

Wednesday 8 February 2023

9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER IV

OPENING WORSHIP

COST OF LIVING (GS 2287)

Canon Dr 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.’

Mr Robin Lunn (Worcester) to move:

- 37** ‘In the second line *leave out* “families” and *insert* “people”.’

Professor Helen King (Oxford) to move:

- 38** ‘In paragraph (b) after “commit ourselves” *leave out* “in our” and *insert* “as individuals as well as members of”.’

Mr Peter Adams (St Albans) to move:

- 39** ‘In paragraph (b) after “worshipping communities” insert “schools and chaplaincies”.’

Mr Robin Lunn (Worcester) to move:

- 40** ‘In paragraph (c), *leave out* “such as the war in Ukraine”.’

Mr Luke Appleton (Exeter) to move:

- 41** (a) ‘In paragraph (d) –
(i) after “taken” *insert* “to date”;
(ii) *leave out* “, recognising the leadership” to the end, and
(b) after paragraph (d) *insert* –
(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.”.’

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

DRAFT PAROCHIAL FEES ORDER 2023 (GS 2288)

Draft Order for approval

Canon Dr John Spence (Archbishops' Council) to move:

- 511A** 'That the Draft Parochial Fees (Amendment) Order 2023 be considered.'

If item 511A is carried, the following amendments will be moved:

The Revd Marcus Walker (London) to move:

- 541** 'After article 2 insert—

"Increase of fee for services involving funeral director's premises

3.(1) In a case where a matter referred to in Schedule 1 to the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 as "Funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director, whether taking place before or after burial or cremation" or as "Cremation immediately preceding or following on from funeral service in premises belonging to funeral director" occurs after the commencement of this Order but before the end of 2023—

(a) the fee payable to the diocesan board of finance for that matter is to be £124, and

(b) the fee payable to the parochial church council for that matter is to be £104.

(2) Accordingly, article 6(3) of that Order (as amended by article 2(1) of this Order) does not apply to the fee payable to the diocesan board of finance or the parochial church council in a case where paragraph (1) of this article applies.".'

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would bring the fees payable for a funeral service at a funeral director's or for a cremation before or after a funeral service into line*

with the fees that are payable for a funeral service in a church.

The Revd Marcus Walker (London) to move

542 ‘After article 2 insert—

“Redistribution of fee for certain funerals between DBF and PCC

3.(1) In a case where a matter referred to in Schedule 1 to the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 that is listed in paragraph (2) of this article occurs after the commencement of this Order but before the end of 2023—

the fee that would, but for this article, be payable to the diocesan board of finance for that matter is to be payable to the parochial church council, and no fee is to be payable for the diocesan board of finance for that matter.

(2) The matters are—

“Burial of body, or burial or other lawful dispatch of cremated remains, in cemetery immediately preceding or following on from service in church”;

“Cremation immediately preceding or following on from service in church”;

“Funeral service in crematorium or funeral service (including burial of body or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains) in cemetery”;

“Burial of body, or burial or other lawful disposal of cremated remains, in cemetery (committal only).”

(3) Accordingly, article 6(3) of the Order (as amended by article 2(1) of this Order) does not apply to the fee payable to the diocesan board of finance or to the parochial church council in a case where paragraph (1) of this article applies.

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would provide that, in the case of certain funeral services for which the parochial church council is currently not entitled to a fee, the parochial church council would instead be entitled to the fee to which the diocesan board of finance would otherwise be entitled and the diocesan board of finance would be entitled to no fee.*

543 *The Ven Ian Bishop (Chester) to move:*

‘After article 2 insert—

“Increase of fee for certain burials

3.(1) In a case where a matter referred to in Schedule 1 to the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 as “Burial of body in churchyard immediately preceding or following on from service in church” or as “Burial of body in churchyard on separate occasion” occurs after the commencement of this Order but before the end of 2023, the fee payable to the parochial church council for that matter is to be £1,000.

(2) Accordingly, article 6(3) of that Order (as amended by article 2(1) of this Order) does not apply to the fee payable to the parochial church council in a case where paragraph (1) of this article applies.”.’

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would increase from £300 to £1,000 the fee payable to the parochial church council for the burial of a body in a churchyard either before or after a church service or on a separate occasion from the date the Order comes into force until the end of 2023 followed by an inflationary increase in line with that for other fees from the start of 2024.*

Canon Dr John Spence (Archbishops’ Council) to move:

511B ‘That the Draft Parochial Fees (Amendment) Order 2023 [as amended] be approved.’

DRAFT AMENDING CANON NO. 43 (GS 2273A)

Draft Amending Canon for Revision

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

544 'That the Canon do proceed to the Revision Stage.'

545 'That paragraphs 1 to 16 stand part of the Canon,'