

IN THE DIOCESE OF COVENTRY

I CHRISTOPHER LORD BISHOP OF COVENTRY DIRECT PURSUANT TO RULE 78(2) of THE CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES AS FOLLOWS:

WHEREAS:

Pursuant to the Parochial Church Councils (Powers) Measure 1956 (the Measure) the principal function of the Parochial Church Council (the PCC) is defined as “promoting the whole mission of the Church”; and

Pursuant to section 2 of the Measure it shall be the duty of the minister and the PCC to consult together on matters of general concern and importance to the parish; and

It is a requirement of the Church Representation Rules (the CRR) that a PCC must hold a sufficient number of meetings to enable the efficient transaction of its business; and

The CRR do not make any provision for a PCC meeting to be held remotely either virtually or by using telephone facilities; and

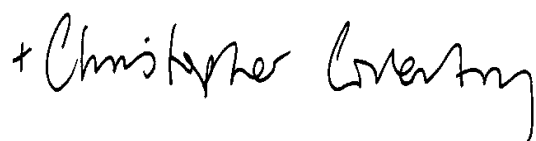
Rule 78(2) of the CRR empowers the bishop of a diocese to make provision for any matter not within the CRR

I DIRECT forthwith that during the restrictions imposed on meetings by the COVID-19 pandemic or unless previously revoked by me that:

1. A PCC may hold its meetings virtually over the telephone or by using digital solutions (remote meetings)
2. A PCC must record their decision to hold remote meetings
3. A PCC must have regard at all times to the Charity Commission’s Guidance as updated on the holding of remote meetings
4. A PCC holding remote meetings must continue to adhere in all other respects to the provisions of the CRR
5. A PCC may for the purposes of Rule M25 give notice of a PCC meeting via it’s parish website, Facebook page or by email or telephone as in each case applicable and practicable
6. This Direction applies also to meetings of District Church Councils and Joint Councils and to standing and other committees

NOW THEREFORE I, CHRISTOPHER, LORD BISHOP OF COVENTRY do make this Order under my hand this 7th day of April in the Year of Our Lord two thousand and twenty.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "+ Christopher Coventry". The signature is written in a cursive style with a cross at the beginning.