

GENERAL SYNOD

FEBRUARY 2009 GROUP OF SESSIONS

BUSINESS DONE AT 7.05 P.M.

ON WEDNESDAY 11TH FEBRUARY 2009

SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

CHURCH WATER BILLS (GS Misc 904A and GS Misc 904B)

14 The motion

‘That this Synod, concerned about the effect on many parishes of sudden, massive rises in water charges for churches, request HM Government to remind OFWAT of its obligations to ensure that the water companies adhere to the clear guidance given by the Secretary of State for the Environment in 2000, which states that “there are many non-household users who are not businesses ... including places of worship ... and it would be inappropriate to charge all non-household customers as if they were businesses”.’

was moved.

42 The amendment (Item 42 Order Paper V) was lost.

14 The motion

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was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	282
AGAINST	0

Three abstentions were recorded.

SPECIAL AGENDA III

PRIVATE MEMBERS' MOTIONS

UNIQUENESS OF CHRIST IN MULTI-FAITH BRITAIN (GS Misc 905B)

15 The motion

‘That this Synod request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain's multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.’

was moved.

43 The amendment (Item 43 Order Paper V) was lost.

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45 The amendment (Item 45 Order Paper V) was carried.

15 The motion (as amended by Item 45)

‘That this Synod warmly welcome Dr Martin Davie’s background paper ‘The witness of Scripture, the Fathers and the historic formularies to the uniqueness of Christ’ attached to GS Misc 905B and request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain’s multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.’

was carried after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	283
AGAINST	8

Ten abstentions were recorded.

FORTY-THIRD REPORT OF THE STANDING ORDERS COMMITTEE (GS 1699 (revised))

16 The motion

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

was carried.

27 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14th February 2009.’

was moved.

46 The amendment (Item 46 Order Paper V) was lost.

27 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14th February 2009.’
was carried.

29 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14th February 2009.’
was moved.

47 The amendment (Item 47 Order Paper V) was lost.

29 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14th February 2009.’
was carried.

40 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14th February 2009.’
was moved.

48 The amendment (Item 48 Order Paper V) was lost.

40 The motion

‘That this amendment be made with effect from Saturday 14th February 2009.’
was carried.

Under Standing Order 39(c), the amendments to Standing Orders set out at Items 28, 30–39 and 41 in the First Notice Paper were deemed to have been approved by the Synod without amendment with effect from Saturday 14th February 2009.

**SPECIAL AGENDA IV
DIOCESAN SYNOD MOTIONS
HUMAN TRAFFICKING (GS Misc 906A and GS Misc 906B)**

17 Under Standing Order 97, Canon Michael Webb, the Reverend Sarah Chapman and Mr Ron Craigie addressed the Synod.

18 The motion

‘That this Synod, in celebrating the centenary of the death of Josephine Butler, who is remembered in the Calendar on May 30th,

- (a) recognize and deplore the continuing evil of human trafficking, especially of children and young people;
- (b) urge the Church of England to support the work of those who seek to end the traffic and rescue those trapped in it; and
- (c) support the vigorous implementation of the UK Action Plan on Tackling Human Trafficking, and in particular, call on HM Government to ensure that effective measures are in place to prevent sex workers being trafficked into Britain during the 2012 Olympics.’

was moved.

- 49 The amendment (Item 49 Order Paper V) was lost after a division of the whole Synod. The voting was as follows:

IN FAVOUR	95
AGAINST	114

Twelve abstentions were recorded.

- 50 The amendment (Item 50 Order Paper V) was carried.

- 18 The motion (as amended by Item 50)

‘That this Synod, in celebrating the centenary of the death of Josephine Butler, who is remembered in the Calendar on May 30th,

- (a) recognize and deplore the continuing evil of human trafficking, especially of children and young people;
- (b) urge the Church of England to support the work of those who seek to end the traffic and rescue those trapped in it;
- (c) support the vigorous implementation of the UK Action Plan on Tackling Human Trafficking, and in particular, call on HM Government to ensure that effective measures are in place to prevent sex workers being trafficked into Britain during the 2012 Olympics; and
- (d) request the Archbishops’ Council to explore the possibility of affiliating to the United Kingdom Human Trafficking Centre in order to combat this traffic as an urgent priority.’

was carried.

Following a short act of worship, the ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY dismissed the Synod with the blessing at 7.05 p.m.