SPECIAL AGENDA IV:
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

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

Mr David Kemp (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.’

Mr Clive Scowen (London) to move as an amendment:

78 ‘Leave out “Archbishops’ Council” and insert “Business Committee”.’

The Ven Fiona Gibson (Hereford) to move as an amendment:

79 ‘After “Archbishops’ Council” insert “while keeping in mind that membership of a parochial church council involves
spiritual leadership within a parish, which should properly be exercised by those who habitually attend public worship.”.

Mrs Amanda Robbie (Lichfield) to move the following amendments:

80 ‘In each of paragraph a(i) and (ii) leave out from “in the light of” to the end.’

81 ‘After paragraph a(ii), insert:

“(iii) provisions concerned with disqualification from holding office on a parochial church council or a synod constituted under the Church Representation Rules and the availability of mechanisms for checking disqualifications and preventing those who are disqualified from being elected to or holding office”.

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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 introduce 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.'

Compline