

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

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (RESUMED DEBATE)

61 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by the Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	3	29
Clergy	85	109
Laity	90	101

6 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops and 1 in the House of Clergy.

62 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	5	27
Clergy	83	107
Laity	95	94

6 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 7 in the House of Clergy, and 6 in the House of Laity.

63 The amendment (Order Paper V) was not moved.

64 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by the Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	1	33
Clergy	79	105
Laity	89	102

7 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 12 in the House of Clergy; and 7 in the House of Laity.

- 65 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by the Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	6	30
Clergy	95	97
Laity	96	100

4 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 5 in the House of Clergy; and 2 in the House of Laity.

- 66 The amendment (Order Paper V) was not moved.

- 67 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried following a counted vote by the Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	22	14
Clergy	100	94
Laity	98	96

4 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 3 in the House of Clergy; and 4 in the House of Laity.

- 68 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by the Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	3	28
Clergy	82	111
Laity	90	107

8 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 6 in the House of Clergy; and 2 in the House of Laity.

11 The motion (as amended):

‘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.’

- g) endorse the decision of the College and House of Bishops not to propose any change to the doctrine of marriage, and their intention that the final version of the *Prayers of Love and Faith* should not be contrary to or indicative of a departure from the doctrine of the Church of England.

was carried after a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	36	4
Clergy	111	85
Laity	103	92

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 3 in the House of Clergy; and 5 in the House of Laity.