

**CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001**

**CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES**

**DIOCESE OF BRISTOL**

**ANNUAL MEETINGS, ELECTIONS ETC. IN 2020**

The Bishop of Bristol, 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, makes the following provision

**Application**

The provision made by this instrument applies to each parish in the diocese of Bristol and has effect from the date on which it is made until 1 November 2020 or until revoked if sooner.

**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:



The Right Reverend Vivienne Faull  
Bishop of Bristol

Date: 21/07/20