

INSTRUMENT OF DELEGATION TO SUFFRAGAN BISHOPS
to be known as the Salisbury Episcopal Ministry Scheme

WE STEPHEN Bishop of Salisbury pursuant to the provisions of Section 13 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 ("the Measure"), having obtained the approval of the diocesan synod, hereby make the delegations and like provisions for the episcopal oversight and exercise of episcopal functions in the Diocese of Salisbury set out below.

Definitions

1. This Instrument shall be known as the Salisbury Episcopal Ministry Scheme.

2. In this Instrument the diocese and its geographical areas shall be identified by the following terms:
"The Diocese" means all the geographical extent of the Diocese of Salisbury;
"The Ramsbury Area" means all those parts of the Diocese situated in the Archdeaconry of Wilts and the Archdeaconry of Sarum;
"The Sherborne Area" means all those parts of the Diocese situated in the Archdeaconry of Sherborne and the Archdeaconry of Dorset;
and the term "Suffragan Bishop" shall mean each and either of the Suffragan Bishops of Ramsbury and of Sherborne.

Episcopal oversight

3. The Episcopal oversight of the Diocese will except as otherwise provided in this Instrument be distributed and shared between the Bishop of Salisbury and the Suffragan Bishops as follows:
In the whole of the Diocese by The Bishop of the Diocese –
In the Ramsbury Area also by The Suffragan Bishop of Ramsbury
In the Sherborne Area also by The Suffragan Bishop of Sherborne

Episcopal functions

4. Except as otherwise provided in this Instrument, the functions of the Bishop of the Diocese that are specified in the Appendix to this Instrument are delegated to the Suffragan Bishops.
5. Any function delegated to a Suffragan Bishop pursuant to paragraph 4 of this Instrument may in a particular case, after prior consultation by the Bishop of the Diocese with the relevant Suffragan Bishop, be performed and discharged by the Bishop of the Diocese.
6. Any function delegated by this Instrument to a Suffragan Bishop may at the request of that Suffragan Bishop and with the consent of the Bishop of the Diocese and the consent of the other Suffragan Bishop be performed and discharged by the other Suffragan Bishop.
7. Any function of the Bishop of the Diocese may in a particular case and to the extent permitted by law be performed and discharged by such Suffragan Bishop as the Bishop of the Diocese shall request, save that in the event that such function shall be restricted or principally restricted in its effect to one of the Areas of the Diocese, the Bishop of the Diocese shall not without the consent of the relevant Suffragan Bishop of that Area delegate such function to the other Suffragan Bishop.
8. During the absence or incapacity of a Suffragan Bishop or when the relevant suffragan see is vacant, the functions delegated to that Suffragan Bishop shall whether in their entirety or in such parts as the Bishop of the Diocese may determine be performed and discharged by the Bishop of the Diocese, or by the other Suffragan Bishop if the Bishop of the Diocese shall so request, or by such person as the Bishop of the Diocese may lawfully appoint.
9. The Bishop of the Diocese may delegate to a Suffragan Bishop any functions under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 as the Bishop may specify in writing in relation to a particular case.

10. Any and all functions not otherwise delegated, either by this Instrument or in another lawful way, shall remain with the Bishop of the Diocese.
11. Where any function to which this Instrument applies requires the application of the Bishop's seal to a document, the document shall be issued as though it were a deed and be executed by the person authorised by this Instrument to discharge that function.
12. For the avoidance of doubt it is here declared to the extent that the performance and discharge of any function may be committed by the Bishop of the Diocese to the action of an Archdeacon, a delegation under this Instrument to the Suffragan Bishop shall include the delegation of the power so to commit its performance and discharge to an Archdeacon.
13. For the avoidance of doubt it is here declared that references to any Measure shall be construed as references to that Measure as amended, extended and applied by and under any other Measure or enactment.

Duration

14. This Instrument shall have effect until varied or revoked by a subsequent instrument made under section 13 of the Measure.
15. In the event that the Bishop of the Diocese ceases to hold that office, this Instrument shall continue to have effect until the date of the expiration of a period of six months beginning with the date on which another person becomes the bishop of the diocese.
16. In the event that a Suffragan Bishop ceases to hold office, this Instrument shall continue with the substitution for the Suffragan Bishop of their successor.

Commencement

17. This Instrument shall come into operation on the 1st day of April 2023.

IN WITNESS of which we have duly executed this Instrument under our hand this

..... day of in the Year of our Lord 2023.

APPENDIX

The delegation of functions to the Suffragan Bishops under paragraph 3 of this Instrument

1. To the extent that it relates only to the Area overseen by the relevant Suffragan Bishop:
 - a) any function conferred on the Bishop of the Diocese by any Act or Measure or by any secondary legislation made under an Act or Measure,
other than any functions under the Clergy Discipline Measure 2003 (to which paragraph 9 of this Instrument applies);
 - b) any function conferred on the Bishop of the Diocese by a Canon or by any regulations made under the Canons;
 - c) any other episcopal ministry exercised in the promotion of the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical.
2. In the event that it is unclear whether a function relates only to a particular Area, or there is a dispute as to whether it relates only to a particular area, the opinion of the Bishop of the Diocese, having consulted the Suffragan Bishops, shall be determinative.
3. For the avoidance of doubt, this Instrument does not extend to functions under any Canon made under section 9(2) of the Clergy (Ordinations and Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1964, or to any other functions that may not be lawfully delegated by the Bishop of the Diocese.