## PROVISION MADE BY THE BISHOP OF SALISBURY UNDER RULE 78(5)(b) OF THE CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES AND SECTION 10(1)(c) OF THE CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001.

This Instrument is made on the 3 September 2020 and has effect from the date on which it is made until 30<sup>th</sup> August 2021 or until revoked if sooner

## **Remote working – Diocesan Synod**

- 1. Rule 44 of the Church Representation Rules (procedure of diocesan synods) and the Standing Orders of the Salisbury Diocesan Synod apply with the following modifications.
  - a. A reference to a meeting of the Synod 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.
  - b. A reference to a place where a meeting of the Synod 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 Synod 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 Chair of the House of Clergy and the Chair of the House of Laity acting jointly.
  - e. The provision made by this Instrument has effect in spite of any inconsistent provision in the Standing Orders of the Synod; and any such provision is accordingly to be ignored.
  - f. A reference in this Instrument to being present at a meeting of the Synod includes a reference to being present by electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcast and live interactive streaming.

## **Remote working – AMPs**

- 2. For the purposes of Section 5 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001:
  - a. A reference to a meeting of 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.

- b. A reference to a place where a meeting of 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.
- c. A reference in this Instrument to being present at a meeting of parishioners includes a reference to being present by electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcast and live interactive streaming.
- d. A person is to be regarded as present at a meeting of 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.
- e. A vote may be taken by such electronic method of voting as may be determined by the minister or, during any period when there is no minister or when the minister is unable or unwilling to do so, the churchwardens of the parish.

## **Remote working – APCMs**

- 3. For the purposes of the Church Representation Rules:
  - a. Any reference therein relating to an annual parochial church meeting or special 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.
  - b. A reference to a place where such a 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.
  - c. A reference to a person being present at such a meeting of includes a reference to being present by electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcast and live interactive streaming.
  - d. A person is to be regarded as present at such a 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.
  - e. A vote may be taken by such electronic method of voting as may be determined by the meeting.

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