

CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001
CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES
DIOCESE OF DERBY

ANNUAL MEETINGS, ELECTIONS ETC. IN 2021

The Bishop of Derby 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 Derby

Interpretation

2. In this instrument –

“the Measure” means the Churchwardens Measure 2001; and

“CRR” means the Church Representation Rules.

Meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens, etc.

3. The time for holding a meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens in the year 2021 is extended so that the churchwardens are to be chosen not later than 30 June 2021.
4. In consequence –
 - (1) the time to be appointed by the bishop for the admission of churchwardens is to be a date not later than 30 September 2021;
 - (2) subject to sections 6A (suspension), 7 (resignation) and 8 (vacation of office) of the Measure, the term of office of a churchwarden chosen in the year 2020 continues until 30 September 2021 unless that person (if chosen again as churchwarden in 2021) or that person’s successor is admitted to office by that date (in which case, the term of office ends on the date of the admission).

Annual parochial church meeting and representatives of the laity

5. The period for holding the annual parochial church meeting (“APCM”) in the year 2021 is extended to 30 June 2021 (and accordingly, the time for electing parochial representatives of the laity to the parochial church council, and for transacting the other business of the meeting, is extended to that date).
6. In consequence a person who on the day on which this instrument is made is a parochial representative of the laity on the parochial church council, and whose term of office was due to end at the conclusion of the APCM in 2021, continues to hold office until the conclusion of any APCM for 2021 that is held after 31 May in accordance with paragraph 5;

7. Paragraph 6 is subject to the provisions of CRR Part 7 (Disqualification etc.).

Date: Fourth March 2021

Signature

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the instrument)

This instrument has been made by the bishop of the diocese in the light of the national situation relating to Coronavirus (COVID-19). The instrument is made under the bishop's powers contained in the Churchwardens Measure 2001 and the Church Representation Rules.

For 2021, the time for holding a meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens is extended until 30 June (instead of 31 May). Similarly, the period for holding an annual meeting of parishioners (APCM) is extended to 30 June.

Churchwardens who were chosen in 2020 continue to hold office until 30 September 2021 unless their successors are admitted to office before that. If a churchwarden is serving the sixth successive period of office, that sixth successive period is extended so that disqualification under section 3 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 (disqualification after six periods of office) arises only at the end of that extended period.

The term of office of representatives of the laity on parochial church councils is also extended. A representative of the laity's term of office which was due to expire this year will still expire but where the APCM is deferred under the provisions of this instrument, the representative's term of office will expire only at the end of the deferred APCM.

If, before the instrument is made by the bishop, a parish has already held its annual meeting of parishioners and APCM for 2021, the effect of the instrument is as follows:

- the churchwardens chosen in 2020 remain in office, and the churchwardens chosen in 2021 will take up office when they are admitted to office (which could be as late as 30 September 2021);
- newly elected representatives of the laity on the PCC will already have taken up office immediately at the conclusion of the 2021 APCM.