

Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee

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Dear colleague

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
Benefices of The East Widnes Team and The South Widnes Team

Following the draft proposals which were sent to you on 11 March, the Bishop of Liverpool 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 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 **Monday 7 December 2020**.

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If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring or email 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.

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 normally 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. 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.

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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/area deans and persons taking services during the Notice Period should refer to the relevant notes below for important additional information concerning them.

With best wishes



Kim Stanley
Secretary to the Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee

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) 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). I have posted out to you a copy of the Notice for you to 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').
- iii) **Please email 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. Then please send to me the notes of your actions as soon as practicable, or by the closing date for representations at the latest.

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/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. Incumbents/priests-in-charge/area 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.

4. Circulation List

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Priest in Charge, East Widnes Team
Team Vicar, East Widnes Team
Team Vicar, South Widnes Team, and
Assistant Curate, Widnes St John
Assistant Curate, South Widnes Team
Assistant Curate, South Widnes Team
Secretary, St Ambrose
Secretary, Farnworth
Secretary, Widnes St John
Secretary, St Mary Widnes
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SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME (NOT PART OF THE DRAFT SCHEME)

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- (i) terminating the team ministry established for the area of the benefice of The South Widnes Team Ministry (together with reducing its area by the transfer of the parish of Saint Paul, Widnes); for the Reverend Canon Roland Harvey to continue to be the benefice's incumbent, for the future patronage arrangements for the benefice; and for altering the name of the benefice of The South Widnes Team to "South Widnes"*
- (ii) amending the housing arrangements for the team vicar in the team ministry established for the area of the benefice of The East Widnes Team Ministry (together with reducing its area by the transfer of the parish of Widnes Saint John);*
- (iii) the union of the parish of Saint Paul, Widnes and the parish of Widnes Saint John to create the new parish of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul;*
- (iv) the creation of a new benefice of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul (its area to comprise the new parish by the same name created above); and for:*
 - the appointment of the first incumbent of the new benefice;*
 - his place of residence; and*
 - the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice**all within the diocese of Liverpool.*

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners ("the Commissioners") this day of 202 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 ("the 2011 Measure"), the Right Reverend Paul, Bishop of Liverpool, having consented thereto.

WHEREAS

1. by virtue of a Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1983 on the 22nd day of April 2010 ("the 2010 Scheme") a team ministry was established for the area of the new benefice of The South Widnes Team in the diocese of Liverpool;
2. by virtue of a further Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the 2011 Measure on the 31st day of July 2012 ("the 2012 Scheme") a team ministry was established for the area of the new benefice of The East Widnes Team;
3. by virtue of an Order made by the Right Reverend James, lately Bishop of Liverpool, in pursuance of the 2011 Measure on the 8th day of April 2013 ("the 2013 Order") it was provided that the 2012 Scheme be amended by reducing the number of

team vicars from two to one and that the team rector be presented by the East Widnes Team Patronage Board;

4. the said Bishop has approved proposals for terminating the team ministry established by the 2010 Scheme and for amending the 2012 Scheme as amended by the 2013 Order;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby provided as follows:-

Termination of The South Widnes Team Ministry

1. (1) The team ministry established by the 2010 Scheme shall be terminated and the office of vicar established by clause 3(2) of the said Scheme shall be abolished.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Canon Roland Harvey holds the office of rector in the team ministry established by the 2010 Scheme he shall, subject to clauses 3(1) and 4(1) hereof, continue to hold the benefice, which shall be a rectory.

(3) The patronage of the benefice shall be vested in the Bishop of Liverpool in his corporate capacity.

(4) The name of the benefice of The South Widnes Team shall be altered to "The Benefice of South Widnes".

Amendment of The East Widnes Team

2. The 2012 Scheme as amended by the 2013 Order shall be further amended as follows:-

- (a) clause 8(2) shall be deleted and the following shall be substituted:
“(2) Subject to the direction of the Bishop, the vicar in the team ministry shall reside in:-
(a) the house and premises known as Saint John’s House, 134, Greenway Road, Widnes, WA8 6HA;
(b) such other conveniently situated house as may, with the Bishop's approval, be provided in substitution therefor.”.

Creation of new parish of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul

3. (1) The parish of Saint Paul, Widnes, being one of the three parishes which comprises the area of the benefice of The South Widnes Team and the parish of Widnes Saint John, being one of the three parishes which comprises the area of the benefice of The East Widnes Team in the diocese of Liverpool, shall be united to create a new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul".

(2) The church of Saint Paul, being the parish church of the parish of Saint Paul, Widnes, shall be the parish church of the new parish.

(3) The new parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Saint Helens and Warrington and the deanery of Widnes.

(4) The Bishop may by Instrument under his hand make provision for ensuring that the congregation of every church or place of worship in the new parish will have its own elected representatives of the laity on the parochial church council of the new parish.

Creation of new benefice of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul

4. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul" shall be created in the diocese of Liverpool, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the new parish of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul created pursuant to clause 3(1) hereof.

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Saint Helens and the deanery of Widnes.

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Gregory Stephen Sharples holds the office of vicar in the team ministry established by the 2010 Scheme he shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(4) The house and premises known as Saint Paul's Vicarage, Victoria Square, Widnes, WA8 7QU (situated on glebe land of the diocese of Liverpool), together with the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, shall without any conveyance or other assurance be transferred from the Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance to 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 the Bishop of Liverpool in his corporate capacity.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

5. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Craig Simon Gaudion and/or the Reverend Penelope Joy Stradling hold the office of assistant curate (however described) in the benefice of The South Widnes Team and/or the team ministry established for its area and/or the Reverend Brenda Noble holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in the parish of Saint Paul, Widnes and/or the parish of Saint Mary Widnes he, she or they shall in consequence of the creation of the new benefice and parish of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice and/or parish of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul as the Bishop shall direct.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in the benefice and/or team ministry and/or the parishes referred to in clause 3(1) hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the renaming of the benefice and termination of team ministry and dissolution of parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the benefice renamed South Widnes pursuant to clause 1(4) hereof and/or the new benefice and/or parish of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul as the Bishop shall direct.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

6. If this Scheme is made by the Commissioners before the 1st day of January 2021 it shall come into operation upon the 1st day of January 2021 but if this Scheme is made by the Commissioners after the 1st day of January 2021 it shall come into operation on the first day of the month following the date on which it is made.

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

SIGNED by the)
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Right Reverend Paul,)
)
Bishop of Liverpool.)

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:

These proposals will unite under single leadership two parishes (St John’s and St Paul’s) which are participating together in an SDF-funded project “Transform North West”, so as to enable more effective decision making for the provision of mission and ministry in the centre of Widnes. Following the diocesan policy to encourage the formation of larger single parishes, they will become a single-parish benefice with one church and one licensed place of worship. There are some minimal changes to the two benefices in which these parishes are currently located.

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.

Licensed place of worship of Widnes Saint John

1. The above building is currently licensed for public worship in the parish of Widnes St John and shall continue as an additional place of worship in the proposed new parish of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul.

Changes to geographical boundaries of two of the current benefices

2. As a consequence of the proposed new benefice of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul (its area to comprise the parish of Saint Paul, Widnes and the parish of Widnes Saint John, which parishes shall be united) the renamed benefice of South Widnes will comprise the parishes of Hale Saint Mary and Saint Mary, Widnes; and the benefice of The East Widnes Team Ministry shall comprise the parishes of Farnworth and the parish of Saint Ambrose Widnes.

Representation of the laity - clause 3(4)

3. The Mission and Pastoral Measure stipulates that any provision for the representation of the laity shall cease to have effect not later than five years from the date on which this Scheme comes into effect. It would, however, be possible under the Church Representation Rules to make similar provision for an unlimited period.

Churches etc

4. 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

Assistant curates: consequential provision – clause 5(2)

5. The above clause has been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the union of parishes and/or termination of team ministry effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice and/or parish of Widnes Saint John and Saint Paul 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.

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

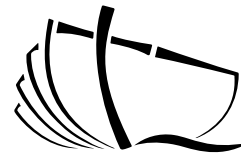
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Archbishop	Senior bishop with authority over a Province. In England, either Canterbury or York.
Archdeacon	An office held by a senior member of clergy appointed by the bishop with an administrative responsibility over an archdeaconry. Some of their 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.

Glossary of words commonly used in Pastoral Reorganisation

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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