

**General Synod of the Church of England, February Group of Sessions
12th February 2020**

**Electronic voting results for Item 11 – SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS
END TO PAUPERS’ FUNERALS (GS 2160A and GS 2160B)**

‘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 direct and resource the Life Events Advisory Group, in consultation with the Churches Funeral Group and the British Council of Funeral Services 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’;
- 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; and
- iii. report progress made with reference to the above by the end of 2021;

and further call on Her Majesty’s Government to develop with Council leaders a national plan and basic standards for ‘pauper funerals’, which should include allowing a Christian funeral service to take place in Church or at a Crematorium, for family or others to attend, and the return of the departed (where permitted) to family members.’

The motion was carried after a counted vote of the whole Synod.

Results:

IN FAVOUR	273
AGAINST	0

1 abstention was recorded.

All votes in favour

Peter George Michelmore	Adams	392
Linda	Ali	434
Justine Penelope Heathcote	Allain Chapman	149
Penelope	Allen	335
Donald Spargo	Allister	31
Anthony Robert	Allwood	397
Philip	Andrew	122
Christopher John	Angus	265
David	Ashton	323
Nigel Roy	Aston	381
Andrew Michael	Attwood	98
Robert	Atwell	18
Robin	Back	370
Nigel	Bacon	341
Emily Rachel	Bagg	384
Nicholas	Baines	22
Jonathan Mark Richard	Baker	45
David Percy	Banting	80
Tim	Barker	236
Christina Murray	Baron	245
Enid Monica	Barron	350
Simon Henry Crews	Baynes	394
Joan Elizabeth Culberson	Beck	417
William Peter Argent	Belcher	313
Paul John	Benfield	66
Tjeerd	Bijl	305
Catherine Jill	Blair	125
Phillip Steel	Blinkhorn	361
Michael Paul Montague	Booker	109
Alison Susan Wray	Booker	140
Susan Elizabeth	Booys	186
Paul Winston Michael	Boyd-Lee	400
Mark Quinn	Bratton	100
Peter Hans	Breckwoldt	210
Rosalind Patricia Anne	Brewer	436
Anne Elizabeth	Brown	230

Paul	Buckingham	382
Deborah Ruth	Buggs	353
Timothy Martin	Bull	202
Heather Dawn	Butcher	179
Paul	Butler	4
Simon	Butler	219
Graeme	Buttery	106
Benjamin	Carter	178
Paul	Cartwright	131
Graham Colin	Caskie	375
Simon Howard	Cawdell	127
Keith	Cawdron	345
Malcolm Leslie	Chamberlain	215
Rebecca	Chapman	414
Elaine	Chegwin Hall	87
Christopher	Chessun	39
Simon	Clift	424
Gavin Andrew	Collins	195
Elizabeth Ann	Colton	270
Anita	Cook	447
Stephen	Corbett	67
Alison Clare	Cox	88
Jonathan Patrick	Cryer	334
Prudence Mary Prior	Dailey	376
Tim	Dakin	5
Helen	Dawes	214
Anne Frances	Dawtry	134
Gillian Patricia	De Berry	403
Josias	De Souza Jr	76
Richard	Denno	346
Douglas James	Dettmer	116
Joseph	Diwakar	468
William Ian Cotter	Dobbie	387
Lucy Clare	Docherty	385
Andrew Steward	Dotchin	208
Jacqueline Margaret	Doyle-Brett	241
Alicia	Dring	103
James	Dudley-Smith	59
Philp	Dulston	448
Mary Caroline	Durlacher	271
Julie Patricia	Dziegiel	377
Catherine	Edmonds	117
Robert Terrence	Edwards	272
Martin	Elcock	321
John	Ellis	440
Andrew Neil	Emerton	160

Viv	Faull	9
Damian Prescott Anthony	Feeny	143
David Rhys	Felix	89
Carl David	Fender	342
Sarah Rosemary Ann	Finch	354
Simon John Plumley	Fisher	155
Alison Mary	Fisher	324
Kathryn Anne	Fitzsimons	135
Deborah Mary	Flach	113
Timothy	Fleming	396
Antoinette Joan	Foreman	308
Emma Joy	Forward	309
Christopher	Foster	32
John Jeremy Collier	Freeman	278
Philip Colin	French	388
Simon Bedford Burge	Friend	310
Jonathan Martin	Gainsborough	71
Charlotte	Gale	99
Karen	Galloway	398
Kashmir Ruth	Garton	432
Adam	Gaunt	242
Philip	Geldard	362
William John Morris	Gibbs	203
Fiona	Gibson	205
Michael Robert	Gilbertson	90
Jennifer Susan	Gillies	91
Vivienne Moira	Goddard	254
Nancy	Goodrich	68
Kevin Ian	Goss	204
Richard Angus	Goudie	298
Martyn	Gough	442
Stuart	Grant	240
Adrian Douglas Crispin	Greenwood	411
Nicola Jane	Groarke	239
Catherine Anne	Grylls	63
Valerie Jean	Hallard	266
William Graham	Hamilton	118
Paul Geoffrey	Harbord	216
Aiden Richard	Hargreaves-Smith	355
Rosemary Elizabeth	Harper	190
James Herbert	Harrison	299
Peter David	Hart	280
Catherine	Harvey	449
Zoe Norah	Heming	145
Julian	Henderson	8
Caroline	Herbert	372

Joyce Margaret	Hill	326
Timothy Charles	Hind	247
Peter Geoffrey	Hine	267
Benjamin Thomas	Hodson-Franks	250
Stephen Murray	Hofmeyr	319
James	Hollingsworth	93
Beverley Jayne	Hollins	192
Graham	Hollowood	170
Rose	Hudson-Wilkin	43
Michael	Ipgrave	24
David John	Ison	54
Richard	Jackson	21
Brunel Hugh Grayburn	James	133
Carolyn Ann	Johnson	255
Joyce Rosemary	Jones	137
Helen Mary	Jones	300
Richard Mervyn	Jones	402
Peter Richard	Kay	206
Sian	Kellog	296
Joanne	Kelly-Moore	75
David Stephen	Kemp	262
Susan	Kennaugh	409
William Martin	Kingston	314
Gavin John	Kirk	151
David John	Lamming	399
Nicholas Mark	Land	438
Elizabeth Jane Holden	Lane	15
Michael Robert	Lawes	389
Adanna Akuyoma	Lazz-Onyenobi	364
Bryan Ian	Le Marquand	429
Keith John	Leslie	404
Richard Andrew	Lightbown	185
Mark Wesley	Lucas	193
Robin Christopher	Lunn	433
Ian	MacDowell	285
Angus Murdo	MacLeay	200
Zahida Bibi	Mallard	329
Judith Diane	Maltby	452
Samuel John	Margrave	292
Hugh Kyle	McCurdy	110
Isabella May	McDonald-Booth	368
Alistair	McHaffie	69
Debrah Agnes	McIsaac	405
Chris	McQuillen-Wright	229
Andrew Mark	Micklefield	232
Luke Jonathan	Miller	162

Andrea	Minichiello-Williams	286
Richard John Anthony	Mitchell	121
Nicholas Ian	Moir	111
Lucy Bridget	Moore	428
Richard	Morgan	302
Philip Ian	Mounstephen	41
Sarah	Mullally	3
Robert Speight	Munro	92
Josile Wenus Alexandria	Munro	356
Mark	Murthen	165
Mary Philippa	Nagel	287
Christopher William	Newlands	70
Ruth Elizabeth	Newton	136
Philip John	North	50
Andrew Peter	Nunn	55
Gavin David Redvers	Oldham	378
Jayne Margaret	Ozanne	379
Margaret Anne	Parrett	365
Rhian Margaret	Parsons	332
Neil Sydney	Patterson	128
Elizabeth Caroline	Paver	407
Suzanne	Perkins	443
Janet Rosemary	Perrett	303
Colin Mark	Pilgrim	73
James Mark	Pitkin	233
Kathleen Iris	Playle	274
Philip James John	Plyming	453
Andrew Roy	Presland	383
Christopher Charles	Pye	347
Caroline Susan	Ralph	61
Elizabeth	Renshaw	282
Patrick	Richmond	180
David John	Robilliard	430
Christopher Mark Scott	Robinson	209
Muriel Anita	Robinson	343
Susan Margaret	Rose	62
Peter Bradford	Rouch	234
Andrew Ian	Salmon	174
Benjamin Charles	Sargent	235
Angela Mary	Scott	390
Clive Richard	Scowen	358
William Trevor	Seddon	395
Thomas Christopher John	Seville	446
Martin David	Sewell	391
Mark	Sheard	464
Margaret Eleanor	Sheather	315

Jeremy Patrick	Sheehy	173
John Richard	Shelley	311
Charles Walter Douglas	Skrine	167
Susan Gay	Slater	344
Colin Stuart	Slater	420
Christopher Matthew	Smith	168
Michael	Smith	189
Bradley Francis	Smith	290
Helen Margaret	Smith	301
Elizabeth	Snowden	83
Peter Hendry	Spiers	156
Francis Peter	Spufford	304
Michael Oswald	Stallybrass	439
Jacqueline Mary	Stamper	257
Jane Elizabeth	Steen	225
Howard	Stoker	182
Margaret Anne	Swinson	348
Rebecca Jane	Swyer	96
Michelle Agnes Kaa	Tackie	275
Simon John	Talbott	112
Mary	Talbott	307
Mark	Tanner	52
Michael	Thomas	289
Katrina	Thomas	418
Andrew George	Todd	238
Michael John	Todd	423
Rachel	Treweek	19
Stephen	Trott	194
Kathryn Louise Slader	Tucker	249
Graham	Usher	29
Gary Richard	Waddington	139
Pauline Debra	Walker	349
Brenda Claire	Wallace	84
Rosemary Anne	Walters	264
Yvonne	Warren	293
Andrew John	Watson	20
Justin	Welby	1
Jeffrey	West	191
Kate Elizabeth	Wharton	157
Priscilla Audrey	White	65
Robert Charles	White	197
Robin John	Whitehouse	339
Paul	Williams	40
Louise	Williams	85
Giles Peter	Williams	115
Brian Luke	Williams	148

Rhodri	Williams	297
Rachel Claire	Wilson	201
John Richard	Wilson	340
Brian Kenneth	Wilson	416
Julie	Withers	276
Susan Anne	Witts	258
Andrew Martin	Yates	231

All abstentions

Carol	Wolstenholme	369
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