

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER GROUP OF SESSIONS 2021

FOURTH NOTICE PAPER

ITEM 7: LOYAL ADDRESS

This is the draft text of the Loyal Address which it is proposed should be submitted on behalf of the General Synod to Her Majesty The Queen.

‘We, Your Majesty’s faithful subjects, the Archbishops, Bishops, Clergy and Laity of the Church of England, together with the representatives of other Churches, assembled in General Synod, wish to assure Your Majesty of our loyal and devoted service to Your Majesty’s Throne and Person.

We offer our heartfelt thanks to Your Majesty for your gracious address to us on the occasion of the inauguration of the Eleventh General Synod of the Church of England on Tuesday 16 November 2021. We express our grateful thanks also to the Earl of Wessex for kindly representing Your Majesty at the opening service for the General Synod at Westminster Abbey, and at the opening ceremony in Church House.

We express our deep appreciation of the address you gave us , and of the example of Christian service which you have so steadfastly given the nation and Commonwealth. As we face the challenges ahead of us, we are heartened to know that we have your encouragement and good wishes.

We assure you of our prayers for your continued health and well-being, and for that of your family.

We pledge ourselves in all that we do to seek the strengthening of Christ’s Church and advance the coming of His Kingdom. We pray that His blessing will remain upon you and on all members of the Royal Family now and always.’