

Outline Chronology of the LLF/PLF Process, Andrew Goddard, February 2024.

Date	Key Docs	Legal & Theological Basis	Doctrine/Canons	Liturgy (PLF)	Pastoral Guidance (PG)
January 2017 & February 2017 General Synod	GS 2055 Synod Proceedings - Failure to take note of GS 2055 leading to LLF	Annex 1 of GS 2055	Unchanged	Unchanged	Unchanged - Issues remains
Discernment – September to December 2022	Chronology of LLF Journey Listening with Love & Faith report - College 31st Oct to 3rd Nov (Programme and Video) - College, 12th to 14th Dec (Video & Programme)	LLF: Friendship & Body of Christ	Resources: Bishop of Oxford booklet, Together in Love and Faith Statement on Holy Matrimony from group of bishops		
January 2023 College & House & Release of Synod Papers (20 th)	GS 2289 18th Jan Press Release	Civil marriage/Holy matrimony distinction GS Misc 1339	Unchanged – unclear as to whether marriage remains proper place for sexual intimacy	PLF – prayers and orders of service – to be commended under Canon B5	<i>Issues</i> to be replaced but not clear with what
Feb 2023 General Synod	GS 2289 LLF video - Debate recording (Wed PM, Thurs AM) Synod Proceedings Final motion LLF voting (analysis here)	Civil marriage/Holy matrimony distinction GS Misc 1339	As above	PLF but “not indicative of a departure from church’s doctrine” (Corney amendment)	Welcome plan to replace <i>Issues</i>

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July 2023 General Synod	GS 2303 Synod Proceedings	As above	As above	Lightly revised PLF and uncertainty as to canonical route but perhaps B4.2	No more progress reported (but indicative votes had occurred among bishops)
Sept (18th to 21st) 2023 College of Bishops	Report of meeting	As above	As above	First introduction of separate “standalone” category and College support use of Canon B5A in indicative vote (Oct 26 Leak)	Draft PG which proposing clergy enter same-sex marriage and College support this in indicative vote (Oct 26 Leak)
Oct (9th) 2023 House of Bishops	Report of meeting 12 th October – Dissenting statement issued	Nothing reported until February 2024 announcement of vote on CM/HM	Unchanged – clarity in theological rationale that doctrine includes that marriage is proper place for sexual intimacy	Vote to commend suite for use in regular services under Canon B5. Vote for standalone using Canon B2 but not Canon B5A (reversing College majority)	Nothing reported until February 2024 announcement of vote to include clergy in same-sex marriage
Oct (20th) 2023 GS Papers released	GS 2328	Pastoral Provision in time of uncertainty in Annex H of GS 2328 , CM/HM argument absent (see my account here) Legal advice summarised in Annex A of GS 2328 , paras 10-	As above	Propose standalone using Canon B2 but not Canon B5A ie no experimental use	PG for PLF but no details on Part 3 replacing <i>Issues</i>

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November (13th to 15th) 2023 General Synod	GS 2328 Synod Proceedings Debate recording (Tues PM , Wed AM) Final motion LLF voting (analysis here)	As above with much debate about need for greater clarity on legal advice.	As above	Oxford amendment in favour of standalone soon ie Canon B5A (reversing House proposal)	As above
November (29th) House of Bishops	Summary of Actions & Decisions		As above		
December (12th) House of Bishops	Summary of Actions & Decisions Commended Prayers of Love and Faith Pastoral Guidance		As above	Commendation agreed from 17 th December	Issued for use of PLF but not Part 3 to replace <i>Issues</i>
January (17th-19th) 2024 College & House of Bishops	Press Release				
February (9th) GS Papers released	GS 2346	Annexes A (Canonical routes) and B (PG and same-sex marriage) of GS 2346 Vote of 9 th October revealed	As above	Draft commitment to experimental use of standalone but only when have PG and provision	Draft commitment to explore how to allow same-sex married clergy. Vote of 9 th October revealed.