

IN THE ST ALBANS CONSISTORY COURT

Amended Additional Matters St Albans (No. 1) Order 2025

In accordance with section 78 (4) of the Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction and Care of Churches Measure 2018 ("the Measure"), the Chancellor has sought the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee before making this Order.

In exercise of the power conferred by section 78(1) of the Measure the Chancellor makes the following order:

1. An authorised person may undertake any matter prescribed in the first column of the table in the Schedule without a faculty—
 - (a) if the Archdeacon has been consulted on the proposal to undertake the matter and has given notice in writing that it may be undertaken without a faculty; and
 - (b) subject to—
 - (i) the conditions that are specified in the second column of the table; and
 - (ii) any additional conditions imposed by the archdeacon under paragraph 2(b).
2. Where the archdeacon is consulted under paragraph 1(a) on the proposal to undertake a matter, the Archdeacon—
 - (a) must seek the advice of the Diocesan Advisory Committee or such of its members or officers as the Archdeacon thinks fit before deciding whether to give notice that it may be undertaken without a faculty; and
 - (b) may make the undertaking of the matter subject to additional conditions specified by the Archdeacon in the notice.
3. A notice given by the Archdeacon under paragraph 1(a) must specify the proposals which may be undertaken without a faculty.
4. The archdeacon must retain a copy of every notice given under paragraph 1(a) and must also send a copy to—
 - (a) the registrar of the diocese for filing in the diocesan registry; and
 - (b) the secretary of the Diocesan Advisory Committee.
5. If the Archdeacon declines to give notice under paragraph 1(a) that a proposal may be undertaken without a faculty the archdeacon must inform the applicants that they may, if they wish, petition the court for a Faculty to authorise the proposal.

Words and expressions used in this Order have the same meaning as they have in Part 3 of the Faculty Jurisdiction Rules 2015.


Lyndsey de Mestre KC
Chancellor

----- Dated this 16th day December of 2025

Schedule

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Specified conditions</i>
Church Building or churchyard The installation of electric radiant heaters, which may be wired and switched as one system or in zones.	1. The design for the heating layout has been undertaken by a suitably competent body (either the heater manufacturer or a suitable heating consultant). 2. The church's professional advisor (inspecting architect or surveyor) has approved the system design and installation details. 3. The beam radiation from the heaters will not directly heat any historic wall paintings or ancient timber fixtures (i.e. if the heater were a light fitting, the beam of light emitting from it would not fall directly on to a historic wall painting or ancient timber fixtures). 4. The infrared beam will not directly heat a pipe organ. 5. There are one or more controls (such as time-based switches or appropriate thermostats) that will prevent all heaters that are part of the system from operating continuously when they are not needed. A system is a group of heating appliances that are, or can be, switched on or off from one switch or controller. Details of the appliances, their proposed location and fixing and the location of any cable runs are submitted to the archdeacon when the archdeacon is consulted on the proposal to undertake the matter. 6. Any work to the electrical installation or electrical equipment shall be undertaken by a person whose work is currently subject to an accredited certification scheme (e.g. the ECA, the NAPIT or an NICEIC Approved Contractor) and who carries full scope insurance to work on commercial systems in line with the requirements of the church's insurer. The contractor must comply with the current Requirements for Electrical Installations (IEE Wiring Regulations) and the best practice published by the Church Buildings Council and the St Albans DAC. For the avoidance of doubt, mains wiring installations in churches should use cables run in rigid conduit or either PVC-sheathed MICV or FP200 Gold cables. Where another cable type is proposed, specific advice should be sought from the DAC. 7. That, where possible, all fixings should be made into joints, not stonework, using stainless steel or non-ferrous screws in fibre plugs.
The installation of external air source heat pump equipment within the curtilage of a building which is an unlisted building and which is not in a conservation area.	1. Details of the appliances, their proposed location and fixing and the location of any cable and pipe runs are submitted to the archdeacon when the archdeacon is consulted on the proposal to undertake the matter. 2. The heat pump design and installation will be completed by an installer accredited to the Microgeneration Certification Scheme.
The installation of internal fan convector heat emitters associated with a heat pump installation.	1. Where they are replacing existing fan assisted heat emitters in substantially similar locations, and are of a similar size, or smaller than the existing emitters. 2. Details of the appliances, including their dimensions, sound levels, proposed location and fixing and the location of any cable and pipe runs are submitted to the Archdeacon when the Archdeacon is consulted on the proposal to undertake the matter. 3. The heat pump design and installation will be completed by an installer whose work is subject to an accredited certification scheme.