

# Anglican Church of Australia Diocese of Sydney

## 2nd Session of the 45th Synod **Business Paper: Wednesday 11 October 2000**

*(Page references are to the Standing Committee's Report - see Standing Order 65 for ordinance procedures.)*

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

**1. Prayers will be read by Bishop Robert Forsyth: see attached**

**2. Minutes of 10 October 2000**

**3. Questions**

(1) Dr Laurie Scandrett to ask -

With regard to item 2.6 in the Supplementary Report of the Standing Committee for 2000 -

- (a) Was the approval of a grant of \$811,000 in 2000 and \$297,000 in 2001 for the Cathedral Restoration Project a result of a request from the Chapter of St Andrew's Cathedral and, if not, from whom?
- (b) What is the total amount the Standing Committee appropriated (or approved for payment) to the Cathedral Restoration Project? Have any of these appropriations ever been discussed by the Synod?
- (c) Were any vision or long term strategic planning documents for the Cathedral ministry ever received by the Standing Committee in support of these requests for appropriations (or approval)?
- (d) What were the "major expected outcomes" for "Line item 13: Capital Projects" in the Explanatory Report of the Synod Estimates Ordinance 1999?
- (e) Does the approval for the grants in item 2.6 for the Cathedral Restoration Fund satisfy any of the major expected outcomes listed in the Explanatory Report, and if so, which ones(s)?
- (f) Are any funds remaining under line item 13 which could satisfy the unfulfilled "major expected outcomes"?
- (g) Has the approved grant for 2000 yet been paid to the Cathedral Restoration Fund?
- (h) If not, is it possible for the Synod by resolution to rescind the approval by the Standing Committee and seek a new allocation for this line item which would better reflect the expected major outcomes?

(2) The Rev Frank Gee to ask -

In relation to the proposed Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000 -

- (a) How many congregations ready to be launched or already in existence, but not yet enjoying official recognition by this Diocese, would come within the criteria established by the proposed ordinance?
- (b) Where are they situated?
- (c) What is the distinctive characteristic of each of those congregations, which would qualify it to be affected by this ordinance if passed?

(3) Dr Philip Selden to ask -

- (a) For each of the past 3 years, how many Sydney Anglican candidates have graduated from Moore College?
- (b) What churches did they attend before entering college?
- (c) Is the number of candidates limited by:

- (i) The college
- (ii) The suitability of candidates, or
- (iii) The expected number of vacancies for assistant ministers?

(4) The Rev Dr John Bunyan to ask -

In order to assist the Diocesan Secretary and his staff during Synod, where questions asked by members of Synod are likely to involve some time in investigation and research, would it be helpful and permissible for copies of those questions to be sent informally to the Diocesan Secretary well before the time Synod meets whenever this is possible?

(5) The Rev Dr John Bunyan to ask -

Noting the long-standing and valued support of our diocese for the ministry and mission of the Church of England in South Africa, and the hope of increasingly good relations between it and the Church of the Province of South Africa to which Your Grace made mention in your Presidential Address, and noting the hope of some that other independent Anglican churches not at present in communion with Canterbury might be enabled eventually to be included within its fellowship, I ask nonetheless if those in our diocese involved in these matters have noted the view of the Late Professor Peter Hinchcliff in his studies of the South African Church and of Bishop Colenso that there is no historical, legal, constitutional, or canonical link between the Church of England in Natal, associated with Bishop Colenso, in communion with Canterbury and now extinct, and the present Church of England in South Africa?

(6) The Rev Brian Telfer to ask -

- (a) In what way is the TAFE ministry commended in the President's report regarded as Anglican?
- (b) Who is involved in this ministry?
- (c) What training is there and where?
- (d) What funding is provided and from whom?
- (e) What oversight is given to those working in this ministry?

**4. Petitions**

**5. Notices of Questions**

**6. Notices of Motions**

**7. Orders of the Day**

**(1) Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000: Committee Stage**

That the Synod resolve itself into committee to consider the text of the bill for the Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000.

*(Page 249 and Supplementary Report - to be taken at 4.30 pm)*

(The Rev Phillip Jensen/Mr Neil Cameron)

**(2) Conduct of the Business of Synod Ordinance 2000: 3rd Reading**

That the bill for the Conduct of Business of Synod Ordinance 2000 be read a third time.

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(Mr Neil Cameron)

**(3) Synod Elections Ordinance 2000: 3rd reading**

That the bill for the Synod Elections Ordinance 2000 be read a third time.

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(Mr Mark Payne)

- (4) **Synod 2001 (Amendment of Procedure) Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**
- That the bill for the Synod 2001 (Amendment of Procedure) Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
(Page 272) (Mr Mark Payne)
- (5) **Assistant Bishops (Bishops Coadjutor) Ordinance 1947 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**
- That the bill for the Assistant Bishops (Bishops Coadjutor) Ordinance 1947 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
(See *Supplementary Report tabled on 9 October*) (Mr Philip Gerber)
- (6) **Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**
- That the bill for the Synod Membership Ordinance 1995 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
(Page 304) (The Rev Dr Glenn Davies)
- (7) **Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**
- That the bill for the Church Discipline Ordinance 1996 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
(Page 139) (Mr Garth Blake)
- (8) **Assessment and Charges Ordinance 1975 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**
- That the bill for the Assessment and Charges Ordinance 1975 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
(Page 127) (Dr Laurie Scandrett)
- (9) **General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**
- That the bill for the General Synod - Constitution of A Diocese Alteration Canon 1995 Adopting Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
(Page 184) (Mr Robert Tong)
- (10) **Regional Councils Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**
- That the bill for the Regional Councils Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
(Page 267) (Dr Kim Hawtrey)
- (11) **Support for Missionary Episcopal Ministry**
- Synod endorses the media release dated 22 August 2000 of Archbishop Goodhew and the assistant bishops of this Diocese, calling for a broad-based US conservative coalition, and requests that the Diocesan Secretary communicate to the Archbishop of Canterbury and the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church of the United States of America, and the Primate of the Anglican Church of Australia this Synod's support for missionary episcopal ministry.  
(See pages 6 to 8 of the *Supplementary Report tabled on 9 October*) (The Rev Phillip Jensen)
- (12) **Metropolitan Canon 1998**
- Synod declines to assent to the Metropolitan Canon No. P1, 1998 on the basis that the following proposals may diminish the ability of the Archbishop of Sydney as Metropolitan to be involved in the affairs of a diocese in the Province of New South Wales so as to preserve the integrity of the Church -

- (a) the non-administration of the oath of due obedience to the Archbishop in 'The form of Ordaining or Consecrating an Archbishop or Bishop' contained in the Book of Common Prayer, as provided in section 5 of the Canon;
  - (b) the deletion of words from paragraph 5 of the service entitled 'The Consecrating of a Bishop' in An Australian Prayer Book, as provided in section 6 of the Canon; or
  - (c) the amendments to the service entitled 'The Ordination of Bishops' in A Prayer Book for Australia, as provided in section 7 of the Canon.
- (See Supplementary Report tabled on 9 October)* (Mr Robert Tong)

**(13) Ministry Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Ministry Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
*(Page 214)* (Dr Barry Newman)

**(14) Proposals for Reform of Anti Discrimination Act**

Synod -

- (a) notes with concern the New South Wales Law Reform Commission's proposals for reform of the Anti Discrimination Act; and
  - (b) calls on the Premier, the Attorney General and Parliament of New South Wales to uphold the principle of "freedom of religion", and reject those of the Commission's proposals which will detract from the exercise of that freedom in New South Wales.
- (See pages 22-24 - to be taken at 7.00 pm on Wednesday 11th)* (Canon Peter Jensen)

**(15) Parish Development Review Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Parish Development Review Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
*(Page 234 - to be taken after 7(14))* (The Rev Hugh Cox)

**(16) Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
*(Page 247 - to be taken after 7(15))* (The Rev Bruce Southwell)

**(17) Parish Relationships Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Parish Relationships Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
*(Page 238 - to be taken after 7(16))* (Archdeacon Trevor Edwards)

**(18) Assistant Ministers Ordinance 1990 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Assistant Ministers Ordinance 1990 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
*(Page 130 - to be taken at 4.30 pm on Monday 16th)* (Mr Ian Miller)

**(19) Incapacity Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Incapacity Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
*(Page 205 - to be taken at 8.00 pm on Monday 16th)* (Mr Bill Nicholson/Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones)

**(20) Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading**

That the bill for the Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2000 be read a second time.  
*(Page 211 - to be taken after 7(19))* (Dr Ann Young/Archdeacon Geoff Huard)

**(21) Doctrine and Principles of the Anglican Church**

Synod supports the Sydney Standing Committee in its request to the Primates -

- (a) to affirm in the face of current denials -
  - (i) the uniqueness of Jesus as the only name for obtaining salvation;
  - (ii) our redemption through his full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world whereby he reconciled his Father to us;
  - (iii) the resurrection of Jesus in which he took again his body with flesh, bones and all things appertaining to the perfection of human nature; and
  - (iv) the sufficiency and authority of Scripture; and
- (b) to reject current advocacy of -
  - (i) heterosexual immorality; and
  - (ii) homosexual practice.

*(See pages 26-28 - to be taken*

*at 7.00 pm on Tuesday 17th)* (The Rev Dr Glenn Davies/Deaconess Margaret Rodgers)

- (22) Synod respectfully requests that the Archbishop not authorise any person to preach or participate in the leadership of church services in the Diocese of Sydney who will not give assent to the doctrines and principles advocated in motion 7(21).

*(See pages 26-28 - to be taken after 7(21))*

(The Rev Dr John Woodhouse)

- (23) Synod respectfully requests that the Sydney representatives to the General Synod of the Anglican Church of Australia ask the General Synod at its 2001 meeting to ask all Australian Diocesan Bishops not to authorise any person to preach or participate in the leadership of church services in their dioceses who will not give assent to the doctrines and principles advocated in motion 7(21).

*(See pages 26-28 - to be taken after 7(22))*

(The Rev Dr John Woodhouse)

**8. Motions**

**(1) Diocesan mission teams**

Synod commends to both the present as well as the incoming Archbishop the formation of a Diocesan Mission Team or teams, such team, or teams, to be utilized as follows -

- (a) to be an evangelistic and church re-planting group comprising of at least 1 person as a team leader, along with those whose ministry is in general evangelism and pastoring;
- (b) to be used at the discretion of the Archbishop after consultation with, and request from, parishes that are finding continuing viability or even existence a problem;
- (c) the finance for such team or teams to be provided as a matter of priority from whatever funds the Standing Committee chooses to use, or with what the Synod may allocate in the next triennium budget;
- (d) such team or teams would be responsible for a fixed parish or area for, say, 3 years to rebuild such an area or parish until it would be viable, and then be moved to another area of mission.

(The Rev Neil Flower)

**(2) Faculties**

Having regard to the need to simplify and streamline procedures and to assist parishes to respond to changing circumstances, Synod requests that the Standing Committee appoint a committee to review the rationale for and procedures relating to faculties and related regulations and to prepare legislation for consideration by Synod in 2001 which will simplify and where practicable abolish requirements presently applying.

(Canon Bruce Ballantine-Jones OAM)

**(3) Women bishops**

Synod notes the proposal for the consecration of women as bishops in the Anglican Church of Australia, recognises its potential for further division, and requests that the Rev Dr Robert Doyle and Dr Ann Young, after consultation with the other Sydney representatives

on the General Synod, prepare a report for the Synod on the theological and pastoral implications of such a development and the possible ways of meeting the needs of those who may be disaffiliated by such a move.

(Canon Peter Jensen/Canon Terry Dein)

(4) **Role and function of archdeacons**

In light of the appointment of a layman as Assistant to the Bishop of Wollongong, the Synod requests that the Standing Committee appoint a committee to investigate the role and function of archdeacons and to report to the Synod in 2001 with suggestions about how the office may best develop and how the identified roles and functions may best be carried out.

(Canon Jim Ramsay)

(5) **Diocesan files on clergy**

In keeping with contemporary understanding of fair dealing and openness, Synod requests that arrangements be made to enable a member of the clergy in the Diocese to inspect all material held on file about that member in the Diocesan records, with a view to correcting error and challenging any matters of judgement by inserting his or her own file note.

(The Rev Phillip Jensen)

(6) **Homosexual "marriage" and ordination**

Synod -

- (a) appreciates the work done by the Faculty of Moore College in publishing a volume of *Explorations* entitled *Theological and Pastoral responses to Homosexuality* (1994); and
- (b) since this matter will be frequently before the Church in the next decade - requests that the Faculty of Moore College, through the Principal, keep the Christian public informed of the matters under debate and, in particular, brief the General Synod members on the issues before the next meeting of that body.

(The Rev Stephen Gibson/The Rev Roger Kay)

(7) **Office of regional bishops**

Synod requests that the Archbishop and the Standing Committee give consideration to the appointment of Regional Bishops for a term of office of about 10 years, and thereafter subject to annual extensions, with a view to-

- (a) appointing some younger bishops to the episcopal team; and
- (b) developing a culture which facilitates the opportunity for bishops to return to parish ministry after serving their episcopal term.

(Canon Terry Dein)

(8) **General Synod - Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2000 : Procedure**

Synod requests that the motion to bring in the bill for the General Synod - Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2000 (motion 8(9)) be included in the motions 'by request of the Synod' in the order of business for this session of the Synod.

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(Justice Ken Handley AO)

(9) **General Synod - Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2000: Introduction**

Synod grants leave for the mover to introduce the General Synod - Law of the Church of England Clarification Canon 1992 Adopting Ordinance 2000.

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(Justice Ken Handley AO)

[Place for insertion of Mr Ingham's motion to restore to last year's order]

**(10) Referral of matters to the Synod**

Synod requires that the Standing Committee bring to the next ordinary session of the Synod a bill -

- (a) to require that any matter, or any part of a matter, being considered by the Standing Committee be referred to the Synod by the Archbishop upon -
  - (i) the written request of the Archbishop; or
  - (ii) the written request or requests of any 5 members of the Standing Committee; or
  - (iii) the written request or requests of 100 members of the Synod; and
- (b) to require that the Standing Committee take no further action about the matter, or part thereof, referred to the Synod by the Archbishop under paragraph (a), except for the production of reports on the matter;
- (c) to require that the Standing Committee prepare a report about the matter referred to the Synod and include in that report the report of any member or members of the Standing Committee who hold a minority view.

(The Rev Paul Cohen)

**(11) 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)

**(12) Funding of Anglican sports ministries**

Synod -

- (a) notes the 5th and final report of the Archbishop's Olympic Games Task Force,
- (b) acknowledges the need for a continuing Anglican Sports Ministry, as identified by the advisory board of the Task Force, and as supported by the Archbishop, and
- (c) supports an ongoing Anglican Sports Ministry to continue the work and witness of the Archbishop's Olympic Games Task Force, and
- (d) requests that the Standing Committee provide funding in the current 3 year Synod budget period of an extra \$40,000 for 2001 and \$80,000 in 2002.

(Bishop Brian King)

### (13) Principles of the Book of Common Prayer

Synod, recognising that there may sometimes be a lack of awareness today of some of the important principles of the Book of Common Prayer (however narrowly or broadly interpreted), reminds church people -

- (a) that each infant or adult baptised is “regenerate and grafted into the body of Christ’s Church” and thereby made “a member of Christ, the child of God, and an inheritor of the kingdom of heaven”, called “to lead a godly and Christian life”, following “the example of our Saviour Christ, and ... made like unto him”;
- (b) that candidates for Baptism who are able to answer for themselves are to be “sufficiently instructed in the principles of the Christian Religion” and exhorted to “prepare themselves with Prayers and Fasting for the receiving of this holy Sacrament”;
- (c) that infant Baptism is founded upon our Lord’s command “that children be brought unto him” and “his good will toward them”, and the pre-existing “good will of our heavenly Father ... declared by his Son Jesus Christ”;
- (d) that God who has “vouchsafed to regenerate” those baptised “by Water and the Holy Ghost” and who has given them “forgiveness of all their sins” is called upon by the bishop in Confirmation to “strengthen them ... with the Holy Ghost the Comforter”;
- (e) that “the Body and Blood of Christ” are “verily and indeed taken and received by the faithful in the Lord’s Supper”, “that holy Sacrament”, God vouchsafing to feed those who duly receive “these holy mysteries” with “spiritual food”, but that none shall be admitted to the holy communion “until such time as he be confirmed or ready and desirous to be confirmed”;
- (f) that “from the Apostles’ time there have been these Orders of Ministers in Christ’s Church; Bishops, Priests and Deacons” and that no one is to execute any of these offices unless called, tried, examined and admitted by “publick Prayer, with Imposition of Hands” according to the Prayer Book Ordinal (or authorised alternative), “or hath had formerly Episcopal Consecration or Ordination”;
- (g) that the blessing of some material things of God’s creation is commanded, ie. the sanctifying of water in Baptism and the consecration of bread and wine in Communion (remaining “consecrated Elements” reverently placed on the Lord’s Table and covered after the administration), with alms “and other devotions of the people” earlier placed upon “that holy Table”, and with the church building itself consecrated as “the house of God” in which great reverence is to be shown (BCP & Homilies).

Synod also acknowledges that the Book of Common Prayer in providing the official “standard of worship” in our Church, among other things, also bears witness to -

- (i) the rightful provision of “special confession” for those troubled in conscience especially in time of sickness;
- (ii) the rightful provision for the observance of Sundays and other feast days of the Church, together with “Vigils, Fasts and Days of Abstinence”;
- (iii) the “Solemnization of Matrimony” as ordained by God and intended as the union of a man and woman so long as they both shall live.

(The Rev Dr John Bunyan)

### (14) Funeral companies

Synod -

- (a) expresses its concern at reports that often some funeral companies as a matter of routine do not seek to contact the appropriate parish clergyman for the funerals of Anglicans unless specifically requested to do so by the family concerned, thus depriving the parish clergyman of the opportunity of pastoral ministry and contact in these cases;
- (b) expresses its appreciation to those funeral directors who continue to do all they can to contact parish clergyman and who seek to co-operate with them; and

- (c) asks that the major funeral corporations and as many as possible for the other funeral companies operating in the Diocese be informed both of the concern and of the appreciation expressed in this motion.

(The Rev Dr John Bunyan)

**(15) Declaration “*Dominus Iesus*”**

Synod records its appreciation of the reaffirmation recently made by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church in the *Declaration “Dominus Iesus”* of the uniqueness and completeness of Christ for the salvation of all humanity, but expresses its sorrow that the declaration continues to deny that what are called in the document “ecclesial communities” which do not have “the valid episcopal order and the genuine and integral substance of the eucharistic mystery” (which would include us in the Anglican Church of Australia) are churches of Christ in the proper sense.

(Bishop Robert Forsyth)

**(16) Age of clergy**

For the assistance of parish nominators, Synod requests that the Registrar consider including the year of birth with each clergy entry when publishing the Diocesan Year Book.

(Mr Robert Tong)

**(17) Foundation of our Church**

Synod -

- (a) acknowledges that the constitutional foundation of our church is set forth in the fundamental declarations contained in the Constitution of the Anglican Church of Australia and that this Church takes no power to alter or add to those declarations nor to impose any new statement of faith, the fundamental declarations being as follows -
- (i) The Anglican Church of Australia, being a part of the One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church of Christ, holds the Christian Faith as professed by the Church of Christ from primitive times and in particular as set forth in the creeds known as the Nicene Creed and the Apostles' Creed;
  - (ii) This Church receives all the canonical scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as being the ultimate rule and standard of faith given by inspiration of God and containing all things necessary for salvation.
  - (iii) This Church will ever obey the commands of Christ, teach his Doctrine, administer His sacraments of Holy Baptism and Holy Communion, follow and uphold His discipline and preserve the three orders of bishops, priests and deacons in the sacred ministry.
- (b) acknowledges that all licensed deacons, priests and bishops of this Church are to give such assent to the Scriptures, the Book of Common Prayer, and the Articles of Religion as the formularies of this Church require, without any additional doctrinal imposition.

(Associate Professor Michael Horsburgh)

**(18) Encouraging young Anglicans to enter the teaching profession**

In the light of the increasing number of Christian and Anglican Schools particularly, and the often difficult task of finding sufficient Christian teachers, Synod requests that the Standing Committee investigate ways of encouraging young people in the Diocese to consider teaching as a profession and report back to Synod in 2001.

(Mr Geoff Kyngdon)

**(19) Anglican Counselling Centre and the Rev Michael Corbett-Jones**

Synod -

- (a) gives praise to God for the outstanding work of the Anglican Counselling Centre over half a century, and for the people whose lives have been blessed through the ministry of the Centre;
- (b) thanks the Rev Michael Corbett-Jones for his leadership of the Centre over the past 20 years, and for his part in the ongoing development of the Centre's ministry;



# 2nd Session of the 45th Synod

## Notices for Wednesday 11 October 2000

### 1. Missionary Hour and Proposed Special Debates etc

Please note the following arrangements and proposed arrangements, which are subject to confirmation in some cases -

#### *Wednesday 11 October*

4.30 pm Recognised Churches Ordinance 2000: Committee Stage Motion 7(1)

7 pm Proposals for reform of the Anti Discrimination Act: Motion 7(14)  
Parish Development Review Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading (Motion 7(15) - followed by committee stage, if necessary)  
Parish Review (Monitoring Panel) Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading (Motion 7(16) - followed by committee stage, if necessary)  
Parish Relationships Ordinance 2000: 2nd reading (Motion 7(17) - followed by committee stage, if necessary)

#### *Monday 16 October*

4.30 pm Assistant Ministers Ordinance 1990 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd reading (Motion 7(18))

7 pm Missionary Hour.

8 pm Incapacity Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading (Motion 7(19) - followed by committee stage, if necessary)  
Tribunal Ordinance 1962 Amendment Ordinance 2000: 2nd Reading (Motion 7(20) - followed by committee stage, if necessary)

#### *Tuesday 17 October*

7 pm Doctrine and Principles of the Anglican Church: Motions 7(21), 7(22) and 7(23)

### 2. Arrangements for Meetings

The hours of meeting will be approximately 3 pm to 5.45 pm and 7 pm to 9.30 pm or 10 pm. The meeting place will be open from 2.30 pm.

Please take your belongings and papers with you each time you leave the meeting place.

### 3. Name Tags

Please wear your name tag to enter the Synod members' section of the meeting place.

### 4. Refreshments

The Wesley Restaurant will be open for meals each evening. There are several other restaurants and coffee shops in the vicinity of the Wesley Theatre.

Drinking water dispensers are located in the Theatre Foyer. The consumption of food and beverages is not permitted in the Wesley Theatre.

# Hymn, Bible Reading and Prayers: Wednesday 11 October 2000

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ  
**Grace and peace also to you**

Let us pray

**God our Father,**

**You judge your people with wisdom and rule them with love.**

**Give a spirit of understanding to the Synod of this Diocese that we may make wise decisions, that will give glory to you and be a blessing to your people.**

**Grant this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Hymn: Name of all majesty

1. Name of all majesty,  
fathomless mystery,  
king of the ages  
by angels adored;  
    power and authority,  
    splendour and dignity,  
    bow to his mastery -  
Jesus is Lord!
2. Child of our destiny,  
God from eternity,  
love of the Father  
on sinners outpoured;  
    see now what God has done  
    sending his only Son,  
    Christ the beloved One -  
Jesus is Lord!
3. Saviour of Calvary,  
costliest victory,  
darkness defeated  
and Eden restored -  
    born as a man to die,  
    nailed to a cross on high,  
    cold in the grave to lie -  
Jesus is Lord!
4. Source of all sovereignty,  
light, immortality,  
life everlasting  
and heaven assured;  
    so with the ransomed, we  
    praise him eternally,  
    Christ in his majesty -  
Jesus is Lord!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (born 1926)

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Pianist: The Rev Paul Weaver

## **Bible Reading (1 Corinthians 12.27-13.13):**

<sup>27</sup> Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. <sup>28</sup> And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. <sup>29</sup> Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? <sup>30</sup> Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? <sup>31</sup> But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

<sup>1</sup> If I speak in the tongues of mortals and of angels, but do not have love, I am a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. <sup>2</sup> And if I have prophetic powers, and understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. <sup>3</sup> If I give away all my possessions, and if I hand over my body so that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Love is patient; love is kind; love is not envious or boastful or arrogant <sup>5</sup> or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; <sup>6</sup> it does not rejoice in wrongdoing, but rejoices in the truth. <sup>7</sup> It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.

<sup>8</sup> Love never ends. But as for prophecies, they will come to an end; as for tongues, they will cease; as for knowledge, it will come to an end. <sup>9</sup> For we know only in part, and we prophesy only in part; <sup>10</sup> but when the complete comes, the partial will come to an end. <sup>11</sup> When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child; when I became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. <sup>12</sup> For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. <sup>13</sup> And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.

**Surprising Texts 2** “The one thing you can’t do without?”

## **Prayers**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your Name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Lord, you have taught us that whatever we do without love is worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted as dead before you, for your only son Jesus Christ’s sake. **Amen**

*Other Prayers*

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen**