

General Synod

Pattern of Meetings of General Synod 2024 - 2026

Background

1. General Synod meets in February each year in London, in July in York and dates are reserved for a meeting in November in London if business requires.. The July dates are fixed with the University of York and the full time available is usually used.
2. At the February 2019 group of sessions, it was agreed that dates for future February groups of sessions should include both weekends and weekday options. The Business Committee met in December 2021 and reviewed the 'envelope' which was put forward for consideration.
3. The envelope for February groups of sessions include 8 days, to allow the option of meeting over a weekend. It is not expected that each of the February group of sessions will use the full dates in the envelope
4. The Business Committee agreed that the full envelope for the February groups of sessions should be presented to Synod for approval, noting that the actual dates will be set in December the year before, once the requests for business have been received and the agenda planned.

Proposed Dates

5. The following envelopes are suggested for 2024 – 2026:

2024

February	Monday 19 February – Tuesday 27 February (*Ash Wednesday is 14 February)
July	Friday 5 July – Tuesday 9 July
November (if required)	Monday 18 – Wednesday 20 November

2025

February	Monday 10 February – Tuesday 18 February (Ash Wednesday is 5 March)
July	Friday 11 July – Tuesday 15 July
November (if required)	Monday 17 November - Wednesday 19 November

2026

February	Monday 9 February – Tuesday 17 February
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	(Ash Wednesday is 18 February)
July	Friday 10 July – Tuesday 14 July
November (if required)	Monday 16 November – Wednesday 18 November

Action Points

6. Synod is invited to approve the envelope for the groups of sessions 2024 to 2026.

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For and on Behalf of the General Synod Business Committee

January 2022