



30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011**  
**Diocese of Exeter**  
**Benefice of Saint Marychurch**  
**Benefice of All Saints, Babbacombe**  
**Benefice of Saint Martin, Barton, Torquay**

The Acting Bishop of Exeter 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.

Any individual or group 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 **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**.

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If the Commissioners 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 Acting Bishop, whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the Commissioners’ correspondence with the Acting 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, or on occasion 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](http://www.churchofengland.org/consultation) for further information about the procedure.

**PCC Secretaries, incumbents/priests-in-charge/rural deans and persons taking services during the Notice Period should refer to the relevant notes below for important additional information concerning them.**

*Sophie*

## 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 PCC 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 (***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; if you are unable to print the Notice 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 confirmation to Sara Ashton ([sara.ashton@exeter.anglican.org](mailto:sara.ashton@exeter.anglican.org) / 01392 294 931) as soon as you have displayed the Notice 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) insert the Notice in the parish magazine or newsletter;
- ii) display the draft Scheme with the Notice at every parish church, chapel of ease or licensed place of worship in your parish;
- iii) use Facebook/social media posts;
- iv) send emails; and
- v) spread by word of mouth, including pastoral telephone calls.

**Please make a note of what you have been able to do regarding steps i) to v) above in case the consultation process is queried.**

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 e-mail/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/rural 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**

The Acting Bishop of Exeter

The Bishop of Oswestry

The Bishop of Plymouth

The Archdeacon of Totnes

The Patron of the benefice of Saint Marychurch:

The Corporate Body Established for the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter in Exeter, c/o  
The Revd Canon Cate Edmonds, Canon Steward with Responsibility for Cathedral  
Patronage

*Note: The Patron of the benefice of Babbacombe and of the benefice of Torquay Saint Martin Barton is the Incumbent of the benefice of Saint Marychurch, which office is currently vacant.*

The Parochial Church Councils, c/o the PCC Secretaries:

Mr Bradleigh Bond, Secretary to Babbacombe PCC

Mrs Angela Lee, Secretary to St Marychurch PCC

Mrs Jeanette Jones, Secretary to Torquay St Martin Barton PCC

The Clergy instituted or licensed to the benefices:

The Revd Preb. Nicholas Debney, Priest-in-Charge of Saint Marychurch and of Torquay  
Saint Martin Barton

The Revd Kenneth Wickens, Assistant Curate in the benefice of Saint Marychurch and in  
the benefice of Torquay Saint Martin Barton

The Revd Peter March, Rural Dean of Torbay Deanery

Mr Giles Fearnley, Lay Chair of Torbay Deanery

Mrs Alison Stock, Diocesan Registrar

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

*This draft Scheme provides for the union of the benefice of St Marychurch, the benefice of All Saints, Babbacombe and the benefice of St Martin, Barton, Torquay (their constituent parishes to remain distinct) in the diocese of Exeter and for the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice of St Marychurch, Babbacombe, and Torquay St Martin Barton. It also provides for the cure of souls in the new benefice to be shared by a team rector and one team vicar, for the appointment of the team rector, for the housing arrangements for the team and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice.*

**DRAFT**

**PASTORAL SCHEME**

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this      day of                          20  
in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 ("the 2011 Measure"), the Right Reverend Jackie, Bishop of Crediton, duly appointed in that behalf pursuant to section 14 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, having consented thereto.

**Union of benefices and alteration of names of certain parishes**

1. The benefice of Saint Marychurch, the benefice of All Saints, Babbacombe and the benefice of Saint Martin, Barton, Torquay in the diocese of Exeter shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Saint Marychurch, Babbacombe, and Torquay Saint Martin Barton", and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Saint Marychurch, the parish of All Saints, Babbacombe (the name of which shall be altered to "The Parish of Babbacombe") and the parish of Saint Martin, Barton, Torquay (the name of which shall be altered to "The Parish of Torquay Saint Martin Barton"), which parishes shall continue distinct.

**Archdeaconry and deanery**

2. The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to archdeaconry of Totnes and the deanery of Torbay.

**Establishment of team ministry**

3. (1) A team ministry (to be known as "The North Torquay 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 one other minister, who 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**

4. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Prebendary Nicholas Jonathan Debney holds an ecclesiastical office in any of the benefices referred to in clause 1 hereof he shall be the first rector.

### **Presentation of rector**

5. Subject to clause 4 hereof, the rector shall be presented by a patronage board (to be known as "The North Torquay Team Ministry Patronage Board") constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

### **The office of vicar in the team ministry**

6. (1) The vicar in the team ministry shall be chosen by Bishop and the rector jointly.
- (2) The licence of the Bishop under his/her episcopal seal appointing the holder thereto may (subject to variation or revocation of any such provision with the consent of the rector and the vicar by subsequent licence under seal) -
- (a) assign to the 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 the 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 the vicar a general responsibility to be shared with the rector for the cure of souls in the said area as a whole.

### **Assistant curates: consequential provision**

7. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Kenneth Nigel Wickens holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the benefices referred to in clause 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 new benefice of Saint Marychurch, Babbacombe, and Torquay Saint Martin Barton.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the benefices referred to in clause 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 Saint Marychurch, Babbacombe, and Torquay Saint Martin Barton.

### **Places of residence**

8. (1) The parsonage house of the benefice of Saint Marychurch (known as The Vicarage, Hampton Avenue, Torquay, TQ1 3LA) shall be the place of residence of the rector.
- (2) Subject to the direction of the Bishop, the vicar in the team ministry shall reside in:-
- (a) the parsonage house of the benefice of All Saints, Babbacombe (known as All Saints Vicarage, 4, Cary Park, Torquay, TQ1 3NH);
  - (b) such other conveniently situated house as may, with the Bishop's approval, be provided in substitution therefor.

### **Transfer of parsonage houses**

9. The parsonage house of the benefice of All Saints, Babbacombe and the parsonage house of the benefice of Saint Martin, Barton, Torquay (known as 10, Beechfield Avenue, Torquay, TQ2 8HU), together with their sites and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, shall without any conveyance or other assurance be transferred to the Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

### **Coming into operation of this Scheme**

10. This Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of it being made by the Church Commissioners.

## SCHEDULE

### Constitution of the North Torquay Team Ministry Patronage Board

The patronage board referred to in clause 5 of this Scheme shall consist of:-

- (1) the following in right of their respective offices:-
  - (a) the Bishop of Exeter, who shall be chair of the board and shall have one vote as a member of the board and a casting vote as chair;
  - (b) the 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;
- (2) the corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of Saint Peter in Exeter, 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 Right Reverend Jackie, )  
  )  
Bishop of Crediton.                                  )

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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**Notes by the Diocesan office (not forming part of the draft Scheme)**

The rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

**Historically, until the nineteenth century the parish of St Marychurch covered most of what is now North Torquay. The parish of All Saints, Babbacombe was formed from part of St Marychurch in the second half of the nineteenth century, as was the parish of St Martin, Barton, Torquay in the second half of the twentieth century. All three parishes now belong to the same diocesan Mission Community but are legally constituted as three separate single-parish benefices. The patrons' rights of presentation to the benefice of St Marychurch and the benefice of St Martin, Barton, Torquay are currently suspended pending potential pastoral reorganisation, and the Revd Preb. Nicholas Debney is licensed as priest-in-charge of both benefices. The Revd Paul Jones retired as incumbent of the benefice of All Saints, Babbacombe on 13<sup>th</sup> April 2024. All three parishes have in place a request for extended Episcopal sacramental and pastoral care under the House of Bishops Declaration.**

**The Totnes Archidiaconal Mission and Pastoral Committee now wishes to bring forward proposals for the union of the three benefices (with their constituent parishes continuing distinct), together with the establishment of a team ministry for its area with the Revd Preb. Nicholas Debney to be named as first team rector. He would work alongside a team vicar who would reside in the present parsonage house at All Saints, Babbacombe and would share with the team rector the cure of souls across the whole benefice, and alongside the assistant curate who is currently licensed in the two benefices of St Marychurch; and St Martin, Barton, Torquay and under the proposals would also become licensed to the renamed parish of Babbacombe. The parishes have indicated informally their support for this proposal. It is felt that the creation of a united benefice and team ministry would make the best possible Church of England provision for the three parishes given the resources available. It would facilitate collaborative working among clergy and lay people alike, enabling the clergy to work as a mutually supportive team, rather than in isolation; and creating a legal connection that would enable the formation of a joint council under the Church Representation Rules, if so desired.**

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.

### Team chapter and team

1. 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 3(3) will constitute the team.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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.

### Alteration of names of certain parishes – clause 1

5. The legal names of the parishes of All Saints, Babbacombe; and St Martin, Barton, Torquay are being altered to “Babbacombe” and “Torquay St Martin Barton” respectively to reflect local usage.

### Parsonage house of the benefice of St Martin, Barton, Torquay

6. It is the diocesan intention that the Reverend Kenneth Wickens will continue to occupy the property known as 10, Beechfield Avenue, Torquay.

### Clause 7(2)

7. The above clause has been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the union of the benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of St Marychurch, Babbacombe, and Torquay St Martin

Barton. 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.

### Patronage arrangements

8. The current patronage arrangements for the three benefices are as follows:
- (i) St Marychurch – Exeter Cathedral is its sole patron;
  - (ii) All Saints, Babbacombe – the incumbent of the benefice of St Marychurch is its sole patron; and
  - (iii) St Martin, Barton, Torquay – the incumbent of the benefice of St Marychurch is its sole patron.

As the All Saints, Babbacombe; and St Martin, Barton, Torquay parishes were originally carved out of the St Marychurch parish, provision was made for latter benefice's incumbent to be these benefice's sole patron.

Under general trust law, an incumbent cannot be a patron of his/her own benefice as they cannot be involved in the appointment process of their successor.

Therefore, under the proposed arrangements, the incumbent of the proposed new benefice (i.e. the team rector here) would be involved (together with the Bishop) in choosing future team vicars only.

Future team rectors would be appointed by the North Torquay Team Ministry Patronage Board.

### Churches etc

9. 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.

## 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/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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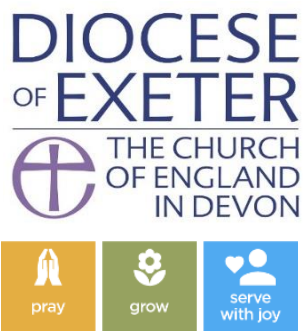
	rector or a vicar - with responsibility for the cure of souls. May be assisted by curate, deacon, licensed lay worker, retired priest etc.
Joint Council	A provision brought about by the Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019, which may only be established under the Church Representation Rules, 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.



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## NOTICE

### **Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme**

30<sup>th</sup> April 2024

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

*the union of the benefice of St Marychurch, the benefice of All Saints, Babbacombe and the benefice of St Martin, Barton, Torquay (their constituent parishes to remain distinct) in the diocese of Exeter and for the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice of St Marychurch, Babbacombe, and Torquay St Martin Barton. It also provides for the cure of souls in the new benefice to be shared by a team rector and one team vicar, for the appointment of the team rector, for the housing arrangements for the team and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice.*

A copy of the draft Scheme may be inspected at:

**All Saints, Babbacombe**  
**St Mary The Virgin, Saint Marychurch**  
**St Martin, Barton**

You may also access the draft Scheme on the Commissioners' website at [www.ccpastoral.org](http://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 **10<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. **Please send your representation marked for the attention of Mr Rex Andrew, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ (e-mail: [rex.andrew@churchofengland.org](mailto:rex.andrew@churchofengland.org))**. If the Commissioners 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 Acting Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Acting 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](http://www.ccpastoral.org) for further information about the procedure.

*Mrs Sophie West*

Secretary to the Exeter Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee