

CONTENTS

The following Bills were lodged with the Honorary Secretaries of the General Synod before 1 April 2003:

| | Page |
|---|------|
| BILL NO 1 | |
| REV CANON RB ROUNTREE VERY REV MAJ BURROWS (at the request of the General Synod) | |
| Explanatory Memorandum | 5 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> by altering the wording of certain texts to follow the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) version amended as set out in the accompanying Schedule. | 5 |
| BILL NO 2 | |
| REV CANON RB ROUNTREE LADY SHEIL (at the request of the General Synod) | |
| Explanatory Memorandum | 6 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> by including therein <i>The Order for Confirmation</i> as set out in the accompanying Schedule. | 6 |
| BILL NO 3 | |
| REV CANON RB ROUNTREE VERY REV MAJ BURROWS (at the request of the General Synod) | |
| Explanatory Memorandum | 7 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> by including therein <i>Holy Baptism in the context of Morning or Evening Prayer</i> as set out in the accompanying Schedule. | 7 |
| BILL NO 4 | |
| REV CANON RB ROUNTREE VERY REV MAJ BURROWS (at the request of the General Synod) | |
| Explanatory Memorandum | 8 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend that part of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> entitled <i>Prayers and Thanksgivings</i> by substituting, for the above-mentioned part of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> , <i>Some Prayers and Thanksgivings</i> from earlier editions of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> or from <i>Alternative Prayer Book</i> as set out in the accompanying Schedule. | 8 |

BILL NO 5

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
 VERY REV MAJ BURROWS
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|--|---|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 9 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> by including therein <i>Daily Prayer</i> as set out in the accompanying Schedule. | 9 |

BILL NO 6

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
 VERY REV MAJ BURROWS
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|---|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 10 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend that part of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> entitled <i>The Order for the Visitation of the Sick</i> by substituting, for the above mentioned part of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> , <i>Ministry to the Sick and others requiring particular pastoral care</i> as set out in the accompanying Schedule. | 10 |

BILL NO 7

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
 VERY REV MAJ BURROWS
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|---|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 11 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend that part of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> entitled <i>A Penitential Service</i> by substituting, for the above-mentioned part of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> , <i>Service for Ash Wednesday</i> as set out in the accompanying Schedule. | 11 |

BILL NO 8

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
 VERY REV MAJ BURROWS
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|--|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 12 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend that part of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> entitled <i>The Psalter</i> by substituting, for the above mentioned part of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> , <i>The Psalter</i> from <i>Common Worship – Services and Prayers for the Church of England</i> for use in churches of the Church of Ireland. | 12 |

BILL NO 9

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
 VERY REV MAJ BURROWS
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|---|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 13 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to include with the <i>Book of Common Prayer, The Ordinal</i> as set out in the accompanying Schedule. | 13 |

BILL NO 10

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
 VERY REV MAJ BURROWS
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|--|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 14 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend that part of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> entitled <i>General Directions for Publick Worship</i> by substituting, for the above-mentioned part of the <i>Book of Common Prayer, General Directions for Public Worship</i> as set out in the accompanying Schedule. | 14 |

BILL NO 11

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
 VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

| | |
|--|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 15 |
| To insert in the 2004 edition of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> a Preface to precede the Preface prefixed at the revision of 1926. | 15 |

BILL NO 12

LADY SHEIL
 REV CANON RB ROUNTREE

| | |
|---|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 17 |
| To bring into operation the provisions of certain statutes of the General Synod and to make provision for ancillary matters concerning the 2004 edition of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> . | 17 |

BILL NO 13

LADY SHEIL
 REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|---|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 20 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to correct inaccuracies and contradictory directions and to remove infelicities of diction in the statutes set out in the accompanying Schedule, which statutes will form part of the text of the 2004 edition of the <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> . | 20 |

BILL NO 14

LADY SHEIL
 THE HON MRS JUSTICE C MCGUINNESS
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|---|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 21 |
| To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend, in Chapter IX of the Constitution, Canons 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16, 26, 31 and 32 (hereafter referred to as “the said Canons”) of the Canons of the Church of Ireland by substituting, for the said Canons, the Canons set out in the accompanying Schedule. | 21 |

BILL NO 15

LADY SHEIL
 THE HON MRS JUSTICE C MCGUINNESS
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|--|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 22 |
| To consolidate enactments in regard to the Constitution. | 22 |

BILL NO 16

MR S GAMBLE
 MOST REV JRW NEILL
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|--|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 24 |
| To provide for the establishment of a Severance Fund for clergy. | 24 |

BILL NO 17

MR WF BAKER
 VEN REB WHITE
 (at the request of the General Synod)

| | |
|--|----|
| Explanatory Memorandum | 26 |
| To amend Chapter IV of the Constitution. | 26 |

BILL NO 1**Explanatory Memorandum**

In 2001 various texts were excluded from consideration at the committee stage to give General Synod the opportunity to consider all the proposals of the international English Language Liturgical Consultation. These are texts of prayers, creeds and canticles which are common to all churches which use English in their liturgies. This was because it was understood that these texts might be subject to amendment at the ELLC 2001 meeting. In fact no changes were made and the texts were submitted as a resolution in 2002. An amendment was made by the Liturgical Advisory Committee to the wording of the Nicene Creed which follows the traditional language version in translating the original Greek of one line as 'he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary'. This is because both 'by' and 'of' are the same Greek word.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* by altering the wording of certain texts to follow the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) version amended as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

WHEREAS a Resolution to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* by altering the wording of certain texts to follow the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) version as set out in the accompanying Schedule was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In the *Book of Common Prayer* the wording of certain texts to follow the English Language Liturgical Consultation (ELLC) version shall be altered as set out in the accompanying Schedule.
2. The provisions of section 1 and of the Schedule to this Statute shall come into force on such day or days as may hereafter be appointed by the General Synod.

BILL NO 2

Explanatory Memorandum

This is the traditional language Order for Confirmation, held over in 2001, because of an unsuccessful proposal by the House of Bishops to delete the last rubric in the service.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
LADY SHEIL

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* by including therein *The Order for Confirmation* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

WHEREAS a Resolution to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* by including therein *The Order for Confirmation* as set out in the accompanying Schedule was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. The *Book of Common Prayer* shall be amended by including therein *The Order for Confirmation* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.
2. The provisions of section 1 and of the Schedule to this Statute shall come into force on such day or days as may hereafter be appointed by the General Synod.

BILL NO 3**Explanatory Memorandum**

This provides a version of the service of Holy Baptism passed in 2002 to be in the context of *Morning or Evening Prayer*. It retains some of the features of the service for the Baptism of Children in the *Alternative Prayer Book* of 1984.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* by including therein *Holy Baptism in the context of Morning or Evening Prayer* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

WHEREAS a Resolution to include in the *Book of Common Prayer* the form entitled *Holy Baptism in the context of Morning or Evening Prayer* as set out in the accompanying Schedule was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In the *Book of Common Prayer* there shall be included the form entitled *Holy Baptism in the context of Morning or Evening Prayer* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.
2. The provisions of section 1 and of the Schedule to this Statute shall come into force on such day or days as may hereafter be appointed by the General Synod.

BILL NO 4**Explanatory Memorandum**

A collection of those of the ‘occasional prayers’ and thanksgivings from the 1926 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer* and *Alternative Prayer Book* which merit being retained in the new edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend that part of the *Book of Common Prayer* entitled *Prayers and Thanksgivings* by substituting, for the above-mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *Some Prayers and Thanksgivings* from earlier editions of the *Book of Common Prayer* or from *Alternative Prayer Book* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

WHEREAS a Resolution to amend that part of the *Book of Common Prayer* entitled *Prayers and Thanksgivings* by substituting, for the above-mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *Some Prayers and Thanksgivings* from earlier editions of the *Book of Common Prayer* or from *Alternative Prayer Book* as set out in the accompanying Schedule was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In the *Book of Common Prayer* for that part entitled *Prayers and Thanksgivings* there shall be substituted for the above-mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *Some Prayers and Thanksgivings* from earlier editions of the *Book of Common Prayer* or from *Alternative Prayer Book* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.
2. The provisions of section 1 and of the Schedule to this Statute shall come into force on such day or days as may hereafter be appointed by the General Synod.

BILL NO 5**Explanatory Memorandum**

This provides shorter forms for Morning and Evening Prayer on weekdays as have been provided in the *Alternative Prayer Book*, and also an outline of ways in which personal use may be made of the resources in the prayer book to stimulate people to 'pray with the church'.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* by including therein *Daily Prayer* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

WHEREAS a Resolution to include in the *Book of Common Prayer* the form entitled *Daily Prayer* as set out in the accompanying Schedule was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In the *Book of Common Prayer* there shall be included the form entitled *Daily Prayer* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.
2. The provisions of section 1 and of the Schedule to this Statute shall come into force on such day or days as may hereafter be appointed by the General Synod.

BILL NO 6**Explanatory Memorandum**

This Bill seeks to expand the provisions for ministry to the sick made in the book of Alternative Occasional Services in 1993 and includes forms for use when the laying on of hands or anointing are used with prayer for healing. It provides forms of Holy Communion for use in hospital or at home, and also a selection of prayers tailored to the needs of the sick and housebound. There is also a Service for Wholeness and Healing for use in parishes when ministry to the sick is offered. Finally extensive provision is made for ministry at the time of death.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend that part of the *Book of Common Prayer* entitled *The Order for the Visitation of the Sick* by substituting, for the above mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *Ministry to the Sick and others requiring particular pastoral care* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

WHEREAS a Resolution to amend that part of the *Book of Common Prayer* entitled *The Order for the Visitation of the Sick* by substituting, for the above mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *Ministry to the Sick and others requiring particular pastoral care* as set out in the accompanying Schedule was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In the *Book of Common Prayer* for that part entitled *The Order for the Visitation of the Sick* there shall be substituted for the above mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *Ministry to the Sick and others requiring particular pastoral care* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.
2. The provisions of section 1 and of the Schedule to this Statute shall come into force on such day or days as may hereafter be appointed by the General Synod.

BILL NO 7

Explanatory Memorandum

This provides a modern language service for Ash Wednesday based on a service authorised by the House of Bishops for trial use over ten years ago. It is flexible and may be used in different contexts.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend that part of the *Book of Common Prayer* entitled *A Penitential Service* by substituting, for the above-mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *Service for Ash Wednesday* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

WHEREAS a Resolution to amend that part of the *Book of Common Prayer* entitled *A Penitential Service* by substituting, for the above-mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *Service for Ash Wednesday* as set out in the accompanying Schedule was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In the *Book of Common Prayer* for that part entitled *A Penitential Service* there shall be substituted *Service for Ash Wednesday* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.
2. The provisions of section 1 and of the Schedule to this Statute shall come into force on such day or days as may hereafter be appointed by the General Synod.

BILL NO 8**Explanatory Memorandum**

The Psalter from Common Worship - Services and Prayer for the Church of England has been welcomed in the Church of Ireland. Although not required by the Bill it is intended to print the Psalter with the pointing published in 2002 by the Royal School of Church Music. However this will not exclude various other ways of using the psalms in the worship of the Church of Ireland.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend that part of the *Book of Common Prayer* entitled *The Psalter* by substituting, for the above mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *The Psalter from Common Worship – Services and Prayers for the Church of England* for use in churches of the Church of Ireland.

WHEREAS a Resolution to amend that part of the *Book of Common Prayer* entitled *The Psalter* by substituting, for the above mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *The Psalter from Common Worship – Services and Prayers for the Church of England* for use in churches of the Church of Ireland, was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In the *Book of Common Prayer* for that part entitled *The Psalter* there shall be substituted *The Psalter from Common Worship – Services and Prayers for the Church of England* for use in churches of the Church of Ireland.
2. The provisions of section 1 and of the Schedule to this Statute shall come into force on such day or days as may hereafter be appointed by the General Synod.

BILL NO 9**Explanatory Memorandum**

The Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining and Consecrating of Bishops, Priests and Deacons (1662) remains in the Prayer Book without any alteration whatsoever except as provided by the statutes of the Church of Ireland when Holy Orders were opened to men and women.

This Bill provides for ordination services in modern language based on the Ordinal in the book of *Alternative Occasional Services*. They have, however, been carefully revised in the light of the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation at Berkley, California in 2001, a conference at which the Church of Ireland was represented.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to include with the *Book of Common Prayer, The Ordinal* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

WHEREAS a Resolution to include with the *Book of Common Prayer, The Ordinal* as set out in the accompanying Schedule was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. With the *Book of Common Prayer* there shall be included the form entitled *The Ordinal* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.
2. The provisions of section 1 and of the Schedule to this Statute shall come into force on such day or days as may hereafter be appointed by the General Synod.

BILL NO 10

Explanatory Memorandum

This Bill seeks to revise and consolidate guidance given in the *Book of Common Prayer* 1926 and *Alternative Prayer Book* for the conduct of public worship in accordance with to the provisions of what will be the 2004 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend that part of the *Book of Common Prayer* entitled *General Directions for Publick Worship* by substituting, for the above-mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *General Directions for Public Worship* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.

WHEREAS a Resolution to amend that part of the *Book of Common Prayer* entitled *General Directions for Publick Worship* by substituting, for the above-mentioned part of the *Book of Common Prayer*, *General Directions for Public Worship* as set out in the accompanying Schedule was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In the *Book of Common Prayer* for that part entitled *General Directions for Publick Worship* there shall be substituted *General Directions for Public Worship* as set out in the accompanying Schedule.
2. The provisions of section 1 and of the Schedule to this Statute shall come into force on such day or days as may hereafter be appointed by the General Synod.

BILL NO 11**Explanatory Memorandum**

This short Bill seeks to provide a Preface for the 2004 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer* which, as was done in respect of the 1926 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*, will be inserted immediately before the Preface prefixed at the former revision of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

REV CANON RB ROUNTREE
VERY REV MAJ BURROWS

To insert in the 2004 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer* a Preface to precede the Preface prefixed at the revision of 1926

WHEREAS it is desirable that the 2004 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer* shall have a Preface in addition to those prefixed at earlier revisions of the *Book of Common Prayer*;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

The following Preface shall be inserted immediately before the Preface prefixed at the Revision of 1926:-

THE PREFACE

PREFIXED AT THE REVISION OF 2004

In 1997 the General Synod of the Church of Ireland, after careful consideration, requested the Church's Liturgical Advisory Committee to prepare a new edition of the Book of Common Prayer. Since disestablishment, two previous editions of the Book of Common Prayer had been produced (in 1878 and in 1926), but this new Book of Common Prayer was to include not only services of the Church handed down through the centuries but also services in contemporary language. In three decades prior to 1997 the General Synod had authorised a large number of services in modern language as alternatives to those contained in the Book of Common Prayer and thus this book, now given to the Church, represents the cumulative labours of committee and of Synod over many generations.

In undertaking our task, we embraced a time-honoured vision of Common Prayer which informs the contents and presentation of this book. We sought to unify the worship of God's people, while allowing reasonable scope for diversity within the essential unity of the Church's prayer. We were determined to produce a book which would have equal capacity to enrich private as well as corporate devotion. We desired that this book, like previous editions of it, should properly articulate and embody the Church's faith. We hoped that the book would strengthen our bonds of unity with sister churches who share our approach to Common Prayer, and we were therefore fully attentive to the reports of successive meetings of the International Anglican Liturgical Consultation.

We trust that this book will be used and treasured by many congregations and individuals in the years to come, and that its contents will permeate and shape their experience of prayer. Nevertheless, we must always remind ourselves that words, however admirable, beautiful or useful, are never to be confused with worship itself. The words set out on these pages are but the beginning of worship. They need to be appropriated with care and devotion by the People of God so that, with the aid of the Holy Spirit, men and women may bring glory to the Father and grow in the knowledge and likeness of Jesus Christ.

This book therefore leaves its compilers' hands with the hope and prayer that it will prove to be a worthy instrument by which to proclaim the Church's praise of God in the generation to come. It is of course only by God's gift that his faithful people 'do him true and laudable service', but we pray also that this book will have the capacity to draw God's people in our time to a fresh experience of the beauty of holiness.

BILL NO 12**Explanatory Memorandum**

In the year 1999, the General Synod passed the first statutes of a long series of liturgical legislative provisions which have been considered by Synod over the following three years; the provisions of these statutes, when brought fully into operation will, together with the provisions of various enactments already in operation, form part of the *Book of Common Prayer* (2004), the third edition of the Book since the disestablishment of the Church of Ireland.

Accordingly, clause 1 and Schedule I seek to provide that 6 June 2004 (Trinity Sunday 2004) shall be the date of commencement for the relevant provisions of the various liturgical statutes of 2000-2003.

In clause 2 the order of offices is listed. In this order, where, in a few instances such as Morning and Evening Prayer, a service is listed as 'ONE' or 'TWO' this is simply for ease of reference and in each case 'ONE' will refer to traditional the language version of the service and 'TWO' to the service in *Alternative Prayer Book* (1984) form as amended in the light of practical usage and of recent liturgical scholarship. In all cases the relevant services are as approved by General Synod.

Finally, in clause 3 and Schedule II provision is made for the repeal of several liturgical statutes which, by virtue of the provisions of the 2004 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*, will become redundant. These statutes made provision for services which were originally included in *Alternative Occasional Services* (1993) and which in a revised form have now been included in and so superceded by the *Book of Common Prayer* (2004).

LADY SHEIL
REV CANON RB ROUNTREE

BILL

To bring into operation the provisions of certain statutes of the General Synod and to make provision for ancillary matters concerning the 2004 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*

WHEREAS it is desirable that the provisions of several statutes of the General Synod in the years of 2000, 2001, 2002 and 2003 shall be brought into operation to form part of the 2004 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable that the said edition of the *Book of Common Prayer* shall have an order of offices;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

Such provisions of the statutes set out in Schedule I which are not already in operation shall come into operation on 6th June, 2004 to form, together with the provisions of Chapters I and II of 1999 and of Chapter III of 2001, part of the 2004 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*.

2. With effect from 6th June, 2004, the following shall be the order of the offices in the *Book of Common Prayer*:-
 1. The Prefaces.
 2. The Calendar.
 3. Tables of Readings.
 4. General Directions for Public Worship.
 5. Sentences of Scripture.
 6. Morning and Evening Prayer – *ONE*.

7. Morning and Evening Prayer – *TWO*.
 8. The Canticles.
 9. Daily Prayer.
 10. Some Prayers and Thanksgivings.
 11. An Order for Compline.
 12. A Late Evening Office.
 13. Services of the Word.
 14. The Litany – *ONE*.
 15. The Litany – *TWO*.
 16. Holy Communion – *ONE* – The Order for the Administration of the Lord’s Supper or Holy Communion.
 17. Holy Communion – *TWO* – The Celebration of the Holy Communion also called the Lord’s Supper or The Eucharist.
 18. Collects.
 19. Service for Ash Wednesday.
 20. Christian Initiation – *ONE* – (a) The Ministration of Public Baptism of Infants to be used in Church.
(b) The Order for Confirmation.
 21. Christian Initiation – *TWO* – Services of Initiation.
 22. Marriage Services – *ONE* – The Form of Solemnisation of Matrimony.
 23. Marriage Services – *TWO* – (a) The Marriage Service.
(b) Form of Prayer and Dedication after a Civil Marriage.
 24. Ministry to the Sick.
 25. Funeral Services – *ONE* – The Order for the Burial of the Dead.
 26. Funeral Services – *TWO* – Funeral Services.
 27. Ordination Services – *ONE* – The Form and Manner of Making, Ordaining and Consecrating. of Bishops, Priests and Deacons.
 28. Ordination Services – *TWO* – The Ordinal.
 29. The Psalter.
 30. A Catechism.
 31. The Creed (commonly called) of St Athanasius.
 32. Preamble and Declaration adopted by the General Convention in the year 1870.
 33. Articles of Religion.
3. With effect from 6th June, 2004, the provisions of the Statutes set out in Schedule II shall be repealed.

| SCHEDULE I | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Year and Chapter | Provisions of Statutes not yet in force |
| 2000 Chapter I | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2000 Chapter II | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2000 Chapter III | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2001 Chapter I | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2001 Chapter II | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2001 Chapter IV | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2002 Chapter I | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2002 Chapter II | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2002 Chapter III | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2002 Chapter IV | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2002 Chapter V | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2002 Chapter VI | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2002 Chapter VII | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2002 Chapter VIII | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2003 Chapter I | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2003 Chapter II | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2003 Chapter III | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2003 Chapter IV | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2003 Chapter V | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2003 Chapter VI | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2003 Chapter VII | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2003 Chapter VIII | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2003 Chapter IX | Section I and the Schedule |
| 2003 Chapter X | Section I and the Schedule |

| SCHEDULE II | |
|-------------------------|--|
| Year and Chapter | Provisions of Statutes to be repealed |
| 1987 Chapter I | The whole Act |
| 1987 Chapter II | The whole Act |
| 1987 Chapter III | The whole Act |
| 1988 Chapter I | The whole Act |
| 1988 Chapter II | The whole Act |
| 1992 Chapter I | The whole Act |
| 1992 Chapter II | The whole Act |

BILL NO 13**Explanatory Memorandum**

During the past five sessions of General Synod a large number of statutes providing new forms and orders of service in both traditional and modern language have been passed. During those years a number of inaccuracies and inconsistencies have arisen between the different orders of service. This bill seeks to correct these as well as to simplify and remove duplication which occurred when presenting separate services in legislation.

In addition it was discovered that there were errors in the provision of readings for festivals etc. Opportunity is taken to re-visit a number of these provisions to harmonize the Church of Ireland provision with that of the sister churches of Wales and England.

LADY SHEIL
REV CANON RB ROUNTREE

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to correct inaccuracies and contradictory directions and to remove infelicities of diction in the statutes set out in the accompanying Schedule, which statutes will form part of the text of the 2004 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*

WHEREAS a Resolution to amend the *Book of Common Prayer* by correcting inaccuracies and contradictory directions and removing infelicities of diction in the Statutes set out in the accompanying Schedule, was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002, by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of section 26(1) of Chapter 1 of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

In the 2004 edition of the *Book of Common Prayer*, the provisions of the statutes set out in the accompanying Schedule shall be amended in accordance with the said Schedule.

BILL NO 14**Explanatory Memorandum**

In 2002 the General Synod approved by the required majorities a resolution granting leave for the introduction of this Special Bill in 2003.

The General Synod of 2001 authorised the preparation of a Bill to consolidate the Constitution of the Church of Ireland so replacing the statute of 1988 and that Bill is Bill No 15 of 2003. In order that inclusive language may be used throughout the Constitution, Bill No 15 will include, as does the Statute of 1988, certain definitions.

One such definition, to replace the definition in section 2(1)(b) of the Statute of 1988 will be that the term 'member of the clergy' or 'clergy' shall, unless otherwise specifically provided, mean a deacon or priest of the Church of Ireland or of a church in full communion with that Church.

Chapter IX of the Constitution contains the Canons of the Church of Ireland and since an amendment to any of the Canons which concern the 'Articles, Doctrines, Rites, Rubrics or Formularies of the Church' requires a Special Bill, under section 26(1) of Chapter I of the Constitution, this Bill is now before the General Synod of 2003 so that the amendments therein, to ensure inclusive language, may be included in the consolidation of the Constitution in 2003, as found in Bill No 15 and the Schedule thereto.

LADY SHEIL
THE HON MRS JUSTICE C MCGUINNESS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL

To carry into effect a Resolution of the General Synod of 2002 to amend, in Chapter IX of the Constitution, Canons 5, 6, 10, 12, 13, 16, 26, 31 and 32 (hereafter referred to as "the said Canons") of the Canons of the Church of Ireland by substituting, for the said Canons, the Canons set out in the accompanying Schedule.

WHEREAS a Resolution, to amend in Chapter IX of the Constitution the said Canons by substituting, for the said Canons, the Canons set out in the accompanying Schedule, was duly passed in full Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2002 by the required majorities, and was duly transmitted to the Secretaries of all Diocesan Synods;

AND WHEREAS it is expedient that the said Resolution shall be carried into effect by a Statute;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with the provisions of Section 26 (1) of Chapter I of the Constitution leave was given for the introduction of a Bill in the General Synod of 2003;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. In this Statute Chapter IX means Chapter IX of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.
2. In Chapter IX for the said Canons there shall be substituted the Canons set out in the Schedule to this Statute.

Bill No 15**Explanatory Memorandum**

The General Synod of 2001 authorised the Legislation Committee to prepare a Bill to consolidate the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.

A consolidation does not permit substantive amendments and accordingly certain amendments of substance which could not be included in this Consolidation Bill were brought before General Synod in 2002 in what has become Chapter IX of 2002. Those amendments, together with the amendments of Bill No 14, a Bill for the introduction of which leave was given by General Synod in 2002, are included in the Schedule to this Bill which Schedule constitutes the Consolidation of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland.

In order that inclusive language may be used throughout the Constitution, Clause 2 of this Bill includes, as did the relevant Statute of 1988, certain definitions. As General Synod of 2002 was advised, one such definition, to replace the definition in Section 2 (1) (b) of the Statute of 1988, will be that the term ‘member of the clergy’ or ‘clergy’ shall, unless otherwise specifically provided, mean a deacon or priest of the Church of Ireland of a church in full communion with that Church.

As was done in 1988 in respect of the previous consolidation, it is proposed that the 2003 Constitution will come into effect, not on enactment, but on 1st October 2003. This is to ensure that the amended text, in inclusive language and incorporating the usual Appendices and an updated and revised Index, may be readily available in printed and electronic form on that date.

LADY SHEIL
THE HON MRS JUSTICE C MCGUINNESS

(at the request of the General Synod)

BILL**To consolidate enactments in regard to the Constitution.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to consolidate enactments of the General Synod in regard to the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and for that purpose to repeal the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, 1988 (save as regards the Preamble and Declaration prefixed thereto and the Rules annexed to Chapter XIII thereof), as amended by subsequent Statutes of the General Synod.

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same as follows:

1. From and after 1st October 2003 the several provisions contained in the first Schedule to this Statute shall be in force in the Church of Ireland and the said Schedule shall be read and construed as part of this Statute.

2. In the said Schedule and in any Statute amending the same

the term “Constitution” shall mean the said Schedule with such amendments thereof as from time to time for the time being shall be in force;

the term “Statute” shall mean a Statute of the General Synod;

the term “Representative Body” shall mean the Body to represent the Church of Ireland and to hold property for the uses and purposes thereof called in the Irish Church Act, 1869, the Representative Body of the said Church;

wherever the context so admits the word “diocese” shall include any diocese or united diocese or united dioceses under the jurisdiction of one bishop;

the term “member of the clergy” or “clergy” shall, unless otherwise specifically provided, mean a deacon or priest of the Church of Ireland or of a church in full communion with that Church.

3. From and after 1st October 2003 the several Statutes and portions of Statutes mentioned in the second Schedule to this Statute shall be and the same are hereby repealed: Provided always that such repeal shall not invalidate or affect any act or thing heretofore done or any right or liability heretofore acquired or incurred under or in pursuance of the provisions hereby repealed.

Bill No 16**Explanatory Memorandum**

The purpose of this Bill is to give effect to the proposals contained in Appendix A to the Report of the Representative Body arising from the provisions of the Statute passed by the General Synod in 2001 to provide for the establishment of Provincial Mediation Panels and related matters.

* * * * *

MR S GAMBLE
MOST REV JRW NEILL

(on behalf of the Representative Body)

BILL**To provide for the establishment of a Severance Fund for clergy.**

WHEREAS it is expedient to make provision for the establishment of a Severance Fund for clergy;

AND WHEREAS for such purpose it is desirable that a contribution towards the financing of the Severance Fund be raised within each diocese;

Be it enacted by the Archbishops and Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland, in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. From 1st January 2004 each diocese shall contribute towards the cost of the Severance Fund at a rate to be determined by the Representative Body not later than 30th June in 2003 and each year thereafter:

Provided that a rate determined for any one year being more than twenty-five *per centum* in excess of the rate for the year immediately preceding shall become operative only on the passing of an affirmative resolution of the General Synod.

2. (1) The contribution from each diocese shall be the sum of the number of cures, including vacant cures, in such diocese at the preceding 30th June (as agreed between the Representative Body and the diocesan council) multiplied by the minimum approved stipend of an incumbent as fixed from time to time by the General Synod in accordance with Section 51(1) of Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland and operative on 1st January of the year to which the contribution relates multiplied by a rate *per centum* determined by the Representative Body in accordance with clause 1.
- (2) In the case of a diocese, part of which is situated in the Republic of Ireland and part of which is situated in Northern Ireland, account shall be taken of the differing figures for minimum approved stipend fixed in respect of incumbents resident in each jurisdiction and the contribution shall be subdivided accordingly.
- (3) In the event of disagreement between the Representative Body and the diocesan council as to the number of cures in any diocese, such shall be determined by the decision of the archbishop of the province in which such diocese is situated.
3. Contributions shall be payable quarterly in arrears by each diocesan council on 31 March, 30 June, 30th September and 31 December each year or in such other manner as the Representative Body may approve.

4. Each diocesan council shall be at liberty to recover in whole or in part the contribution so charged by direct assessment on the individual parishes, unions or groups of parishes, or churches, within its jurisdiction in whatever manner it deems appropriate.
5. For the purposes of this Statute the term ‘cure’ shall have the same general meaning as contained in Chapter IV of the Constitution of the Church of Ireland, and shall include:
 - (a) A parish, union or group of parishes under the care of an incumbent appointed under Part III of Chapter IV;
 - (b) A parish, union or group of parishes under the care of a bishop’s curate appointed under Section 42 of Chapter IV;
 - (c) A parish, union or group of parishes assigned to the immediate care of a vicar appointed under Part X of Chapter IV;
 - (d) A parish, union or group of parishes in respect of which a certificate has been issued by the Representative Body under Section 52 of Chapter IV;
 - (e) A “light-duty parish” as defined by Section 62 of Chapter IV;
 - (f) A cathedral which is non-parochial.
6. The Representative Body shall at the ordinary session of the General Synod in 2008 and quinquennially thereafter, and may at any other session, present a report on the implementation of this Statute, specifying any amendment which may appear to be necessary or expedient.

Bill No 17**Explanatory Memorandum**

The present regulations governing summoning of Boards of Nomination preclude a Board from meeting until such time as the cure concerned becomes vacant. They date from a period when voluntary retirement of clergy was unusual and compulsory retirement non-existent and when it was not uncommon for incumbents to remain in office until death. They also assume the ready availability of clergy, and relatively short vacancies.

In changed circumstances, where none of the above now apply and vacancies of long duration are common, it would seem desirable to enable the process of filling vacant incumbencies to begin at the earliest possible date. The Bill seeks to make provision for a Board of Nomination to meet in circumstances of a prospective vacancy, where, for instance, an Incumbent has indicated his or her intention to resign or retire on a particular date.

MR WF BAKER
VEN REB WHITE

BILL**to amend Chapter IV of the Constitution**

WHEREAS it is expedient that a Board of Nomination should be entitled to meet before a vacancy in a cure has actually occurred;

AND WHEREAS for that purpose it is necessary to amend Chapter IV of the Constitution;

BE IT ENACTED by the Archbishops, Bishops and the Clergy and Laity of the Church of Ireland in General Synod assembled in Dublin in the year 2003, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1. In Chapter IV of the Constitution (hereinafter referred to as 'the said Chapter') immediately after the words 'APPOINTMENT TO AND TENURE OF CURES' there shall be inserted the following:

"Preliminary

In Parts I, II and III the terms 'vacant cure', 'vacant benefice', 'vacancy in a cure of souls' and 'a cure becoming vacant' shall include a cure where the vacancy is prospective and, as far as can reasonably be ascertained, definite."

2. For Section 15 of the said Chapter there shall be substituted:

"15. Subject to the provisions of Sections 13 and 14 of this Chapter, the Board of Nomination for a vacant cure shall be summoned by the Bishop, or the Bishop's Commissary, to meet on a date which is not earlier than three months before the date on which the cure will, as far as can reasonably be ascertained, become vacant and which is not later than two months after the date of receipt by the Bishop or the Bishop's Commissary of the report required by Section 13 of this Chapter."