

Review of the Mission & Pastoral Measure 2011

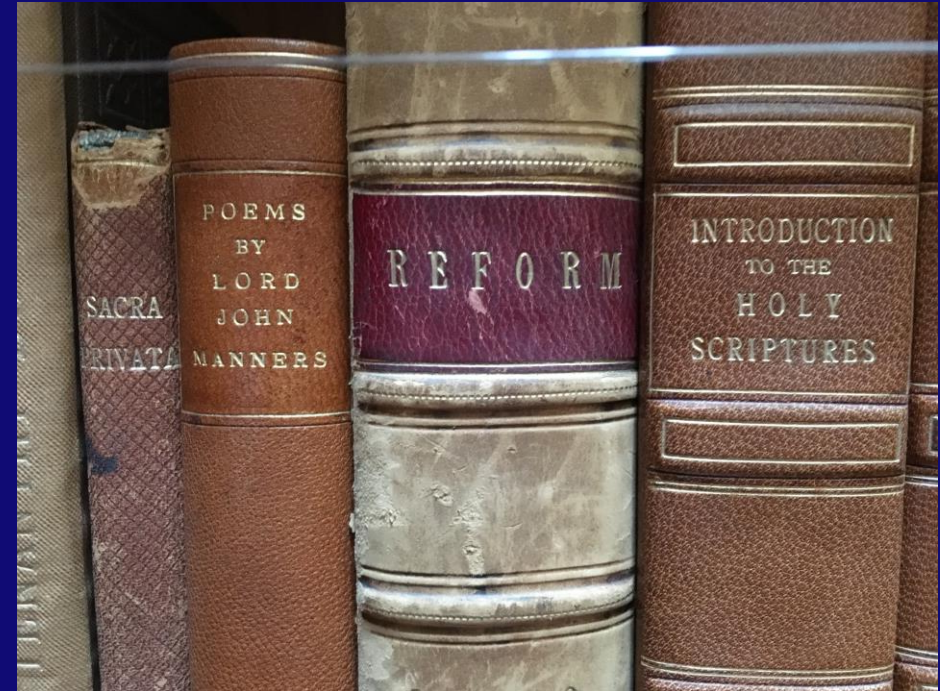
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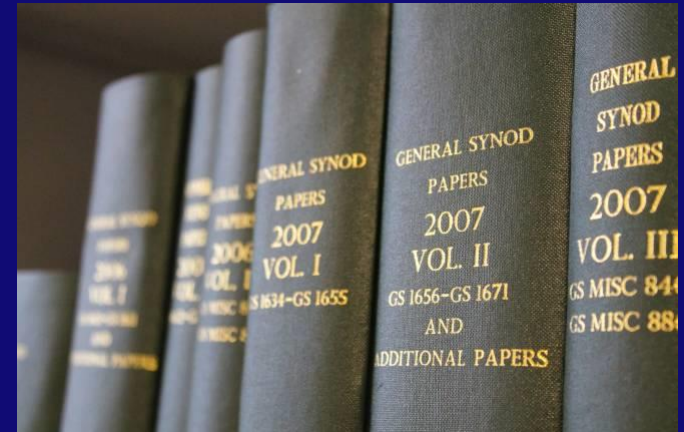
introduction

- process & context
- Mission & Pastoral Measure & history
- purpose of the review
- modernisation and simplification
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- group discussion



process

- review commissioned October 2020 – Archbishop’s Council
- July 2021 – GS2222
- February 2022 – GS1312
- February 2023 – draft proposals to Synod for debate
- July 2023 – draft legislation (if approved)
- synodical process 2023-2024



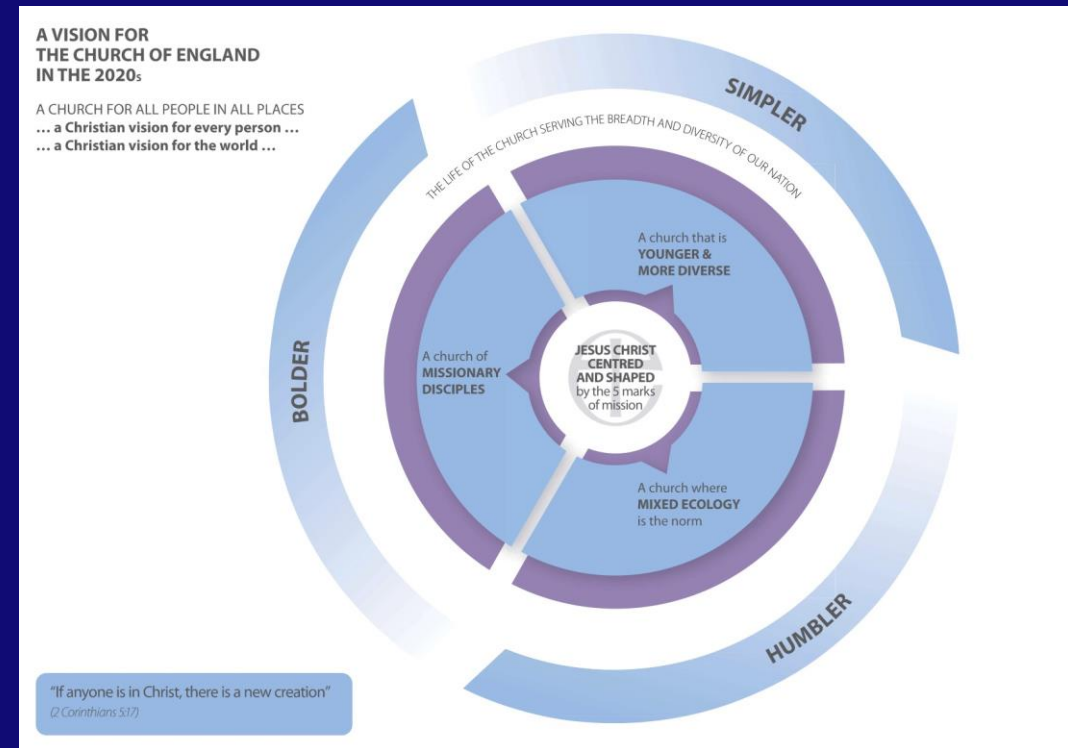
context

Emerging Church

- Vision and Strategy
- Governance review
- Transforming Effectiveness

government policy (DCMS)

- protection of heritage assets
- community engagement
- levelling up/pride in place



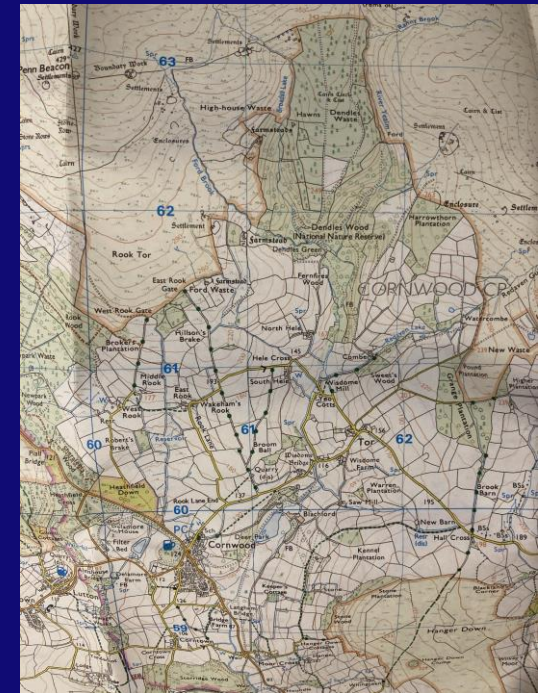
Mission & Pastoral Measure 2011 (MPM)

- administrative geography changes – pastoral reorganisation
- close a church for regular public worship
- dispose of a church for an alternative use
- establish new mission initiatives

Church Commissioners – regulatory/appellate role

Mission, Pastoral and Church Property Committee

right of appeal to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council



legal history

- roots in the 19th century
- post war heritage policy development
- 1968 – Pastoral Measure
- Toyne review 2004
- amended 2011, consolidated 2018



purpose of the review

- legal modernisation and simplification agenda
- alignment with Emerging church agenda – post-Covid challenges
- updating for net zero and social housing policy agendas
- more inclusive and accessible consultation processes
- risk mitigation



modernisation and simplification

- a new Measure
- split between primary and secondary legislation
- governance changes – duty of pastoral care, alignment with governance review
- requirements on training and monitoring and evaluation



modernisation and simplification cont...

- streamlining legal instruments – 8 to 4
- consultation – mission & church building policies
- deemed consent
- temporary and trial changes
- staff delegation framework for faster decision making
- provisions for when there is no PCC
- patronage recommendations
- replace concept of 'sequestration' with a more modern approach



church buildings

aims

- move away from closure – more about options and transition
- earlier/easier conversations about options/early use seeking
- help communities have more say about the future of their buildings
- greater scope to retain the buildings in CoE ownership – extend leasing options
- grow the trust system for preservation uses



church buildings cont....

- extend worship/community use leasing options – e.g. full worship use
- amend provisions around the Churches Conservation Trust
- give dioceses powers to create “mini-CCTs” – temp/permanent vesting
- easier disposal to trusts for preservation purposes
- ability for non-PCC groups to manage fabric



group work - questions

- How can we make a new Measure simpler/humbler/bolder by making conversations more equal and inclusive?
- How could DACs support a more integrated approach to options appraisal/heritage advice?
- Are there general reflections on how the MPM could be improved?

