

Early release of motions for which notice was given on 17 September 2024

as at 6.50 pm, 17 September 2024

Please note – the motions below may be subject to minor editorial amendments on the Business Paper.

(i) Mrs Nicky Fortescue gave notice of the following motion -

Synod requests a review of the Confidential Lifestyle Questionnaire (CLQ) by the ODSM to –

- (a) consider the purpose and necessity of every question for individuals who have experienced significant trauma in their past,
- (b) consider extending the offer of professional support to people who fear the experience of completing the CLQ in case it is experienced as a re-traumatising event, and
- (c) consider including a space to testify to the work of Christ in their life.

(ii) The Rev Stuart Maze gave notice of the following motion -

Synod give thanks to God for the 16 years of ministry and mission of Church@thepeak that was originally planted out of Beverly Hills with Kingsgrove Anglican in 2008 at Peakhurst South Public School as an initiative of the then Rector Peter Hayward and then went on to become an independent parish in 2018, and under God grew to be a church of 200 across two services. And Synod thanks God for the many years of sustained ministry and mission by Christ Church Mortdale and its predecessor churches. Under God, in 2023 these churches entered into a ministry partnership which resulted in the congregations of the two churches formally coming together in January this year under the new name Crosslight Anglican Church. Synod looks forward to seeing God at work in and through Crosslight for his glory in the years to come.

(iii) Dr Laurie Scandrett gave notice of the following motion -

Synod, noting that the variable PCR percentage payable by parishes with property has increased from 5.2% to 8.3% over the last 10 years, requests the Standing Committee to bring to the 2025 Synod –

- (a) a report on the feasibility of putting a maximum cap on the variable PCR percentage payable by parishes with property, after seeking feedback from parishes about the effect on them of the seemingly ever-increasing variable PCR percentage;
- (b) a draft amendment ordinance to include the concept of a maximum cap on the variable PCR percentage payable by parishes with property into the Parish Cost Recoveries Ordinance (and/or any other relevant ordinance);
- (c) a recommendation of what the long-term maximum cap on the variable PCR percentage payable by parishes with property might be; and
- (d) any other relevant recommendations.

(iv) The Rev Andrew Schmidt gave notice of the following motion -

Synod –

- (a) notes that the earnest request of our school heads, that “Paragraph 3” of the Statement of Faith not be passed, has been met by Synod,
- (b) affirms that the Christian sexual ethic, in which sex is reserved for a husband and wife in the covenant relationship of marriage, is indeed a crucial part of the law of Christ, and not peripheral to the gospel,
- (c) expresses its desire that every student in Anglican Schools should, in an age-appropriate way, come to understand (even though not all will accept it) the Christian sexual ethic

taught in a positive, factual, winsome and hopeful fashion by individuals who themselves believe it,

- (d) gives thanks for our Anglican Schools and prays for them in the immensely challenging task of presenting this part of the gospel in today's culture.

(v) Mr Sherwin Titus gave notice of the following motion -

Synod –

- (a) notes that the Right Reverend Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024) passed away on 12 August 2024,
- (b) gives thanks to God for the life and ministry of the Right Reverend Timothy Dudley-Smith, who served as –
 - (i) Archdeacon of Norwich, Diocese of Norwich, UK (1973 –1981),
 - (ii) Bishop of Thetford, Diocese of Norwich, UK (1981 – 1992),
 - (iii) Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Salisbury, UK (1992 – 2024),
- (c) gives thanks to God for the hymns written by the Right Reverend Timothy Dudley-Smith, who wrote approximately 450 hymns in a career spanning almost six-decades,
- (d) prays that God would raise up, illuminate and inspire a new generation of hymn-writers who will equip us to “proclaim the excellencies of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light (1 Peter 2:9).

(vi) Mr Robert Gifford gave notice of the following motion -

Synod –

- (a) gives thanks to God for the work of Church Army Australia across the past 90 years, working specifically to raise up Evangelists for the Anglican Church of Australia,
- (b) rejoices that Church Army-trained Evangelists have been used by God across the decades to bring many people to faith in Christ, including in our Diocese, and that many of our diocesan Clergy have benefited from Church Army's training,
- (c) notes that Church Army Australia formally ceased its evangelistic and training ministries in May 2024,
- (d) prays that the Lord of the Harvest would continue to raise up workers for His harvest fields, and that new organisations and initiatives in Sydney would continue the essential work of training Evangelists for the church,
- (e) notes that the work and ministry of Church Army Australia has been chronicled and digitally archived; and is available at churcharmy.com.au.