**GS Nov 2015 - ‘Spare Room Subsidy Measure’**

A motion from the Airedale Deanery Synod from February 2014, indicating concern about the Government’s ‘Spare Room Subsidy Measure’ was passed by the General Synod in November 2015.

**GS Feb 2016 - Benefits Sanction motion [DS July 2015]**

This motion from Leeds Diocesan Synod, was the initiative of the Airedale Deanery Synod in March 2015

**Motion proposed by The Revd Kathryn Fitzsimons:**

*‘That this Synod:*

*(a) welcome the extensive work already undertaken by the Church of England in partnership with others to evaluate the impact of benefits sanctioning and to identify and promote recommendations for the reform of sanctions policy and practice;*

*(b) call on Her Majesty’s Government to implement the recommendations numbered 58-63 inclusive, made in December 2014 by the All Party Parliamentary Inquiry Report into Hunger in the UK Feeding Britain in respect of the use of sanctions upon benefit claimants;*

*(c) call on Her Majesty’s Government to initiate a full independent review of the impact and efficacy of the sanctions and conditionality regime; and*

*(d) encourage every part of the Church of England to offer practical and pastoral support to those experiencing benefit sanctions, building on the Church’s work with food banks, credit unions and debt advice.’*

Carried.

**GS Feb 2016 - Blood and organ donation [DS Oct 2015; Allerton deanery March 2015; Moor Allerton & Shadwell PCC]**

 **Motion proposed by The Revd Canon Paul Cartwright:**

*'That this Synod call on all Church of England parishes to encourage their members to consider, as part of their Christian giving:*

*(a) becoming blood donors; and*

*(b) registering as organ donors and making their wishes known to their families.'*

Carried.

**Feb 2020 [DS June 2018] - Through His Poverty**

The motion was the initiative of Inner Bradford deanery synod.

**Motion proposed by The Revd Canon Kathryn Fitzsimons:**

*‘That this Synod call on the Archbishops’ Council to commission a study that*

*a) explores the reasons why the Church of England is generally less effective in communicating with, and attracting people from, more disadvantaged communities despite the gospel being good news for the poor;*

*b) explores ways of addressing and reversing this situation, such as:
i. actively seeking to select and train more people from disadvantaged communities
ii. deploying more resources into reaching people from disadvantaged communities
iii. gathering and disseminating stories of good practice from churches working in disadvantaged communities; and [the following was added]*

*c) builds upon the work of the GRA:CE project in exploring the links between social action, discipleship, and church growth.”*
Carried.

**DSM waiting for debate at GS**

July 2021 - TACKLING INEQUALITY [DS June 2018]

**Proposer: The Revd Canon Kathryn Fitzsimons:**

*“That this Synod call on Her Majesty’s Government (and all political parties) to adopt an explicit policy of reducing the wealth gap between the rich and the poor and the disadvantages that flow from it.”*

The motion began in the Inner Bradford Deanery Synod in Oct 2017.