

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

AMENDING CANON 39

(Of Morning and Evening prayer in parish churches, Of Holy Communion in parish churches, Of services in churches and other places of worship, Of the titles of such as are to be ordained deacons or priests, Of ministers exercising their ministry, Of deans or provosts and canons residentiary of cathedral or collegiate churches, Of the order of deaconesses, Of sidesmen or assistants to the churchwardens, Of readers, Of lay workers, Of the admission and licensing of lay workers)

Morning and Evening prayer and Holy Communion

1. (1) Canon B 11 (services of Morning and Evening Prayer) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In paragraph 1 (requirement for prayer every Sunday etc.)—
 - (a) for “in every parish church” substitute “in at least one church in each benefice or, where benefices are held in plurality, in at least one church in at least one of those benefices”, and
 - (b) for “the minister of the parish” substitute “the minister who has the cure of souls”.
 - (3) In paragraph 2 (provision for prayer on other days), for the first sentence substitute—

“On all other days, the minister who has the cure of souls, together with other ministers licensed to serve in the benefice (or one or more of the benefices), shall make such provision for Morning and Evening Prayer to be said or sung either in at least one of the churches in the benefice (or at least one of the churches in at least one of the benefices) or, after consultation with the parochial church council of each parish in the benefice (or benefices), elsewhere as may best serve to sustain the corporate spiritual life of the benefice (or benefices) and the pattern of life enjoined upon ministers by Canon C 26.”
 - (4) In paragraph 2, in the second sentence, omit “in the parish”.
 - (5) In paragraph 3 (dispensation under Canon B 14A), omit “in any parish church”.
2. (1) Canon B 14 (celebration of Holy Communion) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In paragraph 1 (requirement for celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday etc.), for “in every parish church” substitute “in at least one church in each benefice or, where benefices are held in plurality, in at least one church in at least one of those benefices”.
 - (3) In paragraph 2 (dispensation under Canon B 14A), omit “in any parish church”.
 - (4) Omit paragraph 3 (churches and chapels dependent on a parish church).
3. (1) Canon B 14A (services in churches etc.) is amended as follows.
 - (2) In paragraph 1 (dispensation of requirements of Canon B 11 or B 14), in the first sentence—

- (a) omit “in any parish church” in each place it appears,
 - (b) in each of paragraphs (a) and (b), for “the minister and the parochial church council” substitute “the minister who has the cure of souls and the parochial church council of each parish in the benefice”.
- (3) In paragraph 1, in the second sentence—
- (a) for the words from the beginning to “as the case may be” substitute “In giving an authorization under this paragraph, the person or persons doing so”, and
 - (b) omit paragraph (i) and the following “; and”.
- (4) Omit paragraph 2 (case of benefices held in plurality).
- (5) Omit paragraph 3 (parish centres of worship).
- (6) In paragraph 4 (directions by bishop as to services to be held or not to be held)—
- (a) after “The bishop of a diocese may”, insert “, subject to Canons B 11 and B 14 and the preceding paragraphs of this Canon,”,
 - (b) omit “which is not a parish church”, and
 - (c) for “section 29 of the Pastoral Measure 1983” substitute “section 43 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011”.

Ordination of deacons and priests

4. In Canon C 5 (titles of those to be ordained), for paragraph 1 (requirement to exhibit certificate of provision of office) substitute—
- “1. A bishop may admit a person into holy orders only if, subject to paragraphs 2 and 3, the bishop is satisfied that the person is to be provided with an office to be held under Common Tenure in the bishop’s diocese.”

Ministers exercising ministry

5. (1) Canon C 8 (ministers exercising ministry) is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 2 (requirement for authority to officiate), in paragraph (a)—
- (a) after “to minister within their church or chapel” insert “—
 - (i) except in a case within paragraph (ii),”,
 - (b) after “the bishop or other Ordinary,” insert “or
 - (ii) in the case of a minister who is instituted to a benefice in that diocese or admitted to serve within that diocese by licence under the hand and seal of the bishop and who is not subject to a direction under paragraph 4A, for an indefinite period and without reference to the bishop or other Ordinary,” and

- (c) the words from “and a minister so allowed” to the end become full-out words beneath the new paragraphs (i) and (ii).
- (3) After paragraph 4 insert—
- “4A. In the case of a minister who is instituted to a benefice or admitted to serve within a diocese by licence under the hand and seal of the bishop of the diocese, the bishop may direct that the minister may officiate only in the benefice or (as the case may be) the place to which the licence applies.”

Deans

6. In each of the following provisions, omit the wording specified—
- (a) in Canon A 6, the word “provosts,”;
 - (b) in Canon B 2, in paragraph 2B(3)(b), the words “or provost as the case may be”;
 - (c) in Canon B 13, in paragraph 2, the words “or provost”;
 - (d) in Canon B 42, in paragraph 4(3)(b), the words “or provost as the case may be”;
 - (e) in Canon C 8, in paragraph 2(a), the words “or provost”;
 - (f) in Canon C 21, in the title, the words “or provosts,” and in each paragraphs 2, 3 and 4, the words “, or provost”.

Sidesmen or assistants to the churchwardens

7. In Canon E 2 (sidesmen or assistants to the churchwardens), in paragraph 1, omit the words from “by the annual” to “meetings,”.

Lay workers, etc.

8. In Canon E 8 (admission and licensing of lay workers), in paragraph 6 (requirement to keep register of lay workers), omit “book”.
9. In each of the following, for “an extra-parochial place” substitute “an extra-parochial minister”—
- (a) in Canon D 1 (deaconesses), in paragraph 4,
 - (b) in Canon E 4 (readers), in paragraph 2A, and
 - (c) in Canon E 7 (lay workers), in paragraph 5.