

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2018 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 5.30 P.M.
ON THURSDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2018

WORSHIP

The Revd Michael Gisbourne led the Synod in an act of worship.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

1 The following introductions were made:

Anglican Guests

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY welcomed the following Anglican guests:

The Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba (Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa)

The Most Revd Humphrey Peters (Bishop of Peshawar and Moderator of the Church of Pakistan)

The Most Revd Dr Winston Halapua (Bishop of Polynesia and Primate of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia).

New members

The Rt Revd Dr Peter Wilcox, the Bishop of Sheffield (who had replaced the Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft)

The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton, the Bishop to the Forces (who had replaced the Rt Revd Nigel Stock)

The Very Revd Jane Hedges, the Dean of Norwich (Southern Deans) (who had replaced the Very Revd Dr Frances Ward, the Dean of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich)

The Ven. Joanne Kelly-Moore, the Archdeacon of Canterbury (Canterbury) (who had replaced the Ven. Philip Down, the Archdeacon of Ashford)

The Revd Canon Cameron Butland (Carlisle) (who had replaced the Revd David Craven)

The Revd Brenda Wallace (Chelmsford) (who had replaced the Revd Jonathan Macneaney)

The Revd David Tolhurst (Durham) (who had replaced the Revd Dr Miranda Threlfall-Holmes)

The Revd Preb. Cate Edmonds (Exeter) (who had replaced the Revd Canon Andrew Godsall)

The Revd Preb. Karl Freeman (Exeter) (who had replaced the Revd Canon Anna Norman-Walker)

The Revd Canon Sir George Newton Bt (Guildford) (who had replaced the Revd Canon Martyn Neale)

The Revd Canon Paul Rattigan (Liverpool) (who had replaced the Revd Amanda Fairclough)

The Revd Sally Hitchiner (London) (who had replaced the Revd Canon Philippa Boardman MBE)

The Revd Anne Stevens (London) (who had replaced the Revd Andrew Foreshew-Cain)

The Revd Francis Orr-Ewing (Oxford) (who had replaced the Revd Kate Stacey)

The Revd Beverley Hollins (Peterborough) (who had replaced the Revd Canon Dr Guli Francis-Dehqani)

The Revd Rachel Wilson (Rochester) (who had replaced the Revd Lusa Nsenga-Ngoy)

The Revd Andrew Moughtin-Mumby (Southwark) (who had replaced the Revd Canon Dr Stephen Hance)

Mr Richard Morgan (Ely) (who had replaced Mrs Helen Lamb)

Mr Stephen Hofmeyr QC (Guildford) (who had replaced Mrs Anne Martin)

The Revd Canon Dr James Walters (Universities and TEIs) (who had replaced the Revd Dr Hannah Cleugh)

The Revd Dr Philip Plyming (Universities and TEIs) (who had replaced the Revd Duncan Dormor)

Ms Loretta Minghella OBE (First Church Estates Commissioner) (who had replaced Sir Andreas Whittam-Smith)

Miss Annika Mathews (Church of England Youth Council) (who had replaced Mrs Leah Bell)

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2079)

2 The motion

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

was carried.

DISCERNING IN OBEDIENCE: A THEOLOGICAL REVIEW OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS Misc 1171)

3 The Revd Canon Prof. Oliver O’Donovan led a presentation under Standing Order 107.

DISCERNING IN OBEDIENCE: A THEOLOGICAL REVIEW OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS 2080)

4 The motion

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

was carried.

QUESTIONS

5 Supplementary questions in respect to questions 1 to 75, as set out on the Questions Paper, were answered.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Ven. Dr Anne Dawtry, the Archdeacon of Halifax (Leeds), led the Synod in an act of worship.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 5.40 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

DRAFT CHURCH PROPERTY MEASURE (GS 2083)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Consolidation Measure

Under Standing Order 52(1) the draft Church Property Measure was deemed to have been given First Consideration by the General Synod, five members not having given notice of a wish to have the draft Measure debated. The draft Measure accordingly stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS MEASURE (GS 2084)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Consolidation Measure

Under Standing Order 52(1) the draft Church of England Pensions Measure was deemed to have been given First Consideration by the General Synod, five members not having given notice of a wish to have the draft Measure debated. The draft Measure accordingly stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

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ON FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018

HOLY COMMUNION

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY presided at a service of Holy Communion.

ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKER FROM A MEMBER CHURCH OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

- 6 At the invitation of the Presidents, the Most Revd Dr Thabo Makgoba (Archbishop of Cape Town and Primate of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa) the Most Revd Humphrey Peters (Bishop of Peshawar and Moderator of the Church of Pakistan) and the Most Revd Dr Winston Halapua (Bishop of Polynesia and Primate of the Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia) addressed the Synod under Standing Order 120.

COMPANION LINKS AND THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION (GS 2081)

- 7 The motion

‘That this Synod affirm the Companion Links between the Church of England’s dioceses and other parts of the Anglican Communion; encourage the Diocesan Companion Links to maximise their contribution to the hospitality programme prior to the Lambeth Conference; and call upon the parishes, deaneries and dioceses of the Church of England to make international links a central part of their strategy for mission and discipleship, drawing on the resources of the Diocesan Companion Links and the Mission Development Agencies.’

was moved.

18 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.

7 The motion

‘That this Synod affirm the Companion Links between the Church of England’s dioceses and other parts of the Anglican Communion; encourage the Diocesan Companion Links to maximise their contribution to the hospitality programme prior to the Lambeth Conference; and call upon the parishes, deaneries and dioceses of the Church of England to make international links a central part of their strategy for mission and discipleship, drawing on the resources of the Diocesan Companion Links and the Mission Development Agencies.’

was carried.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE APPOINTMENTS COMMITTEE (GS 2082)

8 The motion

‘That the appointment of Canon Margaret Swinson as Chair of the Appointments Committee from 21 June 2018 to 20 June 2023 be confirmed.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

FOOD WASTAGE (GS 2077A and GS 2077B)

9 The motion

‘That this Synod, mindful of the problems of food poverty in Britain today and the excessive tonnage of edible food wasted by retail outlets:

- a) affirm the Biblical principle of ensuring that the poor and vulnerable are not excluded from the harvest;

- b) commend those retailers who are working creatively with food banks to distribute food that might otherwise be wasted;
- c) urge all dioceses and parishes to work with other voluntary initiatives to lobby for all local food retailers to review their policy on waste food so that the amount made available to combat food poverty is maximised;
- d) request Her Majesty's Government to consider bringing forward legislation that would effectively minimise food waste by food retailers; and
- e) call upon all church members to use food resources responsibly and minimise waste in their own homes.'

was moved.

- 19 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.
- 20 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.
- 21 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.
- 22 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.
- 23 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.
- 24 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.
- 9 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod, mindful of the problems of food poverty in Britain today and the excessive tonnage of edible food wasted throughout the food supply chain:

- a) affirm the Biblical principle of ensuring that the poor and vulnerable are not excluded from the harvest;
- b) commend those retailers who are working creatively with food banks and local charities to distribute food that might otherwise be wasted;

- c) urge all dioceses and parishes to work with other voluntary initiatives to lobby for all local food retailers to review their policy on waste food so that the amount made available to combat food poverty is maximised;
- d) request Her Majesty's Government to consider how it might most effectively act to minimise food waste by food retailers whether by encouraging voluntary action, taking fiscal measures or, if necessary, bringing forward legislation; and
- e) call upon all church members to use food resources responsibly and minimise waste in their own homes.'

was carried.

GENERAL SYNOD
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ON FRIDAY 9TH FEBRUARY 2018

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

10 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Address.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

AMENDING CANON No. 36 (GS 2029D)

Article 7 Business

Canon for Enactment (Final Approval July 2017)

The Chair reported that the Royal Assent and Licence to promulge Amending Canon No. 36 had been received and the Registrar read the Instrument of Enactment.

500 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 36” be made, promulged and executed.’

was carried.

The Instrument of Enactment was signed by the Archbishops, the Prolocutors and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

AMENDING CANON No. 37 (GS 2029DD)

Article 7 Business

Canon for Enactment (Final Approval July 2017)

The Chair reported that the Royal Assent and Licence to promulge Amending Canon No. 37 had been received and the Registrar read the Instrument of Enactment.

501 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 37” be made, promulgated and executed.’

was carried.

The Instrument of Enactment was signed by the Archbishops, the Prolocutors and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT ECUMENICAL RELATIONS MEASURE (GS 2046A)

Draft Measure for Revision (First Consideration February 2017)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2046Y)

502 The motion

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

was carried.

Revision Stage

Clauses 1-3

With the permission of the Chair clauses 1-3 were taken *en bloc* under Standing Order 58(4).

506 The motion

‘That clauses 1-3 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 4

507 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

508 The motion

‘That clause 4 as amended stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Long Title

509 The motion

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

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Ecumenical Relations Measure stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 38 (GS 2047A)

Draft Amending Canon for Revision (First Consideration February 2017)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2047Y)

503 The motion

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

was carried.

Revision Stage

510 The motion

‘That paragraph 1 stand part of the Canon.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that draft Amending Canon No. 38 stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE (GS 2064A)

Draft Measure for Revision (First Consideration July 2017)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2064Y)

504 The motion

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

was carried.

Revision Stage

The motion

‘That the Measure entitled Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure be considered for further revision in committee.’

was lost.

Clauses 1-3

With the permission of the Chair clauses 1-3 were taken *en bloc* under Standing Order 58(4).

511 The motion

‘That clauses 1-3 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 4

512 The amendment (Order Paper III) lapsed.

513 The motion

‘That clause 4 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clauses 5-8

With the permission of the Chair clauses 5-8 were taken *en bloc* under Standing Order 58(4).

514 The motion

‘That clauses 5-8 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 9

515 The amendment (Order Paper III) lapsed.

516 The amendment (Order Paper III) lapsed.

517 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

518 The amendment (Order Paper III) fell.

519 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

520 The amendment (Order Paper III) lapsed.

521 The amendment (Order Paper III) fell.

522 The motion

‘That clause 9 as amended stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clauses 10-14

With the permission of the Chair clauses 10-14 were taken *en bloc* under Standing Order 58(4).

523 The motion

‘That clauses 10-14 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 15

524 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

525 The motion

‘That clause 15 as amended stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clauses 16 and 17

With the permission of the Chair clauses 16 and 17 were taken *en bloc* under Standing Order 58(4).

526 The motion

‘That clauses 16 and 17 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Schedule

527 The motion

‘That the Schedule stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Long Title

528 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 stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

SEE OF RICHMOND – PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME TO SEE OF KIRKSTALL (GS 2085)

Petition by the Bishop of Leeds under section 11 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007

505 The motion

‘That the petition to Her Majesty in Council for the name of the See of Richmond to be changed to the See of Kirkstall be approved.’

was carried.

ADDRESS BY INVITED SPEAKERS FROM THE METHODIST CHURCH

11 At the Invitation of the Presidents, the Revd Ruth Gee (Chair of the Darlington District and President of Methodist Conference 2013-14) and the Revd Gareth Powell (Secretary of the Methodist Conference) addressed the Synod under Standing Order 120.

MISSION AND MINISTRY IN COVENANT (GS 2086)

12 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- a) welcome the report *Mission and Ministry in Covenant* (GS 2086), produced by the faith and order bodies of the Church of England and the Methodist Church in response to resolutions passed by the General Synod and the Methodist Conference in 2014; and
- b) call on the Faith and Order Commission to report back to the Synod at the next group of sessions on work carried out jointly with the Methodist Church to address the areas for further reflection outlined at paragraphs 26-29 of the covering note from the Faith and Order Commission to GS 2086.

was moved.

25 The amendment (Order Paper III) was lost.

26 The amendment (Order Paper III) was lost.

27 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

28 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

12 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod:

- a) welcome the report *Mission and Ministry in Covenant* (GS 2086), produced by the faith and order bodies of the Church of England and the Methodist Church in response to resolutions passed by the General Synod and the Methodist Conference in 2014;
- b) call on the Faith and Order Commission to report back to the Synod at the next group of sessions on work carried out jointly with the Methodist Church to address the areas for further reflection outlined at paragraphs 26-29 of the covering note from the Faith and Order Commission to GS 2086;

- c) invite the Faith and Order Commission, in consultation with the Methodist Church, to explore and elucidate further the relationship between episcopal ordination and eucharistic presidency, as this touches on the full visible unity of our two Churches; and
- d) affirm its confident hope that any outstanding issues between our Churches may be resolved quickly and satisfactorily and look forward to the day when, on the basis of work already completed and accepted, our ministries will be fully reconciled.’

was carried following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	35	2
Clergy	131	23
Laity	124	34

13 abstentions were recorded in the House of Clergy and 11 in the House of Laity.

EVENING WORSHIP

Mr Tim Hind (Bath and Wells) led the Synod in an act of worship.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.15 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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ON SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2018

MORNING WORSHIP

Mr Michael Stallybrass (York) led the Synod in an act of worship.

SAFEGUARDING: PRESENTATION ON NATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS AND ON THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND'S PREPARATION FOR THE INDEPENDENT INQUIRY INTO INSTITUTIONAL CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE (IICSA) (GS Misc 1172 and GS Misc 1173)

13 The Rt Revd Peter Hancock, the Bishop of Bath and Wells, led a presentation under Standing Order 107.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES (GS 2087)

14 The motion

‘That this Synod, mindful of the Archbishop of Canterbury’s priority for the renewal of the religious life:

- a) note the historic importance of religious communities in the life of the faithful of the country;
- b) celebrate the many new expressions of the religious life through Recognised and Acknowledged Communities; and
- c) call on the Business Committee to introduce a new Canon to the Synod by July 2018 to provide a framework for religious life in the Church of England.’

was carried.

DIGITAL EVANGELISM (GS Misc 1174)

- 15 Mr Adrian Harris (Head of Digital Communications) and Mr William Nye (Secretary General) gave a presentation under Standing Order 107.

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ON SATURDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2018

VALUING PEOPLE WITH DOWN'S SYNDROME (GS 2088)

16 The motion

‘That this Synod, valuing all human life equally and celebrating the advances in medical technology which help alleviate human suffering:

- a) affirm the dignity and full humanity of people born with Down's Syndrome;
- b) request dioceses, parishes and the NCIs to work to review their activities and the provisions they make for people with Down's Syndrome and their families, to ensure a real welcome for all;
- c) support the continued development of ante-natal care including access to information that new, safe screening techniques provide; and
- d) call on Her Majesty's Government and relevant professional bodies to ensure that parents who have been told that their unborn child has Down's Syndrome will be given comprehensive, unbiased information with regard to this condition.’

was moved.

29 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost.

30 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost.

31 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

32 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost.

16 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod, valuing all human life equally and celebrating the advances in medical technology which help alleviate human suffering:

- a) affirm the dignity and full humanity of people born with Down’s Syndrome;
- b) request dioceses, parishes and the NCIs to work to review their activities and the provisions they make for people with Down’s Syndrome and their families, to ensure a real welcome for all;
- c) support the continued development of ante-natal care including access to information that new, safe screening techniques provide; and
- d) call on Her Majesty’s Government and relevant professional bodies to ensure that parents who have been told that their unborn child has Down’s Syndrome will be given comprehensive, unbiased information with regard to this condition and be provided with full information about the support available and the future prospects of those with this condition, with no implied preference for any outcome.’

was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	284
AGAINST	0

No abstentions were recorded.

PROROGATION

17 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 4 p.m.