FORM 3 (Rules 6 and 17)

**Clergy Discipline Measure 2003**

**Statement in support of a Complaint, or in support of an Answer to a Complaint**

| *Box for use only by the Registrar of Tribunals* | *Statement submitted by:*<br><br>*Name of maker of statement:*<br><br>*Date of statement:* |
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**In the matter of the complaint**

*Enter the name of the complainant.*
*Enter the name of the member of the clergy about whom a complaint is made.*

made by The Board of Deputies of British Jews

against: Rev Dr Stephen Sizer

My full name is: Anne Martin

My contact address, including postcode, is:

The Cottage, Blacknest House, Sunninghill, SL5 0PS

***Telephone & e-mail details are optional, but it could be helpful to the registrar and bishop to have them.*

**My telephone number is: 01344 874160

**My e-mail address is: anmartin@onetel.com

**The matters in this statement to which I refer are all within my own knowledge, except where I indicate otherwise. If anything is not within my own knowledge then I set out the source of any matters of information and belief:**

*You must explain in your statement how you know about each of the matters you describe, **unless** you know about them because you have **personally** seen or observed them.*

I have been a member of Christ Church, Virginia Water for the past twelve years.

I am writing to express my support for Stephen, in the face of attacks on his character by Pro- Israeli groups. Their accusation that Stephen is anti-Semitic is quite without foundation in all my knowledge of his preaching, teaching and blogging.

He is a fine and much respected pastor, and I have never heard Stephen utter a word that is not truly biblical, following the teaching of Jesus in seeking to establish peace and reconciliation between Jews and Palestinians.

Having followed the stories of life on the ground in Gaza and the West Bank for more than 10 years, and seen it for myself on 3 occasions, I value the stand for justice that Stephen makes.

It is quite wrong to conflate opposition to the Israeli government actions from building the separation wall, illegal settlements, house demolitions, imprisonment of young Palestinians and a litany of other such actions which are contrary to international law, with anti-Semitism.

There are a great many Jews, both in Israel and elsewhere, who believe the same way, and espouse the same cause as Stephen Sizer, yet no one labels them as anti-Semitic.

**I believe the facts in my statement to be true. I am aware that the contents of this statement may be made public**

*You must sign and date this statement.*

**Signed:** Anne Martin

**Dated:** 27 November 2018