

GENERAL SYNOD

NOVEMBER 2023 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 5 P.M.

ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023

WORSHIP

The Synod was led in an act of worship by the Chaplain to the Synod, the Revd Dylan Turner.

INTRODUCTIONS AND WELCOMES

- 1 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY introduced the following new members:

The Revd Sue Rose, Diocese of Bath and Wells, replacing the Revd Simon Robinson;

The Revd James McCluskey, Diocese of Chelmsford, replacing the Revd Andy Sachs;

The Revd Tuomas Mäkipää, Diocese in Europe, replacing the Revd Canon Smitha Prasadam;

The Revd Richard Seabrook, Diocese in Europe, replacing the Revd Dale Hanson;

Mrs Carys Puleston, Diocese of Exeter, replacing Mrs Georgia Mutt;

The Revd Canon Andrew Norman, Diocese of Leeds, replacing the Revd Che Seabourne;

The Revd Christopher Johnson, Diocese of Leicester, replacing the Revd Wendy Dalrymple;

The Revd Dan Leathers, Diocese of Liverpool, replacing the Revd Jack Shepherd;

The Revd Adrian Clarke, Diocese of London, replacing the Revd Fiona Jack;

The Revd Jonathan Macy, Diocese of Southwark, replacing the Revd Canon Tim Goode;

Mrs Alianore Smith, Diocese of Southwark, replacing Mr Carl Hughes;

Professor Peter Harris, Diocese of Southwell and Nottingham, replacing Mr Gavin Drake;
The Revd William Harwood, Diocese of Truro, replacing the Revd Canon Anne Brown;
The Revd Jeffrey Terry, Diocese of Truro, replacing the Revd Ian Gulland;

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY welcomed the bishops who were attending this group of sessions under Standing Order 123 (during a vacancy in see):

The Bishop of Aston, the Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst, for the Diocese of Birmingham;
The Bishop of Penrith, the Rt Revd Rob Saner-Haigh, for the Diocese of Carlisle;
The Bishop of Taunton, the Rt Revd Ruth Worsley, for the Diocese of Coventry;
The Bishop of Huntingdon, the Rt Revd Dagmar Winter, for the Diocese of Ely;
The Bishop of Crediton, the Rt Revd Jackie Searle, for the Diocese of Exeter;
The Bishop of Brixworth, the Rt Revd John Holbrook, for the Diocese of Peterborough;
The Bishop of Middleton, the Rt Revd Mark Davies, for the Diocese of Sodor and Man

The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY welcomed the following Anglican Communion guests:

The Most Revd Kay Goldsworthy AO, Archbishop of Perth;
The Most Revd Albert Chama, Archbishop of Central Africa;
The Rt Revd Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion.

JOINT PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY and the ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2323)

3 The motion

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

was carried.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS

Mr Sam Margrave (Coventry) presented two petitions to the Synod in accordance with Standing Order 43

QUESTIONS

4 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 1 to 103 as set out in the Questions Notice Paper were answered.

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ON MONDAY 13TH NOVEMBER 2023

APPOINTMENT OF THE CHAIR OF THE PENSIONS BOARD (GS 2324)

5 The motion

'That the appointment of Mr Clive Mather as Chair of the Church of England Pensions Board be approved.'

was carried.

EVENING WORSHIP

The Synod was led in an act of worship by the Diocese of Bath & Wells.

AMENDMENTS TO STANDING ORDERS (GS 2327)

Under Standing Order 39(c) the proposed amendments to the Standing Orders contained in items 9, 10 and 11 (SO 22 - *speech limit*); item 12 (SO 29 - *order of consideration*); item 21 (SO 107A - *further motions*); items 22 and 23 (SO 115 - *supplementary questions*); item 24 (SO 117 *answering questions between groups of sessions*); item 25 (*insertion after SO 117*); item 26 (SO 127 - *Standing Orders Committee*) and item 27 (*insertion after SO 152*) of the Tenth Notice Paper were deemed to have been approved by the General Synod without amendment with effect from 16th November 2023, no member having given notice of a wish to have the amendments debated.

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BUSINESS DONE AT 12:45 PM

ON TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2023

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

ABUSE (REDRESS) MEASURE (GS 2325)

500 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Abuse (Redress) Measure” be considered for revision in committee.’

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

IN FAVOUR 309

AGAINST 21

13 abstentions were recorded.

QUESTIONS

6 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 104 to 156 as set out in the Questions Notice Paper were answered.

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NOVEMBER 2023 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 7 PM

ON TUESDAY 14TH NOVEMBER 2023

SPECIAL AGENDA I:

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

**PAYMENTS TO THE CHURCHES CONSERVATION TRUST ORDER
2023 (GS 2326)**

501 The motion

‘That the Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order be approved.’

was carried.

AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS (GS 2327)

13 The motion (Order Paper IV) was carried.

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19 The motion (Order Paper IV) was moved.

28 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

19 The motion (as amended)

‘In Standing Order 43, in paragraph (4), after “Committee” insert “ ; and the Business Committee must, at a subsequent group of sessions, provide the Synod with the full text of the petition (except any content deleted under paragraph (1B) and a written report or comment on the petition.”.’

was carried.

20 The motion (Order Paper IV) was carried.

29 The motion (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by Houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	1	34
Clergy	22	124
Laity	36	123

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 31 were recorded in the House of Clergy; and 25 in the House of Laity.

30 The motion (Order Paper IV) lapsed.

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH

7 The motion

‘That this Synod, conscious that the Church is not of one mind on the issues raised by Living in Love and Faith, that we are in a period of uncertainty, and that many in the Church on all sides feel pain at this time, recognise the progress made by the House of Bishops towards implementing the motion on Living in Love and Faith passed by this Synod in February 2023, as reported in GS 2328, and encourage the House to continue its work of implementation.’

was moved.

31 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was carried.

- 32 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	1	22
Clergy	78	100
Laity	88	104

13 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 9 were recorded in the House of Clergy; and 9 in the House of Laity.

- 33 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	11	23
Clergy	95	94
Laity	101	90

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

- 34 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	13	20
Clergy	84	99
Laity	86	106

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops; 6 were recorded in the House of Clergy; and 5 in the House of Laity.

- 35 The amendment (Order Paper IV) was lost following a counted vote by houses. The voting was as follows:

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	10	22
Clergy	88	99

Laity

93

98

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

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE

In accordance with Standing Order 15(7), the Chair adjourned the Synod at 7.00 p.m.

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ON WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (RESUMED DEBATE)

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	12	25
Clergy	80	97
Laity	92	93

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

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	13	26
Clergy	81	103
Laity	90	102

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops; 4 were recorded in the House of Clergy; and 1 in the House of Laity.

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	25	16
Clergy	101	94
Laity	99	98

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

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	13	27
Clergy	90	103
Laity	93	104

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Bishops and 3 in the House of Laity.

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	8	26
Clergy	78	103
Laity	91	101

8 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 10 in the House of Clergy; and 5 in the House of Laity.

41 The amendment (Order Paper IV) lapsed.

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	3	28
Clergy	70	110
Laity	85	106

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

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	6	24
Clergy	81	99
Laity	97	94

7 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 7 in the House of Clergy; and 8 in the House of Laity.

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BUSINESS DONE AT 4.24 PM

ON WEDNESDAY 15TH NOVEMBER 2023

LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH (RESUMED DEBATE)

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	14	19
Clergy	88	90
Laity	86	105

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Bishops; 9 abstentions in the House of Clergy; and 10 in the House of Laity.

- 7 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod, conscious that the Church is not of one mind on the issues raised by Living in Love and Faith, that we are in a period of uncertainty, and that many in the Church on all sides are being deeply hurt at this time, recognise the progress made by the House of Bishops towards implementing the motion on Living in Love and Faith passed by this Synod in February 2023, as reported in GS 2328, encourage the House to continue its work of implementation, and ask the House to consider whether some standalone services for same-sex couples could be made available for use, possibly on a trial basis, on the timescale envisaged by the motion passed by the Synod in February 2023.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	23	10
Clergy	100	93
Laity	104	100

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

SPECIAL AGENDA I LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES (AMENDMENT) REGULATION 2023 (GS 2329)

REGULATION FOR APPROVAL

502 The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees (Amendment) Regulation be approved.’

was carried.

PROROGATION

8 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY prorogued the Synod at 4.24 p.m.