

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY 2014 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 P.M.

ON MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2014

WORSHIP

The Revd Prebendary David Houlding led the Synod in an act of worship.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

1 The following introductions were made:

New members

Lt Gemma Winterton (Armed Forces Synod) (who had replaced Lt Cdr Philippa Sargent)

The Ven. Andrew Brown (Sodor and Man) (who had replaced the Revd Marc Wolverson)

Dr Graham Parr (Chichester) (who had replaced Mrs Joy Gilliver)

The Rt Revd Paul Butler, the Bishop of Durham (Durham) (who had succeeded the Rt Revd Justin Welby)

Mrs Caroline Herbert (Norwich) (who had replaced Mr Geoffrey Wortley)

The Rt Revd Peter Maurice (Bishop of Taunton) acting for the Bishop of Bath and Wells during the vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Nick McKinnel (Bishop of Crediton) acting for the Bishop of Exeter during the vacancy in See, the Rt Revd David Hamid (Bishop of Europe) acting for the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe during the vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Ian Brackley (Bishop of Dorking) acting for the Bishop of Guildford during the vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Alistair Magowan (Bishop of Ludlow) acting for the Bishop of Hereford during the vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Richard Blackburn (Bishop of Warrington) acting for the Bishop of Liverpool during the vacancy in See, and the Rt Revd Tony Porter (Bishop of Sherwood) acting for the Bishop of Southwell and

Nottingham during the vacancy in See, were also welcomed by the Synod.

The Rt Revd Elijah Mutaney Awate, (Bishop of Cueibet, South Sudan) sitting in the gallery, was also welcomed by the Synod.

PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY reported that:

The Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure had been submitted to the Ecclesiastical Committee, which would consider it on 26th February 2014.

All those provisions of the Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Measure 2013 which were not previously in force had come into force on 1st February 2014.

The Clergy Discipline (Amendment) Rules 2013 had been laid before Parliament and had come into force on 1st February 2014.

The Clergy Discipline Appeal (Amendment) Rules 2013 had been laid before Parliament and had come into force on 1st February 2014, save that Rules 2 to 9 and 17 to 19 had no effect in relation to any complaint made before that date.

The Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2013, the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2013 and the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2013 had been laid before Parliament and had come into force on 1st January 2014.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1931)

3 The motion

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

was carried.

DATES FOR GROUPS OF SESSIONS IN 2016-2018

4 The motion

‘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)

was carried.

ETHICAL INVESTMENT

5 Mr James Featherby (Chair of the Ethical Investment Advisory Group) and the Revd Canon Prof Richard Burrige (Universities) (Vice Chair of the Ethical Investment Advisory Group) led a presentation under Standing Order 97.

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

6 The Rt Revd Andrew Watson (Bishop of Aston), Ms Mandy Marshall and Mr Peter Grant (Co-Directors of Restored Relationships) led a presentation under Standing Order 97.

7 The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

19 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost.

20 The amendment (Order Paper I) was carried.

21 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost.

7 The motion (as amended by Item 20)

‘That this Synod, believing that all people are made in the image of God and that all forms of violence based on gender represent an abuse and violation 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.’

was carried.

WORSHIP

The Revd Canon Maggie McLean led the Synod in prayer.

QUESTIONS

- 8 Questions 1 to 38, as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7 p.m.