

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2022 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 8th FEBRUARY 2022

STANDING ORDERS UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE GENERAL SYNOD (REMOTE MEETINGS) (TEMPORARY STANDING ORDERS) MEASURE 2020 (GS 2177)

Motion for revival under section 3(6) of the Measure

1 The motion

‘That the Standing Orders made on 9th November 2020 under section 1 of the General Synod (Remote Meetings) (Temporary Standing Orders) Measure 2020 (GS 2177) be revived and in operation until 7th August 2022’

was carried.

WORSHIP

The Revd Sue Lucas led the Synod in an act of Worship.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

2 The Ven Luke Miller (the Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury); the Revd Kate Wharton (the Prolocutor of the Lower House of the Convocation of York); Canon Dr Jamie Harrison (the Chair of the House of Laity); and Alison Coulter (the Vice-Chair of the House of Laity) were presented to the Presidents.

The following introductions were made:

New members

The Very Revd Rogers Govender, Dean of Manchester
The Revd David Tolhurst, Diocese of Durham, replacing the Revd Bill Braviner
The Revd Ross Meikle, Diocese of Oxford, replacing the Revd Andrew Lightbown

The Rt Revd Ruth Worsley (Bishop of Taunton) acting for the Bishop of Bath & Wells during the Vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Mark Wroe (Bishop of Berwick) acting for the Bishop of Newcastle 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 during the Vacancy in See.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

3 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Address.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2241)

4 The motion

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

was carried.

PATTERN OF MEETINGS 2024 – 2026 (GS 2242)

5 The motion

‘That this Synod meet within the following dates in 2024 – 2026:

2024

Monday 19 February – Tuesday 27 February

Friday 5 July – Tuesday 9 July

Monday 18 November – Wednesday 20 November (if required)

2025

Monday 10 February – Tuesday 18 February

Friday 11 July – Tuesday 15 July

Monday 17 November – Wednesday 19 November (if required)

2026

Monday 9 February – Tuesday 17 February

Friday 10 July – Tuesday 14 July

Monday 16 November – Wednesday 18 November (if required)’

was carried.

RACIAL JUSTICE: INTRODUCTION TO THE ARCHBISHOPS’ RACIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, AND UPDATE TO SYNOD ON RACIAL JUSTICE WORK (GS 2243)

6 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

7 The motion

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

was carried.

QUESTIONS

8 Supplementary questions in respect to questions 1 – 8, questions 79 – 87, questions 30 – 40, questions 61 – 62 questions 136 – 147 and questions 9 – 16 as set out on the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

EVENING WORSHIP

Members of the Community of St Anselm led the Synod in an act of Worship.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 7.18 p.m.