

To all Interested Parties

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Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
Diocese of St Albans
Benefices of Biscot, Holy Trinity; Luton, St Andrew; Luton, St Augustine of Canterbury,
Limbury; Marsh Farm

The Bishop of St Albans has asked us to prepare a draft Pastoral Scheme in respect of pastoral proposals affecting these benefices.

I attach a copy of the draft Scheme, the annexed map and a glossary of terms used. 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) preferably by email or by post to the Church Commissioners at the following address no later than midnight on **Tuesday 1st September 2020**.

Mr Matthew Crowe
Church Commissioners
Church House
Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3AZ
Email: matthew.crowe@churchofengland.org Tel: 020 7898 1784

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

If the Commissioners do not receive representations against the draft Scheme, 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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Those making representations should indicate whether they would like an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners regarding their representations in the event the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held. Their meetings are normally held at Church House, Westminster, but during the current circumstances they may need to be held virtually via 'Zoom'. If a hearing is held,

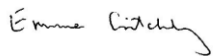
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You will be informed of the Commissioners' decision and the reasons for it.

Please see www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure.

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



Mrs Emma Critchley
DMPC Secretary

Notes

1. PCC Secretaries (or Churchwarden(s) if no PCC Secretary)

The draft Scheme is sent to you to ensure that the PCC as a body is able to make a representation on the draft if it wishes.

You are required as soon as possible to:

- i) print and display the P76 Public Notice(s) **(to avoid spread of Covid-19, please display single-sided)** at or near the main door of **every** parish church, chapel of ease or licensed place of worship in your parish; (whether or not they are currently open for individual prayer or services); if you are unable to print the Notice(s) please get in touch with me and I will make arrangements for copies to be sent to you for display;
- ii) make arrangements for the Announcement (see 2. below) 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 (including any that are 'streamed').

Please e-mail or telephone me confirmation 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 confirming this.

Although the following are not legal requirements, to ensure that as many of those who habitually attend public worship, as is practicable, are aware of the contents of the Notice, you are also

encouraged to take (or make arrangements for) where possible, such of the following steps as is appropriate in your parish:

- i) arrange for copies of the Notice to be posted to members of the worshipping community who are shielding or self-isolating (in accordance with the general advice to parishes this should be by the postal service and not hand delivered);
- ii) insert the Notice in the parish magazine or newsletter;
- iii) use Facebook/social media posts;
- iv) send emails; and
- v) spread by word of mouth, including pastoral telephone calls.

Please make a note of what you have been able to do regarding steps i) to v) above in case the consultation process is queried.

If you are no longer the PCC Secretary, please pass this communication to the current Secretary and let me have a note of his or her name and email and postal address.

2. The Announcement

Anybody taking services (including those that are 'streamed') during the Notice Period should ensure that the following announcement is made.

“A Notice giving the objects 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.”

PCC Secretaries – please note that it is essential that:

- i) Notices are displayed; and
- ii) arrangements are made for Announcements.

3. Circulation List

The Revd G Finlayson, Vicar of Luton, St Andrew
Mrs K M Allen, Churchwarden of Luton, St Andrew
Mrs R Forde, Churchwarden of Luton, St Andrew
The Revd J Nyaongo, Vicar of Luton, St Augustine, Limbury
Mrs S Clark, PCC Secretary of Luton, St Augustine, Limbury
The Revd T B Singh, Vicar of Biscot
Mr W Raghu, Churchwarden of Biscot
The Revd R Brown, Priest-in-Charge of Marsh Farm
Mrs B Callan, PCC Secretary of Marsh Farm
The Revd D Kesterton, Area Dean of Luton
Canon P Adams, Lay Chair of Luton Deanery Synod
Mr S Dolby, Lay Vice Chair of Luton Deanery Synod
The Revd R van de Weyer
Archdeacon of Bedford

Ward Councillors for Biscot

The Right Revd Norman Banks, Provincial Episcopal Visitor – [for information](#)
The Bishop of St Albans, Patron of all four benefices – [for information](#)
Mr M Crowe, Church Commissioners – [for information](#)

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

These draft proposals provide for:

- *The alteration of the areas of the parishes of Biscot, Holy Trinity; Luton St Andrew; and Marsh Farm*
- *the union of the benefice of Biscot, Holy Trinity and the benefice of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury, Luton and their constituent parishes*
- *the appointment of the Reverend Jairo Nyaongo as first incumbent of the new benefice*
- *his parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury, Luton*
- *the disposal of the parsonage house of the benefice of Biscot, Holy Trinity*
- *the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice*
- *the church of the Holy Trinity, being the parish church of the parish of Biscot, Holy Trinity, to be a chapel of ease in the new parish of Luton, St Augustine, Limbury and Holy Trinity*

all in the diocese of Saint Albans.

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this day of
20 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 (“2011 Measure”), the Right
Reverend Alan, Bishop of Saint Albans, having consented thereto.

Alteration of areas of parishes

1. (1) All that part of the parish of Biscot which is shown stippled and labelled “A” on the annexed map shall be transferred to the parish of Luton Saint Andrew.

 (2) All that part of the parish of Biscot which is shown stippled and labelled “B” on the annexed map shall be transferred to the parish of Marsh Farm.

Union of benefices and parishes

2. (1) The benefice of Biscot and the benefice of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury, Luton shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named “The Benefice of Luton, Saint Augustine, Limbury with Holy Trinity”.

 (2) Subject to clause 1 hereof, the parish of Biscot and the parish of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury, Luton shall also be united to create a new parish which shall be named “The Parish of Luton, Saint Augustine, Limbury with Holy Trinity” and shall comprise the area of the new benefice.

Churches

3. (1) The church of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury, being the parish church of the parish of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury, Luton shall be the parish church of the new parish.

 (2) The church of the Holy Trinity, being the parish church of the parish of Biscot, shall, upon the date on which this Scheme comes into operation, cease to be a parish church.

 (3) The marriage register books appertaining to the church of Holy Trinity 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 dealt with as the Bishop shall direct.

Archdeaconry and deanery

4. The new benefice and parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Bedford and the deanery of Luton.

Designation of first incumbent

5. If immediately before a scheme prepared in pursuance of these proposals comes into operation the Reverend Jairo Omondi Nyaongo holds an ecclesiastical office in either of the benefices referred to in clause 2(1) hereof he shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

Place of residence

6. The parsonage house of the benefice of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury, Luton (known as The Vicarage 215 Ickniel Way Luton, title number BD270707) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

Disposal of parsonage house

7. The parsonage house of the benefice of Biscot (known as Biscot Vicarage 161 Bishopscoote Road Luton, LU3 1PD title number BD265531), 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 Saint Albans Diocesan Board of Finance for disposal in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to the 2011 Measure.

Patronage

8. Subject to clause 5 hereof, the right of presentation to the new benefice shall be vested in the Bishop of Saint Albans in his corporate capacity.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

9. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices or parishes referred to in clause 2 hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the union of benefices and parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice or parish of Saint of Luton, Saint Augustine, Limbury with Holy Trinity.

Coming into effect of these proposals

10. If upon the date on which a Scheme in pursuance of these proposals is made by the Church Commissioners ("the making date") the Reverend Thomas Balwant Singh holds the office of incumbent of the benefice of Biscot, Holy Trinity the Scheme shall come into operation six months thereafter or on such earlier date as the said benefice shall become vacant, but if on the making date the said benefice is vacant the Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the making date.

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

SIGNED by the Right Reverend Alan,)
)
Bishop of Saint Albans)

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

Signature of Authorised Signatory

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

The rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

St Albans Diocese is committed to supporting vibrant, active, mission focused, viable expressions of church across all traditions serving the whole diocese. However, where parishes are failing to engage with the MAP process, with training and other support, and continuing to fail to meet their parish share commitments, over a period of time, with no signs of change or improvement, then careful consideration has to be given to the long-term viability of such parishes and benefices, and what potential pastoral reorganisation maybe necessary to make the parishes and benefices more financially sustainable.

Luton Deanery recognises that Church of England churches in Luton are out of synch with the demographics. Luton is not only a town of many faiths, but also many denominations. There is a need to review the Anglican provision across the town to empower sustainable and flourishing worshipping communities. There is also great capacity for new worshipping communities to develop.

The parish of Biscot covers a large population of over 18000. It is a “Presence and Engagement” parish where other faiths make up 45% of the population. Based on figures from the Church Urban Fund the proposals take account of the population characteristics of the parish of Biscot and how these differ within its geographical area. This is reflected in the proposal to unite the northern part of the parish of Biscot with the parish of Marsh Farm and the parish of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury, Luton, and the southern part with Luton, St Andrew.

The parish church has a worshipping community of around 30, with a relatively low number of occasional offices in recent years [2018 – 5 baptisms; 1 funeral; 9 funerals other; 3 confirmations. Previous years – only funerals and 0 or 1 wedding per year]. A Parish Mission Action Plan was completed for the first time in July 2019. The most recent vacancy was in 2003 and the current incumbent was appointed in 2004. The parishes of Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Limbury, Luton and Luton St Andrew have already responded to requests to provide a Christian perspective in local schools. The proposed parish boundaries seek to reflect ward divisions and local communities.

Feedback on earlier partnership groupings proposed in the deanery suggests that the partnership aims were being only partially, if at all, fulfilled.

The proposals have been amended to better reflect the worship tradition of Biscot as a Society parish and to respect the sustainability of other Society parishes in Luton. The proposed reorganisation of the parish boundaries also addresses concerns about additional clergy workloads.

The parish accounts (2018) show a small annual unrestricted income of £16,860. As a result, the parish has shortfalls in Parish Share of over £30,000 per year in the past two years and over £300,000 in previous years. However, there are substantial trust investments, some of which could be applied to general ecclesiastical purposes.

It is not sustainable to continue this level of subsidy by other parishes across the diocese and these draft proposals are intended to provide an appropriate level of ministry for the worshipping community of Holy Trinity in a sustainable way and to meet the missional and pastoral needs of the wider population of this part of Luton.

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.

NOTES:

Clause 7: Disposal of parsonage house

It is the diocese's intention to sell the parsonage house in order to purchase a property that is more suitably located, to be a curate's house of the new benefice of Luton, St Augustine, Limbury with Holy Trinity.

Dispossession of the clergy

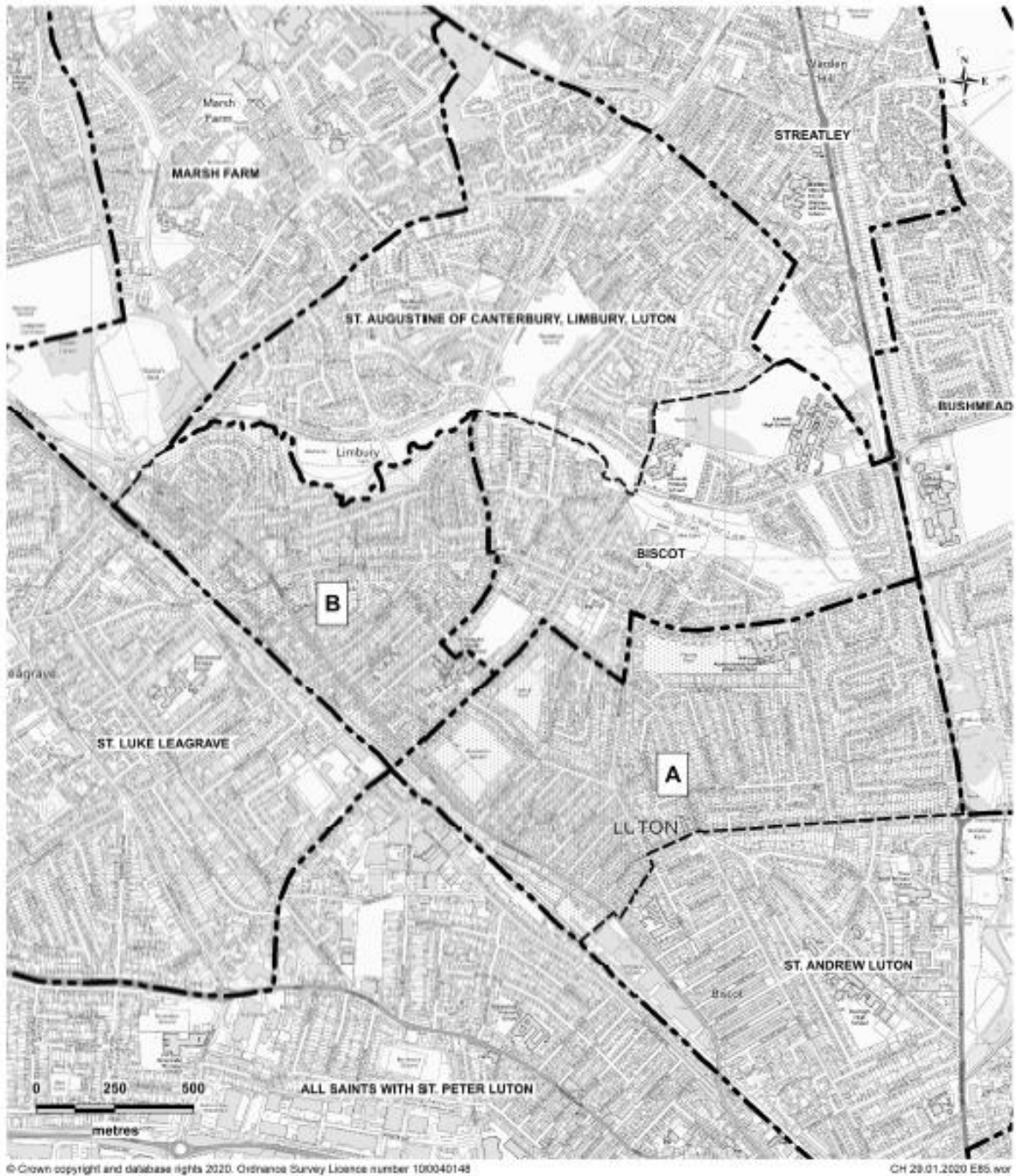
As a result of the proposed union of the affected benefices and parishes provided for in clause 2, the existing benefices and parishes would cease to exist and any clergy licensed to them would be dispossessed from their current posts should the Scheme take effect. As the Reverend Thomas Balwant Singh is not being appointed to a new office by the draft Scheme he would be entitled to 12 months of his current stipend and pension contributions as a lump sum, and to be housed in suitable accommodation for the same 12 month-period (or, by agreement with the diocese, to receive payment in lieu of any such occupation).

Clause 9

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 as a freeholder (or under Common Tenure where the holder of which is in receipt of a stipend and/or accommodation) to cease to exist to include the provision in clause 10 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.

Map showing the Alteration of the Area of the Parishes of
LUTON ST. ANDREW.
and
MARSH FARM.

and showing the Creation of the New Parish of
LUTON, ST. AUGUSTINE, LIMBURY WITH HOLY TRINITY.



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A, B - parts of the parish of Biscot

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/clergy-office-holders/pastoralandclosedchurches/mpm2011code.aspx>)

Archbishop	Senior bishop with authority over a Province. In England, either Canterbury or York.
Archdeacon	An office held by a senior member of clergy appointed by the bishop with an administrative responsibility over an archdeaconry. Some of their duties are laid down by law but in other respects 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 the holder is appointed and may comprise one or more parishes. A benefice may be a rectory or vicarage and an incumbent is therefore either rector or vicar.
Bishop	In the Church of England the diocesan bishop is the central focus of organisation and ministry within a diocese. The Bishop is the chief pastor and authority and shares the cure of souls with all the incumbents of that diocese and is also the chief representative of the diocese in the work of the wider church. May be assisted by suffragan or assistant bishops.
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. Originally within a parish that had a parish church, 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 help pay for stipends and clergy housing or provides housing for those involved in the cure of souls.
Group Council	Where a group ministry is established the parochial church councils of the individual parishes can form a group council to act in the area as a whole in such matters as the individual PCCs together decide.
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 a curate, deacon, licensed lay worker, retired priest etc.
Interested Party	One of the statutory persons or bodies that the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee is required to consult in accordance with s.6 / 21 of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.
Joint Parochial Church Council	Where a benefice comprises two or more parishes the parochial church councils of the individual parishes can form a joint parochial church council to act in the benefice as a whole in such matters as the individual PCCs together decide.
Leave to Appeal	Any person who makes a representation to the Commissioners against a pastoral scheme (but not a pastoral order) 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 Committee	A Committee of the Commissioners' Board of Governors which makes decisions on representations on pastoral, houses and glebe matters. It is chaired by the Third Church Estates Commissioner.
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.
Parish	The basic geographical unit over which an incumbent has cure of souls. There may be several parishes within the area of one benefice.
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 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 the incumbent.
Parsonage House	The official place of residence of an incumbent of a benefice. The house belongs to the incumbent in right of their 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 or significant 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 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 (who has not been presented by the patrons and does not become the incumbent) given charge of a benefice to which the right of presentation has been suspended.
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 Council	In a team ministry a team council can be established, either under the authority of a scheme or under the Church Representation Rules. Such a council is similar to a joint parochial church council and provides a formal structure for all the parishes in the team to discuss matters of mutual concern.
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 but 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, who shares the cure of souls with the team rector and other team vicars.

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