Timetable and the Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown there. If business set down for a particular day is completed before the next timed business is due to be called, the opportunity will be taken to complete business already partly considered at this group of sessions.

CONTINGENCY BUSINESS

10. If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda during this group of sessions, contingency business will be taken as follows:

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS (see pages 13-15)

Manifestation of Faith in Public Life **(GS 1859A and GS 1859B)**

Members are therefore asked to be ready for such an eventuality and to submit any amendments by **10 a.m. on Monday 6 February**. If this item is debated at the forthcoming group of sessions, it is likely to be at relatively short notice.

Monday 6 February 2012

2.15 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

LOYAL ADDRESS

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

3. '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.'
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REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1849)

The Ven. Julian Henderson, Archdeacon of Dorking (Guildford)
(Acting Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

4. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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DATES OF GROUPS OF SESSIONS IN 2014-15 (GS 1849)

The Ven. Julian Henderson, Archdeacon of Dorking (Guildford)
(Acting Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

5. 'That this Synod meet on the following dates in 2014-2015:
- 2014 Monday-Friday 10-14 February
Friday-Tuesday 11-15 July
Monday-Wednesday 17-19 November (contingency dates)
- 2015 Monday-Friday 9-13 February
Friday-Tuesday 10-14 July
Monday-Wednesday 23-25 November
(inaugural group of sessions).'
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**APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS TO THE ARCHBISHOPS'
COUNCIL (GS 1850)**

The Archbishop of York to move:

6. 'That the appointment of Mr Andrew Britton for a term ending on 30 September 2013 be approved.'
 7. Details of the motion to be moved under this item will be given in a Notice Paper.
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

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

Mrs Sarah Finch (London) to move:

8. '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.'
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9. QUESTIONS

TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2012

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 9-11) will be taken in so far as time allows:

- 505** Draft Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2012 (GS 1852) – *Order for Approval*
 - 503** Draft Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure (GS 1814A)
– *Draft Measure for Revision*
 - 504** Draft Diocese in Europe Measure (GS 1853)
– *Draft Measure for First Consideration*
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2.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m.

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

- 10.** Presentation under SO 97
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Items of legislative business appearing on the Agenda for the morning sitting will be taken at this point, if not completed previously.

Not later than 4.30 p.m.

ANGLICAN ALLIANCE FOR RELIEF, DEVELOPMENT AND ADVOCACY

- 11.** Presentation under SO 97 by Mrs Sally Keeble (Director of the Anglican Alliance for Relief, Development and Advocacy)

<p>A joint service with the United Reformed Church will be held at Westminster Abbey at 6.15 p.m.</p>
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WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2012

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED
IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL**

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHDEACONS (GS 1846A and GS 1846B)

The Bishop of Chichester to move on behalf of the Chichester Diocesan Synod:

12. '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".'
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Not later than 11.20 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following item (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 9-11) will be taken:

**DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND
ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1708B)
AND DRAFT AMENDING CANON No 30 (GS 1709B)**

ARTICLE 7 AND ARTICLE 8 BUSINESS

- 501 Report by the Business Committee on the Article 8 Reference (GS 1847)
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2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

The following item (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda IV – see pages 16-18) will be taken:

DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1854A, GS 1854B and GS 1854C)

The Ven. Cherry Vann, Archdeacon of Rochdale (Manchester) to move on behalf of the Manchester Diocesan Synod:

- 13.** ‘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”.’

Note: As explained in paragraphs 32-34 of the Report by the Business Committee on the Agenda (GS 1849), it is intended that an amendment will be moved to item 13, on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod, seeking to amend the motion so that it takes the form of the following Diocesan Synod Motion from the Diocese of Southwark:

‘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 not to exercise its power under Standing Order 60(b) to amend the draft Measure.’

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

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall (Manchester) (Chair of the Standing Orders Committee) to move:

- 14.** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

If item 14 is carried the motions for amendments to the Standing Orders contained in the First Notice Paper will be moved, in so far as they need to be debated. Any member wishing to move an amendment to any of those motions must give notice in accordance with SO 10(c) **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 6 February.**

THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2012

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

WORSHIP

LITURGICAL BUSINESS

ADDITIONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS

The following item (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda II – see page 12) will be taken:

- 600** Additional Eucharistic Prayers (GS 1822A)
– *Report of the Revision Committee (GS 1822Y)*
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following item (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 9-11) will be taken:

- 502** Draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women)
Measure and draft Amending Canon No 30 (GS 1708B and 1709B)
– *Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting*
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HIGHER EDUCATION FUNDING CHANGES (GS Misc 1008)

- 15.** Presentation under SO 97
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2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

REFORM OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS (GS 1856A and GS 1856B)

Professor Anthony Berry (Chester) to move:

- 16.** '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.'
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HEALTH CARE AND THE CHURCH'S MISSION: REPORT FROM THE MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GS 1857)

The Bishop of Bristol (Vice-Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council) to move:

- 17.** '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.'
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18. FAREWELL

19. PROROGATION

**DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1708B)
DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 30 (GS 1709B)**

Article 7 and Article 8 business

Report by the Business Committee on the Article 8 reference (GS 1847)

The Acting Chair of the Business Committee (the Ven. Julian Henderson (Archdeacon of Dorking) (Guildford)) to move:

501 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

**Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting
(Revised at the July 2010 group of sessions)**

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1708-9Z)

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Manchester) to move:

502 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

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DRAFT CLERGY DISCIPLINE (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1814A)

Draft Measure for Revision

(First Consideration at the February 2011 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1814Y)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (the Ven. Richard Atkinson (Archdeacon of Leicester) (Leicester)) to move:

503 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Notes:

1. *In the debate on item 503 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 54(c)).*
2. *When the debate is concluded on item 503, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).*
3. *Any member wishing to move an amendment pursuant to SO 56(a) must give notice to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 3 February 2012.***

DRAFT DIOCESE IN EUROPE MEASURE (GS 1853)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

504 'That the Measure entitled "Diocese in Europe Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note: If item 504 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee should send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach him **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 12 March 2012** (SO 53).

DRAFT PAROCHIAL FEES AND SCHEDULED MATTERS AMENDING ORDER 2012 (GS 1852)

Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

The Bishop of Ripon and Leeds to move:

- 505** 'That the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2012 be approved'.

Notes:

1. *The Archbishops' Council has laid the above Order (GS 1852) before the General Synod for approval pursuant to the 1986 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that the Order shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).*
3. *Amendments to the Order are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 3 February 2012.***

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

Notes:

1. *The Archbishops' Council has laid the above Order (GS 1858) before the General Synod for approval pursuant to the 2009 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 2009 Measure) that the Order does not need to be debated.*
3. *Any member who wishes to debate the Order under SO 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 6 February 2012.***
4. *Amendments to the Order are permissible. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 3 February 2012.***

ADDITIONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS (GS 1822A)

Article 7 Business

Consideration of a Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1822Y)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (the Bishop of Coventry) to move:

600 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Notes:

1. Notice of motions for re-committal under the provisions of Standing Order 77(a) must be given in writing to the Clerk to the Synod by **not later than 5.30 pm on Tuesday 7 February 2012** (Standing Order 10(c)). Any such motions will appear on a Notice Paper.
2. If no such motion is carried, the liturgical business will automatically stand committed to the House of Bishops under Standing Order 77(f).

REFORM OF THE HOUSE OF LORDS

Professor Anthony Berry (Chester) to move:

‘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.’

182 signatures

July 2011

INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON ASSISTED DYING

Mrs Sarah Finch (London) to move:

‘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.’

135 signatures

February 2011

MANIFESTATION OF FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE

The Revd Stephen Trott (Peterborough) to move:

‘That this Synod express its conviction that it is the calling of Christians to order and govern our lives in accordance with the teaching of Holy Scripture, and to manifest our faith in public life as well as in private, giving expression to our beliefs in the written and spoken word, and in practical acts of service to the local community and to the nation.’

117 signatures

February 2011

PALESTINE AND ISRAEL

Dr John Dinnen (Hereford) to move:

‘That this Synod affirm its support for:

- (a) The vital work of the World Council of Churches Ecumenical Accompaniment Programme in Palestine and Israel (EAPPI), encouraging parishioners to volunteer for the programme and asking churches and synods to make use of the experience of returning participants;
- (b) Mission and other aid agencies working amongst Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank and elsewhere in the region;

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- (c) Israelis and Palestinians in all organisations working for justice and peace in the area, such as the Parents Circle-Family Forum; and
- (d) Palestinian Christians and organisations that work to ensure their continuing presence in the Holy Land.

109 signatures

July 2011

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS (POWERS) MEASURE 1956

The Revd Christopher Hobbs (London) to move:

‘That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council to bring forward legislation to amend the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 so as to permit a PCC which is a registered charity to acquire and hold any interest in land and any interest in personal property to be held on permanent trusts, without any requirement for the interest to be vested in the diocesan authority.’

95 signatures

February 2011

LIVING WAGE

Mr John Freeman (Chester) to move:

‘That this Synod, recognising that the widening gap between rich and poor harms all of society and that paying a “Living Wage” lifts people out of poverty:

- (a) affirm the Christian values inherent in the concept of the “Living Wage”; and
- (b) strongly encourage all Church of England institutions to pay at least the “Living Wage”.’

87 signatures

July 2011

REVIEW OF SO 115

The Revd Prebendary Stephen Lynas (Bath and Wells) to move:

‘That this Synod, noting the Archbishops’ Council’s intention to review the provisions of SO 115 governing the appointment of the Chair of the Business Committee, request the Council to complete that review in time for the Standing Orders Committee to bring forward proposals for amendment by July 2012.’

July 2011

COMMITTEE FOR MINISTRY AMONGST DEAF AND DISABLED PEOPLE

The Ven. Cherry Vann, Archdeacon of Rochdale (Manchester) to move:

‘That this Synod, mindful of the Gospel imperative to include all people in the one Body of Christ, and particularly those who are marginalised,

- (a) affirm the valued place of deaf and disabled Christians,
- (b) welcome the unique gifts, insights and contributions that deaf and disabled people bring to the Church, and
- (c) in the light of the budget cut for CMDDP (the Archbishops’ Council’s Committee for Ministry Amongst Deaf and Disabled People) from £90K to £10K, call on the Archbishops’ Council, in preparing its next budget, to increase that provision to £40K, so that the work to encourage and strengthen the participation of Deaf people and people with disabilities in the life and witness of the Church may continue and develop in new and creative ways.’

February 2012

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

‘That the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 be rescinded.’

March 2003

ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE EPISCOPATE

to move on behalf of the Rochester Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod

- (a) note that it was resolved in July 2005 that the “process for removing the legal obstacles to the ordination of women to the episcopate should now be set in train”;
- (b) express its wish for suitable pastoral provision to be made for all those, whether clergy or laity, who are unable in conscience to accept this development;
- (c) is particularly aware of the difficulties faced by clergy opposed in conscience to the ordination of women bishops but who currently work, and will continue to do so, in parishes where the Parochial Church Council would otherwise welcome the sacramental ministry of women bishops.’

October 2007

APPOINTMENT OF ARCHDEACONS

The Bishop of Chichester to move on behalf of the Chichester Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request that Canon C22.1 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”.’

February 2011

VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES

to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod resolve that the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993 (as amended in 2003, 2007 and 2008) be amended so as to ensure that Vacancy in See Committees have at least 21 members.’

April 2011

NAME OF DIOCESES

to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council to introduce legislation to enable dioceses of the Church of England to be named by reference either to a city or substantial town or to a geographical area.’

[The Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Synod passed a motion in identical terms.]

June 2011

DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE

The Ven. Cherry Vann, Archdeacon of Rochdale (Manchester) to move on behalf of the Manchester Diocesan Synod:

‘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”.’

September 2011

[The Chichester, Wakefield and York Diocesan Synods passed a motion in identical terms]

DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE

to move on behalf of the Exeter Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod

1. desire that all faithful Anglicans remain and thrive together in the Church of England; and therefore
2. request 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 so as to incorporate the amendments proposed by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York at the General Synod group of sessions in July as follows:

“In clause 2(1) *leave out* the words ‘way of delegation to’ and after clause 2(1) *insert*:

‘(2) The episcopal ministry referred to in subsections (1), (3) and (5) shall be exercisable by virtue of this section and shall not divest the bishop of the diocese of his or her functions’.” ’

November 2011

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

‘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 not to exercise its power under Standing Order 60(b) to amend the draft Measure.’

November 2011

AMENDMENT TO CANON B 12 AND REGULATIONS

The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham to move on behalf of the Southwell and Nottingham Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request that Canon B 12 and the Regulations taking effect under it be amended so that:

- (a) the Holy Sacrament may be distributed by any authorized regular communicant (including children admitted to the Holy Communion under the Admission of Baptised Children to Holy Communion Regulations 2006);
- (b) if the diocesan bishop agrees, the necessary authorization may be given in relation to any parish by the incumbent, priest in charge or (during a vacancy) rural dean; and
- (c) no person shall be authorized to distribute the Holy Sacrament without the support of the parochial church council of the parish or, where the Holy Communion is celebrated in a school and the person concerned is a child, of the head teacher of the school.’

December 2011