

CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001

CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES

DIOCESE OF BATH AND WELLS

ANNUAL MEETINGS, ELECTIONS ETC. IN 2021

I RUTH Bishop of Taunton acting in the place of the Lord Bishop of Bath and Wells under and by virtue of the powers vested in me by an Instrument of Delegation made under the provisions of section 13 of the Dioceses Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 and dated the 21st day of 2015, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 10 (1) (c) of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 and rule 78 (5) (b) of the Church Representation Rules, make the following provision

Application

The provision made by this instrument applies to each parish in the diocese of Bath and Wells and has effect from the date on which it is made and shall remain in force until revoked.

Interpretation

In this instrument –

“the Measure” means the Churchwardens Measure 2001; and

“CRR” means the Church Representation Rules.

Meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens, etc.

1. Section 5 of the Measure (meeting of the parishioners) applies with the following modifications.
2. A reference to a meeting of the parishioners includes a reference to a meeting which persons may attend, speak at, vote in, or otherwise participate in without all of the persons, or without any of the persons, being together in the same place.
3. A reference to a place where a meeting of the parishioners is held, or is to be held, includes a reference to more than one place, including electronic, digital or virtual locations, web addresses or conference call telephone numbers.
4. A person is to be regarded as present at a meeting of the parishioners at any given time if the person is at that time able to hear and be heard, and where practicable see and be seen, by the other persons present.
5. A vote may be taken by such electronic method of voting as may be determined by the minister, if present, or, if he or she is not present, a chair chosen by the meeting of the parishioners.

6. The provision made by this Instrument has effect in spite of any inconsistent provision in the Measure or the CRR; and any such provision is accordingly to be ignored.

7. A reference in this Instrument to being present at a meeting of the parishioners includes a reference to being present by electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcast and live interactive streaming.

Annual parochial church meeting and representatives of the laity

1. Section A of Part 9 of the CRR (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) applies with the following modifications.

2. A reference to the annual parochial church meeting includes a reference to a meeting which persons may attend, speak at, vote in, or otherwise participate in without all of the persons, or without any of the persons, being together in the same place.

3. A reference to a place where an annual parochial church meeting is held, or is to be held, includes a reference to more than one place, including electronic, digital or virtual locations, web addresses or conference call telephone numbers.

4. A person is to be regarded as present at an annual parochial church meeting at any given time if the person is at that time able to hear and be heard, and where practicable see and be seen, by the other persons present.

5. A vote may be taken by such electronic method of voting as may be determined by the chair of the meeting.

6. The provision made by this Instrument has effect in spite of any inconsistent provision in the CRR; and any such provision is accordingly to be ignored.

7. A reference in this Instrument to being present at an annual parochial church meeting includes a reference to being present by electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcast and live interactive streaming.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ruth Worsley".

The Right Reverend Ruth Elizabeth Worsley

Bishop of Taunton

Date: 21 January 2021