



DIOCESE IN EUROPE

CONSTITUTION OF THE DIOCESE IN EUROPE CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001 CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES

BISHOP'S INSTRUMENT (2021 No.1) *FURTHER PROVISION IN RELATION TO MEETINGS, VOTING AND ELECTIONS AND ADMISSION OF CHURCHWARDENS*

WHEREAS an Instrument was made by the Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe ("the Bishop") on 25 March 2020 in relation to Annual Meetings, Elections etc ("the Bishop's Instrument (2020 No.1)")

AND WHEREAS a further Instrument was made by the Bishop on 6 October 2020 in relation to a range of meetings at chaplaincy, archdeaconry, deanery and diocesan level and related matters ("the Bishop's Instrument (2020 No.2)")

THE BISHOP HEREBY MAKES THE FOLLOWING FURTHER PROVISION in exercise of the powers conferred by paragraph 47 of the Constitution, section 10 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 and rule 78 of the Church Representation Rules

1. This Instrument is supplemental to the Bishop's Instrument (2020 No.1) and the Bishop's Instrument 2020 (No.2) which remain in force subject to the provisions of this Instrument.
2. The Bishop's Instrument (2020 No.1) is hereby varied as follows:
 - (a) Paragraphs 4(1) and 4(2) (Admission of churchwardens) shall also have effect until 31 August 2021 in relation to those persons chosen in 2021 for the office of churchwarden in a chaplaincy prior to that date.
 - (b) In paragraph 6, in addition to the chaplain of each chaplaincy in the Diocese (as already appointed), the archdeacon of each archdeaconry in the Diocese is also hereby appointed as the Bishop's substitute for the purpose of the admission to office, pursuant to section 6(1) of the Measure, of those persons chosen in 2021 for the office of churchwarden for a chaplaincy in the relevant archdeaconry

3. The Bishop's Instrument (2020 No.2) is hereby varied as follows:
- (a) In paragraph 1(a) for '30 November 2020', substitute '31 May 2021' so that the provisions of paragraphs 9, 10 and 11 (Annual chaplaincy meeting) of that Instrument shall continue to apply until that latter date.
 - (b) In paragraph 1(b) for '31 March 2021', substitute '31 December 2021' so that the provisions of paragraphs 1 to 8, paragraphs 12 to 14 (Meetings of the chaplaincy church council and standing committee), paragraphs 15 to 17 (Archdeaconry Synod and Deanery Synod), paragraphs 18 to 20 (Diocesan Synod), paragraphs 21 and 22 (Standing Committee of the Diocesan Synod and Bishop's Council) and paragraphs 23 and 24 (Notice of meetings held by electronic means) of that Instrument shall continue to apply until that latter date.
4. For the purposes of the admission to office of any person chosen for the office of churchwarden in 2021, the requirement of section 6 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 that such a person shall appear before the bishop or his duly appointed substitute, and that in the presence of the bishop or appointed substitute must make and subscribe the statutory declaration, shall be satisfied by the person making the declaration by electronic means such that the bishop or his appointed substitute may hear and be heard, and where practicable see and be seen, and submitting a copy of the signed declaration to such recipient and in such format as the bishop or his appointed substitute shall direct.
5. The provisions of this Instrument are permissive, not mandatory, and are in addition to, not substitution for, the normal arrangements for physical meetings and the Admission of churchwardens.
6. Nothing in this Instrument shall prevent the Bishop making a further instrument varying the provisions of this or any earlier Instrument.
7. This Instrument is made on the date on which it is signed by the Bishop and has effect from that date.

+ Robert Gibraltar in Europe

BISHOP OF GIBRALTAR IN EUROPE

Wednesday in Holy Week

31 March 2021

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note does not form part of the instrument)

As a result of this instrument, it will be or continue to be lawful, subject to the usual requirements and the other relevant provisions of the Instruments, to do the following in the Diocese:

- (a) hold an annual chaplaincy meeting by electronic means until **31st May 2021**;
- (b) hold a meeting of
 - (i) a chaplaincy church council
 - (ii) a standing committee of the chaplaincy church council (unless the chaplaincy church council directs otherwise)
 - (iii) an archdeaconry synod
 - (iv) a deanery synod
 - (v) the Diocesan Synod
 - (vi) the Standing Committee of the Diocesan Synod
 - (vii) the Bishop's Councilby electronic means until **31st December 2021**;
- (c) conduct a vote on a motion or resolution, but not a contested election, at a meeting of any of the aforementioned bodies by electronic means up to the respective dates;
- (d) the admission to office of those elected to be churchwardens in 2021 may, until **31st August 2021**, be undertaken in accordance with the requirements of the Churchwardens Measure by the relevant archdeacon or by the chaplain of the chaplaincy. In a vacancy in the chaplaincy, the admission may be undertaken by any clerk in Holy Orders licensed by the Bishop to that chaplaincy; and, where there is no other licensed minister, or the chaplain or licensed minister is unable to act, the area dean may act.
- (e) A person chosen for the office of churchwarden may make the required declaration before the bishop or his appointed substitute (see above) by audio-visual link and be admitted to office in the same way. A copy of the signed form of the declaration required by the Measure should be submitted by churchwardens, immediately after their admission to office, in accordance with the directions of the bishop or his appointed substitute.