

CHURCHWARDENS MEASURE 2001
CHURCH REPRESENTATION RULES
DIOCESE OF OXFORD

ANNUAL MEETINGS, ELECTIONS ETC. IN 2020

The Bishop of Oxford, 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 provisions made by this instrument apply to each parish in the diocese of Oxford.
2. By an Instrument under these same provisions dated 19 March 2020 the Bishop of Oxford extended the date for holding the annual meeting of parishioners and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (“annual meetings”) for each parish in the diocese of Oxford to 31 October 2020. Save as provided for in this Instrument those provisions remain in force.
3. Subsequent Instruments have been made making provision for electronic meetings (dated 6 July 2020) and for the admission of churchwardens (dated 2 September 2020). Save as provided for in this Instrument those provisions remain in force.
4. The purpose of this Instrument is to extend further the time by which annual meetings can be held.

Interpretation

5. In this instrument –
“the Measure” means the Churchwardens Measure 2001; and
“CRR” means the Church Representation Rules.

Meeting of parishioners to choose churchwardens, etc.

6. 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 30 November 2020.
7. 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

8. The period for holding the annual parochial church meeting ("APCM") in the year 2020 is extended to 30 November 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).
9. 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 31 December 2020 (and accordingly, that person's successor holds office from 1 January 2021);
 - (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;
10. Paragraph 6(1) and (2) are subject to the provisions of CRR Part 7 (Disqualification etc.).

Signed this 10th day of September 2020

The Rt Revd Dr Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford:

