



5 May 2022

To all interested parties (see circulation list at the end of this letter)

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

Benefices of Whitchurch with Tufton with Litchfield; Hurstbourne Priors and Longparish and St Mary Bourne and Woodcott; Lower Dever; Upper Dever

The Bishop of Southampton has asked me 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 together with the Notice. 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) by post or, preferably, by email to the Church Commissioners at the following address no later than midnight on **Monday 13 June 2022**.

Mr Rex Andrew, Church Commissioners
Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ
rex.andrew@churchofengland.org / 020 7898 1743

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.

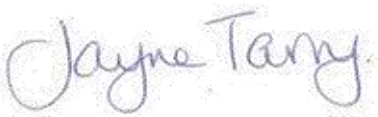
When the Commissioners acknowledge representations they will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of their Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date of any hearing nearer the time. The Commissioners will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when they consider all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by their 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.

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

PCC Secretaries, incumbents/priests-in-charge/area 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.

With warm regards



Jayne Tarry
Pastoral Secretary

Notes

1. PCC Secretaries

The draft Scheme is sent to you as PCC Secretary. Please ensure that it is drawn to the attention of the other members so the PCC as a body is able to make any comments on the draft if it wishes.

You are required as soon as possible to:

- i) print and display the Notice(s) (***please display single-sided where possible***) 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 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 – as this can lead to delays.

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 and draft Scheme 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) display the draft Scheme with the Notice at every parish church, chapel of ease or licensed place of worship in your parish;
- iv) use Facebook/social media posts;
- v) send emails; and
- vi) 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 vi) 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/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

Bishop of Winchester, Patron

The Executors of the Will of the Late Mr John Woodcock, Patron

The corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity and of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and of Saint Swithun in Winchester, Patron

The Baron Northbrook, Patron

The Revd David Roche

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Associate Priest of Whitchurch with Tufton with Litchfield

The Revd Nicola Smallwood

Assistant Curate of Whitchurch with Tufton with Litchfield

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Mr Andrew Hobley

PCC Secretary of Whitchurch with Tufton with Litchfield

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The Revd Canon Dodie Marsden

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The Revd Richard Sutcliffe

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Mrs Jane Marshall	PCC Secretary of St Mary Bourne
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Mrs Susan Giles	Churchwarden of Barton Stacey & Bullington
Mr Angus Saunders	Churchwarden - Deputy of Barton Stacey & Bullington
Mrs Philippa McComb	PCC Secretary of Barton Stacey & Bullington
Mrs Melinda Samms	Churchwarden & PCC Secretary of South Wonston
Mr Roger Keys	Churchwarden of South Wonston
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Mr Edward Beckwith	Churchwarden of East Stratton
Mr Christopher Hilling	Churchwarden of East Stratton
Mr Andrew Adams	PCC Secretary of East Stratton
Mrs Janet Mason	Churchwarden of Micheldever
Mrs Juliet Pattinson	Churchwarden of Micheldever
Ms Louise Keys	PCC Secretary of Micheldever
Mrs Ruth Guy	Churchwarden of Stoke Charity with Hunton
Mr Campbell Dye	Churchwarden of Stoke Charity with Hunton
Mrs Rachel Armytage	PCC Secretary of Stoke Charity with Hunton
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The Reverend Dr Philip Krinks	Assistant Area Dean of Winchester
Mrs Ruth Guy	Lay Chair of Winchester
The Reverend David Roche	Area Dean of Whitchurch
The Reverend James Tomkins-Russell	Assistant Area Dean of Whitchurch
Mr Jonathan Taylor	Lay Chair of Whitchurch
The Venerable Richard Brand	Archdeacon of Winchester
The Right Reverend David Williams	Suffragan Bishop of Basingstoke
The Reverend Canon Gary Philbrick	Assistant Archdeacon of Winchester
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SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME (NOT PART OF THE DRAFT SCHEME)

This draft Scheme provides for:

- (i) terminating the group ministry established for the benefice of Lower Dever and the benefice of Upper Dever;*
- (ii) transferring the parish of Barton Stacey and Bullington from the benefice of Lower Dever to the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St Mary Bourne and Woodcott where it shall continue distinct;*
- (iii) subject to (ii) above, the union of the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St Mary Bourne and Woodcott and the benefice of Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield (their constituent parishes to remain distinct), the appointment of the Reverend David Roche as first incumbent of the new benefice and for his parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield, the transfer of the parsonage house of the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St Mary Bourne and Woodcott to the Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;*
- (iv) subject to (ii) above, the union of the benefice of Upper Dever and the benefice of Lower Dever (their constituent parishes to remain distinct), for the parsonage house of the benefice of Lower Dever to be the parsonage house of the new benefice, for the disposal of the parsonage house of the benefice of Upper Dever and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice*
in the diocese of Winchester.

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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 Deborah, Bishop of Southampton, duly appointed in that behalf pursuant to section 13 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, having consented thereto.

Termination of group ministry

1. The group ministry established for the benefice of Lower Dever and the benefice of Upper Dever in the diocese of Winchester by a Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1983 on the 8th day of December 2006 shall be terminated.

Transfer of parish of Barton Stacey and Bullington

2. The parish of Barton Stacey and Bullington, being one of the two constituent parishes of the benefice of Lower Dever in the diocese of Winchester, shall be transferred to the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, Saint Mary Bourne and Woodcott in the same diocese where it shall continue distinct.

Creation of new benefice of Bright Waters

3. (1) Subject to clause 2 hereof, the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, Saint Mary Bourne and Woodcott and the benefice of Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield in the diocese of Winchester shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Bright Waters", and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Hurstbourne Priors, the parish of Longparish, the parish of Saint Mary Bourne, the parish of Woodcott, the parish of Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield and, pursuant to clause 2 hereof, the parish of Barton Stacey and Bullington, which parishes shall continue distinct.

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

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend David Michael Roche holds an ecclesiastical office in either of the benefices referred to in clause 3(1) hereof he shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(4) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Mark Robert Christian and/or the Reverend Canon Diana Marion Marsden and/or the Reverend Nicola Smallwood and/or the Reverend Richard John Sutcliffe hold the office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 3(1) hereof he, she or they shall, in consequence of the union of benefices effected by the Scheme hold that office or those offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Bright Waters.

(5) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 3(1) hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the union of benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Bright Waters.

(6) The parsonage house of the benefice of Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield (known as The Vicarage, Church Street, Whitchurch, RG28 7AS) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

(7) The parsonage house of the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, Saint Mary Bourne and Woodcott (known as The Vicarage, Saint Mary Bourne, Andover, SP11 6AY), 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 Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

(8) Subject to clause 3(3) hereof, the right of presentation to the new benefice shall on each occasion be exercised jointly by the Bishop of Winchester in his/her corporate capacity; the Executors of the Will of the late John Charles Woodcock, Esquire, care of The Old Curacy, Longparish, Andover, SP11 6PB; and the corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity and of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and of Saint Swithin in Winchester.

Creation of The Dever Benefice

4. (1) Subject to clause 2 hereof, the benefice of Upper Dever and the benefice of Lower Dever in the diocese of Winchester shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Dever Benefice", and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of East Stratton, the parish of Micheldever, the parish of South Wonston, the parish of Stoke Charity with Hunton, the parish of Wonston and the parish of Woodmancote and Popham, which parishes shall continue distinct.

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

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Robert David Rees holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 4(1) hereof he shall, in consequence of the union of benefices effected by the Scheme hold that office subject to the same terms of service in The Dever Benefice.

(4) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 4(1) hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the union of benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in The Dever Benefice.

(5) The parsonage house of the benefice of Lower Dever (known as 6, Green Close, South Wonston, Winchester, SO21 3EE) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

(6) The parsonage house of the benefice of Upper Dever (known as The Vicarage, Sloe Lane, Micheldever, Winchester, SO21 3DA), 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 Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance for disposal in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to the 2011 Measure.

(7) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall on each occasion be exercised jointly by the Bishop of Winchester in his/her corporate capacity; Francis Thomas Baring, 6th Baron Northbrook, of East Stratton Farm, Winchester, SO21 3DU; and the corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of the Holy Trinity and of Saint Peter and Saint Paul and of Saint Swithin in Winchester.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

5. If on the date on which this Scheme is made by the Commissioners (“the Scheme Date”) the Reverend Helen O’Sullivan (“Miss O’Sullivan”) has ceased to hold the ecclesiastical office of priest-in-charge of the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, Saint Mary Bourne and Woodcott it shall come into operation on the first day of the month following the Scheme Date; but if on the Scheme Date Miss O’Sullivan holds such an office this Scheme shall then come into operation on the date on which she ceases to do so.

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

SIGNED by the Right Reverend Deborah,)
)
Bishop of Southampton.)

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:

A diocesan review of clergy deployment initially proposed a union of the three benefices of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St Mary Bourne and Woodcott ; Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield; and North West Hampshire. During informal consultations, the benefice of North West Hampshire decided that such a union at this time held no benefit for it and withdrew from the consultations.

At the same time a separate discussion was taking place with the parishes of the benefice of Lower Dever leading to the parish of Barton Stacey and Bullington indicating its preference to re-join with the parishes of Hurstbourne Priors and Longparish (previously part of the same benefice via a scheme created in 1980) in the new proposed benefice of Bright Waters. The parish of South Wonston indicated a preference to become part of the benefice of Upper Dever.

Following on from successful SDF (Strategic Development Fund) funded pilot schemes for the rural 'benefice of the future', these discussions all formed part of an intentional move to create larger rural benefices which would be led and resourced by 'benefice ministry teams'.

The proposed benefice of Bright Waters will have an incumbent and an associate minister, plus four assistant curates, alongside an established and growing team of lay ministers (both Licensed Lay Ministers and those holding the Bishop's Commission for Mission).

The (new) Dever Benefice will have a house-for-duty priest-in-charge and an assistant curate, plus a growing team of lay ministers.

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.

Coming into effect clause

The Reverend Helen O'Sullivan currently holds a licence in the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St Mary Bourne and Woodcott as its priest-in-charge (and known locally as an Interim Minister). She has agreed to resign from her current appointment after the proposed Scheme is made and will then immediately be licenced by the Bishop as Associate Minister in the new benefice of Bright Waters.

Patronage arrangements

The current benefice of Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield: the Bishop of Winchester is its sole patron.

The current benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St Mary Bourne and Woodcott: the Bishop of Winchester and the Executors of the Will of the late Mr John Woodcock are its joint patrons.

The current benefice of Lower Dever: the Bishop of Winchester and the Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral are its joint patrons.

The then distinct parishes of Barton Stacey; and Bullington were previously part of the Barton Stacey and Bullington and Hurstbourne Priors and Longparish benefice (until 1999), and the benefice at that time had three joint patrons, namely: the Bishop of Winchester, the late Mr John Woodcock and the Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral. The Scheme provides for this interest to be reflected in the patronage arrangements for the new benefice of Bright Waters.

The current benefice of Upper Dever: the Bishop of Winchester and Baron Northbrook are its patrons via a series of five turns (two and three turns respectively). When the benefice of South Wonston became part of the Lower Dever benefice in 2007 with the parish of Barton Stacey and Bullington, the Bishop and the Dean and Chapter were already patrons so there was no change to its patronage arrangements at that time. The proposed Scheme seeks to add the Dean and Chapter of Winchester Cathedral to the existing patrons of, in effect, the enlarged and renamed benefice to be known as The Dever Benefice, to reflect its historic patronage interest with South Wonston, and for the patronage to be exercised jointly. **Please note that the Scheme is drafted slightly differently from the Bishop's proposals, but achieves the same end results, for ease of drafting purposes only - to deal with the patronage change in relation to The Dever Benefice.** (The

section 6 consultations undertaken by the diocese had provided for the benefice to be known as 'Upper Dever', but in response to local requests the name is now to be "The Dever Benefice".)

Housing arrangements

The incumbent of the benefice of Bright Waters will live in Whitchurch (clause 3(6)), while Miss O'Sullivan, the Associate Minister, will live in a Winchester DBF property known as 10 Pigeonhouse Field, Sutton Scotney, Winchester SO21 3NJ, which is just outside the benefice boundary of the Bright Waters benefice.

For some years, the incumbent of Upper Dever benefice has not lived in the parsonage house at Micheldever as it was deemed unsuitable, so this house is being disposed of via the provisions contained in clause 4(6).

This Scheme will see the parsonage house of Lower Dever (located in South Wonston) become the parsonage house of the, in effect, enlarged and renamed benefice known as The Dever Benefice.

The parsonage of the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St Mary Bourne and Woodcott will be transferred to the Winchester DBF for diocesan purposes, which could include rental.

Clauses 3(5) and 4(4)

The above clauses have been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the union of the benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefices. 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.

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.

Possible further pastoral reorganisation

The constituent parishes of the benefice of Bright Waters, namely, the six parishes of Hurstbourne Priors; Longparish; St Mary Bourne; Woodcott; Barton Stacey and Bullington; and Whitchurch with Tufton with Litchfield, have agreed to explore simplification of governance over the course of the next two years.

The six parishes comprising the area of The Dever Benefice have also agreed to explore simplification of governance over the next few years.

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.

Glossary of words commonly used in Pastoral Reorganisation

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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Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme



5 May 2022

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

- (i) terminating the group ministry established for the benefice of Lower Dever and the benefice of Upper Dever;*
- (ii) transferring the parish of Barton Stacey and Bullington from the benefice of Lower Dever to the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St Mary Bourne and Woodcott where it shall continue distinct;*
- (iii) subject to (ii) above, the union of the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St Mary Bourne and Woodcott and the benefice of Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield (their constituent parishes to remain distinct), the appointment of the Reverend David Roche as first incumbent of the new benefice and for his parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Whitchurch with Tufton and Litchfield, the transfer of the parsonage house of the benefice of Hurstbourne Priors, Longparish, St Mary Bourne and Woodcott to the Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;*
- (iv) subject to (ii) above, the union of the benefice of Upper Dever and the benefice of Lower Dever (their constituent parishes to remain distinct), for the parsonage house of the benefice of Lower Dever to be the parsonage house of the new benefice, for the disposal of the parsonage house of the benefice of Upper Dever and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice in the diocese of Winchester.*

A copy of the draft Scheme may be inspected at the following churches/licensed places of worship:

- Hurstbourne Priors: St Andrew
- Longparish: St Nicholas
- St Mary Bourne: St Peter
- Woodcott: St James
- Hunton: St James
- Barton Stacey: All Saints
- Wonston: Holy Trinity
- East Stratton: All Saints
- Micheldever: St Mary the Virgin
- Tufton: St Mary
- Whitchurch: All Hallows
- Litchfield: St James the Less
- Bullington: St Michael & All Angels
- Stoke Charity: St Mary & St Michael
- South Wonston: St Margaret of Antioch
- Woodmancote w Popham: St James

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

- Anyone may make representations to the Church Commissioners **for** or **against** all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) in writing or by email to reach them no later than **Monday 13 June 2022**. **Please send your representation marked for the attention of Mr Rex Andrew, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ, rex.andrew@churchofengland.org**. If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring 020 7898 1743 or email 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 – “the primary petitioner”.
- When making a representation, please also 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 the Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.
- If the Commissioners 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

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individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. 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 the Commissioners.

- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Mission and Pastoral Committee that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to the Committee. Otherwise the case will be considered in private.
- 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 if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Commissioners' Mission and Pastoral Committee will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when it considers 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 the Scheme should proceed, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- Please see www.ccpastoral.org for further information about the procedure.

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