

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2020 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 P.M.
ON MONDAY 10TH FEBRUARY 2020

WORSHIP

The Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne led the Synod in an act of worship.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

- 1 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY introduced the following new members:

The Rt Revd Richard Jackson (Bishop of Hereford)

(replacing The Rt Revd Richard Frith)

The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin (Bishop of Dover)

(replacing The Rt Revd Trevor Willmott)

The Rt Revd David Williams (Bishop of Basingstoke)

(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)
Mr Richard Denno, (Diocese of Liverpool)
(replacing Dr David Martlew)
The Revd Michael Smith, Diocese of Oxford
(replacing The Rt Revd Martin Gorick)
The Revd Canon Jeffrey West (Diocese of Oxford)
(replacing The Revd Canon Francis Orr-Ewing)
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 Estates Commissioner)
(replacing The Rt Hon Dame Caroline Spelman)
Mrs Maureen Cole (Archbishops' Council)
(replacing Mrs Mary Chapman)

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY welcomed the following Anglican and ecumenical guests:

The Most Reverend Zacharie Masimango Katanda,
(Archbishop of Congo and Bishop of Kindu)
The Most Reverend Stephen Than Myint Oo,
(Archbishop of Myanmar and Bishop of Yangon)
The Most Reverend Héctor “Tito” Zavala Muñoz
(Archbishop and Primate of the Anglican Church of Chile)
The Revd Graham Sparkes (Baptist Union)
(replacing The Revd Professor Paul Fiddes)
Fr Patrick Fitzgerald-Lombard (Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales) *(replacing The Revd Canon John O'Toole)*

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY also welcomed the following:

Mr Gareth Mostyn,
(newly appointed Secretary of the Church Commissioners)
The Revd Canon Chris Newlands,
(newly elected Prolocutor for the Province of York)
Mrs Louise Connacher,
(Provincial Registrar and Registrar of the Convocation of York)

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2151)

2 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a), the order of business for the sitting on Tuesday 11 February was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that Item 8 would be taken not later than 5.30 p.m.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

3 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Address.

REPORT OF THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY’S COMMISSION ON THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE CHANNEL ISLANDS TO THE WIDER CHURCH OF ENGLAND (GS Misc 1241)

4 A presentation was given by the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Lord Chartres
(Chair of the Archbishop’s Commission) under Standing Order 107.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT CHANNEL ISLANDS MEASURE (GS 2152)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

502 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Channel Islands Measure” be considered for revision in Full Synod.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Channel Islands Measure would proceed to the Revision Stage in full Synod at the afternoon sitting of the Synod on Tuesday 11 February 2020.

THE CLERGY COVENANT FOR WELLBEING ACT OF SYNOD 2020 (GS 2153)

505 The motion

‘That the Clergy Covenant for Wellbeing (set out in paragraph 20 of GS 2133) be solemnly affirmed and proclaimed as an Act of Synod.’

was carried.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY signed the Act of Synod ratifying and confirming it for the Province of Canterbury. The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK had already indicated his ratification of the motion for the Province of York, subject to the motion being passed. Both Archbishops agreed to proclaim the Act of Synod to their respective dioceses.

The Registrar then read the customary form of proclamation.

QUESTIONS

5 Supplementary questions in respect to questions 1 to 83; as set out in the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Revd Canon Leah Vasey-Saunders led the Synod in an act of worship.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 7.15 p.m.

56th REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2157)

Under Standing Order 40(5) the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders set out at items 18, 20 to 23, 25 and 26 on the First Notice Paper were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, 5 members not having given notice of a wish to have any of these proposed amendments debated at 5.30 p.m.

SINGLE TRANSFERABLE VOTE RULES 2020 (GS 2167)

CARE OF CATHEDRALS (AMENDMENT) RULES 2020 (GS 2168)

DRAFT SCHEME AMENDING THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE CONSTITUTION (GS 2169)

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Single Transferable Vote Rules 2020, the Care of Cathedrals (Amendment) Rules 2020 and the Draft Scheme Amending the Diocese in Europe Constitution were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given due notice of a wish to have them debated.

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2020 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 12.45 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2020

HOLY COMMUNION

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY presided at a celebration of Holy Communion.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT CATHEDRALS MEASURE (GS 2136A)

Draft Measure for Revision (First Consideration: July 2019)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2136Y)

501 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

Revision Stage

Clause 1

510 The amendment (Order Paper II) lapsed.

511 The motion

‘That clause 1 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

512 The motion

‘That clauses 2 to 5 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

New Clause

513 The motion that the new clause 5A be generally approved was carried.

514 The motion

‘That the clause be inserted in the Measure.’

was carried.

515 The motion

‘That clauses 6 to 9 stand part of the Measure’.

was carried.

Clause 10

516 The amendment (Order Paper II) lapsed

517 The motion

‘That clause 10 stand part of the Measure’

was carried.

518 The motion

‘That clauses 11 to 40 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 41

519 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

520 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

521 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

522 The motion

‘That clauses 41 as amended stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

523 The motion

‘That clauses 42 to 52 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

524 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

Paragraph 1 of Schedule 1

525 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

Paragraph 3 of Schedule 1

526 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

Paragraph 5 of Schedule 1

527 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

528 The motion

‘That Schedule 1 as amended stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

529 The motion

‘That Schedules 2 to 4 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Paragraph 12 of Schedule 5

530 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

531 The motion

‘That Schedule 5 as amended stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

532 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

DEANERY SYNOD TERM LIMITS (GS 2154)

6 The motion

‘That this Synod request the Business Committee to introduce a draft Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution at the July 2020 group of sessions to give effect to the recommendations at paragraph 22 of GS 2154.’

was carried following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	14	6
Clergy	66	31
Laity	128	14

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops, 3 in the House of Clergy and 2 in the House of Laity.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 12.45 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2020 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2020

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH AND THE PASTORAL ADVISORY GROUP

7 A presentation was given under SO 107.

SPECIAL AGENDA I
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS
DRAFT CHANNEL ISLANDS MEASURE (GS 2152)
Draft Measure for Revision in Full Synod

585 The motion

‘That clauses 1 to 5 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

586 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES (AMENDMENT) RESOLUTION 2020 (GS 2155)

Resolution of the General Synod under section 7 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969

506A The motion

‘That the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2020 be considered.’

was carried.

- 533 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.
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- 549 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

506B The motion

‘That the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2020 be approved.’

was carried following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	21	0
Clergy	91	0
Laity	128	0

No abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the Church Representation Rules (Amendment) Resolution 2020 would be laid before both Houses of Parliament pursuant to the Statutory Instruments Act 1946.

SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

WINDRUSH COMMITMENT AND LEGACY (GS 2156A and GS 2156B)

8 The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

27 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

28 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

29 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

8 The motion (as amended)

‘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, and apologises for, 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) request the Archbishops’ Council to commission research to assess the impact of this on the Church of England in terms of church members lost, churches declining into closure, and vocations to ordained and licensed lay ministries missed, and to report back to this Synod and the wider Church;
- c) 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;

- d) 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;
- e) 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; and
- f) request the Archbishop's Council to appoint an independent person external to the Church to assess the current situation as regards race and ethnicity in the Church, in order to present a report to this Synod with recommendations for actions to achieve reconciliation and authentic belonging so that we can move towards truly being a Church for all people;

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

was carried after a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	295
AGAINST	0

No abstentions were recorded.

56th REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2157)

19 The motion

'That this amendment be made with effect from 14 February 2020.'

was moved.

30 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

19 The motion (as amended) was carried.

31 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

20A The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from 14 February 2020.’
was carried.

24 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from 14 February 2020.’
was moved.

32 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

33 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

34 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

35 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

36 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

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44 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

45 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

46 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

47 The amendment (Order Paper III) was carried.

24 The motion as amended was carried.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Revd Canon James Allison led the Synod in an act of worship.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 7.20 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2020 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 1.15 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2020

WORSHIP & BIBLE STUDY

The Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne and the Revd Isabelle Hamley led the Synod in Worship and a Bible Study.

**SAFEGUARDING: RESPONSE TO RECOMMENDATIONS IN IICSA
MAY 2019 INVESTIGATION REPORT (GS 2158)**

9 The motion

‘That this Synod endorse the Archbishops’ Council’s response, set out in GS 2158, to the five recommendations made by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in its investigation report Anglican Church Case Studies: Chichester/Peter Ball (May 2019) at pages 206 to 207.’

was moved.

48 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

9 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod

- a) endorse the Archbishops’ Council’s response, set out in GS 2158, to the five recommendations made by the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse in its investigation report Anglican Church Case Studies: Chichester/Peter Ball (May 2019) at pages 206 to 207;
- b) welcome the statement in paragraph 4.1 of the response that the National Safeguarding Steering Group (NSSG) “remains committed to ensuring that words of apology are followed by concrete actions”;

- c) urge the NSSG to bring forward proposals to give effect to that commitment that follow a more fully survivor-centred approach to safeguarding, including arrangements for redress for survivors;
- d) request that the NSSG keep the Synod updated on the development and implementation of responses to recommendations relating to the Church of England that are made by the Inquiry, including by submitting a report for debate by the Synod not later than July 2021.’

was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	361
AGAINST	0

No abstentions were recorded.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY AND CARBON REDUCTION TARGET (GS 2159)

10 The motion

‘That this Synod, recognising that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God’s creation, and a fundamental injustice, and following the call of the Anglican Communion in ACC Resolutions A17.05 and A17.06:

- a) call upon all parts of the Church of England, including parishes, BMOs, education institutions, dioceses, and the NCIs, to work to achieve year-on-year reductions in emissions to reach net zero emissions by 2045 at the latest;
- b) request reports on progress from the Environment Working Group and the NCI’s every 3 years beginning in 2022; and
- c) call on each Diocesan Synod to address progress toward net zero emissions every 3 years.’

was moved.

49 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

50 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

EXTENSION OF SITTING

Under Standing Order 15(6) the sitting was extended by 15 minutes by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod.

51 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 144

AGAINST 129

10 abstentions were recorded.

52 The amendment (Order Paper IV) fell.

53 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

54 The amendment (Order Paper IV) lapsed.

10 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod, recognising that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God’s creation, and a fundamental injustice, and following the call of the Anglican Communion in ACC Resolutions A17.05 and A17.06:

- a) call upon all parts of the Church of England, including parishes, BMOs, education institutions, dioceses, cathedrals and the NCIs, to work to achieve year-on-year reductions in emissions and urgently examine what would be required to reach net zero emissions by 2030 in order that a plan of action can be drawn up to achieve that target;
- b) request reports on progress from the Environment Working Group and the NCIs every 3 years beginning in 2022; and
- c) call on each Diocesan Synod and cathedral Chapter to address progress toward net zero emissions every 3 years.’

was carried.

The Chair adjourned the sitting at 1.15 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
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BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY 12TH FEBRUARY 2020

SPECIAL AGENDA III
PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS
END TO PAUPERS' FUNERALS (GS 2160A and GS 2160B)

11 The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

55 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

56 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

57 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

11 The motion as amended

‘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.

was carried.’

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MINISTRY (GS 2161)

12 The motion

‘That this Synod, recognising the continuing decline in numbers of under 16s engaging with Church:

- a) encourage dioceses to act urgently and consider practical ways they can support and resource those churches with significant numbers of under 16s;
- b) request dioceses to share good models of practice through churches helping to resource others so that we have many more churches engaging with children and young people;
- c) encourage dioceses to explore new ways to grow new church communities with young people as a primary missional focus; and
- d) request an update from the Evangelism and Discipleship team in two years with analysis of progress in these areas.’

was moved.

58 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

59 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

60 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	141
AGAINST	113

9 abstentions were recorded.

61 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

62 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

12 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod, recognising the continuing decline in numbers of under 16’s engaging with Church:

- a) encourage dioceses to act urgently and consider practical ways they can support and resource those churches both with significant numbers of children and young people and with specific aspirations to increase their numbers of the same;
- b) encourage dioceses to make provision to support and resource those churches serving communities which

currently have small numbers of children, teenagers and young people;

- c) request dioceses to share good models of practice through churches helping to resource others so that we have many more churches engaging with children and young people;
- d) request the NCI's to commit funding for qualitative research on the data received to help understand best practice in a variety of contexts;
- e) encourage dioceses to explore new ways to grow new church communities with young people as a primary missional focus;
- f) request the Evangelism and Discipleship team to ensure this work is clearly joined up with Growing Faith; and
- g) request an update from the Evangelism and Discipleship team in two years with analysis of progress in these areas.'

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT DIOCESAN BOARDS OF EDUCATION MEASURE (GS 2131A)

Draft Measure for Revision

(First Consideration at the July 2019 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2131Y)

500 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

550 The motion

‘That clauses 1 and 2 stand part of the Measure,’

was carried.

Clause 3

551 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed.

552 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

553 The motion

‘That clause 3 start part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 4

554 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

555 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

556 The motion

‘That clause 4 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 5

557 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

558 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

559 The motion

‘That clause 5 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

560 The motion

‘That clauses 6 to 12 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

Clause 13

561 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

562 The motion

‘That clause 13 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

563 The motion

‘That clauses 14 to 16 stand part of the Measure.’
was carried.

Clause 17

564 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed.

565 The motion

‘That clause 17 stand part of the Measure.’
was carried.

566 The motion

‘That clauses 18 to 24 stand part of the Measure.’
was carried.

Paragraph 2, Schedule 1

567 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

568 The motion

‘That Schedule 1 stand part of the Measure.’
was carried.

569 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed.

570 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed.

571 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed.

572 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

573 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

574 The amendment (Order Paper V) fell.

575 The motion

‘That Schedule 2 stand part of the Measure.’
was carried.

576 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure’.
was carried.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a) the order of business for the sitting on Thursday 13 February 2020 was varied by the Chair with the consent of the Synod so that items 507 to 509 would be taken immediately after item 504. In addition, the time for commencement of item 16 was varied from “not later than 12.30” to “not later than 12.45” and the time for the commencement of item 17 was varied from “not later than 1.00 p.m.” to “not later than 1.30 p.m.”

GENERAL SYNOD ELECTIONS 2020: ALLOCATION OF SEATS (GS 2162)

13 The motion

‘That:

- a) the total number of proctors in Convocation to be directly elected from the dioceses in each Province in 2020 is 129 for the Province of Canterbury and 56 for the Province of York with the proportion of directly elected proctors to the number of qualified electors in the dioceses being determined as 129 : 8,885 in the case of the Province of Canterbury and 55 : 2,886 in the case of the Province of York, the numbers to be elected for each diocese being those set out at Appendix A of GS 2162; and
- b) the total number of members of the House of Laity to be directly elected in 2020 is 193, apportioned between the Provinces in the proportion that is as close as possible to 70 to 30, so that 135 members are to be elected in the Province of Canterbury and 58 members elected in the Province of York, the numbers to be elected for each diocese being those set out at Appendix B of GS 2162.’

was moved.

63 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed.

13 The motion

‘That:

- c) the total number of proctors in Convocation to be directly elected from the dioceses in each Province in 2020 is 129 for the Province of Canterbury and 56 for the Province of York with the proportion of directly elected proctors to the number of qualified electors in the dioceses being determined as 129 : 8,885 in the case of the Province of Canterbury and 55 : 2,886 in the case of the Province of York, the numbers to be elected for each diocese being those set out at Appendix A of GS 2162; and
- d) the total number of members of the House of Laity to be directly elected in 2020 is 193, apportioned between the Provinces in the proportion that is as close as possible to 70 to 30, so that 135 members are to be elected in the Province of Canterbury and 58 members elected in the Province of York, the numbers to be elected for each diocese being those set out at Appendix B of GS 2162.’

was carried.

EVENING WORSHIP

Members of the Community of St Anselm led the Synod in an act of Worship

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 7.30 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY 2020 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 1.18 P.M.

ON THURSDAY 13TH FEBRUARY 2020

MORNING WORSHIP

The Revd Tim Goode led the Synod an act of worship.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT CHANNEL ISLANDS MEASURE (GS 2152A)

Draft Measure for Final Approval

504 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Channel Islands Measure” be finally approved.’

was carried following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops ¹	26	0
Clergy	94	1
Laity	117	2

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 2 were recorded in the House of Clergy, and 1 in the House of Laity.

HOUSE OF LAITY ELECTION RULES 2020 (GS 2164)

Rules for approval

507A The motion

‘That the House of Laity Election Rules be considered.’

was carried.

¹ The Bishop of Salisbury reported that he had been unable to record a vote in favour owing to his voting card not being valid.

Rule 36

587 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

588 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

After Rule 36

589 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 37

590 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 39

591 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

592 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

593 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

After Rule 39

594 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 41

595 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

596 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 42

597 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

598 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

599 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

600 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 45

601 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

507B The motion

‘That the House of Laity Election Rules 2020 be approved.’
was carried.

CLERGY ELECTION RULES 2020 (GS 2165)

Rules for approval

508A The motion

‘That the Clergy Election Rules 2020 be considered.’

was carried.

Rule 53

602 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

603 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

After Rule 53

604 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 54

605 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 56

606 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

607 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

608 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

After Rule 56

609 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 58

610 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

611 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 59

612 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

613 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

614 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

615 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 62

616 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

508B The motion,

‘That the Clergy Election Rules 2020 be approved.’

was carried.

CONVOCATIONS (ELECTIONS TO UPPER HOUSE) RULES 2020 (GS 2166)

Rules for approval

509A The motion

‘That the Convocations (Elections to Upper House) Rules 2020 be considered.’

was carried.

Rule 28

617 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

618 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

After Rule 28

619 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 29

620 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 30

621 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

After Rule 30

622 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 32

623 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

624 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 33

625 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

626 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

627 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

628 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

Rule 36

629 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

509B The motion

‘That the Convocations (Elections to Upper House) Rules 2020 be approved.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

THROUGH HIS POVERTY (GS 2149A and GS 2149B)

14 The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

64 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

65 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

66 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was carried.

14 The motion as amended

‘That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council to commission a study that

- a) explores the reasons why the Church of England is generally less effective in communicating with, and attracting people from, more disadvantaged communities despite the gospel being good news for the poor;
- b) explores ways of addressing and reversing this situation, such as:
 - i. actively seeking to select and train more people from disadvantaged communities
 - ii. deploying more resources into reaching people from disadvantaged communities
 - iii. gathering and disseminating stories of good practice from churches working in disadvantaged communities; and
- c) builds upon the work of the GRA:CE project in exploring the links between social action, discipleship, and church growth.

was carried

SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

LEGAL AID REFORM (GS 2163A and GS 2163B)

15 The motion

‘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;
- 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.’

was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	218
AGAINST	0

1 abstention was recorded.

FAREWELLS

- 16 Dr Jamie Harrison (Chair of the House of Laity) paid tribute to Chris Palmer (Secretary, Corporation of Church House) who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

Ms Loretta Minghella (First Church Estates Commissioner) paid tribute to the Rt Hon Caroline Spellman MP (Second Church Estates Commissioner) who had retired.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Dean of the Arches & Auditor who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK who was due to retire before the next group of sessions.

PROROGATION

- 17 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 1.18 p.m.