GENERAL SYNOD

February 2004 Group of Sessions

Report by the Business Committee

Dates and Hours of Sitting

1. The February meeting of the General Synod will take place at Church House, Westminster, from 3.15 pm on Monday 9 February to 1 pm on Friday 13 February 2004.

Introduction and Overview of the Agenda

2. The agenda for the February Group of Sessions has a very large number of major debates, with a strong outward mission focus and a substantial emphasis on issues of social concern. It also includes the fruits of several key reviews, and a sizeable amount of legislative and liturgical business. There are two groups of related debates. One group includes debates on church planting and fresh expressions of Church, followed by the Review of the Dioceses and Pastoral Measures, and the Strategic Spending Review. All three debates have a strong mission emphasis. The second group includes three debates which explore aspects of human relationship and sexuality. The Report of the Doctrine Commission examines the themes of time, power, sex, and money, and although it is not primarily about issues in human sexuality, it nevertheless helps to provide a context within which the following debates on Some Issues in Human

Sexuality and Cohabitation may be set. Time has been found in a crowded agenda for two diocesan synod motions (see para 4). There is also one major ecumenical debate, on Anglican/Roman Catholic relations, and a debate on HIV/AIDS, which is prefaced by an address on the subject by the Secretary of State for International Development.

- 3. Principal debates at the February Synod therefore include:
 - Mission-shaped Church: church planting and fresh expressions of Church (paras 28-29)
 - The Review of Dioceses and Pastoral Measures (paras 30-31)
 - Church Commissioners' Strategic Spending Review (paras 34-35)
 - Doctrine Commission's Report: Being Human (para 36)
 - Some Issues in Human Sexuality (para 37)
 - Cohabitation: York Diocesan Synod Motion (para 39)
 - Employment arrangements for the clergy (paras 46-48)
 - Anglican/Roman Catholic International Commission: The Gift of Authority (paras 49-51)
 - **HIV/AIDS** (paras 43-44)
 - Liturgical business, including the Common Worship Ordinal, Additional Collects and the Weekday Lectionary (paras 18, 41 and 45)
 - Legislative business, including the Synodical Government Review Follow-up and guaranteed annuities (paras 21-27)

- Asylum (paras 52-53).
- 4. The Business Committee has included in the agenda the Birmingham Diocesan Synod Motion on Gender Neutral Titles, which the Synod agreed in July 2003 should be re-introduced. Time has also been found for the next Diocesan Synod Motion in the list of Diocesan Synod Motions, from York, on Cohabitation, which is relevant to the Government's legislative proposals for civil partnerships. Other motions which appear in the list before the York Diocesan Synod Motion are expected to come to the Synod in due course, in relation to the outcome of relevant reviews which are already in progress (as explained in the Committee's Report to the July Synod, GS 1483).
- 5. No Private Member's Motion has been scheduled for debate at this Group of Session due to the severe pressure on time. However, the first PMM in the list from the Revd Chris Lilley, on Stipend Differentials, will be taken as the first item of contingency business. The second PMM in the list, from the Revd Jonathan Baker on ARCIC, is subsumed in the debate on ARCIC and the Gift of Authority sponsored by the CCU. The third PMM in the list from the Revd Simon Bessant, on Community Relationships, will therefore be taken as the second item of contingency business if sufficient time unexpectedly opens up in the agenda. The Business Committee intends that at least one Private Member's Motion will be included in the agenda for the July Synod.

- 6. The Committee has considered carefully whether there is a case for including a debate on **developments in the Anglican Communion** at this Group of Sessions, but at present it takes the view that it would be preferable for the report of the Commission established by the recent meeting of the Primates to be available before the Synod has a major debate on Anglican Communion issues
- 7. The Business Committee has taken advice from the Mission and Public Affairs Council that the **debate on** the House of Lords should be postponed. Following the debate on Parliamentary Democracy last February the situation has moved on. All the proposed options for a mix of elected and appointed members to the second chamber have been rejected by the House of Commons. The Government's autumn consultation paper recognised that there was broad agreement on the role of a second chamber. Such public debate as there is focuses on an issue that the Government does not propose to address, viz. the mix of elected and appointed members. Even the issues that concern a number of Synod members, such as the place of bishops in the Lords and the formal representation of other faith communities, are only touched on peripherally in proposals that focus on the removal of the hereditary peers and the establishment of a Statutory Appointments Commission. It was in this light that the MPA Council has advised that a debate would not be timely, but that it would be giving thought to wider issues of national and international governance, and would come back to the Business Committee if and when it has proposals to make for Synodical debate or action.

- 8. A **financial comment** has been prepared by the Finance Division on items of Synod business which have significant financial implications, and this will be circulated in a Notice Paper.
- 9. The Business Committee has continued to consider ways in which the business and the procedures of the General Synod might be made more accessible. The Committee has considered a range of helpful suggestions which have been made by the Communicating Synod Group and the Making Synod User Friendly Group, and at the Committee's 'at home' for Synod members last July. The Committee will be producing a report for the July Synod, which will reflect on ways in which the Synod's business could be transacted more smoothly. This report will, for example, include an assessment of the possibility and desirability of introducing an electronic voting system.

Security

10. Members are asked to wear their **Church House passes** at all times and to study the security notice which will be circulated on a Notice Paper.

Worship

11. Outline information about services in the Church House Chapel is given on the inside front cover of the Agenda. There will be a short act of worship in the Assembly Hall at the beginning of the morning session on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Materials for these will be given to members during the sessions.

Order of Business

- 12. The business each day will follow the order set out in the daily list given in the Agenda, except where it is necessary to modify this. Every effort will be made to give the Synod the longest possible notice of any variations which it is proposed to make in the timetable and to keep such changes to a minimum. Members are, however, reminded that if at any time within the Group of Sessions an unexpected gap opens in the Synod's agenda, business earlier in the agenda, which has not been reached or completed within the period allotted, can be called by the Chairman, unless other provision has already been made for it.
- 13. If there is no such outstanding business and an unexpected gap opens in the Synod's agenda, then unless the adjournment is carried, the Business Committee has decided that the next business to be taken will be the contingency business set out in paragraph 5 above (i.e. (i) the Private Member's Motion from the Revd Chris Lilley, on Stipend Differentials, and (ii) the Private Member's Motion from the Revd Simon Bessant, on Community Relationships). Background papers will be circulated for both items of contingency business. Members are reminded that the rubric 'not later than' in the Agenda does not prevent an item coming on significantly earlier than the time stated, depending on the progress of the preceding business.

Private Members' Motions

14. Notice of Private Members' Motions received is contained in Special Agenda III. Any future notices of Private Member's Motions will be published in notice papers and will be available for signature at the February Group of Sessions only if they are received no later than 5.30 pm on Monday 9 February.

Content of Business

Introductions (Monday, 9 February)

15. There will be the customary introduction of new members.

Report by the Business Committee

16. This will provide the customary opportunity for members to raise points about the Agenda for this Group of Sessions or about the Synod's business generally.

Appointment of Chairman of Appointments Committee

17. The appointment of the Chairman of the Appointments Committee is made by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York after consultation with the Archbishops' Council and the Appointments Committee. The appointment needs to be endorsed by the General Synod. The Synod will be invited to endorse the appointment of the Revd David Houlding, to succeed Canon Hugh Wilcox.

<u>Liturgical Business: Additional Collects: Final Approval</u>

18. The Synod will be invited to give Final Approval to the Additional Collects. The House of Bishops made no changes to the text contained in GS 1493A.

Ouestions

- 19. Under SO 105, members may address Questions to the Secretary General, the Clerk to the Synod, the Chairman of any body answerable to the Synod through the Archbishops' Council (including Boards and Councils), the Chairman of any Church of England body on which the Synod is represented, the Chairman of each of the three Houses of Synod, and the Church Estates Commissioners. Anyone wishing to ask a question must give notice of it to reach the Clerk to the Synod by 5.30 pm on Thursday 29 January 2004. The Questions notice paper will be distributed at the beginning of the Group of Sessions.
- 20. Members are reminded that 'omnibus' questions are not in order. If a member wishes to query several points, each should be the subject of a separate question. Detailed information, tables of figures, etc are better dealt with in a written answer and members are urged to be selective in matters which they raise orally at Question Time, including in any supplementaries which must be framed as a question and should be kept brief. Members should indicate clearly when submitting a Question whether it is for oral or written answer.

<u>Legislative Business</u> (Tuesday, 10 February)

- 21. Full details of the legislative business for this Group of Sessions can be found in **Special Agenda I.**
- 22. As regards legislation already introduced, Synod will be asked to give final approval to the **Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure**, which makes a number of uncontentious changes to church legislation, principally in relation to the functions of the Church Commissioners.
- 23. Having completed their Revision Committee stages,
 Amending Canon No 26 and the related instruments
 relating to the reform of Synodical Government return
 to the Synod for revision. The draft legislation
 remains largely unamended as regards the proposed
 changes to the size and composition of the General
 Synod, but the Revision Committee has included a
 number of additional amendments to the Church
 Representation Rules relating to election processes and
 other matters.
- 24. Also returning for its revision stage is the draft

 Stipends (Cessation of Special Payments) Measure,
 which abolishes guaranteed annuities and certain
 other direct payments, mainly to clergy. (This is
 scheduled for the evening of Thursday 12 February,
 after the debate on the Strategic Spending Review the
 previous day.)

- 25. As regards new legislation, the principal item is the **Pastoral (Amendment) Measure.** This gives effect to a free-standing proposal contained in the report of the Review of the Dioceses, Pastoral and related Measures that the Pastoral Measure 1983 should be amended so as to enable leases to be granted of a part or parts of a church which is still in use. It is thought that there would be practical advantage in making this limited change in advance of the more substantial legislation which will be required if Synod endorses the Review's proposals more generally. (This item is scheduled to be taken after the Review of the Dioceses and Pastoral Measures towards the end of the Tuesday afternoon session.)
- 26. Additionally, **Amending Canon No 27** will be introduced to make a small number of changes to the Canons consequential upon the provisions of the draft *Common Worship* Ordinal to be introduced into the Synod as part of the liturgical business. (This is scheduled to be taken after First Consideration of the Ordinal on the morning of Thursday 12 February.)
- 27. The Synod will also be invited to approve the **Single Transferable Vote (Amendment) Regulation**, which will make a small correction to the Single Transferable Vote Regulations in order to remove a potential inconsistency which has been uncovered in their application to elections where there is a requirement that a given number, or not less than a given number, of places be filled by candidates of a named category.

Mission-shaped Church

- 28. The report *Mission-shaped Church* (GS 1523) is brought to Synod by the Mission and Public Affairs Council. It is the product of a working group set up by the former Board of Mission and chaired by the Bishop of Maidstone. It follows on from the 1994 report, *Breaking New Ground*, commissioned by the House of Bishops, a pioneer report on Church planting in the Church of England. *Mission-shaped Church* outlines **developments in church planting** since 1994, and particularly examines the fresh ways that are emerging as the Church engages in establishing new patterns of congregation in contemporary society.
- 29. The report sets this analysis within a reflection on trends in contemporary English society and provides a theological context and rationale for the Church of England's engagement. The report and the debate will be a contribution to the call made by the Archbishop of Canterbury in his presidential address in July for a 'mixed economy church'.

Review of Dioceses and Pastoral Measures

30. It was thought helpful for the debate on this report (GS 1528) to follow that on the Mission-shaped Church (GS 1523) as the two Groups have worked closely together and produced compatible recommendations, particularly on mission initiatives. However the remit of GS 1528 is wider, extending to issues concerning the operation of the Dioceses Measure and the desire to simplify, devolve and make more flexible and cost-

effective the procedures of the **Pastoral and related Measures**.

31. The Working Group was set up towards the end of 2000 and carried out extensive consultations, including two national exercises. The report has been welcomed by the Archbishops' Council. As well as proposing changes not requiring legislation, on which work can start immediately, the recommendations provide the basis for a **proposed new Ministry and Mission**Measure. However the Group identified one specific area where a change in the law was required more quickly and which could be taken forward independently of the other recommendations. This relates to the leasing under faculty of parts of churches and is referred to under legislative business as the Pastoral (Amendment) Measure (see para 25).

Pastoral (Amendment) Measure

32. The First Consideration of the Pastoral (Amendment) Measure will be taken at this point (see paragraph 25).

Gender Neutral Titles: Birmingham Diocesan Synod Motion

33. The motion requests the introduction of legislation to amend various pieces of legislation, to remove gender specific titles in favour of gender neutral language. A background note from the Birmingham Diocese is being re-circulated (GS Misc 704A), together with a background note from the Legal Office (GS Misc 704). The motion was debated at the February Group of Sessions in 2003 but was the subject of a successful

motion to move to the next business. However, following a request from the Birmingham Diocesan Synod, the Business Committee proposed to the July Synod that the Diocesan Synod Motion be reconsidered, and this was agreed.

<u>Strategic Spending Review</u> (Wednesday, 11 February)

- 34. The *Strategic Spending Review* report before the Synod sets out proposals for **re-shaping the Church Commissioners' non-pensions expenditure** for the period 2005-2007 and beyond. It follows six months of work by a working party set up jointly by the Commissioners and the Archbishops' Council following a joint meeting in May 2003. The report will come to the Synod (following a further joint meeting of the two bodies in December), as part of the consultative process, which will also include consultation with the House of Bishops, the Association of English Cathedrals and the Inter-Diocesan Finance Forum in January.
- 35. A further report will be made to the July Synod on the Commissioners' spending plans for 2005-2007 in the light of the consultation exercise. The details will inevitably be informed by the results of the actuarial review due in April.

Doctrine Commission Report: Being Human

36. The Synod is asked to take note of the latest report from the Doctrine Commission, entitled *Being Human:* a Christian understanding of personhood illustrated

with reference to power, money, sex and time (GS 1494). The background to the report is explained in GS Misc 728. It provides a discussion of Christian anthropology from the perspective of those phenomena of experience which have an effect on our humanity, and with which Christian faith has always been in dialogue. The report sets out both the theological issues surrounding politics, finance and human relationships, and the history of the discussions of those questions. It also addresses the issue of time, which impinges on the practicalities of living, and on the issue of power, money and sex. The Commission offers the report as a contribution to these discussions and to the broader question of what it is to be human.

Some Issues in Human Sexuality

In June 2003 the House of Bishops agreed to publish 37. Some Issues in Human Sexuality: A Guide to the Debate (GS 1519) under its authority and to commend it to the Church for study, and it was duly published on 4 November. As is stated in the Foreword to the document, "it works within the parameters of the House's 1991 Statement Issues in Human Sexuality and does not seek to change the position of the House of Bishops from the one expressed there". It is a study guide, designed to complement Issues rather than to make specific policy statements or recommendations. The document is intended as a resource to enable people within the Church to understand these complex and sensitive matters more clearly and reflect more deeply on them. (A short accompanying booklet, A Companion to Some Issues in Human Sexuality, is also available with study material for individuals and

groups.) The debate, resourced by the bishops' document, is intended to be a stimulus to the process of reflection and listening on these potentially divisive issues that has been called for by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

Standing Orders Committee Report

38. The **Standing Orders Committee's 38th report** is their **first this quinquennium**. Amongst the matters dealt with are the changes to Questions Standing Orders, which the Synod requested the Committee to make, and a Standing Order relating to the attendance of members of the Church of England Youth Council at meetings of the Synod. The report also includes a number of changes to the Liturgical Standing Orders arising from the experience of producing *Common Worship*. Most of the other suggested changes are made in the interests of adding flexibility to the Synod's proceedings.

Cohabitation: York Diocesan Synod Motion

39. When the York Diocesan Synod passed the motion on Cohabitation in July 2002, there was no indication of what the Government was intending to do. The York DSM would encompass all opposite-sex and same-sex partnerships where two people seek to live together in a contractual relationship (including friends and siblings). The Government has now included in its legislative programme for this session a Civil Partnership Bill, which will create a registration process for people in committed same-sex partnerships. The Government has decided not to extend this framework to mixed-sex couples, on the

grounds that they have the option to marry. The Synod debate will take place as the Bill begins its passage through Parliament and is therefore timely. Background papers have been prepared by the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS Misc 729A) and by the mover of the motion, the Revd Simon Stanley (GS Misc 729B).

<u>Legislative Business</u> (Thursday, 12 February)

40. The Revision Stage of the **Stipends** (**Cessation of Special Payments**) **Measure** will be taken at this point (see para 24).

Liturgical Business: Common Worship Ordinal

41. The Synod will be invited to give First Consideration to the proposed *Common Worship* Ordinal (GS 1531), intended to replace the ASB Ordinal (as amended in 2000) when its authorisation expires on 31 December 2005.

Amending Canon No 27

42. The draft **Common Worship Ordinal** envisages that those to be ordained deacon and priest would no longer necessarily be presented by the Archdeacon or his deputy, and that those to be ordained bishop would no longer make the Declaration of Assent publicly in the presence of the congregation. The necessary amendments to the Canons are contained in Draft Amending Canon No 27, which is also presented for First Consideration (see also para 26).

HIV/AIDS

- HIV/AIDS is a global epidemic that threatens human 43. life, dignity and development. While HIV/AIDS is a global problem, it is clear that it is having a disproportionate **impact on Africa**, where its spread has undermined communities and reversed national economic and social development. Without effective measures to combat HIV/AIDS in Africa, the international target of reducing poverty in half by 2015 seems remote. Against this background, the Anglican Communion is playing an increasingly active role, as illustrated by Action Plan for Africa, a strategy drawn up by Anglican Churches in Africa and subsequently endorsed by the Primates of the Anglican Communion in 2002. This Action Plan has led to a number of new Church-led initiatives. In the case of the Church of the Province of Southern Africa, these projects are part financed by the UK's Department for International Development.
- 44. This debate provides an opportunity for the Synod to consider the HIV/AIDS pandemic, but with a particular focus on ways in which support can be given to such pan-African efforts through its mission and development agencies, diocesan companion links, and its relations with the wider Anglican Communion. The debate will be preceded by an address by the Rt Hon Hilary Benn, the Secretary of State for International Development. The debate itself will be resourced by a report from the Mission and Public Affairs Council, entitled *Telling the Story: Being Positive About HIV/AIDS* (GS 1530).

Liturgical Business: Weekday Lectionary

45. The Synod will be invited to give First Consideration to the proposed *Common Worship* Weekday Lectionary, intended to replace the current temporary Weekday Lectionary (GS 1520). The opportunity has also been taken to make a number of minor amendments; these are principally amendments to the rubrics of the **Calendar**, **Lectionary and Collects**, the need for which has become apparent in the process of compiling the annual lectionary booklets.

Employment Arrangements for the Clergy

46. This Review Group was set up by the Archbishops' Council in December 2002 to consider the implications for the Church of section 23 of the Employment Relations Act 1999, which gives the Secretary of State for Trade and Industry the power to confer some employment rights on people who are not technically employees (including ministers of religion).

47. The Group's terms of reference are:

- To review the terms under which the clergy hold office to ensure a proper balance between rights and responsibilities, and clear procedures for resolving disputes which afford full protection against possible injustice; and
- to consider in this context the future of the freehold and the position of the clergy in relation to statutory employment rights.

- In the review, to give priority to consideration of the position of clergy without the freehold or employment contracts, and to report on this aspect in 2003 with detailed proposals and a programme for their implementation, the rest of the review to be completed, if possible, in 2004.
- 48. The Group made an interim report (GS 1518), which was discussed during the July sessions of the General Synod by the Convocations and the House of Laity. The Group's report on the first phase of its work was considered by the Archbishops' Council in December. The Council agreed that the report should be submitted for debate at the February sessions of the General Synod (GS 1527), before being circulated for wider discussion within the Church. The second phase of the Group's work will include, *inter alia*, consideration of the freehold.

ARCIC/The Gift of Authority (Friday, 13 February)

49. The Synod will have the opportunity, on a motion from the Council for Christian Unity, to consider the work of the Anglican-Roman Catholic International Commission (ARCIC), with special reference to the 1999 report, *The Gift of Authority*. Around the time of publication, GS Misc 560 and GS Misc 586 introduced *The Gift of Authority* and outlined the anticipated **process of study in the Anglican Communion and in the Church of England**. The Council for Christian Unity has been concerned to keep in step with any mandated process of study within the two communions. As the CCU's report to the Synod (GS

1532) explains, this expected process was overtaken by the coming into being of a new body to provide episcopal oversight for Anglican-Roman Catholic relations worldwide: the International Anglican-Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission (IARCCUM). This body is currently drawing up a digest of the work of ARCIC with the intention that this should be referred to the two communions for study and evaluation. The forthcoming debate in Synod is therefore preliminary to later formal consideration of the work of ARCIC as a whole.

50. The **CCU's advice to the Synod** is that:

- The Gift of Authority should be considered in the light of ARCIC's work as a whole and as a continuation of the statements on authority that were considered by the Synod in 1986;
- contentious doctrinal issues should be studied in the context of the developing lived relationship between Anglicans and Roman Catholics, as this is reflected in local ecumenism, in inter-church families, in the work of the English Anglican-Roman Catholic Committee (ARC) and of IARCCUM;
- The Gift of Authority, as a complex and sophisticated document, is not susceptible of a 'Yes' or 'No' verdict;
- the theology of communion (*koinonia*) articulated in the ARCIC report *Church as Communion* (1991) offers a helpful framework for consideration of

these matters (this text has therefore been circulated to Synod members recently).

51. The text of *The Gift of Authority* and the volume of essays *Unpacking the Gift*, by members of the Faith and Order Advisory Group (FOAG), have been previously circulated to the Synod. The CCU's motion substantially adopts the Revd Jonathan Baker's Private Member's Motion on the subject.

<u>Asylum</u>

- The **new Asylum Bill** was published in November. This is the third such bill since the last debate on asylum in Synod in November 1997. By the time of the February Sessions of Synod, the bill will have passed its second reading and is likely to be at its committee stage. The Business Committee considers that it is an appropriate moment for intervention by the Synod in the **public debate on asylum**, and a report has accordingly been prepared for debate by the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS 1533). A Private Member's Motion on the subject has been submitted by Ms Vasantha Gnanadoss, but it has not yet had the opportunity to attract signatures.
- 53. Developments since 1997 have included the regional dispersal programme, a contraction of asylum seeker entitlement to benefits, the introduction and abolition of vouchers, a tightening of the appeals process and the introduction of detention centres. Gains have been made by the Government in lowering the waiting time for decisions and the reduction of applications for asylum. The new proposals are primarily concerned with a single appeal process and the use of legal aid.

The Bill does not propose that children are taken into care, rather it provides a framework for the removal of support from families in extreme circumstances who are able, but unwilling to return home (with assistance and monitoring) once they have exhausted the appeals process.

Prorogation

54. The Synod will be prorogued no later than 1 pm. The closing ceremonies will be conducted by the Archbishop of Canterbury.

On behalf of the Committee

Michael Perham

December 2003

Annex 1

Members of the Business Committee

The Very Revd Michael Perham (Dean of Derby) - Chairman

Elected by the House of Bishops

The Rt Revd George Cassidy, Bishop of Southwell

Elected by the House of Clergy

The Ven Alan Hawker, Archdeacon of Malmesbury

The Revd Prebendary Sam Philpott (Exeter)

The Revd Simon Pothen (London)

Elected by the House of Laity

Mrs Sue Johns (Norwich)

Mr Frank Knaggs (Newcastle)

Mrs Maryon Jagers (Europe)

Two members of the Archbishops' Council

Mr Brian McHenry (Southwark)

Professor Peter Toyne (Appointed)

(The Secretary to the Committee is David Williams and the Assistant Secretary is Malcolm Taylor)

General Synod

Provisional Forward Look

In addition to the items listed below, it is expected that there will be one or more Diocesan Synod Motions and/or one or more Private Member's Motions.

July 2004

Some items provisionally scheduled for July 2004 and February 2005 respectively could be moved to a November Group of Sessions if this were to take place.

Legislation Synodical Government legislation: Final Drafting and Final Approval

(if Revision Stage is completed in February)

Stipends (Cessation of Special Payments) Measure: Final Drafting and

Final Approval

Pastoral (Amendment) Measure - Revision Stage

?Clergy Discipline (Doctrine) Measure: First Consideration

Marriage Law: First Consideration

Fees Orders

Further Miscellaneous Provisions Measure: First Consideration

? Care of Cathedrals Rules

Liturgy Weekday Lectionary: (First) Revision Stage

Times and Seasons: for commendation

Reconciliation and Rites on the Way: for commendation

Marriage Amendments

Reports Church Urban Fund Report

Restorative Justice and Law and Order Mission Agencies presentation/debate Mission Agencies pension contributions

Archbishops' Council Annual Report and budget Europe: constitutional and ecumenical issues

Church Commissioners Annual Report/Spending Review/Review of

See Houses

Hind follow-up issues (alternative sources of funding for married

candidates)

?International Trade

?Ethical Investment Advisory Group Report

Meeting of the Convocations/House of Laity

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Legislation Promulgation of Amending Canon No 26 (Bridge Follow-up)

?Clergy Discipline (Doctrine) Measure: Revision Stage Amending Canon No 27 (Ordinal): Revision Stage Marriage Law: Revision Stage (or July 2005)

?Further Miscellaneous Provisions Measure: Revision Stage

Liturgy Weekday Lectionary: Second Revision Stage/Final Approval

Ordinal: (First) Revision Stage

Marriage Amendments: Revision Stage (or July 2005)

Reports Representation of the Synod 2005-2010

Higher education issues – church colleges and universities

Women in the Episcopate Report

Environmental Issues Hospital Chaplaincies

Anglican/Baptist Conversations ?Review of Clergy Terms of Service

?Arms Trade

July 2005

Legislation Marriage Law: Final Drafting and Final Approval

?Clergy Discipline (Doctrine) Measure: Final Drafting and Final

Approval

?Further Miscellaneous Provisions Measure: Final Drafting and Final

Approval

Fees Orders

Amending Canon No 27 (Ordinal): Final Drafting and Final Approval

Amending Canon No 27 (Ordinal): Promulgation

?Amending Canon No 24 (Clergy Discipline): Promulgation

?Clergy Discipline Measure Rules

?Clergy Discipline Measure Code of Practice

Liturgy Weekday Lectionary: Final Approval (if Second Revision Stage)

Ordinal: Second Revision Stage

Ordinal: Final Approval

Marriage Amendments: Final Approval

Reports Archbishops' Council Annual Report and Budget

Review of Diocesan Practice on Communion before Confirmation

Church Urban Fund ?Renewed Diaconate ?Inter-Faith Relations

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