

GENERAL SYNOD

APPOINTMENT TO THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL

Introduction

1. Under the provisions of paragraph 1(3) of Schedule 1 of the National Institutions Measure 1998, the approval of the General Synod is required for appointments to the Archbishops' Council and therefore, General Synod is invited to approve the reappointment of Mark Sheard as a member of the Archbishops' Council and Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council.
2. Mark Sheard was appointed to the Archbishops' Council and to Chair as the Mission and Public Affairs Committee on 14 February 2017, following the resignation of Philip Fletcher. His term of office will come to an end on 13 February 2022. He is eligible to serve for a maximum of ten years.
3. In considering this reappointment, the Archbishops recognised that there could be more diverse candidates but his experience and contribution to the work of the Mission and Public Affairs Council meant that the Archbishops have welcomed his reappointment.
4. Mark has indicated that he would be happy to serve for a further term until 14 February 2027.
5. The current terms of office for appointed members are as follows:

Mark Sheard (1 st term)	14 February 2022
John Spence (2 nd term)	20 September 2023
Revd Charlotte Cook (1 st term)	31 January 2024
Joseph Diwakar (1 st term)	31 January 2024
Maureen Cole (1 st term)	31 December 2024
Matthew Frost (2 nd term)	31 July 2025

Mark Sheard

6. Mark Sheard has enjoyed a highly successful career in the public affairs and marketing service industry and has served at board level in local, national and international faith-based mission and outreach organisations.
7. Mark served on the World Vision UK board for nine years between 2007-2016, including a four-year spell as Board Chair. He was appointed as Chief Executive Officer for World Vision in October 2020. He is currently co-Chair of the Evangelism and Discipleship Steering Group and a trustee of Fresh Expressions.
8. As Chair of the Mission and Public Affairs Council, Mark has brought an astute grasp of the church's role in the public square and a resolute commitment to mission in all its manifestations. His role at World Vision has been important

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here in giving him a detailed international perspective and much relevant organisational knowledge. The MPAC always has to hold together views from across the theological spectrum, as well as divergent politics, and this Mark has done with great grace and in a way which has brought out the best in the various members. He has taken a particular interest in the work to support disabled people and is part of the conversations about how to take that work forward more effectively. The staff of MPA have greatly appreciated his understanding of the breadth and significance of their work, his creative responses to problems and his underlying pastoral concern for them, especially when handling controversial issues.

9. Mark was raised in rural Essex and has lived in Ealing in West London for over thirty years with his wife, Lois, four children and two dogs. He is a committed Christian and has worshipped at St John's, Ealing since 1981 where he has served in the role of Outreach Co-ordinator, Churchwarden, Lay Chair of PCC, and in various other ministries, managing interregna and as part of a leadership team of a large morning congregation, and two different Fresh Expressions (Café Church and Messy Church).

Recommendation

10. The Synod is invited to approve the appointment of Mark Sheard to the Archbishops' Council for a five-year term ending on 14 February 2027.

William Nye

Secretary General

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