

**PROVISION MADE BY THE BISHOP OF EXETER UNDER RULE 78(5)(b) OF THE
CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES TO ENABLE REMOTE WORKING OF
DIOCESAN SYNOD**

This Instrument is made on 9th July 2020 and has effect from the date on which it is made until 8th July 2021 or until revoked if sooner

1. Rule 44 of the Church Representation Rules (procedure of diocesan synods) and the Standing Orders of the Exeter Diocesan Synod apply with the following modifications.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. 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 Bishop, the Chair of the House of Clergy and the Chair of the House of Laity acting jointly.
6. 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.
7. 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.



ROBERT, Bishop of Exeter