

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2014

FOURTH 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.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move as a new clause:

Page 1, after line 15 *insert* –

“3 Status of parochial church council resolution requesting arrangements in relation to priestly or episcopal ministry

For the avoidance of doubt, it is declared that a resolution passed by a parochial church council, requesting, on grounds of theological conviction, that arrangements be made for it in relation to priestly or episcopal ministry, shall be taken to be an expression of “the strongly held religious convictions of a significant number of the religion's followers” for the purposes of paragraph 2(6) of Schedule 9 to the Equality Act 2010.”.

The Revd Simon Taylor (Derby) to move as an amendment:

Clause 2, page 1, *leave out* lines 13 to 15 and *insert*—

“In Schedule 23 to the Equality Act 2010 (general exceptions), after paragraph 2 insert –

“2A A diocesan or suffragan bishop does not discriminate against a person in contravention of this Act only because of anything the bishop does in seeking to give effect to a resolution passed by a parochial church council to request, on grounds of theological conviction, that arrangements be made for it in accordance with the House of Bishops’ Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests.”.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

ITEM 504

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

The Revd Paul Cartwright (Wakefield) to move as an amendment:

In Article 6, in paragraph (2), *leave out* from the first “by” to the end and *insert* “the lower of –

(a) the percentage by which the Retail Prices Index for September 2014 is greater than that for September 2013, and

(b) the percentage by which the Consumer Prices Index for September 2014 is greater than that for September 2013.”;

and

In Article 6, in paragraph (3), *leave out* from the first “by” to the end and *insert* “the lower of –

(a) the percentage by which the Retail Prices Index for September in Year A is greater than that for September in the calendar year preceding Year A, and

(b) the percentage by which the Consumer Prices Index for September in Year A is greater than that for September in the calendar year preceding Year A.”;

and

In Article 6, in paragraph (4), after “Index” *insert* “or where there is no increase in the Consumer Prices Index”;

and

In Article 6, in paragraph (4), after “percentage” *insert* “attributable to the Index in question”.

The Revd Paul Cartwright (Wakefield) to move as an amendment:

In Article 6, after paragraph (4) *insert* –

“(5) Where the increase under paragraph (2) or (3) would (but for this paragraph) exceed 2%, it is to be treated for the purposes of the paragraph in question as 2%.”.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

ITEM 505

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

Dr Graham Campbell (Chester) to move as an amendment:

In paragraph 3, *leave out* sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) and *insert* –
“(a) after “four meetings in each year” *insert* “, unless the annual meeting resolves that in the coming year the council may hold fewer than four meetings; but the resolution must require the council to hold at least one meeting in that year”, and
(b) for “at quarterly intervals” *substitute* “spread evenly through the year”.”

The Revd Jonathan Alderton-Ford (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to move as an amendment:

In paragraph 3 *leave out* sub-paragraph (a) and *insert* –
“(a) for “four meetings” substitute “two meetings”.”;
and

After paragraph 3(a) *insert* as a new sub-paragraph –
“(-) after “each year” insert “, the first of which shall not take place before the end of the period of four weeks beginning with the date of the annual meeting.”.”

The Revd Jonathan Alderton-Ford (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to move as an amendment:

After paragraph 4(a) *insert* as sub-paragraph –
“(-) at the end insert “; and a council meeting called solely for that purpose is to be ignored for the purposes of paragraph 2.”.”

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move as an amendment:

Leave out paragraph 4 and *insert* –

“4. In paragraph 4(a) of Appendix II, for the words from “and signed by” to the end substitute “shall be given in such form (whether printed or electronic) as, in the opinion of the chairman of the council or the persons convening the meeting, is likely to enable persons whose

names are entered on the roll of the parish to discover that the meeting is to be held.”.”

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move as an amendment:

Leave out paragraph 5.

Dr Graham Campbell (Chester) to move as an amendment:

Leave out paragraph 7.

Dr Graham Campbell (Chester) to move as an amendment:

In paragraph 1 –

(a) in sub-paragraph (3) *leave out* “Subject to sub-paragraph (4) below”; and

(b) *leave out* sub-paragraph (4).

SPECIAL AGENDA IV DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

ITEM 13

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES (GS 1942A AND GS 1942B)

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move as an amendment:

In paragraph (a) before “burning” *insert* “excessive”.

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move as an amendment:

Leave out paragraph (b) and *insert* –

“(b) aware that rapid and massive human population increase may be threatening many creatures and plants that share this planet with us and together sustain the life in which all are created to partake;”.

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move as an amendment:

Leave out paragraph (d) and *insert* –

“(d) acknowledging the complex economic and sociological challenges involved in achieving any alleviation of ecological dangers; and”.

Mr Tom Sutcliffe (Southwark) to move as an amendment:

Leave out paragraph (e)(iii) and *insert* –

“(iii) call upon all parishes and cathedrals to promote best ecological practice wherever possible and also to encourage

informed discourse on environmental responsibility as fundamental to Christian stewardship of the given world.”.

Canon Margaret Swinson (Liverpool) to move as an amendment:

Leave out paragraph (e)(iii) and *insert* –

“(iii) request the Archbishops’ Council to reconstitute the Shrinking the Footprint working group, so that it reports direct to the Council, to monitor, facilitate co-ordination and promote the responses of all parts of the Church of England to environmental challenges.”.

SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBER’S MOTION

ITEM 14

GIRL GUIDES’ PROMISE (GS 1943A AND GS 1943B)

The Revd Andrew Dotchin (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to move as an amendment:

Leave out everything after “That this Synod” and *insert*:

“(a) congratulate Girlguiding on its recent centenary and applaud its work in helping girls and young women to take their place as full and responsible members of their communities;

(b) believe that girls and women of all ages in the Girlguiding Movement should be able to continue to promise to love God when enrolled; and

(c) commend the suggestion that, when a member chooses so to do, the Promise may be prefaced with the phrase, “In the presence of God I make my Guide Promise”.”

Mrs Anneliese Barrell (Exeter) to move as an amendment:

Leave out everything after “That this Synod” and *insert* –

“regretting the decision made by Girlguiding to change the wording of their promise, nevertheless encourage prayerful support for all those involved in the girl guiding movement, especially the giving of advice and assistance in the development of its spiritual education programme.”.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION**

ITEM 15

CANON B 8 (GS 1944A AND GS 1944B)

The Revd Neil Patterson (Hereford) to move as an amendment:

At the end *insert* “provided that the vesture of ministers when exercising their ministry in leading divine service shall identify them clearly as such”.

Brother Thomas Quin (Religious Communities) to move as an amendment:

At the end *insert* –

“provided that any departure from the wearing of such vesture in any parish has:

(a) the agreement, based on a liturgical or missional rationale, of the minister and parochial church council; and

(b) the permission of the diocesan bishop or his commissary.”.

**SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

The following Private Member's Motion has been received and will be available for signature at this group of sessions:

CANON B 38

The Revd Canon Dr Michael Parsons (Gloucester) to move:

‘That this Synod call on the Business Committee to introduce legislation to amend Canon B 38 so as to allow those who have taken their own life, whatever the circumstances, to be buried in accordance with the rites of the Church of England.’

COMPUTER FACILITIES

Computer and printing facilities will be available in the Bishop Partridge Hall.

WEB STREAMING

The Business Committee has agreed to continue live web streaming of groups of sessions. A live audio and visual feed of Synod's proceedings will be broadcast on the Church of England's website.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE

For those members who wish to join the choir for the service of Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall on Tuesday, there will be a choir rehearsal in the Chapel at 8.30 that morning.

DEAN'S YARD

Members are reminded that protests, demonstrations or leafleting in Dean's Yard (including on the steps, terrace or roadway immediately outside Church House) are strictly prohibited unless express permission has been granted by the Dean of Westminster. Whilst this has been the case for some time, legislation is currently going through formal Parliamentary procedures to confirm this in law.

MAGNA CARTA

A translation of *Magna Carta* can be found at:

<http://churchofengland.org/media/1922182/magna%20carta%20english%20translation.pdf>