

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

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Monday 19 November	2.15 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 20 November	9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 21 November	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

SERVICES

Monday 19 November

11.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
2.15 p.m.	Worship in the Assembly Hall

Tuesday 20 November

9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall
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Wednesday 21 November

8.30 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
9.30 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel

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. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to amendments of Standing Orders) must be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (SOs 10(a), 11 and 26(a)):

Business appointed for the *first day of the group of sessions* (19 November) –
5.30 p.m. on Sunday 18 November

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.

3. 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.)
4. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)(i)).
5. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 105-106 must be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 7 November 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.**
6. 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 other matters: **colin.podmore@churchofengland.org**

ORDER OF BUSINESS

7. 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 any business already partly considered at this group of sessions.

CONTINGENCY BUSINESS

8. 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:

47TH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1884)

Mr Geoffrey Tattersall (Manchester) to move:

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

If the motion that the Synod do take note of the report 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.

Members are therefore asked to be ready for such an eventuality.

Notes:

- (i) The Business Committee has determined under Standing Order 39(c) that all the proposed amendments to Standing Orders contained in items 15 to 19 of the First Notice Paper do not need to be debated.
- (ii) Under Standing Order 39(c) those amendments will accordingly be deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment unless either:
 - notice is given by **not less than 5 members by 5.30 p.m. on Monday 19 November** that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or
 - notice is given **by 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 15 November** of an amendment to any proposed amendment.

Monday 19 November 2012

2.15 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

WORSHIP

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1880)

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

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

ANGLICAN CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL MEETING

4. Presentation under SO 97.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following item (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 6-7) will be taken:

DRAFT ACT OF SYNOD ADOPTING THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT: REPORT ON THE REFERENCE TO DIOCESES

ARTICLE 7 AND ARTICLE 8 BUSINESS

504 Report by the Business Committee on the Article 8 Reference (GS 1878)

Not later than 5.00 p.m.

5. QUESTIONS

Tuesday 20 November 2012

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

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

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items of business (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 6-7) will be taken:

**DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND
ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE AND DRAFT AMENDING
CANON No. 30**

ARTICLE 7 AND ARTICLE 8 BUSINESS

- 501** Draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure (**GS 1708D**) – *Draft Measure for Final Approval (resumed debate)*
 - 502** Draft Amending Canon No. 30 (**GS 1709C**) – *Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval*
 - 503** Draft Petition for Her Majesty's Royal Assent and Licence (**GS 1709E**) – *for Adoption*
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2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Wednesday 21 November 2012

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION AMENDMENT TO CANON B12 AND REGULATIONS (GS 1881A AND GS 1881B)

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

6. '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.'
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PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION LIVING WAGE (GS 1882A AND GS 1882B)

Mr John Freeman (Chester) to move:

7. '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".'
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Not later than 12.30 p.m.

DATES OF GROUPS OF SESSIONS

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

8. 'That this Synod meet on the following dates in 2013:

5-9 July
18-20 November.'

2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

9. **FAREWELLS**

YOUTH UNEMPLOYMENT: REPORT BY THE MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GS 1883)

10. Presentation under SO 97.

Mr Philip Fletcher (ex officio) (Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council) to move:

11. 'That this Synod, mindful of the corrosive effect of unemployment on young people, their future prospects and social integration, and recognising that economic policy solutions alone cannot tackle the problems without strong networks and initiatives in the community at large:
- (a) encourage parishes and church groups to listen to the voices of unemployed young people, both locally and through reports such as "I Am One in a Million", and
 - (b) commend and encourage the multiplication of church and community initiatives which can provide training and other support to assist young people into work and help them manage the experience of unemployment without despair.'
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Not later than 4.30 p.m.

FAREWELL TO THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The Archbishop of York to move:

- 12.** 'That this Synod record its deep gratitude for the Archbishop of Canterbury's outstanding ministry to Church and Nation, and offer him and Mrs Williams its very best wishes for the future.'
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13. PROROGATION

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

**Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval
(Final Drafting at the February 2012 group of sessions; Final Approval debate on the draft Measure adjourned at the July 2012 group of sessions)**

Article 7 and Article 8 business

- 501** Resumed debate on item 501 in the agenda of the July 2012 group of sessions:

‘That the Measure entitled “Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure” be finally approved.’

(moved at the July 2012 group of sessions by *the Bishop of Manchester* (Chair of the Steering Committee)).

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

- 502** ‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 30” be finally approved.’

And, if item 502 is carried:

- 503** ‘That the petition for Her Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence (**GS 1709E**) be adopted.’

Notes:

1. *Debate on item 501 in the agenda of the July 2012 group of sessions was adjourned following the passing on 9th July 2012 of the resolution ‘That the debate be now adjourned to enable the new clause 5(1)(c) inserted by the House of Bishops into the draft Measure entitled “Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure” to be reconsidered by the House of Bishops’.*

2. *The report of the reconsideration by the House of Bishops of the new clause 5(1)(c) in accordance with the Synod resolution of 9th July 2012 can be found in GS 1708-09ZZZ.*

3. *Items 501 and 502 will not be carried unless they receive the assent of a majority in each House of the Synod of not less than two-thirds of those present and voting.*

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT ACT OF SYNOD ADOPTING THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

Article 7 and Article 8 business

Report by the Business Committee on the Article 8 reference (GS 1878)

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

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

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

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”.’

133 signatures

July 2011

PUBLIC DOCTRINE OF CHRISTIAN MARRIAGE

Mrs Andrea Minichiello Williams (Chichester) to move:

‘That this Synod affirm the public doctrine of Christian marriage, between a man and a woman, as set out in the Book of Common Prayer, as the only basis for engagement with public policy on marriage and family life.’

107 signatures

February 2012

REGISTRATION OF CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

Mr John Ward (London) to move:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) give its general consent, pursuant to regulation 2D of the Marriages and Civil Partnerships (Approved Premises) Regulations 2005, to any application made in respect of a church or chapel of the Church of England for approval as a place at which two people may register as civil partners of each other; and
- (b) require the Clerk to the Synod forthwith to publish evidence of this consent in writing.’

106 signatures

February 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

FORMATION FOR MINISTRY AND HIGHER EDUCATION VALIDATION

Mr Keith Malcouronne (Guildford) to move:

'That this Synod, whilst welcoming the objective of a system of training for ministry which is more effective in terms of both costs and outcomes, request the House of Bishops and the Ministry Council to:

- (a) ensure the continuance of a mixed ecology of training for ministry and that any proposals for a new curriculum are drawn up to embrace a wide variety of approaches to theological education, ways of teaching and flexibility concerning content;
- (b) avoid the vulnerability which would flow from having a single provider by making future arrangements with more than one provider of Higher Education validation; and
- (c) bring forward a further report, for debate by this Synod, before the proposals set out in GS Misc 1008 are implemented.'

84 signatures

February 2012

THE MODEL OF PERMANENCE TO WHICH MARRIAGE ASPIRES

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move:

'That this Synod believe that the aspiration to permanence, counting on grace, in a relationship of love is the defining mark of Christian marriage, and that an analogous aspiration to permanent relationships among people not constituted by nature for heterosexual marriage is equally dependent on grace (and the support of Christians), if such relationships are to conform to the model of true marriage that Jesus specifically taught.'

29 signatures

July 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

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

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

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

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

ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

... to move on behalf of the Chelmsford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
 - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England’s involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);

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- (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
- (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference. ’

March 2012

[The Bath and Wells, Lincoln, London, Manchester, Oxford and St Albans Diocesan Synods passed a motion in identical terms.]

ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

... to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason, all as set out in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the draft Anglican Communion Covenant;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
 - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England’s involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);
 - (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
 - (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference. ’

March 2012

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ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

... to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
 - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England’s involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks;
 - (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
 - (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference. ’

April 2012

NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND: NATIONAL DEBATE

... to move on behalf of the Wakefield Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod ask the House of Bishops to facilitate a theologically informed national debate about the organisational shape of the Church we are called on to be in order to best equip the parishes to serve the people of our land.’

July 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

REVIEW OF THE WORKINGS OF THE GENERAL SYNOD

... to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council and the Business Committee to set in motion a review of the workings of the Synod and to propose alternatives to the parliamentary model currently used, the review to include consideration of

- (a) the frequency and length of groups of sessions;
- (b) the ways in which debate takes place and decisions are made; and
- (c) whether, in the light of recent changes in the democratic structures of local government and other public bodies, the current synodical framework and representative structures are still fit for purpose.’

August 2012