

GENERAL SYNOD

JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2013

THIRD NOTICE PAPER

Notice of motions and amendments received. Amendments will subsequently be marshalled, in the order in which they are to be taken, on the daily Order Papers.

ITEM 6

APPROVAL OF APPOINTMENTS

Appointment of the Clerk to the Synod (GS 1890)

The motion at item 6 on the Agenda will be moved by the Ven. Julian Henderson, Archdeacon of Dorking (Guildford) (Chair of the Business Committee).

SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

The following Private Members' Motions have been received and will be available for signature during this group of sessions:

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.'

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.'

ERRATUM

ITEM 14

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

On p.7 of GS 1896, the date at the end of paragraph 2 in the Annex to the Report should be February **2014**.

WOMEN IN THE EPISCOPATE

Notice has been received that the motions listed below were passed as noted.

By the Portsmouth Diocesan Synod on 16 February 2013:

'This Diocesan Synod calls on General Synod to recognise and respond to the widespread concern, sadness, and regret occasioned by the outcome of the vote of General Synod in November 2012 on legislation to enable women to be ordained to the episcopate of the Church of England, and it urges General Synod and associated bodies to continue to act with all possible speed to identify, and to pursue with vigour, a resolution that will ensure women can be consecrated bishops as soon as possible; this being, after prolonged and very careful discernment, so very clearly the intention and hope of the majority of church members.'

By the Ripon and Leeds Diocesan Synod on 2 March 2013:

‘That Ripon and Leeds Diocesan Synod deeply regrets the outcome of the General Synod vote on Women Bishops, wishes to affirm the ministry of women in the church and urges that General Synod pass a measure for women to be admitted to the episcopate as soon as possible.’

By the Southwark Diocesan Synod on 9 March 2013:

‘This Synod recognizing with dismay the failure of the General Synod to approve the women in the episcopate legislation at the November Group of Sessions,

- (a) believes that the vote raises questions which need to be addressed about synodical procedures which allow the views of a large majority of Diocesan Synods on Article 8 business to be disregarded; and
- (b) calls upon the House of Bishops urgently to bring forward legislation to permit the consecration of women to the episcopate which ensures that Diocesan Bishops can exercise fully the pastoral responsibility, leadership in mission, authority and jurisdiction belonging to their role.’

COLLECTION

There will be a collection during this group of sessions for the Disasters Emergency Committee’s Syria Appeal. Christian Aid Gift Aid envelopes will be placed on seats at the beginning of the group of sessions. There will be a collection point (and a limited number of spare envelopes) at the Information Desk in the Concourse in the Central Hall throughout.

WEB STREAMING

The Business Committee has agreed to trial web streaming of this group of sessions. It is the intention that a live audio and visual feed of Synod’s proceedings will be broadcast on the Church of England’s website.

Premier Radio will still be offering live audio streaming at www.premier.org.uk/synod

PHOTOGRAPHY

Members are reminded that photography of any kind is not permitted anywhere in the Synod chamber when the Synod is sitting other than from the Press Gallery.

CATERING

Please remember that if you are resident in **Vanbrugh** or **Alcuin** you must eat in the **Vanbrugh dining room**; if you are resident in **James** you must eat in the **Roger Kirk Centre**.

Please eat in the restaurant to which you have been allocated unless you have booked **in advance** to attend a fringe meeting or to eat in a different restaurant. In which case, you must only eat in the place where you have booked to eat.

There are three reasons for this:

- the College restaurants need to plan carefully to avoid running short or wasting food in the restaurants or at fringe meetings;
- if you eat in a place where catering has not been provided for you, we have to pay twice for your meal (once where your meal was booked and again where the meal was eaten);
- someone for whom catering was provided in that place may be told that they cannot eat there and have to go elsewhere to eat.

Restaurant staff will be checking passes and meal tickets at the doors as usual. If one restaurant starts to run short, the restaurant staff will summon a member of the Synod team to direct members to the other restaurant, whether or not that is where they are booked to eat.

Please help us to ensure that this does not become necessary and only eat where a meal has been booked for you.