

The Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 and Code of Recommended Practice, and other guidance.

The **Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011** set out the legal procedure for parish reorganisation and for closing consecrated church buildings and settling their future. It was substantially amended by the **Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018**, most of the provisions of which came into effect on **1st October 2018, and others from 1st March 2019**. The Commissioners ran a series of Conferences for dioceses highlighting the changes that would be brought in by the Amendment Measure, and copies of the presentations given by the Commissioners can be found [here](#).

A full text of the Measure as amended and in effect on 1st March 2019 can be found below. The changes implemented by the Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018 are highlighted in yellow.

- [Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 as in effect 1st March 2019](#) (1.77 MB)

In 2020, the Legislative Reform Committee was tasked by the Archbishops' Council to oversee a review of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011. The Review is being led by the Parish Reorganisation and Church Property Department and a Green Paper, **"Mission in Revision"** (**GS2222**) was published in summer 2021 for consultation. For more information please see the [page about the Review here](#).

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Code of Practice

The Commissioners have prepared a Code of Recommended Practice to accompany the Measure. This is the primary reference for anyone dealing with proposals for parish reorganisation, closed churches and related matters.

It consists of two volumes: Volume 1 deals with pastoral reorganisation and Volume 2 with consecrated church buildings. They can both be downloaded below.

The **Commissioners' Guidance on Deanery Plans** can also be found below.

Our forms for parish reorganisation and closed church processes for official use by Dioceses can be found at the bottom of this page.

Please note that we are currently updating many of our Codes of Practice, including the one for the MPM 2011. This is to reflect changes to the law that have now been brought into effect by the **Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018**. Some of these provisions came into force on **1st July 2018**, and most of the others on **1st October 2018 or 1st March 2019**.

Please check this page regularly for updates, and always use the version of the Code on this page, as it will always be the most up to date version provided by the Commissioners.

MPM Code of Practice and Deanery Plans Guidance

- [MPM 2011 Code of Practice - volume 1: Pastoral Reorganisation May 2021](#) (2.43 MB)
- [MPM 2011 Code of Practice - volume 2: Dealing with Consecrated Church Buildings](#) (1.92 MB)
- [Deanery Plans Guidance October 2018](#) (629.07 KB)

The Pastoral "Desktop Manual" can be [found here](#) (password required)

[Pastoral consultation process step-by-step guide](#)

Outline of process and procedures, including documentation required

- [Bishop's Pastoral Order skeleton](#) (30.65 KB)
- [Bishop's Pastoral Order consultation letter](#)
- [Examples of draft proposals and s.17 shortened procedure Orders](#)
- [Letter to interested parties under s6 or s21 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011](#)
- [Letter to registered patrons under s7\(2\) to trigger 'restriction'](#)
- [Letter to interested parties under s22\(2\) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011](#)
- [Letter to interested parties under s17 \(i.e. a shortened procedure Pastoral Order\)](#)
- [Form P2](#)
- [Form P2A](#)
- [Form P2B](#) (March 2022)
- [Form P10](#)
- [Form P20](#)
- [Form P24](#)
- [Form P24VA](#)
- [Form P60](#)
- [Guidance on Clergy Disposessions](#)
- [Form P61DPB](#)
- [PD29 - Dispossession Letter for all S9 or S23 01/07/2020](#) (17.22 KB)
- [P74 - Glossary of terms](#)
- [P75 - Letter to newspaper \(s44 Schemes only\)](#)
- [P76 - Church Door Notice](#) (March 2022)
- [P76C - newspaper notice \(for s44 Schemes only\)](#)
- [PD77 - wording for email to IPs from DMPC](#) (March 2022)
- [PD1000 - Statutory Notice letter for draft Schemes](#) (April 2023)
- [P1000BP - letter to the Bishop to get Scheme engrossment x 2 signed](#)
- [PD1001 - Statutory Notice letter for draft Orders](#) (March 2022)
- [P106 - Covering letter for completed Scheme](#)
- [P108 - Covering letter for completed Order](#)
- [Benefices in Crown patronage](#)
- [Letter to be sent by DMPC secretary to other office holders on common tenure \(other than incumbents, team vicars and archdeacons\)](#)
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[Notes on dispossession of the clergy and payment of compensation](#)

- [Compensation of Clergy Rules 1970](#)
- [P100 - Parish Information Form - for use in some representation matters going to the Mission and Pastoral Committee](#)
- [Form P11](#)
- [Form P12](#)
- [Form P13](#)
- [Form P14](#)

Closed Churches Forms

[C1 DMPC Recommendation on Alternative Use](#)

[C2 DMPC Recommendation on Site Disposal](#)

[C3 Form of application to the Ministry of Justice for a 'Dispensing' Order under Section 78\(3\)](#)

[C4 Form of Bishop's directions where tombstones, monuments and memorials commemorating deceased persons buried in or beneath the property are to remain in place \(and the human remains are not to be disturbed\)](#)

[C5 Form of Bishop's directions where tombstones, monuments and memorials commemorating deceased persons buried within the property are to be removed](#)

[C6 Form of Bishop's directions for the disposal of monuments and memorials commemorating deceased persons not buried in the church or churchyard](#)

[C7 Form of Bishop's directions for the disposal of contents](#)

[C8 Closed Church Buildings Support Account Standard Grant Application Form and Rules](#) (March 2024)

[C9 'Short' newspaper notice where tombstones, monuments or memorials commemorating deceased persons buried within the property are to remain in place](#)

[C10 "Long" notice for public display where tombstones, monuments or memorials commemorating deceased persons buried within the property \(and human remains\) are to remain in place](#)

[C11 'Short' newspaper notice - tombstones, monuments or memorials \(and human remains\) to be removed](#)

[C12 "Long" notice for public display where tombstones, monuments or memorials commemorating deceased persons buried within the property \(and human remains\) are to be removed](#)

[C13 Specimen Sales Particulars](#)

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