

**Monday 8 July 2024**  
**8.45 a.m. to 12.45 p.m.**

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**ORDER PAPER VI**

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**OPENING WORSHIP**

**SAFEGUARDING INDEPENDENCE UPDATE (GS 2364)**

**21** Presentation under SO 107.

*The Bishop of Stepney to move:*

**22** ‘That this Synod thank the Response Group for its work, welcome the progress update set out in GS 2364, and noting that feedback has identified concerns with:

- (a) Professor Jay’s recommendations on spiritual abuse and the definition of safeguarding; and
- (b) the role of bishops in decision-making on safeguarding cases,

ask for detailed analysis of the options set out in the paper to be undertaken for the General Synod in February.’

*Item 62 only to be moved if item 22 is not carried*

*Mr Clive Billenness (Europe), pursuant to SO 107(4)(b) to move a further motion arising out of Item 22 as follows:*

**62** ‘That this Synod:

- (a) conscious that more than a year has elapsed since the closure of the Independent Safeguarding Board with consequent delays and distress for survivors in cases which were under consideration at that time and
- (b) noting the high level of support expressed by all consultee groups for the creation of a new, entirely Independent Safeguarding Charity with a role of overall oversight of safeguarding within the Church of England

(as detailed in Recommendation 1 in the report by Professor Jay and as described in the report by Dr Samuel Nunney) and referred to as Organisation B

request that the Response Group present to the General Synod in February 2025 a detailed project plan for the creation of this organisation in order to enable it to progress towards full implementation with as little further delay as possible.'

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## **SPECIAL AGENDA IV:**

### **DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS**

#### **FOOD BANKS AND INADEQUACIES IN SOCIAL SECURITY (GS 2351A AND GS 2351B)**

*The Ven Malcolm Chamberlain* (Sheffield) to move:

- 23** 'That this Synod, mindful that the fourth Mark of Mission of the Anglican Communion is to "transform unjust structures of society",
- (a) note the major contribution to social welfare being made by the churches and others in the provision of food banks
  - (b) note with concern that levels of dependence on food banks have been increasing and that inflation is making the situation even worse
  - (c) believe that this dependence reflects serious inadequacies in the social security system
  - (d) note that the Trussell Trust has said: 'we stand on the edge of a precipice with a clear decision to make: either we accept food banks as a 'new normal' or we work to create a more dignified, compassionate and humane society where everyone has enough money for essentials'
  - (e) welcome the Chancellor's intervention to help the least well-off households with their energy bills but note this will not remove the problem of increased dependency on foodbanks

- (f) call on the House of Bishops to urgently engage with HM Government, in particular the Secretary of State, to press it to review the adequacy of current social security provision.'

*Mrs Sandra Turner (Chelmsford)* to move as an amendment:

- 63** 'After "structures of society" *insert*:  
“( ) acknowledge that true and lasting societal transformation comes from lives transformed by the gospel; that our First Mark of Mission underpins “everything we do in mission” and welcome its call to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone in our society.”.’

*The Revd Mae Christie (Southwark)* to move as an amendment:

- 64** 'After (b) *insert*:  
“( ) note further that 2/3 of those who use food banks have disabilities or long-term health conditions who find it nearly impossible to navigate the benefits system and be supported adequately, and so applaud the incredible ministry and example of these churches and others who tirelessly run food banks, whilst lamenting and acknowledging the incredible personal and financial cost to this, which is driving some organisations to breaking point.”.’

*The Revd Chantal Noppen (Durham)* to move as an amendment:

- 65** 'At the end of paragraph (f) *insert*:  
“and consider the feasibility of introducing an Essentials Guarantee.”.’

*The Revd Mae Christie (Southwark)* to move as an amendment:

- 66** 'At the end *insert*:  
“( ) believing that all children are a gift from God and bear the image of Christ, urge the House of Bishops and in particular the Lords Spiritual, to use every opportunity available to them to engage with the new Government and strongly encourage them to do everything possible to bring

about an immediate end to the two child benefit limit, which disadvantages families and forces large numbers of children into the use of food banks or to otherwise go hungry.”.’