Agenda

February Group of Sessions 2008
GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2008
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Monday 11 February  3.15 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Tuesday 12 February  9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
                        2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Wednesday 13 February  9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
                        2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 14 February  9.15 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
                        2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

SERVICES

Tuesday 12 February
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
9.15 a.m. Morning Worship in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel

Wednesday 13 February
9.15 a.m. Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall

Thursday 14 February
8.30 a.m. Holy Communion in the Chapel
9.15 a.m. Morning Worship in the Assembly Hall
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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 or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.

2. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business or to amendments of Standing Orders) shall be delivered to the Clerk to the Synod as follows (SO 10(a), 11 and 26(a)):

   Business appointed for the first day of the Group of Sessions (11 February) – 4.00 p.m. on 8 February (5.30 p.m. in the case of amendments)

   Remaining days of the Group of Sessions
   Business appointed for a morning sitting – 4.00 p.m. the day before
   Business appointed for an afternoon sitting – 10.00 a.m. that day

   Please see also Second Notice Paper.

Under Standing Order 10(a) and 26(a), such notice shall 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 legislative business, liturgical business or amendments to Standing Orders.)

Notice of amendments to legislative business or to amendments to Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in this Agenda.

3. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(b)).

4. Notice of Questions under SOs 105-106 shall be delivered not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 30 January 2008 (SO 10(b)(i)).

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 postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The e-mail address is questions@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 Chair will take the opportunity to complete business already partly considered at this Group of Sessions.

Monday 11 February 2008

3.15 p.m. to 7 p.m.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. PROGRESS OF MEASURES AND STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

3. PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 1676)

The Reverend Prebendary Kay Garlick (Hereford) (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

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

5. 'That this Synod meet on the following dates in November 2010:

22-24 November (inauguration of the new Synod')

6. FORTY-SECOND REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1677)

Notes:

1. The Business Committee has determined under SO 39(c) that the proposed amendments to Standing Orders set out in the First Notice Paper do not need to be debated.

2. The proposed amendments to Standing Orders set out in the First Notice Paper will accordingly be deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment unless either due notice is given by not less than five members that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated or due notice is given of an amendment to any proposed amendment (SO 39(c)(i)).

3. In exercise of its powers under SO 11 the Business Committee has determined that any member who wishes to give notice of a desire that a proposed amendment be debated, or of a desire to move an amendment to a proposed amendment, must give notice to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8th February 2008.

7. QUESTIONS
Tuesday 12 February 2008
9.15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken:

500 Amending Canon No 27 (Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007) (GS 1598D) - Canon for Promulgation

501 Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993 (GS 1599C) - Proclamation as an Act of Synod

504 Draft Church of England Pensions (Amendment) Measure (GS 1682) - Draft Measure for First Consideration

506 Code of Practice under Part V of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 (GS 1684) - Code of Practice for Approval

502 Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure (GS 1637A); Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Regulations (GS 1638A); Draft Amending Canon No 29 (GS 1639A) - Revision Committee and Revision Stages

2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken:

502 Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure etc - Revision Committee and Revision Stage continued

Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (GS 1683) - Draft Measure for First Consideration (if a debate is requested)

Tuesday 12 February 2008
not later than 5.30 p.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION
CASINOS (GS Misc 875A and GS Misc 875B)

Mr Thomas Benyon (Oxford) to move:

8. 'That this Synod, appalled that the total national spend on gaming (particularly on the Internet) has risen in each year over the past four years from £4 to £40 billion, call on church leaders to redouble their effort in opposition to Her Majesty's Government's astonishing promotion of the opening of casinos.'
Wednesday 13 February 2008

9.15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED IN THE ASSEMBLY HALL

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I) will be taken:

505 Draft Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure (GS 1672) - Draft Measure for First Consideration

503 Draft Amending Canon No 28 (GS 1642A) - Revision Committee and Revision Stages

2.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION
EUCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR CHILDREN (GS Misc 876A and GS Misc 876B)

Ms Dana Delap (Durham) to move on behalf of the Durham Diocesan Synod:

9. 'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commission the expeditious preparation of a Eucharistic Prayer suitable for use on occasions when a significant number of children are present or when it is otherwise pastorally appropriate to meet the needs of children present.'

Wednesday 13 February 2008

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES: Report from the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS 1678)

The Archdeacon of Lincoln (The Venerable Arthur Hawes) to move:

10. 'That this Synod:

(a) affirm the vital necessity of improving services, in hospitals and in the community, for the care and treatment of people with mental health problems;

(b) welcome the acceptance by Her Majesty's Government during the passage of the Mental Health Act 2007 of amendments to protect the liberty and interests of those subject to compulsory detention and treatment for mental disorder, and express the hope that the operation of the Act will be carefully monitored;

(c) call attention to the acute needs of people with mental disorders in the criminal justice system and request effective measures to divert them, where appropriate, from prison; and

(d) welcome the recognition within mental health services of the significance of spirituality for assessment and treatment, and encourage parishes to ensure that the care of people with mental health problems is a key priority for the Church's ministry.'

not later than 5.30 p.m.

ANGLICAN COMMUNION COVENANT (GS 1679)

The Archbishop of York to move:

11. 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
Thursday 14 February 2008
9.15 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MORNING WORSHIP

CROWN APPOINTMENTS (GS 1680)
The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

12. 'That this Synod approve the proposals set out in the final paragraph of GS 1680.'

GROWING TOGETHER IN UNITY AND MISSION: REPORT FROM THE INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN - ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMISSION FOR UNITY AND MISSION (GS 1673)
The Bishop of Chichester to move:

13. 'That this Synod, welcoming the Agreed Statement of the International Anglican – Roman Catholic Commission for Unity and Mission and endorsing its stated aim of closer collaboration in unity and mission between our two communions:

(a) note the assessment of the Agreed Statement in GS 1673 as a contribution to the further development of the text;

(b) affirm that further growing together in unity and mission will depend on common witness and the exchange of spiritual gifts, as well as clarity between areas where doctrinal agreement has been achieved and areas that require further work; and

(c) encourage Anglicans to implement, with Roman Catholics, the practical initiatives for bishops and people proposed in Part 2 of the Statement.'

Thursday 14 February 2008
2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m.

DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGE: Report from the Mission and Public Affairs Council (GS 1681)

Dr Philip Giddings (Oxford) to move:

14. 'That this Synod, mindful both of the Christian teaching that enforcement of law should be just in process and outcome, and of the challenge that the advent of suicide attacks poses for the general public and for those who bear responsibility for protecting the public from terrorism:

(a) emphasise the importance of society maintaining a careful balance between the liberty of the individual and the needs of national security;

(b) express grave concern that an extension to the current 28-day maximum period for detention without charge of terrorist suspects would, in the absence of the most compelling arguments, disturb that balance unacceptably;

(c) while welcoming the release of most UK prisoners from Guantanamo Bay, deplore the continued holding of prisoners there without charge or due process and encourage Her Majesty's Government to continue to use all available means to press the United States administration to close the Guantanamo Bay facility and restore the full application of the rule of law; and

(d) affirm the desirability of an early review by the Government of the restrictions and other obligations that may be imposed on individuals under the Prevention of Terrorism Act 2005 and the use of undisclosed material in control order proceedings.'
SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBER’S MOTION
BIBLE AVAILABILITY (GS Misc 878 A and B)

Mr Timothy Cox (Blackburn) to move:

15. ‘That this Synod, believing in the importance of Scripture, desire that anyone entering a church building or attending a church service should have easy and uninterfered access to one of the versions of the Bible referred to in the note by the House of Bishops on Versions of Scripture dated 9th October 2002.’

16. FAREWELLS

17. PROROGATION

SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

AMENDING CANON NO 27 (Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007) (GS 1598D)

Canon for Promulgation
(Finally approved at the February 2007 Group of Sessions)

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move -

500 ‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No 27” be promulgated and executed:

VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES REGULATION 1993 (GS 1599C)

The Archbishop of Canterbury being in the Chair to move -

501 ‘That the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993, as amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2003 and as to be amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2007 upon the coming into force of that Regulation, be solemnly affirmed and proclaimed an Act of Synod.’

DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE) MEASURE (GS 1637A)

DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE) REGULATIONS (GS 1638A)

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 29 (GS 1639A)

Draft Measure, Draft Regulations and Draft Amending Canon for Revision
(First Consideration February 2007)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1637-9Y)

The Chair of the Revision Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall QC
(Manchester)) to move -

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

Notes:

1. In the debate on item 502 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure, the draft Regulations or the draft Amending Canon and which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 54(c)).
2. When the debate is concluded on item 502, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure, the draft Regulations and the draft Amending Canon clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 55(a)).

3. In exercise of its powers under SO 11 the Business Committee has determined that any member wishing to move an amendment pursuant to SO 56(a) must give notice to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 6th February 2008.

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO 28 (GS 1642A)
Draft Amending Canon for Revision (First Consideration February 2007)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 1642Y)

Article 7 business

The Chair of the Revision Committee (the Venerable Alan Hawker (Bristol)) to move -

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

Notes:

1. In the debate on item 503 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Amending Canon and which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 54(c)).

2. When the debate is concluded on item 503, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Amending Canon 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 SO 56(a) must give notice to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 11th February 2008.

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1682)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Venerable Clive Mansell (Rochester)) to move -

504 ‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England Pensions (Amendment) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

Note: If item 504 is carried, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach him not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 17th March 2008 (SO 53).

DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL FEES (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 1672)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

The Chair of the Steering Committee (the Bishop of Ripon and Leeds) to move -

505 ‘That the Measure entitled “Ecclesiastical Fees (Amendment) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

Note: If item 505 is carried, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach him not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 17th March 2008 (SO 53).

DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE (GS 1683)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

Notes:

1. The Business Committee has determined under SO 51(e) that the draft Measure does not need to be debated.

2. The Synod will be deemed to have given first consideration to the draft Measure, which will accordingly stand committed to a
SPECIAL AGENDA I - LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Revision Committee, unless 25 members give notice in writing to the Clerk to the Synod of their desire that it be debated. In exercise of its powers under SO 11 the Business Committee has determined that such notice must be given to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8th February 2008.

3. If the draft Measure is not debated, or if the draft Measure is debated and the Synod resolves that it be considered for revision in committee, any member wishing to submit proposals for amendment to the Revision Committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach him not later than 5.30 p.m. on Monday 17th March 2008 (SO 53).

CODE OF PRACTICE UNDER PART V OF THE DIOCESES, PASTORAL AND MISSION MEASURE 2007 (GS 1684)

Code of Practice for approval

The Bishop of Exeter to move -

506 'That the Code of Practice under Part V of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 be approved.'

Notes:

1. The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 70(a) that the Code of Practice shall be considered on one motion.

2. Amendments to the Code of Practice are permissable. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in writing to the Clerk to the Synod not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8th February 2008.

SPECIAL AGENDA III - PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

CASINOS

Mr Thomas Benyon (Oxford) to move:

'That this Synod, appalled that the total national spend on gaming (particularly on the Internet) has risen in each year over the past four years from £4 to £40 billion, call on church leaders to redouble their effort in opposition to Her Majesty's Government's astonishing promotion of the opening of casinos.'

168 Signatures (February 2007)

BIBLE AVAILABILITY

Mr Timothy Cox (Blackburn) to move:

'That this Synod, believing in the importance of Scripture, desire that anyone entering a church building or attending a church service should have easy and unfettered access to one of the versions of the Bible referred to in the note by the House of Bishops on Versions of Scripture dated 9th October 2002.'

112 Signatures (February 2007)

UNIQUENESS OF CHRIST IN MULTI-FAITH BRITAIN

Mr Paul Eddy (Winchester) to move:

'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain's multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.'

95 Signatures (February 2007)

'SACRED BRITAIN' STRATEGY

Mr Roy Thompson (York) to move:

'That this Synod:

(a) support the aims and objectives of the Churches Tourism Association's "Sacred Britain" strategy;

(b) call on the Archbishops' Council to encourage each Diocese to form a Churches Tourism Group or, at least, to identify a Diocesan Tourism Officer,'
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(c) propose that such Groups and officers be encouraged to:

(i) develop ecumenical church tourism networks through Churches Regional Commissions, where they exist, or similar regional bodies, to enable and facilitate strategic partnerships within Government Regions;

(ii) work with Cathedrals and the Greater Churches in their area to establish strong, sustainable, cultural and educational links to strengthen the part played by churches in the wider cultural life of the nation; and

(iii) establish and maintain regional and sub-regional contacts and dialogue with English Heritage, Churches Tourism Association, Historic Churches Preservation Trust, Churches Conservation Trust and other heritage and funding bodies; and

(d) ask the Archbishops’ Council to report back on progress before the end of this Synod (July 2010).

82 Signatures (February 2007)

RACE EQUALITY

Miss Vasanthi Gnanados (Southwark) to move:

‘That this Synod, noting that in 2004 the Association of Chief Police Officers adopted a policy whereby “no member of the Police Service, whether police officer or police staff, may be a member of an organisation whose constitution, aims, objectives or pronouncements contradict the general duty to promote race equality” and “this specifically includes the British National Party”, request the House of Bishops to formulate and implement a comparable policy for the Church of England, to apply to clergy, ordinands, and such employed lay persons as have duties that require them to represent or speak on behalf of the Church.’

55 Signatures (July 2007)

SPECIAL AGENDA IV - DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

EPISCOPAL MINISTRY ACT OF SYNOD

to move on behalf of the Southwark Diocesan Synod:

‘That the Episcopal Ministry Act of Synod 1993 be rescinded.’

March 2003

HEALTH AND SAFETY WITHIN THE CHURCH

to move on behalf of the Derby Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council to establish a working party to:

(a) consider the issue of Health and Safety within the Church, especially from the point of view of:

(i) safe-guarding those working for the Church (whether on or off site) and visitors to its buildings and other property; and

(ii) identifying those who are or should be responsible for complying with Health and Safety obligations within the Church and enabling them to more effectively discharge those obligations;

(b) make recommendations in relation to the matters set out in (a) above, including recommendations as to structures, practices, procedures and (if appropriate) legislative change; and

(c) report to this Synod within two years.’

May 2007

Eucharistic Prayer When Children Are Present

Ms Dana Delap to move on behalf of the Durham Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commission the expeditious preparation of a Eucharistic Prayer suitable for use on occasions when a significant number of children are present or when it is otherwise pastorally appropriate to meet the needs of children present.’

May 2007
SPECIAL AGENDA IV - DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

FAITH, WORK AND ECONOMIC LIFE

Mr Simon Baynes to move on behalf of the St Albans Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod:

(a) affirm daily work as essentially a spiritual activity;

(b) recognise the importance of Christian values within economic life;

(c) request the Mission and Public Affairs Council to examine the engagement of the Church of England with the economic sector in this country and to present its findings to Synod.'

June 2007

SOLAR ENERGY

to move on behalf of the Winchester Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod, mindful of the need for all Christians to take seriously their God-given responsibility for the care of the environment, request the Cathedrals and Church Buildings Division and the Mission and Public Affairs Division of the Archbishops' Council to encourage those who are developing the necessary technology to investigate the viability of the generation of electricity using the solar energy falling on south-facing church roofs, and to report to the Synod on progress within two years.'

September 2007

ANGLICAN GOVERNANCE

The Revd Canon Robert Cotton to move on behalf of the Guildford Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod request the House of Bishops:

(a) to prepare a report that describes and explores the relationship between discussions, recommendations and decisions made by these bodies:

the Lambeth Conference,
the Anglican Consultative Council,
the Primates' meeting,
the House of Bishops of the Church of England,
the Archbishops' Council,
and the General Synod of the Church of England; and

(b) to promote discussion of the report to increase the understanding of the governance of the Church of England within the Anglican Communion.'

June 2007

ORDINATION OF WOMEN TO THE EPISCOPATE

to move on behalf of the Rochester Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod:

(a) note that it was resolved in July 2005 that the "process for removing the legal obstacles to the ordination of women to the episcopate should now be set in train";

(b) express its wish for suitable pastoral provision to be made for all those, whether clergy or laity, who are unable in conscience to accept this development;

(c) is particularly aware of the difficulties faced by clergy opposed in conscience to the ordination of women bishops but who currently work, and will continue to do so, in parishes where the Parochial Church Council would otherwise welcome the sacramental ministry of women bishops.'

October 2007

VOICE OF THE CHURCH IN PUBLIC LIFE

to move on behalf of the Chester Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod, mindful of the questions raised in public debate about the role of the Church in civic society, invites the Divisions of the Archbishops' Council to report to the General Synod, before the end of the quinquennium, on their work:
STIPENDIARY CLERGY

to move on behalf of the Bradford Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council to formulate proposals for reductions in the numbers of episcopal and senior clergy posts, taking into account reductions for the number of stipendiary clergy since 1975; and submit a report with recommendations to the General Synod within three years.'

November 2007

HUMAN TRAFFICKING

to move on behalf of the Newcastle Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod,
in celebrating the centenary of the death of Josephine Butler, who is celebrated in the Calendar on May 30th, on the centenary of her death,

(a) recognize and deplores the continuing evil of human trafficking, especially of children and young people;
(b) urge the Church of England to support the work of those who seek to end the traffic and rescue those trapped in it; and
(c) support the vigorous implementation of the UK Action Plan on Tackling Human Trafficking, and in particular, calls on HM Government to ensure that effective measures are in place to prevent sex workers being trafficked into Britain during the 2012 Olympics.'

January 2008

EUCHARISTIC WORSHIP FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

to move on behalf of the Peterborough Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commission the preparation of material for Eucharistic worship suitable for use on occasions when a significant number of children and young people are present.'

January 2008