

GENERAL SYNOD

Pattern of Meetings of General Synod 2027 - 2029

Background

1. General Synod meets in February each year in London, in July in York and dates are reserved for a meeting in November in London if business requires. The July dates are fixed with the University of York and the full time available is usually used.
2. At the February 2019 group of sessions, it was agreed that dates for future February groups of sessions should include both weekends and weekday options. The envelope for 2028 and 2029 is currently set for 8 days which enables either a weekday group of sessions or a weekend group of sessions. The full 8 days would not be used.
3. The Business Committee decided to leave the option for both weekend and weekday February meetings, so that the members elected in 2026 for the next quinquennium can make the decision of when they want to meet.
4. The Business Committee agreed that the full envelope for the February groups of sessions should be presented to Synod for approval, noting that the actual dates will be set at its meeting in November/December the year before, once the requests for business have been received and the agenda planned.

Proposed Dates

5. The following envelopes are suggested for 2027 – 2029:

2027

February	Monday 15 February – Friday 19 February (Ash Wednesday is 10 February)
July	Friday 9 July – Tuesday 13 July
November (if required)	Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 November

2028

February	Monday 14 February – Tuesday 22 February (Ash Wednesday is 1 March)
July	Friday 7 July – Tuesday 11 July
November (if required)	Monday 20 November - Wednesday 22 November

2029

February	Monday 19 February – Tuesday 27 February (Ash Wednesday is 14 February)
July	Friday 6 July – Tuesday 10 July
November (if required)	Monday 19 November – Wednesday 21 November

Action Points

6. Synod is invited to approve the envelope for the groups of sessions 2027 to 2029.

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For and on Behalf of the General Synod Business Committee

January 2025