

**OXFORD DIOCESAN SYNOD****Bishop's Mission Orders and Deanery Synod Representation:  
Latimer Minster and St Mark's, Milton Keynes**

1. The Church Representation Rules ('CRR') make provision under rule 27A for schemes to be made by diocesan synods providing for representation on deanery synods "of persons to whom mission orders relate". In the absence of such schemes, the laity and clergy concerned remain unrepresented on deanery synods unless they happen also to have parish involvement.
2. The first two Bishop's Mission Orders in the Diocese, both commencing on 1 November 2013, relate to the Latimer Minster missional community in Amersham deanery and to St Mark's, Milton Keynes, a project working ecumenically with people on the margins of the Church in Milton Keynes. It is now proposed to make provision for representation of those involved with these projects on the respective deanery synods.
3. The two schemes annexed to this paper provide for the clergy licensed to each project and for two elected representatives of the laity involved to be members of, respectively, Amersham and Milton Keynes deanery synods. This level of representation has been agreed in each case following consultation with the respective Visitors of the mission initiatives, the Revd Derrick Carr and the Archdeacon of Buckingham.
4. Diocesan Synod is asked to approve the deanery synod representation schemes annexed to this paper. Under CRR rule 27A(2), such schemes require "the assent of the house of bishops and of a two-thirds majority of the members of each of the other houses present and voting".

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February 2014



## DIOCESE OF OXFORD

### BISHOP'S MISSION ORDER FOR LATIMER MINSTER

#### SCHEME FOR REPRESENTATION ON AMERSHAM DEANERY SYNOD

##### PREAMBLE

(1) A Bishop's Mission Order, made under Part 7 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 ('the Measure'), makes provision for the Mission Initiative known as Latimer Minster, commencing on the 1st day of November 2013.

(2) Pursuant to rule 27A of the Church Representation Rules ('the Rules'), the Diocesan Synod has been requested by the Bishop of Buckingham to provide for representation on Amersham Deanery Synod of such persons to whom the Bishop's Mission Order relates as are specified in the Scheme set out below.

(3) In accordance with section 82(2)(g) of the Measure, the Visitor of the Mission Initiative has been consulted.

##### SCHEME

The Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Oxford in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 27A of the Rules makes the following Scheme:

1. To the membership of the Amersham Deanery Synod shall be added the following persons:

##### *House of Clergy*

The Clerks in Holy Orders licensed for the time being under the Bishop's Mission Order.

##### *House of Laity*

Two lay members of Latimer Minster elected by general meeting of The Minster Fellowship (company registration number 7299797).

2. The lay members referred to in this Scheme shall be elected in such manner and shall serve for such term as if they were the 'parochial representatives of the laity' mentioned in rule 24(6)(a) of the Rules, and the general meeting at which they were elected were held as if it were the 'annual meeting' mentioned in rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules; and as if in all other respects (including the power of the Bishop to make special provision under rule 53) the Rules applied *mutatis mutandis* to the Mission Initiative.

3. This Scheme shall come into operation upon the 1st day of June 2014.

APPROVED in accordance with the provisions of rule 26(2) of the Rules with the assent of the House of Bishops and of a two-thirds majority of the Members of the House of Clergy and the House of Laity of the Oxford Diocesan Synod present and voting at a session held on the 22nd day of March 2014.

SIGNED by the Right Reverend John, )

Bishop of Oxford and President of )

the Oxford Diocesan Synod and )

SEALED with his Episcopal Seal )

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(2) Pursuant to rule 27A of the Church Representation Rules ('the Rules'), the Diocesan Synod has been requested by the Bishop of Buckingham to provide for representation on Milton Keynes Deanery Synod of such persons to whom the Bishop's Mission Order relates as are specified in the Scheme set out below.

(3) In accordance with section 82(2)(g) of the Measure, the Visitor of the Mission Initiative has been consulted.

##### SCHEME

The Diocesan Synod of the Diocese of Oxford in exercise of the powers conferred by rule 27A of the Rules makes the following Scheme:

1. To the membership of the Milton Keynes Deanery Synod shall be added the following persons:

##### *House of Clergy*

The Clerks in Holy Orders licensed for the time being under the Bishop's Mission Order.

##### *House of Laity*

Two representatives elected by a meeting of the lay members of St Mark's, Milton Keynes (charity number 1152173).

2. The lay members referred to in this Scheme shall be elected in such manner and shall serve for such term as if they were the 'parochial representatives of the laity' mentioned in rule 24(6)(a) of the Rules, and the meeting at which they were elected were held as if it were the 'annual meeting' mentioned in rule 9(5)(a) of the Rules; and as if in all other respects (including the power of the Bishop to make special provision under rule 53) the Rules applied *mutatis mutandis* to the Mission Initiative.

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