

**IN THE MATTER OF A COMPLAINT UNDER THE CLERGY DISCIPLINE
MEASURE 2003**

THE BISHOP'S DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE DIOCESE OF SHEFFIELD

Re the Reverend Keith Hanson, Respondent

ORDERS AND FINDINGS IMPOSED BY THE TRIBUNAL

There being no appearance by the Respondent, and on the application of the Designated Officer, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED

1. Order by the Tribunal concerning the identity of 'Ms XY'

The Tribunal orders under rule 49 of the Clergy Discipline Rules 2005 that the actual name of the complainant, referred to as 'Ms XY' in the Tribunal's written determination, and any details that might lead to her being identified must not be published or otherwise made public. The tribunal is satisfied that such an order is desirable to protect the private life of Ms XY and is in the interests of the administration of justice.

Take Notice that if you fail to comply with this order the Chair of the Tribunal may certify that you are in contempt, and may refer the matter to the High Court under section 81(3) of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1963, **and you may be sent to prison and/or fined.**

2. After hearing the Designated Officer and the Complainant, the Tribunal find as a fact that the Respondent:
 - (i) had an adulterous relationship with the Complainant, Ms XY; and
 - (ii) sent indecent and sexually explicit messages by electronic means to the Complainant, Ms XY

The Tribunal has concluded that the Respondent's conduct was unbecoming or inappropriate to the office and work of a clerk in Holy Orders and amounts to misconduct

3. The Tribunal order that the Respondent be prohibited for life, that is to say prohibited without limit of time from exercising any of the functions of his Order with effect from 18th October 2019.

The reasons for imposing this finding and penalty will be set out in the written Decision of the Tribunal to be issued.



[signature of Chair]
David Pittaway QC, Chair of Tribunal

and Tribunal Members:
The Venerable Philip Williams
The Reverend Christine Broad
Mr Peter Hilton
Mrs Davina Tomlinson



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Registrar of Tribunals

Certified copy of the Order, Findings and Penalty pronounced in public on 18 October
2019

To: The Respondent
The Complainant
The Designated Officer
The Bishop of Sheffield
The Registrar of the Diocese of Sheffield

Copy: Members of the Tribunal