

CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES

DIOCESE OF EXETER

**ELECTIONS OF CLERGY WITH PERMISSION TO OFFICIATE AS MEMBERS OF
DEANERY SYNODS IN 2020**

I **ROBERT** Bishop of Exeter in exercise of the powers conferred by Rule 78 of the Church Representation Rules make the following provisions:-

Application

1. The provisions made by this instrument apply to each deanery in the Diocese of Exeter.

Interpretation

2. In this instrument –

“the Scheme” means the scheme for Representation of Clerks in Holy Orders with Permission to Officiate on Deanery Synod in the Diocese of Exeter dated 1st January 2020; and

“CRR” means the Church Representation Rules 2020.

Extension of time to hold meeting

- 3 The Scheme requires that Standing Committees of Deanery Synods hold a meeting to elect representatives of clergy with permission to officiate to serve as members of the Deanery Synod and those meetings are required to be held as soon as possible after 1st June 2020.
- 4 The period for holding the meeting of the Standing Committees to elect representatives shall in the year 2020 be extended to a date after 1st November 2020.
- 5 In consequence –
 - 5.1 a person who, on the day on which this instrument is made, is a clerk in Holy Orders holding permission to officiate and is a representative on a deanery synod shall continue to hold that office until 30th November 2020
 - 5.2 the term of office of the newly appointed representative shall commence on 1st December 2020;
- 6 Paragraph 5.1 and 5.2 are subject to the provisions of CRR Part 7 (Disqualification etc.).

Dated

March 2020



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Bishop of Exeter

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 Church Representation Rules.

For 2020, the time for holding a meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens is extended until 31 October (instead of 31 May). Similarly, the period for holding an annual meeting of parishioners (APCM) is extended to 31 October.

The term of office of current representatives of the clergy with permission to officiate on deanery synods is extended until 30 November 2020. As a result, it will be the current members of the houses of clergy of deanery synods who will comprise the electorate for the House of Clergy of the General Synod in elections to the General Synod this year.

Secretaries of deanery synods must, as already required by the Church Representation Rules, give the diocesan electoral registration officer the information specified in rule 20(1)(a) and (b) (i.e. name and addresses of members of house of clergy and house of laity etc. of deanery synod) by 1 July 2020. That will, as a result of the extension of their terms of office, involve the secretary of the deanery synod giving the diocesan electoral registration officer the names of the existing members of the house of clergy representing clerks in holy orders with permission to officiate (i.e. those elected in 2017 or subsequently to fill casual vacancies).