

Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

1st Session of the 46th Synod Business Paper: Monday 21 October 2002

(Unless otherwise stated, page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Part 5 of the Synod Business Rules for ordinance procedures.)

Members are reminded that speaking times are as follows -

- (a) for motions that a proposed ordinance be approved in principle -
 - the mover may speak for up to 20 minutes, and up to 5 minutes in reply, and
 - other members may speak for up to 3 minutes*
- (b) for other motions (except motions moved in the Synod in Committee) -
 - the mover may speak for up to 10 minutes, and up to 5 minutes in reply, and
 - other members may speak for up to 3 minutes*
- (c) for motions moved in the Synod in Committee, members may speak for up to 3 minutes.*

Members of Synod are asked to identify themselves each time they speak.

1. Devotions will be led by Canon John Chapman: see attached

2. Minutes of 16 October 2002

3. Questions

3.1 The Rev Rob Sutherland to ask -

In light of our recently adopted mission -

- (a) How many licensed clergy from this Diocese also serve in the Anglican Church's mission to the Australian Defence Force (ADF) as part-time ADF Chaplains?
- (b) Has the Diocese received a request from the ADF or the Anglican Bishop to the ADF to help fill the 6 fully funded currently vacant part-time Army Reserve Anglican Chaplain positions in our region?
- (c) If so what action has been taken?

3.2 The Rev Ian Millican to ask -

- (a) In light of the first of our 4 fold policies, that is to call upon God for an outpouring of His Spirit, what action is the Archbishop taking, or encouraging parishes and other Diocesan organisations to take, in respect of the Gay Games to be held in this city in a few weeks, and other public activities organised to promote homosexuality in our city, to -
 - (i) cover all those involved in these games, and other activities, with prayer for their repentance and trust in Christ; and
 - (ii) cover all those in our Diocese not involved in these Games, and other activities, with prayer that they may resist Satan's temptations to think or act in ways which displease God?
- (b) In light of our Mission to proclaim our Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, and the commitment of the Archbishop and this Synod to see that Christ is indeed proclaimed to all people, what actions is the Archbishop taking, or encouraging parishes and other Diocesan organisations to take, following on from the wonderful outreach at the Olympic Games, in seeking to proclaim Jesus to all those involved in the Gay Games, and in the various other public activities organised to promote homosexuality in Sydney?

3.3 Mrs Barbara O'Donnell to ask -

Where in the mission strategy is allowance made for people of limited literacy (up to 10% of the Australian population)? Such persons may find traditional Bible studies very threatening and thus counter productive ie they avoid attendance.

3.4 Ms Heather Anderson to ask -

- (a) With reference to the resolution on embryonic stem cell research passed on Tuesday 15 October without amendment (although an amendment was called on Monday 14 October) can we please have clarification about part (b). Does this mean that we are calling on no research on embryos created after 5 April or no use of IVF embryos created after 5 April?
- (b) Does it also mean that we agree to the use of embryos for research that were created before 5 April 2002? If not, what is to happen to them?
- (c) What is suggested to happen to "spare" embryos created after 5 April 2002?

3.5 Mrs Elaine Langshaw to ask -

For the purposes of the Diocesan mission, initial goal of mission which of the following churches are Bible based? The Roman Catholic Church, the Eastern Orthodox Churches, the Coptic Christian Orthodox Church, the Salvation Army, the Uniting Church of Australia, the Seventh Day Adventist Church, the Pentecostal Churches, the Hillsong Church?

3.6 The Rev Neil Flower to ask -

In light of the answer given to question 5(c) asked on 15 October -

- (a) Who considered it desirable to permit the sale of liquor for the financial viability of the food court?
- (b) If the Standing Committee, was there full debate on the subject? If not, why not?
- (c) If not the Standing Committee, which person(s) or sub-committee took the decision and how was it decided in the Standing Committee?

4. Petitions

5. Procedural motions from members

5.1 Revised Indicative Timetable

Synod agrees to the revised Indicative Timetable for Synod Business.

(Mr Mark Payne)

6. Calling of motions on the business paper

7. Motions about proposed ordinances

Proposed to be taken at 8 pm on Monday 21 October

7.1 Church Discipline Ordinance 2002: passing as an ordinance

That the Church Discipline Ordinance 2002 pass as an ordinance of the Synod.

(Materials circulated to members on Tuesday 15 October 2002)

(Mr Garth Blake)

Proposed to be taken from 8:00 pm on Monday 21 October after motion 8.2

7.2 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002: approval in principle

That the Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002 be approved in principle.

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(Bishop Peter Tasker/Mr Peter Kell)

7.3 Administrator Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Administrator Ordinance 2002.
(Page 111) (Mr Mark Payne)

7.4 Relinquishment of Holy Orders Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Relinquishment of Holy Orders Amendment Ordinance 2002
(Page 188) (Mr Philip Gerber)

7.5 Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2002
(Page 133) (Mr Mark Payne)

Proposed to be taken from 4:30 pm on Tuesday 22 October

7.6 General Synod - Long Service Leave (Amendment) Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Long Service Leave (Amendment) Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002
(Page 168) (Mr Mark Payne)

7.7 General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Special Tribunal) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Special Tribunal) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002
(Page 143) (Mr Philip Gerber)

7.8 General Synod - Special Tribunal Procedure Amendment and Repeal Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Special Tribunal Procedure Amendment and Repeal Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002
(Page 177) (Mr Philip Gerber)

7.9 General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002
(Page 148) (Mr Neil Cameron)

7.10 General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Tribunals) Amendment Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Tribunals) Amendment Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002
(Page 154) (Mr Neil Cameron)

Proposed ordinances for which no specific time has been proposed

7.11 Synod Elections Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod Elections Amendment Ordinance 2002
(Page 68 and 196) (Mr Mark Payne)

7.12 Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2002: approval in principle

That the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2002 be approved in principle.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies)

7.13 Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Synod and Standing Committee (Membership) Amendment Ordinance 2002

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(Mr Robert Tong)

7.14 General Synod - Chancellors Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Chancellors Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002.

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(The Rev Chris Moroney)

7.15 General Synod - Holy Communion Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the General Synod - Holy Communion Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002.

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(Bishop Glenn Davies)

7.16 Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2002: introduction

Synod permits the introduction of the Church Administration (Heritage Property) Amendment Ordinance 2002.

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(Mr Mark Payne)

7.17 General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2002: approval in principle

That the General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2002 be approved in principle.

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(Mr Robert Tong)

8. Other motions

Debate proposed to be resumed at 3:45 pm on Monday 21 October

Motion 8.1 was moved on Tuesday 15 October. Paragraph (a) was adopted on 16 October. Paragraph (b) was considered on 16 October and a revised form will be submitted to Synod members on 21 October for adoption.

8.1 Diocesan Mission initiatives

Synod, having adopted the Diocesan Mission -

- (1) commends to regional councils, area deaneries, parishes, organisations and individuals the Mission, Goal, Fundamental Aim and Fourfold Policy, and
- (2) urges them to undertake the following initiatives, where relevant, and to develop their own further strategies in their situation -

- (a) In the light of the policy -

“To call upon God for such outpouring of his Spirit that his people will be assured of his love through his word, seek to please the Saviour in all things, manifest the godly life and be filled with prayerful and sacrificial compassion for the lost in all the world.”

Synod requests that -

- (i) in the normal program of every level of diocesan life, and in the lives of individuals and families, serious attention be given to pray for the mission and for willingness to become actively involved, and the appropriate study of God's word, and
- (ii) each level of the diocese also have such special conferences, prayer days or nights, conventions, rallies and seminars to promote prayerful dependence upon God and attention to the teaching of his word, and
- (iii) Lent be specially marked in church gatherings as a season of corporate and urgent prayerfulness and specific preaching in line with this mission policy, and
- (iv) prayer groups within parishes be organised and encouraged to persist in the prayerful support of the mission, and
- (v) leaders within a parish commit regular time to pray with each other, and their colleagues in other parishes and in other ministries, and
- (vi) Christian publishers produce Bible study and discussion group material and devotional material for individuals, couples and families to equip adult, children and youth groups to study God's word and promote prayer, and
- (vii) Anglican Media produce materials through *Southern Cross* and the Web site to stimulate and assist those praying for the mission including, in particular, a prayer diary with forms of prayers for the mission, and
- (viii) the Archbishop, regional bishops, archdeacons and clergy exercise continued leadership in prayerful dependence upon God in all meetings, conferences and committees in which they are engaged, as well as in public preaching and teaching of God's word, and
- (ix) a small task force or forces be set up to promote prayerfulness for the mission and thanksgiving in prayer, and to share information on the progress of the mission.

(b) In the light of the policy -

“To enable parish churches to expand numerically, equip and nurture their members, and become the mother-churches of as many fellowships and congregations as possible; and also to take further initiatives to create fellowships by penetrating structures of society beyond the reach of the parish church with the gospel.”

Synod requests that -

- (i) each parish council consider how they can best contribute to this mission policy, and
- (ii) regional councils evaluate how to encourage parishes in their region to fulfill this policy, and
- (iii) incumbents re-evaluate their timetable and parish responsibilities to free up time (at least one day a fortnight) to develop new initiatives in the parish, and
- (iv) incumbents take time to rethink parish ministry and retrain in congregational planting, and
- (v) where possible, regional councils invest their resources to seed fund parish initiatives and deploy church planting evangelists, and
- (vi) any church which is not of sufficient strength to reach their parish mission field restructure their ministry and/or gain outside help for the task of the mission, and
- (vii) large churches take the initiative in planting new congregations, and
- (viii) a network of evangelists be seed funded to plant new work among specialised groups within society, especially non-Anglo Saxon migrant groups and the indigenous communities, and
- (ix) parishes try to plant at least as many congregations as there are primary schools in their parish, and
- (x) the level of sacrificial giving be raised to pay for increased activity at the parish level, and to contribute more to world mission, and

- (xi) churches in richer/older and poorer/newer parishes be twinned to directly share resources and giving directly from parish to parish, and
- (xii) a best practice code be developed for parishes with a peer group advisory service to help parishes meet the opportunities for mission, and
- (xiii) each parish have a children's and youth ministry and, where possible, both Sunday morning and evening services, and
- (xiv) research be undertaken on -
 - (1) the effectiveness of combining parishes,
 - (2) models of church planting,
 - (3) the financial development of parishes,
 - (4) the base numbers and goal numbers of the mission,
 - (5) the areas (geographical and sociological) where we are not reaching the community, and
 - (6) where we have the most effective outreach, and
- (xv) new churches be developed with church organisations e.g. schools, hospitals, retirement villages, and
- (xvi) a strategy be developed for accessing property for church planting, and
- (xvii) new architectural and building models be developed for multipurpose buildings.
- (xviii)

(c) In the light of the policy -

"To multiply the number of well-trained persons (ordained, lay, full time, part time, voluntary) lovingly dedicated to the creation and development of such parishes, congregations and fellowships by proclaiming the gospel."

Synod requests that -

- (i) 1,000 full-time pastoral workers and 10,000 lay pastoral workers be trained and deployed in the next 10 years, and
- (ii) Moore College be resourced to exercise the theological leadership in training our diocesan personnel for the mission, and
- (iii) training programs for lay pastoral ministry be created and published, and
- (iv) parishes recruit their most gifted members into the evangelistic task of the mission and,
- (v) people be recruited and trained for cross cultural, evangelistic and church planting ministries, and
- (vi) each parish employ at least one more catechist in 2003 than in 2002, and
- (vii) regional councils give priority to supporting seed funding to assist increasing parish staff, and
- (viii) *each parish council consider how each member of their parish can be encouraged to identify, use and enhance their God-given gifts in the fulfilment of the mission,*
- (ix)

(Note: subparagraph (viii) inserted by the Synod on 16 October 2002.)

Proposed to be taken from 3:45 pm on Monday 21 October after paragraph (c)

(d) In the light of the policy -

"To reform the life of the Diocese (including its culture, ordinances, customs, use of resources, and deployment of ministry) to encourage and enable the fulfilment of the fundamental aim."

Synod requests that -

- (i) the Archbishop reform the pattern and licensing of ministers to reflect better the current diversity of full-time and part-time ministry employees, and to consider creating a role of "pastor" for congregations, and
- (ii) the regional bishops and archdeacons, while retaining their pastoral role, become missionary bishops and archdeacons developing and assisting new work in their regions, and
- (iii) the business of Synod be reorganised to focus upon matters of principle rather than details of committee work, and
- (iv) policy task forces be created to help co-ordinate the various agencies involved in the delivery of ministries funded by the Synod, and
- (v) a ministry portfolio be established to oversee the work of recruiting, training, retraining and deploying ministers, and
- (vi) the parish system, parish boundaries and parochial status be reviewed, and
- (vii) the creation of a church membership and partnership in the mission be considered, and
- (viii) an evaluation be undertaken of the effectiveness of current programmes or organisations and their contribution to the mission, and how those programs or organisations might be made more effective, and
- (ix) the Archbishop invite the heads of other churches to join in the mission.
- (x)

(The Rev Phillip Jensen
The Rev Narelle Jarrett - para (c)
Dr Kim Hawtrey - para (d))

Proposed to be taken at 8:00 pm on Monday 21 October after motion 7.1

8.2 Merger of Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and Anglican Superannuation Australia

Synod -

- (a) consents to the merger of Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and Anglican Superannuation Australia, and
- (b) notes the proposal that the funds will be managed initially by a board of 12 from Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and 8 from Anglican Superannuation Australia, and
- (c) requests that Standing Committee consider such ordinances and resolutions as are necessary to put into effect the first and second stages of the merger, and
- (d) requests that progress reports be provided to each ordinary session of the Synod until the merger is completed.

(Page 43 of the Supplementary Materials)

(Mr James Flavin/Canon Terry Dein)

Motions for which no time has been specified

8.3 Support for churches and parishes without a minister

Synod respectfully requests that the Archbishop set up a committee to review the effectiveness of the Diocese in supporting parishes and churches during times when they are without a minister taking into account the following principles -

- (a) The committee should review, amongst other things, the experiences of churches and ministers who have recently been involved in this process.
- (b) Matters to be investigated should include
 - The opportunity for parishes and churches to consider options for new directions for ministry, growth and change.
 - The timing of presentation board process, especially when long service leave is taken after a minister finishes.
 - The accuracy of advice from Diocesan Presentation board members to parish nominators.
 - The accuracy of advice from parishes to prospective ministers.
 - Tenure of other parish staff and the effect this can have in the parish.

- The availability and level of episcopal support for churches without a minister.
 - Processes to deal with and resolve problems in churches and parishes.
 - The availability and level of parish administration support.
- (c) The committee should comprise both laity and clergy but exclude those that are (or have been recently) diocesan presentation board representatives.
- (d) The committee should provide a report to the next session of the Synod outlining the problems and making recommendations as to any changes that would improve our processes and support our church people at a time when they may most need it.

(Mr Ross Mitchell)

8.4 **Open meetings of the Standing Committee**

Synod requests that the Standing Committee -

- (a) open its meetings to members of the Synod as observers subject to the Standing Committee's right in the case of a matter which is commercially or personally sensitive or otherwise affects the interests of the Diocese to restrict access while that matter is dealt with, and
- (b) make its agenda and supporting papers for its meetings available to members of the Synod upon request, except in relation to any matter which the Diocesan Secretary considers is likely to be regarded by the Standing Committee as being commercially or personally sensitive or as otherwise affecting the interests of the Diocese.

(Amended form - text printed incorrectly on 14 October 2002)

(Ms Kath White)

8.5 **Funding for indigenous peoples' ministry**

Synod recommends to the Standing Committee that 5% of income from all sales of the Property Trust per annum be added to the Indigenous Peoples' Ministry Trust Fund for Indigenous ministry within the Diocese.

(Mr Tom Mayne/The Rev John McIntyre)

8.6 **Assistance to other dioceses**

Considering the difficult and even parlous states of some of the dioceses of the Anglican Church of Australia and especially in the Province of New South Wales, Synod agrees to set up a Commission under the leadership of the Archbishop which would report to the Mission Taskforce to investigate ways by which this Diocese can bring help to another Diocese that may request it. Such help could include the possibility of sending clergy and other pastoral workers along with pastoral "tools" to that Diocese for the specific furtherance of Gospel ministry and outreach.

And

That such Commission be empowered to contact selected diocesan bishops to discuss this proposal and/or possibilities of sending help.

The Commission is to consist of the Archbishop (ex officio as President/Chairman), Mr Warwick Olson, the Rev John Cornford and Bishop Glenn Davies, the Chief Executive Officer of Anglican Youthworks, Deaconess Margaret Rodgers and the mover, with power to co-opt.

(The Rev Neil Flower/Canon John Cornford)

8.7 **Home Mission Society**

Synod requests that the Standing Committee set up a committee to investigate the present ways in which our Diocese is fulfilling the original and ongoing intentions of the Home Mission Society, and to report back to Synod.

(The Rev Dr Robert Doyle)

8.8 Use of the word "priest"

Synod reaffirms the decision of resolution 20/97 Liturgical Revision - The use of the word "Priest".

Synod considers -

- (a) that the good reason for our reformers retaining the word "priest" in the Book of Common Prayer is its derivation from the Greek "presbuteros" (which means a senior person, an "elder", or a mature leader), and
- (b) that much of this meaning has been lost, because modern English has come to use "priest" to mean a person who mediates between man and God, and therefore encourages all involved in liturgical revision, in place of the word "priest", to use words like "elder", "president", "presbyter" or "minister".

Synod now considers that our current convention, of using the word "priest" in legislation and formularies describing New Testament ministers, is unhelpful, confusing and dangerous.

Synod asks that the Standing Committee bring to the next session a report, on the action needed to replace the word "priest" with "presbyter" in all our legislation and formularies and, if possible, legislation to this effect.

(The Rev Chris Clerke/ The Rev Joseph Thiem)

8.9 Terrorism

Synod -

- (a) Acknowledges the horror of the terrorist attacks in Bali on 12/10/2002 and the USA on 11/09/2001, deplores the loss of innocent lives from many nationalities and supports **reasonable** efforts to bring the perpetrators of such attacks to justice.
- (b) Affirms that God's people are called to be peacemakers. Synod further affirms that retaliation and revenge have no part in a Christian response to acts of violence and terror, rather a Christian response needs to focus on establishing and doing justice as well as calling people individually and collectively to repentance and restored right relationship with God and each other.
- (c) Calls on the Australian Government to -
 - (i) encourage and support **reasonable** International efforts to address ~~the root causes of~~ **factors which contribute** to terrorism, particularly through appropriate overseas aid and restructuring of the world's economic system, and
 - ~~(ii) use its influence to dissuade the US Government from the use of pre-emptive military action in Iraq, and~~
 - ~~(iii) refrain from all support of such action, and~~
 - (ii) commit itself to work ~~at all times~~ **wherever possible** through the United Nations in any **reasonable** endeavours focussed on building a secure basis for world peace, and
 - (iii) to work through the United Nations to ensure that all countries possessing nuclear weapons and other weapons of mass destruction submit to regular International inspection and audit so stockpiles are further reduced and eliminated, and.
- (d) Asks the Secretary of Synod to inform the Prime Minister, the Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Leader of the Opposition, the leader of the Democrats and the Leader of the Greens, and the Shadow Minister of Foreign Affairs of this resolution.
- (e) Calls on members of the Diocese to work and pray for peace in every aspect of their lives, modelling for the world the Gospel alternative to violence and terror.

(Marked up to indicate amended form of motion)

(The Rev Chris Albany)

8.10 Anglican sports ministries

Synod encourages its members -

- (a) to thank God for the widely esteemed evangelistic ministry of the former "Archbishop's Olympic Games Taskforce", and
- (b) to thank God for its recent re-naming by the Standing Committee to "Anglican Sports Ministries" in order to continue and facilitate evangelism through sport by connecting Diocesan churches with a major part of Australian culture, and
- (c) to pray for effectiveness in ASM's "Rugby World Cup Taskforce" in seeking to reach locals, players and tourists in October/November 2003 with the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ, and
- (d) to pray for wide support following the Archbishop's recent endorsement of this new development.

(Bishop Brian King/The Rev G Boughton)

8.11 Freemasonry

Synod -

- (a) affirms its support of the 1988 Synod Report on Freemasonry, and
- (b) affirms that Freemasonry and Christianity are incompatible, and
- (c) affirms that Freemasonry teaches a system of false religious beliefs that are contrary to biblical Christianity.

Synod encourages all Christians who are members of a Masonic Lodge to demonstrate their undivided loyalty to Jesus Christ by withdrawing from the Lodge.

Synod requests that the Standing Committee undertake the preparation and production of a clear and unambiguous pamphlet suitable for wide distribution, examining the beliefs of Freemasonry and explaining why they differ from Biblical Christianity, and explaining why it is wrong for a Christian to belong to the Lodge.

(The Rev Bill Winthrop)

8.12 Racing industry

Synod -

- (a) commends the progress of the Australian Racecourse Christian Chaplaincy Inc (formerly named Australian Christian Racing Industry Ministry) in seeking to bring the gospel to people in the thoroughbred racing industry, and
- (b) commends (as did Synod in 2001) the work of ARCC to the prayerful support of Synod members, and
- (c) prays for God's blessing on ARCC's efforts to raise money to fund a racing industry chaplain.

(Motion first printed today)

(Bishop Brian King/Dr Karin Sowada)

8.13 Compensation cases

Synod requests that the Standing Committee examine and report to the next session of the Synod on the issue of enforced silence with regard to the outcomes of future compensation cases, if any, involving alleged sexual offences by clergy or lay workers.

(Motion first printed today)

(The Rev Lindsay Johnstone)

8.14 Amendment of the Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000

Synod requests that the Standing Committee bring to the next session of Synod an ordinance to amend the Conduct of Business Rules so that the "call-over" referred to in Rule 3.3(h) shall only apply to those motions which have appeared on the business paper for the previous day.

(Motion first printed today)

(Dr Rod James)

Indicative Timetable for Synod Business

References to items and motions are references to items and motions in the business paper for Monday 21 October 2002.

Monday 21 October 2002	
3:00 - 3:45 pm	Bible study/prayer Formal matters
3:45 - 5:45 pm	Diocesan Mission Initiatives: Paragraphs 2(c) and (d) of Motion 8.1
7:00 - 8:00 pm	Missionary Hour
8:00 pm	Church Discipline Ordinance 2002: Motion 7.1 Merger of Anglican SuperFund-Sydney and Anglican Superannuation Australia: Motion 8.2 Parochial Cost Recoveries Ordinance 2002: Motion 7.2 Administrator Ordinance 2002: Motion 7.3 Relinquishment of Holy Orders Amendment Ordinance 2002: Motion 7.4 Conduct of the Business of Synod Amendment Ordinance 2002: Motion 7.5

Tuesday 22 October 2002	
3:00 pm	Bible study/prayer Formal matters Thereafter, motions for which no time has been specified (from Motion 8.3 onwards)
4:30 - 5:45 pm	General Synod - Long Service Leave (Amendment) Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: Motion 7.6 General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Special Tribunal) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: Motion 7.7 General Synod - Special Tribunal Procedure Amendment and Repeal Canon 2001 Adopting Ordinance 2002: Motion 7.8 General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Suspension from Duties) Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: Motion 7.9 General Synod - Constitution Alteration (Tribunals) Amendment Canon 2001 Assenting Ordinance 2002: Motion 7.10
7:00 pm	Diocesan Mission Initiatives: Motion 8.1 Other matters in the order listed on the business paper.

Bible Reading, Hymn & Prayers: Monday 21 October 2002

Bible Reading (John 3:16-21):

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. ¹⁸Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because he has not believed in the name of God's one and only Son. ¹⁹This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but men loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that his deeds will be exposed. ²¹But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what he has done has been done through God."

Scripture taken from the Holy Bible, New International Version

Hymn: How deep the Father's love for us

1. How deep the Father's love for us,
How vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss,
The Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory.
2. Behold the man upon a cross,
My sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life -
I know that it is finished.
3. I will not boast in anything,
No gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.

Stuart Townsend

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Pianist: Mr Bob Cameron