

Rex Andrew – Pastoral
The Church of England – Church Commissioners
Church House
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12 May 2019

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Julian Przysocki (Mrs)

Kathleen Pugh
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I am writing with reference to your communication
dated 12.04.19, regarding above Draft Pastoral
Scheme.

As a member of the congregation of St Paul's
for 30 years, I am deeply concerned about the
proposals & the effect they will have on the
church of St Paul's and the congregation & Parish
needs.

The start of this process in October 2015
came as a complete shock to the Newport church
congregation and on the first presentation it
seemed quite obvious that those drafting &
presenting the scheme had NO personal knowledge
of any of the churches involved.

There was no apparent knowledge that
① St Paul's had been without a Priest in charge.

for 4 years, we unambiguously
in process at that time with the Bishop & Diocese to
appoint someone to lead & take us forward, with gifts
& charisms to allow us to flourish.

2. St. John's had been, & are still involved
in a long term project of fundraising to build
& new up to date & modern church hall in 2020
to meet the needs of their Parish.

3. That Canisbrooke has a very separate
village entity to Newport, & is viewed by its Parish
very differently.

4. That the 4 named Newport churches
currently are very separate. The Newport Churches
working together (NCWT) has not successfully engaged
St. Minster, St. John's or Canisbrooke. They are invited
to attend regular meetings & are sent minute
out do not support events. St. Paul's is part of
NCWT.

All this, and more, regarding background, worship
styles etc is so important & could have aided
plans when moving forwards regarding a
Team Ministry.

The shock of the 'cold' & impersonal delivery
at first meeting was very distressing & did not
help 'binding' of the churches. Although this
distress was later recognised & there was an
apology, damage was done.

To me it would have made so much more
sense to work on strengths of each church &
congregations & use this as a basis for
moving forward, ^{together} with support of Pioneer Ministers
encouraging, supporting & directing Mission.
Over time the success would break down barriers
& make future changes much more acceptable.

" - is very difficult for the churches & Parishes to envisage changes and at St. Paul's we wonder how an orthodox evangelical parish may be affected.

At St. Paul's we have prayerfully sought God's will. Has the Diocese or Church Commissioners sought God's Will? Shouldn't we be doing this with the Newport Churches. We assume that we all want to save souls and bring people to know Christ? That is God's will for us all.

After the first Draft Proposal, St. Paul's PCC went to great lengths to give time & to pray to enable us to offer a positive response. It was very disappointing to have no feedback at all to any of our suggestions, & none were taken into consideration, other than the splitting of Carisbrooke Parish. (We assume this was the same for the other churches).

We understand that change is not easy, but as a congregation we are not opposed to change, but for changes to be successful, all the churches need to feel that they are valued & involved.

The phrasing of 'New Congregation' and 'Team minister' ^{in documentation} has made churches feel threatened & think it has had the effect of the churches feeling very insecure & threatened. That can't be good for anyone.

~~The~~ Four years ago we wrote our current Parish Profile regarding appointment for a Priest-in-Charge.

to be Christ centred, truly believing that the Bible is the inspired Word of God & its authority. A Charismatic, Evangelical, filled with the Holy Spirit. We pray for someone who is encouraging, motivating, prayerful & open to the Holy Spirit's leading, & encouraging us all in the gifts of the Holy Spirit..... Our Priest in Charge must have an orthodox, Biblical view of sexuality relationship & marriage!...

The Bishop's recent appointment of an Archdeacon to the Isle of Wight, who champions very forthright and uncompromising views on sexuality and marriage, make it impossible for St Paul's to come under such oversight.

There appears to be no alternative provision, so the outlook for a spirit-filled & vibrant congregation & wider Parish of St. Paul's is very bleak. We do not feel that the Bishop has made provision for orthodox evangelical parishes in this scheme.

I thank you in advance for reading my letter & a confirmation of receipt of this would be much appreciated.

Yours Sincerely

Kathy Pugh.

Rex Andrew

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Dear Sirs

We as members of St Pauls Barton Parish Church, Newport, Isle of Wight are writing to express our extreme concern over the draft scheme for a proposed Newport Parish reorganisation. Our concerns include as follows:-

1. Our PCC has tried to actively engage in the discussions to find a mutually agreeable way forward but from what we can see, all ideas from St Pauls have been ignored.
2. We at St Pauls are a conservative evangelical charismatic congregation holding to traditional Biblical teaching which has led us to an understanding of Gods purposes for modern day Israel as laid out in Bible prophecy. We're the largest CE congregation in Newport but what we believe to be our God given mission looks as though it will be lost through this process.

We hope you will give these concerns your consideration and would be happy to discuss them face to face at a mutually convenient time.

Yours faithfully

John & Barbara Quinlan

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9. The need for personal, pastoral care is so important in our ever increasingly stress-filled and busy world. It is so essential for humans to be able to relate personally to a 'shepherd' in a parish. Ours is ever expanding, full of young families needing to find God - our aim surely.

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Barbara Rees (Sus.)

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I feel so let down by these proposals to the charges to St Paul's and the Newport Church, we have been asked for feedback before and then the wishes of the people have been ignored. We were told that this change would help the Newport Church but instead it will mean the loss of a growing, flourishing church. Please re-think - allow the Churchwardens and PCC to continue the work they are already doing to include carefully finding an incumbent to lead us.

If not, sadly you may find people may leave the Anglican Church and it may have an effect on the local area.

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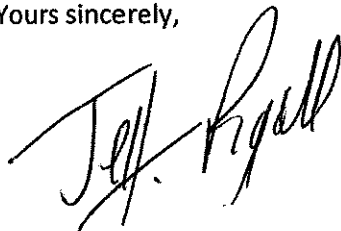
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WE ARE VERY disappointed, Dispondent and have lost all respect for the way in which Bishop CHRISTOPHER and others have handled this so called NEW SCHEME. ALOT OF harm has been done to ST PAULS and to the community we were reaching out too. This can have a long standing effect, which will take along time to recover from, if ever.

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MRS BETTY SWALLOW

DEAR SIR

GREETINGS IN Jesus Name

This letter is to let you know of my objections to the re-shuffle of the Divices of Newport

St Pauls is a very loving and caring Church. We have approx 90-100 people attending our Sunday morning service from Ventnor, Bembridge, Freshwater, Cowes and Newport

We have put a lot of our own money into this Church keeping it in good order and repair.

2.

We are now into our fifth year without a Vicar, this is unbelievable, It is evident The bishop has no intention of getting us a Vicar or we'd have had one long ago. Maybe he hoped our Church membership would double and we'd roll over as the other 3 Churches have done.

There has been quite a few properties over our church in the last 15 mths, some of them have come from a far afield as Yorkshire and Scotland. They have visited us when on holiday.

Our Church has been blessed with the Holy Spirit, and

it is important that this is kept going, that and praying for gods Chosen People THE ISRAELITES. I know this is why he is blessing us so much.

We obey all of gods laws and we cannot partake of Communion - from Sould hands.

In Leviticus Ch 18 V 22 it says (YOU SHALL NOT LAY WITH MAN, AS ONE LAYS WITH A FEMALE, IT IS AN ABOMINATION (A SIN))

REDACTED
BY
STAFF

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We must follow God's laws
if we want to be blessed
by God. ~~REDACTED~~ **REDACTED**
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reproach. **STAFF**

There are other ways of
doing things. It boils down
down to money.

As a church this has been
explained to Bishop Christopher
but I don't think he read
our letter that was sent
to him.

As a member of St Pauls,
and I am 90 years old with
all of my marbles in place,
I am strongly objecting to
this move

I for one cannot partake
of Holy Communion from Soles

Hands, and there are very
few in the Church who will

I hope ~~you~~ and pray you
will listen to an old
lady who has followed
the Lord, the Bible and all
its laws for 79½ yrs.

Please listen to St Paul
with a reasonable head.

Yours obedient servant
Betty Swallow

P.S. I do love my Lord our
Congregation and St Paul

B Swallow

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FROM - MR G.C. TAYLOR

2019

ISLE OF WIGHT

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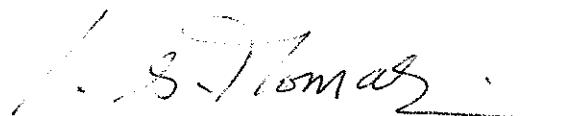
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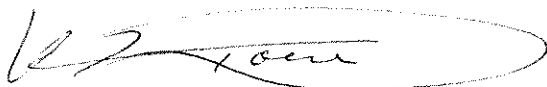
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Lin Williams

Rex Andrew – Pastoral
The Church of England – Church Commissioners
Church House
Great Smith Street
London
SW1P 3AZ

12 May 2019

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Your ref: NB29/3/RA

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Andrew

From: Helenyoung
Sent: 30 May 2011
To: Rex Andrew
Subject: I'm against the merger of Saint Francis, Saint Clare's and Saint Alban's churches in H.

To whom it may concern,

I am totally against the proposed scheme to merge all three of the above church parishes in Leigh-Park: Saint Francis, Warren Park: Saint Clare's and West Leigh Saint Albans churches. We have an amazing vicar in Father Jonathan Jeffery and I'm sure Canon Karina Green is held in high regard by her parishioners too. The whole community will be devastated if we lose Father Jonathan, who is a wonderful vicar and a very kind man. God put him here for a purpose and he has done so much for this community over the years. We have a thriving food bank thanks to him and volunteers, he visits schools regularly and all the children love him and run to him when they see him. He visits people in hospitals who are very ill in his own time and supports their relatives emotionally. He works 6 days a week even though he doesn't have to, but because he wants to. He has brought so many people closer to God and so many people have become Christians thanks to his influence. His wife and family put on Nativity plays and pantomimes every year, raising money for the church in the process. He is a wonderful man and this decision has been made against the will of his congregation and the community at large, whose views were completely ignored at the public meeting on October 15th last year at Saint Wilfrid's Church last year which I attended. Please don't turn your backs on his existing congregation as we are all imploring you to listen and accept the alternative proposal which has been put forward instead where we keep our vicars at the heart of this new plan instead.

Yours Sincerely
Helen Young (Mrs)

Rex Andrew

From: Peter Leonard <peter.leonard@portsmouth.anglican.org>
Sent: 28 May 2019 18:26
To: Rex Andrew
Subject: Diocese of Portsmouth Draft Pastoral Scheme for Newport, Isle of Wight

Dear Mr Andrew,

I am contacting you as I have recently been licensed and installed as the Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight and as such am now an interested party for the purposes of the consultation. Prior to this appointment I was Acting Dean of Portsmouth Cathedral and a member of the Bishop of Portsmouth's senior staff team and so have been involved in the discussion around the proposals for some time now.

I wish to strongly support this draft Scheme as I believe that the proposed new structure will enable the Church to be more engaged with the communities it serves in this area and thus develop mission and bring about growth in the years ahead. There has been very extensive consultation, both formal and informal, in the area affected, and in the wider Deanery as a whole, as a result of which the Scheme as currently proposed has been significantly re-shaped from its original draft.

I believe that this scheme will give new life to all of the parishes concerned within their context. As a single parish team structure it will offer a much wider range of gifts, skills and opportunities to tackle the needs of the area in a strategic way but will still allow the individual places of worship to flourish. For example having Newport Minster at the heart of the town will enable it to perform its civic and island wide role whilst also benefitting from the support of a wider team to engage with the residents and retailers within the town from a missional perspective.

As a new Archdeacon, I am extremely excited about these proposals and if the Scheme is approved by the Church Commissioners, I look forward to working with and supporting this exciting new project in furthering the work and mission of the Church on the Isle of Wight on the enhanced basis that this Scheme will provide.

With prayers and thanks for your work on this proposal,

Peter Leonard

The Venerable Peter Leonard
Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight

"Be who you were created to be and you will set the world on fire."
St Catherine of Sienna

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Rex Andrew

From: allie.kerr@portsmouth.anglican.org on behalf of Revd Allie Kerr
<allie.kerr@portsmouth.anglican.org>
Sent: 27 May 2019 07:24
To: Rex Andrew
Subject: Draft scheme representation submission

Submitted on Mon, 27/05/2019 - 07:18

Submitted by:

Submitted values are:

1. Query or comment?

2. Which Scheme or Order?

Which case is your representation regarding?
Barton, Carisbrooke etc

3. Write your submission

Your Name (required)
Revd Allie Kerr

Email address (required)
allie.kerr@portsmouth.anglican.org

Nature of interest in case
Area Dean & Mission Development Advisor for the IOW and Interim Priest-in-Charge of an affected parish

Is your representation for or against the draft scheme or order (required)
For

Representation:

I am currently interim Priest-in-Charge of St John the Baptist, Newport and Area Dean of the Isle of Wight so I am an interested party on two counts.

As Interim Priest-in-charge of St John's I want to thank Bishop's Council for the way they have listened and responded to the comments from the informal consultation process. Initially St John's PCC were almost unanimously opposed to the proposals, however now their concerns have been heard St John's are confident that the proposed pastoral reorganisation should go ahead. At our PCC meeting on 21st March the PCC were unanimously in favour (subject to some concerns about the make up of DCC's etc). Their response has been sent for your consideration. members will know I am moving to a new parish within the diocese in July. I decided to seek a new position because I believe the pastoral reorganisation will see growth in Newport and me moving on will allow a new team, with the necessary gifts and experience, to be recruited. I have not waited until the Church Commissioners have made their decision, thereby foregoing a generous redundancy package, because I feel that St John's would be hindered in their decisions if I were still in post as they would feel a pastoral responsibility to protect my job. From private conversations with members of some of the other Newport parishes I believe some people would want to support the proposals but feel a loyalty to the current incumbent and so are not comfortable expressing their support.

In my role as Area Dean (and also Mission Development Advisor) I am fully supportive of the proposals. It is time to make some radical changes to mission and ministry in our County town and I don't believe that will happen with the current parish structures in place. There is a large percentage of people in Newport who will never come to our existing services and while clergy and lay teams have to work to maintain the buildings, structures and existing mission opportunities there is not the capacity to 'do more'. At St John's we have a really well thought through five year Plan for Growth (attached to St John's response) which was created and owned by a good number of the congregation, but I am concerned about how realistic it is with the current ministry team as it will take time and expertise. St John's (and I believe also St Mary's, Carisbrooke, some at Newport Minster, and a small number at St Paul's) longs to be a church which serves the local community and so having additional ministry provision with specialist vocations would release mission to those the churches don't yet reach.

I would like to see an operations manager with responsibility (delegated by wardens) for the fabric of the buildings, arranging QI's, maintenance, faculties etc; responsibility for creating and ensuring the implementation of policies and procedures; expertise in fundraising and writing funding bids; overseeing rotas for worship; providing the initial contact point and follow-up for pastoral offices; overseeing the day to day running of the parish and ensuring strategic development goals are achieved.

I would also like to see a pioneer minister with a specialism in working with children and families to work across the parish, providing leadership and inspiration to volunteers, working in schools and providing missional worship which will attract families. In addition I would love to see a church planting type role with the specific aim of creating new disciples and worshipping communities targeted at different demographics.

I am excited about what could be achieved and how many new people could be reached with the Gospel if we are courageous. Although Deanery Synod is not a legally interested party we held a special synod meeting on 26th March to discuss the proposals. Canon Bob White sensitively chaired the meeting and the following motion was passed:

This Synod,

- a. while acknowledging the potential impact of the scheme on some individuals, welcomes the proposed Pastoral Re-Organisation scheme for the Newport area
- b. calls upon all involved at Diocesan, Deanery and Parish level to continue to explore together how best this scheme may be enacted to fulfil our calling to bring the Gospel of Christ to the Island and to be living signs of the Kingdom
- c. asks that the strengths and weaknesses of a Group rather than a Team Ministry be considered by the Bishop's Council
- d. requests as the scheme progresses further work is done with regard to the governance structures, especially the role of the DCCs within the scheme

This was passed by 24 votes to 5 against with 1 abstention.

There was a proposed amendment to defer the proposed re-organisation pending a mediation process to find common ground was clearly defeated.

Each of the interested parishes were invited to speak, along with any others who wished to. St Paul's, Barton expressed concerns and stated that they were exploring independence from the Church of England. However having spoken to individuals from their congregation and PCC they will be considering leaving the CoE even if the proposals do not go through as their concerns are relating to an entirely separate issue. The PCC of Newport Minster have requested more time for consultation but I think that would cause more uncertainty for the affected parishes who want to have this matter settled so they can move forward.

I understand this is challenging to individuals and parishes but for the sake of the Gospel in Newport I ask that the Church Commissioners support these proposals.

Rex Andrew

From: marian brett Hill
Sent: 21 May 2019 11:
To: Rex Andrew
Subject: FAO Rex Andrew

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Dear Mr Andrew,

The members of the PCC of Newport St John write to confirm their support for the draft Pastoral scheme in respect of pastoral proposals affecting the benefices of Barton, Carisbrooke, St Nicholas in the Castle, Carisbrooke, Gatcombe, Newport and ourselves Newport St John.

We have already submitted views to the Bishop's Council, both written and verbal .

At our PCC held on Thursday 21st March 2019, the PCC unanimously agreed the following resolution

'St John's PCC welcomes the present discussion about the ministry and mission of the Anglican churches in Newport and accepts in principle the need for development of our witness to those not yet part of the Christian family. There is still much that is unclear as to what implementation would look like. We urge Bishop's Council to prayerfully consider the concerns voiced and suggestions made to ensure these proposals effectively further God's kingdom in Newport through the proposed setting up of team rector and others in a team ministry.'

At our PCC held on Thursday 9th May 2019 we wished to confirm our support for the draft Scheme following receipt of the draft Scheme.

Newport St John wishes for a speedy resolution in decision making by the Church Commissioners. We look forward to being fully involved in the future planning and implementation of the final scheme.

Our congregation will continue to pray for the decision making.

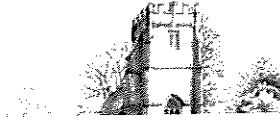
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Marian Brett Hill

PCC Secretary Newport St John

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The Parish Church of St Olave, Gatcombe



FAO : Rex Andrew, Pastoral, Church Commissic

May 13th 2019

Dear Sir,

Re: Your letter Ref. NB29/3/RA dated 12th April 2019

Subject : Draft Pastoral Proposals affecting the benefices of Barton; Carisbrooke; St. Nicholas in the Castle, Carisbrooke; Gatcombe; Newport; and St. John. Under Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.

This submission is made by Gatcombe PCC on behalf of the Gatcombe benefice which will be in plurality with the combined other benefices mentioned above, in event that the draft pastoral proposals are put into effect.

The PCC submitted their understanding of how Gatcombe benefice will continue its ministry within the proposed new plurality in its letter dated 10th March 2019 to the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee and Bishop's Council (copy attached). The PCC, in offering their support to the proposals, requested that their understanding be formally confirmed and for clarity be added at one place in the final proposal. We have not received a reply to our letter and cannot find any impact from it within the proposal submitted to the Church Commissioners.

Gatcombe benefice, being very much the minor partner in the proposed plurality, request formal confirmation that Gatcombe PCC will have a representative on the PCC of the new Newport benefice in order to deal with matters concerning the provision of ministerial resources and pastoral care to the Gatcombe benefice.

Whilst the meeting of our PCC with representatives of the Bishop's Council in March 2019 indicated agreement the 'statement' in our attached letter, we believe that it is not unreasonable to request that it is formally agreed and included as part of the final proposal.

We look forward to receiving your response.

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Peace

Hon. Secretary Gatcombe PCC

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The Parish Church of St Olave, Gatcombe



Dated: 10th March 2019

FAO: The Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee and Bishop's Council

Dear Sirs,

Re: The Pastoral Reorganisation Draft Proposal as recommended for formal consultation by the Bishops Council Meeting on 28th January 2019; Formal Response by Gatcombe PCC

Gatcombe PCC have studied the above proposal and prepared the statement given below as their understanding of how the Gatcombe benefice will continue its ministry within the new plurality. If this understanding is correct then the PCC offer their support to the Draft Proposal.

The PCC therefore request that their understanding be formally confirmed and that the statement, as given below, be added to the Draft Proposal and the subsequent Final Proposal. The PCC believe that it is essential to give this clear summary at one place in the Proposal to enable understanding and maintain support within the parish.

Statement:

“ The Gatcombe benefice covers part of the central rural area of the Isle of Wight, encompassing the villages of Gatcombe, Chillerton and part of the villages of Rookley, Blackwater and Whitecroft. Under the Pastoral Reorganisation it is, for the time being, to be held in plurality with the new Newport benefice comprising ‘Newport Minster, St. John, Carisbrooke and Barton’. The Gatcombe benefice will continue under its own PCC, maintaining responsibility for its finances and upkeep of St. Olave’s church.

The team ministry of the new Newport benefice is charged with the responsibility of providing ministerial resources to the Gatcombe benefice in order to fulfil the existing service pattern, weddings, baptisms and funerals at St. Olave’s; also to provide pastoral care to parishioners, the school and care home.

During the plurality, Gatcombe PCC will have the right to send a representative to the PCC meetings of the new Newport Benefice in respect of matters concerning the provision of ministerial resources and pastoral care.

There will be one incumbent for the two benefices in the plurality. This incumbent will be the rector in the team ministry and will be supported by two ministers, both having the title of vicar and the status of an incumbent of a benefice. One of these three team ministers will be assigned particular pastoral responsibility for the cure of souls in the Gatcombe benefice and vicar of St. Olave’s church. Gatcombe PCC and the patron of the Gatcombe benefice [the Provost and Scholars of Queens College, University of Oxford] will be consulted during this assignment process.

The Gatcombe PCC, in addition to payment of parish share, will continue to contribute the annual revenue from its Elsie Maud Groves Bequest fund to the proportion of the assigned vicar’s stipend which is required to fulfil ministerial duties [as detailed above] in the Gatcombe benefice. The terms of this Bequest are that it is to be used solely to pay towards the stipend of the incumbent in the Gatcombe benefice.”

Yours sincerely

Elizabeth Peace

Honorary Secretary
Gatcombe PCC

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Response to the Church Commissioners from St Mary's Carisbrooke PCC

St Mary's Carisbrooke welcomes the opportunity to respond formally to the proposals for pastoral re-organisation in the Newport and Carisbrooke area.

The PCC of St Mary's Carisbrooke is broadly in favour of the proposal, although there are some significant concerns which we welcome the opportunity to set out.

Firstly, we are pleased that the proposals that are set out recognise the existing outer boundaries of our community. An earlier proposal had sought to divide the urban and rural portions of Carisbrooke which made no sense from the point of view of the homes involved, and would have created an artificial division which did not reflect the nature of the parish. We are grateful to the diocese for changing its proposals on this issue. We believe that a sense of identity is important to our communities, and that respecting this is critical if we are to gain support for these proposals from the wider community. We believe that it makes sense to give the Team Ministry a name that reflects that identity. We believe that the parish and benefice should have both the names of Newport and Carisbrooke. This appears in the formal names given to the parish and benefice, but we would also suggest that the wording Newport and Carisbrooke is added in the descriptions at 5.1 and 6 of the proposal. The importance that is attached to this is borne out by the fact that Newport Parish Council has recently decided to change its name to Newport and Carisbrooke Parish Council. There is the additional advantage that the combination will be unique whereas there is no shortage of communities called Newport across the country, and therefore this will lessen confusion.

We are reassured that a range of worship styles will be retained, as will the link between St Mary's and St Nicholas in Castro, which is important to both churches. The specific inclusion of St Nicholas in Castro in any final proposal is important, ensuring that there is no future confusion about where the chapel fits into the agreed arrangements.

We are pleased that incumbent status will be accorded to each of the three clergy responsible for cure of souls.

The PCC of Carisbrooke St Mary's has a preference for team rather than group ministry. We recognise the difficulties that we are facing in filling key posts on our PCC, and believe that a single PCC would help to address some of these issues despite the challenges that such a structure will pose. We believe that Team Ministry is more likely to achieve the stated aims of the proposals, and be to the benefit of the whole area. We are willing to engage with our neighbouring parishes, and can see the scope for co-operation, ensuring that we do not duplicate effort unnecessarily, and are able to share information to identify gaps in our provision to the community.

Although there were some concerns about an extra layer of councils, and the potential this has to be a burden for clergy, and any laity on both bodies, it is also felt that there was no reason why the total number of meetings for the new PCC and the District Councils needs to exceed that for a current PCC. The PCC believes that the District Councils are important in maintaining a sense of identification with the working of the church at a local and a team level, and in making individuals feel empowered. It is agreed that there needs to be an overall set of accounts and money for central purposes, most notably mission, but it is important for local fundraising that there is a vibrant sense of local ownership. We hope that there will be a model which will allow for a more vigorous system of district councils, and that these bodies will be kept on, not allowed to wither after a few years.

While we are open minded on the proposals, we do have concerns over wasting time getting entangled in protracted wrangles over the detail. We recognise that we have failed to work

effectively together in the past, that the process that we are going through has proved to be divisive, and that there will be a need to build trust, but we wish to focus now on the pastoral needs of our parish, and on the opportunities that these proposals provide for mission. We believe that all churches in the new team ministry need to be prepared to work actively together while retaining their unique and important identities, to ensure that we can focus on reaching out into our community, and spreading the Good News. The proposals lack the detail necessary for full confidence in what is proposed, and there is some unease about this. We hope that we are open-minded, but we need to have some focus for our work, allowing us to work together to specific ends, and it may be that this would be based on particular projects initially.

Although it is not part of the scheme, St Mary's does not believe that devoting resources to a church plant in the Newport area is the correct response, and we do not wish to support this particular idea. Creating a new church base in an area which already has twenty church buildings is not seen as the way forward, especially if there is a possibility that one of the existing buildings may lose a part of its congregation. We believe that the greater priority is to release clergy and laity time to meet people in their homes. We have to find ways to travel as a church, and as individuals, to the people, not expect them to enter a new church building. Education is an important part of the work of the parish, and the general feeling was that it would be desirable to give one of the clergy posts an additional specialism in education, as this would have greatest impact.

Linked to this, the two extra posts for which grant-funding will be needed were discussed: we have some worries that they will not be self-supporting at the end of the five years. We believe that there is a clear need for one of the posts to be administrative in nature. A majority were in favour of the second post being focussed on breaking down isolation, and growing pastoral ministry by the laity into homes and care homes. The parish has had some success with providing events for those who have some mobility, but does not feel that it is yet equipped to reach those who are unable to leave their own homes, either permanently or temporarily. There was also some interest in a second post being involved in outreach to families and to youth organisations and individuals.

We feel that St Mary's should have an identifiable Vicar /Priest in Charge. The relationship formed by the current and previous incumbents have been important to individuals and families in a range of situations, providing a solid foundation for the church family and the development of worship. Parishioners clearly identify with an individual and the loss of this relationship could diminish rather than grow the Church. We believe that, in principle, clergy time between the constituent areas should be allocated on a per capita basis.

The PCC welcome the suggestion that where a member of the clergy is to be assigned to a geographical area, members of the district church council in that area will be consulted. They would be keen to engage in that process and would prefer a situation where we had more input, with a significant role in the process, insofar as that is permitted by the relevant Measure.

The PCC believes that the choice of building to be assigned as a Rectory should be made once the appointment of Rector has been completed. This would be a pragmatic and flexible approach.

Finally, the PCC discussed the importance of keeping control and responsibility for local assets, such as the Working Men's Club, and the Church Hall, maximising their use to the community. We wish to maintain the Friends of Carisbrooke Church as a sub-committee of our PCC or future District Church Council: we would welcome the co-operative use of our buildings by any of our fellow churches.

St Mary's Carisbrooke PCC

15th May 2019

