



DIRECTIONS MADE BY THE BISHOP OF ST. EDMUNDSBURY AND IPSWICH UNDER
RULE 78(5)(b) CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES AND SECTION 10(1)
CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE

These directions are made on 16 September 2020 and have effect from that date until 30th April 2021 or until revoked if sooner

(a) Remote working

1. The modifications set out below shall apply within the diocese to:
 - 1.1 Rule 44 of the Church Representation Rules (procedure of diocesan synods) and the standing orders of diocesan synod.
 - 1.2 Rule 26 (procedure of deanery synods) and the standing orders of deanery synods.
 - 1.3 Rules M23 and 33 (PCC meetings).
 - 1.4 Rule M39 (meetings of joint councils established under rule M37).
 - 1.5 Rules M1, M3, M13 and M14 (annual, special and extraordinary parochial church meetings).
 - 1.6 Sections 4 and 5 Churchwardens Measure (annual meetings of parishioners).
2. A reference to a 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 a 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 a 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. In the case of diocesan synod, a vote, whether of the whole synod or by houses, may be taken by such electronic method of voting as may be determined by the Bishop, the chair of the House of Clergy and the chair of the House of Laity acting jointly.
6. These directions have effect in spite of any inconsistent provision in diocesan or deanery standing orders, and any such provision is accordingly to be ignored.

7. A reference in these directions to being present at a meeting includes a reference to being present by electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcast and live interactive streaming.

(b) Churchwardens - admission and term of office

1. The time appointed for the admission of churchwardens chosen in the year 2020 is further extended to 30 April 2021.
2. Subject to sections 6A (suspension), 7 (resignation), and 8 (vacation of office) Churchwardens Measure, the term of office of a churchwarden chosen in the year 2019 shall continue until 30 April 2021, unless that person (if chosen again as churchwarden in 2020) or that person's successor is admitted to office by that date (in which case, the term of office ends on the date of admission).
3. Persons chosen as churchwarden for 2020 on or before 23 March who were not already churchwarden shall be deemed acting churchwarden with effect from 31 July 2020 and shall carry out all the functions of churchwarden to the exclusion of their immediate predecessor.
4. Persons chosen as churchwarden for 2020 after 23 March who were not already churchwarden shall be deemed acting churchwarden with effect from 31 July 2020 or the date of their being chosen, if later, and shall carry out all the functions of churchwarden to the exclusion of their immediate predecessor.

My directions dated 20 March 2020 remain in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY of which I have subscribed these directions this 11 day of September 2020



Martin, Bishop of St Edmundsbury & Ipswich

September 11 2020