

**EMBARGOED UNTIL DELIVERY**

**Bill No 13**

**Proposed by Lady Brenda Sheil**

**Your Grace**

Members of General Synod will remember that last year a Resolution together with a lengthy and detailed Schedule of technical amendments was brought to this House as the first stage of this Special Bill. During the past five sessions of General Synod a long series of liturgical statutes providing forms and orders of service in both traditional and modern language has been passed.

Inevitably, as in 1926 in respect of the long series of statutes considered prior to the finalisation of the 1926 edition of the Book of Common Prayer, a number of inaccuracies and inconsistencies have arisen and this Bill, as did its predecessor in 1926, seeks to correct these, to simplify and remove duplication and to remove errors in the provision of readings.

Since this Bill can only make amendments to statutes of the General Synod it was not possible, not indeed appropriate to bring it before Synod until now. It is no more and no less than a “tidying up” Bill and is essential to ensure that, as its title suggests, all inaccuracies and contradictory directions may be corrected and all infelicities of diction may be removed from 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.

I beg to move that the Bill be now read a second time.