

**CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001**  
**CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES**  
**DIOCESE OF LEICESTER**

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

The Bishop of Leicester, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 10 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 and rule 78 of the Church Representation Rules, makes the following provision

**Application**

1. The provision made by this instrument applies to each parish in the Diocese of Leicester and supplements the Instrument made by the Bishop of Leicester dated 19 March 2020

**Interpretation**

2. In this Instrument –

“the Bishop” means the Bishop of Leicester or the Bishop of Loughborough in case of a vacancy of the See of Leicester or if the Bishop of Leicester is unwilling or unable to act

“CRR” means the Church Representation Rules.

“the Measure” means the Churchwardens Measure 2001;

**Meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens, etc.**

3. In Section 5(3) of the Measure –

- (1) the word ‘place’ shall not preclude the holding and conducting of a meeting in such a way that persons who are not present together at the same place may by electronic means attend, see others attending and speak and vote at it;

- (2) the notice shall also state, if the meeting is to be wholly by electronic means or a combination of attendance in person or by electronic means, the methods by which parishioners may attend such a meeting;

4. If an election is required to choose churchwardens at a meeting of parishioners held by wholly electronic or a combination of attendance in person and by electronic means then the method of voting shall be by such method of voting as may be determined by the Chair and can include voting solely by a show of hands or in the case of a person attending electronically who cannot be seen, by such person saying ‘aye’ or ‘no’ or that they are abstaining

5. If churchwardens are chosen by a meeting of parishioners held by wholly electronic or a combination of attendance in person and by electronic means prior to 31 October 2020

they shall be admitted as churchwardens by such a date as the Bishop chooses but no later than 31 January 2021;

6. Save as varied by this Instrument, the remaining provisions of the Measure are effective as drawn.

**Annual parochial church meeting ('APCM') and representatives of the laity**

7. In CRR rule M2 (3) the word 'place' shall not preclude the holding and conducting of a meeting in such a way that persons who are not present together at the same place may by electronic means attend, see others attending, and speak and vote at it or by a combination of attendance in person and electronic means;
8. In CRR M2 (1) the notice in Form M1 shall also state, if the meeting is to include attendance by electronic means, the methods by which those entitled to attend the APCM may attend the APCM.
9. In CRR M2(1)(b) 'location' may also include such social media platforms as the Minister shall determine
10. If the APCM is to take place with attendance being wholly or partially by electronic means and an election is required –
  - (1) CRR M9 (7) shall be varied so as to provide for such electronic method of voting as may be determined by the Chair and can include voting solely by a show of hands or in the case of a person attending electronically who cannot be seen, by such person saying 'aye' or 'no' or that they are abstaining;
  - (2) CRR M9 (8) shall be varied to provide for a deciding vote by the presiding officer;
  - (3) CRR M9 (9) shall be varied so that reference to the original lot shall mean the original vote by the presiding officer
  - (4) CRR M12(2)(b) shall be varied so that 'location' may also include such social media platforms as the Minister shall determine
11. Save as varied by this Instrument, the remaining provisions of the CRR are effective as drawn.

2nd September 2020

Date

  
Signature