

## Draft Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners (“the Commissioners”) this ..... day of ..... 20.... under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.

### Background

By a Scheme of the Commissioners made under the said Measure on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017 (“the 2017 Scheme”) the parish church of Christ Church (“the building”) in the former parish of Christ Church, Ellacombe in the Diocese of Exeter, was declared closed for regular public worship.

By the same Scheme the building and the land annexed or belonging thereto (together referred to as “the property”) was appropriated to use for educational and community purposes and for Christian worship in accordance with the rites and customs of the Church of England and for purpose ancillary thereto and the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance (“the Board”) was empowered to lease the property or any or all of these uses.

It is now desired to make new provision for the future of the property.

NOW, it is provided as follows:-

### Future of the church building and annexed land

1. Clause 4 of the 2017 Scheme relating to the aforesaid use of the property is hereby revoked.
2. The property as shown edged by a thick black line on the annexed plan shall be appropriated to use for educational and community purposes and/or for Christian worship, services and other religious activities in accordance with the rites and customs of Together Church and/or by any other Christian body designated by the Bishop for the time being of Exeter and for purposes ancillary thereto.

### Coming into operation of this Scheme

3. This Scheme shall come into operation on the date on which it is made by the Commissioners.

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

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

# ELLACOMBE CHRIST CHURCH



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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

### **MISSION AND PASTORAL MEASURE 2011 DRAFT PASTORAL (CHURCH BUILDINGS DISPOSAL) SCHEME ELLACOMBE CHRIST CHURCH DIOCESE OF EXETER**

This note accompanies a draft scheme under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 which makes provision for the future of a closed church building, The Church Commissioners provide this information so that individuals and interested parties can understand the background to the proposals, make a reasoned judgement on the merits of the draft scheme and, if they see fit, a reasoned expression of support or objection to it.

#### **The Current Proposals**

The Commissioners have agreed to publish a draft Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme affecting the closed church of Ellacombe Christ Church. The draft scheme, which this note accompanies, contains provisions for the Pastoral Church Buildings Scheme previously made by the Commissioners on 10 January 2017 to be amended to allow the property to be used additionally for Christian worship by Together Church, Torquay and/or by any other Christian body designated by the Bishop of Exeter.

#### **Background**

By a Scheme made by the Commissioners on 10 January 2017 the church of Ellacombe Christ Church was declared closed for regular public worship and the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance were empowered to lease the property, comprising the church building and surrounding land, including the church hall for use for educational and community purposes and for Christian worship in accordance with the rites and customs of the Church of England. The lease to the Ellacombe Academy (part of the Learning Academy Partnership South West (LPA)) for the use of the church building as part of the expanding school and also for wider community outreach has been signed. However, it has not yet been possible to implement the use as originally intended and the LAP has requested permission to underlet part of the property to Together Church (registered charity number 1078726) for a period of ten years as a place of worship and for ancillary social and community purposes. This requires a revision to the use clause in the 2017 Scheme.

#### **The Building**

Christ Church is located in an elevated position alongside Ellacombe Church Road in a residential suburb to the north-west of central Torquay. It was built in 1868 to serve the rapidly expanding resort to the designs of Habershon, Brock and Webb, with the side aisle added in 1889 by Richard and Harrison and the south-east chapel in 1907 by Tait and Harvey. It is a simple building in the Geometric Decorated style, consisting of a four bay nave with south aisle, south west tower with spire, south east chapel, chancel with north east vestry. A two-storey church hall sits immediately to the north behind the church. Internally,

the fixtures and fittings are contemporary with the building, there is a fine exposed timber roof construction and unusual cast iron columns supporting the nave arcade with the south aisle. It is listed Grade II, but is not situated in a conservation area.

### **The Views of the Statutory Advisory Committee**

The Commissioners statutory advisors, The Statutory Advisory Committee of the Church Buildings Council (SAC) have indicated that the church building is of moderate significance.

### **Correspondence**

Further information about the proposals may be obtained from the Case Officer, Adrian Browning by e-mail at [adrian.browning@churchofengland.org](mailto:adrian.browning@churchofengland.org).

### **Representations against or in support of the draft Scheme**

Anyone may make a representation for or against any provision of the draft Scheme.

Representations should be sent to:

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Any communication received after Friday 7 June 2024 cannot be treated as a representation.

If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop, whose view will be sought. Individual representors will then receive copies of our correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to us in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

If no representations against the Scheme are received the Commissioners shall make the Scheme and bring it into effect as provided for in the scheme and explained above.

Information on the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 and its procedures can be found on the Church Commissioners' web-site at [www.ccpastoral.org](http://www.ccpastoral.org) where there are also links to download copies of these notes and the draft scheme.

A M G Browning  
1 May 2024