



These **Briefing Papers** are presented to an Open Meeting at Saint Leonard's Parish Church Loftus on Wednesday 30th September 2015 for anyone interested in discovering more about the life of the Church of England now that both women and men are being consecrated to the episcopate. This Open Meeting is an opportunity to hear what this now means for the wider church, this diocese and for our benefice. These papers also explore the nature of the provisions available to those who genuinely struggle with this development in the life of our National Church.

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THE CONTEXT

Timeline of the major steps leading to ordination of women

1920: Women's ordination was placed on the agenda of the Anglican *Lambeth Conference*, but was not discussed. This conference is the main coordinating conference among all Anglican provinces.

1935: The *Archbishop's Commission* discussed women's ordination and turned it down.

1944: Florence Li Tim-Oi was ordained as a priest in Hong Kong during wartime emergency.

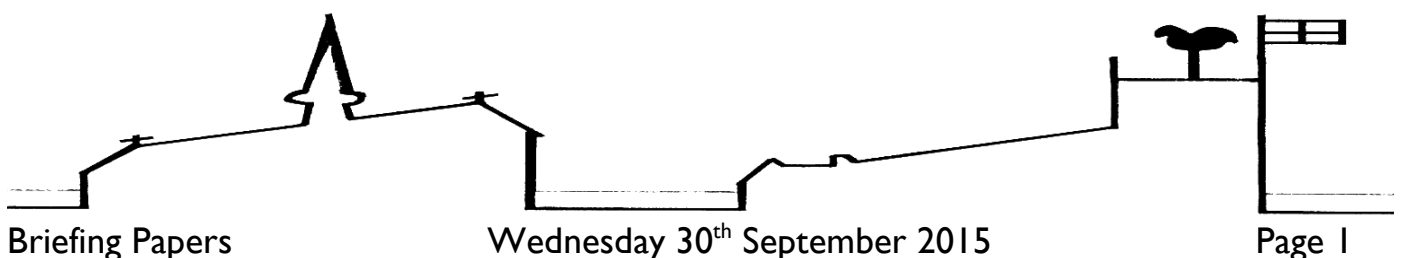
1968: *Lambeth Conference* discussed female ordination but found arguments "inconclusive."

1971: The *Anglican Consultative Council* passed resolution 28 which authorised bishops to ordain women if they have the approval of their province.

1974: Three bishops "irregularly" ordained eleven women in the U.S.A.

1975: General Synod of the CofE determined that "there are no fundamental objections to ordination of women to priesthood."

1976: The Episcopal Church's General Conference in the USA voted to allow the ordination of women and to accept the irregular ordinations of 1974.



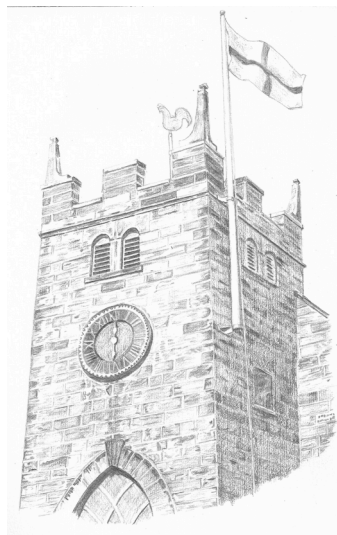
The Father Adam Resolution Text

Having requested that arrangements be made for the Parish
in accordance with the House of Bishops' Declaration
on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests,
this PCC resolves to play its full part in the life of
the Deanery of Guisborough,
in the Diocese of York,
and in the wider life of the Church of England.

In a nut shell...

This resolution clearly and unequivocally commits our parish to playing its full part within the Church of England, thereby effectively committing us to the working out of the five guiding principles.

We would be effectively committing ourselves to remaining loyal Anglicans!



THE PROCESS FROM HERE

