

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**JULY 2024 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 7.15 P.M.**  
**ON FRIDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> JULY 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 YORK introduced the following new members:  
The Revd Emma Sykes, Diocese of Birmingham, replacing the Revd Timothy Bateman;  
Mrs Catherine Richardson, Diocese of Canterbury, replacing Miss Holly Adams;  
Mrs Judith Osborne, Diocese of Leeds, replacing Mr Alexander Berry;  
The Revd Gareth Thomas, Diocese of Manchester, replacing the Revd Canon Marcia Wall;  
The Revd Canon Donna Willaims, Diocese of Manchester, replacing the Revd Daniel Valentine;  
The Revd Martin Davy, Diocese of Oxford, replacing the Reverend Canon Toby Wright;  
The Revd Ayo Audu, Diocese of Oxford, replacing the Revd Ross Meikle;  
Mrs Helen Lamb, Diocese of Oxford, replacing Ms Jayne Ozanne;  
The Revd Dr Charlie Bell, Diocese of Southwark, replacing the Revd Canon Simon Butler;

The Revd Capt Nicholas Lebey, Diocese of Southwark, replacing the Revd Carol Bates;

The Revd Dr Jo Kershaw, Universities & TEIs, replacing the Rt Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah

Mr Piyush Jani, co-opted member of the House of Laity, replacing Mrs Wendy Kasenene.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK 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 Sanher-Haigh, for the diocese of Carlisle;

The Bishop of Taunton, the Rt Revd Ruth Worsley, for the Diocese of Coventry;

The Bishop of Jarrow, the Rt Revd Sarah Clarke, for the Diocese of Durham;

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 YORK welcomed the following Anglican Communion guests:

The Most Revd Leonard Dawea, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia; and

The Rt Revd Jo Bailey Wells, Deputy Secretary General of the Anglican Communion.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK welcomed the following Ecumenical representatives:

The Most Revd Dr Tapio Luoma, Archbishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland; and

Mr Mike Johnston, Church of Ireland.

### **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

2 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

### **ADDRESS FROM ECUMENICAL GUEST AND PRESENTATION BY FINNISH CONFIRMANDS**

3 A presentation was given by the Archbishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland, the Most Revd Dr Tapio Luoma, Bishop Matti Repo, Risto Korhonen, Stella Laukkanen and Enni Koskinen, under Standing Order 107.

### **REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2353)**

4 The motion

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

was carried.

### **MOTION UNDER STANDING ORDER 150(4)**

54 The motion

‘That the press and public do now withdraw.’

was not moved.

## **A WISDOM OF TRUST: BUILDING AND SUSTAINING TRUST IN THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND (GS 2354)**

5 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

The Business Committee determined under Standing Order 107(3) that this presentation should include an opportunity for questions.

6 The motion

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

was carried.

55 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- (a) welcome the recognition that there has been a breakdown of trust within many parts of the Church and thank the group for its work on the preliminary report;
- (b) observe that the preliminary report has to a large extent focused on the symptoms and behaviours that result when trust is broken;
- (c) ask that in the next phase of work on this topic consideration be given to the underlying reasons, including:
  - i. The breakdown of trust between parishes and dioceses
  - ii. The breakdown of trust between clergy and the episcopacy, and
  - iii. The breakdown of trust caused by the National Church’s response to COVID-19; and
- (d) note that behaving better cannot on its own restore trust.

was moved in accordance with Standing Order 105(6).

## **ADJOURNMENT OF DEBATE**

Under Standing Order 15(7), the Chair adjourned the debate at 5.45 p.m.

## **QUESTIONS**

- 7 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 1 to 60 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 Southwark.

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 7.15 p.m.

## **SPECIAL AGENDA I: LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS THE SAFEGUARDING (CLERGY RISK ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS (GS 2369)**

The Safeguarding (Clergy Risk Assessment) Regulations made under Canon C30 were deemed approved, no member having given notice of their wish for this item to be debated or notice of any proposed amendment.

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE STANDING ORDERS (GS 2355)**

Amendments to Standing Orders 21, 29, 69I, 73, 77, 87, 90 and 30 were deemed to have been approved by the Synod, no member having given notice a wish to debate them. They will take effect as of 10 July 2024.

