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Dear colleague

**Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
Benefices of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry; Parr; Holy Trinity, Parr Mount;
Sutton; Eccleston Team Ministry and Carr Mill Saint David.**

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 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. I am also attaching a copy of the St Helens Deanery Plan, for information.

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 21 August 2023**.

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London SW1P 3AZ
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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.

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 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 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.

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. 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.

Please also note that any incumbent holding a freehold of a benefice who becomes a team rector or team vicar by virtue of this scheme will move onto common tenure on the Scheme taking effect

4. Circulation List

Ven S J P Fisher, Archdeacon of St Helens & Warrington, and Member of the Eccleston Team Patronage Board, Parr Team Patronage Board and Sutton Team Patronage Board

Rev Canon Dr Chris Daniel, Area Dean St Helens Deanery, Team Vicar of St Helens Town Centre Team Ministry and Patron of Parr Mount Holy Trinity

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Mrs J Dunne, Joint Deanery Synod Lay Chair

Rev S Davies, Vicar of Carr Mill St David

Rev H Coffey, Team Rector of Eccleston Team

Rev S Doragh, Team Vicar of Eccleston Team

Rev G Banton, Team Vicar of Eccleston Team

Rev H Wood, Team Rector of St Helens Town Centre Team Ministry

Rev R Shuttleworth, Team Vicar of St Helens Town Centre Team Ministry

Rev T Coates, Priest in Charge of Parr Mount Holy Trinity

Rev C Doran, Team Rector of Parr team

Rev J Magill, Team Vicar of Parr Team

Rev L Powell, Team Vicar of Sutton Team

Rev B Noble, Assistant Curate of Parr Mount Holy Trinity

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Rev S Bridge, Associate Minister of St Helens Town Centre Team Ministry

Rev M Goodwin, Assistant Curate of St Helens Town Centre Team Ministry

Rev F Nunn, Assistant Curate of St Helens Town Centre Team Ministry

Rev C Higgins, Assistant Curate of St Helens Town Centre Team Ministry

Rev G Fenton, Assistant Curate of St Helens Town Centre Team Ministry

Rev M Orrell, Assistant Curate of Parr Team

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K Sawyer, PCC Secretary of Eccleston St Luke, PCC as Member of Eccleston Team Patronage Board

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A Simister, PCC Secretary of Parr St Paul Blackbrook, PCC as Member of Parr Team
Patronage Board
D Hunt, PCC Secretary of Parr St Philip Derbyshire Hill, PCC as Member of Parr Team
Patronage Board
K Hiley, Churchwarden acting as PCC Secretary of Sutton and Member of Sutton Team
Patronage Board
Rev D Leathers, Patron of Carr Mill St David
A Brown, Simeons Trustees, Member of Eccleston Team Patronage Board
Rev M Duff, CPAS, Member of Eccleston Team Patronage Board, St Helens Town Ministry
Team Patronage Board and Parr Team Patronage Board
Provost and Fellows of Kings College Cambridge, Member of the Sutton Team Patronage
Board

For Information

Mr Patrick Roberts Bishop of Liverpool's Registry

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

This draft Scheme provides for:

- the dissolution of the benefice of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry, the benefice of Parr, the benefice of Holy Trinity, Parr Mount, the benefice of Sutton and the benefice of Saint David, Carr Mill;
- the termination of the team ministries established for the area of the benefice of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry, the area of the benefice of Parr, and the area of the benefice of Sutton;
- the creation of a new benefice and parish of Saint Helens, and for the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice of Saint Helens. It also provides for:
 - the cure of souls in the new benefice to be shared by a team rector and nine team vicars;
 - the appointment of the team rector and eight team vicars;
 - the housing arrangements for the team;
 - the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;
- the creation of a new benefice of Saint Mark, Saint Helens North Road; and for:
 - altering the name of its constituent parish of Saint Mark, Saint Helens to “The Parish of Saint Mark, Saint Helens North Road”; and
 - the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;
- the creation of a new benefice of Saint Peter, Parr; and for
 - the parsonage house of the new benefice; and
 - the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;
- the consequential amendment to the Eccleston Team regarding its housing and patronage arrangements

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 John, Bishop of Liverpool, having consented thereto.

Termination of team ministries

1. (1) The team ministry established for the area of the benefice of Sutton by a Pastoral Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1968 on the 24th day of June 1974 shall be terminated.

(2) The team ministry established for the area of the new benefice of Parr by a Pastoral Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1983 (“the 1983 Measure”) on the 8th day of December 2000 shall be terminated.

(3) The team ministry established for the area of the new benefice of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry by a Pastoral Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the 1983 Measure on the 21st day of October 2010 shall be terminated.

Dissolution of benefices

2. The benefice of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry, the benefice of Parr, the benefice of Holy Trinity, Parr Mount, the benefice of Sutton and the benefice of Saint David, Carr Mill in the diocese of Liverpool shall be dissolved.

Creation of new parish of Saint Helens

3. (1) The parish of Saint David, Carr Mill, the parish of Saint Helens, the parish of Saint Thomas Eccleston, the parish of Saint Helens Saint Andrew, the parish of Holy Trinity, Parr Mount, the parish of Saint Paul, Blackbrook, the parish of Saint Philip, Derbyshire Hill and the parish of Sutton, being parishes within the area of the benefices dissolved by clause 2 hereof, and the parish of Christ Church, Eccleston, being one of the parishes which comprise the area of the benefice of The Eccleston Team, shall be united to create a new parish which shall be named “The Parish of Saint Helens”.

(2) The church of Saint David, being the parish church of the parish of Saint David, Carr Mill, the church of Christ Church, being the parish church of the parish of Christ Church, Eccleston, the church of Saint Thomas, being the parish church of the parish of Saint Thomas Eccleston, the church of Saint Helen, being the parish church of the parish of Saint Helens, the church of Saint Andrew, being the parish church of the parish of Saint Helens Saint Andrew, the church of Saint Paul, being the parish church of the parish of Saint Paul, Blackbrook, the church of Holy Trinity, being the parish church of the parish of Holy Trinity, Parr Mount, the church of Saint Nicholas; and the church of All Saints, being the parish churches of the parish of Sutton, shall all be parish churches of the new parish.

(3) The number of churchwardens to be appointed for the new parish of Saint Helens created pursuant to clause 3(1) hereof shall be eleven.

Creation of new benefice of Saint Helens

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

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

Establishment of team ministry

5. (1) A team ministry (to be known as “The Saint Helens Team Ministry”) shall be established for the area of the new benefice.

(2) 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 nine other ministers each of whom shall have the title of vicar and a status equal to that of an incumbent of a benefice.

(3) 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.

The office of rector in the team ministry

6. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Christine Joy Daniel holds an ecclesiastical office in any of the benefices referred to in clause 2 hereof she shall be the first rector.

Presentation of rector

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

The offices of vicar in the team ministry

8. (1) Subject to clause 9 hereof, the vicars in the team ministry shall also be chosen by the patronage board constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

(2) The license 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 vicars by subsequent license under seal):

- (a) assign to a 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 a 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 a vicar a general responsibility to be shared with the rector for the cure of souls in the said area as a whole.

9. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any one or more of any of the following, namely the Reverend Timothy Michael Coates, the Reverend Scott Lee Davies, the Reverend Sonya Jacqueline Doragh, the Reverend Clive Doran, the Reverend Joseph Michael Magill, the Reverend Lynn Margaret Powell, the Reverend Rachel Shuttleworth, and/or the Reverend Henry William Wood hold an ecclesiastical office (or offices) in the area of the benefice of Saint David, Carr Mill, the benefice of The Eccleston Team, the benefice of the Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry, the benefice of Holy Trinity, Parr Mount, the benefice of Parr and/or the benefice of Sutton, he, she, or they shall hold office as vicar (or vicars) in the team ministry.

Assistant Curates: consequential provision

10. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any of the following, namely the Reverend Brenda Gaye Noble, the Reverend Mark Andrew Orrell, the Reverend Frances Margaret Nunn, the Reverend Michelle Amanda Goodwin, the Reverend Stephen Bridge, the Reverend Gillian Ruth Fenton, the Reverend Daljit Badhan Singh and/or the Reverend Catherine Mary Higgins hold the office (or offices) of assistant curate (however described) in the area of the benefice of Saint David, Carr Mill and/or the benefice of the Eccleston Team and/or the benefice of Holy Trinity, Parr Mount and/or the benefice of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry and/or the benefice of Parr and/or the benefice of Sutton or any of their constituent parishes, he, she or they shall as a consequence of the dissolution of benefices and/or union of parishes effected by the Scheme hold that office (or offices) subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Saint Helens.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in the area of the benefice of Saint David, Carr Mill, the benefice of the Eccleston Team, the benefice of Holy Trinity, Parr Mount, the benefice of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry, the benefice of Parr or the benefice of Sutton and/or any of their constituent parishes, he, she or they shall as a consequence of the dissolution of benefices and/or union of parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Saint Helens.

Places of residence

11. (1) The house and premises known as St Andrews Vicarage, 14, Alpine Close, St Helens, WA10 4EY (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 rector of the new benefice in her corporate property as the parsonage house of the new benefice.

(2) Subject to the direction of the Bishop, the vicars in the team ministry, other than the Reverend Henry William Wood, shall severally reside in:

- (a) the parsonage house of the benefice of Saint David, Carr Mill (known as 27, Eskdale Avenue, St Helens, WA11 7EN);
- (b) the house and premises known as Christ Church Vicarage, 34, Church Lane, Eccleston, St Helens, WA10 5AD;
- (c) the house and premises known as Saint Thomas Vicarage, 21, St Georges Road, Eccleston, St Helens, WA10 4LH;
- (d) the house and premises known as Saint Paul's Vicarage, 75, Chain Lane, Blackbrook, St Helens, WA11 9QF;
- (e) the house and premises known as Saint Philips Vicarage, 459, Fleet Lane, Parr, St Helens, WA9 2NQ;
- (f) the parsonage house of the benefice of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry (known as 51a, Rainford Road, Dentons Green, St Helens, WA10 6BZ);
- (g) the parsonage house of the benefice of Sutton (known as 40, Eaves Lane, St Helens, WA9 3UB);
- (h) such other conveniently situated house or houses as may, with the Bishop's approval, be provided in addition thereto or in substitution therefor.

(3) The vicar in the team ministry who is not named in clause 8 hereof shall reside in the house and premises known as St Michaels Vicarage, 225 Gartons Lane, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 4RB or such other conveniently situated house as may with the Bishop's approval, be provided in substitution therefor.

Transfer of parsonage houses

12. (1) The parsonage house of the benefice of Saint David, Carr Mill (known as 27, Eskdale Avenue, St Helens, WA11 7EN), 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 Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

(2) The parsonage house of the benefice of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry (known as 51a, Rainford Road, Dentons Green, St Helens, WA10 6BZ), 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 Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

(3) The parsonage house of the benefice of Sutton (known as 40, Eaves Lane, St Helens, WA9 3UB), 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 Liverpool Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

Creation of new benefice of Saint Mark, Saint Helens North Road

13. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Saint Mark, Saint Helens North Road" shall be created in the diocese of Liverpool, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Saint Mark, Saint Helens (the name of which shall be altered to "The Parish of Saint Mark, Saint Helens North Road").

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

(3) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall on each occasion be exercised jointly by the incumbent of the new benefice of Saint Helens created pursuant to clause 4(1) hereof, in her corporate capacity; and the Church Pastoral Aid Society Patronage Trust, whose registered office is at Sovereign Court One (Unit 3), Sir William Lyons Road, University of Warwick Science Park, Coventry, CV4 7EZ ("the CPAS").

Creation of new benefice of Saint Peter, Parr

14. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Saint Peter, Parr" shall be created in the diocese of Liverpool, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Saint Peter, Parr.

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

(3) The parsonage house of the benefice of Parr (known as St Peter's Vicarage, Broad Oak Road, St Helens, WA9 2DZ) 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 patronage of the new benefice shall be vested in the CPAS.

Amendment to the Eccleston Team

15. The team ministry established for the new benefice of The Eccleston Team by a Pastoral Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the 1983 Measure on the 25th day of July 2007 (“the 2007 Scheme”) as amended by clause 5 of the Pastoral Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the 2011 Measure on the 6th day of December 2016 (“the 2016 Scheme”) shall be further amended as follows:

- (1) In the 2007 Scheme clause 10(2) sub-clause (b) “the parsonage house of the benefice of Christ Church, Eccleston” shall be deleted and sub-clauses (c), (d), and (e) shall be re-lettered accordingly.
- (2) The Schedule to the 2007 Scheme as amended by the 2016 Scheme shall be deleted and the following shall be substituted:

“The patronage board referred to in clauses 6 and 7(1) of this Scheme shall consist of:-

- (1) The Bishop of Liverpool, in his corporate capacity, who shall be chairman of the board and shall have one vote as a member of the board and a casting vote as chairman;
- (2) The parochial church council of the parish of Saint Luke, Eccleston which shall have one vote and shall be represented at any meeting of the board by one member of the council authorised to act and vote on behalf of the council;
- (3) The parochial church council of the parish of Saint James with Saint Matthew, Eccleston which shall have one vote and shall be represented at any meeting of the board by one member of the council authorised to act and vote on behalf of the council;
- (4) The parochial church council of the parish of Saint John the Evangelist, Ravenhead which shall have one vote and shall be represented at any meeting of the board by one member of the council authorised to act and vote on behalf of the council;
- (5) Any vicar in the team ministry, any deacon authorised to serve in the team ministry, and any person having special responsibility for pastoral care under section 34(8) of the 2011 Measure who shall jointly have one vote which shall be exercised by such one or more of them (acting alone, unanimously or by a majority) as may be present at the meeting in question;
- (6) 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;
- (7) additionally where a team vicar is to be appointed and the Bishop proposed to assign a special cure of souls to that team vicar in accordance with the provisions of clause 7(2)(a) hereof the parochial church council (or councils) of any parish or parishes to which (or to part of which) such special cure of souls would relate each of which shall be represented at any meeting of the Board to which this sub-clause applies by one lay member of the said council (or councils) authorised to act and vote on behalf of such council each of whom shall have one vote.

- (8) Simeon’s Trustees, care of Messrs CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP, Cannon Place, 78 Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AF;
- (9) The Church Pastoral Aid Society Patronage Trust, whose registered office is at Sovereign Court One (Unit 3), Sir William Lyons Road, University of Warwick Science Park, Coventry, CV4 7EZ.”

Coming into operation of this Scheme

16. If this Scheme is made by the Commissioners on or before the 1st day of January 2024 it shall come into operation upon the 1st day of January 2024 but if a Scheme is made by the Commissioners after 1st day of January 2024 it shall come into operation on the first day of the month following the date on which it is made.

SCHEDULE TO THE SCHEME

Constitution of the Saint Helens Team Patronage Board

The Patronage Board referred to in clauses 7 and 8(1) of this Scheme shall consist of:

- 1) the following in right of their respective offices:
 - a. the Bishop of Liverpool, who shall be the chairman of the board and shall have one vote as a member of the board and a casting vote as chairman;
 - b. every vicar in the team ministry, any member of the team to whom section 34(3) of the 2011 Measure applies and any person having special responsibility for pastoral care under section 34(8) of the 2011 Measure 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 a 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 CPAS, which shall have one vote.

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 John,)
)
Bishop of Liverpool.)

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

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Signature of Authorised Signatory

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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:

These proposals arise from the Diocese’s “Fit for Mission” programme, which aims to further the mission of the Church of England in the diocese for this and future generations.

An outline of the aims of this programme can be found in the Deanery Plan, and include collaborating to use the gifts, skills and resources of local churches to make best provision for the cure of souls across the town of St Helens.

In order to make this collaboration a natural and organic reality there will need to be unified clergy leadership and unified decision-making, including around parish finances - and this is at the core of these proposals: a single benefice and parish for the churches that have chosen to work together in this way. In the Deanery of St Helens clergy and laity have been engaged in an intensive period of relationship-building, and planning for how to work together in this new way, and will have diocesan and Strategic Transformation Fund-funded support as they continue to do so.

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.

Future pastoral reorganisation

- (1) This Scheme is based on the St Helens Deanery Plan approved by Deanery Synod and DMPC and is part of the “Fit for Mission” project. For the 5 parishes which are not part of the new larger Fit for Mission parish of Saint Helens and are within the team benefices affected by this scheme, this is not the final scheme and it is the intention that there will be a further scheme, following discussions amongst those parishes. The five parishes concerned are Saint Peter, Parr in the Parr Team; Saint Mark, Saint Helens (North Road) in the Saint Helens Town Centre Team; Saint Luke, Eccleston; Saint John the Evangelist, Ravenhead; and Saint James with Saint Matthew, Eccleston in the Eccleston Team Ministry.

Patronage arrangements for the Saint Helens Team Patronage Board

- (2) The incumbent of the benefice of the Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry is patron of the benefice of Holy Trinity, Parr Mount. All but one of the parishes in this benefice are being united with the other parishes to form the proposed new benefice of Saint Helens. These patronage interests will be relinquished within the proposed arrangements as under general trust law it is not permissible for an incumbent to be patron of his/her own benefice; it is however permissible for members of the proposed team ministry to be involved in the appointment process of any future team vicars, as reflected in the patronage board provisions.

Churches etc

- (3) 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. Within the new parish the deanery “Right Buildings” team may in the future recommend change of status, reuse, repurposing or closure of some buildings. Any such proposals will be consulted on separately from this draft scheme.

The Eccleston Team

- (4) Other than the amendments listed in clause 15 the Eccleston Team will not be altered in any other way. Clause 15(1) provides for the parsonage house of the benefice of Christ Church, Eccleston to be removed from the list of residences available for the team vicars and clause 15(2) removes the parochial church council of the parish of Christ Church, Eccleston from The Eccleston Team Patronage Board.

Proposed benefice of Saint Mark, Saint Helens North Road

- (5) Pastoral oversight for the proposed new benefice of Saint Mark, Saint Helens North Road will be provided from the wider deanery.

Parsonage house of the new Saint Helens benefice

- (6) The property known as St Andrews Vicarage, 14 Alpine Close, St Helens, WA10 4EY (which is named as the parsonage house of the new benefice, see clause 11(1)) is currently occupied by the Reverend Frances Nunn, assistant curate, and it is the diocesan intention that she should continue to do so. The Reverend Christine Joy Daniel (who is named as rector in the team ministry, see clause 6) currently lives in her own house and it is the diocesan intention that she should continue to do so.

Housing of Team Vicars

- (7) The Reverend Henry William Wood (named in clause 9) currently lives in his own house and it is the diocesan intention that he should continue to do so.
- (8) It is the diocesan intention that a team vicar, who is yet to be appointed, will reside in the property known as St Michaels Vicarage, 225 Gartons Lane, Sutton, St Helens, WA9 4RB (see clause 11(3)).

Team chapter and team

- (9) 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 5(3) will constitute the team.
- (10) 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.
- (11) 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.
- (12) 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.

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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 clergy person appointed by the bishop with an administrative responsibility over an archdeaconry. Some of his/her duties are laid down by law but in other respects his/her 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/her diocese. He/She is the chief pastor and authority and shares the cure of souls with all the incumbents of that diocese. He/She is also, in his/her own person, the chief representative of the diocese in the work of the wider church. He/She 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. (not going to mention here about continuing to retain freehold on e.g. a union, but not when named 1st TR or TV of a new TM – as likely to be unnecessarily confusing for a 'glossary' – which just 'glosses' on certain matters)
Chapel of Ease	A consecrated church that it is not a parish church but is within a parish that (normally) 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

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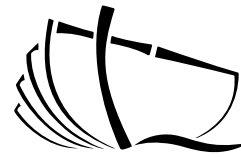
	rector or a vicar - with responsibility for the cure of souls. May be assisted by curate, deacon, licensed lay worker, retired priest etc.
Joint Council	A provision brought about by the Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019, which may only be established under the Church Representation Rules, 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 unless there are other churches in the benefice where this can happen and/or certain other dispensations have been provided for under the Canons. 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. A Pastoral Church Buildings Scheme is required where a closure of church building is being proposed – or a Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme if it deals with an already closed (former) church building
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. This can only be authorised by a scheme or order or Bishop's Pastoral Order under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.
Priest in Charge	A priest given charge of a suspended 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.
Restriction/Suspension of presentation	Where a patron's right of presentation is restricted (where consultation about pastoral reorganisation has begun or the bishop has asked the DMPC to consider it) or suspended (where pastoral reorganisation or replacement of parsonage house may be considered).
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

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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.



24 July 2023

NOTICE

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme

The Liverpool Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee has prepared a draft Pastoral Scheme which provides for

- the dissolution of the benefice of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry, the benefice of Parr, the benefice of Holy Trinity, Parr Mount, the benefice of Sutton and the benefice of Saint David, Carr Mill;
- the termination of the team ministries established for the area of the benefice of Saint Helens Town Centre Team Ministry, the area of the benefice of Parr, and the area of the benefice of Sutton;
- the creation of a new benefice and parish of Saint Helens, and for the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice of Saint Helens. It also provides for:
 - the cure of souls in the new benefice to be shared by a team rector and nine team vicars;
 - the appointment of the team rector and eight team vicars;
 - the housing arrangements for the team;
 - the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;
- the creation of a new benefice of Saint Mark, Saint Helens North Road; and for:
 - altering the name of its constituent parish of Saint Mark, Saint Helens to "The Parish of Saint Mark, Saint Helens North Road"; and
 - the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;
- the creation of a new benefice of Saint Peter, Parr; and for
 - the parsonage house of the new benefice; and
 - the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;
- the consequential amendment to the Eccleston Team regarding its housing and patronage arrangements

all within the diocese of Liverpool.

A copy of the draft Scheme may be inspected at the parish churches, licensed places of worship and chapels of ease of all the parishes of the above mentioned benefices.

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 21 August 2023. Please send your representation**

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marked for the attention of Katie Lowe, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ (email:

katie.lowe@churchofengland.org). If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring 020 7898 1737 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 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 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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