

# **GENERAL SYNOD**

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## **FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2012**

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### **SIXTH NOTICE PAPER**

#### **Media presence at General Synod**

Journalists, photographers and camera crews ensure the General Synod is heard about through print, broadcast and web-based media. They operate from areas of the Synod Gallery, with fixed points for TV cameras, and have access to the Hoare Memorial Hall, though not for recording or filming.

Synod sessions regularly attract TV cameras: both news crews and BBC Parliament, which has filmed a number of debates in recent years for later broadcast.

Accredited media are aware of the protocols to which they are asked to adhere. The Communications Office works with the media to assist them.

Camera crews and stills photographers are free to film all aspects of the Synod from the camera positions provided. Worship can be filmed, including the Holy Communion service up to but not including the distribution, and respecting times of silence.