



DIOCESES, PASTORAL AND MISSION MEASURE 2007

CHRISTOPHER by Divine Permission **LORD BISHOP OF SOUTHWARK**
To Our Sister in the Lord **ROSEMARIE BISHOP OF CROYDON** and all
others to whom this Instrument shall come

GRACE AND PEACE

WHEREAS

- A. We intend to retire Our diocesan See with effect from the fifth day of August 2026 and wish to appoint the Right Reverend Marlene Rosemarie Mallett, Bishop of Croydon, to carry out Our diocesan functions during the vacancy in the said See
- B. We have obtained the approval of the diocesan synod of the Diocese of Southwark at its meeting of 14 March 2026

NOW THEREFORE WE PROVIDE AS FOLLOWS

Delegation of diocesan functions

1. We **DELEGATE** to the Bishop of Croydon all Our functions within the Diocese of Southwark.

Status as acting bishop

2. We **INTEND THAT** the Bishop of Croydon should serve as acting diocesan bishop following Our retirement until such time as the election of a person to the See of Southwark is confirmed and that she shall co-ordinate the exercise of episcopal functions in the Diocese of Southwark, working in close collaboration with the Diocesan College of Bishops, and participate in the business of the House of Bishops of General Synod in the manner permitted of acting diocesan bishops.

Appointments to ecclesiastical offices during vacancy in See

3. The delegation effected under paragraph 1 above includes all Our rights to collate and institute to benefices and other ecclesiastical offices.
4. Paragraph 3 above is to be interpreted in accordance with section 15 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007 and section 2 of the Vacancies in Suffragan Sees and Other Ecclesiastical Offices Measure 2010 (the **2010 Measure**).
5. Accordingly, it is Our intention that, subject always to the prior right of His Majesty under section 2(3) of the 2010 Measure, the Bishop of Croydon should act as the “relevant bishop” for the purpose of the said section 2.

Repeal of previous delegation instrument

6. Our Instrument of Delegation dated 12 October 2024 is repealed.

Continuation and amendment of area scheme

7. Subject to paragraphs 8 and 9 below, the Diocese of Southwark Area Scheme 1991 (the **Area Scheme**) continues in effect.
8. The Area Scheme is amended as follows.
9. In item 8 of the Appendix to the Area Scheme, insert the words “*(except during a vacancy in the See of Southwark)*” immediately prior to the word “*collation*”.

Coming into effect and duration

10. This Instrument shall come into effect on the day on which it is made **PROVIDED THAT** in relation to any period prior to 5 August 2026 the functions delegated by this Instrument are to be exercised by the Bishop of Croydon only:
 - a. in pursuance of a request by Us; or

b. when, in the opinion of the Bishop of Croydon, We are prevented (whether by illness or otherwise) from exercising those functions personally.

11. This Instrument shall continue in effect until the date of the expiration of a period of six months beginning with the date on which the election of a person to the See of Southwark is confirmed, or the date on which the present Bishop of Croydon ceases to hold that office, whichever first occurs.

Nothing in this Instrument shall be taken as divesting Us of any of Our functions

Given under Our hand this day of 2026