

Authorisation for Communion by Extension

In order to lead Public Worship with Communion by Extension, an LLM must first be trained, along with his/her Incumbent, and then authorised by the relevant Suffragen Bishop. Training is delivered through the diocesan Continuing Ministerial Development programme. Once the training is completed, the Incumbent should apply for authorisation via the relevant Archdeacon.

The Bishop needs to be satisfied:

- that the Archdeacon has agreed that there is a need for Communion by Extension in the benefice
- that the LLM has had the requisite training
- that this ministry will be exercised only in exceptional circumstances
- that the LLM has current DBS clearance at the time of issue of the authorisation

The authorisation is normally for three years.

Re-authorisation for Communion by Extension

On the expiry of the authorisation, application for re-authorisation should be made by the Incumbent via the Archdeacon. In addition to the above,

- the number of occasions on which the ministry has been exercised over the three years of the previous authorisation should be stated
- the Archdeacon must be satisfied that there is still a need for this ministry in the benefice

The re-authorisation is normally for three years.

Please note, Communion by Extension should not be used to cover during a Vacancy.