

GENERAL SYNOD
JULY 2024 GROUP OF SESSIONS
BUSINESS DONE AT 1.45 P.M.
ON TUESDAY 9TH JULY 2024

WORSHIP

The Synod was led in an act of worship by the Chaplain to the Synod, the Revd Dylan Turner.

ADDRESS FROM ANGLICAN COMMUNION GUEST

69 At the invitation of the Presidents, the Most Revd Leonard Dawea, Archbishop of the Anglican Church of Melanesia, addressed the Synod under Standing Order 120.

FAREWELLS

28 The ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY paid tribute to Right Reverend John Inge, Bishop of Worcester, who was attending his last meeting of the Synod.

SPECIAL AGENDA I: LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS

ABUSE (REDRESS) MEASURE (GS 2325A)

Draft Measure for Revision

(First Consideration at the November 2023 group of sessions)

506 The motion

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

was carried.

522 The motion

‘That clauses 1 to 6 stand part of the Measure.’

was carried.

523 The amendment (Order Paper VIII) lapsed.
524 The amendment (Order Paper VIII) was lost.
525 The motion
‘That Clause 7 stand part of the Measure’
was deemed to be carried.

526 The motion
‘That Clauses 8 – 16 stand part of the Measure’
was carried.

527 The amendment (Order Paper VIII) lapsed.

528 The motion
‘That Clause 17 stand part of the Measure’.
was deemed to be carried.

529 The motion
‘That Clauses 18 to 27 stand part of the Measure’
was carried.

530 The motion
‘That the Long Title stand part of the Measure’.
was carried.

The Chair reported that the draft Abuse (Redress) Measure stood committed to the Steering Committee in respect of its final drafting.

CHANCEL REPAIR (CHURCH COMMISSIONERS’ LIABILITY) MEASURE (GS 2343A)

Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revised at the July 2024 group of sessions)

501 The motion
‘That the Synod do take note of this Report.’
was carried.

502 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners’ Liability) Measure” be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	16	0
Clergy	82	0
Laity	94	0

2 abstentions were recorded in the House of Laity

The Chair reported that the Chancel Repair (Church Commissioners’ Liability) Measure automatically stood committed to the Legislative Committee.

CHURCH FUNDS INVESTMENT MEASURE (GS 2347A)

Draft Measure for Final Drafting and Final Approval (Revised at the July 2024 group of sessions)

503 The motion

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

was carried.

504 The motion

‘That the Measure entitled “Church Funds Investment Measure” be finally approved.’

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

	IN FAVOUR	AGAINST
Bishops	13	0
Clergy	77	0
Laity	93	0

1 abstention was recorded in the House of Laity

SPECIAL AGENDA IV: DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS

DAY OF PRAYER AND ACTION FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH (GS 2365A AND GS 2365B)

25 The motion

‘That this Synod, in the light of the motion passed at the February 2022 Group of Sessions relating to the persecuted Church (i.e. item 18 on the Agenda, as amended), request the Archbishops’ Council to work ecumenically with other churches to establish a national day of prayer and action for the persecuted Church around the world.’

was carried following a counted vote of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR 230

AGAINST 0

1 abstention was recorded.

HEARING AND RESPONDING TO THE VOICE OF YOUNG PEOPLE (GS 2366)

26 A presentation was given under Standing Order 107.

27 The motion

‘That this Synod:

- a) welcome the voice of children and young people as part of the church of today and commit to intentionally hearing and responding to their voice on at least one substantive item of business in future groups of sessions, employing a range of presentational activities, including surveys, reports, live presentations and videos;
- b) welcome the work being done across the whole church to become ‘younger and more diverse’ ensuring every child in every parish has access to a flourishing youth, children and families’ ministry.’

was carried.

PROROGATION

29 The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK prorogued the Synod at 1.45 p.m.