

## IN THE CONSISTORY COURT OF THE DIOCESE OF EXETER

### TEMPORARY ADDITIONAL MATTERS ORDER

1. This Order is made pursuant to Section 78 of The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 and Schedule 1 of The Faculty Jurisdiction (Amendment) Rules 2019.
2. As a consequence of the COVID19 pandemic and the imposition of Regulations requiring physical changes to enable people to use places of worship safely it has been recognised that Parochial Church Councils will need to make modifications to their churches. It is anticipated that these changes will be of a time limited basis but due to evolving government regulations there is a need to implement the alterations and changes very quickly. It is recognised that List A and List B as set out in Schedule 1 to the Rules does not cover all of the work that will have to be carried out as a result of the pandemic Regulations and this Order is intended to extend the list of works that parishes may carry out without requiring a formal faculty.
3. The following minor works may be undertaken without a Faculty and without any consultation being required with the archdeacon or the DAC:
  - a) Installation of hand sanitisers on temporary stands or tables not affixed to the fabric of the building;
  - b) Installation of markings and signage to show required social distancing gaps, but these should not damage or leave a residue on the surface when removed;
  - c) Closing of pews by temporary roping or other similar means and/or taping of areas where people cannot pass or sit, but any tape or other means of fixing should not damage or leave a residue on the surface when removed;
  - d) Signage to provide guidance to visitors to ensure social distancing measures are communicated provided that it is not affixed to the fabric of the building and does not damage historic items;
  - e) Removal of hymn books, Order of Service books/sheets
- 4.1 The following minor works may be undertaken without a faculty but do require prior consultation with and approval from the archdeacon following advice from the DAC:
  - a) Installation of hand sanitisers affixed to the fabric of the church provided that the fixings do not involve material interference with the fabric of the building;
  - b) Minor and temporary works to allow accessibility to the building for social distancing purposes or the provision of one-way systems;
  - c) Installation of equipment for recording and/or live streaming services;
  - d) Installation of broadband connection to enable streaming of services
- 4.2 Any proposed works in 4.1 will be considered and approved via the Online Faculty System as List B works.

- 4.3 No works referred to in 4.1 are to be carried out until formal consent has been given via the online system.
- 4.4 In giving consideration to the proposals the archdeacon must take into account the following matters:
- a) the archdeacon must be satisfied that the work is not likely to affect the character of a listed building as a building of special architectural or historic interest, or cause permanent harm;
  - b) the proposals must not involve:
    - (i) any material interference with or alteration or damage to the fabric of the church, its archaeology or any articles of historic or artistic interest; or
    - (ii) the carrying out of electrical works;
  - (iii) the works must not require excavations, trenching or intrusive works to the building or churchyard;
  - (iv) the location of any works must be sensitively chosen and must be fully reversible;
  - (v) where fixings are required they should be into mortar joints and not into stonework; and
  - (vi) works must be carried out by suitably qualified persons and where necessary those persons must be appropriately certified by an approved scheme under the Rules.
- 5.1 This Order will be time limited and will enable the authorisation of the works described above provided those works are implemented at any time up to and including 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020.
- 5.2
- a) Any works that are implemented in pursuance of this Order shall be authorised for a maximum period of 12 months from the date of the works being commenced.
  - b) If it is desired to continue with the scheme of works after this date then a petition for a faculty must be made not less than 1 month before the expiry of the 12 month period. If you submit a petition within the required time then the scheme of works will be deemed to continue to be authorised until the petition is determined by the court.
  - c) If you do not submit a petition for a faculty within the required time then you must immediately restore the position to that which existed before the scheme of works was implemented.

Dated 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020