

# **GENERAL SYNOD**

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## **FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2020**

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### **SEVENTH NOTICE PAPER**

#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

#### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS AND ANGLICAN GUESTS**

##### **New Members**

The following people have become Members of General Synod since July 2019:

The Rt Revd Richard Jackson, Bishop of Hereford, House of Bishops, replacing The Rt Revd Richard Frith

The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover, House of Bishops, replacing The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott

The Rt Revd David Williams, Bishop of Basingstoke, House of Bishops, replacing The Rt Revd Jonathan Frost, Bishop of Southampton

The Revd Stephen Corbett, Diocese of Blackburn, replacing The Ven Michael Everitt

The Revd Alicia Dring, Diocese of Derby, replacing The Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor

The Ven Philip Andrew, Diocese of Gloucester, replacing The Rt Revd Jackie Searle

The Revd Simon Morris, Diocese of London, replacing The Revd Jane Morris

The Revd Dr Benjamin Carter, Diocese of Newcastle, replacing The Revd Canon Dagmar Winter

The Revd Fiona Gibson, Diocese of St Albans, replacing The Revd Steven Wood

The Revd Dr Helen Dawes, Diocese of Salisbury, replacing The Revd Canon Thomas Woodhouse

The Revd Stuart Grant, Diocese of York, replacing The Rt Revd Sarah Bullock

Ms Julie Withers, Diocese of Chester, replacing The Reverend Lucy Brewster

Mrs Siân Kellogg, Diocese of Derby, replacing Mrs Rachel Bell

Mr Rhodri Williams, Diocese of Derby, replacing Mrs Hannah Grivell

Mrs Rebecca Chapman, Diocese of Southwark, replacing Mr Nicholas Lebey

Ms Theophilia Shaw, Diocese of Southwark, replacing Miss Carrie Myers

Mrs Katrina Thomas, Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, replacing Ms Tracey Byrne

Mr Andrew Selous MP, Second Church Estates Commissioner, replacing The Rt Hon Dame Caroline Spelman

Mrs Maureen Cole, Archbishops' Council, replacing Mrs Mary Chapman

The Revd Graham Sparkes, Baptist Union, replacing The Revd Professor Paul Fiddes

Fr Patrick Fitzgerald-Lombard, O. Carm., Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales, replacing The Revd Canon John O'Toole

## **Anglican Guests**

### **The Most Reverend Zacharie Masimango Katanda, Archbishop of Congo and Bishop of Kindu**

Archbishop Masimango was consecrated as the 4th Primate and Archbishop of the Province of the Anglican Church of the Congo on 11 September 2016. He became the first Bishop of the Diocese of Kindu, when it was created in 1996. In his role as Bishop of Kindu, Archbishop Masimango was involved in peace-building and reconciliation work during the 1998-2003 DRC civil war, negotiating with rebel leaders, and ending a road blockade which had prevented food reaching local villages. Archbishop Masimango and his Bishops are educating congregations in Eastern Congo on the prevention of Ebola. He is married to Naomi.

### **The Most Reverend Stephen Than Myint Oo, Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon**

Archbishop Stephen has been the Primate and Archbishop of the Church of the Province of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon since 17 February 2008. It is testament to the strength of his faith that he has served so long and in such difficult conditions. Over 30 years ago he was imprisoned by the ruling military junta for two years. He is married to Nan Myint Yi.

### **The Most Reverend Héctor “Tito” Zavala Muñoz, Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Chile**

The Anglican Church of Chile became a Province in November 2018 and Archbishop Tito is serving as its first Archbishop. Previously he was Primate of the Southern Cone from 2010 to 2016. He is Chair of the newly formed Church Planting Network. His primary concern is evangelism and the growth of the church. He is married to Miriam.

## **PHOTOGRAPHY AT GENERAL SYNOD**

The Business Committee has agreed that members of General Synod are permitted to use hand-held electronic devices to take photographs in the Chamber during a Group of Sessions.

Synod does not meet in secret and part of its role is to consider and express its opinion on matters of religious or public interest. By becoming members of General Synod, members can be said, knowingly or intentionally, to involve themselves in activities which are or may be recorded or reported in a public manner. The Business Committee, therefore, considers, given the public nature of Synod's activities, that permitting photography is a logical step in making General Synod feel more transparent and accessible to all and could help to promote the work of Synod.

Members taking photographs are asked to adhere to the following guidelines, which should ensure that good order and decorum continues to be maintained whilst the Synod conducts its business and photography doesn't upset or disrespect individual members:-

- The taking of photographs with electronic devices should be done silently and unobtrusively, without disturbing other members or the business of Synod;
- The use of electronic devices to take photographs should not be excessive and should not distract members from any debate taking place or make it look like members are not listening;
- Members' individual rights should be respected and permission sought if individual members will be readily identifiable from any photograph, explaining the purpose of the photography;
- Flashes should not be used within the Chamber whilst the Synod is conducting its business as this is likely to distract from and disrupt that business;

- Members should have constantly in mind that they are in the Chamber and should behave accordingly. They should be aware of the nature of any debate and use common sense if a matter is particularly sensitive, giving consideration as to whether photography would be appropriate;
- Members should not publish any photographs that could be considered defamatory or might in anyway cause serious upset or damage a person's reputation; and
- If photographs are to be used for any commercial or other purpose that is not "purely personal" it is up to the relevant photographer to ensure that he/she complies with all data protection legislation in connection with such photography. "Purely personal" means that there is no commercial or professional element and it is only intended to use photographs for an individual's own enjoyment, such as sharing with friends and family.

The Business Committee asks for the co-operation of all members in ensuring that these guidelines are followed. Neither the Business Committee nor staff members are responsible for any photographs taken by individual members. Queries or complaints about the content or publication of a particular photograph should, in the first instance, be raised with the individual taking the photograph. A persistent failure to adhere to the guidelines can be raised with staff members and if necessary the Chair can remind members of how important it is to follow the guidelines.

Finally, the Business Committee recognises that we live in a world where every owner of a smartphone is a potential photographer. Members are asked to use a balanced, common sense approach when taking photographs, as this will ensure that individuals' rights are respected, whilst also enabling people to capture and celebrate the work of General Synod.

## ACTS OF WORSHIP

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| <b>Monday 10 February</b>    | 12 noon | Holy Communion        | Synod Chaplain                              |
|                              | 2.30 pm | Prayer During the Day | Synod Chaplain                              |
|                              | 7.00 pm | Evening Prayer (BCP)  | Revd Canon Leah Vasey-Saunders              |
| <b>Tuesday 11 February</b>   | 9.15am  | Holy Communion        | Archbishop of Canterbury                    |
|                              | 7.00pm  | Evening Worship       | Revd Canon James Allison                    |
| <b>Wednesday 12 February</b> | 8:00 am | Holy Communion        | Westminster Abbey                           |
|                              | 9.15 am | Bible Study           | Synod Chaplain &<br>Revd Dr Isabelle Hamley |
|                              | 1.05 pm | Holy Communion        | Synod Chaplain                              |
|                              | 7.00pm  | Evening Worship       | Community of St Anselm                      |
| <b>Thursday 13 February</b>  | 8:00 am | Holy Communion        | Westminster Abbey                           |
|                              | 9.15 am | Morning Worship       | Revd Tim Goode                              |

### ***A note on Posture***

As human beings we worship with our bodies as well as our words and prayers. During our worship this Synod, the minister will issue the invitation to sit or stand as appropriate. Please see these as merely invitations and adopt the posture you find most helpful and comfortable during worship.

## DISPLAYS

The following individuals and organisations will have displays in the Abbey Room

- Mothers' Union
- Gavin Oldham hosting The Share Foundation
- College of St. Barnabas

- Bishop Christopher Cocksworth hosting The Awareness Foundation
- CMJ UK (The Church's Ministry among Jewish People)
- NCIs – The National Giving Strategy

## **FRINGES**

There will be a variety of fringe meetings taking place during the groups of sessions, their flyers can be found on the Church of England's website and there will be a timetable on the noticeboard through the group of sessions.

Should you have any queries, please contact the fringe organiser.