



# Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2020

2020 No. 1

*Ministry*

## **3 Funerals: conduct by lay person**

(1) In section 4 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2018 (funerals: conduct), after subsection (1) insert—

“(1A) A duly authorised deaconess, reader or lay worker (a “lay office-holder”) may, with the consent of the incumbent or priest-in-charge of the benefice or parish to which the lay office-holder is licensed, perform a funeral service in a crematorium, cemetery or other place which is not a church or churchyard, and in which the lay office-holder would not otherwise be entitled to perform the service, if—

- (a) the persons concerned have asked the lay office-holder to perform the service, and
- (b) the lay office-holder has, so far as practicable, informed the relevant minister and sought his or her goodwill.

(1B) The reference in subsection (1A) to the incumbent or priest-in-charge of the benefice or parish is, where there is no such person, to be read as a reference to the rural dean of the deanery in which the benefice or parish is situated.”

(2) In subsection (3) of that section, after “subsection (1)” insert “ or (1A) ”.

(3) In subsection (4) of that section, for “subsection (1)” substitute “ subsections (1) and (1A) ”.

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### **Commencement Information**

**II** S. 3 in force at 1.9.2020 by [S.I. 2020/835](#), [art. 2](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 2020, Section 3.