



The Church of England  
Diocese of Ely

**PROVISION MADE BY THE BISHOP OF ELY UNDER RULE 78(5)(b) OF THE CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES AND SECTION 10(1)(c) OF THE CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001**

This Instrument is made on 4 February 2021 and has effect from the date on which it is made until 31 May 2021 or until revoked if sooner

**Remote meetings of the annual parochial church meeting and meetings of the parishioners**

1. Section A of Part 9 of the Church Representation Rules (model rules for annual parochial meetings) and the provisions of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 apply with the following modifications.
2. A reference to a meeting of the annual parochial church meeting or a meeting of the parishioners (namely the meeting to elect churchwardens) 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 annual parochial church meeting or 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 annual parochial church meeting or 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 of a meeting of the annual parochial church meeting or of the parishioners, may be taken by such reliable and fair electronic method of voting as allows the persons attending to cast their vote and to be recorded by the secretary or clerk.
6. In addition to the requirements for notices of the meeting of the annual parochial church meeting or of the parishioners to be placed on or near the principal door of each parish church or in the case of another licensed place of public worship in a locality readily visible to the members of the congregation, notice should be circulated in any newsletter or circular of the parish church at least two weeks before the date of the meeting.
7. A reference in this Instrument to being present at a meeting of the annual parochial church meeting or of the parishioners includes a reference to being present by electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcast and live interactive streaming.