

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2014
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Monday 10 February	2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Tuesday 11 February	9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.
Wednesday 12 February	9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

SERVICES

Monday 10 February	
1.00 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
2.00 p.m.	Worship in the Assembly Hall
Tuesday 11 February	
9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Assembly Hall
Wednesday 12 February	
8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
9.15 a.m.	Worship in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel

GENERAL NOTES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

1. 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:

NEW BUSINESS

2. The period of notice of new business **has expired**, save for urgent or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.

MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS ARISING OUT OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA

3. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business) 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 (Monday 10 February)

5.30 p.m. on Friday 7 February

Business appointed for the remaining days of the group of sessions

Business appointed for a *morning* sitting:

10.00 a.m. the day before

Business appointed for an *afternoon* or *evening* sitting:

4.00 p.m. the day before

Contingency business

10.00 a.m. on Monday 10 February

4. Under Standing Orders 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.)
5. Notice of amendments to legislative business must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in Special Agenda I.
6. Members' attention is drawn to the fact that the Business Committee has exercised its power under Standing Order 11 to determine that any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 56(a) to the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure, draft Amending Canon No 33 or the draft Act of Synod Rescinding the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 6 February 2014**.
7. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)(i)).
8. The email address in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda is:

amendments@churchofengland.org

QUESTIONS

9. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 105-106 must be delivered **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 29 January 2014** (SO 10(b)(i)), with an indication of whether an oral or written answer is required (SO 105(c)).
10. **Members are reminded that, unless notice is given that an *oral* answer is required, it will be assumed that a *written* answer is required.**
11. 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:

questions@churchofengland.org

ORDER OF BUSINESS

12. Business set out in the Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown. 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

13. 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:

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

MAGNA CARTA (GS 1945A AND GS 1945B)

Mr Keith Malcouronne (Guildford) to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) recognise the 800th Anniversary, on 15 June 2015, of the sealing of the Magna Carta at Runnymede as an important opportunity to celebrate the Charter’s principles – which established that the English Church and all our citizens shall live in freedom and have contributed to human flourishing in this country and around the world;
 - (b) urge dioceses, deaneries, parishes and other church bodies to affirm the significant part played by the Church through Archbishop Stephen Langton and the Bishops in the Charter’s formulation and implementation and warmly commend the continued engagement of the Church in transforming community at national, regional and local level – which might include projects such as food banks, debt relief, community kitchens and other ways of caring with Christ’s love for those in need or facing exploitation; and
 - (c) welcome with enthusiasm the events throughout 2015 already being organised by dioceses, deaneries, parishes and local authorities to mark the Magna Carta and encourage dioceses, deaneries, parishes and other church bodies to undertake further local initiatives around the Anniversary – which might include street parties, community fairs or pageants, and the ringing of Church and Cathedral bells.’
14. The deadline for motions or amendments arising out of this item of business is **10.00 a.m. on Monday 10 February** (SO 26(a)(ii)).

CONTACTS

15. Other contact email addresses are as follows:

for submissions to Revision Committees:

revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org

other matters:

jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org

MONDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2014

2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

WORSHIP

1 INTRODUCTIONS

2 PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1931)

The Revd Canon Sue Booy (Oxford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

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

DATES OF GROUPS OF SESSIONS IN 2016-2018

The Revd Canon Sue Booy (Oxford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

4 'That this Synod meet on the following dates in 2016-2018:

2016 Monday-Friday 15 -19 February
Friday-Tuesday 8 - 12 July
Monday-Wednesday 21 - 23 November (contingency dates)

2017 Monday-Friday 13 - 17 February
Friday-Tuesday 7 - 11 July
Monday-Wednesday 20-22 November (contingency dates).

2018 Monday-Friday 5 - 9 February
Friday-Tuesday 6 - 10 July
Monday-Wednesday 19 - 21 November (contingency dates).'

ETHICAL INVESTMENT

5 Presentation under SO 97 on behalf of the Ethical Investment Advisory Group.

GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE: REPORT BY THE MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GS 1933)

6 Presentation under SO 97.

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

- 7** 'That this Synod, believing that all people are made in the image of God and that all forms of violence based on gender represent a defilement of that image:
- (a) affirm work already undertaken in dioceses, deaneries, parishes and Church of England schools in raising awareness and caring for survivors of gender-based violence in all our diverse communities;
 - (b) support measures to bring perpetrators to account and provide support for changed lifestyles;
 - (c) encourage boys and men to stand against gender-based violence; and
 - (d) commend Anglican Consultative Council Resolution 15:7 on preventing and eliminating gender-based violence to dioceses, deaneries and parishes and urge them to seek practical approaches to its implementation.'

Not later than 5.15 p.m.

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Not later than 5.30 p.m.

8 **QUESTIONS**

TUESDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2014

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE

DRAFT DECLARATION ON THE MINISTRY OF BISHOPS AND PRIESTS AND DRAFT RESOLUTION OF DISPUTES PROCEDURE REGULATIONS (GS 1932)

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

- 9** 'That this Synod welcome the draft House of Bishops' Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests and the draft Resolution of Disputes Procedure Regulations as set out in GS 1932.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items of business (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 7-9) will be taken:

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

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 33

Article 7 and Article 8 Business

Draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure **(GS 1925A)** and draft Amending Canon No. 33 **(GS 1926A)** – *Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Revision*

2.30 p.m. to 7.15 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.

DRAFT ACT OF SYNOD RESCINDING THE EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD 1993

Article 7 Business

- 500 Draft Act of Synod Rescinding the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 (GS 1934) – *Draft Act of Synod for Consideration*
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WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE: ARTICLE 8 REFERENCE TO THE DIOCESES MOTION TO SUSPEND SO 90(b)(iii)

The Revd Canon Sue Booy (Oxford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

- 10 'That paragraph (b)(iii) of Standing Order 90 be suspended until the end of the group of sessions to be held in November 2014.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 7-9) will be taken:

- 501 Draft Church of England (Naming of Dioceses) Measure (GS 1935) – *Draft Measure for First Consideration*
- 502-3 Draft Church of England (Pensions) (Amendment) Measure (GS 1936) – *Draft Measure for First Consideration*
- 504 Draft Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2014 (GS 1937) – *Draft Order for approval*
- 506 Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2014 (GS 1938) – *Order for approval*

Any items of legislative business from Special Agenda I proposed to be dealt with under the Procedure for Deeming will be taken at this point if a debate is required.

- 505 The Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution (GS 1940) – *Resolution for approval*
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WORSHIP

WEDNESDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2014

8.00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

WORSHIP

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 11 The Archbishop of Canterbury will give a Presidential Address.
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SAFEGUARDING: PROPOSALS FOR LEGISLATIVE CHANGE IN RESPONSE TO THE REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOP'S CHICHESTER VISITATION (GS 1941)

The Bishop of Durham (Co-Chair of the Joint (Church of England / Methodist Church) Safeguarding Liaison Group) to move:

- 12 'That this Synod request that draft legislation be brought forward to give effect to the proposals for legislative change set out in GS 1941.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Items of legislative business appearing on the Agenda for the Tuesday afternoon sitting (see page 4) will be taken at this point, if not completed previously.

Not later than 11.45 a.m.

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (GS 1942A AND GS 1942B)

The Revd Canon Giles Goddard (Southwark) to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

- 13 'That this Synod:
- (a) recognising the damage being done to the planet through the burning of fossil fuels;
 - (b) aware of the huge reserves held by gas, oil and coal extraction industries;
 - (c) committing itself to taking seriously our Christian responsibility to care for the planet ("the earth is the Lord's");
 - (d) acknowledging the financial responsibilities of the Church's national Investing bodies; and

- (e) noting that a review of recommended ethical investment policy with regard to climate change has been begun by the Church of England Ethical Investment Advisory Group ('EIAG')
- (i) call upon the national investing bodies to ensure that their investment policy (including the option of disinvestment) is aligned with the theological, moral and social priorities of the Church which find expression in the reports "Sharing God's Planet" and "Church and Earth 2009-2016" and in the "Shrinking the Footprint" campaign;
 - (ii) call upon the EIAG to publish the report of its review by the end of 2014; and
 - (iii) agree to the establishment of a General Synod Working Group on the Environment, to monitor this and other environmental issues.'
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2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

**PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION
GIRL GUIDES' PROMISE (GS 1943A AND GS 1943B)**

Mrs Alison Ruoff (London) to move:

- 14** 'That this Synod believe that girls of all ages in the Girlguiding Movement should not suffer discrimination but be able to continue to promise to love God when enrolled rather than making a wholly secular promise.'
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**PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION
CANON B 8 (GS 1944A AND GS 1944B)**

The Revd Christopher Hobbs (London) to move:

- 15** 'That this Synod call on the Business Committee to introduce draft legislation to amend the law relating to the vesture of ministers so that, without altering the principles set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Canon B 8, the wearing of the forms of vesture referred to in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of that Canon becomes optional rather than mandatory.'
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Not later than 4.15 p.m.

**HUMAN SEXUALITY: REPORT FROM THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS'
WORKING GROUP (GS 1929) AND NEXT STEPS**

- 16** Presentation under SO 97.
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17 FAREWELLS

18 PROROGATION

SPECIAL AGENDA I

DRAFT BISHOPS AND PRIESTS (CONSECRATION AND ORDINATION OF WOMEN) MEASURE (GS 1925A)

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 33 (GS 1926A)

**Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Revision
(First Consideration at the November 2013 group of sessions)**

Article 7 and Article 8 business

Notes:

1. *The Synod will consider the draft Measure and the draft Amending Canon clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).*
2. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 11 that any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 56(a) to either the draft Measure or the draft Amending Canon must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod **not later than 5.30 p.m. on 6 February 2014.***

DRAFT ACT OF SYNOD RESCINDING THE EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD 1993 (GS 1934)

Article 7 business

Draft Act of Synod for consideration

The Chair of the Steering Committee (The Bishop of Rochester) (the Rt Reverend James Langstaff) to move:

- 500** 'That the draft Act of Synod rescinding the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 be considered.'

Notes:

1. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 68(a) that the draft Act of Synod shall be considered on the Preliminary Motion Procedure under SO 71(a).*
2. *Amendments to the draft Act of Synod 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 6 February 2014.***

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (NAMING OF DIOCESES) MEASURE (GS 1935)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move:

- 501** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England (Naming of Dioceses) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

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Note: *If item 501 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 her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 17 March 2014** (SO 53).*

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (PENSIONS) (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1936)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

A member of the Steering Committee to move with the consent of the Business Committee:

- 502** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England (Pensions) (Amendment) Measure" be considered for revision in Full Synod.'

If item 502 is not carried, a member of the Steering Committee to move:

- 503** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England (Pensions) (Amendment) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

Note: *If item 503 is carried, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on 17 March 2014** (SO 53).*

DRAFT PAROCHIAL FEES AND SCHEDULED MATTERS AMENDING ORDER 2014 (GS 1937)

Draft Order for approval

The Bishop of Manchester (Chair of the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee) to move:

- 504** 'That the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2014 be approved.'

Notes:

1. *The Archbishops' Council has laid the above draft Order (GS 1937) before the General Synod for approval under section 2 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 68(a) that the draft Order shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 70(a).*
3. *Amendments to the draft 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 7 February 2014.***

SPECIAL AGENDA I

THE CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION 2014 (GS 1940)

Resolution made under section 7 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969

The Revd Canon Robert Cotton (Guildford) to move:

505 'That the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution be approved.'

Notes:

1. *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).*
2. *Amendments to the Resolution 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 7 February 2014.***

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2014 (GS 1938)

Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

Canon Elizabeth Renshaw (Chester) to move:

506 'That the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2014 be approved.'

Notes:

1. *The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the above Order (GS 1938) before the General Synod for approval under section 5 of 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 not permissible.*

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) (AMENDMENT) ORDER 2014 (GS 1939)

Order made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986

Notes:

1. *The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the above Order (GS 1939) before the General Synod for approval under section 5 of the 1986 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the 1986 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 10 February 2014.***
4. *Amendments to the Order are not permissible.*

SPECIAL AGENDA III

Note: This is the current list of Private Members' Motions received with a note of signatures received by 27 November 2013

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.'

135 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.'

130 signatures

February 2012

CANON B 8

The Revd Christopher Hobbs (London) to move:

'That this Synod call on the Business Committee to introduce draft legislation to amend the law relating to the vesture of ministers so that, without altering the principles set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 of Canon B 8, the wearing of the forms of vesture referred to in paragraphs 3, 4 and 5 of that Canon becomes optional rather than mandatory.'

118 signatures

November 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA III

BISHOPS IN CIVIL PARTNERSHIPS

The Revd Dr Robert Munro (Chester) to move:

'That this Synod call on the House of Bishops to re-instate the moratorium on the consecration as bishops of clergy in civil partnerships and, having done so, to seek the approval of the General Synod before it is lifted again.'

88 signatures

March 2013

UNSAFE FOOD AND POST-2015 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

The Revd Canon Richard Hibbert (St Albans) to move:

'That this Synod:

- (a) note the serious public health implications of chronic aflatoxin exposure, which affects an estimated 4.5 billion people living in developing countries, is responsible for over a quarter of the world's liver cancer and contributes to childhood stunting and immunosuppressive disorders;
- (b) acknowledge the economic impact of aflatoxin contamination on smallholder farmers in developing countries, both in terms of long-term health problems and export losses due to unsafe levels of the toxin; and
- (c) call on Her Majesty's Government to ensure the issue is addressed in the post-2015 Sustainable Development Goals through funding for household, private sector and national crop drying, storage and primary processing to improve food safety and food security.'

51 signatures

April 2013

RE-EVANGELISATION OF ENGLAND

The Revd Stephen Trott (Peterborough) to move:

'That this Synod wish to make the re-evangelisation of England an urgent priority and to that end call for a new Mission and Growth Measure to enable the Church Commissioners to promote the planting of new churches and the resourcing of existing churches for their calling both to serve the nation and to advance the Great Commission in Matthew 28.18-20.'

33 signatures

July 2013

SPECIAL AGENDA III

GIRL GUIDES' PROMISE

Mrs Alison Ruoff (London) to move:

'That this Synod believe that girls of all ages in the Girlguiding Movement should not suffer discrimination but be able to continue to promise to love God when enrolled rather than making a wholly secular promise.'

131 signatures

November 2013

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

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

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);
 - (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, Newcastle, Oxford St Albans and Worcester 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;

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- (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
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March 2012

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

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April 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

NATURE AND STRUCTURE OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND – NATIONAL DEBATE

Mrs Mary Judkins (Wakefield) 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

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

The Revd Canon Giles Goddard (Southwark) to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) recognising the damage being done to the planet through the burning of fossil fuels;
- (b) aware of the huge reserves held by gas, oil and coal extraction industries;
- (c) committing itself to taking seriously our Christian responsibility to care for the planet ('the earth is the Lord's');
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 - (ii) call upon the EIAG to publish the report of its review by the end of 2014; and
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July 2013

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

MAGNA CARTA

Mr Keith Malcouronne (Guildford) to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod

- (d) recognise the 800th Anniversary, on 15 June 2015, of the sealing of the Magna Carta at Runnymede as an important opportunity to celebrate the Charter's principles – which established that the English Church and all our citizens shall live in freedom and have contributed to human flourishing in this country and around the world;
- (e) urge dioceses, deaneries, parishes and other church bodies to affirm the significant part played by the Church through Archbishop Stephen Langton and the Bishops in the Charter's formulation and implementation and warmly commend the continued engagement of the Church in transforming community at national, regional and local level – which might include projects such as food banks, debt relief, community kitchens and other ways of caring with Christ's love for those in need;
- (f) welcome with enthusiasm the events throughout 2015 already being organised by dioceses, deaneries, parishes and local authorities to mark the Magna Carta and encourage dioceses, deaneries, parishes and other church bodies to undertake further local initiatives around the Anniversary – which might include street parties, community fairs or pageants, and the ringing of Church and Cathedral bells;

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