

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER 2020 REMOTE GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 7.30 P.M

ON MONDAY 23 NOVEMBER 2020

WORSHIP

The Revd 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 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	263
AGAINST	39

16 abstentions were recorded.¹

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	331
AGAINST	15

6 abstentions were recorded.²

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, promulgated and executed.’

was carried.

¹ The voting figures announced by the Chair (but not the result) differ from those recorded here, as it was subsequently discovered that a number of duplicate votes were recorded by the remote voting platform. The figures shown in the Business Done (here) are the corrected figures.

² *Ibid*

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:

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- 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	352
AGAINST	4

5 abstentions were recorded.³

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	231
AGAINST	70

³ The voting figures announced by the Chair (but not the result) differ from those recorded here, as it was subsequently discovered that a number of duplicate votes were recorded by the remote voting platform. The figures shown in the Business Done (here) are the corrected figures.

30 abstentions were recorded.⁴

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.

GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER 2020 REMOTE GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 1 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020

WORSHIP

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

VISION AND STRATEGY (GS 2180)

6 A presentation was made under Standing Order 107.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT CATHEDRALS MEASURE (GS 2136B) Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revised at the February 2020 group of sessions)

Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2136Z)

504 The motion

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

was carried.

509 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

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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.

505 The motion

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

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	32	0
Clergy	126	0
Laity	151	0

2 abstentions were record in the House of Clergy and 3 abstentions were recorded in the House of Laity.⁵

The Chair reported that the Measure automatically stood committed to the Legislative Committee.

⁵ The voting figures announced by the Chair (but not the result) differ from those recorded here, as it was subsequently discovered that a number of duplicate votes were recorded by the remote voting platform. The figures shown in the Business Done (here) are the corrected figures.

GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER 2020 REMOTE GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 6.30 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2020

FINANCIAL BUSINESS

**ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL'S BUDGET AND PROPOSALS FOR
APPORTIONMENT FOR 2021 (GS 2181)**

7 The motion

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

was carried.

8 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2020, as shown in its budget, of £17,944,000 in respect of training for ministry.’

was carried.

9 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2020, as shown in its budget, of £25,578,819 in respect of national church responsibilities.’

was carried.

10 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2020, as shown in its budget, of £1,262,502 in respect of grants.

was carried.

11 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2020, as shown in its budget, of £711,697 in respect of mission agency pension contributions.

was carried.

12 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s expenditure for the year 2020, as shown in its budget, of £5,431,063 in respect of the clergy retirement housing grant.

was carried.

13 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 2181) for the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2021’

was carried.

14 The motion

‘That this Synod approve the Archbishops’ Council’s proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in GS 2181) for the pooling adjustment for 2021 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT SAFEGUARDING (CODE OF PRACTICE) MEASURE (GS 2182)

Draft Measure for First Consideration

506 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Safeguarding (Code of Practice) Measure” be considered for revision in Full Synod.’

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

IN FAVOUR	340
AGAINST	30

2 abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the draft Safeguarding (Code of Practice) Measure would proceed to the Revision Stage in Full Synod, without a prior Revision Committee Stage, at the February 2021 group of sessions.

APPOINTMENT OF ONE MEMBER OF THE ARCHBISHOPS’ COUNCIL (GS 2183)

15 The motion

‘That the appointment of Matthew Frost as a member of the Archbishops’ Council from 25 November 2020 to 31 July 2025 be approved’

was carried.

EVENING WORSHIP

Ms. Shayne Ardron led the Synod in an act of worship.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 6.20 p.m.

RELIGIOUS COMMUNITIES REGULATIONS 2020 (GS 2191)

Regulations under Canon DA 1 for approval

Under Standing Order 71(2) the Religious Communities Regulations 2020 were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the Order debated.

GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER 2020 REMOTE GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 2 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

WORSHIP

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

SAFEGUARDING (GS 2184)

16 A presentation was made under Standing Order 107.

17 The motion

‘That this Synod fully accept the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse’s Final Investigation Report into the Anglican Church, sincerely apologise to victims and survivors for the harm done by the church and endorse and commit itself to urgently implementing the six recommendations as set out on pages 4 – 6 of GS 2184’.

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

IN FAVOUR 366

AGAINST 0

No abstentions were recorded.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DIOCESAN BOARDS OF EDUCATION MEASURE (GS 2131B)

Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval
(Revised at the February 2020 group of sessions)
Report by the Steering Committee (GS 2131Z)

502 The motion

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

was carried.

Special amendments (Order Paper IV) 516 & 517

516 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

517 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

503 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Diocesan Boards of Education” be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	29	0
Clergy	115	12
Laity	123	22

8 abstentions were recorded in the House of Clergy and 4 abstentions were recorded in the House of Laity.

**THE NATIONAL MINISTRY REGISTER (CLERGY) REGULATIONS
2020 (GS 2185)**

**Draft Regulations under section 2 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous
Provisions) Measure 2020**

507A The motion

‘That the National Ministry Register (Clergy) Regulations
2020 be considered.’

was carried.

518 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

519 The debate was adjourned at 2 p.m.

GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER 2020 REMOTE GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 4 P.M.
ON WEDNESDAY 25 NOVEMBER

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 Prorogation was varied from “not later than 3.30 p.m. to “not later than 4.30 p.m.”

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST ORDER
2020**

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

523 The motion

‘That the “Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order
2020” be approved.’

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

IN FAVOUR	226
AGAINST	38

26 abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order 2020 would be laid before both Houses of Parliament pursuant to the Statutory Instruments Act 1946.

THE NATIONAL MINISTRY REGISTER (CLERGY) REGULATIONS 2020 (GS 2185)

Draft Regulations under section 2 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2020

(Resumed debate)

- 519 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.
520 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.
521 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.
522 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.
507B The motion

‘That the National Ministry Register (Clergy) Regulations
2020 (as amended) be approved’

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

IN FAVOUR	226
AGAINST	2

No abstentions were recorded.

The Chair reported that the National Ministry Register (Clergy) Regulations
2020 (as amended) would be laid before both Houses of Parliament pursuant to
the Statutory Instruments Act 1946.

PROROGATION

- 17 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 4 p.m.