

# **Agenda**

**July Group of Sessions 2022**

**GENERAL SYNOD  
JULY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2022  
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF YORK**

**TIMES OF SITTINGS**

<b>Friday 8 July</b>	2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
<b>Saturday 9 July</b>	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
<b>Sunday 10 July</b>	2.30 p.m. to 6.45 p.m. 8.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.
<b>Monday 11 July</b>	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m. 8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 12 July</b>	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

**SERVICES**

<b>Friday 8 July</b>	
12.00 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
2.00 p.m.	Opening Worship in the Central Hall
7.00 p.m.	Closing Worship in the Central Hall
10.10 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building
<b>Saturday 9 July</b>	
7.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building
9.00 a.m.	Opening Worship in the Central Hall
7.00 p.m.	Closing Worship in the Central Hall
10.10 p.m.	Night Prayer in the Berrick Saul Building

**Sunday 10 July**

11.00 a.m. Holy Communion in York Minster

8.30 p.m. Compline and CNC voting in Central Hall

**Monday 11 July**

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building

9.00 a.m. Opening Worship in the Central Hall

10.00 p.m. Closing Worship in the Central Hall

**Tuesday 12 July**

7.00 a.m. Holy Communion in the Berrick Saul Building

9.00 a.m. Opening Worship in the Central Hall

## GENERAL NOTES

### NOTICE OF MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS AND QUESTIONS

1. Save where a special note is included in the Agenda, the following rules apply under the Standing Orders of the General Synod to notice of motions and amendments other than procedural motions:

#### ***NEW BUSINESS***

2. The period of notice of new business **has expired**, save for urgent or other specially important business included by the direction of the Presidents.

#### ***MOTIONS AND AMENDMENTS ARISING OUT OF BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA***

3. Notice of motions and amendments arising out of business on the Agenda (other than amendments to legislative business and to proposed amendments to Standing Orders) must be delivered to the Clerk as follows (SOs 10-13 and 27):

**Business appointed for the first day of the group of sessions (Friday 8 July)**

**5.30 p.m. on Thursday 7 July.**

**Notice of amendments to the motions relating to *Amendments to the Standing Orders for Canterbury Crown Nominations Commission* (i.e. items 51 to 56 in Notice Paper 2)**

**4.00 p.m. on Sunday 10 July.**

**Business appointed for the remaining days of the group of sessions**

Business appointed for a *morning* sitting:

**10.00 a.m. the day before.**

Business appointed for an *afternoon* sitting:

**4.00 p.m. the day before.**

4. Under Standing Orders 10 and 27, such notice must be accompanied by evidence of support from two or more members of the Synod in addition to the member giving the notice. (This provision does *not* apply to amendments to legislative business or to proposed amendments to Standing Orders.)
5. Notice of amendments to legislative business or to proposed amendments to Standing Orders must be given in accordance with the notes accompanying the relevant item in the Agenda.
6. An amendment of which due notice has not been given may only be moved by permission of the Chair (SO 26(4)(a)).

7. The email address in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda is: [amendments@churchofengland.org](mailto:amendments@churchofengland.org).

### **QUESTIONS**

8. In exercise of its power under SO 12 the Business Committee has determined that notice of Questions under Standing Orders 112-113 must be delivered **not later than 12 noon on Tuesday 28 June 2022**.

### **NOTICE**

9. Notice must be given to the Clerk to the Synod in writing signed by the member or by e-mail, from an address notified to the Clerk, to the relevant one of the email addresses below. The postal address is Church House, Great Smith St, London SW1P 3AZ. The e-mail addresses are:

in respect of questions:

[questions@churchofengland.org](mailto:questions@churchofengland.org)

in respect of amendments and motions arising out of business on the Agenda:

[amendments@churchofengland.org](mailto:amendments@churchofengland.org)

in respect of submissions to Revision Committees:

[revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org](mailto:revisioncommittee@churchofengland.org)

### **ORDER OF BUSINESS**

10. Business set out in the Agenda will be taken on the day and at the times shown. If business set down for a particular day is completed before the next timed business is due to be called, the opportunity will be taken to complete any business already partly considered at this group of sessions.

### **CONTINGENCY BUSINESS**

11. If there is no uncompleted business and a gap appears in the Agenda during this group of sessions, contingency business will be taken as follows:

#### **REDUCE PAROCHIAL FEES FOR MARRIAGES (GS 2282A AND GS 2282B)**

... to move on behalf of the Blackburn Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council:

to introduce an order to amend the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 so that the fees relating to marriages are set at nil or at a minimal amount in order to demonstrate the Church’s commitment to marriage and pastoral care.’

The deadline for amendments to this item of business is **10.00 a.m. on Friday 8 July** (SO 27(5)).

## **CONTACT**

12. Please address queries or other matters not covered in these notes to the Clerk to the Synod as follows:

[clerk@churchofengland.org](mailto:clerk@churchofengland.org).

## FRIDAY 8 JULY 2022

2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

### WORSHIP

#### 1 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

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#### ADDRESS BY REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ANGLICAN COMMUNION

- 2 Address at the invitation of the Presidents under SO 120
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#### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 3 *The Archbishop of York* will give a Presidential Address
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#### REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2257)

*Canon Robert Hammond (Chelmsford)* (Chair of the Business Committee) to move:

- 4 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'
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#### ROUTEMAP TO NET ZERO CARBON BY 2030 (GS 2258)

*The Bishop of Norwich* to move:

- 5 'That this Synod, having recognised that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation, and a fundamental injustice, and following General Synod's motion passed in February 2020 to plan to reach net zero carbon by 2030:
- (a) endorse the "Routemap to Net Zero Carbon by 2030" (GS 2258).
  - (b) request every Diocesan Synod to debate the Routemap as it applies to their structures, parishes and BMOs, and to agree a feasible programme of action towards achieving net zero carbon by 2030;
  - (c) request high energy users within the Church (every cathedral, TEI, school, office and the top 20% of energy-consuming churches) to similarly draw up a programme of action, with a clear time frame, based on the Routemap.
  - (d) call on the Environment staff team to report back to Synod on progress against the Routemap in 2025, 2028 and 2031, and for reports on the Church's carbon emissions every year.'

## WAR IN UKRAINE (GS 2259)

*Bishop of Leeds to move:*

- 6 'That this Synod, committed in Christ to support peacemakers and to work for the reconciliation of humanity to God in a world marked by division and conflict:
- (a) lament Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine, the suffering and terror experienced by Ukrainians and the repercussions and anxiety felt globally for our common future;
  - (b) urge all Christians and people of faith to pray that the war in Ukraine be ended, that the risk of strategic miscalculation between conflicting parties be avoided and that the Russian people find respite from an authoritarian government;
  - (c) call on each diocese to work towards providing long term refuge to refugees from Ukraine and other conflicts, and to contribute to the *Disasters Emergency Committee's Ukraine Appeal* or the appeal organised by USPG and the Diocese in Europe;
  - (d) call on Her Majesty's Government to work to secure a negotiated peace that provides for the flourishing of relations in Ukraine and between nations in Europe and to provide a generous response to those seeking refuge from the conflict.'

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**Not later than 5.45 p.m.**

## 7 QUESTIONS

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined in exercise of its power under SO 12 that notice of any question must be delivered **not later than 12 noon on Tuesday 28 June 2022.***

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*7.00 p.m. Evening Worship*

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## SATURDAY 9 JULY 2022

9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

### MORNING WORSHIP

#### SEE OF CANTERBURY CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION (GS 2260)

*Dr Jamie Harrison* (Durham) to move in respect of each of the following propositions:

‘That this Synod request that the necessary amendments be moved to the Standing Orders to ...’

- 8 ‘reduce from six to three the number of members elected by the Diocese of Canterbury to the Crown Nominations Commission for consideration of a vacancy in the see of Canterbury.’
  - 9 ‘increase from one to five the number of representatives of other churches of the Anglican Communion who are members of the Crown Nominations Commission for consideration of a vacancy in the see of Canterbury.’
  - 10 ‘provide that one such representative is to be chosen by the Joint Standing Committee of the Primates Meeting of the Anglican Communion and the Anglican Consultative Council from each of the five regions of the Anglican Communion (the Europe region to include the provinces of the British Isles other than England).’
  - 11 ‘provide that of those so chosen, at least one must be a primate, one a deacon or priest and one a lay person who is an actual communicant.’
  - 12 ‘provide for vacancies in the see of Dover to be considered by the Crown Nominations Commission as if it were a diocesan see.’
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#### REVIEW OF STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT FUNDING AND LOWEST INCOME COMMUNITIES FUNDING (GS 2261)

- 13 Presentation under SO 107

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

*Canon John Spence (ex officio)* (Chair of the Archbishops’ Council’s Finance Committee) to move:

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

## **SPENDING PLANS OF THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS AND ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2262)**

*The Archbishop of York to move:*

- 15** 'That this Synod:
- (a) welcome the spending plans by the Church Commissioners and Archbishops' Council, set out in GS 2262, for financial distributions over 2023 to 2025 and indicative distributions for the subsequent six years;
  - (b) welcome the investment in ministry in parishes, chaplaincies, schools, Cathedrals and other forms of church in support of the Church's vision and strategy as set out in Annex A of GS 2262; and
  - (c) welcome the focused investment to support previously agreed commitments to a 2030 net zero carbon target and to address racial justice.'

## SATURDAY 9 JULY 2022

2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

### **SAFEGUARDING AND INDEPENDENCE: UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS (GS 2263 AND GS MISC 1320)**

**16** Presentation under SO 107

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

**Not later than 2.45 p.m.**

*The Bishop of Rochester to move:*

**17** 'That this Synod:

- (a) acknowledge and deeply regrets the safeguarding failures of the Church of England and especially their effect on victims and survivors, noting the vital importance of their voice in the Church's ongoing safeguarding work;
- (b) recognise the challenges involved in changing the culture and practice of safeguarding across the Church of England as well as the effort that is being put into this nationally and in dioceses and parishes,
- (c) urge the Archbishops' Council to ensure that IICSA's recommendations for the Church of England are fully met as soon as possible, and
- (d) request regular updates on progress at each group of sessions, especially concerning the strengthening of independent accountability and oversight of the Church's safeguarding work at all levels.'

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### **SPECIAL AGENDA I:**

#### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 19 to 21) will be taken:**

**500** Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure (**GS 2264**)

- *First Consideration*

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### **SPECIAL AGENDA IV:**

#### **DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

#### **INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX (GS 2265A AND GS 2265B)**

*The Venerable Gavin Kirk (Lincoln) to move:*

**18** 'That this Synod, noting:

- (a) the various public goods that are delivered by charities, including in the case of churches through their care of nationally valued heritage assets and their provision of community services; and
- (b) the fact that the money needed by charities to meet their liabilities, including Insurance Premium Tax, has to be raised by them, including in the case of churches through fund raising in their local communities

call on Her Majesty's Government to exempt charities, including churches, from liability for Insurance Premium Tax.'

**19 QUESTIONS**

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined in exercise of its power under SO 12 that notice of any question must be delivered **not later than 12 noon on Tuesday 28 June 2022.***

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7.00 p.m. Evening Worship

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**SUNDAY 10 JULY 2022**

**2.30 p.m. to 6.45 p.m.**

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**LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH and VISION AND STRATEGY**

**Group work**

Details of the logistics of these will be available in a Notice Paper.

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**SPECIAL AGENDA III:**

**PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS**

**ASSISTED SUICIDE (GS 2266A AND GS 2266B)**

*Dr Simon Eyre* (Chichester) to move:

**20** 'That this Synod:

- (a) appreciate the enormous and untiring efforts of health professionals, including healthcare chaplains, in constantly developing and maintaining the excellence of palliative and end of life care provision in this country;
  - (b) call on Her Majesty's Government to guarantee and expedite the adequate funding and resourcing of palliative care services within the NHS to ensure that the highest possible standards of care are achieved and made universally accessible; and
  - (c) affirm that the current legislation in relation to Assisted Suicide referenced in Section 2 of the Suicide Act 1961 (and its application through the DPP guidelines) should remain unchanged.'
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**Not later than 8.30 p.m.**

**Election of central members of the Crown Nominations Commission**

**Note:** *Voting will open at 8.30 p.m. and close at 9.30 p.m. and will take place in the context of a service of Night Prayer (Compline).*

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**MONDAY 11 JULY 2022**

**9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.**

**MORNING WORSHIP**

**ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT (GS 2267)**

- 21** Presentation under SO 107

**Note:** *The Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

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**ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL BUDGET 2023 AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT 2023 (GS 2268)**

*Canon John Spence (ex officio)* (Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Finance Committee) to move:

- 22** 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

*Canon John Spence* to move:

'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's expenditure for the year 2023, as shown in its budget, of £[X] in respect of [Y]:'

	<b>EXPECTED EXPENDITURE [X]</b>	<b>AREA OF ACTIVITY [Y]</b>
<b>23</b>	£15,744,000	Training for Ministry
<b>24</b>	£33,080,016	National Church Responsibilities
<b>25</b>	£1,520,634	Grants
<b>26</b>	£603,500	Mission agency pension contributions
<b>27</b>	£5,845,182	Clergy retirement housing grant

*Canon John Spence (ex officio)* (Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Finance Committee) to move:

- 28** 'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in **GS 2268**) for:

- (a) the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2023, and
- (b) the pooling adjustment for 2023 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.'

**SPECIAL AGENDA I:  
LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**501** Amending Canon No. 42 (**GS 2269**)

- *First Consideration*

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## MONDAY 11 JULY 2022

2.00 p.m. to 6.30 p.m.

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### AFFIRMING AND INCLUDING DISABLED PEOPLE IN THE WHOLE LIFE OF THE CHURCH (GS 2270)

*The Revd Canon Timothy Goode (Southwark) to move:*

- 29 'That this Synod, affirming disabled people to be fearfully and wonderfully made in the image and likeness of God, and mindful of the progress already made in removing some of the barriers facing disabled people, both clergy and lay, commit to working towards the removal of all remaining barriers to full participation for disabled people in the life and ministry of the church, and, in initiating that process:
- (a) request the Faith and Order Commission / the Liturgical Commission to consider how our liturgies might be made more inclusive to disabled people (e.g. by removing rubrics such as "all stand");
  - (b) call upon the Research and Statistics team to interrogate existing data and gather new data, which quantifies the numbers of disabled people among clergy, whilst also planning to extend to include lay ministers and NCI/diocesan staff in the future, so that Synod can monitor the representation of disabled people employed by the church and encourage accountability for progress;
  - (c) request that Archbishops' Council introduce legislation to amend the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 to require every DAC to include at least one suitably experienced disabled person in its membership or co-opted if not appointed as a member; and
  - (d) as part of the ongoing review of dioceses and recognising that resources for additional officers in every diocese are limited, encourage dioceses to cluster together to employ a full time Disability Adviser across a manageable group of dioceses.'

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### SPECIAL AGENDA I:

#### LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

- 502 Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure (**GS 2255**)  
- *First consideration*



## **RESOURCING MINISTERIAL FORMATION (GS 2271)**

*The Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich to move:*

- 30** 'That this Synod:
- (a) affirm the aims of the "Resourcing Ministerial Formation" in seeking to create a more sustainable and responsive accountable framework for ministerial formation within the calling of the whole people of God;
  - (b) welcome the principles of reform set out in GS 2271; and
  - (c) request that synod be updated with proposals prior to their implementation.'

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### **SPECIAL AGENDA I:**

#### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**503** Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (**GS 2272**)

**504** Amending Canon No. 43 (**GS 2273**)

- *First Consideration*

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**MONDAY 11 JULY 2022**

**8.00 p.m. to 10.00 p.m.**

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV:**

**DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

**REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PCC MEMBERSHIP AND ENTRY ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL (GS 2254A AND GS 2254B)**

*The Venerable Darren Miller (Canterbury) to move*

- 31** 'That this Synod invite the Archbishops' Council:
- (a) to conduct a review of:
    - (i) the qualifications for membership of parochial church councils, in the light of the existence of bishops' mission initiatives; and
    - (ii) the qualifications for enrolment on a church electoral roll, and the form of application for enrolment, in the light of the experience of parishes in the diocese that those who attend church regularly do not necessarily understand them; and
  - (b) to report to the Synod on the conclusions of the review.'

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**SPECIAL AGENDA IV:**

**DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

**AGE VERIFICATION FOR PORNOGRAPHY WEBSITES (GS 2274A AND GS 2274B)**

*The Revd Jo Winn-Smith (Guildford) to move:*

- 32** 'That this Synod:
- (a) acknowledge that our children and young people are suffering grave harm from free access to online pornography and that there is currently no legal requirement for pornography sites to have in place age verification systems to prevent children from having access to those sites;
  - (b) ask Her Majesty's Government to pass legislation requiring pornographic sites to have in place age verification systems preventing access by people under the age of 18; and
  - (c) recommend more social and educational programmes to increase awareness of the harms of pornography, including self-generated sexually explicit images.'

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*10.00 p.m. Compline*

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## TUESDAY 12 JULY 2022

9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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### MORNING WORSHIP

#### LOYAL ADDRESS

*One of the Presidents to move:*

- 33** 'That a Loyal Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen.'
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#### AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS FOR CANTERBURY CROWN NOMINATIONS COMMISSION

**Notes:**

1. *The motions for the amendment of the Standing Orders contained in the Second Notice Paper will be moved (subject to the note set out there).*
  2. *The Standing Orders Committee has reported on the proposed amendments in its 60th Report (GS 2276).*
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#### REPORT BY THE CLERGY CONDUCT MEASURE IMPLEMENTATION GROUP (GS 2277)

*The Bishop of Worcester to move:*

- 34** 'That this Synod:
- (a) welcome the report from the Clergy Conduct Measure Implementation Group (GS 2277); and
  - (b) request that the Archbishops' Council introduce legislation to give effect to the report's recommendations for first consideration by this Synod at the next available opportunity.'
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*Announcement of election of central CNC members*

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**35 FAREWELLS**

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**Not later than 12.30 p.m.**

**36 PROROGATION**

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**DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND PENSIONS (APPLICATION OF CAPITAL FUNDS) MEASURE (GS 2264)**

**Draft Measure for First Consideration**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee to move:*

- 500** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

**Note:**

*If item 500 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9th September 2022.***

**DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 42 (GS 2269)**

**Draft Canon for First Consideration**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee to move:*

- 501** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 42" be considered for revision in committee.'

**Note:**

*If item 501 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9th September 2022.***

**DRAFT DIOCESAN STIPENDS FUNDS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 2255)**

**Draft Measure for First Consideration**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee to move:*

- 502** 'That the Measure entitled "Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure" be considered for revision in committee.'

**Note:**

*If item 502 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9th September 2022.***

## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

### **DRAFT CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS) MEASURE (GS 2272)**

### **DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 43 (GS 2273)**

### **Draft Measure and Draft Canon for First Consideration**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee to move:*

- 503** ‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’
- 504** ‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 43” be considered for revision in committee.’

**Note:**

*If item 503 and/or 504 is carried, any member who wishes to submit proposals for amendment to the revision committee must send them in writing to the Clerk to the Synod so as to reach her **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 9th September 2022.***

### **LEGAL OFFICERS (ANNUAL FEES) ORDER 2022 (GS 2278)**

### **ECCLESIASTICAL JUDGES, LEGAL OFFICERS AND OTHERS (FEES) ORDER 2022 (GS 2279)**

### **Orders made under section 86 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018**

**Notes:**

- 1. The Fees Advisory Commission has laid the Orders (GS 2278 and GS 2279) before the General Synod for approval under section 86 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018.*
- 2. The Business Committee has determined (as provided by that section) that the Orders do not need to be debated.*
- 3. Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate an Order must give notice in accordance with SO 13 by **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.***
- 4. Amendments to the Ecclesiastical Judges, Legal Officers and Others (Fees) Order are permissible. Under SO 71(5), any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.***

## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND FUNDED PENSION SCHEME (AMENDMENT) RULES 2022 (GS 2280)

#### Approval of Rules under section 8 of the Church of England Pensions Measure 2018

**Notes:**

1. *The Church of England Pensions Board has laid the Rules (GS 2280) before the General Synod for approval under section 8 of the Church of England Pensions Measure 2018.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by that section) that the Rules do not need to be debated.*
3. *Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate the Rules must give notice in accordance with SO 13 by **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.***
4. *Amendments to the Rules are not permissible.*

### CLERGY DISCIPLINE MEASURE 2003 – AMENDING CODE OF PRACTICE (GS 2281)

#### Amendments to Code of Practice under section 39 of the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 for approval

**Notes:**

1. *The Clergy Discipline Commission has laid the Amendments to the Code of Practice (GS 2281) before the General Synod for approval under section 39 of the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined (as provided by that section) that the Amendments to the Code of Practice do not need to be debated.*
3. *Under SO 71(2), any member who wishes to debate the Amendments to the Code of Practice must give notice in accordance with SO 13 by **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.***
4. *Amendments to are permissible. Under SO 71(5), any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022.***

## SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTIONS

*Note: This is the current order which includes signatures received by 13 June 2022.*

### **SERVICE OF PRAYER AND DEDICATION**

*Ms Christina Baron (Bath & Wells) to move:*

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to commend an order of Prayer and Dedication after the registration of a civil partnership or same sex marriage, for use by ministers in exercise of their discretion under Canon B5, being a form of service neither contrary to, nor indicative of any departure from, the doctrine of the Church of England in any essential matter, together with guidance that no parish should be obliged to host, nor minister conduct, such a service.’

125 signatures

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### **SCRUTINY OF DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING**

*Mr Gavin Drake (Southwell & Nottingham) to move:*

‘That this Synod requests the Archbishops’ Council to bring draft legislation to the earliest possible Group of Sessions, the purpose of which is to create statutory powers for a new or existing national body, giving them the authority to investigate, intervene, and if necessary to direct a particular course of action in cases where bishops or dioceses are not managing safeguarding cases appropriately, effectively, safely, or in line with the House of Bishops’ safeguarding guidance.’

50 signatures

November 2021

### **ASSISTED SUICIDE**

*Dr Simon Eyre (Chichester) to move:*

‘That this Synod

- a) appreciate the enormous and untiring efforts of health professionals, including healthcare chaplains, in constantly developing and maintaining the excellence of palliative and end of life care provision in this country;
- b) call on Her Majesty’s Government to guarantee and expedite the adequate funding and resourcing of palliative care services within the NHS to ensure that the highest possible standards of care are achieved and made universally accessible; and
- c) affirm that the current legislation in relation to Assisted Suicide referenced in Section 2 of the Suicide Act 1961 (and its application through the DPP guidelines) should remain unchanged.’

116 signatures

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## SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTIONS

### **SAFEGUARDING AUDIT**

*Mr Gavin Drake (Southwell & Nottingham) to move:*

‘That this Synod:

- a) acknowledge with shame and lament that church-related abuse of children, vulnerable adults, and others is not just a problem of the past, but is something that continues today; offers a real, deep and sincere apology to victims and survivors for the abuse that they have suffered;
- b) Acknowledge that the Church nationally and locally is still not offering a proper, safe and consistent approach in supporting victims and survivors, and therefore:
- c) endorse the 8th recommendation in the report of IICSA’s investigation into the Anglican Church, in its call for regular external audits of the “effectiveness of safeguarding practice in dioceses, cathedrals and other Church organisations” and for the reports from those audits to be published;
- d) while endorsing IICSA’s call for external audit, acknowledge that the primary responsibility for ensuring effective safeguarding in the Church remains the responsibility of the Church itself;
- e) call on the Archbishop’s Council to produce a report at the conclusion of the PCR2 process containing anonymised statistical analysis showing, for each diocese, the number of cases referred by the independent reviewers as showing cause for concern, and whether or not –prior to the PCR2 referral –those cases had been considered
  - i. by the diocese following a complaint,
  - ii. by an archbishop in response to a CDM complaint about the bishop’s handling of the case, and/or
  - iii. by an NST Core Group;

and specify the outcome of those considerations so that we can assess for ourselves whether the Church of England’s increasing national investment in safeguarding is effective.’

29 signatures

December 2021

### **CLERGY PENSIONS**

*Revd Dr Ian Paul (Southwell & Notts) to move:*

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council, the Pensions Board, and the Church Commissioners to work together to find a way to make use of the whole range of assets and resources across the Church to enable the restoration of the clergy pension to its pre-2011 benefit level as soon as possible.’

11 signatures

March 2022



## SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTIONS

### REMOVAL OF DIVORCE IMPEDIMENT TO ORDINATION

*Revd Mark Bennet (Oxford) to move:*

‘That this Synod request that the Archbishops’ Council introduce the necessary legislation to remove the canonical impediment to ordination in respect of a person who has remarried and, the other party to that marriage being alive, has a former spouse still living; or who is married to a person who has been previously married and whose former spouse is still living.’

10 signatures

March 2022

### DECLARATION OF CHRISTIAN INCOMPATIBILITY OF PRIDE

*Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) to move:*

‘That this Synod—

affirming that God loves all people, nevertheless consider that the ‘Pride’ rainbow flag, activity and events, and what it represents in terms of the ordering of lives and relationships is contrary to the word of God (2 Timothy 4:3, Genesis 5:2, Mark 10:6-9, Matthew 19:3-12, Leviticus 18:22, Romans 1:24-27, Genesis 2:24, 1 John 2:15-17, Romans 6, 1 Corinthians 4:6, Jeremiah 23:16-17, Luke 17:1-2, Matthew 18:6-9, Ezekiel 3:18-19, 2 Tim. 3:1-4, 2 Corinthians 5:17, 1 Corinthians 13:4, 1 John 2:3-6); and therefore:

- (a) call on the House of Bishops to state that support for Pride (including use of the rainbow flag; and blessing, participation in, publicising, resourcing and endorsement of Pride events or flags) is incompatible with the Christian faith, its agenda being contrary to scriptural teaching, Church doctrine, and Canons of the Church of England; and;
- (b) request the Archbishop’s Council to introduce legislation to enforce the Earl Marshall’s warrant of 9 February 1938, and to prohibit the display of any political or other campaigning flags or banners in or on church buildings.

June 2022

## SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTIONS

### FUTURE OF CENTRAL CHURCH INSTITUTIONS

*Mr Luke Appleton (Exeter)* to move:

'That this Synod call on the Archbishops' Council and the Church Commissioners–

- (a) to stop the implementation of the recommendations contained in the report of the Governance Review Group (GS 2239); and
- (b) to consult each parochial church council on the future of central church institutions and what they should look like.'

June 2022

### VOCATIONS PROCESS AND ISSUES IN HUMAN SEXUALITY

*Revd Mae Christie (Southwark)* to move:

'That this Synod request that the House of Bishops remove any requirements relating to *Issues in Human Sexuality* from the Vocations (Shared Discernment) Process.'

June 2022

## **SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

### **LITURGIES FOR SAME SEX COUPLES**

... to move on behalf of the Hereford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

request the House of Bishops to commend an Order of Prayer and Dedication after the registration of a civil partnership or a same sex marriage for use by ministers in exercise of their discretion under Canon B5, being a form of service neither contrary to, nor indicative of any departure from, the doctrine of the Church of England in any essential matter, together with guidance that no parish should be obliged to host, nor minister conduct, such a service.’

March 2018

### **REVIEW OF QUALIFICATIONS FOR PCC MEMBERSHIP AND ENTRY ON THE CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL**

... to move on behalf of the Canterbury Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod invite the Archbishops’ Council:

(a) to conduct a review of:

- i. the qualifications for membership of parochial church councils, in the light of the existence of bishops’ mission initiatives; and
- ii. the qualifications for enrolment on a church electoral roll, and the form of application for enrolment, in the light of the experience of parishes in the diocese that those who attend church regularly do not necessarily understand them; and

(b) to report to the Synod on the conclusions of the review.’

July 2018

### **INSURANCE PREMIUM TAX**

... to move on behalf of the Lincoln Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod, noting:

- (a) the various public goods that are delivered by charities, including in the case of churches through their care of nationally valued heritage assets and their provision of community services; and
- (b) the fact that the money needed by charities to meet their liabilities, including Insurance Premium Tax, has to be raised by them, including in the case of churches through fund raising in their local communities

call on Her Majesty’s Government to exempt charities, including churches, from liability for Insurance Premium Tax.’

April 2019

## **SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

### **REDUCE PAROCHIAL FEES FOR MARRIAGES**

... to move on behalf of the Blackburn Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council to introduce an order to amend the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 so that the fees relating to marriages are set at nil or at a minimal amount in order to demonstrate the Church’s commitment to marriage and pastoral care.’

March 2020

### **PRISONER REHABILITATION SCHEMES**

... to move on behalf of the Worcester Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod, recognising that faith can have a positive impact on an offender's behaviour:

- (a) note with pleasure the decision made by the National Probation Service to recognise faith as a protective factor in reducing reoffending, and its desire to work in partnership with churches, prison and community chaplains and faith communities to support rehabilitation;
- (b) commend the value of partnership working with the National Probation Service as an important additional support in churches' welcome of people leaving prison, including training of clergy and authorised lay ministers;
- (c) call on dioceses to nominate a contact person or office to link the Probation Service locally to clergy, parishes and chaplaincies.’

March 2020

### **RESPONDING TO THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY**

... to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod, affirming the fifth mark of mission, concerned by the scientific evidence that climate change is proceeding at a rapid rate and by the impact of climate events, and seeking to build on the decisions taken with respect to GS 2159:

- (a) urge the National Investing Bodies of the Church of England to prioritise investment in renewable energy;
- (b) call on all parts of the Church of England to review their policies and procedures, in order to ensure that they give due priority to creation care;
- (c) urge the Church of England to further develop pre- and post-ordination and lay training to deepen understanding in how care for the earth is part of our Christian faith and a missional imperative;

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- (d) urge all parts of the Church of England to seek to support, through prayer, advocacy and practical action, the poorest in the world who are suffering the most from the impacts of climate change, in the awareness that our nation has been among those who have benefited most from the emissions that have caused the crisis;
- (e) commit earnestly and regularly to pray - and to promote prayer - about the climate and wider environmental crisis.
- (f) call upon all institutions of the Church of England to make urgent practical preparations for the delivery of substantial reduction of the Church's carbon footprint, including, but not restricted to, the following immediate actions in respect of Church buildings:
  - i. ensuring that the NCIs are adequately resourced to provide DACs, Buildings Departments, Education Departments and others with authoritative national guidance notes, advice and training on key technical and procedural questions relating to adaptation of buildings for the net zero target; and
  - ii. ensuring that Parish Buying and other national-level entities have the capacity to engage with manufacturers and suppliers of products and processes recommended for making our buildings more efficient, with a view to using the scale of the national net zero project to achieve both sympathetic design and economies of scale on cost.'

April 2020

### **ECO-DIOCESE PROGRAMME**

... to move on behalf of the St Albans Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod, following the motion passed by this Synod in February 2020, which recognises that the global climate emergency is a crisis for God's creation and a fundamental injustice and which calls on all parts of the Church of England, including dioceses and parishes, to work towards net zero emissions, request that every diocese register with A Rocha UK for the Eco-Diocese Programme.'

December 2020

### **PAROCHIAL FEES**

... to move on behalf of London Diocesan Synod

'That this Synod request the Archbishops' Council to lay a draft order before the Synod to amend the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 so that a fee payable to the parochial church council is prescribed in respect of funeral services that take place at crematoria and cemeteries.'

March 2021

## **SPECIAL AGENDA IV – DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

### **FUTURE OF WORK**

... to move on behalf of the Oxford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

mindful of the deep economic effects of the pandemic, the impacts of new technology, and the global rise of new forms of working--

- (a) affirm the dignity and value of purposeful work as a significant component of human flourishing
- (b) endorse and commend the five principles used for evaluating fair and dignified platform work in the gig economy by Fair.work and
- (c) call for the Faith and Order Commission (FAOC) together with Mission and Public Affairs Committee to advise on what is essential to purposeful, dignified, and fair work in the context of the fourth industrial revolution now in progress.’

March 2021

### **KAIROS PALESTINE**

... to move on behalf of the Carlisle Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod:

- (a) endorse the “Cry for Hope” expressed by Palestinian Christians and the ‘Global Kairos for Justice’ coalition (GKfJ);
- (b) request that the Faith and Order Commission produce a report which analyses and refutes any theological justifications, for example, those promoted by some Christian Zionists, for the oppression of Palestinians
- (c) instruct the Ethical Investment Advisory Group to provide guidance to the National Investing Bodies (NIBs) and Dioceses that will enable them to screen their investments and thereby make decisions regarding engagement with, and divestment from, companies which profit from the occupation.’

October 2021

### **AGE VERIFICATION FOR PORNOGRAPHY WEBSITES**

... to move on behalf of Guildford Diocesan Synod:

‘That this Synod

- (a) acknowledge that our children and young people are suffering grave harm from free access to online pornography and that there is currently no legal requirement for pornography sites to have in place age verification systems to prevent children from having access to those sites.

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- (b) ask Her Majesty's Government to pass legislation requiring pornographic sites to have in place age verification systems preventing access by people under the age of 18.
- (c) recommend more social and educational programmes to increase awareness of the harms of pornography, including self-generated sexually explicit images.

November 2021

### **SAFER RECRUITMENT FOR PCCS AND SYNODS**

... to move on behalf of Lichfield Diocesan Synod:

That this Synod request that the Archbishops Council:

- (a) review current legislative provision dealing with disqualification from holding office on a PCC or synod constituted under the Church Representation Rules;
- (b) consult the National Safeguarding Team on appropriate safeguarding measures;
- (c) bring forward proposals to amend the Church Representation Rules and other relevant legislation to allow checks to be made as to the eligibility of individuals to hold office on a PCC or synod; and
- (d) bring forward legislation to provide a robust and effective means for preventing those who are disqualified on safeguarding or other grounds from being elected to, or holding, office.'

April 2022

### **CHURCH BUILDINGS**

... to move on behalf of Southwell & Nottingham Diocesan Synod:

'That this Synod urge the National Church Institutions and Church Buildings Council to use their influence to press for:

- (a) a reduction in the financial burden of VAT on churches through the continued funding of the Listed Places of Worship Grant Scheme (LPofWGS) and a broadening of the criteria for eligible expenditure together with a reduction in the administrative burden to access the LPofWGS with a simplified application process;
- (b) an intentional briefing, and greater understanding by, the local representatives of Historic England and the amenity societies of the mission and ministry objectives of the Church of England, and;
- (c) money to be made available from nationally held funds to assist churches to make reasonable adjustments to provide basic facilities for the comfort of worshippers and visitors.'

May 2022