

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2013 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6.12 P.M.
ON FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2013

WORSHIP

The Archdeacon of Rochdale and led the Synod in an act of worship.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

1 The following introductions were made:

New members

The Rt Revd Jonathan Meyrick, Bishop of Lynn (Southern Suffragans)
(who had succeeded the Rt Revd David Rossdale)

The Very Revd David Ison (Deans) (who had succeeded the Very Revd
Vivienne Faull)

Mr Andrew Mackie (Third Church Estates Commissioner) (Ex-officio)
(who had succeeded Timothy Walker)

The Revd Canon Wealands Bell (Lichfield) (who had succeeded the Revd
Paul Farthing)

Canon Michael Chew (Blackburn) (who had succeeded Professor Helen
Leathard)

The Revd Ernest Chitham (Chichester) (who had succeeded the Revd
Stephen France)

The Archdeacon of the Meon, the Ven Gavin Collins (Portsmouth) (who
had succeeded the Revd Tim Jessiman)

The Revd Ruth Crossly (Carlisle) (who had succeeded the Revd Simon
Austen)

The Revd Charlotte Gale (Coventry) (who had succeeded the Revd
Martin Gorick)

The Revd Canon Dr Tudor Griffiths (Gloucester) (who had succeeded the
Revd Dr Sandra Millar)

The Revd Ruth Hind (Ripon & Leeds) (who had succeeded the Revd
Janet Kearton)

The Revd Karen Hutchinson (Guildford) (who had succeeded the Revd Canon Barbara Messham)
The Revd Canon Richard Mitchell (Gloucester) (who had succeeded the Revd Canon John Witcombe)
The Revd Malcolm Rogers (Liverpool) (who had succeeded the Revd Dr Timothy Stratford)
The Revd Steven Saxby (Chelmsford) (who had succeeded the Revd Dr Timothy Bull)
The Archdeacon of Craven, the Ven Paul Slater (Bradford) (who had succeeded the Revd Canon Samuel Randall)
The Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor (Derby) (who had succeeded the Revd Canon Jackie Searle)
The Revd Rowan Clare Williams (York) (who had succeeded the Revd Canon Glyn Webster)
The Ven Ian Wheatley QHC RN (Forces Synodical Council) (who had succeeded the Ven Martin Poll)

Representatives of the Church of England Youth Council

Miss Heather Pritchard (newly elected)
Mr Samuel Magorrian (newly elected)
Miss Charlotte Cook (re-elected)

The Rt Revd Mark Bryant (Bishop of Jarrow), acting for the Bishop of Durham during the vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Chris Edmondson (Bishop of Bolton) acting for the Bishop of Manchester during the vacancy in See, and the Rt Revd Peter Maurice (Bishop of Taunton) acting for the Bishop of Bath and Wells during the vacancy in See, were also welcomed by the Synod.

PRESENTATION

- 2 The Archdeacon of Rochdale, the Ven. Cherry Vann was presented to the Archbishops following her election as Prolocutor of the Convocation of York.

WELCOME TO ANGLICAN AND ECUMENICAL GUESTS

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

The Rt Revd Trevor Williams (Bishop of Limerick and Killaloe)
The Rt Revd Kristján Valur Ingólfsson (Assistant Bishop in Skálholt)

New ecumenical representatives

The Very Revd David Arnott (Church of Scotland)
The Very Revd Archimandrite Vassilios Papavassiliou (Orthodox Churches).

At the invitation of the Presidents, the Assistant Bishop in Skálholt addressed the Synod under Standing Order 112.

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

4 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK reported that:

the Church of England Marriage (Amendment) Measure had received the Royal Assent. Sections 2 and 3 of the Measure had come into force on the day it was passed (i.e. 19th December 2012) and section 1 of the Measure had come into force on 1st June 2013;

the Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure had received the Royal Assent. Section 9(1) of the Measure came into force on 1st July 2013, so far as it relates to the provisions in paragraph 10 of the Schedule, and its remaining provisions would come into force on a date or dates to be appointed;

the Diocese in Europe Measure had also received the Royal Assent. Sections 2 and 3 of the Measure would come into force on 1st July 2013 and section 1 would come into force on 1st January 2014;

the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2012, the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2012 and the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order had all come into force on 1st January 2013.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1889)

5 The motion

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

was carried.

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

Clerk to the Synod (GS 1890)

6 The motion

‘That the appointment of Dr Jacqui Philips as Clerk to the Synod be confirmed with immediate effect’

was carried.

Chair of the Appointments Committee (GS 1891)

7 The motion

‘That the appointment of Canon Margaret Swinson as Chair of the Appointments Committee from 5 July 2013 to 30 June 2018 be confirmed’

was carried.

Chair of the Finance Committee of the Archbishops’ Council (GS 1892)

8 The motion

‘That the appointment of Canon John Spence as a member of the Archbishops’ Council from 1 October 2013 until 30 September 2018 be approved’

was carried.

The Synod congratulated Canon Spence on the award of a CBE in the recent Birthday Honours List.

Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board (GS 1893)

9 The motion

‘That the appointment of Dr Jonathan Spencer as Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board from 1 January 2014 to 31 December 2018 be approved’

was carried.

Appointment of the auditors to the Archbishops’ Council (GS 1894)

10 The motion

‘That the appointment of BDO LLP as Auditors to the Archbishops’ Council be approved’

was carried.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

11 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Address.

**CLERGY DISCIPLINE (AMENDMENT) RULES 2013 (GS 1907)
Rules made under the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Measure 1991 and the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003**

Under Standing Order 69 the draft Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Rules were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Rules debated.

**CLERGY DISCIPLINE APPEAL (AMENDMENT) RULES 2013 (GS
1908)
Rules made under the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction
Measure 1991 and the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003**

Under Standing Order 69 the draft Clergy Discipline Appeal (Amendment) Rules were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Rules debated.

**AMENDING CODE OF PRACTICE UNDER THE CLERGY
DISCIPLINE MEASURE 2003 (GS 1909)
Amending Code of Practice for approval**

Under Standing Order 69 the draft Amending Code of Practice was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Amending Code debated.

**LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2013 (GS 1910)
ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS
(FEES) ORDER 2013 (GS 1911)
Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986**

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

**SCHEME AMENDING THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE CONSTITUTION
1995 (GS 1912)
Scheme for Approval**

Under Standing Order 69 the draft Scheme Amending the Diocese in Europe Constitution 1995 was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Scheme debated.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.12 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 10.00 P.M.
ON FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2013

WELCOME TO THE YOUNG ANGLICAN OBSERVERS

The young Anglican observers sitting in the public gallery were welcomed by the Synod.

QUESTIONS

12 Questions 1 to 43, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10.00 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2013 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 9.55 P.M.
ON SATURDAY 6TH JULY 2013

**PROGRESS ON MEETING CHALLENGES FOR THE
QUINQUENNIUM: PROGRESS REPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS'
COUNCIL AND THE HOUSE OF BISHOPS (GS 1895)**

13 The motion

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

was carried.

33 The motion (Order Paper II)

‘That this Synod, noting:

(a) that the Bishops of the Roman Catholic Church spent three weeks in October 2012 considering the new evangelisation; and

(b) the observations of the Bishop of Sheffield in section 2 of his paper annexed to GS 1895,

encourage the House of Bishops to devote a substantial amount of time over the next two years to considering a strategy for the re-evangelisation of England and how they might lead the church in that task.’

was carried.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 9.55 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2013 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6.25 P.M.
ON SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2013

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
FACULTY JURISDICTION RULES 2013 (GS 1887)
Draft Rules for Approval

507A The motion

‘That the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2013 be considered.’

was carried.

508 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

507B The motion

‘That the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2013 be approved.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)
MEASURE (GS 1866A) AND DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 31
(GS 1877A)
Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for Revision
(First Consideration at the July 2012 group of sessions)

500 The motion

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

was carried.

With the permission of the Chair certain items were taken *en bloc* under Standing Order 55(c).

Clauses 1 to 11

509 The motion

‘That clauses 1 to 11 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 12

510 The amendment (Order Paper III) lapsed.

511 The motion

‘That clause 12 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 13-20

512 The motion

‘That clauses 13-20 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Schedules 1 and 3

513 The motion

‘That Schedules 1 and 3 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Schedule 2

514 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

515 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

516 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

517 The motion

‘That Schedule 2 (as amended) stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 21

518 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

519 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

520 The motion

‘That clause 21 (as amended) stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Long Title

521 The motion

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

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (GS 1866A) stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 31 (GS 1877A)

Clauses 1-16

522 The motion

‘That paragraphs 1-16 stand part of the Canon.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Amending Canon No. 31 (GS 1877A) stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

SAFEGUARDING: FOLLOW-UP TO THE CHICHESTER COMMISSARIES' REPORTS (GS 1896)

14 The motion

‘That this Synod

(a) endorse the Archbishops’ statement in GS 1896 expressing on behalf of the Church of England an unreserved apology for the failure of its systems to protect children, young people and adults from physical and sexual abuse inflicted by its clergy and others; and for the failure to listen properly to those so abused;

(b) invite –

(i) the House of Bishops and the Archbishops’ Council to pursue as a matter of urgency the programme of work set out in GS 1896 to enhance the Church of England’s safeguarding arrangements; and

(ii) the Business Committee to schedule First Consideration of the necessary draft legislation as soon as the responses to the consultation document have been assessed, with a view to its securing Final Approval in the lifetime of this Synod; and

(c) invite the House of Bishops and the Archbishops’ Council to report back to the Synod by February 2014 on what action is to be taken to secure the more effective delivery of the ‘Responding Well’ policy across the Church in the interests of survivors.’

was moved.

34 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

14 The motion (as amended by Item 34)

‘That this Synod

- (a) endorse the Archbishops’ statement in GS 1896 expressing on behalf of the Church of England an unreserved apology for the failure of its systems to protect children, young people and adults from physical and sexual abuse inflicted by its clergy and others; and for the failure to listen properly to those so abused;
- (b) invite –
 - (i) the House of Bishops and the Archbishops’ Council to pursue as a matter of urgency the programme of work set out in GS 1896 to enhance the Church of England’s safeguarding arrangements, ensuring that such arrangements are communicated effectively to those responsible for safeguarding in parishes; and
 - (ii) the Business Committee to schedule First Consideration of the necessary draft legislation as soon as the responses to the consultation document have been assessed, with a view to its securing Final Approval in the lifetime of this Synod; and
- (c) invite the House of Bishops and the Archbishops’ Council to report back to the Synod by February 2014 on what action is to be taken to secure the more effective delivery of the ‘Responding Well’ policy across the Church in the interests of survivors.’

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

IN FAVOUR	360
AGAINST	0

No abstentions were recorded.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.25 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2013 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 10.05 P.M.
ON SUNDAY 7TH JULY 2013

WELFARE REFORM AND THE CHURCH (GS 1897)

15 The motion

‘That this Synod, recognising that in times of austerity hard choices must be made between competing priorities, and acknowledging that reform of welfare systems is essential:

- (a) affirm the need for a renewed settlement between the state, the churches and civil society in pursuit of social solidarity and the common good;
- (b) call for close attention to the impact of welfare cuts on the most vulnerable, and for support for those not in a position to support themselves;
- (c) decry the misleading characterisation of all welfare recipients as ‘scroungers’; and
- (d) commend those across the churches who are working to support those most in need.’

was moved.

35 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost.

36 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

37 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

38 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

15 The motion (as amended by Items 36, 37 and 38)

‘That this Synod, recognising that in times of austerity hard choices must be made between competing priorities, and acknowledging that reform of welfare systems is essential:

- (a) affirm the need for a renewed settlement between the state, the churches and civil society in pursuit of social solidarity and the common good;
- (b) encourage Her Majesty’s Government to found such reform on the principle of a bias towards the poor;
- (c) invite the MPA Council to consider how the Church of England can better contribute to this new settlement, making recommendations to the General Synod by July 2014;
- (d) call on politicians to pay close attention to the impact of welfare cuts on the most vulnerable, and call for support for those not in a position to support themselves and, in doing so, to consider whether the ring-fenced provision of universal benefits may be becoming the enemy of targeted benefits;
- (e) decry the misleading characterisation of all welfare recipients as ‘scroungers’; and
- (f) commend those across the churches who are working to support those most in need.’

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

IN FAVOUR	331
AGAINST	1

7 abstentions were recorded.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10.05 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2013 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 1.10 P.M.
ON MONDAY 8TH JULY 2013

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Thomas Seville CR led the Synod in prayer.

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE (GS 1886)

The motion

‘That the debate be now adjourned and resumed on Tuesday, 9th July’
was lost.

16 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) reaffirm its commitment to admitting women to the episcopate as a matter of urgency;
- (b) instruct the Appointments Committee to appoint this month a Steering Committee to be in charge of the draft legislation required to that end;
- (c) instruct the Business Committee to arrange for the First Consideration stage for that draft legislation to be taken at the November 2013 group of sessions, so that the subsequent stages can follow the timetable set out in paragraph 141 of the annex to GS 1886; and
- (d) instruct the Steering Committee to prepare the draft legislation on the basis described in paragraphs 79-88 of the annex to GS 1886 as ‘option one’ and invite the House of Bishops to bring to the Synod for consideration at the February 2014 group of sessions a draft Act of

Synod or draft declaration to be made by the House to accompany the draft legislation.’

was moved.

- 39 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	7	34
Clergy	48	137
Laity	75	115

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 4 in the House of Clergy and 4 in the House of Laity.

- 40 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost.

- 41 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost.

- 42 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost after a division by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	10	28
Clergy	55	128
Laity	93	100

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops, 8 in the House of Clergy and 4 in the House of Laity.

- 43 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

- 44 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost.

Under Standing Order 14(e) the sitting was extended by not more than 10 minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

- 45 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i), the order of business was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that the adjourned debate

on Item 16 (as amended) would be resumed as the first item of business of the afternoon sitting.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.10 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 6.15 P.M.
ON MONDAY 8TH JULY 2013

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE (GS 1886)
(Resumed Debate)

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

IN FAVOUR	200
AGAINST	210

15 abstentions were recorded.

47 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

16 The motion (as amended by Items 45 and 47)

‘That this Synod:

(a) reaffirm its commitment to admitting women to the episcopate as a matter of urgency;

(b) instruct the Appointments Committee to appoint this month a Steering Committee to be in charge of the draft legislation required to that end;

(c) instruct the Business Committee to arrange for the First Consideration stage for that draft legislation to be taken at the November 2013 group of sessions, so that the subsequent stages can follow the timetable set out in paragraph 141 of the annex to GS 1886;

(d) instruct the Steering Committee to prepare the draft legislation on the basis described in paragraphs 79-88 of the annex to GS 1886 as ‘option one’ with the addition of a mandatory grievance procedure for parishes in which diocesan bishops are required to participate and invite the House of Bishops to bring to the Synod for consideration at the February 2014 group of sessions a draft Act of Synod or draft

declaration to be made by the House to accompany the draft legislation; and

- (e) urge that the process of facilitated conversations continue to be used at significant points in the formulation and consideration of the draft legislation’.

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

IN FAVOUR	319
AGAINST	84

22 abstentions were recorded.

Under Standing Order 14(g), the Chair adjourned the sitting at 3.40 p.m.

The sitting resumed at 4.00 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
DRAFT DIOCESES OF BRADFORD, RIPON AND LEEDS AND
WAKEFIELD REORGANISATION SCHEME 201-
Draft Scheme for Approval (GS 1898)**

505 The motion

‘That the draft Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme 201- be approved.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA 1
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING TRANSITIONAL VACANCY IN SEE
COMMITTEE FOR THE DIOCESE OF LEEDS (GS 1899)**

506 The motion

‘That the Resolution entitled “Resolution Establishing Transitional Vacancy in See Committee for the Diocese of Leeds” be approved.’

was carried.

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL’S DRAFT BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT FOR 2014 (GS 1900)

17 The motion

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

was moved.

Under Standing Order 9(a)(i), the order of business was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that the adjourned debate on Item 17 would be resumed as the first item of business of the evening sitting.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 6.15 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 10.00 P.M.
ON MONDAY 8TH JULY 2013

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S DRAFT BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT FOR 2014 (GS 1900)

17 The motion

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

was carried.

VOTE FOR TRAINING FOR MINISTRY

18 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2014, as shown in its budget, of £13,066,150 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of training for ministry.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR NATIONAL SUPPORT

19 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2014, as shown in its budget, of £10,088,945 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of national support.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR GRANTS AND PROVISIONS

20 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2014, as shown in its budget, of £1,269,161 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of grants and provisions.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR MISSION AGENCIES’ CLERGY PENSION CONTRIBUTIONS

21 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2014, as shown in its budget, of £739,500 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of mission agencies’ clergy pension contributions.’

was carried.

VOTE FOR CHARM SCHEME

22 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2014, as shown in its budget, of £3,953,896 (net of income from sources apart from diocesan contributions) in respect of the CHARM scheme.’

was carried.

APPORTIONMENT

23 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 1900) 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 2014.’

fell.

24 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in Apportionment Table A contained in GS 1900) 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 2014, save that if articles 3 and 4 of the Dioceses of Bradford, Ripon and Leeds and Wakefield Reorganisation Scheme come into operation during 2014, Apportionment Table A shall be replaced by Apportionment Table B contained in GS 1900 on a pro-rata basis with effect from the date on which those articles come into operation until the end of 2014.’

was carried.

POOLING ADJUSTMENT

25 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 1900 for the pooling adjustment for 2014 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.’

was carried.

FAREWELL TO THE BISHOP OF EXETER

26 The Archbishop of Canterbury paid tribute to the Rt Revd Michael Langrish (Bishop of Exeter) who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' ANNUAL REPORT

- 27 Under Standing Order 97, the First Church Estates Commissioner (Mr Andreas Whittam Smith) gave a presentation, after which he answered questions.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 10 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2013 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 1.00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2013

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Canon Perran Gay led the Synod in prayer.

ADDRESS

- 48 His Grace Bishop Angaelos (Ecumenical Representatives: Council of Oriental Orthodox Churches in the UK) addressed the Synod.

**THE WORK OF THE ELECTIONS REVIEW GROUP:
FIRST REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1901)**

- 29 The motion

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

was carried.

- 49 The motion (Order Paper VII)

‘That this Synod request that the Steering Committee appointed under SO 49 to be in charge of the draft legislation arising from GS 1901 undertake full consultation with the University proctors regarding the proposals relating to the University constituencies in GS 1901, GS 1902 and GS 1904 and bring forward further proposals for consideration by the Revision Committee for the reform of those constituencies, based on accurate information.’

was carried.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 32 (GS 1902)

501 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 32” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that draft Amending Canon No. 32 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 9th August 2013 (SO 53).

**DRAFT CONVOCATIONS (ELECTIONS TO UPPER HOUSE)
(AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION 201- (GS 1903)**

502 The motion

‘That the resolution entitled “Convocations (Elections to Upper House) (Amendment) Resolution 201-” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Convocations (Elections to Upper House) (Amendment) Resolution 201- 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 9th August 2013 (SO 53).

**DRAFT CLERGY REPRESENTATION (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION
(GS 1904)**

503 The motion

‘That the resolution entitled “Clergy Representation (Amendment) Resolution 201-” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Clergy Representation (Amendment) Resolution 201- 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 9th August 2013 (SO 53).

DRAFT CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION 201- (GS 1905)

504 The motion

‘That the resolution entitled “Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 201-” be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 201- 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 9th August 2013 (SO 53).

THE WORK OF THE ELECTIONS REVIEW GROUP: ELECTORATE FOR THE HOUSE OF LAITY AND ONLINE ELECTIONS: SECOND REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1906)

30 The motion

‘That this Synod request legislative proposals to be brought forward to:

- (a) establish an electoral college for elections by the laity to the General Synod and diocesan synods;
- (b) make provision by 2020 for elections to the General Synod to be undertaken online; and

(c) make provision by 2015 for nominations for elections to the General Synod to be undertaken by email.’

was moved.

Under Standing Order 14(f) the Chair adjourned the debate at 12.30 p.m.

FAREWELLS

31 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the Rt Revd James Jones (Bishop of Liverpool) who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Rt Revd Anthony Priddis (Bishop of Hereford) and the Rt Revd Dr Geoffrey Rowell (Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe) who were attending their last meeting of the Synod.

PROROGATION

32 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK prorogued the Synod at 1.00 p.m.