

## APPOINTMENT OF CHURCHWARDENS AT ANNUAL MEETINGS IN 2008

### **Churchwardens Measure 2001**

#### **Disqualification after six periods of office (Section 3)**

Clergy are asked to note the following:

A person is disqualified from being appointed to the office of churchwarden when he or she has served as churchwarden of the same parish for six years in succession. A person must have a gap of at least two years before serving again.

However, the annual meeting can pass a resolution to the effect that this section of the Measure shall not apply, which would allow the person in question to be appointed after the six years has expired. Such a resolution would take effect immediately.

The reason for this note is to alert you to the fact that the end of the first six year period, since this rule came into effect, will be the Annual Meetings held in 2008.

This will therefore mean that any churchwarden who has served continuously since the Annual Meeting of 2002 cannot be re-appointed in 2008 unless the Annual Meeting has passed a resolution specifically overruling this provision in relation to the parish, which would enable him or her to be reappointed.

Any such resolution can be revoked by a subsequent Annual Meeting.

The intention of the legislation appears to be that six successive terms should normally be regarded as the maximum, unless exceptional circumstances apply.

If necessary advice can be obtained from Diocesan Registrar.

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