

GENERAL SYNOD
NOVEMBER 2021 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 7.00 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 16TH NOVEMBER 2021

INTRODUCTIONS

- 1 The following were welcomed by the Synod:

All newly elected members.

The Rt Revd Ruth Worsley (Bishop of Taunton), acting for the Bishop of Bath & Wells during the Vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Rob Wickham (Bishop of Edmonton) acting for the Bishop of Portsmouth during the Vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Simon Burton Jones (Bishop of Tonbridge), acting for the Bishop of Rochester during the Vacancy in See, the Rt Revd Karen Gorham (Bishop of Sherborne), acting for the Bishop of Salisbury during the Vacancy in See and the Rt Revd Debbie Sellin (Bishop of Southampton) acting for the Bishop of Winchester.

WELCOME TO THE FIRST CHURCH ESTATES COMMISSIONER

- 2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY introduced Mr Alan Smith the new First Church Estates Commissioner.

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

- 3 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY and The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS2233)

- 4 The motion

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

was carried.

GENEROSITY AND DIOCESAN FINANCES (GS2234)

5 The motion

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council to develop legislative proposals, to be brought to a future Group of Sessions, to give dioceses more freedom to be generous with their historic wealth to other dioceses in the Church of England, and in this way enable a more equitable sharing of this wealth.’

was carried.

QUESTIONS

6 Supplementary questions in respect to questions 1 – 68, as set out on the Questions Notice Paper, were answered.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Revd Andrew Hammond (Chaplain to the General Synod) led the Synod in an act of worship.

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OPENING WORSHIP

The Revd Andrew Hammond (Chaplain to the General Synod) and members of the Community of St Anselm led the Synod in an act of worship.

LOYAL ADDRESS

7 The motion

‘That a Loyal Address be presented to Her Majesty the Queen.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

THE WEALTH GAP BETWEEN THE RICH AND THE POOR (GS 2170A AND GS 2170B)

8 The motion

‘That this Synod call on Her Majesty’s Government (and all political parties) to adopt an explicit policy of reducing the wealth gap between the rich and the poor and the disadvantages that flow from it.’

was moved.

15 The amendment (Order Paper II) was carried.

8 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod

- (a) recommit to working both nationally and locally to respond to human need by loving service, and to transform unjust structures of society which are creating the wealth gap; and
- (b) call on Her Majesty's Government (and all political parties) to adopt an explicit policy of reducing the wealth gap between the rich and the poor and the disadvantages) flow from it.'

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

IN FAVOUR	342
AGAINST	2

3 abstentions were recorded.

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL BUDGET 2022 AND APPORTIONMENT 2022 – UPDATE REPORT (GS 2235)

9 The motion

“That the Synod do take note of this Report.”

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2021 (GS 2236)

500 The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 1993, as amended by the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2003, the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2007, the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2008, the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2013 and the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation 2021, be solemnly affirmed and proclaimed an Act of Synod.’

was carried.

The ARCHBISHOPS OF CANTERBURY AND YORK ratified and confirmed the motion for their respective provinces. The Registrar then read the customary form of proclamation.

APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2237)

10 The motion

“That the appointment of Mr Mark Sheard as a member of Archbishops’ Council for a further term expiring on 31 January 2027 be approved.”

was carried.

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VISION AND STRATEGY (GS 2238)

11 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

REPORT BY THE GOVERNANCE REVIEW GROUP (GS 2239)

12 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

FAREWELLS

13 The Bishop of Manchester paid tribute to Dr Eve Poole who has stepped down as the Third Church Estates Commissioner.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to Caroline Boddington (Archbishops' Secretary for Appointments and Development) who was attending her last meeting of the Synod.

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to the Bishop of Lincoln who is due to retire before the next group of sessions.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK paid tribute to the Bishop of Newcastle who is due to retire before the next group of sessions.

PROROGATION

14 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod and dismissed it with the blessing at 4.40pm