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To all Incumbents and Priests in Charge

When the Archdeacon of Halifax wrote to you in early February with the Articles of Enquiry to be completed and returned by your Churchwardens, he also enclosed the Notice of Visitation of Churchwardens and a letter from me dated the 1st February. In that letter I mentioned amongst other things that the rule that no warden was eligible for re-election this year if they had served continuously for the preceding six years, that is from the 2002 Meeting of Parishioners. Wardens who had accumulated those years of service would be ineligible for election for two years. I also explained in my letter how the six-year rule could be disapplied by a resolution of the Meeting.

It has come to my attention that in a number of parishes wardens with six years continuous service since 2002 have been re-elected though ineligible. In such circumstances the appointment is invalid and a new meeting will have to be summoned to fill the vacancy so created. In the circumstances can I draw your attention to my letter and ask you to ensure that no ineligible wardens are elected at your Meeting of Parishioners unless the appropriate resolution is first passed. If you have already held your meeting and an ineligible warden has been elected then you will need to summon a fresh meeting as mentioned above.

Please feel free to contact me about this if you would like to.

Yours sincerely

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