



Sharing of Church Buildings Act 1969

1969 CHAPTER 38

5 Consecrated churches and parish churches of Church of England.

- (1) A sharing agreement shall not be made with respect to an existing consecrated church of the Church of England unless—
 - (a) the church will under the agreement remain in the sole ownership of the Church of England; or
 - (b) authority to make the agreement on behalf of the Church of England is given by a pastoral scheme under the ^{M1}Pastoral Measure 1968 as extended for the purpose by a subsequent Measure of the [^{F1}General Synod], and the church will under the agreement be in the joint ownership of the Church of England and another Church or Churches.
- (2) Where a sharing agreement is made on behalf of the Church of England with respect to a church building used or to be used as a place of worship, but not an existing consecrated church, the building shall not be consecrated unless it will under the agreement be in the sole ownership of the Church of England.
- (3) Where a sharing agreement relates to a consecrated church, the faculty jurisdiction shall not apply in respect of moveables required for the worship of any sharing Church other than the Church of England.
- (4) Where a church building being a place of worship is shared by the Church of England under a sharing agreement:—
 - (a) if the agreement provides for the sole ownership of the building by the Church of England, but not otherwise, the building may become or remain a parish church;
 - (b) in any case the agreement shall not prevent or affect the designation of the building as a parish centre of worship under section 29 of the Pastoral Measure 1968.

Textual Amendments

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