

## **Wednesday, 11 February 2009**

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### **General Synod - Uniqueness of Christ in Multi-Faith Britain**

The second item of Wednesday afternoon was a private member's motion on the uniqueness of Christ in multi-faith Britain.

Mr Paul Eddy (Winchester) moved:

That this Synod request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain's multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.

The Revd Christopher Strain (Salisbury) moved as an amendment:

After "That this Synod" *insert*:

"warmly welcome Dr Martin Davie's background paper 'The witness of Scripture, the Fathers and the historic formularies to the uniqueness of Christ' attached to GS Misc 905B and".

This amendment was carried on a show of hands.

This made the **substantive motion**:

That this Synod warmly welcome Dr Martin Davie's background paper 'The witness of Scripture, the Fathers and the historic formularies to the uniqueness of Christ' attached to GS Misc 905B and request the House of Bishops to report to the Synod on their understanding of the uniqueness of Christ in Britain's multi-faith society, and offer examples and commendations of good practice in sharing the gospel of salvation through Christ alone with people of other faiths and of none.

The motion was **carried** by 283 votes to 8 with 10 recorded abstentions.

#### **Background papers**

background note from the Secretary General ([GS Misc 905B](#)) to which is attached a paper from Dr Martin Davie

[A Church of England Approach to the Unique Significance of Jesus Christ](#) A paper prepared by Dr Martin Davie for the Theological Group of the House of Bishops