# *Bishop’s Pastoral Order skeleton*

**Note to diocesan colleagues:** Before making a bishop's pastoral order, the bishop must consult—

(a) the mission and pastoral committee in the diocese, and

(b) such other persons, groups of persons or organisations as the bishop thinks fit.

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

The [parishes] [benefices] of

[deaneries] [archdeaconries] of - If deanery/archdeaconry changes

in the diocese of

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BISHOP’S PASTORAL ORDER

under section 5A of the Measure

WHEREAS

1. I, [ ], [Archbishop] [Bishop] of [ ], being satisfied after consultation with the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee of the diocese of [ ] and such other consultations as are required by section 54A(4) of the 2011 Measure that

1. I, [ ], Bishop of [ ] in the diocese of [ ], duly appointed pursuant to the provisions of [section 8 of the Church of England (Miscellaneous Provisions) Measure 1983] section 13 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007] [section 14 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007], to perform on behalf of the Bishop of [ ] the functions to which that section applies, being of the opinion am satisfied after consultation with the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee of the diocese of [ ] and such other consultations as are required by section 54A(4) of the 2011 Measure that

[summarise what is being proposed, e.g. altering the name of the benefice and parish of x], being [a] matter[s] which may be implemented under section 54A of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011;

NOW THEREFORE I, [ ], [Archbishop] [Bishop] of [ ], do make this Order [under my seal – *delete if suffragan without a seal*] this [ ] day [ ] 20  .

For example:

[1. The name of the [benefice] [and] [parish] of [ ] shall be altered to ["The Benefice of [ ]”] ["The Parish of [ ]”] ["The Benefice (or Parish) of [ ]"].]

[1. The parish of [ ] [, the parish of [ ] [and the parish of [ ], being the [ ] parish[es] which constitute[s] the area of the benefice of [ ] in the deanery of [ ] and the archdeaconry of [ ], shall be transferred to the deanery of [ ] in the [same] archdeaconry [of [ ] ].]

**Note to diocesan colleagues:**

**Section 54A of the 2011 Measure details the matters that may be dealt with via a Bishop’s Pastoral Order:** [**http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/2018/4/section/7**](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukcm/2018/4/section/7)**. Please also see our Code of Practice to the 2011 Measure.**

**Please find suitable wording for achieving what is being proposed via our other skeletons:** <https://www.churchofengland.org/media/21905> **and feel free to run your draft past your usual contact at the Commissioners’ Pastoral team ahead of its being made.**

2. This Order shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of it being made by the Bishop.

When diocesan bishop making the Order

SIGNED by the [Most Reverend and )

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Right Honourable , )

)

Archbishop of ] )

)

[Right Reverend and Right Honourable )

)

, Bishop of London] )

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[Right Reverend , )

)

Bishop of ], )

)

and SEALED with his Archiepiscopal/ )

)

Episcopal Seal in the presence of:- )

When suffragan/assistant bishop making the Order

SIGNED, SEALED and DELIVERED )

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by the Right Reverend , )

)

Bishop of , )

)

in the presence of:- )

If suffragan/assistant bishop doesn’t have a seal then use:

Executed as a Deed )

by the Right Reverend , )

Bishop of , )

in the presence of:- )