

Dover Deanery Synod Motion

Marriage



Dr Bawtree to move the following:

That this Synod by referral to General Synod requests that the Archbishops' Council commences the legislative process to amend the provisions of Canons B34 and B35 and other relevant Church and secular legislation to allow clergy to:

- 1. solemnise marriages outside of the hours 8.00 am to 6.00 pm.*
- 2. solemnise marriages according to the rites of the Church of England in registered premises and places other than parish churches, parish centres of worship and authorised chapels, subject to the consent of the incumbent of the parish in which the registered premises or place is situated, but without the granting of an Archbishop of Canterbury's special licence.*

Noting that such amendments should not affect the legal preliminaries currently required for church weddings which, including the qualifying connections, now provide a much greater flexibility to clergy to solemnise marriages than in the past