

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY 2024 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 12.30 P.M.

ON MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY 2024

WORSHIP

The Synod was led in an act of worship by a group of members from the Diocese of Chelmsford.

VARIATION IN THE ORDER OF BUSINESS

Under Standing Order 9(1)(a), the order of business for the sitting was varied by the Chair with the general consent of the Synod so that the rubric preceding Item 503 be amended to read “Not later than 10.50 A.M.” and the adjourned debate on Item 15 (Archbishops’ Commission on Families and Households GS 2321) be resumed immediately before Item 16 (Church Commissioners’ Response to Links to Transatlantic Chattel Slavery GS 2341)

ARCHBISHOPS’ COMMISSION ON FAMILIES AND HOUSEHOLDS (GS 2321)

15 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- a) welcome the Archbishops’ Commission on Families and Households’ Report, “Love Matters”;
- b) commend the Report and the Recommendations for consideration in dioceses, deaneries and parishes;
- c) encourage the Archbishops’ Council to develop practical responses in line with the vision and priorities to be a ‘younger, more diverse; mixed ecology and missionary discipleship church’ believing that the recommendations in “Love Matters” will aid the implementation of this vision; and
- d) urge HM Government to implement the recommendations made to Government, and look forward to receiving a full Government response to all the recommendations.’

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

	FOR	AGAINST
Bishops	23	0
Clergy	97	30
Laity	97	38

19 abstentions were recorded in the House of Clergy and 12 were recorded in the House of Laity.

CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' RESPONSE TO LINKS TO TRANSATLANTIC CHATTEL SLAVERY (GS 2341)

16 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

SPECIAL AGENDA I

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

PAROCHIAL FEES ORDER 2024 (GS 2342)

503A The motion

‘That the Draft Parochial Fees Order 2024 be considered.’

was carried.

506 The amendment (Order Paper V) was carried.

503B The motion

‘That the Draft Parochial Fees Order 2024 be approved.’

was carried.

CHANCEL REPAIR (CHURCH COMMISSIONERS' LIABILITY) MEASURE (GS 2343)

500 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled ‘Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners’ Liability) Measure’ be considered for revision in committee.’

was carried.

The Chair reported that the Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners’ Liability) Measure stood automatically committed to a Revision Committee and that notice of amendments must be not later than 5.30 p.m. on 8 April 2024.

REAPPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE ARCHBISHOPS' COUNCIL (GS 2344)

17 The motion

‘That the reappointment of The Revd Charlotte Cook as a member of the Archbishops’ Council for a term ending on 22 February 2029 be approved.’

was carried.

18 The motion

‘That the reappointment of Mr Joseph Diwakar as a member of the
Archbishops’ Council for a term ending on 22 February 2029 be
approved.’

was carried.

SPECIAL AGENDA IV:

DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

FUTURE OF WORK (GS 2320A AND GS 2320B) (RESUMED DEBATE)

46 The amendment (Notice Paper XI) was carried.

47 The amendment (Notice Paper XI) lapsed.

ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE

Under Standing Order 15(7)(a) the Chair adjourned the debate at 12:30 p.m.