

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER 2020 REMOTE GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 7.30 P.M

ON MONDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020

WORSHIP

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INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

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

The Rt Revd Guli Francis-Dehqani (Bishop of Loughborough) (*replacing The Rt Revd Alistair Magowan*)

Dr Brendan Biggs, (Diocese of Bristol) *replacing Mr Ian Yemm*

The Ven Robert Cooper (Diocese of Durham) *replacing The Ven Ian Jagger*

The Revd Jo Pestell (Diocese of Gloucester) *replacing The Revd Tudor Griffiths*

Canon Karen Czapiewski (Diocese of Gloucester) *replacing Mrs Corinne Aldis*

Mr Jonathan Walker, Diocese of Leicester, replacing Mr Jonathan Cryer

The Revd Christopher Trundle, Diocese of London, replacing The Revd

Dr Sean Doherty

The Revd Elisabeth Goddard, Diocese of London, replacing The Revd Dr Andy Emerton

The Revd Dr Amatu Christian-Iwuagwu, Diocese of London, replacing

The Revd Preb Alan Moses

Mrs Abigail Ogier, Diocese of Manchester, replacing Mr

Michael Heppleston

The Revd David Penny, Diocese of Manchester, replacing The Revd

Sharon Jones

The Revd Michael Read, Diocese of Manchester, replacing The Ven

Cherry Vann

The Revd Claire Robson, Diocese of Newcastle, replacing The Revd

Catherine Pickford

Miss Emily Hobbs, Diocese of Sheffield, replacing Mr Mark Russell
The Revd Christopher Lee, Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham,
replacing The Ven David Picken
The Revd Dr Christian Selvaratnam, Diocese of York, replacing The
Revd Peter Moger
The Rt Worshipful Morag Ellis QC, Dean of the Arches, replacing the Rt
Worshipful Charles George

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY welcomed the following
Ecumenical Representatives who were sitting in Synod for the first time,
Anglican Communion Representatives, and guests from other churches:

Fr Jan Nowotnik, (Catholic Bishops' Conference of England and Wales)
replacing Fr Patrick Fitzgerald-Lombard, O. Carm.
The Revd Tim Meadows, (representing the United Reformed Church)
The Revd Dr Paul Goodliff (General Secretary of Churches Together in
England)

ITEM 500

STANDING ORDERS MADE UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE GENERAL SYNOD (REMOTE MEETINGS) (TEMPORARY STANDING ORDERS) MEASURE 2020 (GS 2177)

Standing Orders for approval

500A The motion

‘That the Standing Orders made under section 1 of the
General Synod (Remote Meetings) (Temporary
Standing Orders) Measure 2020 be considered.’

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

IN FAVOUR	271
AGAINST	39

17 abstentions were recorded.

508 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost.

500B The motion

‘That the Standing Orders made under section 1 of the General Synod (Remote Meetings) (Temporary Standing Orders) Measure 2020 be approved.’

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

IN FAVOUR	361
AGAINST	15

6 abstentions were recorded.

AMENDING CANON NO. 40 (GS 2103D)

AMENDING CANON NO. 41 (GS 2105D)

Article 7 business (both items)

Canons for Enactment (Final approval, July 2019)

The Chair reported that the Royal Assent and Licence to promulge Amending Canon No. 40 and Amending Canon No. 41 had been received and the Registrar read the Instrument of Enactment.

501 The motion

‘That the Canons entitled “Amending Canon No. 40” and “Amending Canon No. 41” be made, promulged and executed.’

was carried.

The Instrument of Enactment was signed by the Archbishops, the Prolocutors and the Chair and the Vice-Chair of the House of Laity.

PRESENTATION BY THE PRESIDENTS

2 A presentation was made under Standing Order 107.

The Business Committee had determined under Standing Order 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.

RESPONSE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC (GS 2192)

3 The motion

‘That this Synod, recognising the profound challenge to life and wellbeing posed by the Covid-19 pandemic:

- a) call upon the whole church to hold in prayer all those ill, bereaved, unemployed or suffering mentally as a result of the virus, to pray for Her Majesty’s Government and all who hold responsibility for navigating the intractable dilemmas that Covid-19 poses;
- b) give thanks for the continuing selfless service of NHS and social care staff, scientists, and key workers in every sector, encouraging all to follow their example by affirming the common good over sectional interests;
- c) request the church’s representatives, in conversations with Her Majesty’s Government, to press the case for reducing social inequalities, especially the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on BAME people and children living in poverty and to reflect concerns expressed by Synod in debate on this motion;
- d) celebrate the role of churches in building mental and spiritual resilience to face the crisis and, affirming the role of worship and the sacraments as the source of Christian service and discipleship, call upon Her Majesty’s Government immediately to review the decision to curtail public worship during lockdown.’

was moved.

19 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost.

20 The amendment (Order Paper I) was carried.

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3 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod, recognising the profound challenge to life and wellbeing posed by the Covid-19 pandemic:

- a) call upon the whole church to hold in prayer all those ill, bereaved, unemployed or suffering mentally as a result of the virus, to pray for Her Majesty’s Government and all who hold responsibility for navigating the intractable dilemmas that Covid-19 poses;
- b) give thanks for the continuing selfless service of NHS and social care staff, scientists, and key workers in every sector, encouraging all to follow their example by affirming the common good over sectional interests;
- c) request the church’s representatives, in conversations with Her Majesty’s Government, to press the case for reducing social inequalities, especially the disproportionate impact of Covid-19 on BAME people and children living in poverty disabled people, elderly people and those living with chronic health conditions and to reflect concerns expressed by Synod in debate on this motion;
- d) express concern that the God given image, dignity and value of disabled and/or elderly people, including all those in residential care homes, are diminished when

they are denied access to the same level of health care as the rest of the population;

- e) call on Her Majesty's Government to preserve the United Kingdom's foreign aid budget at 0.7% of GDP, sending a strong signal that the United Kingdom is a reliable partner for long-term economic, social, environmental and educational advancement across the globe.
- f) celebrate the role of churches in building mental and spiritual resilience to face the crisis and, affirming the role of worship and the sacraments as the source of Christian service and discipleship, call upon Her Majesty's Government immediately to review the decision to curtail public worship during lockdown.

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

IN FAVOUR	401
AGAINST	4

8 abstentions were recorded.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2179)

4 The motion

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

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

IN FAVOUR	207
AGAINST	67

29 abstentions were recorded.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a) the order of business for the current sitting was varied by the Chair with the consent of the Synod so that the time fixed for the commencement of item 5 was varied from “not later than 5.30 p.m.” to “not later than 5.45 p.m.”.

QUESTIONS

- 5 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 1 to 40, as set out on the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

EXTENSION OF SITTING

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

EVENING WORSHIP

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LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2020 (GS 2186)

Order under section 86 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 for approval

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Legal Officers (Annual Fees) Order 2020 was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Order debated.

ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2020 (GS 2187)

Order under section 86 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 for approval

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order 2020 was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Order debated.

**DRAFT ECCLESIASTICAL OFFICES (TERMS OF SERVICE)
(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020 (GS 2189)**

Draft Regulations under section 2 of the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009 for approval

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Draft Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Order debated.

**SCHEME FOR VARIATION OF MEMBERSHIP OF DEANERY
SYNODS (GS 2190)**

Scheme made by the Manchester Diocesan Synod under rule 22 of the Church Representation Rules

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Scheme For Variation Of Membership Of Deanery Synods was deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Order debated.