

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2019
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER

TIMES OF SITTINGS

Wednesday 20 February	2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Thursday 21 February	10.30 or 11.30 to 1.00 p.m.
	2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Friday 22 February	10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
	2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
Saturday 23 February	9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.
	2.00 p.m. to 3.45 p.m.

SERVICES

Wednesday 20 February	
12.00 noon	Holy Communion in the Chapel
2.30 p.m.	Opening Worship in the Assembly Hall
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Assembly Hall
Thursday 21 February	
9.15 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in Assembly Hall
Friday 22 February	
9.15 a.m.	Bible Study in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
7.00 p.m.	Evening Worship in the Assembly Hall
Saturday 23 February	
9.15 a.m.	Morning Worship in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel

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 (SOs 10-13 and 27):

Business appointed for the first day of the group of sessions (Wednesday 20 February)

5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 19 February.

Business appointed for the remaining days 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 Wednesday 20 February.

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 legislative business or to proposed amendments to Standing Orders.)
5. Notice of amendments to legislative business or to 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)).
7. The email address in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda is: **amendments@churchofengland.org** .

QUESTIONS

8. In exercise of its power under SO 12 the Business Committee had determined that notice of Questions under Standing Orders 112-113 must be delivered **not later than 12 noon on Thursday 7 February 2019**.

NOTICE

9. Notice must be given to the Clerk to the Synod in writing signed by the member or by e-mail, from an address notified to the Clerk, to the relevant one of the email addresses below. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The fax number is 020 7898 1369. The e-mail addresses are:

in respect of questions:

questions@churchofengland.org

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

amendments@churchofengland.org.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

10. 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

11. 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 IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

REFUGEE PROFESSIONALS (GS 2126A AND GS 2126B)

The Revd Canon Simon Butler (Southwark) 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.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION
ANNA CHAPLAINCY (GS 2127A AND GS 2127B)**

Mrs Angela Scott (Rochester) to move on behalf of the Rochester Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) recognise and commend the important work of ‘Anna Chaplaincy’ and ‘The Gift of Years’;
- (b) request all dioceses to raise the profile of work with those diagnosed with dementia and their carers; and
- (c) call on Her Majesty’s Government to report on progress on the achievement of the Prime Minister’s ‘Challenge on Dementia 2020’, and on what steps are being taken to join up health and social care to ensure the seamless transition from one to the other for people with dementia.

12. The deadline for amendments to these items of business is **10.00 a.m. on Wednesday 20 February** (SO 27(5)).

MEETINGS OF THE CONVOCATIONS AND HOUSE OF LAITY

13. Should a reference be required under Article 7 of the Synod’s Constitution in relation to draft Amending Canon No. 39, 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 Thursday 21 February from 10.30 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. The Synod will then meet in the Assembly Hall from 11.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. and the Legislative Business in Special Agenda I will be taken.

CONTACT

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

clerk@churchofengland.org

WEDNESDAY 20 FEBRUARY 2019

2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

WORSHIP

1 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2112)

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

- 2 That the Synod do take note of this Report.
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PATTERN OF MEETINGS OF GENERAL SYNOD (GS 2113)

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

- 3 That this Synod meet on the following dates in 2021 – 2023:

2021	26 February – 2 March 9 July – 13 July 15 November – 17 November
2022	7 February – 11 February 8 July – 12 July 14 November - 16 November
2023	10 February – 14 February 7 July – 11 July 13 November – 15 November

4 EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP: PERSPECTIVES FROM THE WIDER ANGLICAN COMMUNION

Presentation under SO 107.

Note: *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should not include an opportunity for questions.*

5 PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

The Archbishop of Canterbury will give a Presidential Address.

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PENSIONS BOARD (GS 2114)

One of the Presidents to move:

- 6** That the appointment of Clive Mather as Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board from 1 May 2019 to 31 March 2023 be approved.
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APPOINTMENT OF TWO MEMBERS OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2115)

One of the Presidents to move:

- 7** *Details of the motion to be moved under this item will be given in a Notice Paper.*
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Not later than 5.45 p.m.

8 QUESTIONS

Note: *The Business Committee has determined in exercise of its power under SO 12 that notice of any question must be delivered **not later than 12 noon** on **Thursday 7 February 2019**.*

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship

THURSDAY 21 FEBRUARY 2019

A service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Assembly Hall at 9.15 a.m.

Note: *If a reference is required under Article 7 of the Synod's Constitution in relation to draft Amending Canon No. 39:*

- 1. the Convocations and House of Laity will meet from 10.30 a.m. for the purposes of the reference; and*
- 2. this sitting of the Synod will commence at 11.30 a.m.*

10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA I: LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I - see pages 11-13) will be taken:

- 500** Amending Canon No. 38 (**GS 2047D**)
- *Canon for enactment*
- 501-** Draft Church Representation and Ministers Measure (**GS 2046BB**) and
504 Draft Amending Canon No. 39 (**GS 2047BB**)
- *Final Drafting (draft Measure) and Final Approval (draft Measure and draft Amending Canon)*
- 505** Draft Amending Canon No. 40 (**GS 2103A**)
- *Revision Stage*
- 506** Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) (No. 2) Measure (**GS 2104A**) and Draft Amending Canon No. 41 (**GS 2105A**)
- *Revision Stage*
- 507** Draft Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 (**GS 2116**)
- *Draft Order for approval*

If debates are required on the following items of legislative business they will be taken here:

Code of Practice on Co-operation by the Church of England with Other Churches (**GS 2117**)

- *Code of Practice for approval*
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2.30 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Any legislative business not completed in the morning sitting will be taken here

SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

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

Mr Andrew Gray (Norwich) to move:

- 9 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.

Not later than 5.30 p.m.

**LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH AND PASTORAL ADVISORY GROUP
(GS MISC 1200)**

Presentation under SO 107.

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

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship

FRIDAY 22 FEBRUARY 2019

10.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

*Bible Study will take place in the Assembly Hall from 9.15 a.m.
– 10.15 a.m.*

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTION

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMMES (GS 2094A AND GS 2094B)

(Resumed debate)

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

- 11** 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 3 '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, coordination and rapid acceleration of the CoEEP, with particular attention to reducing the Church of England's energy use and CO2 emissions;
 - (ii) to continue developing, and making available, tools for the 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 Church's target of reducing CO2 emissions by 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

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- (e) call on the Archbishops' Council urgently to assess what human and financial resources would be required to enable the work in (d) above, and to report this back at the February 2019 group of sessions.

Note: *The text shows the motion in the amended form it took immediately before the carrying of the the motion for the Adjournment of Debate at the July 2018 group of sessions.*

Not later than 11.30 am

EVANGELISM AND DISCIPLESHIP (GS 2118 and Annex A)

The Revd Barry Hill (Leicester) to move:

- 12** That this Synod, welcoming the report from the Archbishops' Evangelism Task Group and commending the work of the new Evangelism and Discipleship Department:
 - (a) call on every worshipping community to make evangelism a planned priority for the coming year;
 - (b) affirm the importance of prayer in the work of evangelism and call on every parish to be involved in 'Thy Kingdom Come';
 - (c) encourage dioceses to envision, equip and enable lay and ordained people to be more confident in the sharing of the Good News of Jesus Christ in their everyday lives; 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 July 2020.

2.30 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.

54TH REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2119)

PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE STANDING ORDERS RELATING TO THE CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS 2120)

Notes:

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 23 to 26, 28 and 29 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:
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- notice is given by not less than 5 members by 5.30 p.m. on **Wednesday 20 February 2018** that they wish a proposed amendment to be debated; or
- notice is given by 5.30 p.m. on **Monday 18 February 2018** of an amendment to any proposed amendment.

GROWING FAITH: MINISTRY AMONGST CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE (GS 2121)

The Bishop of Ely to move:

- 13** That this Synod
- (a) welcome the House of Bishops' vision set out in *Growing Faith* (GS 2121); and
 - (b) encourage all dioceses, parishes, fresh expressions, Church of England schools and college or university chaplaincies to ensure they weave it through every strand of their strategies for mission and ministry.

14 FAREWELLS

Not later than 5.45 pm

ESTATES EVANGELISM (GS 2122)

The Bishop of Burnley to move:

- 15** That this Synod, committed to the Church of England's vocation to be a Christian presence in every community, and noting the historic marginalisation of social housing estates in the policies of both church and nation:
- (a) commend the vision of the Estates Evangelism Task Group to see a serving, loving and worshipping Christian community on every significant social housing estate in the country;
 - (b) urge every diocese to build ministry and mission on estates into its mission strategies, clergy deployment plans and SDF funding bids; and
 - (c) give thanks for the Christian leadership offered by people from estate communities and calls upon the Archbishops' Council, the Church Commissioners and the NCIs, through their work under the Renewal and Reform programme, to enable the voices of people from estates and other marginalised communities to be heard and heeded in the life of the Church of England.

7.00 p.m. Evening Worship

SATURDAY 23 FEBRUARY 2019

9.30 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

WORSHIP

***CENTURIES OF MARGINALISATION, VISIONS OF HOPE:
MISSION AND MINISTRY AMONG GYPSY, ROMA AND
TRAVELLER COMMUNITIES.
(GS 2123)***

- 16** Presentation under SO 107.

Note: *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should not include an opportunity for questions.*

The Bishop of Chelmsford to move:

- 17** That this Synod, mindful of the Church of England's commitment to combat racism in all its manifestations:
- (a) calls upon the Church's leadership, including the Lords Spiritual, other bishops, senior staff, the Mission and Public Affairs Division and others, to speak out publicly against racism and hate crime directed against Gypsies, Irish Travellers and Roma, and urge the media to stop denigrating and victimising these communities;
 - (b) requests every diocese to appoint a chaplain to Gypsies, Travellers and Roma, to provide pastoral care, harness the potential for church growth among these communities and help combat racism in the Church and wider communities; and
 - (c) requests the Mission and Public Affairs Council, in its forthcoming work on housing, to evaluate the importance of provision of sites for Gypsies and Travellers in wider housing policy, and recommend Church bodies to play their part in lobbying for, and enabling land to be made available for such sites.
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SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBER'S MOTION

ENCOURAGING YOUTH EVANGELISM (GS 2124A AND GS 2124B)

Canon Mark Russsell (Sheffield) to move:

- 18** 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.

ADVERTISING AND GAMBLING (GS 2125)

The Bishop of St Albans to move on behalf of the Ministry and Public Affairs Council:

- 19** That this Synod, noting the greatly increased levels of gambling advertising and research showing significant levels of gambling by children:
- (a) call on Her Majesty's Government to reduce the quantity and pervasiveness of gambling advertising and introduce a mandatory levy on gambling firms to fund independently commissioned research, education, and treatment programs;
 - (b) encourage churches to be an open place for people who have problems with gambling to seek support; and
 - (c) ask churches to support initiatives which educate children and young people about risks related to gambling.
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2.00 p.m. – 3.45 p.m.

**THE STATE OF THE NATION: MOTION FROM THE
PRESIDENTS**

The Archbishop of Canterbury to move:

- 20** That this Synod, knowing through the experiences of parishes across the country that social divisions feel more entrenched and intractable than for many years, and concerned at the divisions within the major political parties which are stifling the emergence of a hopeful and viable vision for the common good in our communities:
- (a) call upon every diocese and parish regularly to hold in prayer their local MPs and politicians and the members of Her Majesty's Government and civil servants, seeking God's strength and wisdom for the responsibilities they bear;
 - (b) reaffirm the Christian commitment to putting the voices of the poor and marginalised at the heart of the nation's concerns; and
 - (c) call upon the nation's leaders, drawing on Christian hope and reconciliation, to work together for that common good at this time of division.

21 FAREWELLS

Not later than 3.45 p.m.

22 PROROGATION

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 38 (GS 2047D)

Article 7 business

Canon for Enactment

(Finally approved at the July 2018 group of sessions)

One of the Archbishops to move:

- 500** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 38" be made, promulged and executed.'

DRAFT CHURCH REPRESENTATION AND MINISTERS MEASURE (GS 2046BB)

DRAFT AMENDING CANON No. 39 (GS 2047BB)

Article 7 Business (Canon only)

Draft Measure for Final Drafting

Draft Measure and draft Amending Canon for Final Approval

(Revised at the July 2018 group of sessions)

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2046ZZ/2047ZZ)

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

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

Note: *If item 501 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

- 502** 'That the Measure entitled "Church Representation and Ministers Measure" be finally approved.'

- 503** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 39 be finally approved.'

And, if item 503 is carried:

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

Note: *The Steering Committee has authorised the Clerk to inform the Synod under SO 61(4) that no amendments are to be made or proposed by the Steering Committee, and there are no other matters to report, in respect of draft Amending Canon No. 39.*

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 40 (GS 2103A)

Article 7 Business

Draft Amending Canon for Revision

(First Consideration at the July 2018 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2103Y)

A member of the Revision Committee to move:

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

Notes:

1. *In the debate on item 505 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the 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 505, 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 58(1) and (2)).*
3. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Amending Canon must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 15th February 2019.***

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

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 41 (GS 2105A)

Article 7 Business (both items)

Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for Revision

(First Consideration at the July 2018 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2104Y/2105Y)

A member of the Revision Committee to move:

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

Notes:

1. *In the debate on item 506 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 506, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, and the draft Amending Canon paragraph by paragraph, 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 Friday 15th February 2019.***

DRAFT PAROCHIAL FEES AND SCHEDULED MATTERS AMENDING ORDER 2019 (GS 2116)

Draft order for approval

The Bishop of Portsmouth (Chair of the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee) to move:

- 507** 'That the draft Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 be approved.'

Notes:

1. *The Archbishops' Council has laid the above draft Order (GS 2116) before the General Synod for approval under section 2 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with Standing Order 70(1) that the draft Order shall be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 72.*
3. *Amendments to the draft Order are permissible. 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 Tuesday 19th February 2019.***

CODE OF PRACTICE ON CO-OPERATION BY THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND WITH OTHER CHURCHES (GS 2117)

Code of Practice under section 5B of the Church of England (Ecumenical Relations) Measure 1988

Notes:

1. *The House of Bishops has laid the Code of Practice (GS 2117) before the General Synod for approval under section 5B of the Church of England (Ecumenical Relations) Measure 1988.*
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 Wednesday 20th February 2019.***
4. *Amendments to the Code of Practice are not permissible.*

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

Note: This is the current order which includes signatures received by 29 November 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.

125 signatures

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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.

104 signatures

March 2017

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

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.

99 signatures*

March 2017

**Given the terms of SO 6, once a PMM has achieved 100 or more signatures, it will remain on Special Agenda III until it is debated or until the Synod is dissolved at the end of the quinquennium. This motion previously reached a total of 101 signatures and will therefore remain on Special Agenda III on that basis.*

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

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- (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.

52 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 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.

21 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.

113 signatures

July 2017

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

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.’

92 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;
- (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.

139 signatures

November 2017

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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.

31 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.

84 signatures

February 2018

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;

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- (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
 - (iii) 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.

30 signatures

February 2018

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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.

56 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.

98 signatures

March 2018

END TO PAUPERS’ FUNERALS

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:

That this Synod, noting:

- (a) the substantial rise in the number of ‘pauper funerals’ in England and the pain and hurt arising from them; and
- (b) the call of the Gospel to meet people as Jesus does, in their time of need, as well as the duty of Christians to the poor as set out in Proverbs 31.8-9 and Deuteronomy 15.7-8;

call upon the Archbishops’ Council to establish a Task Force including representatives of the Houses of Bishops, Clergy and Laity to:

- (i) undertake the formation of plans at national, diocesan and parish levels to utilise Church resources (whether in the form of finance, volunteers or buildings) to tackle the issues relating to and, where possible, end ‘pauper funerals’; and
- (ii) work with other stakeholders to find ways, at an affordable price, to deliver a more compassionate send off for the departed and to meet the spiritual and emotional needs of those left behind.

69 signatures

July 2018

SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

WINDRUSH COMMITMENT AND LEGACY

The Revd Andrew Moughtin-Mumby (Southwark) to move:

That this Synod, commemorating in 2018 the martyrdom of the Revd Dr Martin Luther King, Jr., noting with joy the 70th anniversary of the arrival of the Empire Windrush liner in the United Kingdom in June 1948 bringing nearly 500 Commonwealth citizens, mainly from the Caribbean, to mainland UK; and the eventual arrival of approximately half a million people from the West Indies, who were called to Britain as British subjects to help rebuild the post-war United Kingdom:

- (a) lament, on behalf of Christ's Church, the conscious and unconscious racism experienced by countless Black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) Anglicans in 1948 and subsequent years, when seeking to find a spiritual home in their local Church of England parish churches, the memory of which is still painful to committed Anglicans who in spite of this racism from clergy and others, have remained faithful to the Church of England and their Anglican heritage;
- (b) express gratitude to God for the indispensable contribution to the mission, ministry, prayer and worship of Christ's Church in this nation made by people of BAME descent in the Church of England;
- (c) acknowledge and give joyful thanks for the wider contribution of the 'Windrush generation' and their descendants to UK life and culture in every field of human activity, including service across the Armed Forces and other services during and after the Second World War; and
- (d) resolve to continue, with great effort and urgency, to stamp out all forms of conscious or unconscious racism, and to commit the Church of England to increase the participation and representation of lay and ordained BAME Anglicans throughout Church life;

to the greater glory of the God in whose image every human being is made.

73 signatures

July 2018

LEGAL AID REFORM

Mr Carl Fender (Lincoln) to move:

That this Synod, mindful that a justice system should be open and free from barriers of any kind, and also provide easy access to enable the most vulnerable and disadvantaged people in our society to seek professional help in bringing their claims before our courts and tribunals:

- (a) recognise our legal aid system as an essential public service and fully endorse its preservation for the benefit of the nation;

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- (b) welcome the reports by Amnesty International and the Bach Commission about the impact of the Legal Aid, Sentencing and Punishment of Offenders Act 2012 and note both their findings about its impact on the most vulnerable and disadvantaged groups in our society and their recommendations for reform of the current system; and
- (c) call on Her Majesty's Government to respond positively to these reports and explore ways of alleviating the impact that the 2012 Act has had on these groups.

45 signatures

July 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:

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- (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

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

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

(following an amendment to the Diocesan Synod Motion submitted in November 2017)

FOSSIL FUELS DISINVESTMENT

... 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;

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- (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

(following amendments to the Diocesan Synod Motion submitted in December 2014)

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;

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- (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

(following the withdrawal of the London DSM on 'The Environment' and Truro DSM on 'Diocesan Environmental Programme' both originally submitted in August 2016)

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

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;

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- (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

ANNA CHAPLAINCY

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

That this Synod:

- (a) recognise and commend the important work of 'Anna Chaplaincy' and 'The Gift of Years';
- (b) request all dioceses to raise the profile of work with those diagnosed with dementia and their carers; and
- (c) call on Her Majesty's Government to report on progress on the achievement of the Prime Minister's 'Challenge on Dementia 2020', and on what steps are being taken to join up health and social care to ensure the seamless transition from one to the other for people with dementia.

June 2018

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PARISH VACANCIES

... to move on behalf of the St Albans Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod:

- (a) recognise the disruption caused to a parish and its mission during a vacancy;
- (b) request the Archbishops' Council to review within 12 months the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 with a view to ensuring that:
 - (i) the process for filling a vacancy in a benefice is begun as soon as practicable after the bishop becomes aware that the benefice is to become vacant;
 - (ii) all concerned in the process of filling vacancies, including patrons, bishops, and parochial church councils, co-operate so that vacancies are filled as soon as reasonably practicable.

June 2018

ADVERTISING AND GAMBLING

... to move on behalf of the St Albans Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod, noting the greatly increased levels of gambling advertising and research showing significant levels of gambling by children:

- (a) call on Her Majesty's Government to reduce the quantity and pervasiveness of gambling advertising and introduce a mandatory levy on gambling firms to fund independently commissioned research, education, and treatment programs;
- (b) encourage churches to be an open place for people who have problems with gambling to seek support; and
- (c) ask churches to support initiatives which educate children and young people about risks related to gambling.

June 2018

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DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITIES

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

That this Synod, call on the Archbishops' Council to commission a study that explores:

- (a) the reasons why, in contrast to Jesus, the Church of England is generally less effective in communicating with, and attracting people from, more disadvantaged communities; and
- (b) ways of addressing and reversing this situation.

June 2018

THE WEALTH GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR

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

That this Synod call on Her Majesty's Government (and all political parties) to adopt an explicit policy of reducing the wealth gap between the rich and the poor and the disadvantages that flow from it.

June 2018

REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PCC MEMBERSHIP AND ENTRY ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

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

That this Synod invite the Archbishops' Council:

- (a) to conduct a review of:
 - (i) the qualifications for membership of parochial church councils, in the light of the existence of bishops' mission initiatives; and
 - (ii) the qualifications for enrolment on a church electoral roll, and the form of application for enrolment, in the light of the experience of parishes in the diocese that those who attend church regularly do not necessarily understand them; and
- (b) to report to the Synod on the conclusions of the review.

July 2018

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CHALLENGING SLAVERY AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

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

That this Synod:

- (a) acknowledge the leading role that Her Majesty's Government has played internationally in challenging slavery; and
- (b) ask Her Majesty's Government to introduce legislation to ensure proper provision for the ongoing support and protection of trafficked minors is enshrined in law.

July 2018