

BISHOP'S INSTRUMENT

The Bishop of Bristol, in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 78(5)(b) of the Church Representation Rules, makes the following provision and is made on _____ and has affect from the date on which it is made until revoked.

Meetings of Diocesan and Deanery Synod

1. Rules 26 and 44 of the Church Representation Rules (procedure of deanery and diocesan synods respectively), and the Standing Orders for the Diocesan Synod and the Rules for Deanery Synods ('Synods') of the Diocese of Bristol apply with the following modifications:
 - a. A reference to a meeting of the Synods includes a reference to a meeting at 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.
 - b. A reference to a place where a meeting of the Synods 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.
 - c. A person is to be regarded as present at a meeting of the Synods 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.
 - d. 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 Standing Committee
 - e. The provision made by this Instrument has effect in spite of any inconsistent provision in the Standing Orders or the Rules of the Synods; and any such provision is accordingly to be ignored
 - f. A reference in this Instrument to being present at a meeting of the Synods includes a reference to being present by electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcast and live interactive streaming

Signature of Bishop of Bristol: