

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**FEBRUARY 2023 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 7 PM**  
**ON MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**STANDING ORDERS UNDER SECTION 1 OF THE GENERAL SYOND  
(REMOTE MEETINGS) (TEMPORARY STANDING ORDERS)  
MEASURE 2020 (GS 2177)**

1 The motion

‘That the Standing Orders made on 9<sup>th</sup> November 2020 under section 1 of the General Synod (Remote Meetings) (Temporary Standing Orders) Measure 2020 (GS 2177) be revived and in operation until 5<sup>th</sup> February 2026.’

was carried.

**WORSHIP**

The Acting Chaplain to the General Synod, the Revd Canon Michael Gisbourne led the Synod in an act of worship.

**INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES**

2 The following introductions were made:

New Members

- The Revd Alice Kemp, Diocese of Bristol replacing The Revd Canon Martin Gainsborough
- The Revd Philip Calvert, Diocese of Birmingham replacing The Revd Canon Priscilla White
- The Revd Canon Jane Richards, Diocese of Chelmsford replacing The Revd Sam Maginnis
- The Revd Brenda Wallace, Diocese of Chelmsford replacing The Ven Elizabeth Snowden

- The Revd Steve Burston, Diocese of Chichester replacing The Revd Canon Archie Coates
- Mr Ian Boothroyd, Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham replacing Miss Kathryn Hubbard
- Mr Andrew Charles, Diocese of Lichfield replacing Mr Martin Shakespeare
- Miss Mary Bucknall, Deaf Anglicans Together replacing The Revd Neil Robinson

Bishops attending during a vacancy in see

- The Bishop of Aston, the Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst, for the Diocese of Birmingham
- The Bishop of Brixworth, the Rt Revd John Holbrook, for the Diocese of Peterborough
- The Bishop of Southampton, the Rt Revd Debbie Sellin, for the Diocese of Winchester

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY noted that the Bishop of Burnley, the Rt Revd Philip North, an elected suffragan, was also acting during the current vacancy in the see of Blackburn.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY welcomed the Revd Sarah Siddique Gill who was co-opted to the Convocation of York.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY welcomed the following guests from the Anglican Communion:

- The Rt Revd Anthony Poggio, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion
- The Most Reverend Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto, Primate of Brazil
- The Reverend Canon C. K. Robertson, Canon to the Presiding Bishop for Ministry Beyond the Episcopal Church
- The Most Reverend Dr. Samy Fawzy Shehata, Archbishop of the Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria
- The Most Reverend Julio Murray, Archbishop of Central America

**PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

3 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Address.

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

4 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

## **PRESENTATION OF PETITION**

Mr Luke Appleton (Exeter) presented a petition to the Synod in accordance with Standing Order 43.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

### **AMENDING CANON NO.42 (GS 22269 A) Draft Amending Canon for Revision**

500 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

513 The motion (Order Paper I) was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

## **DRAFT DIOCESAN STIPENDS FUNDS (AMENDMENT) MEASURE (GS 2255A) Draft Measure for Revision**

504 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this report.’

was carried.

514 The amendment (Order Paper I) was lost following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	128
AGAINST	158

There were 9 recorded abstentions.

515 The motion (Order Paper I) was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

516 The motion (Order Paper I) was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

517 The motion (Order Paper I) was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

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

### **Draft Measure for Revision**

The Revision Committee, pursuant to SO 57(7), 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.

518 The motion

‘That clauses 1 to 2 stand part of the Measure.’

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

519 The motion

‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure.’

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

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

5 The Bishop of London gave a presentation under Standing Order 107.

## **QUESTIONS**

6 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 1 to 142 as set out on the First Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

## **EVENING WORSHIP**

The Revd Gary Waddington led the Synod in an act of worship.

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**BUSINESS DONE AT 12.30 PM**  
**ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**SPECIAL AGENDA I**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

510 The motion

‘That the Diocesan Boards of Education Measure 2021  
(Consequential Amendment to Regulations under Canon B12)  
Regulations 2023 be approved’

was carried.

**Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure**

509 The motion

‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

520 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

521 The amendment (Order Paper II) was lost following a count of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	127
AGAINST	161

6 abstentions were recorded.

522 The motion ‘That clause 1 stand part of the Measure’ (Order Paper II) was deemed carried in accordance with SO 58(2).

523 The motion (Order Paper II) ‘That clause 2 stand part of the Measure’ was carried following a count of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	168
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AGAINST	87
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37 abstentions were recorded.

## **MOTION FOR RECOMMITTAL**

The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure” be considered for further revision in committee’ (Standing Order 60)

was moved.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE**

In accordance with SO 15(7)(b), the Chair adjourned the debate at 11.35 a.m. being the time fixed for the commencement of item 7.

## **LOYAL ADDRESS**

7 The motion

‘That a Loyal Address be presented to His Majesty the King’

was carried.

## QUESTIONS

- 8 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 143 to 206 as set out on the Second Questions Notice Paper, were answered.



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**ON TUESDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**RESOURCING MINISTRIAL FORMATION (GS 2286)**

9 The motion

‘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 requests 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.’

was carried.

**LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH GROUP WORK**

Synod members participated in smaller groups to carry out work related to Living in Love and Faith.

**EVENING WORSHIP**

Canon Linda Ali led the Synod in an act of worship.

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**BUSINESS DONE AT 12.30 PM**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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.

38 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

39 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

40 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

41 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

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
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AGAINST	86
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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.

534 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

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).

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
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**BUSINESS DONE AT 7.10 PM**  
**ON WEDNESDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2023**

**LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH**

11 The motion

‘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.'

was moved.

- 42 The amendment (Order Paper V) was not moved  
43 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed  
44 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	1	28
Clergy	54	115
Laity	67	113

11 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 26 in the House of Clergy; and 17 in the House of Laity.

- 45 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a count of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	112
AGAINST:	309

30 abstentions were recorded.

- 46 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed.  
47 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed.  
48 The amendment (Order Paper V) lapsed.  
49 The amendment (Order Paper V) was not moved  
50 The amendment (Order Paper V) was not moved.  
51 The amendment (Order Paper V) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	2	38
Clergy	71	121
Laity	75	114

3 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 8 in the House of Clergy; and 10 in the House of Laity

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	2	37
Clergy	60	136
Laity	69	120

3 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 5 in the House of Clergy; and 11 in the House of Laity.

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	7	30
Clergy	92	107
Laity	103	95

6 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 1 in the House of Clergy; and 2 in the House of Laity.

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	3	34
Clergy	75	116
Laity	81	118

7 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 10 in the House of Clergy; and 2 in the House of Laity.

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	7	29
Clergy	85	114
Laity	95	103

7 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 1 in the House of Clergy; and 3 in the House of Laity.

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	4	39
Clergy	94	106
Laity	104	96

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops and 2 in the House of Laity.

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	15	27
Clergy	90	108
Laity	97	104

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 2 in the House of Clergy; and 1 in the House of Laity.

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	8	29
Clergy	89	108
Laity	98	99

6 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 3 in the House of Clergy; and 1 in the House of Laity.

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	1	38
Clergy	77	118
Laity	82	111

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

## **EXTENSION OF SITTING**

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

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	2	38
Clergy	66	81
Laity	89	67

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops; 49 in the House of Clergy; and 39 in the House of Laity.

## **VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS**

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a) the order of business for Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February 2023 was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod as follows:

- Item 11 to be resumed at 9.15 a.m.
- Item 14 to commence not later than 3.15 p.m.
- The rubric indicating that ‘Item 15 commence not later than 4.05 p.m.’ be removed.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

In accordance with Standing Order 15(7), the Chair adjourned the Synod at 6.55 p.m.

## **EVENING WORSHIP**

The Revd Graham Hunter led the Synod in an act of worship.

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
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**BUSINESS DONE AT 12.30 PM**  
**ON THURSDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> 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.

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**ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2023**

**SPECIAL AGENDA I**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

**Draft Measure for Final Approval**

506 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Diocesan Stipends Funds  
(Amendment) Measure” be finally approved’

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	26	0
Clergy	97	1
Laity	115	11

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 3 in the House of Clergy, and 5 in the House of Laity.

The Chair reported that the Measure automatically stood committed to the Legislative Committee.

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

**Draft Amending Canon for Final Approval**

502 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 42” be finally approved.’

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	26	0
Clergy	92	0
Laity	112	1

No abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 4 in the House of Clergy; and 5 in the House of Laity

503 The motion

‘That the petition for His Majesty’s Royal Assent and Licence (GS 2269C) be adopted.’

was carried.

## **GOVERNANCE REVIEW (GS 2290)**

12 The motion

‘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.’

was moved.

## **ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE**

The motion

‘That the debate now be adjourned and resumed at the July group of sessions’

was lost after a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 107

AGAINST 124

27 abstentions were recorded.

- 69 The amendment (Order Paper VI) was lost after a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 107

AGAINST 124

27 abstentions were recorded.

### **SAFEGUARDING (GS 2293)**

- 13 Mr Alexander Kubeyinje (National Director of Safeguarding) gave presentation under Standing Order 107

- 14 The motion

‘That this Synod do take note of this Report.’

was carried.

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

- 15 The motion

‘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 His Majesty’s Government to exempt charities, including churches, from liability for Insurance Premium Tax.

was carried.

## **PROROGATION**

16 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 4.50pm