

CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001
CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES
DIOCESE OF SOUTHWARK

ANNUAL MEETINGS, ELECTIONS ETC. IN 2020

The Bishop of Southwark, in exercise of the powers conferred by section 10 of the Churchwardens Measure 2001 and rule 78 of the Church Representation Rules, makes the following provision

Application

1. The provision made by this instrument applies to each parish in the diocese of Southwark.

Interpretation

2. In this instrument –

“the Measure” means the Churchwardens Measure 2001; and

“CRR” means the Church Representation Rules.

Meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens, etc.

3. The time for holding a meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens in the year 2020 is extended so that the churchwardens are to be chosen not later than 31 October 2020.
4. In consequence –
 - (1) the time to be appointed by the bishop for the admission of churchwardens is to be a date not later than 31 January 2021;
 - (2) subject to sections 6A (suspension), 7 (resignation) and 8 (vacation of office) of the Measure, the term of office of a churchwarden chosen in the year 2019 continues until 31 January 2021 unless that person (if chosen again as churchwarden in 2020) or that person’s successor is admitted to office by that date (in which case, the term of office ends on the date of the admission).

Annual parochial church meeting and representatives of the laity

5. The period for holding the annual parochial church meeting (“APCM”) in the year 2020 is extended to 31 October 2020 (and accordingly, the time for electing parochial representatives of the laity to the deanery synod and to the parochial church council, and for transacting the other business of the meeting, is extended to that date).
6. In consequence –
 - (1) a person who on the day on which this instrument is made is a parochial representative of the laity on a deanery synod continues to hold that office, and continues to hold office as a member of the parochial church council under CRR

rule M15(1)(i), until 30 November 2020 (and accordingly, that person's successor holds office from 1 December 2020);

- (2) a person who on the day on which this instrument is made is a parochial representative of the laity on the parochial church council, and whose term of office was due to end at the conclusion of the APCM in 2020, continues to hold office until the conclusion of any APCM for 2020 that is held after 31 May in accordance with paragraph 5;
- (3) the secretary of each deanery synod must, despite the election of parochial representatives of the laity to that synod not having taken place, give the diocesan electoral registration officer the information specified in CRR rule 20(1)(a) and (b) no later than 1 July 2020.

7. Paragraph 6(1) and (2) are subject to the provisions of CRR Part 7 (Disqualification etc.).

Date 23rd March 2020

Signature

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The Rt Revd Christopher Chessun
Bishop of Southwark