

Church Commissioners

Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

Benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George (Diocese of Canterbury)

Note by Rex Andrew

Summary

- (i) A draft Pastoral Scheme providing for the dissolution of the benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George and creation of two separate benefices of Ramsgate Holy Trinity and Ramsgate Saint George was published for consultation in October 2018.
- (ii) The Commissioners have received a representation against the draft Scheme from Mr Graham Young, a parishioner of St George, Ramsgate.
- (iii) Mr Young says that he is against any alteration whatsoever to the current benefice arrangements. He also makes a number of accusations regarding diocesan and parish personnel and says that he is owed over £40,000 by the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance.
- (iv) The Bishop of Dover says that the best way to allow mission to flourish in the centre of Ramsgate is to dissolve the benefice, freeing up each parish to explore future ministry partnerships and appointments to best meet their mission needs. He provides information to demonstrate that Ramsgate St George is sustainable as a separate parish and says that both churchwardens were properly elected. He also says that Mr Young's financial claim against the DBF is not accepted by the Board.

Recommendation

The Committee is invited to consider the representation and the issues set out in this report and whether or not the draft Scheme should proceed.

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Background

- 1. The benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George was formed in August 1986 following the union of the then benefices of St George, Ramsgate and Holy Trinity, Ramsgate, with their two constituent parishes remaining distinct. The 1986 Scheme designated the Reverend Peter Adams as its first incumbent and he served in that capacity until his retirement in January 2018.
- 2. Holy Trinity parish has episcopal oversight from the Bishop of Richborough (granted on 10 May 2016 by the Bishop of Dover).
- 3. The Parish information Forms supplied by the parishes indicate:
 - St George's parish: population of 4,290; electoral roll of 47
 - Holy Trinity parish: population of 6,270; electoral roll of 99.
- 4. A draft Scheme published in October 2018 provided for the dissolution of the current benefice and creation of two separate benefices of Ramsgate Holy Trinity and Ramsgate St George, thereby restoring the pre-1986 arrangement. The draft Scheme carried the following "diocesan rationale" as a footnote:

"These proposals have come about as a result of conversations between the diocese, deanery and the parishes. They are an interim step designed to create flexibility within the benefices of the Ramsgate Area of Thanet Deanery before further reorganisation follows."

- 5. Following the publication of the draft Scheme we received a representation against from Mr Graham Young, a parishioner of St George, Ramsgate.
- 6. Attached are:

Appendix A: A copy of the parish information forms for both parishes;

Appendix B: A scaled map of the area;

Appendix C: A copy of the draft Pastoral Scheme;

Appendix D: A copy of the representation;

Appendix E: A copy of the letter referring the representation to the

Bishop together with a copy of his reply;

Appendix F: Further comments received from the representor to the

Bishop's response.

Summary of the representation against

7. Mr Young says that he is against the dissolution and any alteration whatsoever to the current benefice arrangements. He makes a number of accusations against various diocesan and parish personnel, including a church warden who he says is



illegally in place and has destroyed both any hope of a congregation and the physical and moral fabric at St George's. He also says he is owed over £40,000 by the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance.

The Bishop's views

- 8. Following normal practice, a copy of the representation was sent to the Bishop of Dover to seek his comments.
- 9. The Bishop explains that the initiative for the proposed pastoral reorganisation came from the parishes in conversation with the Archdeacon, following the retirement in 2018 of the Reverend Peter Adams. It has the full support of the Deanery and Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committees, while the local formal consultations carried out in accordance with section 6 of the 2011 Measure raised no objections from the interested parties.
- 10. The parishes and the Archdeacon considered that the best way to allow mission to flourish in the centre of Ramsgate and meet future needs was to dissolve the benefice. This would free up each parish to explore future ministry partnerships and appointments that would best meet the mission needs of the areas they serve and the ecclesiology of their worshipping communities. The proposed Scheme is an interim step towards enabling this to happen.
- 11. As a separate benefice, Ramsgate Holy Trinity, which receives extended episcopal support from the Bishop of Richborough, would be in a position to appoint a full-time priest. Ramsgate St George would not be in a similar position but is, with the support of the deanery, looking at ministry partnerships, the most likely of which is with the neighbouring benefice of Ramsgate St Luke, with which it has a closer ecclesial connection. As a separate benefice it would be able to focus more clearly on its mission and be in a better position to explore opportunities for working more closely with St Luke's in ways which may lead to further reorganisation. This has the support of the incumbent and PCC of St Luke's.
- 12. Both Holy Trinity and the St George have seen a small reduction in their worshipping communities over the past four to five years, but have an increasing electoral roll showing encouraging signs of growth. Holy Trinity has a worshipping community of 149 and an average weekly attendance of 75, whilst for St George's the figures are 55 and 46 respectively.
- 13. Both parishes have built up parish share arrears over a number of years but have worked hard to achieve a stable financial position. Holy Trinity, having sold some investments and received a significant grant, is up to date with parish share and now in a good financial position with some reserve funds. St George's has cleared most of its arrears and contributes to diocesan shared costs but is not able to afford ministry costs.
- 14. The recommendations requiring the most immediate attention arising from the 2017 quinquennial inspection of St George's church (Grade I listed) have been addressed, and a plan of action for other works is progressing without concern. In

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- the case of Holy Trinity (Grade 2), the recommendations of the 2014 QI report have been carried out.
- 15. The Bishop is satisfied that the two churchwardens for St George's were properly elected, unopposed, in accordance with the Church Representation Rules at the annual parochial church meeting which took place on 28 April 2018, at which Mr Young was not present.
- 16. He explains that Mr Young, a resident parishioner, does not worship at St George's but is in constant contact with the churchwardens alleging financial irregularities on their part, none of which he is able or willing to test in court. Mr Young rents one of a number of garages vested in the Canterbury DBF on behalf of the PCC and the Bishop outlines, from the diocesan perspective, a series of events culminating in Mr Young's claim to be owed £40,000 by the Diocesan Board of Finance, which the Board denies.
- 17. The Bishop says that Mr Young has a history throughout this long dispute of harassment against the previous incumbent and his church officers. The police have been involved and have issued warnings against Mr Young.

The sifting groups' decision

18. The case has been examined by the Committee's case sifting representatives who recommended that it should not be afforded a public hearing.

Supplementary comments from the representor

19. The subsequent exchange of correspondence between Mr Young and the Commissioners' Case Officer is attached as **Annex F**.

Information for the Committee

20. The Committee is concerned only with the issue of whether the proposed reorganisation is likely to further the mission of the Church of England and make better provision for the cure of souls. The financial dispute between Mr Young and the Canterbury DBF is a distinct matter, which is not affected by the proposed reorganisation and is not relevant to the Committee's decision.

Issues

- 21. The main issues for the Committee are:
 - (i) Is the proposed dissolution of the current benefice and the creation of two new ones pending further pastoral reorganisation likely to further the mission of Church of England in the parishes concerned in the interim?
 - (ii) Is there any reason to think that the churchwardens and PCC of Ramsgate, St George are unable to run it as a sustainable parish for the foreseeable future?



(iii) Do the diocesan proposals make better provision for the cure of souls in the Diocese as a whole and have regard to the traditions, needs and characteristics of the two churches concerned?

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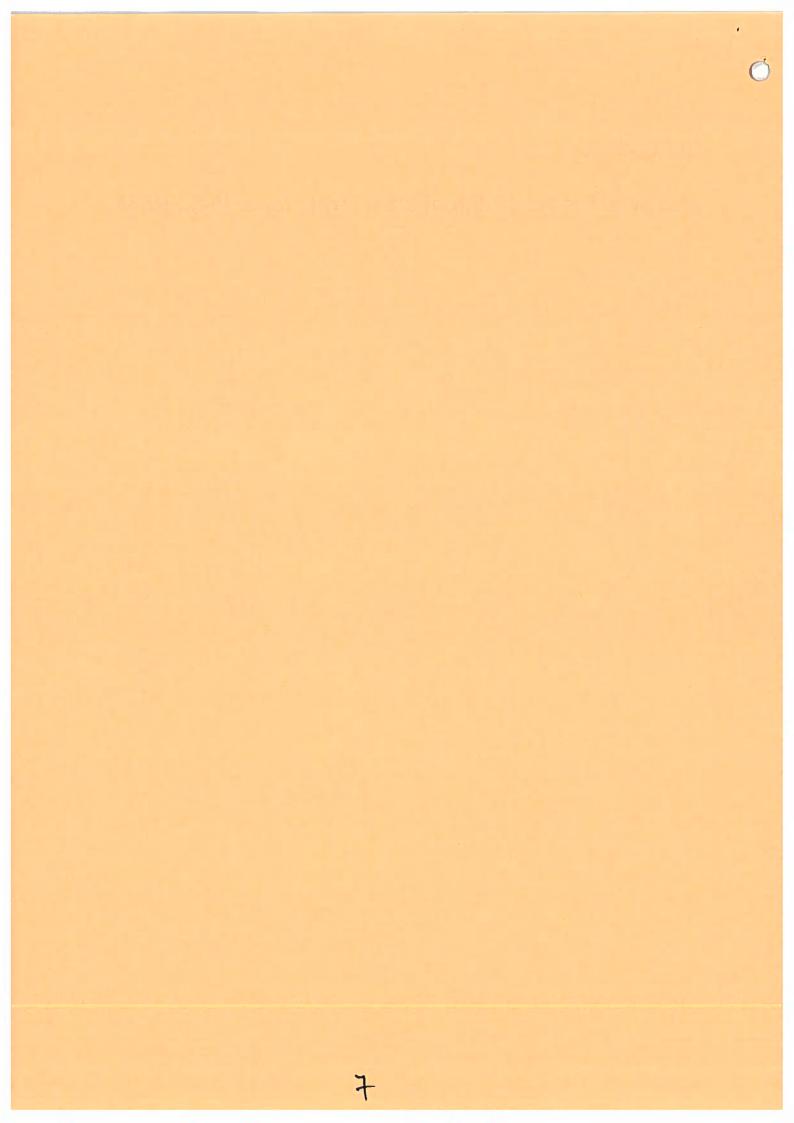
(Signed) Rex Andrew

Church House Great Smith Street London SW1P 3AZ

23 January 2019

Appendix A:

A copy of the parish information forms for both parishes



PARISH INFORMATION FORM

important that the information provided on this form is accurate as the Church Commissioners may rely on such information in their consideration of representations and their decision could be open to legal challenge if any facts upon which they have relied are found to be incorrect.

Please email the completed form(s) to: pastoral@churchofengland.org

BENEFICE	Ramsgate Holy Trinity and Saint Geo	orge		
Incumbent/Priest-in-Charge (Date of institution/licensing)	Vacant			
Patron(s)	The Archbishop of Canterbury			
Parsonage house (address)	The Rectory, Winterstoke Way, Ram	sgate CT11	8AG	
PARISH	Saint George Ramsgate			
Population of parish (adults & children) (Please state how computed)	4,290 in 2,190 households broken down by age as follows: Under 18s – 894 (21%) 18-64s – 2,652 (62%) 65 and over – 744 (17%) Source: 2011 Census gathered by Diocesan data analyst			
Churches and sittings (See Note 1 overleaf) Date built (approx.)	Saint George the Martyr			
Church services and	<u>Sundays</u>	Sundays		
numbers attending	11am	<u>Time</u>		
(See Note 2 overleaf)	Holy Eucharist Common Worship	Service Numbers		
Example: 1st Sunday 10.00am Holy Communion Common Worship A (30)	(average 27) With Sunday School (with parents) (average 16 children) Except on 3 rd Sundays: 10am Family Service (25-30) No weekday services at present	Weekdays Time Service Numbers		
Electoral roll (for the last five years – the most recent first)	2018 – 47; 2017 – 44; 2016 – 45; 20	15 – 46; 201	4 - 42	
Staff/lay assistance (e.g. curates, lay readers, NSMs etc.)	Retired priest with PTO			
Churchmanship and characteristics of that churchmanship	Central Central If there is more than one church in the parish pleas indicate any difference in churchmanship in the individual churches		the parish please any difference in the anship in the	
Please indicate whether there is a PCC Resolution under Paragraph 20 of the House of Bishops' Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests (if so, please explain the exact nature of the alternative arrangements made, and the reasons for requesting the same).	Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priest	's		NO NOT VOTED
Parochial church	Prayer group (4): Croff group (45): T	ote and Tad	dloro /41	2 15)
organisations and number	Prayer group (4); Craft group (15); T Rainbows (10); Brownies (12); Guide		uicis (I	<u> 10)</u>
of regular attenders	Community meal (50-60);	` '		
Other parochial and/or community buildings	, (5.5.5)		b	lease indicate if any uilding is not primarily r church use
Other denominations	Methodist/URC United Church Salvation Army			
Sociological make-up of parish (e.g. rural, industrial, residential etc.)	Town centre with residential area be	yond		
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1611:A:/ D / O/C			e; 7 clubs; 20 pubs; shops; stores; businesses
facilities (e.g. Post Office, General Store, Doctor, Dentist,		The town centre is pedest	rianised during the day
Police Station, Pubs, Clubs, other		1	1
$\overline{}$	eational centres)		
	Bus services (please give brief Thanet Loop – every 7-10		minutes, nearest stop is 7-8 minutes away
	details of any daily bus service around the parish and/or to the		
near	rest town/village centre and		·
	relevance in enabling ndance at church services)		
allei	POPULATION		
1		g or decreasing and, if so, to	Now flots being built which should mean an
	what extent and over what		New flats being built which should mean an increase.
2		ributed (e.g. in one or more	Dispersed
	centres, or dispersed over		Dioporced
	PAROCHIAL LIFE ETC).	
3	roll live outside the parish?		31
4	To what extent does the co the parish?	ongregation come from outside	Largely, because the parish mostly consists of the town centre
5	Does the congregation inc holiday season? If so, plea	rease significantly during the ase give details.	No, but many visitors (often tourists) during the week
6	Do a significant number of Anglican churches in the a reasons of convenience or congregation attends differ	rea? If so, give details (eg for because the same	No
7	Has any other denomination parish? If so, please give to	on a strong following in the	Salvation Army
	CHURCH SCHOOLS		
8		f so, please state name and	The St George's CofE Foundation School re- located from the parish to Broadstairs (no longer any close link to the parish)
9	Approximately how many p	oupils are there?	1,442
10	From which area are they	drawn?	Across the Isle of Thanet
11	Are the school buildings av If so, please give details.	vailable for parochial purposes?	Yes, but too distant for our parish
12		d type of other schools in the	Priory County Infant School Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School – mixed (use the church regularly during the week for assemblies and other times through the year) Both schools are situated in the parish
	MISCELLANEOUS		
13	What is the parish share, a		£6,184 – subsidised
	PCC meet the working exp workers?	enses of the clergy or lay	All working expenses are paid
14	the parish and for what pui		Friends of St George – repair and restoration. Memorial Flower Fund
			WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE CHURCH IARACTER OF THE PARISH BETTER?

PLEASE: (i) INDICATE THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT, OR OTHERWISE, OF THE PCC FOR THE PROPOSALS/DRAFT SCHEME (OR ORDER); AND/OR (ii) PLEASE SHOW THE VOTING FIGURES (IF A VOTE WAS TAKEN)			
	For	Against	Abstentions
On the local formal consultations:	10	0	0
On the published draft Scheme:	10	0	0

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Jennifer MC Smith, Churchwarden

Mr Nigel Collins, Diocesan Pastoral Secretary

Date

16th November 2018

Note 1:

Please describe by dedication etc. and state whether the building is a parish church, chapel of ease or other

place of worship (eg mission hall etc.)

Note 2:

Please state (1) the frequency of church services, (2) the time, (3) the type and/or name of the service (e.g. Holy Communion, Sung Eucharist, Morning Prayer etc.), (4) the service book used and (5) the average congregation

for each service.



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PARISH	Holy Trinity Ramsgate			
Population of parish	6,270 in 2,920 households broken do	own by age as follows:		
(adults & children) (Please state how computed)	Under 18s – 1,416 (23%)			
(, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	18-64s – 3,798 (61%)			
	65 and over – 1,056 (17%)			
	Source: 2011 Census gathered by D	iocesan data analyst		
Churches and sittings	Holy Trinity	,		
(See Note 1 overleaf) Date built (approx.)	Built 1844 Grade 2* listed			
Church services and	Sundays			
numbers attending	9:30am			
(See Note 2 overleaf)	Sung Mass Common Worship			
	(50-120)			
Example:	Sunday School is held every	·		
1st Sunday	Sunday during Term Time and			
10.00am	children come into the Mass for			
Holy Communion	blessing. Director of Music works			
Common Worship A (30)	with the children too.			
(30)	With the commence too.			
	3:00pm	During interregnum although we		
	Quarterly Choral Evensong during	have no assistant priest(s), we		
	interregnum. No Benediction as no	have maintained the celebration		
	priest. of the full Triduum, Christn			
	(30-40)	all major festivals and Carol		
		Service and 9 lessons and		
		Christingle.		
	Weekdays	_		
	No week day Masses as in	·		
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	interregnum and no assistant			
	priest. Normally there would be at			
	least 2 weekday Masses and all major feasts			
	inajor leasts			
Electoral roll (for the last five	2018: 99 2017:91 2016:87 2015:56 2	P014:56 2013:37		
years - the most recent first)				
Staff/lay assistance (e.g. curates, lay readers, NSMs	Churchwardens, Pastoral Assistant,	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
etc.)	Leaders (4), Director of Music and 2	Assistant Organists		
Churchmanship and		If there is more than one		
characteristics of that	Anglo-Catholic with Sacramental bas	sed ministry church in the parish please		
churchmanship		indicate any difference in the churchmanship in the		
		individual churches		
Please indicate whether there	YES NO NOT VOTED			
is a PCC Resolution under Paragraph 20 of the House of				
Bishops' Declaration on the	Declaration on the Ministry of Rishops and Princes			
Ministry of Bishops and	Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests			
Priests (if so, please explain	Extended Episcopal Oversight with the Bishop of Richborough was			
the exact nature of the alternative arrangements	granted on 10 May 2016 by the Bishop of Dover.			
made, and the reasons for				
requesting the same).				

Parochial church organisations and number of regular attenders			Friday Club: 15-25. Choir Re Readings: 6-8. Junior Organ	1
	Other parochial and/or ommunity buildings Church Hall for Church ar		nd Community use	Please indicate if any building is not primarily for church use
_	er denominations	No		
	ciological make-up of	Residential		
	ish (e.g. rural, industrial, dential etc.)			
Sho	pping and other local	General store, super mark	cets and town centre shoppir	ng, Doctor, Pubs,
Gen Poli	llities (e.g. Post Office, leral Store, Doctor, Dentist, ce Station, Pubs, Clubs, other eational centres)	Hotels and Guest Houses Cinema, Harbour	, Garden Centre with Café, T	Theatre and
deta arou near their	A Loop bus services (please give brief details of any daily bus service around the parish and/or to the pearest town/village centre and heir relevance in enabling attendance at church services) A Loop bus service that runs every 8 minutes, enabling easy method of transport to and from our church services.			
	POPULATION			
1	Is the population increasing or decreasing and, if so, to what extent and over what period? (In case of doubt about population figures, the local authority may be able to help.)		Constantly increasing population, overspill from London and construction of affordable housing throughout the Isle of Thanet.	
2	How is the population districentres, or dispersed over	ributed (e.g. in one or more the parish)?	Dispersed over the parish.	
	PAROCHIAL LIFE ETC			
3	Approximately how many or roll live outside the parish?		40	
4		ongregation come from outside	Approx 40 out of 149	
5	holiday season? If so, plea		No	
6	Do a significant number of Anglican churches in the a reasons of convenience or congregation attends differ	rea? If so, give details (eg for because the same	No .	
7	Has any other denomination parish? If so, please give to	on a strong following in the	Roman Catholic: St Ethelbe	ert's
	CHURCH SCHOOLS			
8	type.	f so, please state name and	Holy Trinity C of E (Aided)	
9	Approximately how many p	·	210	
10	From which area are they	drawn?	Throughout the Isle of Thar outside of the Isle	net and a few from
11	Are the school buildings at If so, please give details.	vailable for parochial purposes?	The Incumbent is a Govern- so leads services in the sch holds major festivals in the	ool. The school
12	Please also state name an area.	d type of other schools in the	St Ethelbert's Catholic Prim	ary School
	MISCELLANEOUS			
13	PCC meet the working exp workers?		2018: £32,422 Normally the PCC would pa expenses of the priest. The receive payment is the Dire is paid an honorarium of £3 All other lay people work on	only lay person to ctor of Music, who ,000 per annum. a a voluntary basis.
14	Please indicate what, if an the parish and for what pu	y, trust funds are available to rposes.	Unrestricted fund of (curren Grant from the Additional C £50,000 to underpin the new incumbent	urates' Society of

ARE THERE ANY OTHER FACTUAL POINTS WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS TO UNDERSTAND THE CHARACTER OF THE PARISH BETTER?

Our Worshipping Community comprises 110 adults and 39 children, hence the lower number on the Electoral Roll. Our congregation is drawn from all over the Isle of Thanet and beyond because we are the only traditional Anglo Catholic church in the area.

PLEASE: (i) INDICATE THE LEVEL OF SUPPORT, OR OTHERWISE, OF THE PCC FOR THE PROPOSALS/DRAFT SCHEME (OR ORDER); AND/OR (ii) PLEASE SHOW THE VOTING FIGURES (IF A VOTE WAS TAKEN)			
	For	Against	Abstentions
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Completed by:

Ms R E Leach-Stephens MA, Dip. Ed. Churchwarden, Pastoral and Administration Mr Nigel Collins, Diocesan Pastoral Secretary

Date

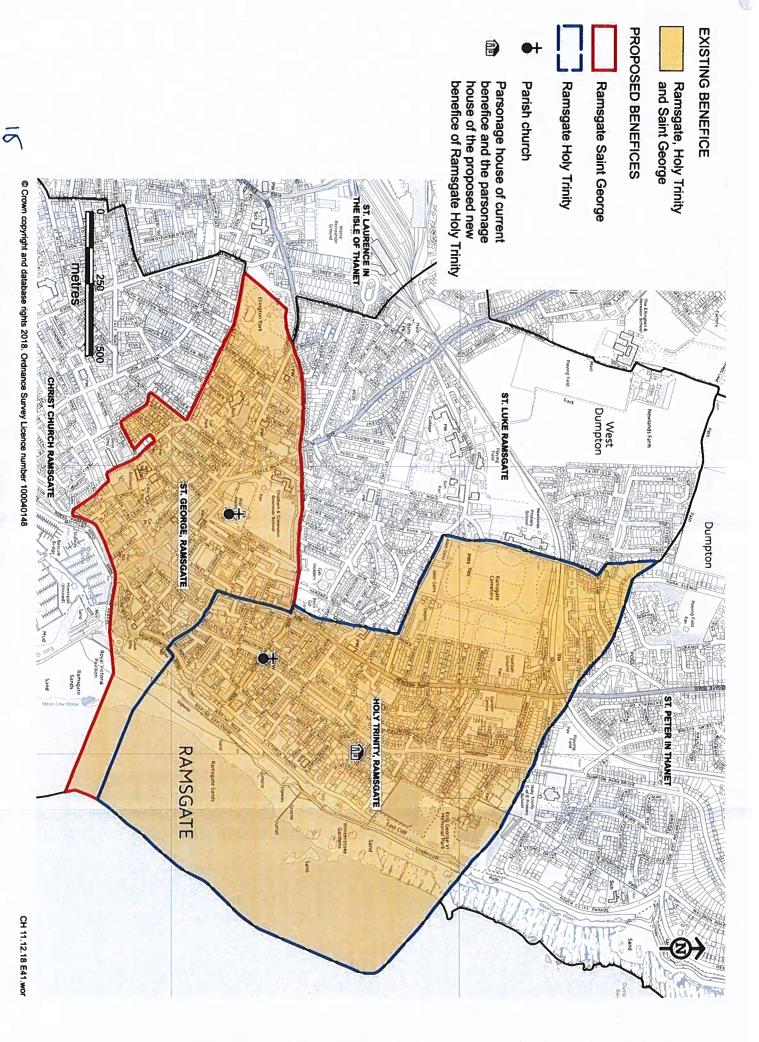
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Appendix B:

A scaled map of the area



Appendix C:

A copy of the draft Pastoral Scheme

<u>SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME (NOT PART OF THE DRAFT SCHEME)</u>

This draft Scheme provides for:

- (i) the dissolution of the benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George; and
- (ii) the creation of two new benefices of:
- (a) Ramsgate Holy Trinity (including the designation of its parsonage house); and
- (b) Ramsgate Saint George,

and their future patronage arrangements

in the diocese of Canterbury.

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this day of 201 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, the Right Reverend Trevor, Bishop of Dover, duly appointed in that behalf pursuant to section 10 of the Dioceses Measure 1978 prior to the taking effect of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, having consented thereto.

Dissolution of benefice

1. The benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and Saint George in the diocese of Canterbury shall be dissolved.

Creation of new benefice of Ramsgate Holy Trinity

- 2. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Ramsgate Holy Trinity" which shall be a rectory shall be created in the diocese of Canterbury, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Holy Trinity, Ramsgate (the name of which shall be altered to "The Parish of Ramsgate Holy Trinity").
- (2) The new benefice and its constituent parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Canterbury and the deanery of Thanet.
- (3) The parsonage house of the benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and Saint George (known as Holy Trinity, 18, Winterstoke Way, Ramsgate, CT11 8AG) shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice in his corporate capacity as his official residence.
- (4) The patronage of the new benefice shall be vested in the Archbishop of Canterbury in his corporate capacity.

Creation of new benefice of Ramsgate Saint George

- 3. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Ramsgate Saint George" which shall be a rectory shall be created in the diocese of Canterbury, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Saint George, Ramsgate (the name of which shall be altered to "The Parish of Ramsgate Saint George").
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Coming into operation of this Scheme

4. If upon the date on which this Scheme is made no person holds an ecclesiastical office under Common Tenure which will be terminated by this Scheme and is in receipt of a stipend and/or other emoluments of office, including accommodation, this Scheme shall come into operation on the first day of the month following the said date; but if on the said date any person holds such an office this Scheme shall come into effect six months thereafter or on such earlier date on which all such offices have been vacated.

In witness whereof the Church Commissioners have caused their Common Seal to be hereunto affixed.

SIGNED by the)
Right Reverend Trevor,)
Bishop of Dover.)
Executed as a Deed by the affixing of the)
Common Seal of the Church)
Commissioners in the presence of:-)

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

Notes by the Diocesan office (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

The rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

These proposals have come about as a result of conversations between the diocese, deanery and the parishes. They are an interim step designed to create flexibility within the benefices of the Ramsgate Area of Thanet Deanery before further reorganisation follows.

Publication of this draft Scheme has been approved by the Church Commissioners but does not mean that they have taken a view on the merits of the diocesan case.

If they receive representations against the draft Scheme, the Commissioners will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors will then receive copies of the Commissioners' correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to the Commissioners in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

If there are no representations against the draft Scheme, the Commissioners will make the Scheme and arrange for it to be brought into effect.

Coming into effect clause

Under the provision of s39(3) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 it is mandatory for a Pastoral Scheme which would have the effect of causing any ecclesiastical office held under Common Tenure the holder of which is in receipt of a stipend and/or accommodation to cease to exist to include the provision in clause 4 delaying the coming into effect of the Scheme for up to six months after it is made. This is to give such an office holder who would be dispossessed an opportunity to find another post before the Scheme takes effect, and if not appointed to another office he or she may become eligible for compensation. For the avoidance of doubt this provision is included in all cases where the possibility of such dispossession could arise but the six month delay provision will only become operative if someone in receipt of a stipend and/or accommodation, other than such a person who is named in the Scheme as the first holder of a new office, is actually in post on the day the Scheme is made. Generally any such persons will agree to resign and be relicensed to the new benefice in order to bring the Scheme into effect without delay. In this case, no person holds such an office.



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Appendix D:

A copy of the representation

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Appendix E:

A copy of the letter referring the representation to the Bishop together with a copy of his reply





The Rt Rev the Bishop of Dover Old Palace CANTERBURY CT1 2EE

Rex Andrew Pastoral

Our ref: NB6/191b/RA

12 November 2018

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If you wish the Scheme to proceed as drafted notwithstanding the representation against it, it will be necessary for the Commissioners to consider the matter. In that case, I should be grateful for your comments on the representation in general and on the following points:-

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- 1. Please set out the background to the current proposals and the consultation process by which they were arrived at. Why is it thought necessary to have an interim arrangement? Did the initiative for this come from the parishes or from the deanery or the DMPC?
- 2. To what extent have the congregations of these parishes grown or declined in recent years, and to what do you attribute this? Are the two parishes financially viable? Does the parish of Ramsgate St George currently have churchwardens in office and if so are you satisfied that they were properly elected?
- 3. What is the condition of the two church buildings of St George the Martyr, Ramsgate; and Holy Trinity, Ramsgate? Have any of the repair works identified in the latest quinquennial inspection reports been undertaken?
- 4. What arrangements do you intend to make for the pastoral care of these parishes until the further reorganisation is brought forward? When do you expect this to be?
- 5. Please comment on Mr Young's assertion that he is owed £40,000 by the Canterbury DBF.
- 6. Are there any other factors which the Commissioners should be aware of in their consideration of these representations?

In considering what information to include in your reply, I should be grateful if you would bear in mind that the Commissioners are required to consider the representations under the quasi-judicial process laid down by the 2011 Measure. A legal challenge may arise from the Commissioners' decision if, among other things, it is based materially on incorrect information. In some cases, this might necessitate the withdrawal of the Scheme. Of necessity, the Commissioners rely on others to provide the information to assist their deliberations and to this end I should be grateful for your help.

The next two meetings of the Mission and Pastoral Committee at which this case could be considered are due to be held 30 January and 6 March 2019. If the matter is to be considered at the meeting on 30 January we will need to receive your response by 17 December, please. This is to allow time for this letter and your reply to be sent to the representor, for him to make any further comments and, if necessary, for you to respond. As you know we also ask representors whether, if there is to be a hearing, they wish to speak to their representations at the Committee. In that event there will also be an opportunity for you or a diocesan representative to attend and speak in favour of the proposals. The diocesan representative may be any appropriate person (e.g. the Chairman or a member of the Diocesan Pastoral Committee or an Archdeacon) but should not be the Diocesan Registrar or other legal representative. We do not wish the Mission and Pastoral Measure process to take on the characteristics of an adversarial tribunal and have advised the representors that they too should not be legally represented.

We would normally expect the representations to be considered at the earliest opportunity but please let me know if you are unable to meet the timetable for the January 2019 meeting or wish to give the matter further consideration or undertake further local consultations before replying. Once we have informed the representor of the meeting date

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(which we will do when sending him a copy of your reply) we would hope not to have to defer it. However, all parties will have the right to ask us to defer the matter to a subsequent meeting if justifiable reasons arise.

I am sending a copy of this letter to Archdeacon Jo Kelly-Moore and Nigel Collins for their information.

Yours sincerely

Rex Andrew

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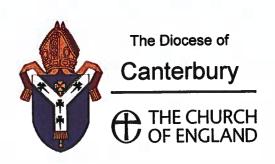
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Your Ref: NB6/191b/RA dated 12 November 2018

11 December 2018

Dear Rex

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George Proposed Pastoral Scheme

Thank you for your letter dated 12 November 2018 informing me of the representation you have received against the proposed Pastoral Scheme. I am now writing with my comments on the representation in general and on the specific points you have raised.

The representation against the proposed Pastoral Scheme has been made by Mr Graham Young, a resident parishioner of Ramsgate St George. Mr Young does not worship at St George's but is in constant contact with the churchwardens alleging financial irregularities on their part none of which he has been able, nor willing to test in court. The parish own some garages situated in close proximity to the church, Mr Young rents one of the garages from the PCC.

You asked me to comment on some specific points, which I now do using the same numbers as in your letter of 12 November 2018.

Point 1: Background to the current proposals

I note that the Reverend Peter Adams was appointed incumbent of the benefice of Ramsgate Holy Trinity in 1979. In 1984 he was appointed priest in charge of the neighbouring benefice of Ramsgate St George. In 1986 the two benefices united following pastoral reorganisation with Reverend Adams as incumbent of the newly formed benefice. Reverend Adams held this office until his retirement in January 2018.

Following the retirement of the incumbent the PCCs met with the Archdeacon to consider the future needs of the parishes. These meetings resulted in a mutual agreement that, given the ministry and mission objectives of the parishes, the best next step would be to disestablish the benefice. This would free up each of the parishes to enable them to pursue ministry partnerships and appointments that would best meet the mission needs of the parts of Ramsgate which they serve and also the ecclesiology of their worshipping communities. I note that Holy Trinity receives extended episcopal

ministry from the Bishop of Richborough. The proposals contained in the draft Scheme are an interim step towards enabling this to happen.

These initial conversations led to a local written consultation on the draft Proposals to dissolve the benefice and to create two separate benefices of Ramsgate Holy Trinity and Ramsgate St George. The consultation was carried out in accordance with section 6(1) of the Measure and was completed on 12 July 2018 with no objections raised.

Ramsgate Holy Trinity, as a separate benefice would be in a position to appoint a full-time priest.

Ramsgate St George would not be in a position to appoint a full-time priest and therefore with the support of the Deanery is looking at ministry partnerships. Ramsgate St George has a closer ecclesial connection to the neighbouring benefice of Ramsgate St Luke. As a separate benefice this would enable St George's to focus more clearly on its mission to Ramsgate and put the parish in a better position to explore opportunities for working more closely together with St Luke's in ways which may lead to further reorganisation. This exploration also has the support of the incumbent and PCC of Ramsgate St Luke.

The initiative for this pastoral reorganisation came first from the parishes in conversation with the Archdeacon. It has the full support of the Deanery and Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committees.

Point 2: Parish context

Congregations – growth or decline?

Both churches have seen a small reduction in their worshipping communities over the past 4-5 years. Holy Trinity has a worshipping community of 149 and an average weekly attendance (AWA) of 75; St George has a worshipping community of 55 and an AWA of 46 (source: Statistics for Mission). The difference between these two statistics is in keeping with the national changes in patterns of church attendance, such that all those on a parish electoral roll will not be in church every week.

In both cases the church electoral roll has increased over the past 5 years showing encouraging signs of growth and commitment to the vision of each parish.

Financial viability

Both churches had built up parish share arrears over a number of years but have worked hard to achieve a stable financial position.

Ramsgate Holy Trinity sold some investments, paid everything the parish owed and has paid 2018 parish share in full. The parish has also received a significant grant from the Assistant Curate's society. It is now in a good financial position with some reserve funds.

Ramsgate St George has cleared most of its arrears and is working closely with the Diocese towards achieving a stable financial position. Currently the parish contributes towards diocesan shared costs but are not able to afford ministry costs.

The parish of Ramsgate St George has two churchwardens. Both were elected unopposed at the annual meeting of parishioners which took place on 28 April 2018 in accordance with Church Representation Rules. Mr Young was not present at the meeting. I am satisfied that they were properly elected to the office.

Point 3: Church buildings

The most recent Quinquennial Inspection was carried out on the church of St George the Martyr Ramsgate in December 2017 by architect Philip Graham. The church is a grade 1 listed building. The recommendations of the report which required immediate attention have been carried out and a plan of action for other works is progressing without concern.

The most recent Quinquennial Inspection was carried out on the church of Holy Trinity Ramsgate in June 2014 by architect Philip Graham. The church is a grade 2 listed building. The recommendations of the report have been carried out.

Point 4: Pastoral care

During this period of pastoral reorganisation both parishes are receiving pastoral care and support from the Archdeacon, Area Dean and local clergy.

If the Scheme is made Ramsgate Holy Trinity will be ready to appoint a full-time priest as incumbent, until then they are covering services using local/retired clergy.

Ramsgate St George is receiving pastoral care from the Reverend John Chater, a local retired priest. If the Scheme is made the vicar of Ramsgate St Luke is ready to continue conversations with St George in order to consider the next best step. There are a number of possibilities which could include the creation of a group or team ministry and the appointment of the incumbent of St Luke as priest in charge of St George.

If the Scheme is made, advertising for the appointment of an incumbent at Ramsgate Holy Trinity will proceed immediately. With regard to Ramsgate St George, conversations to explore the next best steps will commence immediately. During those conversations the parish has the support of the Reverend John Chater and the Reverend Paul Worledge, incumbent of Ramsgate St Luke.

Point 5: Mr Young's assertion

With regard to the claim by Mr Young that the Canterbury Diocesan Board of Finance owes him £40,000; the Board will deny any such claim and will vigorously defend itself in any court if needs be. However, no claims for this money have been made against the Board.

The detail of the matter as the diocese understand it is as follows. Mr Young rents a garage from St Georges PCC Ramsgate and has been in dispute with another tenant over access to the garages. After a number of altercations between the tenants, Mr Young has been found guilty of theft from one of the garages. Subsequently access to the garages was blocked by another tenant's car and Mr Young was unable to move his own car out; a situation which the PCC have tried to resolve although the PCC do not feel it is their responsibility to do so. Mr Young alleges that he was not able to get his car from the garage and accordingly sought damages for his inability to use his car. As the Diocesan Board of Finance acts as Custodian Trustee for the PCC, the Board's name is on the title deeds and Mr Young has tried to claim damages from us. However, he has

failed to seek these damages through the courts but has tried to issue a number of invoices - all of which have been repudiated.

Unfortunately, Mr Young has a history throughout this long dispute of harassment against the previous incumbent and his church officers. The police have been involved and have issued warnings against Mr Young, but I am not aware of any court action thus far.

Our Diocesan Registrar is aware of this long drawn out case and has given advice to the parish on different aspects of Mr Young's harassing behaviour.

In summary, the parishes, deanery and diocese fully support this pastoral reorganisation as a means by which to encourage the flourishing of mission and ministry in central Ramsgate.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any further information.

With my prayers and blessing.

The Right Reverend Trevor Willmott Bishop of Dover

Appendix F:

Further comments received from the representor to the Bishop's response

Your Ref.: NB6/191b/ RA

Ramsgate
Kent Constant
2nd January 2019

Pastor Rex Andrew Church Commissioners The Church of England Church House Great Smith Street London, SW1P 3AZ

Ner 1/2019

Dear Rex,

Re: Matters: Saint George the Martyr, Ramsgate

Thank you so much for your Christian wishes, rare.

You letter raises more questions that solutions. Therefore, you will, hopefully, understand that I shall segment my concerns and retorts first, by a skeleton after Epiphany.

Please note I have never, never met or had a conversation with a Trevor Wilmot who claims to be Bishop of Dover. I am aware of his covert role in the arrival of 'migrants' (sadly: an ill chosen name) to the shores of Kent. This I will expand.

However, there is one URGENT matter that I trust you will address now. Oriol, Lady Bowden is not in the prime of health and finds the anti-social and threatening behaviour of a Mr Henry Fernandez, Ms Michelle Townsend, American Secretary and Ron Williams, also of Ramsgate (using the cover of the Royal Naval Association) most disturbing. Lady Bowden did not appreciate Mr Williams pacing his nose against her car window when she returned home by car two nights ago.

Will you please insure that any, any maters these person wish to raise comes to you not us. Your Thanet Ministry is dilatory in these matters. Mr Williams does not attend St Georges and that Mistry has not produced any notification to us of his role. The Rev. John Chater has been queried and refutes any knowledge of a role.

This I have documented event's with the aid of Kent Police and the Hon. Judge O'Mahony of Canterbury Crown Court. It comes a no surprise that a Julian Hills shuns my correspondence, clearly of heathen act, and praises said Trevor Wilmot.

Thank you for your care in this matter...This you are the sole respondent!

I hope that the peace for which we all wish, under God, overwhelms the evil that abounds in the Diocese of Dover and the Ministry of Thanet. It would do well for the Canterbury Mistry to follow their own edicts...

Blessings

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Sent:

05 January 2019 11:12

To:

Rex Andrew

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All the best

Rex.

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Sent:

05 January 2019 11:19

To:

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Subject:

Re: Proposed Pastoral Scheme affecting the benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and

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From:

Sent:

10 January 2019 10:54

To:

Rex Andrew

Subject:

FW: Pastoral Scheme affecting the benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George

Not at all. The space St. Georges provide ample room for joint functions BUT must be controlled by the Church of England... those I HAVE SPOKEN TO AGREE WE NEED A FRESH APPROACH.. First: Saint Georges was built for God and County and must remain as the focus.

On a secular point the Ramsgate Library fire gave the guardians the opportunity for a community hub.

I still think Trevor Stoking is the person to consult.. the Law of Humanity must be applied.

TRINITY IS A HAPPY COMMUNITY with their own agenda.

Good time to debate as a Spring is the time for renewal.. Might be a thought to consult the Archbishop of York?

Happy to expand on my other points. We miss the Sailors Church!

Graham

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From: Rex Andrew < rex.andrew@churchofengland.org>

Sent: 09 January 2019 17:38

To: personal designation of the second secon

Subject: Pastoral Scheme affecting the benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George

Dear Graham

Thank you for your e-mail. I note that you say that:

St. Georges should be a single entity.

Trinity is Anglo-Catholic and functions well. Cut away.

As this is what the draft Scheme is proposing, does this mean you are withdrawing your objection to it, please? Could I trouble you to let me know as soon as possible, and by 5pm tomorrow (10 January 2019), please.

I look forward to hearing from you.

With best wishes

Rex.

From: Press Communications <

Sent: 09 January 2019 16:39

To: Rex Andrew <rex.andrew@churchofengland.org>

Subject: Re: Purge --- Pastoral Scheme affecting the benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George

Quick SKELTON:

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The Rev. Trevor Stoking is the best person to consult as he a has a thriving Thanet Christian Ministry and the House (Trinity Broadstairs) is used many good uses, including Community.

St. Mary's Putney, SW15 is our London view across the River and again all encompassing. Bishop of London advice?

The evil regime now domicile in St. Georges must be exorcised..Some may on their way to hell soon..Anon D..Common. The fabric of the Church has been caused by CRIMINAL: NEGLECT__ ON PURPOSE). A wreck Smith. Church Hall (Soup Kitchen) Sell to pay for the fabric works to St Georges? The area has been 'run down' for a multitude of evil reasons. All the Chatham House school pupils can cite chapter and verse!As you know Companies House has registered Company for this project. The Director is suspect.

Be are of the Wardens long term scheme to make Chatham House school a business centre as is in Clarendon School in town center ex-Church use.

There are charitable bodies related to the aera and use for which St. George the Martyr was created. They are waiting to be asked to participate.

Worth looking in City at St Clement Dane and the mooring of the Mission to Seafarers, Paternoster Royal for living communities within Gods house therein.

As an aside the Ramsgate Royal Harbor Sailors Church should be taken from the Evil of Christchurch and the thieves under the wing of the Vicar Trizzard.

Yes The Isle of Thanet and nearby Canterbury need much missionary good deeds to combat the Evil of centuries. A clean broom sweeps clean.

May GODs Good find away using the light of his son's ministry on Earth

Graham Young

Journalist and hands on expert of historic buildings, their fabric and use.

From: Rex Andrew <rex.andrew@churchofengland.org>

Sent: 07 January 2019 14:50

To: 120 Start Columbia Courses

Subject: RE: Proposed Pastoral Scheme affecting the benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George

Dear Graham

The membership of the Commissioners' Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee is as follows:

Dr Eve Poole (Chair)*
The Bishop of Newcastle*
The Bishop of Leicester
Canon Peter Bruinvels*

Canon Clare MacLaren
The Ven Penny Driver
Garth Watkins
Canon Stephen Trott*
Lord Richard Best*
Susan Pope
Margaret Davies
(plus six vacancies, including four Church Commissioners).

* Church Commissioners

With best wishes

Rex.

PS I'm not a 'pastor', just plain Rex Andrew. I'm not bothered about the 'Mr' bit either.

PPS Messrs Cluttons: the Commissioners no longer use this firm; I am not aware of the reasons for this.

From: Press Communications <

Sent: 07 January 2019 13:14

To: Rex Andrew < rex.andrew@churchofengland.org >

Subject: Re: Proposed Pastoral Scheme affecting the benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George

Dear Pastor Rex,

Kindly supply tour full list of Commissioners for due diligence..

You may care in the meantime to read the profile of the Bishop of London.

Are Messrs . Cluttons still associates ?

GDY

From: Rex Andrew < rex.andrew@churchofengland.org>

Sent: 07 January 2019 10:22

To: put the management of the participation

Subject: RE: Proposed Pastoral Scheme affecting the benefice of Ramsgate, Holy Trinity and St George

Dear Graham

Thank you for further e-mails. It is important for the Commissioners to make their position here clear, as our involvement relates to the proposed draft Scheme only, and not the other matters you referred to in your letter of 2 January. I look forward to your further responses in relation to the exchange of papers I sent to you on 20 December, please, in order that I can present them to our members at their 30 January meeting. As previously mentioned, any supplementary responses need to be with me by Wednesday 9 January 2019, please.

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