



# EMPLOYMENT TRIBUNALS

**Claimant:** Mr P. Williamson

**Respondents:** (1) The Bishop of London  
(2) The London Diocesan Fund  
(3) The Church Commissioners for England

**Heard at:** Watford

**On:** 8 January 2020

**Before:** Employment Judge McNeill QC

## Representation

Claimant: Mr J. Wynne, Counsel

Respondent: Miss C. Davies, Counsel

# JUDGMENT – OPEN PRELIMINARY HEARING

- (1) The Claimant's claim, presented to the tribunal on 1 April 2019 without leave of the High Court having first been obtained, as required by a Civil Proceedings Order made on 16 July 1997, is a nullity and the tribunal has no jurisdiction to determine the claim.
- (2) The Claimant is not precluded from issuing further proceedings in this tribunal arising out the termination of his tenure as the Priest-in-Charge of St George Hanworth, against the Respondents named above, in accordance with the order of the High Court (David Pittaway QC, sitting as a Deputy Judge of the High Court) on 24 September 2019.

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Employment Judge McNeill QC

Date 8 January 2020

JUDGMENT SENT TO THE PARTIES ON

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Notes

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