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Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

Diocese of Exeter

The Benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell

The Benefice of Offwell, Northleigh, Farway, Cotleigh and Widworthy

The Benefice of Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe

The Benefice of Broadhembury, Dunkeswell, Luppitt, Plymtree, Sheldon, and Upton

The Bishop of Exeter has asked me to publish a draft Pastoral Scheme in respect of pastoral proposals affecting the above parishes.

I attach a copy of the draft Scheme and a glossary of all 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 and should send them so as to reach the Church Commissioners at the following address no later than midnight on **Monday 7th December 2020**.

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Church Commissioners
Church House
Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3AZ

(**email rex.andrew@churchofengland.org**) (tel 020 7898 1743)

Representations may be sent by post or e-mail (**although e-mail is preferable at present**) and should be accompanied by a statement of your reasons for making the representation. If the Church Commissioners have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before the above 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 – “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.

If the Commissioners receive any representations against the draft Scheme, they will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the Commissioners' correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations). They and individual petitioners may comment further. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by them.

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 regarding the case. 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, they will let you know the arrangements for attending (in person or virtually) and details will also appear on their website. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.

When the Commissioners acknowledge representations they will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of the Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date of any hearing nearer the time. The Commissioners will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when they consider all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners' staff and any points raised at the meeting. If the Commissioners do so decide, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.

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

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

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

Yours faithfully

Adrian

Notes

1. PCC Secretaries

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 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 it is impossible for you to print the Notice(s), or for someone else to print them for you, please get in touch with me and I will make arrangements for copies to be sent to you for display. If the notice is displayed inside the building then you should do this in accordance with the general advice on reopening church buildings.
<https://www.churchofengland.org/more/media-centre/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-churches>
- 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').

You must e-mail 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 (or make arrangements for), where possible, such of the following steps as is appropriate in your parish:

- iii) arrange for copies of the Notice to be posted to members of the worshipping community who are shielding or self-isolating;
- iv) insert the Notice in the parish magazine or newsletter;
- v) use Facebook/social media posts;
- vi) send emails; and
- vii) spread by word of mouth, including pastoral telephone calls.

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

In the event of a localised lockdown due to a spike in Covid-19 infections please contact me for advice.

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.

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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. Incumbents/priests-in-charge/Rural Deans

Please ensure that the required Notices are displayed and Announcements made.

If a PCC Secretary is not able to carry out these requirements, please could you arrange for these matters to be dealt with as soon as possible. Please also let me know if there has been a recent change of Secretary in any of the parishes.

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

This draft Scheme provides for:

(i) the termination of the group ministry established for the three benefices of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell; Offwell, Northleigh, Farway, Cotleigh and Widworthy; and Broadhembury, Dunkeswell, Luppitt, Plymtree, Sheldon, and Upottery;

(ii) the termination of the team ministry established for the benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell;

(iii) the dissolution of the three benefices of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell; Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe; and Offwell, Northleigh, Farway, Cotleigh and Widworthy;

(iii) the creation of a new benefice of Honiton with Monkton, Awliscombe, Buckerell, Combe Raleigh, Cotleigh and Gittisham, the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice, the cure of souls to be shared by a team rector and one team vicar, the appointment of the team rector and the selection of the team vicar;

(iv) the creation of a new benefice of Colyton, Branscombe, Musbury, Northleigh and Southleigh and the appointment of the first incumbent of the new benefice;

(v) the creation of a new benefice of Offwell, Farway and Widworthy

the housing arrangements for the three new benefices and their future patronage arrangements

in the diocese of Exeter.

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PASTORAL 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 2011 Measure”), the Right Reverend Robert, Bishop of Exeter, having consented thereto.

Termination of group ministry

1. The group ministry which was established by a Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1983 on the 7th day of October 2002 for the benefice of Dunkeswell, Luppitt, Sheldon and Upottery (the name of which was altered via a further Scheme made by the Commissioners on the 22nd day of December 2016 to “The Benefice of Broadhembury, Dunkeswell, Luppitt, Plymtree, Sheldon, and Upottery”), the benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton and Awliscombe (the name of which was altered by a further Scheme made by the Commissioners on the 28th day of November 2006 (“the 2006 Scheme”) to “The Benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell”) and the new benefice of Offwell, Northleigh, Farway, Cotleigh and Widworthy in the diocese of Exeter shall be terminated.

Termination of team ministry

2. The team ministry which was established by a Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1968 on the 10th day of July 1979 ("the 1979 Scheme") for the new benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton and Awliscombe (the name of which was altered by the 2006 Scheme to "The Benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell") shall be terminated.

Dissolution of benefices

3. The benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell; the benefice of Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe; and the benefice of Offwell, Northleigh, Farway, Cotleigh and Widworthy in the diocese of Exeter shall be dissolved.

Creation of new benefice of Honiton with Monkton, Awliscombe, Buckerell, Combe Raleigh, Cotleigh and Gittisham and establishment of team ministry

4. (1) A new benefice which shall be named the "Benefice of Honiton with Monkton, Awliscombe, Buckerell, Combe Raleigh, Cotleigh and Gittisham" shall be created in the diocese of Exeter, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Honiton with Monkton, the parish of Awliscombe, the parish of Buckerell, the parish of Combe Raleigh, the parish of Cotleigh and the parish of Gittisham, which parishes shall continue distinct.

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Exeter and the deanery of Honiton.

(3) A team ministry (to be known as "The Honiton Area Team Ministry") shall be established for the area of the new benefice.

(4) The cure of souls in that area shall be shared by the incumbent of the new benefice, whose office shall be that of rector in the team ministry, and one other minister, who shall have the title of vicar and a status equal to that of an incumbent of a benefice.

(5) That area shall be in the pastoral care of those who are to share the cure of souls therein together with all other persons who are from time to time authorised by licence or permission of the Bishop to serve in that area as members of the team.

(6) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Prebendary Susan Emma Roberts is the team rector in the team ministry established by the 1979 Scheme she shall be the first rector of the new team ministry established by clause 4(3) hereof.

(7) Subject to clause 4(6) hereof, the rector shall be presented by a patronage board (to be known as "The Honiton Area Patronage Board") constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

(8) Subject to clause 4(10) hereof, the vicar in the team ministry shall also be chosen by the patronage board constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

(9) The licence of the Bishop under his episcopal seal appointing the holder thereto may (subject to variation or revocation of any such provision with the consent of the rector and the vicar by subsequent licence under seal) -

- (a) assign to the vicar a special cure of souls in respect of a part of the said area and, if appropriate, the name of vicar of a church in that part;
- (b) assign to the vicar a special responsibility for a particular pastoral function;
- (c) provide that any such special cure or responsibility shall be independent of the rector's general responsibility;
- (d) assign to the vicar a general responsibility to be shared with the rector for the cure of souls in the said area as a whole.

(10) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person has been licensed by the Bishop to serve as a team vicar in the team ministry established by

the 1979 Scheme that person shall be the first holder of the office of team vicar in the new team ministry established by clause 4(3) hereof, but if upon the date on which this Scheme is made no person is licensed by the Bishop to serve as team vicar in the said team ministry established by the 1979 Scheme, the first holder of the office of vicar in the new team ministry may be selected by the Bishop after consultation with the patronage board constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto and the parochial church councils of the parishes in the area of the new benefice.

(11) The parsonage house of the benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell (known as The Rectory, Rookwood Close, Honiton, EX14 1BH) shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice in her corporate capacity as her official residence.

(12) Subject to the direction of the Bishop, the vicar in the team ministry shall reside in:-

- (a) the house and premises known as The Vicarage, Awliscombe, Honiton, EX14 3PJ);
- (b) such other conveniently situated house as may, with the Bishop's approval, be provided in substitution therefor.

Creation of new benefice of Colyton, Branscombe, Musbury, Northleigh and Southleigh

5. (1) A new benefice which shall be named the "Benefice of Colyton, Branscombe, Musbury, Northleigh and Southleigh", which shall be a rectory, shall be created in the diocese of Exeter, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Colyton, the parish of Branscombe, the parish of Musbury, the parish of Northleigh and the parish of Southleigh, which parishes shall continue distinct.

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Exeter and the deanery of Honiton.

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Doctor Steven Edward Martin holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe he shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(4) The parsonage house of the benefice of Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe (known as The Vicarage, Vicarage Street, Colyton, EX24 6LJ) shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice in his corporate capacity as his official residence.

(5) The patronage of the new benefice shall be vested in corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter in Exeter.

Creation of new benefice of Offwell, Farway and Widworthy

6. (1) A new benefice which shall be named the "Benefice of Offwell, Farway and Widworthy" shall be created in the diocese of Exeter, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Offwell, the parish of Farway and the parish of Widworthy, which parishes shall continue distinct.

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Exeter and the deanery of Honiton.

(3) The parsonage house of the benefice of Offwell, Northleigh, Farway, Cotleigh and Widworthy (known as The Rectory, Offwell, Honiton, EX14 9SB) shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice in his/her corporate capacity as his/her official residence.

(4) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall on each occasion be exercised jointly by the Bishop of Exeter in his corporate capacity; and Richard John Trelawney Marker, Esquire, of Beech Walk, Gittisham, Honiton, EX14 3AB.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

7. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Victoria Frances Chester and/or the Reverend Christopher John Lees hold the office of assistant curate (however described) in the benefice of Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe she, he or they shall, in consequence of the dissolution of that benefice effected by the Scheme hold that office subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Colyton, Branscombe, Musbury, Northleigh and Southleigh.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the benefices dissolved by this Scheme and/or the team ministry terminated by it he, she or they shall as consequence of the creation of the three new benefices and the establishment of the team ministry effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in such of the new benefices and/or team ministry as the Bishop shall direct.

Readers on Common Tenure: consequential provision

8 If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation Mrs Julia Patricia Ann Barrett holds a Common Tenure office of Reader (however described) in the benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell and/or the team ministry established for its area by the 1979 Scheme she shall, in consequence of the dissolution of that benefice and termination of the said team ministry effected by the Scheme, hold that office subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Honiton with Monkton, Awliscombe, Buckerell, Combe Raleigh, Cotleigh and Gittisham and/or the new team ministry, as the Bishop shall direct.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

9. This Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of it being made by the Commissioners.

SCHEDULE

Constitution of The Honiton Area Team Ministry Patronage Board

The patronage board referred to in clauses 4(7) and 4(8) of this scheme shall consist of:

- (1) the following in right of their respective offices:-
 - (a) the Bishop who shall be chairman of the board and shall have one vote as a member of the board and a casting vote as chairman;
 - (b) the vicar in the team ministry, any member of the team to whom section 34(3) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 applies and any person having special responsibility for pastoral care under section 34(8) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 who shall jointly have one vote which shall be exercised by such one of them or such two or more of them (acting unanimously or by a majority) as may be present at the meeting in question;
 - (c) for the purpose only of meetings at which the person to be appointed a vicar in the team ministry is considered and chosen, the rector of the team ministry, who shall have one vote;

- (2) the Exeter Diocesan Board of Patronage, which shall have one vote;
- (3) the corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter in Exeter, which shall have one vote;
- (3) the Right Honourable Charles Peregrine Courtenay, Earl of Devon, of Powderham Castle, Exeter, EX6 8JQ, who shall have one vote;
- (4) Richard John Trelawny Marker, Esquire, of Beech Walk, Gittisham, Honiton, EX14 3AB, who shall have one vote.

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

SIGNED by the Right Reverend Robert,)
)
 Bishop of Exeter.)

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

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Signature of Authorised Signatory

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

The rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

This proposed reorganisation is the outcome of detailed deliberations in the benefices concerned regarding the way in which their structure can best further God's Mission and promote the Diocesan Priorities in this area. The Deanery is also conducting a review of its overall structures and the current proposals are consistent with this thinking.

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.

The benefice of Broadhembury, Dunkeswell, Luppitt, Plymtree, Sheldon and Upottery

The only effect on this benefice is that it will no longer be part of the group ministry established in 2002. In all other respects the provisions for the benefice will be unaffected. The proposed termination of this group ministry reflects the fact that the Group is effectively inoperative and would simplify the consultation process for any further proposed pastoral reorganisation within the deanery.

Status of churches etc

This Scheme does not alter the existing status of any of the churches, chapels of ease or licensed places of worship in the affected parishes.

Mrs Julia Barrett – clause 8

Mrs Barrett occupies a house associated with her licence and is a member of the Team associated with the team ministry established for the area of the benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell. As such provision needs to be made for her to ensure that she would enjoy the same terms of service in the proposed new benefice of Honiton with Monkton, Awliscombe, Buckerell, Combe Raleigh, Cotleigh and Gittisham and the team ministry established for its area.

Patronage matters

The patrons of the benefices to be dissolved are:

The Honiton Team Ministry:

The Exeter Diocesan Board of Patronage with the following entitled to attend:

The Right Honourable the Earl of Devon

Richard John Trelawny Marker, Esq

The corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of St Peter in Exeter

Offwell, Northleigh, Farway, Cotleigh and Widworthy:

The Trustees of the Reverend John Henry Coplestone

Richard John Trelawny Marker, Esq

The Bishop of Exeter

Cotleigh Parochial Church Council

Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe:

The corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter in Exeter

The Trustees of the Reverend John Henry Coplestone have indicated that they wish to relinquish the patronage of any successor benefice.

Cotleigh Parochial Church Council is not included in the Honiton Area Team Patronage Board as its interests would be no less well served through the appointment of parochial representatives to participate in any formal clergy appointment process rather than through membership of the Board.

All of the above information has been taken into account in establishing the proposed patronage arrangements for the three new benefices.

Clause 4

The above clause has been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the dissolution of the benefices and termination of the team ministry effected by the Scheme hold such office

or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefices and/or team ministry, as the Bishop shall direct. Although there is currently no such unnamed office holder in post, this clause is included in case any such office holder is appointed before this Scheme comes into operation.

Matters relating to the proposed Honiton Area Team Ministry

Team chapter and team

Under section 34(1) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 the persons who are to share the cure of souls within the area of the benefice will constitute a team chapter and the team chapter together with the other persons referred to in clause 4(5) will constitute the team.

Section 13(1) and paragraphs 19 and 20 of Schedule 2 to the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 apply to the appointment of a team rector whereby the registered patron of a vacant benefice shall not make any priest an offer to present him or her to a benefice until the making of the offer to the priest in question has been approved by parish representatives of each parish in the team and the Bishop.

Paragraph 2(6) of Schedule 3 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure provides that before the body or other persons who are entitled to choose a person to be a vicar in a team ministry make their choice, they shall consult -

- (a) the other members of the team;
- (b) the parochial church council of every parish in the team ministry; and
- (c) if a special cure of souls in respect of a part of the area is to be assigned in accordance with section 34(7)(a) to the vicar, any district church council concerned.

Paragraph 2(7)(a) of Schedule 3 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure provides that the body or other persons who are entitled to choose a person to be a vicar in a team ministry shall not make to any person an offer of appointment as such until the making of the offer to the person in question has been approved by the parish representatives of each parish in the team.

Glossary of Terms 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 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
Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
Draft Pastoral Scheme

22nd October 2020

The Exeter Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee has prepared a draft Pastoral Scheme for:

- (i) the termination of the group ministry established for the three benefices of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell; Offwell, Northleigh, Farway, Cotleigh and Widworthy; and Broadhembury, Dunkswell, Luppitt, Plymtree, Sheldon, and Upottery;*
 - (ii) the termination of the team ministry established for the benefice of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell;*
 - (iii) the dissolution of the three benefices of Honiton, Gittisham, Combe Raleigh, Monkton, Awliscombe and Buckerell; Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe; and Offwell, Northleigh, Farway, Cotleigh and Widworthy;*
 - (iii) the creation of a new benefice of Honiton with Monkton, Awliscombe, Buckerell, Combe Raleigh, Cotleigh and Gittisham, the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice, the cure of souls to be shared by a team rector and one team vicar, the appointment of the team rector and the selection of the team vicar;*
 - (iv) the creation of a new benefice of Colyton, Branscombe, Musbury, Northleigh and Southleigh and the appointment of the first incumbent of the new benefice;*
 - (v) the creation of a new benefice of Offwell, Farway and Widworthy*
- the housing arrangements for the three new benefices and their future patronage arrangements in the diocese of Exeter.*

The draft Scheme is on the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from me. Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.

- Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) preferably by email or by post to reach the Commissioners no later than midnight on **Monday 7th December 2020**. **Send your representation to rex.andrew@churchofengland.org or by a letter marked for the attention of Rex Andrew, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ.**
- If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring 020 7898 1743 or e-mail them 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 for whom they can identify an address – “the primary petitioner”.
- When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to their Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.

- If they receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will normally be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by them.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to their Committee. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.
- When they acknowledge representations the Commissioners will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of their Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Commissioners' will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when they consider all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners' staff and any points raised at the meeting.
- The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- If they so decide, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- Please see the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure.

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