

**GENERAL SYNOD  
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2018  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK**

**TIMES OF SITTINGS**

<b>Friday 6 July</b>	2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
<b>Saturday 7 July</b>	9.00 a.m. to 12.40 p.m. <i>Seminars from 2.30 to 7.00 p.m.</i>
<b>Sunday 8 July</b>	2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
<b>Monday 9 July</b>	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. <i>[or 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. if meetings of the Convocations and House of Laity are required]</i>
	2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 10 July</b>	9.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

**SERVICES**

<b>Friday 6 July</b>	
12 noon	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
2.30 p.m.	Opening Worship in the Central Hall
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.10 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building
<b>Saturday 7 July</b>	
7.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Central Hall
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in seminar rooms
10.10 p.m.	Night Prayer in Berrick Saul Building
<b>Sunday 8 July</b>	
10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in York Minster
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.15 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building
<b>Monday 9 July</b>	
7.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Central Hall
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Central Hall
10.15 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building
<b>Tuesday 10 July</b>	
7.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
9.00 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Central Hall

## GENERAL NOTES

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

1. Save where a special note is included in the Agenda, the following rules apply under the Standing Orders of the General Synod to notice of motions and amendments other than procedural motions.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

2. The period of notice of new business **has expired**, save for urgent or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.

#### **MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS ARISING OUT OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA**

3. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business and to proposed amendments to Standing Orders) must be delivered to the Clerk as follows (SO's 10 – 13 and 27):

**Business appointed for the *first day of the group of sessions* (Friday 6 July) -**

**5.30 p.m. on Thursday 5 July.**

**Business appointed for *the remainder of the group of sessions*:**

Business appointed for a morning sitting –

**10.00 a.m. the day before;**

Business appointed for an afternoon sitting –

**4.00 p.m. the day before.**

**Contingency business**

**10.00 a.m. on Friday 6 July 2018.**

4. Under Standing Orders 10 and 27, such notice must be accompanied by evidence of support from two or more members of the Synod in addition to the member giving the notice. (This provision does *not* apply to amendments to (a) legislative business or (b) proposed amendments to Standing Orders.)
5. Notice of amendments to (a) legislative business or (b) proposed amendments to Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in the Agenda.
6. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(4)(a)).

#### **QUESTIONS**

7. Notice of Questions under Standing Orders 112-113 must be delivered **not later than 12 noon on Tuesday 26 June 2018.**

#### **NOTICE**

8. Notice must be given to the Clerk to the Synod in writing signed by the member or sent by e-mail or fax, from an address notified to the Clerk, to one of the addresses below. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith

Street, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The email addresses are:

in respect of Questions:

[questions@churchofengland.org](mailto:questions@churchofengland.org)

in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda:

[amendments@churchofengland.org](mailto:amendments@churchofengland.org)

in respect of submissions to Revision Committees:

[revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org](mailto:revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org)

in respect of other matters:

[jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org](mailto:jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org)

## **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

9. Business set out in the Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown. If business set down for a particular day is completed before the next timed business is due to be called, the opportunity will be taken to complete any business already partly considered at this group of sessions.

## **CONTINGENCY BUSINESS**

10. If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda during this group of sessions, contingency business will be taken as follows:

### **SPECIAL AGENDA III**

#### **PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

#### **HOMELESS TASK FORCE (GS 2110A AND GS 2110B)**

*Mr Andrew Gray* to move:

That this Synod, noting:

- (a) the substantial levels of homelessness in the United Kingdom and
- (b) initiatives to address this problem by Her Majesty's Government, such as the Homelessness Reduction Taskforce announced in the 2017 Autumn Budget and celebrating the good works already being undertaken by the Church of England, other Christian denominations, faith groups, charities and social enterprises, call upon the Archbishops' Council to enable the formation of a Church of England led Homelessness Taskforce including representatives from the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity to undertake:
  - (i) the formation of plans at national, diocesan and parish levels to utilise Church resources (whether financial, volunteers or buildings) to provide shelter and support services for the vulnerable on a nationwide basis, building upon the wide experience of government and Third Sector initiatives in this field; and
  - (ii) the implementation of those plans in partnership (where appropriate) with local authorities, homeless charities, voluntary organisations, faith groups and social enterprises.

11. The deadline for amendments to this item of business is 10.00 a.m. on Friday 6 July (SO 27(5)).

## **MEETINGS OF THE CONVOCATIONS AND HOUSE OF LAITY**

12. Should a reference be required under Article 7 of the Synod's Constitution in relation to the draft Ecumenical Relations Measure, draft Amending Canon No. 38 or the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure, separate meetings of the Convocations and of the House of Laity would also need to be held. These would take place on the **morning of Monday 9 July from 9.00 a.m. to 9.45 a.m.** with worship included. The Synod will then meet in the Central Hall from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. with the business as scheduled **other than** morning worship and the Presentation on the Archbishops' Council's Annual Report.

## **CONTACT**

13. Please address any queries or other matters not covered in these notes to the Clerk to the Synod as follows:

[jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org](mailto:jacqui.philips@churchofengland.org) .

**FRIDAY 6 JULY 2018**

**2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.**

**WORSHIP**

**1 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES**

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**2 ADDRESSES FROM INVITED SPEAKERS OF MEMBER CHURCHES OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION**

Guests from member Churches of the Anglican Communion will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 120.

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**3 WELCOME TO ECUMENICAL GUESTS**

*Landesbischof Ralph Meister (Evangelische Kirche in Deutschland), will address the Synod at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 120.*

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**REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2091)**

*The Revd Canon Sue Booy (Oxford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:*

**4 That the Synod do take note of this Report.**

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**Not later than 4.15 p.m.**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I - see pages 12-16) will be taken:**

**500 Draft Ecumenical Relations Measure (GS 2046Z) and Draft Amending Canon No. 38 (GS 2047Z)**

- *Final Drafting*

**504 Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (GS 2064Z)**

- *Final Drafting*

**510 Draft Amending Canon No. 40 (GS 2103)**

- *First Consideration*

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**Not later than 5.45 p.m.**

**5 QUESTIONS**

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*7.00 p.m. Evening Worship*

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**SATURDAY 7 JULY 2018**

**9.00 a.m – 12.40 pm**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

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**6 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

*The Archbishop of York will give a Presidential Address*

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**SAFEGUARDING (GS 2092)**

**7 Presentation under SO 107.**

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

*The Bishop of Bath and Wells to move:*

**8 That this Synod, recognising that safeguarding is at the heart of Christian mission and the urgent need for the Church of England to continue to become a safer place for all and a refuge for those who suffer abuse in any context:**

- (a) endorse the priorities for action outlined in the report (GS 2092); and
  - (b) call on the House of Bishops and the Archbishops' Council to ensure that the plan of action is implemented as a matter of priority.
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**Not later than 12.00 p.m.**

**AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SATURDAY AFTERNOON SEMINARS  
(GS Misc 1188)**

**9 Presentation under SO 107.**

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**2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.**

*The afternoon has been reserved for members of General Synod to attend seminars on the House of Bishops' Teaching Document on Human Sexuality, the work of the Pastoral Advisory Group, Digital Evangelism, the Environment, the work of the Evangelism Task Group and Children and Young People. Details of the seminars can be found in GS Misc 1188.*

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**SUNDAY 8 JULY 2018**

**2.30 pm – 7.00 pm**

**CLIMATE CHANGE AND INVESTMENT: A PRESENTATION FROM  
THE NATIONAL INVESTING BODIES AND THE DIOCESE OF  
OXFORD (GS 2093 AND GS Misc 1196)**

**10** Presentation under SO 107.

*The Bishop of Manchester to move:*

**11** That this Synod:

- (a) welcome the worldwide agreement in Paris in December 2015 to hold “the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels” and to pursue “efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels”;
  - (b) affirm, as it did in 2015, its support for the climate change policy recommended by the EIAG and adopted by the National Investing Bodies (‘the NIBs’) in 2015;
  - (c) welcome the NIBs’ disinvestment from companies focused on thermal coal mining and the production of oil from oil sands;
  - (d) welcome the NIBs’ establishment of the Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) to track whether major companies associated with high carbon emissions are aligning their business plans with the Paris Agreement;
  - (e) urge the NIBs to engage urgently and robustly with companies rated poorly by TPI and, beginning in 2020, to start to disinvest from the ones that are not taking seriously their responsibilities to assist with the transition to a low carbon economy;
  - (f) urge the NIBs proactively to seek and scale up investment in renewable energy and low carbon technology; and
  - (g) request the NIBs to report to Synod within three years on progress, with a timetable for rapid continuing action.
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**SPECIAL AGENDA IV  
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

**ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMMES (GS 2094A AND GS 2094B)**

*Mrs Enid Barron (London)* to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

- 12** That this Synod:
- (a) recognise the escalating threat to God's creation from global warming and climate change, and the suffering caused, particularly to the poor;
  - (b) recall the previous resolution of the Synod, including 'to develop Shrinking the Footprint (StF) to enable the whole Church to address the issue of climate change';
  - (c) call on every diocese to have an environment programme with a designated member of the bishop's staff team to lead and advocate for the programme;
  - (d) call on the Environmental Working Group, supported by the national teams for the Church of England Environmental Programme (CoEEP) and Mission & Public Affairs;
    - (i) to prepare and submit a framework plan to the Archbishops' Council for the promotion, co-ordination and rapid acceleration of the CoEEP, with particular attention to reducing the Church of England's energy use and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions;
    - (ii) to establish a simple tool, aiming to be operational by 2020, for annual collation of the energy consumption of cathedrals, churches and church halls and calculation of their total CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, to enable monitoring of progress towards the StF/CoEEP targets for savings of 42% by 2020 and 80% by 2050;
    - (iii) to promote communication and peer-review between individual dioceses as a means of encouraging best practice in the area of environmental policy, with special reference to investments, property and land use; and activities supporting the CoEEP and Eco Church Initiatives;
    - (iv) to compile and submit a progress report to the Synod at least every three years; and
  - (e) call on the Archbishops' Council urgently to assess and furnish such human and financial resources as may be proper and necessary to enable the work in (d) above.
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**No later than 5.45 p.m.**

**THE ETHICS OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS (GS 2095)**

*The Bishop of Chelmsford to move:*

- 13** That this Synod, mindful that a faithful commemoration of the centenary of the 1918 Armistice must commit the Church afresh to peace building; and conscious that nuclear weapons, through their indiscriminate and destructive potential, present a distinct category of weaponry that requires Christians to work tirelessly for their elimination across the world:
- (a) welcome the 2017 UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons and the clear signal it sends by a majority of UN Member States that nuclear weapons are both dangerous and unnecessary;
  - (b) call on Her Majesty's Government to respond positively to the UN Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons by reiterating publicly its obligations under Article VI of the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and its strategy for meeting them; and
  - (c) commit the Church of England to work with its Anglican Communion and ecumenical partners in addressing the regional and international security concerns which drive nations to possess and seek nuclear weapons and to work towards achieving a genuine peace through their elimination.

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*7.00 p.m. Evening Worship*

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**MONDAY 9 JULY 2018**

**Note:** *If a reference is required under Article 7 of the Synod's Constitution in relation to the draft Ecumenical Relations Measure, draft Amending Canon No. 38 or the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure:*

1. *the Convocations and House of Laity will meet from 9.00 a.m. for the purposes of the reference; and*
2. *this sitting of the Synod will commence at 10.00 a.m. as scheduled below, other than morning worship (which will be held within the context of the meetings of the Convocations and House of Laity) and the Presentation on the Archbishops' Council's Annual Report.*

**9.00 am – 12.00 pm**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

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**ANNUAL REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2096)**

- 14** Presentation under SO 107.

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

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**Not later than 10.00 a.m.**

**THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT FOR 2019 (GS 2097)**

*Canon John Spence (ex officio) to move:*

- 15** That the Synod do take note of this Report.

*Canon John Spence to move in relation to the Archbishops' Council's expected expenditure in respect of each area of activity specified below:*

*That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's expenditure for the year 2019, as shown in its budget, of £[X] in respect of [Y]:*

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	<b>EXPECTED EXPENDITURE [X]</b>	<b>AREA OF ACTIVITY [Y]</b>
<b>16</b>	£17,337,309	Training for Ministry
<b>17</b>	£18,793,759	National Church Responsibilities
<b>18</b>	£1,252,816	Grants and provisions
<b>19</b>	£822,290	Mission agency clergy pension contributions
<b>20</b>	£5,046,284	CHARM Scheme

*Canon John Spence to move:*

- 21** That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 2097) for the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2019.

*Canon John Spence to move:*

- 22** That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 2097) for the pooling adjustment for 2019 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.

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**Not later than 11 a.m.**

**SPECIAL AGENDA I**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 12-16) will be taken:**

- 501** Draft Ecumenical Relations Measure (**GS 2046B**)  
- *Final Approval*
- 502** Draft Amending Canon No. 38 (**GS 2047B**)  
- *Final Approval*
- 503** Draft Petition for Her Majesty's Royal Assent and Licence – Amending Canon No. 38 (**GS 2047C**)  
- *Petition for Adoption*
- 505** Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (**GS 2064B**)  
- *Final Approval*
- 506-508** Draft Church Property Measure (**GS 2083A**) and Draft Church of England Pensions Measure (**GS 2084A**)  
- *Final Drafting/Final Approval*
- 509** Draft Church Representation and Ministers Measure (**GS 2046AA**) and Draft Amending Canon No. 39 (**GS 2047AA**)  
- *Revision Stage*
- 511** Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Measure (**GS 2104**)  
- *First Consideration*
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2.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

**SPECIAL AGENDA I**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

Items of legislative business included in the Agenda for the morning sitting will be taken at this point if not completed or not reached previously.

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**SPECIAL AGENDA IV**

**DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION**

**LONG TERM SUSAINABILITY OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE (GS 2089A AND GS 2089B)**

**23** *The Bishop of Carlisle* to move on behalf of the Carlisle Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) welcome and commend the report *The Long-term Sustainability of the NHS and Adult Social Care* published in April 2017 by the House of Lords Select Committee on the Long-term Sustainability of the NHS; and
  - (b) call upon Her Majesty's Government to implement the recommendations made by the Select Committee, giving particular consideration to:
    - (i) the problems arising from the use of urban models of strategic care in the rural context;
    - (ii) whether social care is being adequately funded in the context of an ageing population; and
    - (iii) whether sufficient resources are being given to the recruitment, outside larger urban centres, of experienced and highly qualified health professionals.
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**PRESENTATION FROM THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS**

**24** Presentation under SO 107.

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

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## REPORT FROM THE ARCHBISHOPS' EVANGELISM TASK GROUP (GS 2098)

*Canon Mark Russell (Sheffield) to move:*

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That this Synod, welcoming the report from the Evangelism Task Group and the Evangelism and Discipleship Team (GS 2098) and affirming that the making of new disciples is central to the call of the Gospel:

- (a) ask the Evangelism and Discipleship Team of the Archbishops' Council to work with the House of Bishops, Dioceses, Parishes and Fresh Expressions of Church to carry forward the recommendations contained in the report;
- (b) encourage Dioceses to find (fresh) ways to inspire lay and ordained people to be more confident in the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ in their everyday lives;
- (c) affirm the importance of prayer in the work of evangelism and call on every parish to be involved in the 'Thy Kingdom Come; initiative; and
- (d) ask the Evangelism and Discipleship Team to bring a report to the Synod on the progress made on carrying forward the recommendations made in GS 2098 no later than February 2020.

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*7.00 p.m. Evening Worship*

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TUESDAY 10 JULY 2018

9.00 am – 1.00 pm

**MORNING WORSHIP**

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**REAPPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PENSIONS BOARD  
(GS 2099)**

*One of the Presidents to move:*

- 26** That the reappointment of Dr Jonathan Spencer as Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board from 1 January 2019 to 31 July 2019 be approved.
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**REAPPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE FINANCE  
COMMITTEE TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2100)**

*One of the Presidents to move:*

- 27** That the appointment of Canon John Spence as a member of the Archbishops' Council from 1 October 2018 to 30 September 2021 be approved.
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**REPORT OF THE CATHEDRALS WORKING GROUP (GS 2101  
AND 2101B)**

- 28** Presentation under SO 107.

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

*The Bishop of Worcester to move on behalf of the House of Bishops:*

That this Synod:

- 29**
- (a) welcome the recommendations in the Report of the Cathedrals Working Group (GS 2101A);
  - (b) request the Archbishops' Council to bring forward a draft Measure for First Consideration at the February 2019 group of sessions to give effect to the recommendations that involve legislative change; and
  - (c) call on all concerned, including bishops, cathedrals and the National Church Institutions, to give effect to the recommendations that do not involve legislative change as soon as practically possible.
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**53rd REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2102)**

1. The motions for the amendment of the Standing Orders contained in the First Notice Paper will be moved, insofar as they need to be debated.
2. The Business Committee has determined under Standing Order 40(5) that the proposed amendments to Standing Orders contained in items 1 to 2 and 6 to 10 of the First Notice Paper do not need to be debated.
3. Under SO 40(5) those amendments will accordingly be deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment unless either:
  - notice is given by not less than 5 members by 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6 July that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or
  - notice is given by 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 4 July of an amendment to any proposed amendment.

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**Not later than 12.30 pm**

**30 FAREWELLS**

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**Not later than 1.00 pm**

**31 PROROGATION**

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**SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**DRAFT ECUMENICAL RELATIONS MEASURE (GS 2046B)**

**DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 38 (GS 2047B)**

**Article 7 business (both items)**

**Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting and Final Approval**

**(Revised at the February 2018 group of sessions)**

**Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2046Z/2047Z)**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Venerable Dr Jane Steen) (Southwark) to move:*

**500** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

***Note:** If item 500 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

**501** 'That the Measure entitled "Ecumenical Relations Measure" be finally approved.'

**502** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 38" be finally approved.'

*And, if item 502 is carried:*

**503** 'That the petition for Her Majesty's Royal Assent and Licence (GS 2047C) be adopted.'

**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE (GS 2064B)**

**Article 7 Business**

**Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval**

**(Revised at the February 2018 group of sessions)**

**Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2064Z)**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (Ms Josile Munro) (London) to move:*

**504** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

***Note:** If item 504 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

**505** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure" be finally approved.'



## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

### DRAFT CHURCH PROPERTY MEASURE (GS 2083A)

### DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS MEASURE (GS 2084A)

#### Consolidation Measures

#### Draft Measures for Final Drafting and Final Approval

(First Consideration at the February 2018 group of sessions)

#### Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2083Y/2084Y)

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (The Rt Worshipful Timothy Briden) (ex officio) to move:*

**506** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

**Note:** *If item 506 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

**507** 'That the Measure entitled "Church Property Measure" be finally approved.'

**508** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England Pensions Measure" be finally approved.'

### DRAFT CHURCH REPRESENTATION AND MINISTERS MEASURE (GS 2046AA)

### DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 39 (GS 2047AA)

#### Article 7 Business (Canon only)

#### Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for Revision

(First Consideration at the February 2017 group of sessions)

#### Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2046YY/2047YY)

*The Chair of the Revision Committee (Professor Joyce Hill) (Leeds) to move:*

**509** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

#### **Notes:**

- 1. In the debate on item 509 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure or draft Amending Canon which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
- 2. When the debate is concluded on item 509, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure and draft Amending Canon clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
- 3. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Measure or draft Canon must do so in accordance with SO 13 not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 3rd July 2018.*

## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

### DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 40 (GS 2103)

#### Article 7 Business

#### Draft Amending Canon for First Consideration

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Manchester) to move:*

- 510** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 40" be considered for revision in committee.'

**Note:**

*If item 510 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 10th August 2018.***

### DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) (NO. 2) MEASURE (GS 2104)

#### Article 7 Business

#### Draft Measure for First Consideration

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Venerable Pete Spiers) (Liverpool) to move:*

- 511** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No.2) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

**Note:**

*If item 511 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 10th August 2018.***

### DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 41 (GS 2105)

#### Article 7 Business

#### Draft Amending Canon for First Consideration

**Notes:**

- 1. The Business Committee has determined under SO 51(5) that the draft Amending Canon does not need to be debated.*
- 2. The Synod will be deemed to have given first consideration to the draft Amending Canon, which will accordingly stand committed to a Revision Committee, unless 25 members give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod under SO 51(6) that they wish the draft Amending Canon to be debated. Such notice must be given in accordance with SO 13 by **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.***
- 3. If the draft Amending Canon is not debated, or if it is debated and the motion that the draft Amending Canon be considered for revision in committee is carried, any member wishing to submit proposals for*

## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

*amendment to the Revision Committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2018.***

### **THE PENSIONS (PRE-CONSOLIDATION) ORDER 2018 (GS 2106)**

#### **Order made under the Legislative Reform Measure 2018**

##### **Notes:**

- 1. The Archbishops' Council has laid the Order (GS 2106) before the General Synod for approval under section 8 of the Legislative Reform Measure 2018.*
- 2. The Business Committee has determined (as provided by that section) that the Order does not need to be debated.*
- 3. Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate the Order must give notice in accordance with SO 13 by **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.***
- 4. Amendments to the Order are permissible. Under SO 71(5), any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment to the Order must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.***

### **LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2018 (GS 2107)**

#### **ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2018 (GS 2108)**

#### **Orders made under the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986**

##### **Notes:**

- 1. The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the Orders (GS 2107 and GS 2108) before the General Synod for approval under sections 5 and 6 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986.*
- 2. The Business Committee has determined (as provided by those sections) that the Orders do not need to be debated.*
- 3. Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate an Order must give notice in accordance with SO 13 by **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.***
- 4. Amendments to the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order are permissible. Under SO 71(5), any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.***

**CODE OF PRACTICE ON MISSION INITIATIVES (GS 2109)**

**Replacement Code of Practice under section 84 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011**

**Notes:**

1. *The House of Bishops has laid the Code of Practice (GS 2109) before the General Synod for approval under section 84 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by that section) that the Code of Practice does not need to be debated.*
3. *Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate the Code of Practice must give notice in accordance with SO 13 by **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.***
4. *Amendments to the Code of Practice are permissible. Under SO 71(5), any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2018.***

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*Note: This is the current order which includes signatures received by 9 May 2018.*

### **SAME SEX RELATIONSHIPS AFTER THE SHARED CONVERSATIONS**

*Mr Anthony Archer (St Albans) to move:*

'That this Synod,

- (i) having participated in the concluding stages of the Shared Conversations on scripture, mission and human sexuality; and
- (ii) noting the reaction to the report Marriage and Same Sex Relationships after the Shared Conversations (GS 2055)

request the House of Bishops to bring for debate by July 2018 a set of forward looking proposals on same-sex relationships (such as proposals to be developed by a broadly-based group representing the diversity of views on Synod and in the wider Church) that will command confidence by:

- (a) affirming the positive contribution that LGBTI Christians make in the life of the Church; and
- (b) reflecting the differing interpretations of scripture.

122 signatures

February 2017

### **BIBLICAL UNDERSTANDING OF MARRIAGE AND SEXUAL RELATIONSHIPS**

*Mr Edward Shaw (Bristol) to move:*

'That this Synod,

convinced that all people without exception are loved by God and made in His image and are invited to fullness of life through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, affirm:

- (a) its rejection of the fear or dislike of anyone on the basis of their sexual orientation.
- (b) the radically inclusive nature of Jesus's ministry and message to all people: "The Kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"
- (c) that marriage, as defined by Jesus, is the lifelong sexual union of a man and a woman.
- (d) that both those who marry and those who are single, as Jesus Himself was, can enjoy Christ-like relationships and the fullness of life which He offers all.
- (e) that all Christians should repent of any sexual activity outside marriage, in the assurance of God's loving forgiveness in Christ.
- (f) that all God's holy people are called to live out this calling, for their own good and for the life of the world they are called to serve.'

105 signatures

March 2017

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### REVIEW OF THE ‘FIVE GUIDING PRINCIPLES’

*Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich) to move:*

That this Synod:

- (a) share the sadness and regret of the Rt Revd Philip North in his decision, announced on 9 March 2017, to withdraw acceptance of his nomination to the See of Sheffield;
- (b) note the substantial support for Bishop North's nomination from many women and men, lay and ordained, in the dioceses of both Sheffield and Blackburn, and in the wider Church of England;
- (c) express its full support for Bishop North in his future ministry, whether in the Blackburn diocese or elsewhere;
- (d) note, with concern, the implications of Bishop North's decision, and the public debate that preceded it, for the 'mutual flourishing' of the Church of England; and
- (e) request the House of Bishops urgently to review the 'Five Guiding Principles' and to consider whether they need to be amended or amplified in order to ensure that there is an equal place at all levels in the Church for men and women of different theological convictions on the issue of women's ordination, and to report to the Synod by February 2018.

90 signatures

March 2017

### CLERGY PENSIONS

*Mrs Janet Perrett (Ely) to move:*

That this Synod, noting:

- (a) the very substantial increase in the Church Commissioners' general fund in 2016;
- (b) the increasing attention being given to the well-being and morale of clergy, including those who are retired, as stipendiary clergy numbers are reduced;
- (c) the decreasing value of clergy pensions as result of:
  - (i) the extension of the retirement age to 67 and the increased number of years in service required for a full pension;
  - (ii) the reduction of the clergy pension from two-thirds of National Minimum Stipend to one half, despite the abolition of additional state pension support which was the rationale for this change; and

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- (d) the current deficit in the Church of England Funded Pensions Scheme, call on the Archbishops' Council to introduce draft legislation to enable the Church Commissioners to make such additional provision from their capital reserves following last year's excellent performance as will enable the restoration of clergy pensions to a credible level in the future.

70 signatures

July 2017

### **INCLUSION OF DISABLED PEOPLE**

*Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:*

That this Synod, believing that God loves and values the lives of all disabled people and accepting the full equality of creation:

(a) call on the National Church Institutions:

- (i) to adopt the social model of disability in the way the Church of England operates at a national and local level, in order to unlock the potential of disabled people and break down the barriers they face;
- (ii) in order to have leaders from under-represented or hard-to-connect communities, to change the selection procedure for those wishing to enter ordained ministry, so as to make it more inclusive and accessible by all disabled people;
- (iii) to put in place funding to help disabled people enter ordained and lay ministry;
- (iv) to prioritise and make available funding to make our church buildings more accessible; and
- (v) to change the way we 'do Church' to make it more inclusive of disabled people; and

(b) call on Her Majesty's Government to adopt a social model of disability across England, in public and planning policy, locally, regionally and nationally, in order to ensure that disabled people are at the heart of the community, and not merely at its periphery, enabled and encouraged at every level.

38 signatures

July 2017

### **FOSTERING ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

*Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:*

'That this Synod, believing that God's gift of human innovation, invention, and entrepreneurialism can benefit the lives of people and parishes and transform communities, call on the National Church Institutions to foster entrepreneurship by:

- (a) establishing a national lending fund to make resources such as loans and grants available to foster entrepreneurship within parishes and dioceses to

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create sustainable income streams to fund mission and ministry and so create a new glebe for a new generation;

- (b) celebrating and encouraging Christian entrepreneurs in their vocation; and
- (c) offering start-up grants and support to Christian entrepreneurs; and investing in Christian businesses.'

17 signatures

July 2017

### **ENCOURAGING YOUTH EVANGELISM**

*Canon Mark Russell (Sheffield)* to move:

'That this Synod:

- (a) affirm the importance of evangelism to and with younger people, recognising that many parishes and fresh expressions of church are doing excellent work with young people;
- (b) commend the work of Diocesan Youth Officers and the staff of the National Church Institutions in inspiring the wider Church in youth evangelism;
- (c) support dioceses in investing resources to create more youth ministry posts across the Church; and
- (d) encourage dioceses and parishes to consider fresh ways to reach young people with the good news of Jesus Christ and to nurture them as Christian disciples.'

104 signatures

July 2017

### **RESPONDING WELL TO SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL ABUSE**

*The Revd Canon Rosie Harper (Oxford)* to move:

That this Synod unreservedly condemn the sexual abuse of children, young people and adults and request that an urgent review of the Church's current safeguarding policies and practices on responding well to survivors of sexual abuse be conducted in order to ascertain whether they provide a sufficient and Christian response that puts the needs of the survivor first.

86 signatures

November 2017

### **HOMELESS TASK FORCE**

*Mr Andrew Gray (Norwich)* to move:

That this Synod, noting:

- (a) the substantial levels of homelessness in the United Kingdom;



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- (b) initiatives to address this problem by Her Majesty’s Government, such as the Homelessness Reduction Taskforce announced in the 2017 Autumn Budget; and
- (c) celebrating the good works already being undertaken by the Church of England, other Christian denominations, faith groups, charities and social enterprises, call upon the Archbishops’ Council to enable the formation of a Church of England led Homelessness Taskforce including representatives from the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity to undertake:
- (i) the formation of plans at national, diocesan and parish levels to utilise Church resources (whether financial, volunteers or buildings) to provide shelter and support services for the vulnerable on a nationwide basis, building upon the wide experience of government and Third Sector initiatives in this field; and
  - (ii) the implementation of those plans in partnership (where appropriate) with local authorities, homeless charities, voluntary organisations, faith groups and social enterprises.

124 signatures

November 2017

### CLERGY REST DAYS

*The Revd Caroline Ralph (Bath & Wells) to move:*

That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council to lay before the Synod for approval draft Regulations to amend regulation 21 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations 2009 so that the weekly rest period to which an office holder is entitled is increased from one uninterrupted period of 24 hours to two uninterrupted periods of 24 hours, which may (but need not be) taken on consecutive days.

23 signatures

February 2018

### PROTECTION OF RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

*Mrs Sarah Finch (London) to move:*

That this Synod, mindful of threats in many world contexts to the freedom to believe and practise a religion, and conscious that supporting religious freedom globally requires that action start locally, call upon HMG to bring forward a bill that will enshrine the freedom to believe, practise and change one’s religious faith within UK law and thus contribute to the protection of the free practice of all faiths globally.

64 signatures

February 2018

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### BISHOP GEORGE BELL AND THE CARLILE REPORT

*Mr David Lamming (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move:*

That this Synod,

- (a) express its appreciation to Lord Carlile of Berriew CBE QC for his thorough review of the way the Church of England dealt with a complaint of sexual abuse made by a woman known as ‘Carol’ against the late Bishop George Bell;
- (b) acknowledge and accept unreservedly the serious criticisms of the investigation carried out by the Core Group charged with investigating the complaint, as set out by Lord Carlile in his conclusions at paragraph 254 of his report, dated 15 December 2017 [GS Misc 1173];
- (c) note that the effect of those conclusions can only be that the process was so fundamentally flawed that any finding, explicit or implicit, that Bishop Bell committed the alleged acts of sexual abuse, cannot stand or be sustained, regardless of the fact that determining the guilt or innocence of Bishop Bell was excluded from Lord Carlile’s terms of reference;
- (d) accordingly, acknowledge that Bishop Bell’s reputation as one of the great bishops of the Church of England is restored untarnished;
- (e) regret the distress caused both to Bishop Bell’s surviving relative and to ‘Carol’ by the Core Group’s inadequate investigation;
- (f) regret that the statement made by the Church of England on 22 October 2015, announcing the settlement of a civil claim by Carol against the current Bishop of Chichester was, as is now revealed to be the case by Lord Carlile, both inaccurate (in stating that the settlement followed a “thorough” pre-litigation process) and disingenuous (in stating that none of the expert independent reports commissioned “found any reason to doubt the veracity of [Carol’s] claim”);
- (g) regret that the Archbishop of Canterbury, in his public statement on 15 December 2017 following the publication of the Carlile report,
  - (i) failed to acknowledge expressly that the process was so fundamentally flawed;
  - (ii) failed to accept Lord Carlile’s recommendation that where, as in the case of Bishop Bell, a settlement is made without admission of liability, it should generally be with a confidentiality provision, and

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- (iv) stated that “a significant cloud” was left over Bishop Bell’s name, when the only basis for such statement was a single uncorroborated allegation, first made over 40 years after the alleged events, when Professor Anthony Maden (the expert instructed by the Core Group) had said that “memory is not reliable over such long periods of time” and that “after so many years there is no way of determining without reference to corroborating information whether or not recall is accurate”;
- (h) accordingly, call upon the Archbishop to retract that particular statement; and
- (i) call upon those institutions that responded to the Church’s statement of 22 October 2015 by writing Bishop Bell out of their history, to reinstate Bell’s name and restore him to their historical narrative.

26 signatures

February 2018

### **PROTECTING CHURCH BELLS**

*The Revd Preb. Simon Cawdell (Hereford) to move:*

That this Synod requests the Archbishops’ Council to consult with HM Government and others with a view to protecting the ringing of church bells throughout the country from unreasonable restriction and, if appropriate in the light of the outcome of such consultation, to bring forward legislation to that end.

35 signatures

February 2018

### **LITURGIES FOR SAME SEX COUPLES**

*Ms Christina Baron (Bath & Wells) to move:*

That this Synod,

Request the House of Bishops to commend an Order of Prayer and Dedication after the registration of a civil partnership or a same sex marriage for use by ministers in exercise of their discretion under Canon B5, being a form of service neither contrary to, nor indicative of any departure from, the doctrine of the Church of England in any essential matter, together with guidance that no parish should be obliged to host, nor minister conduct, such a service.

76 signatures

March 2018

## SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

### ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

***NB: Bath & Wells, Chelmsford, Lincoln, London, Oxford and St Albans Diocesan Synods have now withdrawn their DSM on the Anglican Communion***

... to move on behalf of the Manchester Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
  - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England's involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);
  - (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
  - (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference.

March 2012

[The Newcastle, and Worcester Diocesan Synods passed a motion in identical terms.]

### ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

... to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason, all as set out in Sections 1, 2 and 3 of the draft Anglican Communion Covenant;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
  - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England's involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks (especially the continuing Indaba process);

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- (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
- (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference.'

March 2012

### ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT

... to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod:

- (a) rejoice in the fellowship of the world-wide Anglican Communion, which is rooted in our shared worship and held together by bonds of affection and our common appeal to Scripture, tradition and reason;
- (b) thank the Archbishop of Canterbury for his tireless efforts throughout the Communion to sustain and strengthen unity in difficult times; and
- (c) call on the House of Bishops:
  - (i) to find ways to maintain and reinforce strong links across the world-wide Anglican Communion and to deepen the Church of England's involvement with the existing Communion ministries and networks;
  - (ii) to publicise and promote this work within the dioceses of the Church of England in order to broaden understanding of, and enthusiasm for, the Anglican Communion; and
  - (iii) to encourage a wide understanding of, and support for, the next Lambeth Conference.'

April 2012

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### **REVIEW OF THE ROLE OF THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION**

...to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod invite the Archbishops to initiate a review into the role of the Crown Nominations Commission, including consideration of alternative methods of appointment for diocesan bishops.'

April 2016

### **LONG-TERM SUSTAINABILITY OF THE NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE**

... to move on behalf of the Carlisle Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod:

- (a) welcome and commend the report *The Long-term Sustainability of the NHS and Adult Social Care* published in April 2017 by the House of Lords Select Committee on the Long-term Sustainability of the NHS; and
- (b) call upon Her Majesty's Government to implement the recommendations made by the Select Committee, giving particular consideration to:
  - (i) the problems arising from the use of urban models of strategic care in the rural context;
  - (ii) whether social care is being adequately funded in the context of an ageing population; and
  - (iii) whether sufficient resources are being given to the recruitment, outside larger urban centres, of experienced and highly qualified health professionals.'

November 2017

### **LITURGIES FOR SAME SEX COUPLES**

... to move on behalf of the Hereford Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

request the House of Bishops to commend an Order of Prayer and Dedication after the registration of a civil partnership or a same sex marriage for use by ministers in exercise of their discretion under Canon B5, being a form of service neither contrary to, nor indicative of any departure from, the doctrine of the Church of England in any essential matter, together with guidance that no parish should be obliged to host, nor minister conduct, such a service.

March 2018

### **FOSSIL FUELS DISINVESTMENT**

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... to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod

- (a) welcome the worldwide agreement in Paris in December 2015 to hold "the increase in the global average temperature to well below 2°C above pre-industrial levels" and to pursue "efforts to limit the temperature increase to 1.5°C above pre-industrial levels", requiring significant action "by 2020";
- (b) welcome the National Investment Bodies (NIBs) divesting from the most polluting fossil fuels, the establishment of the Transition Pathway Initiative (TPI) and the prominence given to responding to climate change by the Church Commissioners in their 2016-17 Annual Report;
- (c) note the three-year review, due in 2018, of the NIBs' policy on climate change and ethical investment which Synod welcomed in 2015; and
- (d) call on the NIBs to
  - (i) engage urgently and robustly with all fossil fuel companies, in which the NIBs have holdings; with the expectation that, if any company has not aligned their business investment plans with the Paris Agreement target of a global average temperature rise well below 2°C, the NIBs would disinvest from such a company by 2020;
  - (ii) reduce to the minimum possible level the revenue threshold for disinvestment from companies involved in the extraction of thermal coal and the production of oil from tar sands;
  - (iii) to increase substantially their holdings in the renewable energy sector and other low carbon technologies, and encourage other investors to do the same; and
- (e) request the Ethical Investment Advisory Group (EIAG) and NIBs to report to Synod in 2019 on progress, with a timetable for rapid continuing action.

April 2018

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### ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES

***NB: The Truro Diocesan Synod passed a motion in identical terms.***

... to move on behalf of the London Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) recognise the escalating threat to God's creation from global warming and climate change, and the suffering caused, particularly to the poor;
- (b) recall the previous resolution of the Synod, including 'to develop Shrinking the Footprint (StF) to enable the whole Church to address the issue of climate change';
- (c) call on every diocese to have an environment programme with a designated member of the bishop's staff team to lead and advocate for the programme;
- (d) call on the Environmental Working Group, supported by the national teams for the Church of England Environmental Programme (CoEEP) and Mission & Public Affairs;
  - (i) to prepare and submit a framework plan to the Archbishops' Council for the promotion, co-ordination and rapid acceleration of the CoEEP, with particular attention to reducing the Church of England's energy use and CO2 emissions;
  - (ii) to establish a simple tool, aiming to be operational by 2020, for annual collation of the energy consumption of cathedrals, churches and church halls and calculation of their total CO2 emissions, to enable monitoring of progress towards the StF/CoEEP targets for savings of 42% by 2020 and 80% by 2050;
  - (iii) to promote communication and peer-review between individual dioceses as a means of encouraging best practice in the area of environmental policy, with special reference to investments, property and land use; and activities supporting the CoEEP and Eco Church Initiatives;
  - (iv) to compile and submit a progress report to the Synod at least every three years; and
- (e) call on the Archbishops' Council urgently to assess and furnish such human and financial resources as may be proper and necessary to enable the work in (d) above.

May 2018

[The Truro Diocesan Synod passed a motion in identical terms.]



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### REFUGEE PROFESSIONALS

... to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod, recognising:

- (a) that among the refugees and asylum seekers coming to this country there are some who are well qualified in medicine, teaching, law or other professions but who need to undertake appropriate courses and placements before they are ready to practise here;
- (b) that it is desirable for these skills to be put to use to ease shortages of qualified professionals; and
- (c) that enabling refugee professionals to practise in the UK could be beneficial for integration and community relations

therefore

- (i) encourage each diocese, in collaboration with the Refugee Council or similar specialist organisations, to provide the financial and other support required for at least one refugee qualified from a wide range of skills to receive the advice and training necessary for their accreditation in the UK; and
- (ii) request the Council for Mission and Public Affairs to provide dioceses with advice on this project.

May 2018