

IN THE ST ALBANS CONSISTORY COURT

Additional Matters St Albans (No. 4) 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 first table in the Schedule without a faculty subject to the conditions that are specified in the second column of that table.
2. An authorised person may undertake any matter prescribed in the first column of the second table in the Schedule without a faculty subject to the conditions that are specified in the second column of that table.

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 27th day November of 2025

Schedule

Table 1

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Specified conditions</i>
Giving permission for the use of a church hall by a third party ("Church hall" includes parish rooms within a church building, but not spaces that can only be accessed via the worship area)	(1) Permission may only be given by way of a hiring agreement in writing. That agreement to include the model safeguarding provision for hire of church premises. (2) The church's insurer should be notified before the space is made available for hire for the first time. (3) A risk assessment should be undertaken for each new activity
The introduction of wireless/Bluetooth sound systems to enable third-party users to play their own music / recordings during hire	(1) The wireless/Bluetooth sound system or speaker operates standalone from an existing sound reinforcement installation or allows for easy interface with an existing system without significantly altering its appearance (2) The relevant certificates and performing rights licences are in place (3) PAT (Portable Appliance Testing) of these devices is included at the next inspection

Table 2

<i>Matter</i>	<i>Specified conditions</i>
Giving permission for the use of a church by a third party.	(1) Permission may only be given by way of hiring agreement in writing. That agreement to include the model safeguarding provision for hire of church premises. (2) Permission may only be given where the minister (or, in the absence of a minister, the area dean) is satisfied that the use authorised would not contravene Canons F15 and F16. (3) Permission may only be given to a particular user for up to 48 hours in one month. (4) Permission may not be given under this paragraph for more than 120 hours in any month. (5) Due regard must be had to the attached guidance. (6) Permission may not be given for religious use unless the provisions of Canon B43 and the Ecumenical Code of Practice are complied with (7) The church's insurer should be notified before the space is made available for hire for the first time. (8)) A risk assessment should be undertaken for each new activity.