PROVISION MADE BY THE BISHOP OF DERBY UNDER RULE 78(5)(b) OF THE CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES

SECOND INSTRUMENT

In light of the difficulties brought about by the Covid-19 pandemic, with holding meetings, the Bishop of Derby makes the following Instrument which is to be limited in time.

This Instrument is made on 30th May 2022 and has effect from 1st September 2021 until 31st December 2022 or until revoked if sooner.

Remote working

1. Rule 44 of the Church Representation Rules (procedure of diocesan synods), the Standing Orders of the Derby Diocesan Synod, and the Rules for Deanery Synods made by the Derby Diocesan Synod, apply with the following modifications.

2. A reference to a meeting of the Diocesan Synod or a deanery 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.

3. A reference to a place where a meeting of the Diocesan Synod or a deanery 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.

4. A person is to be regarded as present at a meeting of the Diocesan Synod or a deanery 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.

5. A vote, whether of the whole Diocesan Synod or by Houses, may be taken by such electronic method of voting as may be determined by the Standing Committee, and a vote of a deanery synod may be taken by such electronic method of voting as may be determined by that deanery synod.

6. The provision made by this Instrument has effect in spite of any inconsistent provision in the Standing Orders of the Synod or in the Rules for Deanery Synods made by the Derby Diocesan Synod; and any such provision is accordingly to be ignored.

7. A reference in this Instrument to being present at a meeting of the Diocesan Synod or of a deanery synod includes a reference to being present by electronic means, including by telephone conference, video conference, live webcast and live interactive streaming.

The Right Reverend Libby Lane Bishop of Derby