

Diocese of Birmingham

Parish of Solihull

A Scheme for St. Michael's District Church Council

**Approved by the Annual Parochial Church Meeting
held on 28th April 2025.**

(This Scheme replaces the Scheme of 25th April 2006.)

(Entered into Force.....)

Authorisation for election of a district church council for St Michael's

1 In accordance with its powers under rule M34 and M35 of the Church Representation Rules 2020, (Schedule 3 of the Synodical Government Measure 1969), hereinafter referred to as 'the Rules' the annual parochial church meeting of the Ecclesiastical Parish of Solihull ('the parish meeting') hereby authorises the election of a District Church Council for the District (as defined in the Schedule below) in which the church of St Michael is situated. Such body is hereinafter referred to as 'the DCC'.

Delegation of PCC Powers

2 The delegation of functions from the Parochial Church Council ('PCC') to the DCC and from the Parish Churchwardens to the Deputy Churchwardens for St Michael's ('the Deputy Churchwardens') referred to in paragraphs 2 and 8 of the Scheme of 1979 (that is to say that the PCC 'hereby delegates to the St Michael's District Church Council (the DCC) those general functions of a Parochial Church Council' under the provisions of Rule 18(3) and that 'the Deputy Churchwardens for St Michael's shall be elected at the Annual District Church Meeting and they

shall perform the duties of Churchwarden within the Church and District of St. Michael's.') shall remain in force until varied or revoked.

Responsibilities of the Incumbent. PCC and DCC

3 Subject to the rights of the Bishop ultimate responsibility within the Ecclesiastical Parish of Solihull ('the Parish') including the St Michael's District shall continue to lie with the incumbent for the appointment and allocation of duties of the clergy. Ultimate responsibility within the Parish including the St Michael's District shall continue to lie with the PCC for the allocation of financial resources. The DCC shall submit to the PCC for approval its annual budget and shall make periodic reports to the PCC during the year on its income and expenditure.

4 Subject to paragraph 3 above, the DCC shall accept financial responsibility for any commitments already undertaken or to be undertaken in relation to the St Michael's District, including: maintenance, upkeep and renewal of the fabric and contents of the St Michael's Church and the payment of the annual diocesan apportionment calculated for St Michael's District.

St Michael 's Section of the Parish Electoral Roll

5(1) For the purposes of participation in the St Michael's Annual General Meeting, ('AGM'), a separate section ('the St Michael's Section') of the Solihull Church Electoral Roll ('the Parish Roll') shall be formed for St. Michael's Church.

(2) The rules for the formation of the St Michael's Section shall be as laid down in the Rules for the formation of a Parish Electoral Roll, except that references to a 'parochial church council' in such rules shall be to the DCC, and references to 'the parish' and 'parochial' shall be to the St Michael's District.

(3) Except for representation on the Deanery Synod of Yardley and Solihull, the St Michael's Section shall be treated as an integral part of the Parish Roll and inclusion on the St Michael's Section shall confer inclusion on the Parish Roll.

St Michael 's Representation on the Deanery Synod

6 St Michael's District shall have separate representation on the Deanery Synod of Yardley and Solihull and this shall be based on the St Michael's Section.

St Michael's Representation on the PCC

7 (1) The Deputy Churchwardens of St Michael's shall be ex officio members of the PCC.

(2) The AGM may nominate up to two persons being on the St Michael's Section who upon ratification by the parish meeting shall be deemed to be elected as representatives of the laity on the PCC.

St Michael 's Annual General Meeting

8 The AGM for the District of St Michael's shall be held every year at a date earlier than that of the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The incumbent or the person appointed under paragraph 13(1)(a) or (b) shall chair the AGM.

Deputy Churchwardens

9 (1) Two Deputy Churchwardens shall be elected at the AGM.

(2) The said Deputy Churchwardens shall be chosen from persons who are eligible to be elected as Parish Churchwardens and whose names are on the St Michael's Section.

(3) The Parish Churchwardens may delegate to the said Deputy Wardens any or all of the duties of a Churchwarden within the District of St Alphege.

Membership of the St Michael's DCC

10 The following shall be members of the DCC:

- (a) The incumbent and all other clerks in Holy Orders beneficed in or licensed to the parish or to an area including the Parish;
- (b) such other clerks in Holy Orders who have permission to officiate within the Parish (or an area including the Parish) as the St Michael's AGM with the consent of the incumbent may determine.
- (c) the Parish Churchwardens;
- (d) the Deputy Churchwardens of the St. Michael's Church and District
- (e) any lay worker licensed to the Parish (or an area including the Parish);
- (f) such if any readers who are licensed to or who have permission to officiate within the Parish (or an area including the Parish) and who are on the St Michael's Section as the AGM may determine;
- (g) all persons whose names are on the St Michael's Section and who are lay members of any general, diocesan or deanery synod, or of the PCC.
- (h) up to fifteen members of the laity elected by the AGM;
- (i) such number of co-opted members as the DCC determine, not exceeding in number one-fifth of the representatives of the laity elected under the last sub-paragraph;

Qualifications for membership of the St Michael's DCC

11 Persons shall be eligible to be elected as representatives of the laity on the DCC if they are eligible to be elected to the PCC and their names are on the St Michael's Section.

Terms of Office

12 (1) Deputy Churchwardens shall hold office for a period of three years or such lesser period as the AGM may by resolution determine, but shall be eligible to stand for re-election at the end of their term of office. The St Michael's AGM may by resolution determine that the period of office of such wardens shall be of lesser duration.

(2) Members of the DCC shall hold office for a period of three years one third retiring each year but shall be eligible to stand for re-election at the end of their term of office. The AGM may by resolution determine that the period of office of such members shall be of a lesser duration.

(3) Any reduction in a term of office under the foregoing sub-paragraphs (1) and (2) shall not terminate the office of anyone whose current term has not yet expired.

The St Michael's DCC – Presiding Officer

13 (1) The DCC shall be chaired by the incumbent or a person appointed by the incumbent with the consent of the DCC being either:

- a. a clerk in Holy Orders licensed to or having permission to officiate within the Parish (or an area including the Parish); or
- b. A member of the laity whose name is on the St Michael's Section.

(2) A Lay Vice Chair shall be elected to deputise for the incumbent or other person specified in the preceding subparagraph in chairing the council.

(3) The Lay Vice-Chair shall chair the DCC during the vacancy of the benefice or when the incumbent is incapacitated by absence or illness or any other cause or when the incumbent invites the Lay Vice Chair to do so in person.

(4) Other than during the vacancy of the benefice references to the incumbent in the preceding sub – paragraph shall include any person appointed under sub – paragraph 13(1) (a) or (b).

(5) In making any appointment described in sub– paragraph 13 (1) the incumbent and the DCC shall take into account the missional requirements of the St Michael's District and of the Parish.

Standing Orders for the District of St Michael

14 (1) The AGM shall draw up standing orders for St Michael's District which shall be consistent with any Rule directly applicable to St. Michael's District and with this Scheme.

(2) Such standing orders shall, inter alia, govern the conduct of district general meetings and proceedings of the DCC, and (subject to such modifications as may be felt appropriate) shall follow the relevant provisions of the Rules relating to the conduct of parochial general meetings and the proceedings of PCCs.

Saving

15 Nothing in this scheme shall invalidate anything done by to or before the DCC or any general meeting of the St Michael's District before the entry into force of this Scheme under the provisions of previous schemes.

Interpretation

16 (1) In this Scheme any reference to an Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) shall include reference to a validly convened special or extraordinary parochial church meeting and any reference to a St Michael's AGM shall include reference to any validly convened special or extraordinary church general meeting for the District of St Alphege.

(2) Any power conferred by this Scheme to make approve frame pass or adopt any rule order resolution determination decision direction or appointment or to give any consent or settle any constitution or to prescribe the manner of doing anything shall be construed as including a power exercisable in like manner and subject to like conditions to revoke or vary any such rule order resolution determination decision direction appointment consent or constitution or anything so prescribed.

(3) Any reference in this Scheme to the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956 the Synodical Government Measure 1969 or the Churchwardens Measure 2001 (including the rules made under those measures) shall include reference to such changes as have been made and shall be made from time to time to the aforesaid measures and rules.

(4) References to 'the incumbent' shall be deemed to be references to the Rector or to any Clerk in Holy Orders who carries out the functions of incumbent for the time being.

(5) The Interpretation Measure 1925 and the Interpretation Act 1978 shall unless the context otherwise requires apply for the interpretation of this Scheme as they apply for the interpretation of measures passed by General Synod.

Schedule: Boundaries

The ecclesiastical district of St Michael shall be held to lie within the following boundaries:

The middle of the railway track from its intersection with Blossomfield Road to the track's intersection with Grange Road, the middle of Grange Road to its intersection with St Bernard's Road, the middle of St Bernard's road until its junction with Prospect Lane, the middle of Prospect Lane until its junction with Danford Lane, the middle of Danford Lane until its intersection with Blossomfield Road and then the middle of Blossomfield Road until its intersection with the railway line.