

GENERAL SYNOD
FEBRUARY 2023 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 12.30 PM
ON WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2023

MORNING WORSHIP

The Synod was led in an act of worship by the Community of St Anselm.

VARIATION

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a) the order of business was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that the Revision Stage for the Draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure would resume after Item 10 (Cost of Living).

COST OF LIVING (GS 2287)

10 The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

37 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

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10 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod, mindful of the impact of the deepening cost of living crisis on ordinary people, 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, as individuals as well as members of dioceses, parishes and other worshipping communities, schools and chaplaincies, 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, 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 to date by dioceses and charities to relieve some of the pressure on clergy, church staff, and their families;
- e) call upon dioceses and NCIs to do all they can further to relieve pressure on parishes, clergy, church staff, and their families, recognising the leadership they offer to their communities.’

was carried following a vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 301

AGAINST 0

No abstentions were recorded.

**CHURCH OF ENGLAND (MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS)
MEASURE (GS 2272A) (RESUMED DEBATE)**

The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure” be considered for further revision in committee’

was withdrawn with the leave of the Synod in accordance with Standing Order 23(4).

524 The motion (Order Paper II)

‘That clauses 1 to 7 stand part of the Measure’

was deemed carried (in this form).

The motion

‘That clause 8 be withdrawn’

was carried.

524A The motion

‘That clause 9 stand part of the Measure’
was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

525 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

526 The motion

‘That clause 10 as amended stand part of the Measure’
was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

527 The motion

‘That clauses 11 to 13 stand part of the Measure’
was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

528 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost.

529 The motion

‘That clause 14 stand part of the Measure’
was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

530 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried following a counted vote
of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 109

AGAINST 86

13 abstentions were recorded.

531 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

532 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

533 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

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535 The motion

‘That clause 15 as amended stand part of the Measure’
was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

536 The motion

‘That clauses 16 to 18 stand part of the Measure’
was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

537 The motion

‘That clause 19 stand part of the Measure’
was carried.

538 The motion

‘That clauses 20 to 23 stand part of the Measure’
was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

539 The motion

‘That Schedules 1 and 2 stand part of the Measure’
was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

540 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure’
was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

Draft Parochial Fees Order 2023

Draft Order for approval

511A The motion

‘That the Draft Parochial Fees Order 2023 be approved’

was moved

EXTENSION OF SITTING

Under Standing Order 15(6) the sitting was extended by the Chair, with the consent of the Synod, by fifteen minutes.

541 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was not moved.

542 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was not moved.

543 The amendment (Order Paper IV) lapsed.

511B The motion

‘That the Draft Parochial Fees Order 2023 be approved’

was carried.

Draft Amending Canon No 43

Draft Amending Canon for Revision

544 The motion

‘That Draft Amending Canon No 43 progress to the Revision Stage’

was carried.

545 The motion

‘That paragraphs 1 to 16 stand part of the Measure’

was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).