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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2000 No. 2047**

**The Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2000**

**PART I**

**PRELIMINARY**

**Citation, Commencement and Revocation**

1.—(1) These Rules may be cited as the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2000 and shall come into force on the first day of January 2001.

(2) The Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 1992(1), are hereby revoked.

**Interpretation**

2.—(1) In these Rules

“The archdeacon” means the archdeacon of each archdeaconry in the diocese;

“advisory committee” in relation to a diocese or archdeaconry means the Diocesan Advisory Committee of the diocese or of the diocese in which the archdeaconry is situated, as the case may be;

“article” includes any article appertaining to a building which is subject to the faculty jurisdiction by virtue of an order made under section 11(4) of the Measure;

“the chancellor” and “the registrar” mean, in relation to any proceedings, the chancellor and the registrar respectively of the diocese in which the church, churchyard or building licensed for public worship (which is for the time being subject to the faculty jurisdiction by an order made under section 6 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Measure 1964(2) or which is not excluded from the faculty jurisdiction by order under section 11(3) of the Measure) is situated, and include any person appointed to act as the deputy of the chancellor or registrar, as the case may be;

“church” includes the curtilage of a church unless the context otherwise requires;

“churchyard” includes a consecrated burial ground not adjacent to the church;

“confirmatory faculty” means a faculty which validates any act requiring a faculty (including any work to the fabric or fixtures of any church or any movables therein, or the introduction into or removal from the church or churchyard of any item, or any work affecting any churchyard) which has been done without prior authorisation by faculty;

“the Council” refers to the Council for the Care of Churches;

“English Heritage” means the Historic Buildings and Monuments Commission for England;

“exhumation” means the removal from the ground, catacomb, mausoleum, or columbarium of a body or cremated human remains;

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(1) S.I.1992/2882.

(2) 1964 No. 5.

“interim faculty” means any licence or order made by the chancellor in respect of any works or proposals pending the final determination by him of a petition for faculty for such works or proposals;

“listed church” or “listed building” means a building which is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990;

“The Measure” means the Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure 1991;

“minister” has the same meaning in these Rules as in the Measure;

“national amenity society” means any of the following, the Ancient Monuments Society, the Council for British Archaeology, the Georgian Group, the Society for the Protection of Ancient Buildings, the Victorian Society, the Twentieth Century Society and such other body as may from time to time be designated by the Dean of the Arches and Auditor as a national amenity society for the purpose of the Measure;

“Statement of Needs” means a document which set out the reasons why it is considered that the needs of the parish cannot be met without making changes to the church building and the reasons why the changes are regarded as necessary to assist the church in its worship and mission;

“Statement of Significance” means a document which summarises the historical development of the church and identifies the important features that make major contributions to the character of the church.

(2) The Interpretation Act 1978 **(3)** shall apply for the interpretation of these Rules as it applies for the interpretation of Measures passed by the General Synod.