

Bill No.1

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Archbishop/Bishop,

Last year the Synod agreed a Special Resolution, intended to lead to a bill during this year's Synod. This is that bill.

In 2016/17 a similar process resulted in the provision of lections for use on Remembrance Sunday. As appropriate, these lections were placed in the table of readings. Partly to protect the existing pagination in the BCP before its reprint, and partly to make the lections easier to find they were located in the BCP between the readings for Propers 27 and 28. However, this effectively meant that the readings were governed by what goes above – that they should be used on the Sunday between 6 and 12 November.

This is often Remembrance Sunday, but what the LAC and the several hundred members of Synod who voted on this legislation over two years failed to pick up was the fact that sometimes, it is not Remembrance Sunday. This was first picked up by the Revd Ken Rue when compiling the lectionary resources for 2022, which informs the Church of Ireland website.

The insertion of this one line seeks to bring clarity to the table of readings. Therefore, I am happy to commend it to the House.