

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2012 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6.15 P.M.
ON FRIDAY 6TH JULY 2012

PRAYERS

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK opened the Synod with prayers.

INTRODUCTIONS

1 The following introductions were made:

New members

The Rt Revd Dr Martin Warner, Bishop of Chichester (who has succeeded Bishop John Hind)

The Very Revd Peter Bradley, Dean of Sheffield (who has succeeded the Very Revd Dr David Ison)

Canon Phillip Blinkhorn (Manchester) (who has succeeded Mrs Christine Sandiford)

The Revd Martin Gorick (Coventry) (who has succeeded the Revd Dr Mark Beach)

The Revd Clive Leach (Portsmouth) (who has succeeded the Revd Philip Cochrane)

Col Peter McAllister (Forces Synodical Council) (who has succeeded Major-Gen. Patrick Marriott)

The Revd John Plant (Leicester) (who has succeeded the Ven Richard Atkinson)

The Revd Canon John Wynburne (Oxford) (who has succeeded the Revd Moira Astin).

WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK welcomed the following Anglican and ecumenical guests:

The Most Revd Dr Kari Mäkinen (Archbishop of Turku and Finland)

The Revd Dr Jukka Keskitalo (Chancellor (Secretary General) of the Church Council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland)

Dr Hans Ulrich Anke (President of the Church Office of the Evangelical Church in Germany)

The Ven Dr William Strange (Archdeacon of Cardigan, Church in Wales)

2 At the invitation of the Presidents, the Most Revd Dr Kari Mäkinen, Archbishop of Turku and Finland addressed the Synod under Standing Order 112.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK reported that the Convocations of Canterbury and York and the House of Laity had approved both the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure and draft Amending Canon No.30.

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

3 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK reported that:

the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 had come into force on 1st July 2012;

the Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure remained committed to the Ecclesiastical Committee of Parliament, which had communicated to the Legislative Committee a draft report recording that it had found the Measure to be expedient;

the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012 had been laid before Parliament and had come into force on 1st July 2012; and

the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2012 had been laid before Parliament and would come into force on 1st January 2013.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1864)

4 The motion

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

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.15 p.m.

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WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND YOUTH COUNCIL OBSERVERS

The observers from the Church of England Youth Council sitting in the public gallery were welcomed by the Synod.

QUESTIONS

5 Questions 1 to 47, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2012 (GS 1868)
ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER
2012 (GS 1869)

Under Standing Order 69, the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2012 and the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2012 were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have these Orders debated.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK led the Synod in prayer at 10.00 p.m.

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WORLD-SHAPED MISSION (GS 1865)

6 The motion

‘That this Synod, recognizing the Church of England’s historic and continuing participation in world mission as essential to our identity as members of the universal Church

- (a) welcome the report entitled *World-Shaped Mission* and commend it to the dioceses, deaneries and parishes of the Church of England for further study;
- (b) affirm the ongoing role of the Mission Agencies in resourcing the mission of the Church of England at home and overseas;
- (c) affirm the continuing growth, through the Diocesan Companion Links, in the relationships between the Church of England and the Provinces of the Anglican Communion; and
- (d) encourage the building of continuing partnership between all involved in Church of England world mission and development relationships.’

was moved.

26 The amendment (Item 26 Order Paper II) was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	195
AGAINST	120

15 abstentions were recorded.

27 The amendment (Item 27 Order Paper II) was carried.

28 The amendment (Item 28 Order Paper II) was lost.

6 The motion (as amended by Items 26 and 27)

‘That this Synod, recognizing the Church of England’s historic and continuing participation in world mission as essential to our identity as members of the universal Church

- (a) welcome the report entitled *World-Shaped Mission* and commend it to the dioceses, deaneries and parishes of the Church of England for further study;
- (b) affirm the ongoing role of the Mission Agencies in resourcing the mission of the Church of England at home and overseas;
- (c) affirm the continuing growth, whether through the Diocesan Companion Links, initiatives by parishes or otherwise, in the relationships between the Church of England, the Provinces of the Anglican Communion and the world Church; and
- (d) encourage the building of continuing partnership between all involved in Church of England world mission and development relationships.’

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.00 p.m.

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SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revision February 2012)

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1814Z)

504 The motion

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

was carried.

Clause 1

510 The special amendment (Item 510 Order Paper II) was carried.

Clause 4

511 The special amendment (Item 511 Order Paper II) was carried.

505 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure” (as amended) be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	22	0
Clergy	90	0
Laity	100	2

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, none in the House of Clergy and one in the House of Laity.

The Chair reported that the Measure stood automatically committed to the Legislative Committee.

DRAFT DIOCESE IN EUROPE MEASURE (GS 1853A)

Draft Measure for Revision and Final Approval (First Consideration February 2012)

With the permission of the Chair clauses 1 to 3 were taken en bloc under Standing Order 55(c).

Clauses 1 – 3

512 The motion

‘That clauses 1 – 3 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Long Title

513 The motion

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

was carried.

Final Approval

506 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Diocese in Europe Measure” be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	22	0
Clergy	86	1
Laity	105	1

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

The Chair reported that the Measure stood automatically committed to the Legislative Committee.

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE
(GS 1866)**

Draft Measure for First Consideration

507 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) 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 Friday, 10th August 2012.

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 31 (GS 1877)

Draft Amending Canon for First Consideration

508 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 31” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that draft Amending Canon No. 31 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 Friday, 10th August 2012.

THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSION SCHEME (AMENDMENT) RULES 2012 (GS 1867)

Rules made under the Pensions Measure 1997 for Approval

509 The motion

‘That the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme (Amendment) Rules 2012 be approved.’

was carried.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS’ ANNUAL REPORT

7 Under Standing Order 97, the First Church Estates Commissioner (Mr Andreas Whittam Smith) gave a presentation, after which Mr Whittam Smith and Mr Timothy Walker (the Third Church Estates Commissioner) answered questions.

SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS (POWERS) MEASURE 1956 (GS 1876A and GS 1876B)

The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

Under Standing Order 14(f), the Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.15 p.m.

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ON SATURDAY 7TH JULY 2012

FRESH EXPRESSIONS AND CHURCH GROWTH: REPORT FROM THE MISSION AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COUNCIL (GS 1870), to which is appended FRESH EXPRESSIONS IN THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH (GS 1871)

8 The motion

‘That this Synod, recognizing fresh expressions as authentic manifestations of Anglican ecclesiology:

- (a) express gratitude to the Fresh Expressions team for its leadership, inspiration and effectiveness as catalyst to over 1,000 fresh expressions within the Church of England, and many more ecumenically;
- (b) affirm the mixed economy of church as an enduring model for ministry and mission into the future;
- (c) call upon the Archbishops’ Council and House of Bishops to ensure that the report *Fresh Expressions in the Mission of the Church* and its recommendations are incorporated into the programme “re-imagine ministry” and are reflected in the future work of the Ministry Division, the Mission and Public Affairs Council and other National Church Institutions; and
- (d) request the Archbishops’ Council to report to the Synod before July 2014 on how the Fresh Expressions team’s legacy is to be secured within the life of the Church.’

was moved.

29 The amendment (Item 29 Order Paper III) was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	201
AGAINST	112

Fourteen abstentions were recorded.

8 The motion (as amended by Item 29)

‘That this Synod, recognizing fresh expressions as authentic manifestations of Anglican ecclesiology:

- (a) express gratitude to the Fresh Expressions team for its leadership, inspiration and effectiveness as catalyst to over 1,000 fresh expressions within the Church of England, and many more ecumenically;
- (b) affirm the mixed economy of church as an enduring model for ministry and mission into the future;
- (c) affirm that radical social action and comment are essential elements of the Biblical witness and Christian tradition, and therefore of any ecclesiology;
- (d) call upon the Archbishops' Council and House of Bishops to ensure that the report *Fresh Expressions in the Mission of the Church* and its recommendations are incorporated into the programme "re-imagine ministry" and are reflected in the future work of the Ministry Division, the Mission and Public Affairs Council and other National Church Institutions; and
- (e) request the Archbishops' Council to report to the Synod before July 2014 on how the Fresh Expressions team's legacy is to be secured within the life of the Church.'

was carried.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 9.56 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 6.05 P.M.
ON SUNDAY 8TH JULY 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA II
LITURGICAL BUSINESS
ADDITIONAL EUCHARISTIC PRAYERS (GS 1822B)
Drafts for Final Approval

(Article 7 Business)

The Chairman reported, on behalf of the Presidents, Prolocutors and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the House of Laity that the requirements of Article 7 in relation to this item of business had been complied with.

600 The motion

‘That the liturgical business entitled “Additional Eucharistic Prayers” be finally approved for a period from 1 September 2012 until further Resolution of the Synod.’

was carried after a division by Houses, a majority of not less than two thirds of those present and voting in each House being required. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	26	0
Clergy	110	0
Laity	95	5

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, none in the House of Clergy and three in the House of Laity.

The Chair reported that the Liturgical Business entitled “Additional Eucharistic Prayers” was authorised for liturgical use from 1st September 2012, until further Resolution of the Synod.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL (GS 1862)

9 Under Standing Order 97, Canon Robert Cotton gave a presentation, after which Mr Cotton, Mr Andrew Britton, Mrs Mary Chapman, Mr Philip Fletcher and the Bishop of Sheffield answered questions.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS
THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL’S DRAFT BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT FOR 2013 (GS 1872)

10 The motion

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

was carried.

VOTE FOR TRAINING FOR MINISTRY

11 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2013, as shown in its budget, of £12,559,340 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of training for ministry.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR NATIONAL SUPPORT

12 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2013, as shown in its budget, of £10,636,428 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of national support.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR GRANTS AND PROVISIONS

13 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2013, as shown in its budget, of £1,284,774 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of grants and provisions.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR MISSION AGENCIES’ CLERGY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

14 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2013, as shown in its budget, of £644,986 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of mission agencies’ clergy pension contributions.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR CHARM

15 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2013, as shown in its budget, of £3,765,615 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of the CHARM scheme.’

was carried.

APPORTIONMENT

16 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 1872) for the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2013.’

was carried.

POOLING ADJUSTMENT

17 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 1872) for the pooling adjustment for 2013 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.’

was carried.

TESTING THE BRIDGES: UNDERSTANDING THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH AMIDST RIOTS, DISTURBANCES AND DISORDER (GS 1873)

18 The motion

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

was carried.

30 The motion (Order Paper IV)

‘That this Synod, recognizing the importance of the experience of good work in preventing young people from becoming alienated from wider society, and noting the exploitation which has occurred in some unpaid work schemes within the “for profit” sector, call on Her Majesty’s Government to work more constructively with the voluntary sector to harness the energy and creativity of

unemployed young people by offering non-exploitative work experience which simultaneously benefits both the young people themselves and the communities in which they live.’

was moved.

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned.’

was carried.

Under Standing Order 14(g), the Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.05 p.m.

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ON SUNDAY 8TH JULY 2012

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS
MANIFESTATION OF FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE (GS 1859A and GS 1859B)

19 The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

31 The amendment (Item 31 Order Paper IV) was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	134
AGAINST	187

Eleven abstentions were recorded.

32 The amendment (Item 32 Order Paper IV) was lost.

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business.’

was moved.

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

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business.’

was lost.

19 The motion

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

IN FAVOUR	263
AGAINST	25

Fifty two abstentions were recorded.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK led the Synod in prayer and the sitting concluded at 10.10 p.m.

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ON MONDAY 9TH JULY 2012

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Sr Rosemary CHN led the Synod in prayer.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval (Final Drafting February 2012)

(Article 7 and 8 Business)

The Chairman reported, on behalf of the Presidents, Prolocutors and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the House of Laity that the requirements of Article 7 and Article 8 in relation to this item of business had been complied with.

501 The motion

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

was moved.

514 The motion

‘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.’

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

IN FAVOUR	288
AGAINST	144

Fifteen abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the draft Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure stood referred to the House of Bishops.

502 The motion

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

was not moved.

503 The motion

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

was not moved.

Under Standing Order 14(g), the Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.15 p.m. The sitting was resumed at 12.35 p.m.

ALTERATION OF THE TIME OF THE SITTING

Under Standing Order 2(d)(i), the Presidents altered the time at which the Monday afternoon sitting would begin from 2.30 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i), the order of business for the sitting on Monday afternoon was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that the business of the Monday afternoon sitting would comprise Items 20, 22 and 23, the adjourned Private Member’s Motion moved by the Revd Christopher Hobbs and Items 21 and 25, in that order. It was reported that Item 24 would not be moved at this group of sessions.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.40 p.m.

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Representatives of the Board of Deputies of British Jews sitting in the public gallery were welcomed by the Synod.

THE CHURCH SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE

- 20 Under Standing Order 97, the Bishop of Oxford gave a presentation and answered questions with the Revd Janina Ainsworth, Chief Education Officer and Head of the Archbishops' Council's Education Division.

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS
PALESTINE AND ISRAEL (GS 1874A and GS 1874B)

- 22 The motion

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

was moved.

The amendment (Sixth Notice Paper)

Leave out paragraph (a) and *insert* –

“the vital work of those people who volunteer in Palestine and Israel to promote peace, dialogue and the welfare of Palestinians and Israelis, encouraging Churches and Synods to make use of their experiences;”

was lost.

The amendment (Sixth Notice Paper)

In paragraph (c), *leave out* “, such as the Parents Circle – Families Forum”.

was not moved.

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business.’

was lost.

22 The motion

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- (b) mission and other aid agencies working amongst Palestinians in Gaza, the West Bank and elsewhere in the region;
- (c) Israelis and Palestinians in all organisations working for justice and peace in the area, such as the Parents Circle – Families Forum; and
- (d) Palestinian Christians and organisations that work to ensure their continuing presence in the Holy Land.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	21	3
Clergy	89	21
Laity	91	30

Fourteen abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, forty four in the House of Clergy and thirty five in the House of Laity.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS
VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (GS 1875A and GS 1875B)**

23 The motion

‘That the 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.’

was moved.

The motion

‘That the Synod do pass to the Next Business.’

was lost.

23 The motion

‘That the 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.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS
PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS (POWERS) MEASURE 1956 (GS 1876A and GS 1876B)**

(Resumed debate)

The motion

‘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.’

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

IN FAVOUR	137
AGAINST	122

Sixteen abstentions were recorded.

FAREWELLS

21 The Clerk to the Synod paid tribute to Mrs Margaret Stevenson who had been a stenographer for the General Synod for 29 years, and who was retiring shortly.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the Rt Reverend Martyn Jarrett (Bishop of Beverley) and the Rt Reverend Nicholas Reade (Bishop of Blackburn) who were attending their last meeting of the Synod.

PROROGATION

25 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK prorogued the Synod at 6.15 p.m.