

**Tuesday 14 November 2023**

**2.00 p.m. to 7.00 p.m.**

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**ORDER PAPER IV**

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**SPECIAL AGENDA I**

**LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

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

**Order under section 65 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 for approval**

*The Revd Flora Winfield (ex officio) (Third Church Estates Commissioner) to move:*

- 501** 'That the Payments to the Churches Conservation Trust Order be approved.'

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**AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS (GS 2327)**

*The Revd Canon Joyce Jones (Leeds) to move that the following amendments be made with effect from 16 November 2023:*

**13** '**Standing Order 43 (petitions)**

In Standing Order 43, in paragraph (1), for the words from the beginning to "appoints" substitute "At such times in each group of sessions as the Business Committee appoints and subject to the following provisions of this Standing Order".'

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would remove the restriction that a petition may be presented only at the first or second session of a group of sessions.*

14 ‘In Standing Order 43, in paragraph (1), omit “his or her desire to present”.’

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would require the member in question to give notice of the petition itself and not merely notice of a desire to present it.*

15 ‘In Standing Order 43, after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1A) Notice under this Standing Order must contain the full text of the petition and must be accompanied by evidence of support for its presentation from two or more members in addition to the member giving notice; and for this purpose, evidence is to be shown—

- (a) where notice is given in hard copy, by the signature of each of the members concerned;
- (b) where notice is given by email or fax, by such means as the Clerk considers adequate for the purpose.”.’

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would require the notice of a petition to contain the full text of the petition and to be accompanied by evidence of support from at least two other members.*

16 ‘In Standing Order 43, after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1B) The Clerk must delete from the text of a petition of which notice is given any content which the Clerk considers libellous, insulting or unseemly.”.’

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would require the Clerk to remove from the text of the petition in the notice anything libellous, insulting or unseemly.*

17 ‘In Standing Order 43, after paragraph (1) insert—

“(1C) Where more than one notice under this Standing Order is given, the petitions are, unless the Chair directs otherwise, to be presented in the order in which the notices were given.”

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would provide that petitions are to be presented in the order in which notice is given, unless the Chair directs otherwise.*

18 ‘In Standing Order 43, for paragraph (2) substitute—

“(2) A member must, on being invited to present a petition, present it by stating its purport in a speech of no more than two minutes; and, in stating its purport, the member must not refer to any content deleted by the Clerk under paragraph (1B).”.’

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment is connected to item 16 and would provide that the member in question, when presenting the petition, must not refer to anything deleted from the text by the Clerk.*

19 ‘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 a written report or comment on the petition.”.’

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would require the Business Committee to update Synod on a petition by, for example, explaining what it plans to do in response.*

Mr Luke Appleton (Exeter) to move as an amendment to item 19:

28 ‘After “provide the Synod with”, *insert* “the full text of the petition (except any content deleted under paragraph (1B)) and”.’

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would require the Business Committee to circulate the text of the petition to Synod alongside its report or comment on the petition.*

20 ‘**Standing Order 78 (meaning of “liturgical business”)**

For the text of Standing Order 78, substitute—

““Liturgical business” means a service or other liturgical provision to be made under Canon B2 and which the Business Committee has determined is to be subject to one of the following procedures—

- (a) the procedure under SOs 79 to 88;
- (b) the procedure under SO 89;

(c) the procedure under SO 90.”.’

***Explanatory statement:*** *this amendment would clarify the definition of “liturgical business” by removing the current reference to designation and by including an express limitation of the definition to liturgical provision under Canon B2.*

Miss Debbie Buggs (London) to move that the following amendment be made with effect from 16 November 2023:

- 29** ‘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.*

Miss Debbie Buggs (London) to move that the following amendment be made with effect from 16 November 2023:

- 30** ‘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.*

## **LIVING IN LOVE AND FAITH**

*The Bishop of London to move:*

- 7 ‘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.’

*The Bishop of Durham to move the following amendment:*

- 31 ‘Leave out “feel pain” and insert “are being deeply hurt”.’

*The Ven Malcolm Chamberlain* (Sheffield) to move as an amendment:

- 32** ‘After “at this time”, *leave out* “recognise the” and *insert* “is disappointed by the limited”.’

*The Bishop of Durham* to move the following amendment:

- 33** ‘*Leave out* “progress made” and *insert* “work and consultation undertaken”.’

*The Revd Neil Patterson* (Hereford) to move as an amendment:

- 34** ‘*Leave out* “as reported in GS 2328”.’

*Mr Clive Scowen* (London) to move as an amendment:

- 35** ‘*Leave out* all words after “GS 2328,” and *insert* “but call on the House to take no further steps towards implementing that motion until this Synod has considered the full legal advice received by the House prior to agreeing the proposals in GS 2328.”.’

*The Bishop of Southwell and Nottingham* to move as an amendment:

- 36** ‘*Leave out* all words after “GS 2328,” and *insert* “and call on the House not to commend the draft suite of prayers before this Synod has considered the complete Pastoral Guidance replacing Issues in Human Sexuality.”.’

*The Revd Vaughan Roberts* (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

- 37** ‘*Leave out* all words after “GS 2328,” and *insert* “and call on the House not to commend the draft suite of prayers before this Synod has considered proposals for structural provision having the confidence of both those who do and those who do not seek change.”.’

*The Bishop of Oxford* to move as an amendment:

- 38** 'At the end *insert* "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".'

*The Bishop of Guilford* to move as an amendment:

- 39** 'At the end *insert* "and, in particular, to bring the "forms of service" in Annex C to GS 2328 (the suite of prayers) for approval in the same way as the "forms of service" in Annex D (the stand-alone orders).".'

*The Revd Dr Sara Batts-Neal* (Chelmsford) to move as an amendment:

- 40** 'At the end *insert* "and request the House of Bishops to publish section 3 of the Pastoral Guidance, on ministry, by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.".'

*Mr Sam Margrave* (Coventry) to move the following amendment:

- 41** 'At the end *insert* "recognising all of us together are Christ's body, and each of us is a part of it, call for the House of Bishops to make arrangements for a referendum to be held, to ask all members currently on electoral rolls within the Church of England, their views on these matters.".'

*Ms Jayne Ozanne* (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

- 42** 'At the end *insert* ", and ask the House of Bishops to consider whether sexual activity outside of marriage is a first-order creedal issue and publish that opinion.".'

*Mr Sam Margrave* (Coventry) to move the following amendment:

- 43** 'At the end *insert* "and, further encourage the House of Bishops to ensure transparency and openness as further debates take place and decisions are made in relation to Living in Love and Faith.".'

*The Bishop of Durham* to move the following amendment:

- 44** 'At the end *insert* "and to propose firm provision that provides a clear way of distinguishing differing views and seeks to ensure that all God's people are able to recognise those with whom they disagree (as well as those with whom they agree) as God's gift to one another within the family of God.".'

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*Evening Worship*

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