

**Appointment of the Revd Prebendary David Houlding as Chair of the Appointments Committee, Mr Tony Hesselwood as Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Audit Committee, and the Revd Dr Richard Turnbull as Chair of the Business Committee**

The Synod is asked to approve the following appointments:

**Appointments Committee**

Standing Order 116 provides that the Chair of the Appointments Committee is to be 'appointed by the Archbishops after consultation with the Archbishops' Council and the Appointments Committee. Such appointment and the term of office shall be confirmed by resolution of the Synod'.

The appointment as Chair of the Appointments Committee of the **Revd Prebendary David Houlding**, at that time an elected member of the Committee, was confirmed by resolution of the General Synod at the February 2004 Group of Sessions. In March 2004 he was elected to the Archbishops' Council by the House of Clergy. Under the provisions of section 11 of the National Institutions Measure 1998 this meant that he ceased to be a member of the Appointments Committee. His place as an elected member of that Committee has now been filled.

The Archbishops wish now to re-appoint Prebendary Houlding as chair of the Appointments Committee and invite Synod to confirm this appointment for a period expiring on 31 December 2005.

**Archbishops' Council's Audit Committee**

The constitution of the Archbishops' Council's Audit Committee provides that the Chair 'shall be appointed on the nomination of the Archbishops after consultation with the Appointments Committee and subject to the approval of General Synod'. The Chair may not be a member of the Archbishops' Council or its Finance, Deployment, Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committees, or of the Church Commissioners or the Church of England Pensions Board.

**Tony Hesselwood** is a partner in a small firm of registered auditors in Bradford. He has been the chair of Bradford Diocesan Board of Finance for 22 years. He was appointed by the Archbishops' Council to the Audit Committee at its formation in 1999 and reappointed by the Council after he ceased to be a General Synod member. The Audit Committee elected him as their Vice-chair in 1999. His appointment would provide important continuity.

Synod is invited to approve the appointment of Tony Hesselwood as chair of the Archbishops' Council's Audit Committee for an initial period of 5 years until 31 July 2009.

### **Business Committee**

Standing Order 115 provides that the Chair of the Business Committee is to be 'appointed by the Archbishops' Council after consultation with the Appointments Committee from among the six members of the Council directly elected by the General Synod; such appointments and the term of office to be subject to confirmation by resolution of the General Synod'. The six elected members of the Council are currently the Bishop of Chelmsford, the Bishop of Rochester, the Revd Prebendary David Houlding, the Revd Dr Richard Turnbull, Mr Ian Garden and Dr Philip Giddings.

The **Revd Dr Richard Turnbull** was elected by the House of Clergy to the Archbishops' Council in September 2003 to fill a casual vacancy created by the retirement of the Revd Canon Hugh Wilcox. As well as his membership of the Archbishops' Council, Dr Turnbull is also a member of the Finance Committee, the Inter-diocesan Finance Forum, the Investments Committee and the Deployment, Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee. He has been chair of Winchester Diocesan House of Clergy since 2000 and a member of Synod since 1995.

Synod is invited to confirm the appointment of the Revd Dr Richard Turnbull as Chair of the Business Committee for a period expiring on 11 December 2005 (the date upon which his current membership of the Archbishops' Council will cease) .