

Tuesday 27 February 2024

2.00 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

ORDER PAPER VIII

**WAR IN UKRAINE AND CHALLENGE TO
INTERNATIONAL ORDER (GS 2348)**

Mr Mark Sheard (ex officio) to move:

- 22** ‘That this Synod, recognising the ongoing suffering and terror caused by the war in Ukraine and the repercussions and anxiety felt globally for our common future:
- (a) affirm with gratitude the churches work with others to support conflict parties and mediators and call for continued efforts to develop pathways to peace, justice and reconciliation in Ukraine;
 - (b) call on all parties to the conflict to ensure that everyone in Ukraine has full freedom to manifest and practice their religion or belief, in line with international human rights law;
 - (c) call on all UK political parties to set out ahead of the General Election their vision for a desirable international order and their strategies for ensuring that existing international rules and principles are attractive both domestically and to a broader global constituency.’

Mr Andrew Gray (St Edmundsbury and Ipswich) to move as an amendment

- 70** ‘At the end *insert:*
- “(d) Call on all UK political parties to affirm their continued support for Ukraine until such time as a just and lasting peace is secured”.’

SPECIAL AGENDA III:

PRIVATE MEMBERS’ MOTIONS

REMOVAL OF DIVORCE IMPEDIMENT TO ORDINATION (GS 2349A AND GS 2349B)

The Revd Mark Bennet (Oxford) to move:

- 23** ‘That this Synod request that the Archbishops’ Council introduce the necessary legislation to remove the canonical impediment to ordination in respect of a person who has remarried and, the other party to that marriage being alive, has a former spouse still living; or who is married to a person who has been previously married and whose former spouse is still living.’

The Revd Andrew Atherstone (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

- 71** ‘*Leave out* everything after “the necessary legislation” and *insert* “to revise Canon C4.5 so that a diocesan bishop or acting diocesan bishop may grant a faculty to remove the impediment under Canon C4.4, with national assessment guidelines issued by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York acting jointly to ensure consistency across dioceses.”’

Item 72 to be moved if item 71 is carried

The Revd Jeremy Moodey (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

- 72** ‘After “across dioceses” *insert* “, such guidance to provide that enquiries of previous spouses will only be made in exceptional cases”.’

Item 73 to be moved if item 71 and item 72 are not carried

The Revd Jeremy Moodey (Oxford) to move as an amendment:

- 73** ‘At the end *insert* “and that alongside such legislation, the Archbishops issue new directions on the enquiries to be made of ordination candidates to ensure that the circumstances of any candidate's remarriage and previous divorce are such as not to risk causing hostile public

comment or scandal should the candidate be recommended for ordination and that enquiries of previous spouses are only made in exceptional cases”.’

Not later than 4.15 p.m.

24 FAREWELLS

Not later than 4.30 p.m.

25 PROROGATION
