

In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Bristol

NOTICES IN THE TIME OF COVID 19

All Churches are closed by order of the Archbishops dated 23rd march 2020 and to comply with the requirements of the Coronavirus Act 2020.

It is therefore not possible or practical for public notices to be displayed within church buildings in relation to any faculty application, nor would it have any practical effect.

It is anticipated that no new faculty applications will be made until further notice. All emergency faculty applications will be dealt with as normal. However if any application is to be made the usual rules cannot apply.

Therefore, pursuant to FJR 2015 rule 6.7(1)(b) until further notice I dispense with the requirement of displaying a public notice within the church in relation to any faculty application submitted after 23 March 2020 (so that public notice is only required to be displayed outside the church). Any public notice displayed outside the church must be displayed in accordance with the social distancing rules issued by HM Government.

However, in all such cases I require the petitioners to display the notice on any church or parish Facebook group, church or parish Instagram account, church or parish Twitter account, church or parish WhatsApp group or any other social media electronic or otherwise used by the church and at the end of the public notice period I direct that the petitioners are to confirm in writing that they are not aware of any potential objections which have been or might have been triggered by the giving of the public notice. I reserve to myself and the Deputy Chancellor the power to require the publication of any further notice if on considering the petition the view is taken that any further public notice or other publicity is desirable.