



Agenda

General Synod
November Group of Sessions 2000

GS 1397



GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER GROUP OF SESSIONS 2000
AT CHURCH HOUSE WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Tuesday 14 November 2000	2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Wednesday 15 November 2000	9.45 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. 2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 16 November 2000	9.45 a.m. to 12 noon 2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

SERVICES IN THE CHAPEL

Wednesday 15 November

8.40 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9.00 a.m.	The Eucharist
1.05 p.m.	The Eucharist

Thursday 16 November – Margaret, Queen of Scotland

8.40 a.m.	Morning Prayer
9.00 a.m.	The Eucharist
1.05 p.m.	The Eucharist

GENERAL NOTES

NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

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:

1. The period of notice of new business has expired, save for urgent business included by the direction of the Presidents.
2. Notice of motions arising out of business on the Agenda shall be delivered **not later than 5.30 pm on the day before the business is taken in the Synod (SO10(a))**.
3. Subject to the provisions of Special Agendas I and II, no specific period of notice is required of amendments to motions, but the full text of an amendment in writing and signed by the member must be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod before the amendment is moved. A member may only move such an amendment if the text is contained on a notice paper. Where no agenda or notice paper containing the text of an amendment has been made available to members at the time when the amendment is to be moved, the amendment may then only be moved by permission of the Chairman (SO 26(b)). Members are accordingly asked, wherever possible, to submit amendments in good time for them to be included in a notice paper.
4. Notice of Questions under SOs 105-106 shall be delivered **not later than 5.30 pm on Friday 3rd November 2000 (SO10(b))**.

5. Notice shall be in writing signed by the member giving notice and delivered to the Clerk to the Synod either by hand, by post, fax or Email. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The Email address is sue.moore@c-of-e.org.uk in respect of Questions and david.williams@c-of-e.org.uk in respect of other business.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

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

The order of business set out in the previous paragraph is subject to variation in accordance with SO 9.

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Prayers

Welcomes

1. **PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS**

**REPORT BY THE BUSINESS GS 1398
COMMITTEE**

*The Chairman of the Business Committee
(the Ven Pete Broadbent)(Archdeacon of
Northolt) (London)) to move:*

2. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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**THEMES AND PRIORITIES FOR THE GS 1399
NEW QUINQUENNium: REPORT BY
THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL**

*A member of the Archbishops' Council to
move:*

3. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

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4. 'That this Synod invite the Archbishops' Council to carry forward its work during the forthcoming quinquennium along the lines indicated in the report.'
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not later than 5.30 p.m.

5. **QUESTIONS**

WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

9.45 a.m to 1.00 p.m.

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m

Prayers

LOYAL ADDRESS

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:



6. 'That a Loyal Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen.'
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LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**Special
Agenda I**

The Legislative Business set out in Special Agenda I will be taken.

at 2.30 p.m.

FORTHCOMING FINANCIAL ISSUES



7. Presentation by the Finance Division under Standing Order 95A.
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WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

not later than 3.30 p.m.

**APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF
THE PENSIONS BOARD**

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

8. 'That this Synod approve the appointment of Mr Allan Bridgewater as Chairman of the Church of England Pensions Board from 1 January 2001 to 31 December 2005.'

**REVIEW OF THE CHURCH URBAN
FUND: Report by the Archbishops'
Council, to which is attached the
Report by the Review Group**

GS 1400
GS Misc
622

9. Presentation under Standing Order 95A

The Archdeacon of Northolt to move:

10. 'That this Synod:
- (a) re-affirm the Church's continuing commitment and responsibility to ministry alongside the poor and marginalised wherever they may be,

and especially in urban priority areas;

- (b) welcome initiatives by dioceses to develop a locally-based and coherent strategy for evangelism and justice in urban priority areas;
- (c) thank God for the achievement of the Church Urban Fund in partnership with dioceses in unleashing new hope in urban priority areas;
- (d) endorse the recommendations in paragraphs 13 - 17 of GS 1400 and invite the Trustees of the Church Urban Fund and the Archbishops' Council to pursue them, in consultation with dioceses; and
- (e) request a report on progress from the Archbishops' Council by the summer of 2002.'

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not later than 6.00 p.m.

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

**Special
Agenda IV**

Item 801 – Non-Stipendiary Ministers –
will be taken

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9.45 a.m. to 12 noon
2.30 p.m. to 6.00 p.m.

Prayers

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

**Special
Agenda IV**

Item 802 – Communion before
Confirmation – will be taken.

Not later than 12 noon, Synod will
adjourn so that members may attend
presentations on the work done in
Church House, Westminster

at 2.30 p.m.

**THE STEPHEN LAWRENCE GS 1402
ENQUIRY and GS
Misc 625**

Dr Philip Giddings (Oxford) to move:

11. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
12. 'That this Synod encourage the Archbishops' Council to pursue the second

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stage of the action plan set out in GS Misc 625 and to report back to the Synod on progress.'

Not later than 4.00 p.m.

IRAQ: A DECADE OF SANCTIONS

GS 1403

The Bishop of Selby to move:

13. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
14. 'That this Synod, noting with deep sympathy the suffering of the Iraqi people:
 - (a) hold that the ongoing humanitarian crisis in Iraq is a consequence of Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990 and the continued failure by the Government of Iraq to comply with relevant UN Security Council Resolutions;
 - (b) recognise that after ten years sanctions have failed to achieve their purpose and that continuing with the present sanctions policy is unlikely to yield further political dividend without creating additional human suffering;

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- (c) call on HMG to work to ensure that the price of securing peace and stability in the region is paid by the leadership of Iraq rather than the most vulnerable Iraqi people;
- (d) encourage the BSR to work with Christian Aid, Coventry Cathedral's Centre for Reconciliation and other bodies working in this area, in raising awareness of the humanitarian situation in Iraq and the underlying causes of conflict in the Middle East;
- (e) encourage the Board for Social Responsibility to report back to the General Synod after the CTBI delegation has visited the Middle East next year.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

15. The Archbishop of Canterbury will give a Presidential Address.
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SPECIAL AGENDA I - LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**DRAFT CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE (GS 1347B)
DRAFT AMENDING CANON No 24
(Amendments related to clergy discipline) (GS 1348B)**

**Measure and Canon for Final Drafting and Final Approval
(Revised in Full Synod at the July 2000 Group of Sessions)**

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 1347Z)

The Chairman of the Steering Committee (the Archdeacon of Malmesbury) to move -

500 "That the Synod do take note of this Report."

NOTE

If item 500 is carried, the special amendments set out in a Notice Paper will be moved (SO 59(d)).

501 "That the Measure entitled 'Clergy Discipline Measure' be finally approved."

502 "That the Canon entitled 'Amending Canon No 24' be finally approved."

503 "That the Petition for Her Majesty's Royal Assent and Licence (GS 1348C) be adopted."

**DRAFT SYNODICAL GOVERNMENT (AMENDMENT) MEASURE
(GS 1364A)**

Measure for Revision

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1364Y)

(Deemed First Consideration at the November 1999 Group of Sessions)

The Chairman of the Revision Committee (Mr James Humphery (Salisbury)) to move-

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504 "That the Synod do take note of this Report."

NOTES

1. *In the debate on item 504 it shall not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the legislation which appears on a Notice Paper for this Group of Sessions (SO 54(c)).*
2. *When the debate is concluded on item 504, the Synod will proceed to consider the Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).*
3. *Any member wishing to move an amendment pursuant to SO56(a) must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 13 November 2000.*

PARSONAGES MEASURE (AMENDMENT) RULES 2000 (GS 1401)
Instrument made under the Parsonages Measure 1938 as amended by
the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2000

NOTES

1. *The Church Commissioners have laid the above Instrument (GS 1401) before the General Synod pursuant to the provisions of the 1938 Measure.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by the Measure) that the Instrument does not need to be debated.*
3. *Any member who wishes to debate the Instrument under Standing Order 69 must give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 14 November 2000.*
4. *Amendments are permissible and any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment should do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 13 November 2000.*

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RESIDENTIAL QUALIFICATIONS FOR MARRIAGE

to move on behalf of
Southwell Diocesan Synod:

- 800** 'That this Synod affirm the right of a parishioner to get married in his/her parish church (subject to the requirements of ecclesiastical law) and request the Standing Committee to bring forward such necessary regulations or legislation whereby a couple may marry in any parish church of their choice.'

11 May 1996

NON-STIPENDIARY MINISTERS

The Ven Nigel Peyton to move on behalf of the
Southwell Diocesan Synod:

- 801** 'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council, in consultation with the House of Bishops, to examine the designation "non-stipendiary ministry and ministers" with a view to acknowledging such ministers as "self supporting ministers" and to change their title accordingly.'

9 July 1998

COMMUNION BEFORE CONFIRMATION

_____ to move on behalf of the
Bristol Diocesan Synod:

- 802 'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to initiate a change in canon law, thereby enabling this Synod, on behalf of the Church of England to decide whether to retain the inherited norm of 'confirmation before communion' or to change its practice to affirm the norm, for those who have been baptised, to receive communion before confirmation, rather than to leave it to individual diocesan bishops and parishes to make the decision.'

10 September 1998

REDUNDANCY PROCEDURES

The Revd Canon John Hawley to move on behalf of
the Wakefield Diocesan Synod:

- 803 'That this Synod invite the Archbishops' Council to arrange, in consultation with the Church Commissioners, for a review to be carried out of

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the Redundancy provisions in the Pastoral Measure 1983, to simplify and improve the procedures, and to bring forward recommendations for legislation to amend those provisions.'

13 October 1998

HEALTH OF THE POOR

to move on behalf of the
Oxford Diocesan Synod

- 804 'That this Synod welcome the reports of the Acheson enquiry, the Family Budget Unit and the New Policy Unit together with the theological response by the Revd Professor Nicholas Sagovsky of the University of Newcastle on the consequences of health inequalities, poverty and social exclusion and encourage action by all members of the Church to support policies which will improve the health of the poor of the United Kingdom.'

13 March 1999

ADDITIONAL COLLECTS

to move on behalf of the
Wakefield Diocesan Synod

- 805 'That this Synod, in the light of criticisms of the new collects for Common Worship, request the

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House of Bishops to commission additional collects for each Sunday and Feast Day in the Liturgical Year in a worthy contemporary idiom.'

13 March 1999

RESOLUTION B

to move on behalf of the
Leicester Diocesan Synod:

- 807** 'That this Synod instruct the Business Committee to introduce legislation to revise the text of Resolution B within the Priests (Ordination of Women) Measure 1993 to the following:

"That this PCC would not accept a woman as the incumbent or priest-in-charge of the benefice or as a team vicar who has been or will be assigned a special cure of souls in respect of that part of the area of the team ministry comprising the parish."

13 March 1999

STIPEND LEVELS

To move on behalf of the
Liverpool diocesan Synod:

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808 'That this Synod

- (a) believe strongly in the importance for the whole Church of having a nationally cohesive system for setting stipend levels which minimizes inequalities based on geography;
- (b) express its concern about the level of clergy stipends and, in particular, the position of those with dependent children and no other source of family income;
- (c) believe the Church's stipend system should be particularly sensitive to the needs of clergy who minister in deprived areas, often with little support and few resources; and
- (d) believe that proposals regarding stipend levels must include consideration of how they can be afforded by the Church as a whole, without burdens falling disproportionately upon different Dioceses and believe, therefore, that a system of mutual support between Dioceses is urgently needed.

3 July 1999

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APPOINTMENT OF BISHOPS

To move on behalf of the
Southwark Diocesan Synod:

- 809** 'That this Synod seek a reform in the method of appointing bishops in the Church of England so as to detach the process from any involvement with Downing Street and the Monarchy and to provide for a more participatory and open Church procedure than is currently possible.'

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