

# **Agenda**

**February Group of Sessions 2023**

**GENERAL SYNOD  
FEBRUARY GROUP OF SESSIONS 2023  
AT CHURCH HOUSE, WESTMINSTER**

**TIMES OF SITTINGS**

<b>Monday 6 February</b>	1.45 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday 7 February</b>	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.
<b>Wednesday 8 February</b>	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.
<b>Thursday 9 February</b>	9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. 1.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

**SERVICES**

<b>Monday 6 February</b>	
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel
2.00 p.m.	Opening Worship in the Assembly Hall
6.45 p.m.	Closing Worship in the Assembly Hall
<b>Tuesday 7 February</b>	
9.00 a.m.	Holy Communion in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m.	Midday Prayer in the Chapel
7.00 p.m.	Closing Worship in the Assembly Hall
<b>Wednesday 8 February</b>	
9.00 a.m.	Opening Worship in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel (BCP)
7.00 p.m.	Closing Worship in the Assembly Hall
<b>Thursday 9 February</b>	
9.00 a.m.	Opening Worship in the Assembly Hall
1.05 p.m.	Holy Communion in the Chapel (BCP)

## 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 (Monday 6 February)**

**5.30 p.m. on Friday 3 February.**

#### **Notice of amendments to the motion relating to Living in Love and Faith (Wednesday 8 February)**

**9.00 a.m. on Tuesday 7 February.**

#### **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 12.00 p.m. on Tuesday 24 January 2023.**

## **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:

### **THE CONTRIBUTION OF FAITH TO THE REHABILITATION OF OFFENDERS (GS 2294A AND GS 2294B)**

... 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 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 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.’

The deadline for amendments to this item of business is **10.00 a.m. on Monday 6 February** (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).

## **MEETING OF THE CONVOCATION OF YORK**

13. The Lower House of the Convocation of York will meet from 12 p.m. on Monday 6 February in the Harvey Goodwin Suite.

## MONDAY 6 FEBRUARY 2023

1.45 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

### 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

*The Revd Canon Joyce Jones (Leeds) to move:*

- 1 '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 5th February 2026'

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### WORSHIP

- 2 INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

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### PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 3 *The Archbishop of Canterbury* will give a Presidential Address.

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### REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2284)

*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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### SPECIAL AGENDA I:

#### LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

The following items (full details of which are contained in Special Agenda I – see pages 15 to 19) will be taken:

- 500 Amending Canon No 42 (GS 2269A)

- *Revision Stage*

- 504 Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure (GS 2255A)

- *Revision Stage*

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

- *Revision Stage*

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**LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH GROUP WORK (GS MISC 1329)**

- 5** Presentation under SO 107

**Not later than 5.25 p.m.**

- 6 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 12.00 p.m. on Tuesday 24 January 2023.***

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**Not later than 6.45 p.m.**

*6.45 p.m. Evening Worship*

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## TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2023

10.15 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

*A service of Holy Communion will be celebrated in the Assembly Hall at 9.00 a.m.*

### **SPECIAL AGENDA I:**

#### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

- 510** Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 2021 (Consequential Amendment to Regulations under Canon B12) Regulations 2023 (**GS 2285**)

- *For Approval*

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- 509** Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure (**GS 2272A**)

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

- *Report by the Revision Committee (**GS 2272Y – 2273Y**)*

**Note:** *The take note debate on the report of the Revision Committee will be taken at this point, followed by clause by clause consideration of the draft Measure only. The Revision Stage for the draft Amending Canon is to take place at the morning sitting on Wednesday 8 February (see below).*

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#### **LOYAL ADDRESS**

*One of the Presidents to move:*

- 7** 'That a Loyal Address be presented to His Majesty The King.'
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**Not later than 11.50 a.m.**

#### **8 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 12.00 p.m. on Tuesday 24 January 2023.***



## TUESDAY 7 FEBRUARY 2023

2.00 p.m. to 3.00 p.m.

### RESOURCING MINISTERIAL FORMATION (GS 2286)

*The Bishop of Chester to move:*

- 9 'That this Synod:
- (a) welcome and endorse the proposals set out in GS 2286 for implementing the Resourcing Ministerial Formation Review principles of reform previously endorsed by Synod;
  - (b) affirm the importance of further work in relation to ordinand maintenance and the funding of training for lay ministries, and request that synod be updated on this and invited to discuss proposals as appropriate within 12 months; and
  - (c) reaffirm its request that the Ministry Council closely monitor and support the capacity of TEIs through the RMF implementation period.'

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### LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

#### Group work

*Living in Love and Faith (GS Misc 1329): 3.00 p.m. – 7.00 p.m.*

*Details of these items will be available on a Notice Paper*

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*7.00 p.m. Evening Worship*

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## WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2023

9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

### MORNING WORSHIP

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#### **COST OF LIVING (GS 2287)**

*Canon John Spence (ex officio) (Archbishops' Council) to move:*

- 10** 'That this Synod, mindful of the impact of the deepening cost of living crisis on ordinary families, including many members of our congregations and communities, and recalling our Lord's commitment to those who were hungry or lacked the essentials of life:
- (a) continue to pray for those whose efforts help mitigate the human suffering of the crisis: including His Majesty's Government, public servants and professionals in key sectors, the many volunteers in church and secular projects and everyone who puts their neighbour before themselves;
  - (b) commit ourselves, in our dioceses, parishes and other worshipping communities, to do all we can to support the most vulnerable, even as many of our own members are falling into hardship themselves;
  - (c) call upon His Majesty's Government, notwithstanding the external factors deepening the crisis such as the war in Ukraine, to recognise that the resilience of the nation, its communities and its people, is limited, and call for policies that offer generous support to those who are falling into poverty and the organisations dedicated to supporting them;
  - (d) commend the steps taken by dioceses and charities to relieve some of the pressure on clergy, church staff, and their families, recognising the leadership they offer to their communities.'

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#### **SPECIAL AGENDA I:**

#### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

**511** Draft Parochial Fees Order 2023 (**GS 2288**)

- *For Approval*

Amending Canon No 43 (**GS 2273A**)

- *Revision Stage*

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## WEDNESDAY 8 FEBRUARY 2023

2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.

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### LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (GS 2289)

*The Bishop of London to move:*

- 11** 'That this Synod, recognising the commitment to learning and deep listening to God and to each other of the Living in Love and Faith process, and desiring with God's help to journey together while acknowledging the different deeply held convictions within the Church:
- (a) lament and repent of the failure of the Church to be welcoming to LGBTQI+ people and the harm that LGBTQI+ people have experienced and continue to experience in the life of the Church;
  - (b) recommit to our shared witness to God's love for and acceptance of every person by continuing to embed the Pastoral Principles in our life together locally and nationally;
  - (c) commend the continued learning together enabled by the Living in Love and Faith process and resources in relation to identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage;
  - (d) welcome the decision of the House of Bishops to replace Issues in Human Sexuality with new pastoral guidance;
  - (e) welcome the response from the College of Bishops and look forward to the House of Bishops further refining, commending and issuing the Prayers of Love and Faith described in GS 2289 and its Annexes;
  - (f) invite the House of Bishops to monitor the Church's use of and response to the Prayers of Love and Faith, once they have been commended and published, and to report back to Synod in five years' time.'
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## THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023

9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

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### MORNING WORSHIP

### SPECIAL AGENDA I:

### LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**505-** Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure (**GS 2255A**)

**506** - *Final Drafting and Final Approval*

**501-** Amending Canon No 42 (**GS 2269A**)

**503** - *Final Drafting and Final Approval*

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### GOVERNANCE REVIEW (GS 2290)

*The Bishop of Guildford to move:*

**12** 'That this Synod:

(a) welcome the report from the National Church Governance Project Board as outlined in the Report (GS 2290);

(b) encourage the Project Board to continue its work as set out in the report, and to bring a further report to the Synod prior to the introduction of any legislation to give effect to it.'

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

**508** - *Final Drafting and Final Approval*

## THURSDAY 9 FEBRUARY 2023

1.45 p.m. to 5.00 p.m.

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### SPECIAL AGENDA I: LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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**512** The Electronic Register Book of Services Form and Conditions 2023 (**GS 2291**)

- *For Approval*

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### AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS

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**Notes:**

1. *The motions for the amendment of the Standing Orders contained in the First 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 61<sup>st</sup> Report (GS 2292).*
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### SAFEGUARDING (GS 2293)

**13** Presentation under SO 107

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

*The Bishop of Rochester to move:*

**14** 'That this Synod do take note of this Report.'

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**Not later than 4.05 p.m.**

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

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

**15** '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.'

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**Not later than 5.00 p.m.**

**16 PROROGATION**

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

**Draft Amending Canon for Revision**

**Draft Amending Canon for Final Drafting and Final Approval**

**(First Consideration at the July 2022 group of sessions)**

**Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2269Y)**

***Revision Stage***

*The Chair of the Revision Committee (The Ven Nicola Groarke) (Worcester) to move:*

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

***Notes:***

- 1. In the debate on item 500 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Amending Canon which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
- 2. When the debate is concluded on item 500, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Amending Canon paragraph by paragraph, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
- 3. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Amending Canon must do so in accordance with SO 13 not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.*

***Final Drafting Stage***

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:*

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

***Notes:*** *If item 501 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

***Final Approval Stage***

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mr Stephen Hofmeyr KC) (Guildford) to move:*

**502** 'That the Canon entitled "Amending Canon No. 42" be finally approved.'

*And, if item 502 is carried,*

**503** 'That the petition for His Majesty's Royal Assent and Licence (GS 2269C) be adopted.'

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

**Draft Measure for Revision**

**Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval**

**(First Consideration at the July 2022 group of sessions)**

**Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2255Y)**

***Revision Stage***

*The Chair of the Revision Committee (Mr Geoffrey Tattersall KC) (Manchester) to move:*

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

***Notes:***

- 1. In the debate on item 504 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
- 2. When the debate is concluded on item 504, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
- 3. Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Measure must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.***

***Final Drafting Stage***

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (The Bishop of Sheffield) to move:*

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

***Notes:*** *If item 505 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

***Final Approval Stage***

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (The Bishop of Sheffield) to move:*

**506** 'That the Measure entitled "Diocesan Stipends Funds (Amendment) Measure" be finally approved'



## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

Draft Measure for Revision

Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval

(First Consideration at the July 2022 group of sessions)

Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2264Y)

#### **Revision Stage**

*The Revision Committee, pursuant to SO 57(7), has authorised the Clerk to inform the Synod that no proposals for amendment were received by the Committee and that there are no other matters for it to report.*

#### **Notes:**

1. *The Synod will, accordingly, proceed immediately to consider the draft Measure clause by clause, first considering any amendments of which which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
2. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to the draft Measure must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2023.***

#### **Final Drafting Stage**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mrs Busola Sodeinde) (London) to move:*

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

**Notes:** *If item 507 is carried, any special amendments will be moved (SO 61(8)).*

#### **Final Approval Stage**

*The Chair of the Steering Committee (Mrs Busola Sodeinde) (London) to move:*

**508** 'That the Measure entitled "Church of England Pensions (Application of Capital Funds) Measure" be finally approved'

## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

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

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

Draft Measure and Draft Amending Canon for Revision  
(First Consideration at the July 2022 group of sessions)  
Report by the Revision Committee (GS 2272Y/2273Y)

*The Chair of the Revision Committee (The Ven Nicola Groarke) (Worcester)*  
to move:

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

#### **Notes:**

1. *In the debate on item 509 it will not be in order to debate any matter which is the subject of an amendment to the draft Measure or draft Amending Canon which appears on a Notice Paper for this group of sessions (SO 57(6)).*
2. *When the debate is concluded on item 509, the Synod will proceed to consider the draft Measure clause by clause and the draft Amending Canon paragraph by paragraph, first considering any amendments of which due notice has been given (SO 58(1) and (2)).*
3. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to **the draft Measure** must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2023.***
4. *Any member who wishes to give notice of an amendment under SO 59(1) to **the draft Amending Canon** must do so in accordance with SO 13 **not later than 5.30 p.m. on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2023.***

### DIOCESAN BOARDS OF EDUCATION MEASURE 2021 (CONSEQUENTIAL AMENDMENT TO REGULATIONS UNDER CANON B 12) REGULATIONS 2023 (GS 2285)

#### Regulations under paragraph 3 of Canon B 12

*The Revd Canon Simon Butler (Southwark) (Chair of Legislative Reform  
Committee)* to move:

**510** 'That the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 2021 (consequential amendment to regulations under Canon B 12) Regulations 2023 be approved.'

#### **Notes:**

1. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 70(1) that the Regulations are to be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 72.*
2. *Amendments to the Regulations are permissible. 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 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2023.***

## SPECIAL AGENDA I – LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

### DRAFT PAROCHIAL FEES ORDER 2023 (GS 2288)

#### Draft Order for approval

*The Bishop of Hereford* (Chair of the Remuneration and Conditions of Service Committee) to move:

511 'That the Draft Parochial Fees Order 2023 be approved.'

#### **Notes:**

1. *The Archbishops' Council has laid the above draft Order (GS 2288) before the General Synod for approval under section 2 of the Ecclesiastical Fees Measure 1986.*
2. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 70(1) that the Regulations are to be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 72.*
3. *Amendments to the draft Order are permissible. 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 Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2023.***

### THE ELECTRONIC REGISTER BOOK OF SERVICES FORM AND CONDITIONS 2023 (GS 2291)

#### Instrument for approval

*A member of the Legislative Reform Committee* to move:

512 'That the Electronic Register Book of Services Form and Conditions 2023 be approved.'

#### **Notes:**

1. *The Business Committee has determined in accordance with SO 70(1) that this instrument is to be considered on the One Motion Procedure under SO 72.*
2. *Amendments to the instrument are permissible. 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 Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.***

## SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTIONS

*Note: This is the current order which includes signatures received by 17 January 2023.*

### **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.’

138 signatures

November 2021

### **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.’

37 signatures

December 2021

## SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTIONS

### CLERGY PENSIONS

*The 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.’

46 signatures

March 2022

### REMOVAL OF DIVORCE IMPEDIMENT TO ORDINATION

*The 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.’

112 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.

11 signatures

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.’

2 signatures

June 2022

### **VOCATIONS PROCESS AND ISSUES IN HUMAN SEXUALITY**

*The 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.’

110 signatures

June 2022

### **SUPPORT FOR CHURCHES AND CLERGY**

*Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry)* to move:

‘That this Synod call on the Presidents and Business Committee to hold an extraordinary meeting of General Synod specifically to consider support for churches and clergy facing a sustained period of reduced giving and inflation, and how this is affecting churches, clergy and their service to the community’.

3 signatures

July 2022

### **PAROCHIAL FEES AND SCHEDULED MATTERS AMENDING ORDER 2019**

*The Revd Tom Woolford (Blackburn)* to move:

‘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 for funeral services in church are set at nil.’

4 signatures

July 2022

## SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTIONS

### INDEPENDENT COMMISSION ON ACCOUNTABILITY

*Mr Martin Sewell (Rochester) to move:*

‘That this Synod, deeply concerned at the lack of functional accountability permeating the culture and institutions of the Church of England—

call upon the Archbishops, House of Bishops and Archbishops’ Council to urgently establish an Independent Commission, to include significant external and professional representation, to receive representations and bring forward specific recommendations to improve accountability and transparency throughout the Church;

instruct the Business Committee to arrange for the terms of reference for the Independent Commission to be subject to a debate by this Synod with substantial time for consideration to be allocated.”

40 signatures

July 2022

### SYNODICAL APPROVAL OF BUDGETS AND SPENDING PLANS

*Mr Ian Johnston (Portsmouth) to move:*

‘That this Synod,

noting that the central church, taken as a whole, should set an example of good governance to our dioceses and parishes, and recognising the nature of the intended reorganisation of the NCIs, call on the Archbishops’ Council to introduce draft legislation to the earliest possible Group of Sessions that would:

- (a) require synodical approval of the Church Commissioners’ spending plans, the Archbishops’ Council’s annual budget and all other substantial expenditure of the Church of England;
- (b) should the motions in paragraph (a) not be passed unamended, require amended proposals from those bodies in response to those motions; and,
- (c) require those bodies to make summary bi-annual progress reports to Synod on the implementation of said matters; all being subject to amendable motions of acceptance.’

7 signatures

July 2022

## SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTIONS

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND YOUTH SYNOD

*Tim Norwood (Oxford) to move:*

'That this Synod:

- (a) acknowledge the national strategy to 'grow younger and more diverse'
- (b) take note of the report 'Rooted in the Church' (2016) which observes that young adults feel a sense of belonging if they i) are included within the whole church family, ii) are treated as equal members of the church, iii) are supported by leaders who act as bridges or mentors, and iv) are given a safe space to ask questions;
- (c) re-affirm the importance of having young adults directly involved in decision-making and strategy;
- (d) recognise the valuable contributions made by members of the Church of England Youth Council (CEYC);

and therefore call on the Archbishops' Council to:

- (e) establish the Church of England Youth Synod (CEYS) or similar, to replace the recently disbanded Church of England Youth Council (CEYC), as a meeting of young Anglicans between the ages of 18 and 25 who meet prior to each meeting of General Synod to discuss and debate the motions of General Synod;
- (f) invite each Diocesan Synod to nominate two young adults as members of both their local Diocesan Synod and the Church of England Youth Synod;
- (g) arrange for the co-option of 5 young adults elected by the Youth Synod as members of General Synod with the right to speak and vote;
- (h) appoint a part-time post with responsibility for democratic engagement with young people;
- (i) ensure that a sufficient budget is made available to support the work of the Youth Synod; and
- (j) ensure that the Youth Synod has representation on the Archbishops' Council by co-opting a member of the Youth Synod as a member of Archbishops' Council.

2 Signatures

September 2022



## SPECIAL AGENDA III – PRIVATE MEMBERS MOTIONS

### **BULLYING BY LAY OFFICERS**

*The Ven Mark Ireland (Blackburn)* to move:

'That this Synod, recognising:

- a) that bullying is unacceptable behaviour within the Church of God, whether by clergy or lay people, and where it exists needs to be addressed; and
- b) the serious pastoral problems and unfairness that arise while clergy can be subject to penalties for bullying that include prohibition and removal from office but there is no means of disqualifying a churchwarden, PCC member or other lay officer who is guilty of bullying from holding office;

request the Archbishops' Council to bring forward legislative proposals which would enable a churchwarden, PCC member or other lay officer who was found to have conducted him- or her-self in such a manner to be disqualified from holding office.'

December 2022

### **GROOMING OF CHILDREN**

*Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry)* to move:

'That this Synod believes the sexualisation and grooming of Children on our streets and in the media is abhorrent to the nature of God, contrary to the Christian faith, and that no member of the Church of England, Parish or Cathedral should endorse, support, resource or be associated with any activity that exposes children to sexualisation or grooming.'

December 2022

### **FURTHER USE OF CHURCHYARDS**

*The Revd Andrew Dotchin (St Edmundsbury & Ipswich)* to move:

'That this Synod call on the Archbishops' Council to:

- (a) consider the position in relation to further burials in churchyards which have been closed by Order in Council; and
- (b) make representations to Her Majesty's Government on the matter with a view to primary legislation being brought forward (whether by way of Measure or Act of Parliament) to facilitate such burials in appropriate cases.'

January 2023

## **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

### **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

### **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

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

### **THE CONTRIBUTION OF FAITH TO THE REHABILITATION OF PRISONERS**

... 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:

- (d) note with pleasure the decision made by the 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;
- (e) commend the value of partnership working with the Probation Service as an important additional support in churches' welcome of people leaving prison, including training of clergy and authorised lay ministers;
- (f) 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;
- (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

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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 to reflect the contribution made by parishes in support of such services.'

March 2021

### **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--

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- (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

### **CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PCCS**

... to move on behalf of Chelmsford Diocesan Synod

'That this Synod request that the General Synod request that the Archbishops' Council carry out a review to consider:

- (a) the possibility of drawing up a Code of Conduct for PCC members and lay volunteers,
- (b) the issues required to put in place a disciplinary process for their removal from the PCC in cases where this is not followed,
- (c) the resources required at national, diocesan and parish level to bring this about.'

March 2022

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### **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

### **DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH**

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

'That this Synod, in the light of the motion passed at the February 2022 Group of Sessions relating to the persecuted Church (i.e. item 18 on the Agenda, as amended), request the Archbishops' Council to work ecumenically with other churches to establish a national day of prayer and action for the persecuted Church around the world.'

August 2022

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### FOOD BANKS AND INADEQUACIES IN SOCIAL SECURITY

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

'That this Synod, mindful that the fourth Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion is to "transform unjust structures of society",

- (a) note the major contribution to social welfare being made by the churches and others in the provision of food banks
- (b) note with concern that levels of dependence on food banks have been increasing and that inflation is making the situation even worse
- (c) believe that this dependence reflects serious inadequacies in the social security system
- (d) note that the Trussell Trust has said: 'we stand on the edge of a precipice with a clear decision to make: either we accept food banks as a 'new normal' or we work to create a more dignified, compassionate and humane society where everyone has enough money for essentials'
- (e) welcome the Chancellor's intervention to help the least well-off households with their energy bills but note this will not remove the problem of increased dependency on foodbanks
- (f) call on the House of Bishops to urgently engage with HM Government, in particular the Secretary of State, to press it to review the adequacy of current social security provision.'

January 2023