

**GENERAL SYNOD**  
**FEBRUARY 2025 GROUP OF SESSIONS**  
**BUSINESS DONE AT 6.45 P.M.**  
**ON MONDAY 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

**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 Rt Revd Patricia Hillas, Bishop of Sodor and Man, replacing the Rt Revd Peter Eagles;  
The Rt Revd Mike Harrison, Bishop of Exeter, replacing the Rt Revd Robert Atwell;  
The Rt Revd Jonathan Baker, Bishop of Fulham, Suffragan Bishops, replacing the Rt Revd Olivia Graham;  
The Very Revd Peter Howell-Jones, Dean of Blackburn, Deans, replacing the Very Revd Nicola Sullivan;  
The Revd Liz Dudley, Diocese of Bath & Wells, replacing the Revd Sue Rose;  
The Revd Carol Backhouse, Diocese of Blackburn, replacing the Revd Dr Tom Woolford;  
Mr Bob Chambers, Diocese of Chichester, replacing Mrs Camilla Footit;  
Mrs Vivien Southall, Diocese of Exeter, replacing Mrs Carys Puleston;  
The Revd Barnaby Perkins, Diocese of Guildford, replacing the Revd Folli Olokose;

The Revd Kina Robertshaw, Diocese of Hereford, replacing the Revd Neil Patterson;

The Revd Millie Cork, Diocese of Leeds, replacing the Revd Angela Hannafin;

The Revd Catherine Shelley, Diocese of Leeds, replacing the Revd Ruth Newton;

The Revd Benjamin Gardner, Diocese of Leicester, replacing the Revd Christopher Johnson;

The Revd Clive Watts, Diocese of Leicester, replacing the Revd Barry Hill;

Dr Phillip Rice, Diocese of London, replacing Mr Temitope Taiwo;

The Revd Dr Ruth Howlett-Shipley, Diocese of Salisbury, replacing the Revd Jane Palmer;

The Revd James Menzies, Diocese of Salisbury, replacing the Revd Paul Bradbury;

The Revd Canon Lucy Davis, Diocese of St Albans, replacing the Revd Kevin Goss;

The Revd Alison Miller, Diocese of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich, replacing the Revd Gini Williams;

The Revd Anna Norman-Walker, Diocese of Southwark, replacing the Ven Alastair Cutting;

Mr William Woolley, Diocese of Southwell & Nottingham, replacing Mrs Joan Beck;

Marsha de Cordova MP, Second Church Estates Commissioner, replacing Andrew Selous MP.

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 Saner-Haigh, for the Diocese of Carlisle;

The Rt Revd Tim Thornton 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 ARCHBISHOP OF YORK welcomed the Most Revd Anne Germond, Primate of the Anglican Church of Canada, a guest from the Anglican Communion.

## **SUSPENSION OF STANDING ORDERS**

The motion,

‘That Standing Order 119 be suspended’

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

IN FAVOUR        73

AGAINST         239

43 abstentions were recorded.

## **PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS**

2     The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK gave a Presidential Address.

## **REPORT BY THE BUSINESS COMMITTEE (GS 2375)**

3     The motion

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

was carried.

## QUESTIONS

- 4 Supplementary questions in respect of questions 1 to 94 as set out in the Questions Notice Paper were answered.

## MAKIN REPORT (GS 2376)

- 5 The motion

‘That this Synod, repenting of the failures of safeguarding in the Church of England detailed in the Makin report, ask those in leadership roles across the Church of England to redouble work to implement best safeguarding practice in line with national policies and guidance, and note the further and forthcoming reforms set out in GS 2376.’

was moved.

- 34 The amendment (Order Paper I) was carried.

- 35 The amendment (Order Paper I) lapsed.

- 5 The motion (as amended)

‘That this Synod, repenting of the failures of safeguarding in the Church of England detailed in the Makin report:

(a) ask those in leadership roles across the Church of England to redouble work to implement best safeguarding practice in line with national policies and guidance, and note the further and forthcoming reforms set out in GS 2376; and

(b) at the specific request of victims and survivors of John Smyth QC, recognise that the institutional failure to enact adequate disciplinary process means that this and other cases cannot simply be labelled ‘historic’ as they have continuing effects on the lives of those victims and survivors who suffer the consequences of the prolonged cover-up by the Church of England.

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

IN FAVOUR      384

AGAINST        0

2 abstentions were recorded.

## **EVENING WORSHIP**

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

The ARCHBISHOP OF YORK dismissed the Synod with a blessing at 6.45 p.m.