

CANONS RELATING TO AREA DEANS

The following are summaries – it is recommended that the full Canons should be consulted (<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/canons-church-england>)

The Area Dean

- C23** - should report to the bishop any matter in any parish within the deanery which it may be necessary or useful for the bishop to know, particularly any serious clergy illness or distress;
- should report to the bishop any case of a minister from another diocese officiating in any place otherwise than as provided in Canon C8 (which requires the Bishop's licence or authorisation);
- is to notify the Bishop of any failure to maintain and electoral roll or hold PCC meetings or Annual Parochial Church meeting;
- reports to the archdeacon any serious defect in the fabric, ornaments and furniture of any church
- E5** may nominate a person to be a Reader in an area wider than a single parish

Where there is no minister of a parish, the Area Dean....

- B2** acts with a PCC to request the Bishop's permission to continue use of an order of service whose authorisation has expired;
- B12** requests the Bishop, with the agreement of churchwardens, to authorise a baptised and confirmed person to distribute the Holy Sacrament (*Regulation November 1969*)
- B42** acts with a PCC to request the Bishop's permission to use a translation of an order of service;
- B43** issues any invitation to a minister of another denomination to participate in worship;
- B44** acts with a PCC regarding arrangements for a Local Ecumenical Partnership
- D1** oversees the ministry of any deaconess
- E4** invites a Reader to conduct a funeral, with the goodwill of the persons responsible;
- E7** may invite the Bishop to authorize a lay worker;

When authorised or requested by the Archdeacon, the Area Dean....

- C11** may induct a newly instituted incumbent;
- F17** ensures that ministers and churchwardens have compiled and kept a full note and terrier of all lands, goods and other possessions of the parish churches and chapels;
- F18** shall survey the churches, chancels and churchyards and report any defects in the fabric, ornaments and furniture