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Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
Diocese of Lincoln
Benefices and parishes of Lincoln Saint Botolph; and Saint-
Peter-at-Gowts and Saint Andrew, Lincoln
The Church of Saint Botolph, Lincoln

The Bishop of Grimsby has asked me to publish a draft Pastoral Church Buildings Scheme in respect of pastoral proposals affecting the above-named benefices and parishes, and the church of Saint Botolph, Lincoln.

I enclose a copy of the draft Scheme and accompanying explanatory notes. I am sending a copy to all the statutory interested parties, as the Mission and Pastoral Measure requires, and any others with an interest in the proposals.

Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) in writing or by email to the Church Commissioners at the following address no later than **Monday 20th April 2020**

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If we have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring or e-mail me to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and the Commissioners will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory – “the primary petitioner”.

If the Commissioners do not receive representations against the draft Scheme,

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they will make the Scheme and it will come into effect as it provides. A copy of the completed Scheme will be sent to you together with a note of its effective date.

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You will be informed of the Commissioners' decision and the reasons for it.

Please see www.ccpastoral.org for further information about the procedure.

PCC Secretaries, incumbents/priests-in-charge/rural deans and persons taking any services during the Notice Period should refer to the relevant notes below for important additional information concerning them.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Crowe', with a horizontal line underneath it.

Matthew Crowe

Notes

PCC Secretaries

The draft Scheme is sent to you as PCC Secretary and you should ensure that the PCC as a body is able to make any comments on the draft if it wishes.

I enclose:

- (1) a yellow advice note regarding Notice(s) to be displayed and announcements to be made at services about the proposed reorganisation;
- (2) a blue copy (or copies) of the Notice;
- (3) an additional copy (or copies) of the draft Scheme, together with a glossary; and
- (4) a green acknowledgement form including the wording of the announcement and
- (5) a reply-paid envelope.

You are required to:

- i) display the Notice(s) at or near the main door of every parish church, chapel of ease or licensed place of worship in your parish; and
- ii) make arrangements for the announcement to be made at as many services as possible at every parish church, chapel of ease or licensed place of worship in your parish where a service is held during the notice period, as detailed in the yellow advice note.

The Commissioners are not able to complete the Scheme until all the legal requirements of the Measure are met. It is therefore essential that:

- (1) the Notices are displayed; and
- (2) arrangements are made for the announcements.

Please return the green form as soon as you have displayed the Notice(s) and made arrangements for the announcements to be made. Do not wait until the end of the notice period before returning the completed green form.

If you are no longer the PCC Secretary, please pass these papers to the current Secretary who should let me have a note of his or her name and address.

To anybody taking services during the Notice Period

Please ensure that the following announcement is made.

“A Notice giving details of proposed pastoral reorganisation affecting this parish has or will be displayed near the main door and on the Church of England website. The Notice includes the last date by which representations regarding the proposed reorganisation may be made to the Church Commissioners.”

If the Notice has not yet been displayed by the PCC Secretary please print one from the Church of England website at www.churchofengland.org/consultation.

Incumbents/priests-in-charge/rural deans

Please ensure that the Notice(s) are displayed and the announcement(s) made.

If the PCC Secretary of any parish is not available to carry out these requirements, please could you arrange for these matters to be dealt with by someone else as soon as possible. I can send you the relevant paperwork on request. Please also let me know if there has been a recent change of Secretary in any of the parishes.



**EXPLANATORY NOTE
MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011
DRAFT PASTORAL CHURCH BUILDINGS SCHEME
LINCOLN ST BOTOLPH
DIOCESE OF LINCOLN**

This note accompanies a draft scheme under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 which makes provision for the future of a church building, The Church Commissioners provide this information so that interested parties can understand the background to the proposals, make a reasoned judgement on the merits of the draft scheme and, if they see fit, a reasoned expression of support or objection to it.

The Current Proposals

The Commissioners have agreed to publish a draft Pastoral Church Buildings Scheme providing for, amongst other matters, the church of Lincoln St Botolph to be closed for regular Anglican public worship and sold for use for worship, services and other religious activities by the Greek Orthodox Church and for ancillary purposes.

Background and Diocesan Rationale

The Anglican congregation was unable to fund the repairs identified by their architects in 2017 and decided to worship at other churches. The Greek Orthodox Church, which had been worshipping at St Peter at Gowts expressed a willingness to take the building and repair it and are currently occupying the building under licence.

The Building

The main parts of the building, which is Grade II listed date from the 18th and 19th centuries. The tower dates from 1721 and the nave and north aisle from 1861, the chancel was rebuilt in 1878 and the south aisle and south chapel were added in 1884. In 1992, a faculty was granted for creating a vestry and meeting room at the west end of the south aisle and by 1995 a kitchen and toilet had been added at the west end of the north aisle.

The interior is plain and most of the original moveable fixtures and fittings have been relocated to other churches in the benefice. The Greek Orthodox Church have introduced their own fixtures and fittings.

The Views of the Statutory Advisory Committee

The Commissioners statutory advisors, The Statutory Advisory Committee of the Church Buildings Council (SAC) have indicated that the building is of moderate significance overall and was of the opinion that the continued use of the building by the Greek Orthodox Church seems to be the ideal way to give the building a future and allow it to remain in worship use.

Burials and the Churchyard

The churchyard does not form part of the draft Scheme and will remain in the ownership of the Parochial Church Council. The churchyard contains burials but was closed for burials in the 19th century and is maintained by the City of Lincoln Council. The churchyard was cleared of headstones and grassed some time ago although some ledger stones are still visible and there is a Calvary Cross war memorial, designed by Temple Moore in the northwest corner.

Correspondence

Further information on the proposed closure and for sale of the closed church building for use for worship by the Greek Orthodox can be obtained from the Closed Churches Case Officer, Karen Abaka-Wood by e-mail at karen.abaka-wood@churchofengland.org or by telephone at 07825 854 938.

Representations against or in support of the draft Scheme

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Any communication received after **Monday 20th April 2020** cannot be treated as a representation.

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

If no representations against the Scheme are received and all the other consents to achieve the new place of worship are in place, the Commissioners shall make the Scheme and bring it into effect as provided for in the scheme.

Information on the Mission and pastoral Measure 2011 and its procedures can be found on the Church Commissioners' web-site at www.ccpastoral.org where there are also links to download copies of these notes and the draft scheme.

SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME (NOT PART OF THE DRAFT SCHEME)

This draft Scheme provides for:

- *the termination of the plurality established for the benefices of Lincoln Saint Botolph and Saint Peter-at-Gowts and Saint Andrew, Lincoln;*
- *the union of the benefices and their parishes, the designation of the first incumbent of the new benefice, for his place of residence to be the parsonage of the benefice of Saint Peter-at-Gowts and Saint Andrew, Lincoln, and for the future patronage arrangement for the new benefice;*
- *the transfer of the parsonage house of the benefice of Lincoln Saint Botolph to the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance to be held as diocesan glebe land; and*
- *the closure for regular public worship of the parish church of Lincoln Saint Botolph, and for it to be appropriated to use as a place of worship and for purposes ancillary thereto by the Greek Orthodox Parish of Saint Basil the Great and Saint Paisios;*

all in the diocese of Lincoln.

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PASTORAL CHURCH BUILDINGS SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners (“the Commissioners”) this day of 20 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, the Right Reverend David, Bishop of Grimsby, duly appointed in that behalf pursuant to section 14 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, having consented thereto.

PART I

Termination of plurality

1. The plurality established for the benefice of Lincoln Saint Botolph and the benefice of Lincoln Saint Peter-at-Gowts and Saint Andrew shall be terminated.

Union of benefices and parishes

2. (1) The benefice of Lincoln Saint Botolph and the benefice of Saint Peter-at-Gowts and Saint Andrew, Lincoln shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named “The Benefice of Lincoln Saint Peter-at-Gowts with Saint Andrew and Saint Botolph”.

(2) The parish of Lincoln Saint Botolph and the parish of Peter-at-Gowts and Saint Andrew, Lincoln shall also be united to create a new parish which shall be named “The Parish of Lincoln Saint Peter-at-Gowts with Saint Andrew and Saint Botolph” and shall, subject to clause 2(1) hereof comprise the area of the new benefice of Lincoln Saint Peter-at-Gowts with Saint Andrew and Saint Botolph created pursuant to clause 2(1) hereof.

(3) The new benefice and its constituent parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Lincoln and the rural deanery of Christianity.

(4) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Jeremy Stuart Cullimore holds an ecclesiastical office within the area of either of the benefices referred to in clause 2(1) hereof, he shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(5) The parsonage house of the benefice of Saint Peter-at-Gowts and Saint Andrew, Lincoln (known as Saint Peter-at-Gowts Vicarage, 1 Sibthorp Street, Lincoln, LN5 7SP) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

(6) Subject to clause 2(4) hereof, the right of presentation to the new benefice shall be vested in the Bishop of Lincoln in his corporate capacity.

Transfer of parsonage

3. The parsonage house of the benefice of Lincoln Saint Botolph (known as 84 Little Bargate Street, LN5 8JL) together with the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, shall without any conveyance or other assurance be transferred to the Lincoln Diocesan Board of Finance to be held by the said Board as part of the diocesan glebe land of the diocese of Lincoln.

PART II

Declaration of closure for regular public worship

4. (1) The church of Saint Botolph, Lincoln ("the building") being the parish church of the parish of Lincoln Saint Botolph shall be closed for regular public worship by this Scheme.

(2) The marriage register books appertaining to the said church shall be dealt with in accordance with section 62 of the Marriage Act 1949 and, subject to any provisions of the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978 that apply thereto and any directions thereunder, any other register books and records of that church which remain in parochial custody shall be transferred to the parish church of the new parish.

PART III

Future of the building

5. The building shown hatched on the annexed plan shall be appropriated to use for worship, services and other religious activities in accordance with the rites and customs of the Greek Orthodox Church and for purposes ancillary thereto.

Disposal

6. The Commissioners are hereby empowered to sell the building for the said use with the benefit of the rights reserved by Schedule 1 and subject to the existing matters specified in Schedule 2.

PART IV

Coming into operation of this Scheme

7. (1) Part IV of this Scheme shall come into operation upon the date on which it is made by the Commissioners ("the making date").

(2) Parts I, II and III of this Scheme shall come into operation upon such date or dates on or after the making date as the Commissioners, after consultation with the Bishop, shall determine.

In witness of which this Scheme has been duly executed as a deed by the Church Commissioners.

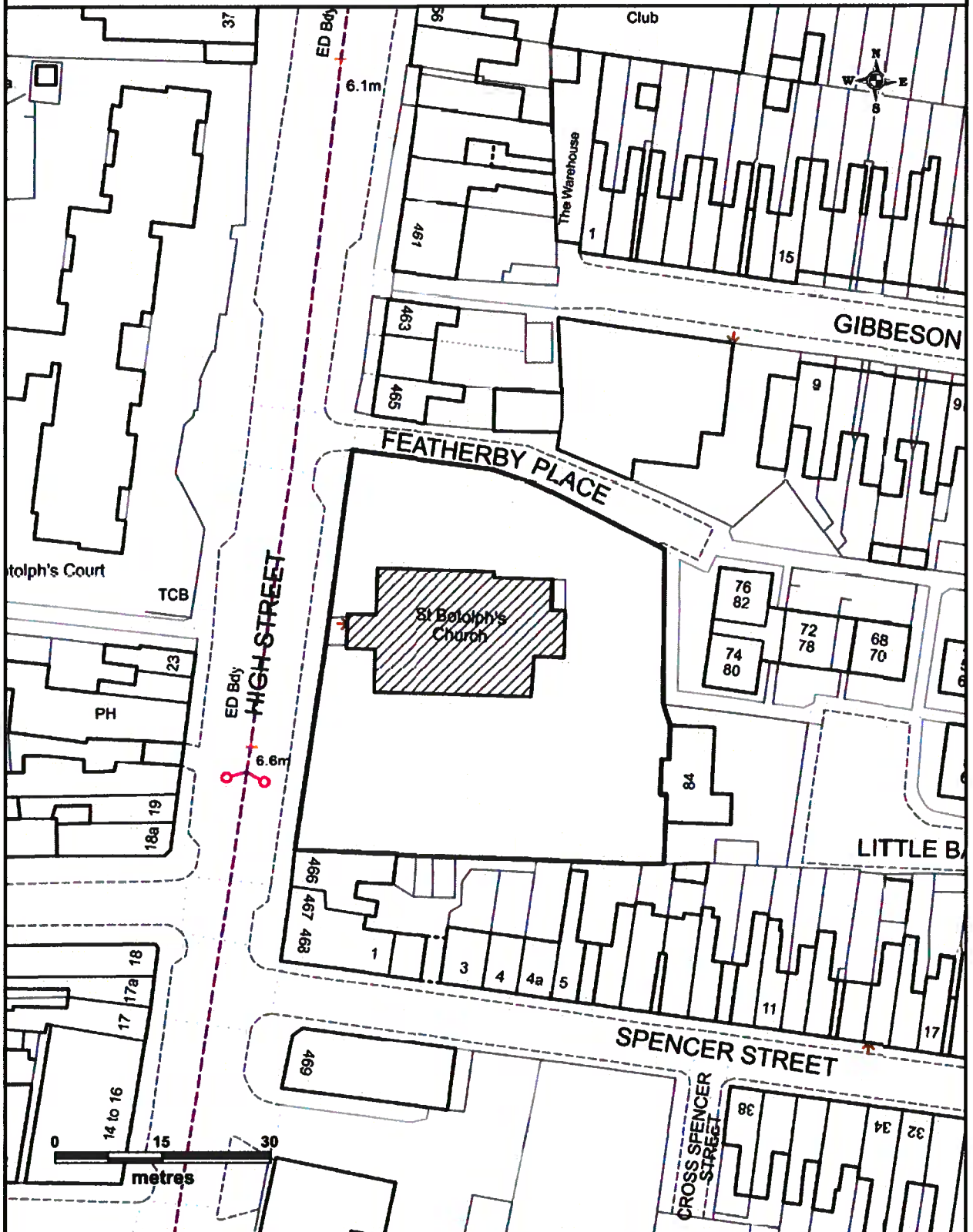
SIGNED by the Right Reverend David,)
)
Bishop of Grimsby)

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England acting by two authorised signatories:

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Signature of Authorised Signatory

LINCOLN ST BOTOLPH



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Schedule 1

To enable the building to be used for the purpose specified in the Scheme, the following rights shall vest in the Commissioners for the benefit of the building:-

- (i) a right of way over and along the existing pathway(s) in the churchyard annexed or belonging to the building subject to the Commissioners' successors in title paying a fair and proper portion of the cost of keeping the same in good and substantial repair to the reasonable satisfaction of the parochial church council of the parish within the area of which the building is for the time being situated; and
- (ii) the right to the passage of water, soil, gas, electricity and telecommunication services (if any) through any drains, sewers, pipes, wires, cables and other conducting media ("the services") now laid or to be laid under, upon or above the said churchyard; and
- (iii) the right (upon reasonable prior notice in writing to the said parochial church council) to enter with or without vehicles, equipment and apparatus upon such parts of the said churchyard as may be necessary for the purpose of inspecting, repairing and maintaining the building and for the purpose of laying, connecting into, inspecting, repairing, maintaining or renewing the services subject to the person exercising such right causing as little damage as possible to the said churchyard or any graves, tombstones, monuments and memorials therein, and subject to the Commissioners' successors in title making good any damage so caused to the reasonable satisfaction of the said parochial church council or other the person for the time being responsible for the care and maintenance of the said churchyard and subject to the grant of any necessary faculties by the Consistory Court to authorise the said works.

Schedule 2

The rights, reservations and stipulations contained or referred to in a lease dated the 11th of July 2018 between (1) the Bishop of Lincoln (2) the Trustees of the Greek Orthodox Church of St Basil & St Paisios in Lincoln and (3) the Parochial Church Council of the Parish of St Botolph by Bargate in the City of Lincoln.

Glossary of words commonly used in Pastoral Reorganisation

A fuller version is available in the Code of Recommended Practice to the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/parish-reorganisation-and-closed-church-buildings/mission-and-pastoral-measure-2011-and-code#na>

Archbishop	Senior bishop with authority over a Province - of Canterbury and of York.
Archdeacon	An office held by a senior clergyman appointed by the bishop with an administrative responsibility over an archdeaconry. Some of his duties are laid down by law but in other respects his duties vary according to diocesan practice: they include care for church property.
Archdeaconry	Sub-division of the diocese over which an archdeacon has administrative responsibility.
Benefice	An ecclesiastical office carrying certain duties. An incumbent's benefice is therefore not a geographical area (see parish) but the office to which (s)he is appointed and may comprise one or more parishes. A benefice may be a rectory or vicarage from which the incumbent is called rector or vicar.
Bishop	In the Church of England the bishop is the central focus of organisation and ministry within his diocese. He is the chief pastor and authority and shares the cure of souls with all the incumbents of that diocese. He is also, in his own person, the chief representative of the diocese in the work of the wider church. He may be assisted by suffragan or assistant bishops.
Bishop's Pastoral Order	An amendment made in 2018 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 to enable fairly minor matters to be dealt with by the Bishop at the local/diocesan level and for which there are no rights of objection. e.g. changing the name of a benefice or parish.
Common Tenure	The basis on which all Church of England offices will eventually be held under the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009. Existing holders of freehold offices may decide not to opt-in to Common Tenure but new office holders will be on Common Tenure.
Chapel of Ease	A consecrated church that it is not a parish church but is within a parish that does have a parish church. Originally for the ease of parishioners who could not attend the parish church.
Church Representation Rules	Schedule 3 to the Synodical Government Measure 1969 but updated as a separate booklet. They contain the mechanism for the setting up of representative bodies in the Church of England from parochial church councils to the House of Laity of the General Synod.
Cure of Souls	'Cure' means 'care'. The bishop has the universal cure of souls in a diocese but, subject to this, the incumbent of a benefice (or team rector and team vicar(s) in a team ministry) has the exclusive cure of souls within his or her parish or parishes. The expression should not be confused with the more general phrase 'pastoral care'.
Deanery	A sub-division of an archdeaconry usually comprising between 10 and 20 parishes.
Declaration of closure for regular public worship	The act of closing a church for public worship under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.
Diocesan Board of Finance	A company constituted by the diocesan synod and regulated by the Companies Acts. A board of finance holds property for Church of England purposes, transacts business in that connection and acts as a committee of the diocesan synod. It normally also acts as the diocesan trust.
Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee	Statutory Committee established by the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011. Its duty is to review the arrangement for pastoral supervision in the diocese and, as appropriate, to make recommendations to the bishop.
Diocese	One of 41 main territorial units of the Church of England over which a bishop has responsibility. Divided into archdeaconries, deaneries and parishes.
District Church Council	If a parish comprises two or more places of worship or churches then individual councils can be set up for the districts in which each place of worship or church is situated to exercise such functions as may be delegated by the parochial church council.
Glebe	Land or buildings vested in the Diocesan Board of Finance that either provides a rental income to augment the Diocesan Stipends Fund or provides housing for those involved in the cure of souls.
Group Ministry	An arrangement, authorised by the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 whereby the clergy of two or more separate benefices can assist each other to make the best possible provision for the cure of souls in the area as a whole.
Incumbent	Holder of a benefice (which can be either a freehold or a Common Tenure office) – and can be either a rector or a vicar - with responsibility for the cure of souls. May be assisted by curate, deacon, licensed lay worker, retired priest etc.
Joint Council	A provision brought about by the Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019, which may only

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	be established under the Church Representation Rules, and deals with matters that may be delegated to it by the PCCs concerned. Please note that it is now no longer possible for any new group councils, team councils or joint PCCs to be established under the CRRs (or for a time-limited permissive option under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 process).
Leave to Appeal	Any person who makes a representation to the Commissioners against a pastoral scheme has a right to apply for leave to appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council against a decision of the Commissioners to proceed notwithstanding that representation.
Members ('Other') of a Team Ministry	May be clerical or lay (see s.34 of Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011). They share the pastoral care of the area with the team rector and team vicars, but NOT the cure of souls.
Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011	The Measure of the General Synod which authorises changes in pastoral reorganisation. Designed to "make better provision for the cure of souls". Part of the law of the land and equivalent to an Act of Parliament.
Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee	A Committee of the Commissioners' Board of Governors which makes decisions on representations on pastoral, church buildings, houses and glebe matters. It is chaired by the Third Church Estates Commissioner.
Parish Centre of Worship	An unconsecrated Place of Worship designated by the bishop under s.43 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 whereupon for most purposes (other than marriage) it is regarded as a parish church.
Parish Church	A consecrated building in a parish in which, subject to canon law, the statutory services must be held. Parishioners have a right to be married, baptised etc. in the parish church. S.41(2) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 requires that any new church or existing building which is to become a parish church must be approved by the bishop, subject to the bishop having consulted both the Diocesan Pastoral Committee and the Diocesan Advisory Committee.
Parochial Church Council	Representative body of parishioners elected from those on the electoral roll in accordance with the Church Representation Rules. Usually chaired by incumbent.
Parsonage House	The official place of residence of an incumbent of a benefice. The house belongs to the incumbent in right of his or her office.
Pastoral Order	A document which effects changes in pastoral reorganisation made under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011. Differs from a pastoral scheme mainly in that it deals with lesser matters.
Pastoral Scheme	A document which effects more complex changes in pastoral reorganisation made under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.
Patron	The person or body owning an advowson (i.e. right to present a priest to a benefice) who may be a private individual or a corporation (ecclesiastical or lay).
Plurality	The holding of two or more separate benefices by one incumbent who then has the freehold of all the benefices. This can only be authorised by a scheme or order under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.
Priest in Charge	A priest given charge of a benefice by licence of the bishop. (S)he has not been presented and is not the incumbent but holds office under common tenure.
Representations	The Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 requires that any draft scheme or order be published and made available to the public. Any person can make written representations to the Commissioners either for or against what is proposed.
Team Ministry	A special form of ministry whereby a team of clergy and possibly lay people share the pastoral care of the area of a benefice. Can only be established by a pastoral scheme.
Team Rector	The priest in a team ministry who heads the team and owns the property of the benefice. (S)he shares the cure of souls with the team vicars.
Team Vicar	A priest of incumbent status in a team ministry, other than the team rector. (S)he shares the cure of souls with the team rector and other team vicars.

Notice

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A copy of the draft Scheme may be inspected at the parish churches (or licensed places of worship/chapels of ease as appropriate) of all the parishes of the above-mentioned benefices.

You may also access the draft Scheme on our website at www.churchofengland.org/consultation or obtain or inspect a copy during normal office hours by applying to me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.**

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