

Monday 10 July 2023
9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER VI

WORSHIP

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL ANNUAL REPORT (GS 2308)

17 Presentation under SO 107.

Note: *the Business Committee has determined under SO 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.*

Mr Gavin Drake (Southwell and Nottingham), pursuant to SO 107(4)(b) to move a further motion arising out of Item 17 as follows:

63 'That this Synod -

1. note that the Archbishops' Council cites the establishment of the Independent Safeguarding Board in September 2021 as a 'Key Management Action' in response to the Principle Risk of "*failure to deliver core safeguarding projects and to properly embed safeguarding policies and practice across the Church*" (page 47 of the Archbishops' Council Annual Report for 2022, GS 2308);
2. further note:
 - (i) as stated in paragraph 6(a) on page 4 of GS 2307, the Report and Recommendations from the National Church Governance Project Board, that the Governance Review Group had: "identified Safeguarding as a significant governance failure of the National Church, defining it as '*the most tragic example of the human cost of governance failure that can be imagined*'" [emphasis in the original]

- and that “the historic failure at a National Church level to have recognised and prioritised the significant risks posed in relation to safeguarding and to invest appropriately has damaged the Church reputationally but more importantly contributed to significant harm both to individuals and communities”;
- (ii) as reported in paragraph 3.5.5 of GS Misc 1340, the Annual Report of the Archbishops’ Council Audit Committee 2022/23, that the Archbishops’ Council did not agree to a request In Autumn 2022 from members of the Audit Committee for an internal audit review into the formation and governance of the Independent Safeguarding Board;
 - (iii) as recorded in the Report of Proceedings for the February 2023 group of sessions of Synod, that in answer to a supplementary question by Professor Helen King related to Question 56, the Chair of the Audit Committee said that they “*do not have the ability [to audit the Independent Safeguarding Board]. We are not the Audit Committee of the ISB. We are the Audit Committee of the Archbishops’ Council*”; a statement that was later corrected by a letter to Professor King dated 1 March 2023 and noted in an Annex to Report of Proceedings, stating that “*The Archbishops’ Council’s Audit Committee does have the ability to commission an internal audit of all or of aspects of the work of the ISB, but it has not done so...*” and
 - (iv) in answer to a question (Question 85) at the February group of sessions the Bishop of Rochester informed Synod that the unaudited expenditure of the ISB for 2022 was £472,000 and that the Archbishops’ Council 2023 approved budget for 2023 included £465,000 for the ISB;
3. further note that the creation of the Independent Safeguarding Board and details of its operation does

not feature in any detail in the Annual Report of the Archbishops' Council;

therefore –

4. is dismayed by the recent decision of the Archbishops' Council to disband the Independent Safeguarding Board and terminate the contracts of its members;
5. note that a Serious Incident Report has been made to the Charity Commission in respect of this governance decision;
6. recognise and laments that any working relationship between many survivors and victims with the Archbishops' Council has been broken;
7. in consequence, call upon the Archbishops' Council, working with its Audit Committee, to commission an independent inquiry led by a senior lawyer (judge or King's Counsel) into the safeguarding bodies, functions, policies and practice in and of the Church of England, to report within a maximum period of 12 months, and
8. require that the report of that Inquiry be fully debated by the Synod to enable it to make decisions about future safeguarding in the Church of England.'

Mr Martin Sewell (Rochester) to move as an amendment:

64 'In paragraph 7, for "bodies" substitute "bodies' structures,".'

Not later than 10.00 a.m.

ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL BUDGET 2024 AND PROPOSALS FOR APPORTIONMENT 2024 (GS 2309)

Canon John Spence (ex officio) (Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Finance Committee) to move:

18 'That the Synod do take note of this Report.'

Canon John Spence (ex officio) (Chair of the Archbishops' Council Finance Committee) to move:

'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's expenditure for the year 2024, as shown in its budget, of £[X] in respect of [Y]:'

	EXPECTED EXPENDITURE [X]	AREA OF ACTIVITY [Y]
19	£14,998,000	Training for Ministry
20	£34,180,628	National Church Responsibilities
21	£1,518,779	Grants
22	£426,510	Mission agency pension contributions
23	£6,137,441	Clergy retirement housing grant

Canon John Spence (ex officio) (Chair of the Archbishops' Council's Finance Committee) to move:

24 'That this Synod approve the Archbishops' Council's proposals (set out in the Table of Apportionment contained in **GS 2309**) for:

- (a) the apportionment amongst the dioceses of the net sum to be provided by them to enable the Council to meet the expected expenditure shown in its budget for the year 2024, and
- (b) the pooling adjustment for 2024 in respect of additional maintenance grants for ordinands.'

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS

Motions for the amendment of the Standing Orders contained in items 33, 34, 35 and 36 in the First Notice Paper will be moved.

The Revd Joyce Jones (Leeds) to move:

- 33 'That this amendment be made with effect from 12th July 2023.'

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- 34 'That this amendment be made with effect from 12th July 2023.'

Miss Debbie Buggs (London) to move:

- 65 'In Standing Order 78, the existing text becomes paragraph (1) and after paragraph (1) *insert—*
“(2) Any form of service (within the meaning of Canon B1) which arises from the process within the Church of England known as “Living in Love and Faith” (including any form of service intended to be used under Canon B 5) and which is the subject of a motion before Synod, or any other consideration by it, is to be deemed to have been introduced as liturgical business.”.'

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would provide that a form of service arising from the Living in Love and Faith process and before Synod for consideration is to be deemed as having been introduced as liturgical business.*

Mr Gavin Drake (Southwell & Notts) to move:

- 66 'In Standing Order 107, after paragraph (5) *insert—*
“(6) Where a presentation other than one relating to a report under SO 105 or 106 has been completed, a motion arising out of the item of business to which the presentation relates may be moved by any member who has given due notice; and the notice must include details of the member’s points of concern.”.'

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would give a member the right, where a presentation (other than one relating to a report) has been made, to move a ‘following motion’ arising out of the presentation.*

The Revd Joyce Jones (Leeds) to move:

- 35 ‘That this amendment be made with effect from 12th July 2023.’

Mr Gavin Drake (Southwell & Notts) to move:

- 67 ‘In the proposed Standing Order 107A, in paragraph (1)(c), leave out “or (5)(b)” and insert “, (5)(b) or (6)”.’

Explanatory statement: *this amendment is consequential on the amendment to SO 107 in the name of Mr Gavin Drake and would ensure that the proposed Standing Order 107A in item 35, which would make procedural provision about ‘following motions’, would apply also to the new category of ‘following motion’ proposed by Mr Drake.*

Mr Gavin Drake (Southwell & Notts) to move:

- 68 ‘After Standing Order 117, insert the following—

“117A Questions: supplementary information and corrections

- (1) Where the answer given to a question under SO 112, 115 or 117 is to the effect that further information will be provided to the member who asked the question, the text of that further information must be included in an annex to—
 - (a) in the case of a question under SO 112 or 115, the report of the proceedings relating to the group of sessions at which the answer is given;
 - (b) in the case of a question under SO 117, the report of the proceedings relating to the subsequent group of sessions.
- (2) Where it transpires that the answer given to a question under SO 112, 115 or 117 was to any extent incorrect, the text of the required correction must—
 - (a) be sent to each member of the Synod,

- (b) be published on the Synod website, and
- (c) be included in an annex to the report of the proceedings referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b).”

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would provide that, where a member asking a question (including a supplementary question) is told that further information will be provided in reply, the text of that further information must be included in an annex to the relevant report of proceedings. This amendment would also require any correction required to an answer already given to be circulated to members, published online and included in an annex to the relevant report of proceedings.*

Miss Debbie Buggs (London) to move:

- 69** ‘In Standing Order 120A, after paragraph (3) insert—
- “(3A) An Anglican Communion representative may, despite paragraph (3)(c), move a motion calling for an item of business that is in the agenda for a group of sessions and is concerned with liturgy to be designated as one or more of the following—
- (a) liturgical provision that would be subject to the procedure in SOs 79 to 88;
 - (b) Article 7 business;
 - (c) Article 8 business.
- (3B) If a motion under paragraph (3A) is carried, the question of whether the item of business concerned is capable of designation in the terms specified in the motion is to be conclusively determined by the Presidents, the Prolocutors of the Convocations and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity acting jointly.
- (3C) Where an item of business is determined under paragraph (3B) as capable of designation in the terms specified in the motion under paragraph (3A), that item of business is deemed to be automatically designated in those terms.

(3D) An Anglican Communion representative is, for the purpose of moving a motion under paragraph (3A), to be treated as being a member of Synod; but the requirement in SO 10(6) (notice to be supported by two members) does not apply to the motion.”.’

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would entitle an Anglican Communion representative to call for a particular item of business to be designated as liturgical business or as Article 7 or 8 business, with the determination of its capability to be so designated to be made by Business Committee.*

The Revd Joyce Jones (Leeds) to move:

36 ‘That this amendment be made with effect from 12th July 2023.’

Mr Gavin Drake (Southwell & Notts) to move:

70 ‘After Standing Order 152 insert the following—

“CONTACT BETWEEN SYNOD MEMBERS

152A. Contact between Synod members

- (1) The Clerk must ensure that, on the election or appointment of each member to the Synod, that member is given a list of all the members of the Synod; and the list must, for each member, specify the following—
 - (a) the House to which the member belongs,
 - (b) the diocese which the member represents or, if the member does not represent a diocese, the basis on which that person is a member, and
 - (c) a postal address, an email address and a telephone number for the member, except in so far as the member has informed the Clerk that the member does not wish that information to be included on the list.

- (2) The Clerk must ensure that the list is kept up-to-date and that, if there is a change in the membership of the Synod, each member is informed of the change.
- (3) A member may use the information about another member that is included under paragraph (1)(c) for the purpose only of communicating with that other member on matters relating to Synod; but that does not prevent two or more members agreeing between themselves to use that information for the purpose of communicating on other matters.”

Explanatory statement: *this amendment would ensure that each member of Synod has an up-to-date list of all Synod members, including contact details except in so far as any particular member has told the Clerk that certain contact details are not to be included.*

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

THE FACULTY JURISDICTION (AMENDMENT) RULES 2023 (GS 2315)

For Approval

The Chair of the Rule Committee (The Rt Worshipful Morag Ellis KC, Dean of the Arches and Auditor) (*Ex Officio*) to move:

- 507A** ‘That the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2023 be considered.’

The Rt Worshipful Peter Collier KC (*Ex Officio*) to move as an amendment:

- 513** In rule 4, at the beginning insert--

“(1) In rule 3.4 (additional matters which may be undertaken without a faculty), after paragraph (1) insert--

“(1A)An additional matters order may, by virtue of section 78(2A) of the Measure, specify a

matter referred to in section 77(7)(k) of the Measure (introduction of monument etc.)”.

(2) In rule 3.5 (excluded matters: general), in paragraph (1)(k), before “the introduction” insert “subject to rule 3.4(1A),”.

(3) ”.

Explanatory statement

This amendment inserts an amendment to the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules so that they will be in line with an amendment being made to section 78 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 by clause 13(5) and (6) of the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure. That amendment extends the power of the chancellor to specify matters where a faculty is not required to cover the introduction and carrying out of works to monuments in churches and churchyards.

The Rt Worshipful Peter Collier KC (*Ex Officio*) to move as an amendment:

514 In rule 1—

(a) in paragraph (2), after “These Rules” insert “, except for rule 4(1) and (2),”;

(b) after paragraph (2) insert—

“(3) Rule 4(1) and (2) comes into force immediately after the commencement of the amendments made to section 78 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 by the Measure resulting from the draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure given First Consideration by the General Synod on 11th July 2022.”

Explanatory statement

This amendment is consequential on the previous amendment and provides for the amendments to the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules proposed by Mr Collier to come into force on the coming into force of the relevant provisions of the

current draft Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure.

The Chair of the Rule Committee (The Rt Worshipful Morag Ellis KC, Dean of the Arches and Auditor) (Ex Officio) to move:

507B ‘That the Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2023 [as amended] be approved.’

25 FAREWELL