THE ECCLESIOLOGICAL SOCIETY

LAWS

1 NAME

The Society shall be called "The Ecclesiological Society" and, where it is considered appropriate, there may be added "Founded in 1839 as the Cambridge Camden Society. Name changed to Ecclesiological Society in 1845, and from 1879 to 1937 'St. Paul's' prefixed to name".

2 AIMS AND ACTIVITIES

The Society shall have as its aims: (a) the study of the arts, architecture and liturgy of the Christian Church; (b) the preservation of churches which are threatened with alteration or demolition and which the Society considers worthy of retention; (c) the promotion of seemly church architecture. In pursuance of these aims, the Society may from time to time publish literature including information issued to its members by the Council constituted in accordance with Law 4. It may also organise relevant activities including conferences, lectures, church services, visits and tours.

3 CONSTITUTION

The Society shall consist of a President and Vice-Presidents and other Members. Members may be Honorary or Subscribing.

4 COUNCIL

The Society shall be administered by a Council which shall comprise up to fifteen members of the Society (including any members co-opted to the Council), and the Council shall consist of (i) Honorary Chairman, (ii) Honorary Treasurer, (iii) Honorary Secretary, and such other officers as the Council shall deem appropriate for the proper conduct of the Society's affairs. Six members of the Council shall form a quorum (or five, if there be twelve or fewer members of Council). At the first meeting of the Council after the Annual General Meeting the Council shall elect one of their number as Chairman. With the approval of the Chairman, the elected Council may co-opt up to three members of the Society between Annual General Meetings. The elected Council may appoint an Executive Committee comprising not less than three of their number to act on their behalf in conducting the business of the Society between Council meetings.

5 MEMBERSHIP

Application for membership of the Society is open to any person by completion and signature of an approved application form accompanied by an appropriate subscription. Such application may be approved by an officer of the Society designated for the purpose and shall take effect from the date on which the appropriate subscription is received. The Council reserve the right to refuse an application for membership or to revoke such membership at any time. Each member may receive a Membership Card for each full calendar year, for which his or her membership is valid. The subscription rates and categories of membership shall be as determined by the Council from time to time, subject to approval by a two-thirds majority of those members present and voting at an Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose. New members paying by annual subscription who join on or after 1st October shall be admitted to the membership until the end of the following calendar year, upon payment of one year's whole subscription.

6 ADVISORY PANELS

Advisory Panels may be set up consisting of members having special knowledge in one or more of the areas covered in Law 2, and these Panels shall be consulted by the Council through the Panel's secretary. The Panels shall act only through the Society's Council and shall not themselves make any public pronouncement.

7 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of members shall be held each calendar year, in spring or early summer, for the election of officers and other members of the Council, and for the consideration of the Society's accounts, and to transact such other business as may be necessary. The President and Vice-Presidents do not require annual re-election, although a motion to withdraw a member from the Presidency or Vice-Presidency may be put to an Annual, or Extraordinary, General Meeting. All motions to be proposed for discussion at an Annual General Meeting must be submitted in writing to the Honorary Secretary so as to reach him on or before the date specified in a notice published by the Council and issued to the Society's members at least two months before the date of the Annual General Meeting. Such motions must then be included in the agenda which shall be distributed to members at least two weeks prior to the Annual General Meeting. Matters may be discussed under "any other business" at an Annual General Meeting at the discretion of the Chairman. Eligibility for the office of President is limited to members, normally of a minimum of ten years' standing. Eligibility for the office of Vice-President is limited to members, normally of a minimum of five years' standing. A nomination for the office of President or that of Vice-President, accompanied by the nominee's consent in writing, must be submitted so as to reach the Honorary Secretary by the deadline for the Annual or Extraordinary General Meeting at which the election shall take place, and any such nomination must have been endorsed by the Council before being put to an Annual, or an Extraordinary, General Meeting.

8 EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING

An Extraordinary General Meeting may be convened by order of the Council, or upon a requisition to the Secretary, signed by not fewer than twelve members, stating the object of such a meeting and enclosing the text of any resolution to be proposed or a statement of the matter to be discussed. The Secretary shall give not less than two weeks' notice of such a meeting to all members.

9 ATTENDING MEETINGS BY ELECTRONIC MEANS

Where an Annual General Meeting or Extraordinary General Meeting is held wholly or partly online, anyone who attends that meeting by electronic means and who is thereby able to

participate in the meeting shall count as present at that meeting for the purpose of these Laws, including (for the avoidance of doubt) in their ability to vote.

10 FINANCE

The Treasurer shall hold the current funds of the Society, receive subscriptions, and make all payments sanctioned by the Council. Cheques shall be signed by the Treasurer and also countersigned by the Chairman or the Secretary or other signatories or counter-signatories as directed by Council, with a minimum of two signatures required. The accounts shall be balanced to the thirty-first of December and, when independently examined, by one or two members elected at an Annual General Meeting, shall be laid before the members at the next Annual General Meeting or an Extraordinary General Meeting. The funds of the Society shall be invested and managed according to the overall policy agreed by the Council, in line with its responsibilities under charity law.

11 ALTERATION TO THE LAWS

No alteration to these Laws shall be made except by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an Annual General Meeting, or at an Extraordinary General Meeting called for the purpose. Every proposal for alteration shall be sent to the Secretary so as to reach him no later than the date specified under Laws 7 and 8, and notice of the proposed alteration shall be sent to each member of the Society at least two weeks before the meeting.

Laws adopted at the Annual General Meeting held on 15 May 2023.