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It was wonderful to see so many archdeacons at the national conference **Dealers in Hope** in January. I think it was our largest attendance for very many years and the atmosphere and collegiality were inspiring and affirming. We were also blessed with very good speakers. The worship framework offered by Hopeweavers really did weave prayer, worship and hope through the conference. Thank you to all those who attended and participated so fully and thank you also to those who have shared their reflections on the conference already. If there is anything you would like the Forum Executive to

consider when we review the event and start the planning for the next one, please send it to me by the end of February.

In case anyone is interested, Jessica Martin has sent me an electronic copy of her address *Hope, Desire and the Unexpected* which she gave during our Closing Eucharist. If you would like a copy, just let me know.

For those of us with Welsh connections, this year is one of those rare occasions when we can celebrate St David's Day outside of Lent. Whatever you are planning for Lent, I hope it will be a time which allows for space and renewal, and an opportunity to continue reflections on how we may better be **Dealers in Hope**.

With all good wishes and prayers,

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A reminder – in this newsletter, if something has a purple heading and a black text, it is new material; if it has a black heading and grey text, it has been here before.

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Archdeacons' Training

Why do appointments go wrong? Going beneath the processes

Thursday 4th April 2019 at Church House, Westminster SW1P 3AZ

The aim of this day is not simply to remind ourselves of good practice in making appointments, but to go underneath the processes and explore why our processes do not always produce the results we hope for. What might be going on in these cases, and how might we handle things better?

The day will be led by Leann Dawson, Senior HR Manager and Helen Averill, Clergy Transitions Service Manager at the NCIs. The cost will be £25 per person and booking forms are obtainable from Liz Brereton liz.brereton@churchofengland.org

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Church Buildings – useful matters from recent CBC mailings

New web presence

ChurchCare has a [new web presence](#)

You will all have seen the [Church of England's new website](#). It is part of a desire to collate all Church of England content within one central website. We have now rewritten, updated and moved all our ChurchCare content onto a [new section of our central website](#). Our ChurchCare website is still active but by the end of February we will be closing it down following the end of our current hosting contract.

The ChurchCare web address will remain active and **we will be adding forwarding links to all our previous webpages**. This will automatically redirect the current URLs to our new central webpages. We are currently adding internal links to the new content, which will be complete within the next week. Once we close our ChurchCare website, if you notice that some of our old URLs used on your website no longer work, please inform [James Miles](#). Some content has been removed as it was out of date and some pages have been merged together to reduce the overall number of webpages. If content still in use has been removed it can be added back and we can set up a URL redirect for a particular page. Direct links to our PDFs will no longer work and we will not be adding redirects to our media content.

Our new central landing page is [here](#). Moving our ChurchCare website over to the central Church of England website will allow our website to remain functional and updated with the latest technology. It provides a greater basis for our content to be found. In July 2018 the central website had had over 5.5 million page views, engaging with 1 million new people following its update. With our content now available on this website, it will be accessible to these people, and provides a more direct connection between the central mission and work of the church as well as other church resources that will be of use to parishes and dioceses.

New delegated authority

A new power comes into force on 1 March 2019 that has potential to make a significant contribution to the work of DACs and enable more effective use of DAC time and swifter responses to churches. The [Church of England \(Miscellaneous Provision\) Measure 2018](#) provides new powers for Diocesan Advisory Committees to delegate matters to its officers.

The wording of the new provision is ‘The committee may delegate the exercise of any of its functions to an officer of the committee.’ It is helpfully broad and does not specify what can be delegated. It is also not only the DAC Secretary to whom a function can be delegated where a DAC has more than one officer.

To assist DACs in the discussion of how to use this power the [Council has published a guidance note](#).

After the tightly worded definitions in some aspects of the new rules, the freedom that this offers will be welcome. Please always bear in mind that it is important that the use of the power is clearly within the competence of the person exercising it to protect the reputation of the DAC and the wider Ecclesiastical Exemption.

The guidance is published in the [How we manage our buildings](#) section of the new website.

DACs that choose to use this power to issue NOAs will find this specific advice about form 2 helpful. There is a rubric towards the beginning of Form 2 which says, “The Committee should delete any parts of the form that are not applicable when completing it.” The statement “At a meeting of the Diocesan Advisory Committee held on” could simply be deleted where the advice was dealt with under delegated arrangements.

[The National Lottery Heritage Fund](#)

The [Strategic Funding Framework 2019-2024](#) for the Heritage Fund (formerly the HLF) is published. The funding framework introduces changes to the funding programmes and is intended to increase access to lottery funding – making it easier for applicants and giving priority to areas of the country where heritage grants have not had a high take-up.

There are now three funding streams: £3,000 to £10,000; £10,000 to £250,000 and applications over £250,000. Applications over £5m will be considered once in 2020 and another round in 2021. Decisions for grants up to £250,000 will be made locally. Those over £250,000 will go to one of three regional panels in England (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland will also have grants panels).

A helpful initial enquiry stage has been introduced for grants of £10,000 - £250,000 and an Expression of Interest form for grants over £250,000. The purpose of this is to guide applicants at an early stage over the suitability of their proposal for Heritage Fund funding and to provide guidance if a proposal could be fundable if it was changed in some way.

The Fund has indicated that it will monitor the new processes to ensure that they are found straightforward by users and do not disadvantage any particular sector. Please let me know if you learn from parishes of responses from the NLHF not living up to this commitment.

This is a new scheme. A lot is similar to the previous one but it is not the same. Applicants who have not secured grants from previous applications are encouraged to look at their funding proposals afresh for the new scheme. Reusing a previous application without amendment is discouraged.

I will write more about the new schemes over the coming weeks. For now the [new framework is available to read online](#).

Referring casework to the Amenity Societies

All consultation requests (both formal ones and pre-application) should now be sent directly to the **Joint Committee of the National Amenity Societies (JCNAS)** at casework@jcnas.org.uk making it very clear whether it is a formal consultation or a request for pre-application advice, with a deadline when response is required by. If you know who the relevant caseworker is I am told that they will appreciate being told that the application is on its way, but please send the consultation to the joint email address.

This JCNAS email address will allow the consultations to be seen by all of the big 6 National Amenity Societies. These are the SPAB, The Victorian Society, The Twentieth Century Society, The Georgian Group, The Ancient Monuments Society and the Council for British Archaeology. It does **not** include Historic England. Each request is passed on to the caseworkers at the societies relevant to the consultation. The amenity societies appreciate the opportunity to take part in pre-application discussions when advice can usually be far more useful.

Please ask [Catherine Bell](#) if you have any technical questions. I am advised that special notices can still be sent directly to the relevant society.

[Festival Churches: Mission and Community](#)

The Diocese of Sheffield and the Association of Festival Churches invite all those concerned with the care and imaginative use of churches to a day conference. This will be especially relevant to Diocesan Officers and senior clergy as well as incumbents, churchwardens and PCC members who are considering alternative patterns of worship, and how their church might widen its appeal to the local community.

March 25th, Sheffield Cathedral. [Book here](#)

Gift aid

The House of Commons Library has published a [briefing paper on gift aid](#). The note gives some background to the scheme and the changes that have been made to it since it was introduced. It includes notice of an increase in the individual donation limit in the Gift Aid Small Donations Scheme from £20 to £30 at an annual Exchequer cost of £5m. Statutory provision to set the new limit is to be made by secondary legislation, and is to take effect from April 2019.

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Comings and Goings

The next Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight is to be Canon Peter Leonard, currently Acting Dean and Canon Chancellor of Portsmouth Cathedral. Peter will take up his appointment after Easter.

The Ven Vicki Simms stood down as Archdeacon of Italy and Malta at the end of January and the Ven Colin Williams retires as Archdeacon of Germany and Northern Europe and of the East at the end of March. With the current uncertainties about the arrangements once the United Kingdom leaves the European Union, Bishop Robert has made temporary provision to cover these three archdeaconries: Geoff Johnston, Archdeacon of Gibraltar, will also look after the Archdeaconry of Italy and Malta; Adele Kelham, Archdeacon of Switzerland, will look after the Archdeaconry of the East; and John Newsome, Area Dean of Germany, will look after Germany and Northern Europe.

The Bishop of Cyprus and the Gulf has appointed Christopher Futcher, currently Archdeacon of Exeter, as the next Archdeacon in Cyprus and Chaplain of St Helena's Larnaca. He has served as Archdeacon of Exeter and Warden of Readers for the past seven years and his farewell service will be on the 3rd July.

The Ven Morris Rodham, Archdeacon of Warwick (and known as Archdeacon Missioner) is to become Priest-in-Charge of St Patrick's, Patterdale in the Diocese of Carlisle on a house-for-duty basis. His farewell will be during the Chrism Eucharist on 18th April.

Please pray for:

- those recently appointed as Archdeacons as they say good bye to their current location and prepare for their new role: Peter Leonard;
- for the Diocese in Europe which is particularly affected by the uncertainty over the UK leaving the EU and facing challenges currently about making appointments, for Vickie Sims and Colin Williams as they leave their archdeacons' posts and for Geoff Johnston, Adele Kelham and John Newsome as they shoulder increased responsibilities;
- those moving onto new opportunities for ministry, and especially for Christopher Futcher and Morris Rodham.

Please pray also for those responsible for filling the vacancies of Bristol, Colchester, Cornwall, Exeter, Nottingham and Plymouth.

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Courses and events

The following may be of interest:



Bookings for all ELS events may be made at:
<https://ecclawsoc.org.uk/events/>

London Lectures 2019 are held at Winckworth Sherwood, Montague Close, London SE1 9BB (by Southwark Cathedral), starting at 5.30pm; refreshments available from 5pm. These lectures are free of charge and open to members and non-members, but spaces are limited so prior booking is essential.

- Monday 4 March - Canon John Rees and Professor Norman Doe, on *An introduction to the 'Principles of Canon Law Common to the Churches of the Anglican Communion'*
- Saturday 23 March - Half-day consultation on the 'Principles', for those whose interest is sparked by the London Lecture on 4 March
- Tuesday 21 May - Ms Sarah Horseman, of the Sheldon Community, on *The CDM – a Sideways Look*,
- Wednesday 3rd July 2019 - Professor Norman Doe on *The Unifying effect of Christian Law for Ecumenism*

Northern Province Lectures 2019 are held at the offices of the Diocese of Leeds, 17-19 York Place, Leeds, LS1 2EX, starting at 5.30pm. These lectures are free of charge and open to members and non-members, but spaces are limited so prior booking is essential.

- Wednesday 6 February 2019 - Bishop Colin Buchanan on *The transferable vote: a hundred years of Anglican experience*
- Thursday 16 May 2019 – Caroline Mockford, Registrar of the Diocese and of the Province of York, on *Closed Churchyards*.
- Tuesday 16 July 2019 – Bishop Nick Baines on *The Function of Ecclesiastical Law in Effective Parochial Ministry*.
- Wednesday 6 November 2019: Northern Province lecture – Charles George QC, Auditor of the Chancery Court of York, on *Do we still need the Faculty System?*

ELS Residential Conference 2019 – to be held at Cumberland Lodge, Windsor 5-7 April 2019 – Church and State in the Twenty First Century: Re-imagining Establishment for the post Elizabethan age.

Foremost in Representing the Laity: The Training of Churchwardens in Today's Church
14th March 2019: Manchester Diocesan Office, 90 Deansgate, Manchester M3 2GH 10.30am-3.30pm

A Day Conference for all those responsible for encouraging, enabling and supporting the vocation and ministry of Churchwardens in today's church.

Cost £20.00 for ELS members: £25.00 for non-members. Lunch included.

Booking and information: <https://ecclawsoc.org.uk/education/>

led by: Simon Baker, Archdeacon of Lichfield; Stuart Beake, former Archdeacon of Surrey; Norman Boakes, Archdeacons' National Development Officer; Stephen Borton, Ecclesiastical Manager, Lee Bolton Monier-Williams; Mark Hill QC, Chair of the ELS; and Andrea Russell, Tutor at Queen's Foundation, Birmingham.

A Range of topics around Churchwardens and the Law will be considered during the day, including:

- An ordered church and the ministry of Churchwardens
- The legal responsibilities of Churchwardens
- Resources for training Churchwardens in their responsibilities
- The evolving role of Churchwardens
- Implications of upcoming changes to law and regulation

Leadership courses at Sarum College

Contact Alison Ogden for all booking enquiries
aogden@sarum.ac.uk 01722 424826



Leading in a Second Chair

A chance to explore leadership challenges for those who do not appear at the top of an organisation. With a grounding in theology, we will use the latest insights from organisational studies to explore how leaders, both individually and in teams, can help themselves and their organisations thrive.

Tuesday 19th March 2019

Tutor: Tim Harle

Re-imagining Church in a Changing Culture

<http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/2019-re-imagining-church-in-a-changing-culture>

This module aims to go beyond such 'headlines' to equip students to understand and critique patterns of decline and growth which are characteristic of the church in the 21st century using both theological and sociological tools. The Church in the UK will be 'read' in the wider context of social, religious and cultural change and compared with the situation in Europe, America and the developing world. Both the challenges facing the contemporary church and the responses offered will be critically examined, with particular reference to patterns of community, mission and ministry.

Change and Conflict

<http://www.sarum.ac.uk/event/2018-change-and-conflict>

This module critically examines theoretical and practical aspects of change through a number of disciplines, especially theology, ecclesiology, missiology, ecology, psychology and complexity theory. The various strands are brought together to provide a holistic view of the origins and potentially transforming role of conflict. Throughout the course, students will apply the concepts to their own situations to increase shared learning and to provide practical insights for their own practice.

Mon 17 June 2019, 2:00pm - Thu 20 June 2019, 1:00pm

Tutor: Tim Harle

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Electoral Rolls and APCMs

In response to concerns about data protection issues and the renewal of the Electoral Roll, *Parish Resources* has issued a note clarifying the issue, together with a reminder on the disqualification rules for charity trustees.

APCM – GDPR

You can view the APCM GDPR Guidance and Electoral Roll Privacy Notice at

<https://www.parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms/>

APCM – Charity Trustees

The widening of the disqualification rules for charity trustees in s.178 Charities Act 2011 came into force in August 2018. At APCMs it is therefore important to check that all PCC members (existing and newly elected) are:

- a. 'Eligible to serve as Trustees' (i.e. not disqualified under charity law), and
- b. HMRC would regard them as 'Fit and Proper Persons'.

All PCC members should sign a Trustee Eligibility and Fit and Proper Persons Declaration. [Click here to download.](#)"

HMRC's guidance on the "Fit and Proper Person" test is [here](#). The Charity Commission's guidance on disqualification starts [here](#).

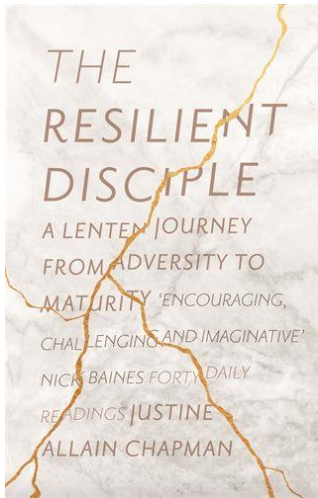
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Legal Advisory Commission – Delegation of Archdeacons' functions

Last month, the Legal Advisory Commission published new guidance about the delegation of Archdeacons' functions. As this is so relevant to Archdeacons, please find the whole advice at the end of this edition of *Archdeacons' News*. The original text may be found at:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2019-01/Delegation%20of%20Archdeacons%27%20functions.pdf>

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Archdeacons believe strongly in supporting colleagues. In that spirit, we are drawing your attention to Justine Allain Chapman's new book:

The Resilient Disciple: a Lenten Journey from Adversity to Maturity

recently published by SPCK at £9.99,
though available on the SPCK website for £7.99.

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Future Dates

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February 21st Welsh Archdeacons 11.00 – 15.00 Lion Hotel Shrewsbury

March 5th North West Archdeacons

March 21st Eastern Archdeacons @ Ely

April 8th South West Archdeacons @ Taunton

April 11th Welsh Archdeacons @ Provincial Offices, Cardiff

June 10th & 11th Southern Archdeacons @ Farnham Castle

July 18th – 19th Welsh Archdeacons @ tbc

September 17th – 19th New Archdeacons' Conference @ Hinsley Hall Leeds

September 21st – 24th Eastern Archdeacons' @ tba

October 3rd – 4th South West Archdeacons @ Tiverton Best Western Hotel

October 9th Welsh Archdeacons @ Provincial Offices, Cardiff

October 31st North West Archdeacons

December 11th Welsh Archdeacons @ Lion Hotel Shrewsbury

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June 1st – 3rd Northern Archdeacons' Conference @ Hinsley Hall

2021

January 25th – 27th National Archdeacons' Conference @ The Hayes Conference Centre, Swanwick

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Just a thought...

So we *must* stumble and fall, I am sorry to say. And that does not mean reading about falling, as you are doing here. We must actually be out of the driver's seat for a while, or we will never learn how to give *up* control to the Real Guide.

Richard Rohr *Falling Upwards* SPCK London 2012:66

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LEGAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Delegation of Archdeacons' functions

1. The Commission has published an opinion on the delegation of episcopal functions. (See the opinion *Delegation of Episcopal Functions*, February 2018.¹) Some similar questions arise about the delegation of the functions of archdeacons, in particular how, and the extent to which, archdeacons' functions may be delegated and what scope there is for archdeacons to obtain the assistance of a deputy in carrying out their functions on an ongoing basis.

Appointment of commissary by archdeacon

2. The jurisdiction an archdeacon has within the archdeaconry is an ordinary jurisdiction: Canon C 22.2. That means that the archdeacon's jurisdiction is inherent in his or her office; it is not by way of delegation from the bishop. Paragraph 3 of Canon C 22 goes on to provide—
Such jurisdiction is exercised either by the archdeacon in person or by an official or commissary to whom authority in that behalf shall have been formally committed by the archdeacon concerned.

The expression 'jurisdiction' in Canon C 22 is not to be understood in the narrow sense of judicial powers. In addition to powers of a judicial nature, it also embraces the other functions that are inherent in the office of an archdeacon and are described in paragraphs 4 and 5 of Canon C 22. (The expression 'jurisdiction' is used in a similar way in Canon C 18 (of diocesan bishops).)

3. The reference in paragraph 3 of Canon C 22 to an archdeacon's official seems to be redundant. An archdeacon's official was the judge who presided in the archdeacon's court. Archdeacons' courts were abolished by section 82 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963.² This was subject to a saving in section 83 for the visitatorial powers of archdeacons, which continue in force and are described in paragraph 5 of Canon C 22 and in Canon G 5 and G 6. Section 83 also contained savings as to the appointment, office and duties of the

¹ Available at <https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/legal-services/legalopinions-and-other-guidance>.

² Subsequently repealed by the Statute Law (Repeals) Act 2004.

official principal of an archdeacon but section 7 of the Ecclesiastical Judges and Legal Officers Measure 1976 prevented any new appointment to the office of official principal of an archdeacon being made after the commencement of that Measure on 25 April 1976. That section provided that where the office of archdeacon's official principal became vacant after that date, the duties of the office were to be performed by the chancellor of the diocese.³

4. An archdeacon may, however, continue formally to commit authority to exercise functions to a commissary as envisaged by Canon C 22.3.

5. The functions in respect of which an archdeacon may commit authority to a commissary include the functions described in paragraph 4 of Canon C 22 of assisting the bishop, in particular to “see that all such as hold any ecclesiastical office within the [archdeaconry] perform their duties with diligence, and ... bring to the bishop's attention what calls for correction or merits praise”.

6. Similarly, an archdeacon may commit authority to a commissary for the purpose of holding visitations, surveying churches and churchyards and giving “direction for the amendment of defects in the walls, fabric and ornaments, and furniture of the same” as required by Canon C 22.5 (see also Canons F17 and F 18).

7. An archdeacon who has received directions from the bishop for the induction of a priest into the possession of the temporalities of a benefice may authorise the rural dean or another minister beneficed or licensed in the archdeaconry to make the induction on his or her behalf: Canon C 11.3.

8. The exercise of any other functions of an archdeacon that are, under canon law, inherent in that office – and form part of the archdeacon's ordinary jurisdiction – may in principle be committed to a commissary. This would, for example, include the carrying out of a visitation in “more solemn manner” under Canon G 5, or the presentation to the bishop of persons to be ordained (Canon C 3.3).

9. Canon C 22 does not prescribe any qualifications a person must have to be eligible to exercise an archdeacon's functions as commissary. However, the archdeacon should only appoint as commissary a fit and proper person who has the necessary knowledge and experience to carry out the particular functions that are to be committed to him or her; and in doing so the archdeacon must have regard to any relevant provisions of the House of Bishops' safeguarding guidance on safer recruitment.⁴ In the case of induction, Canon C 11.3 does prescribe qualifications (see above) which must be met. Subject to that and to what follows in relation to statutory functions, it is in principle possible for an archdeacon to appoint a commissary on a general basis to act in effect as a deputy of the archdeacon. However, it may not be advisable for the functions committed to such a general commissary to include the carrying out of visitations in “more solemn manner” under Canon G 5: where such a visitation becomes necessary, particular consideration should be given to the qualifications needed for carrying out the visitation.

³ These provisions of the 1976 Measure, now repealed, are restated in section 34 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018.

⁴ Section 5, Safeguarding and Clergy Discipline Measure 2016. And see the guidance published at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/safeguarding/policy-practice-guidance>.

10. Canon C 22 refers to authority being “formally committed” to a commissary. A commissary should be appointed by means of a formal instrument (known as a commission) that clearly sets out the functions of the archdeacon that are being committed to the commissary, for what period and on what terms. A copy of the instrument should be filed in the diocesan registry.

Statutory functions

11. The functions of an archdeacon considered so far in this opinion have been functions that under the canon law form part of the archdeacon’s inherent ordinary jurisdiction. However, statute law (in the form of Measures and subordinate legislation made under Measures) has in recent decades also conferred a range of additional functions on archdeacons. These statutory functions include functions under the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 and the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules, and the Church Representation Rules. It is a well-established rule of the general law that where a statute confers functions on a person, that person must carry out those functions and cannot delegate them to another unless the statute in question, or some other applicable statutory provision, authorises such delegation. Unlike the case of statutory episcopal functions, which may be delegated by instrument under section 13 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, there is no general statutory provision that permits archdeacons to delegate their statutory functions.

12. There are a small number of specific provisions that enable archdeacons to appoint others to carry out particular statutory functions. These include:

- section 9 of the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978, which requires the archdeacon to “cause the register books and records ... to be inspected and reported on periodically by such person or persons as he may appoint”;
- section 54 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018, which provides for the archdeacon to direct that an enquiry, on a visitation, into the state and condition of a parochial library is to be conducted by a deputy.

These examples give an indication of the narrow range of matters in respect of which archdeacons are able to delegate their statutory functions. An archdeacon cannot, for example, delegate his or her function of approving works contained in List B of Schedule 1 to the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015.

13. The only general power to make provision for the discharge of an archdeacon’s statutory functions by another person is the power the bishop has to appoint a person by instrument under section 9 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1983 “to perform any or all of the archdeacon’s functions for a period specified in the instrument”. The power is exercisable by the bishop, not by the archdeacon; and it is exercisable only “where an archdeaconry is vacant or an archdeacon is unable by reason of illness or absence to carry out any or all of his functions”. Where the archdeaconry is not vacant, it could be used to cover a period of sick leave or sabbatical. But it is not available to provide the archdeacon with general assistance by sharing his or her workload with a deputy or assistant.

14. There is also a specific power in section 60 of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 that enables the bishop, in certain specified circumstances, to appoint a person to act in place of the archdeacon for the purposes of that Measure or of any other enactment relating to the bringing of proceedings in court. An appointment may be general or for a particular case. The circumstances in which the power of appointment may be exercised are where—

- the archdeaconry is vacant,
- the archdeacon is incapacitated by absence or illness, or
- in the opinion of the bishop, the archdeacon is for any other reason unable or unwilling to act or it would be inappropriate for the archdeacon to act.

Conclusion

15. There is scope for archdeacons to obtain assistance with the exercise of their functions on a general basis by means of appointing one or more suitable persons as commissaries to carry out functions that are inherent in the office of archdeacon under the canon law. But a commissary will not be able to carry out any of the functions that are conferred on the archdeacon by Measure, or by subordinate legislation made under a Measure, unless that person is appointed to do so by the bishop by an instrument under section 9 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1983, and then only in the circumstances specifically provided for in that section.

January 2019