

GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER 2021 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2021

INTRODUCTIONS

- 1 The following were welcomed by the Synod:

All newly elected members.

The Rt Revd Ruth Worsley (Bishop of Taunton), acting for the Bishop of Bath & Wells during the Vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Rob Wickham (Bishop of Edmonton) acting for the Bishop of Portsmouth during the Vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Simon Burton Jones (Bishop of Tonbridge), acting for the Bishop of Rochester during the Vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Karen Gorham (Bishop of Sherborne), acting for the Bishop of Salisbury during the Vacancy in See and the Rt Revd Debbie Sellin (Bishop of Southampton) acting for the Bishop of Winchester.

WELCOME TO THE FIRST CHURCH ESTATES COMMISSIONER

- 2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY introduced Mr Alan Smith the new First Church Estates Commissioner.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 3 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY and The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS2233)

- 4 The motion

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

was carried.

GENEROSITY AND DIOCESAN FINANCES (GS2234)

5 The motion

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council to develop legislative proposals, to be brought to a future Group of Sessions, to give dioceses more freedom to be generous with their historic wealth to other dioceses in the Church of England, and in this way enable a more equitable sharing of this wealth.’

was carried.

QUESTIONS

6 Supplementary questions in respect to questions 1 – 68, as set out on the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Revd Andrew Hammond (Chaplain to the General Synod) led the Synod in an act of worship.