

GENERAL SYNOD

JULY 2021 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 7 P.M.

ON SATURDAY 10TH JULY 2021

**57th REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 2198
UPDATED)**

39 The motion (Order Paper III) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	235
AGAINST	1

3 abstentions were recorded.

96 The amendment (Order Paper III) was lost following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	115
AGAINST	139

18 abstentions were recorded.

97 The amendment (Order Paper III) fell.

41 The motion (Order Paper III) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	254
AGAINST	4

7 abstentions were recorded.

- 44 The motion (Order Paper III) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	252
AGAINST	6

4 abstentions were recorded.

- 45 The motion (Order Paper III) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	255
AGAINST	4

3 abstentions were recorded.

- 46 The motion (Order Paper III) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	253
AGAINST	8

4 abstentions were recorded.

- 47 The motion (Order Paper III) was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	261
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AGAINST 0

2 abstentions were recorded.

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

IN FAVOUR 258

AGAINST 4

3 abstentions were recorded.

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

IN FAVOUR 252

AGAINST 14

5 abstentions were recorded.

Under Standing Order 40(5) the proposed amendments to Standing Orders contained in the First Notice Paper as items 36 – 38; 40; 42-43; 48-50; and 52 – 76 were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod, no member having given notice of a wish to have the amendments debated.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH: PASSING THE BATON (GS MISC 1284)

20 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

SPECIAL AGENDA I: LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Draft Legislative Reform (Church Commissioners) Order 2021(GS 2194A)

500A The motion

'That the draft Legislative Reform (Church Commissioners) Order 2021 be referred back to the Scrutiny Committee for further consideration of the whole of the draft order.'

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

IN FAVOUR	140
AGAINST	144

16 abstentions were recorded.

500 The motion

'That the draft Legislative Reform (Church Commissioners) Order 2021 be approved.'

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	22	2
Clergy	80	40
Laity	79	61

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops, 5 abstentions in the House of Clergy, and 5 abstentions in the House of Laity.

RESPONDING TO THE HOUSING CRISIS: WHAT IS THE ROLE OF THE CHURCH? (GS 2216)

21 A presentation was made under Standing Order 107.

22 The motion:

‘That this Synod, recognising that the housing crisis harms all society and responding to housing need is an integral part of the mission and ministry of the Church of England, particularly in so far as it affects the poorest and most marginalised:

- a) commend the report of the Archbishops’ Commission on Housing, Church and Community, including the call for all actors in the housing market to play their part in ensuring that everyone has access to a decent and affordable home in accordance with the five core values outlined in the Commission’s final report.
- b) acknowledge the Legal Note by the Legal Office of the National Church Institutions, which clarifies the legal position in relation to the disposal of church land that is not subject to specific restrictions and explains how parishes and dioceses are able to use this land to meet local housing need and build community; and
- c) request the Archbishops’ Council to consider the need for change to the legal criteria for the management, use and disposal of Church held non-operational property that falls under the remit of the Church Property Measure and Mission and Pastoral Measure, in order to further the Church’s mission as understood by the vision presented to General Synod last year.’

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

IN FAVOUR	237
AGAINST	1

3 abstentions were recorded.

EVENING WORSHIP

Ms Rebecca Swyer led the Synod in an act of worship.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 7 p.m.