

GENERAL SYNOD OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

AMENDING CANON NO. 41

(Of the register book of services, Of the language of divine service, Of ministers exercising their ministry, Of Ecclesiastical Courts and Commissions, Of the chancellor or judge of a Consistory Court, Of the General Synod and the Convocations)

Register book of services

1. In Canon F 12 (the register book of services), for paragraph 2 substitute—
 - “2. Every service held at the church or chapel, including the Occasional Offices and whether or not a service of public worship, shall be recorded in the register book, together with—
 - (a) the name of the officiating minister,
 - (b) the name of the preacher (if the preacher is not the officiating minister),
 - (c) the number of persons attending the service and, so far as it is practicable to ascertain, the number aged under 16 and the number aged 16 or over,
 - (d) in the case of the celebration of the Holy Communion, the number of communicants (as well as the total number of persons attending) and, so far as it is practicable to ascertain, the number of communicants aged under 16 and the number aged 16 or over, and
 - (e) if desired, notes of significant events.
3. The form in which the register book may be kept includes any electronic or other form approved by the General Synod, subject in either case to any conditions approved by the Synod.
4. In a case where the decision is taken to keep the register book in an electronic or other form approved under paragraph 3—
 - (a) every service held after the decision takes effect shall be recorded in that form, and
 - (b) services already held in the calendar year in which the decision takes effect may (but need not) be recorded in that form.”

Language of divine service

2. In Canon B 42 (language of divine service), in paragraph 3(1), omit “the Standing Committee of”.

Ministers exercising their ministry

3. (1) In Canon C 8 (ministers exercising their ministry), in paragraph 4, after “1992” insert “or section 4 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2018”.
- (2) **In that Canon, in paragraph 7, omit “or provost”.**
- (3) **In Canon C 21 (the title to which becomes “Of deans and canons residentiary of cathedral or collegiate churches), in paragraph 1, omit “, provost” and “or provost”.**

The Ecclesiastical Courts etc: updated statutory references

4. (1) In Canon G 1 (ecclesiastical courts and commissions), in the opening words, for “and the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003” substitute “, the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 and the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018”.
- (2) In that Canon, in paragraphs 1 and 2(a), for “the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963” substitute “the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018”.
- (3) In Canon G 2 (chancellor or judge of a consistory court), in paragraph 3—
 - (a) after “The chancellor of a diocese,” insert “and”, and
 - (b) omit “and a person appointed to preside over a court by virtue of section 27(1) of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963”.

General Synod and Convocations: replacement of outdated references

5. In Canon H1 (the General Synod and Convocations) in the form in which it has effect in each province, in paragraph 3(b), for “the Prolocutor and Pro-Prolocutor” substitute “the Chair and Vice-Chair”.

Minor corrections

6. In each of the following provisions, for “2015” substitute “2016”—
 - (a) in Canon C 8, in paragraph 8(2);
 - (b) in Canon C 30, in paragraph 6;
 - (c) in Canon E 6, in paragraph 10;
 - (d) in Canon E 8, in paragraph 12.

Gender neutral references

7. (1) **Canon C 8 is amended as follows.**
 - (2) **In each of paragraphs 1, 2 and 4, for “his ministry” substitute “ministry”.**
 - (3) **In paragraph 2, in the first sentence, for “he” substitute “the minister”.**
 - (4) **In paragraph 2, in paragraph (a) of the proviso—**

- (a) for “that he”, in the first place it appears, substitute “that the minister”,
 - (c) omit “that he” in the second place it appears, and
 - (d) for “when he officiates” substitute “when officiating”.
- (5) In paragraph 2, in paragraph (b) of the proviso, omit “his”.
- (6) In paragraph 3, for the words from “by instituting” to “giving him” substitute “by institution to a benefice, by admission to serve within the diocese by licence under the hand and seal of the bishop, or by giving the minister”.
- (7) In paragraph 4, for “he”, in each place it appears, substitute “the minister”.
- (8) In paragraph 6, for “his” substitute “the minister’s”.
8. (1) Canon C 21 is amended as follows.
- (2) In paragraph 1, for “he” substitute “the person”.
 - (3) In paragraph 2, for “his” substitute “a”.
9. (1) In each of the following provisions, for “he enters on the execution of his office” substitute “entering on the execution of the office”—
- (a) in Canon G 2, in paragraph 3;
 - (b) in Canon G 3, in paragraphs 3 and 4;
 - (c) in Canon G 4, in paragraph 3.
- (2) In Canon G 2, in paragraph 3, for “he is a layman, he” substitute “the person is lay, the person”.
- (3) In Canon G 3, in each of paragraphs 3 and 4, for “he is a layman” substitute “the person is lay”.
- (4) In Canon G 4, in paragraph 2—
- (a) for “he should be a person who has” substitute “the person should have”, and
 - (b) for “appointing him must satisfy himself” substitute “making the appointment must be satisfied”.
- (5) In Canon G 5, in paragraph 1—
- (a) for “committed to his charge” substitute “in question”, and
 - (b) omit “to his charge” in the second place it appears.