

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**FEBRUARY 2024 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 7 P.M.**  
**ON FRIDAY 23<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2024**

**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 Rt Revd Michael Volland, Bishop of Birmingham, replacing the Rt Revd David Urquhart;

The Rt Revd Debbie Sellin, Bishop of Peterborough, replacing the Rt Revd Donald Allister;

The Rt Revd Anne Hollinghurst, Bishop of Aston, Suffragan Bishops, replacing the Rt Revd Karowei Dorgu;

Mr Paul Hannah, Diocese of Blackburn, replacing Mrs Vivienne Goddard;

The Revd Jenny Bridgman, Diocese of Chester, replacing the Ven Ian Bishop;

The Revd Mark Wallace, Diocese of Guildford, replacing the Ven Paul Davies.

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 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 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 Brent Alawas, Prime Bishop of The Philippines; and

The Rt Revd Anthony Poggo, Secretary General of the Anglican Communion.

## **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY gave a Presidential Address.

## **REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2333)**

3 The motion

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

was carried.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I**

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

#### **VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES REGULATION 2024 (GS 2334)**

#### **Draft Consolidation Instrument for Approval**

504 The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 be approved.’

was carried.

## **VACANCY IN SEE COMMITTEES REGULATION 2024**

### **Affirmation and proclamation as an Act of Synod**

505 The motion

‘That the Vacancy in See Committees Regulation 2024 be solemnly affirmed and proclaimed an Act of Synod.’

was carried.

The Presidents signed the instrument ratifying and confirming the Act of Synod in their respective Provinces and proclaiming it to their dioceses. The Registrar then read the customary form of proclamation.

## **AMENDING CANON NO 43 (GS 2273C)**

### **Canon for Enactment (Final Approval July 2023 Group of Sessions)**

The Chair reported that the Royal Assent and Licence to promulge Amending Canon No. 43 had been received and the Registrar read the Instrument of Enactment.

502 The motion

‘That the Canon entitled “Amending Canon No. 43” be made, promulged and executed.’

was carried.

The Instrument of Enactment was signed by the Archbishops, the Prolocutors and the Chair and Vice-Chair of the House of Laity.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA IV:**

### **DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

#### **PAROCHIAL FEES (GS 2331A AND GS 2331B)**

#### 4 The motion

‘That this Synod request the Archbishops’ Council to lay a draft order before the Synod to amend the Parochial Fees and Scheduled Matters Amending Order 2019 so that a fee payable to the parochial church council is prescribed in respect of funeral services that take place at crematoria and cemeteries to reflect the contribution made by parishes in support of such services.’

was carried.

### **QUESTIONS**

- 5 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 1 to 121 as set out in the Questions Notice Paper were answered.

### **EVENING WORSHIP**

The Synod was led in an act of worship by the Diocese of Bristol.

### **DEEMED BUSINESS**

### **SPECIAL AGENDA I**

### **LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS**

### **CLERGY DISCIPLINE (AMENDMENT) RULES 2024 (GS 2350)**

The Rules under sections 83 and 94 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 were deemed approved, no member having given notice of their wish for this item to be debated or notice of any proposed amendment.