

TDS23(19) To make a scheme to provide for the representation of lay members of St Gregory's Church Newquay on Pydar Deanery Synod

1. Background

St Gregory's Church Newquay was established by a Bishops Mission Order (BMO) following "On the Way" deanery planning in Pydar deanery, the church was publicly launched in March 2023.

St Gregory's is a church but doesn't have a PCC or parish boundary and so doesn't line up with the usual structures that would lead to representation on the deanery synod. Members of St Gregory's want to be represented in the wider synodal structures and the rules around BMOs require that they should be.

Once the BMO is in place and functioning the bishop can direct diocesan synod to make a scheme to provide for representation on deanery synod, the bishop has now done so under Rule 24 of the Church Representation Rules. We have drafted the scheme and consulted in the deanery and there is support for the proposal.

2. What the scheme does

The scheme brings St Gregory's into the relevant provisions of the Church Representation Rules, so they will maintain a Church Electoral Roll, hold an Annual Meeting, and hold elections to deanery synod as if they were a parish in the diocese. The number of representatives will depend on their electoral roll in the same way as in other churches.

3. What the scheme does not do

The scheme doesn't give St Gregory's parish boundaries or make any changes to existing arrangements for ministry in the deanery, nor does it require that they start electing churchwardens, it doesn't change the BMO.

The motion before Diocesan Synod will be:

- **In accordance with Rule 24 of the Church Representation Rules, and noting the direction of the Bishop of Truro, this Diocesan Synod approves and makes the Scheme for the representation of St Gregory's Church, Cornwall on Pydar Deanery Synod**