



17th March 2025

**Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
Diocese of Coventry
Benefice of Coventry Saint Peter's; and Saint Mark Coventry**

The Bishop has asked us to prepare an amended draft Pastoral Scheme in respect of pastoral proposals affecting this benefice and parish. **A draft Scheme was issued on the 24 August 2024 for the closed church of Saint Mark to be restored to use as a parish church for the new benefice of Saint Mark Coventry. This draft Scheme did not provide for the “land annexed or belonging” to the church to also be vested in the incumbent and would result in the land and building being in different ownerships which is not intended. This amended draft Scheme now includes both the building of Saint Mark together with the land annexed or belonging to. There are no other changes to the draft Scheme.**

I enclose a copy of the amended draft Scheme and a glossary of terms used together with the Notice. I am sending a copy to all the statutory interested parties, as the Mission and Pastoral Measure requires, and any others with an interest in the proposals.

Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) by post or, preferably, by email to reach me no later than midnight on **Monday 28th April 2025**. If we have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring or e-mail me to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and we will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory for whom we can identify an address – “the primary petitioner”.

If we do not receive representations against the draft Scheme, we 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.

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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. Meetings are normally held at Church House, Westminster. If a hearing is held, we will let you know the arrangements for attending (in person or virtually) and details will also appear on our website. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.

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

Shaman Durrant
Case Officer

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; (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 e-mail 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 and draft Scheme,

you are also encouraged to take (or make arrangements for), where possible, such of the following steps as is appropriate in your parish:

- i) arrange for copies of the Notice and draft Scheme to be posted to members of the worshipping community who are shielding or self-isolating (in accordance with the general advice to parishes this should be by the postal service and not hand delivered);
- ii) insert the Notice in the parish magazine or newsletter;
- iii) display the draft Scheme with the Notice at every parish church, chapel of ease or licensed place of worship in your parish;
- iv) use Facebook/social media posts;
- v) send emails; and
- vi) spread by word of mouth, including pastoral telephone calls.

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

If you are no longer the PCC Secretary, please pass this communication to the current Secretary and let me have a note of his or her name and email/postal address.

Further action required as there is a proposed new benefice and reopening of a closed church

In addition to the above, a copy of the draft Scheme must be made available for inspection in the locality – the arrangements for this will already have been made with the parish(es) concerned.

If you are the person doing this, will you please let me know that you have taken this additional step.

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. Local planning authorities and parish councils

We serve notice on the local planning authority and parish council of the parish in which the affected church building is situated as interested parties under the Mission and Pastoral Measure. Although County and Town Councils are not defined as interested parties under this Measure, please copy this correspondence to either of these parties if you feel this would be helpful. Ward Councillors for the affected parish(es) have been sent a copy of the draft Scheme.

5. Circulation List

Acting Bishop of Coventry, The Right Reverend Timothy Thornton, Assistant Bishop of London
The Reverend C. L. McArthur, Area Dean of Coventry East Deanery
The Venerable B. Dugmore, Archdeacon Missioner
Mrs J. Ladds, Diocesan Secretary
The Reverend Dr. P. J. Atkinson, Coventry Saint Peters Priest-in-charge
The Reverend T. Cockell, Acting Archdeacon Pastor
The Reverend R. King,
The Reverend N. Leigh,
The Reverend M. Spina,
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Mr G M Bridge, PCC Secretary, Coventry St Peter
Councillor Abdul Salam Khan, Foleshill Ward
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Councillor Shakila Nazir, Foleshill Ward
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Mrs G Cotterill, Diocesan Registrar
Mrs A. Gold, Coventry Diocesan Board of Education
Coventry City Council Planning Department
WATCH Ltd

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

This draft scheme provides for:

- *the creation of a new benefice and parish of Saint Mark Coventry from the area of the parish of Coventry Saint Peter in the diocese of Coventry;*
- *the closed church of Saint Mark together with the land annexed or belonging to it, to be brought back into use to become the parish church of the new parish;*
- *the appointment of the first incumbent of the new benefice;*
- *his place of residence; and*
- *the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice.*

AMENDED DRAFT

PASTORAL CHURCH BUILDINGS SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners (“the Commissioners”) this day of 2025 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 (“the 2011 Measure”), the Right Reverend Timothy Thornton, assistant Bishop in the Diocese of London duly authorised to act in that behalf in the diocese of Coventry pursuant to section 14 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, having consented thereto.

WHEREAS

1. by virtue of a Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1968 (“the 1968 Measure”) on the 10th day of May 1973 the church of Saint Mark, being the parish church of the parish of Saint Mark, Coventry (“the closed church building”) in the diocese of Coventry was declared redundant and appropriated, together with the land annexed or belonging thereto, to use for consulting rooms and a chapel in connection with the Coventry and North Warwickshire Hospital and for purposes ancillary thereto;
2. by virtue of a further Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the 2011 Measure on the 19th day of July 2016 a new benefice and parish of Coventry Saint Peter was created;
3. by virtue of a further Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the 2011 Measure on the 23rd day of May 2017 (“the 2017 Scheme”) the closed church building together with the land annexed or belonging thereto was appropriated to use for worship, services and other religious and charitable activities in accordance with the rites and customs of the Church of England or any other Christian body designated by the Bishop for the time being of Coventry and for purposes ancillary to any or all of these uses.

4. the said Bishop has submitted proposals to the Commissioners for the creation of a new benefice, the restoration of the closed church building to use as a church and its vesting together with the annexed land in the incumbent of the new benefice.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby provided as follows:

PART I

Creation of new benefice and parish

1. A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Saint Mark Coventry", which shall be a rectory, shall be created in the diocese of Coventry, and the area of the new benefice, which shall constitute a new parish and be named "The Parish of Saint Mark Coventry" shall be all that part of the parish of Coventry Saint Peter which is hatched and lettered "A" on the annexed map.

Restoration of the church of Saint Mark to use as a parish church

2. (1) The closed church building, at present vested in the Coventry Diocesan Board of Finance pursuant to section 49(1) of the 1968 Measure, shall be restored to use as a church in the new parish of Saint Mark Coventry.

(2) The closed church building together with the land annexed or belonging thereto shall vest without any conveyance or other assurance in the incumbent of the new benefice of Saint Mark Coventry in his corporate capacity.

(3) If upon the date on which this Scheme comes into operation the church of Saint Mark has been approved by the Bishop after consultation with the Coventry Diocesan Advisory Committee and the Coventry Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee as suitable to be a parish church it shall be the parish church of the new parish of Saint Mark Coventry but if upon that date it has not been approved, it shall become the parish church of the said parish from the date of such approval.

Archdeaconry and deanery

3. The new benefice and its constituent parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Coventry and the deanery of Coventry East.

Designation of first incumbent

4. If immediately before a scheme prepared in pursuance of these proposals comes into operation the Reverend Philip John Atkinson holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of Coventry Saint Peter, he shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice of Saint Mark Coventry.

Patronage

5. The patronage of the new benefice shall be vested in The Bishop of Coventry.

Amendment of the 2016 Scheme

6. Clause 3(2) of the 2016 Scheme shall be deleted and sub-clauses (3), (4), (5), and (6) shall be re-numbered accordingly.

PART II

Coming into operation of this Scheme

7. (1) Part I of this scheme shall come into operation upon such date as the Commissioners, after consultation with the Bishop, shall determine.

(2) Part II of this Scheme shall come into operation upon the date on which it is made the Commissioners.

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

SIGNED by the)
)
Right Reverend Timothy Thornton)
)
Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of London)
)
Acting on behalf of the Bishop of Coventry)

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

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Notes by the Church Commissioners’ office (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

The Commissioners have been told by the Bishop on the advice of her Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee that the rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

St Marks is a closed church building which is located in the parish of Coventry Saint Peter. To enable it to function as a Resource Church the legal use of the building was changed through the 2017 amending scheme appropriating the closed building and land to use “for worship, services and other religious and charitable activities in accordance with the rites and customs of the Church of England or any other Christian body designated by the Bishop”. Following consultation, a Conventional District was also formed on 30 March 2016 which allowed for the establishment of its own PCC. The DBF currently leases the closed church building together with the land annexed or belonging thereto to the PCC for use as provided in the amending scheme and it is licensed as a parish centre of worship.

The purpose of the Conventional District was to establish the viability of a future parish. Being viable as a separate parish includes being able to manage, care and maintain its church building.

The DBF (which has power to grant leases under the various and most recent Pastoral Schemes following the church being made redundant in the 1970s) cannot grant a lease of more than 7 years to the PCC due to the restrictions on a PCC holding property in its own name under the Parochial Church Council (Powers) Measure 1956. As the initial 7 year term has ended short term leases will be provided to ensure all the legalities are in place throughout the consultation period.

Current Status

The PCC has confirmed that extensive work is needed on the building and therefore a short-term lease will hinder them getting the funding required to develop and repair the building. They need to be seen to have ‘ownership’ or a long-term commitment of the building in order to attract grants for the following reasons:

- 1. The vision of the church is currently restricted by the short-term lease as they are not able to invest in long term goals. They are keen to continue to serve the community and resource churches across Coventry but can currently only plan for the short-term. They have a vision to build a cafe and community outreach facing onto the park, opening up the church as a resource for the community. This sadly is not something they can explore further whilst we are tied into a short-term legal status.**
- 2. It is challenging to engage their congregation to committing to the church when the legal status is short-term. Whilst they are blessed to have a congregation generous in their time and financial support, they believe if they could provide a long-term home they would be able to engage their congregation further benefitting the ministry they can deliver.**
- 3. The short-term legal status of St Mark's means they are unable to apply for grant funding for longer term projects, this poses a significant**

challenge to what outreach work they can deliver within their congregation and the local community.

In short, the PCC currently feels that the vision, ministry of the church and maintenance of the building and hall is being directly restricted by the lack of clarity over their ownership of the building, which is a consequence of the legal status of St Mark's Swanswell being a conventional district rather than a parish.

The Conventional District although not a legal parish, has all the apparatus of a parish, was set up on 30 March 2016 as an experimental parish pending creation as a proper parish in its own right. Following a review by the St Mark, Coventry PCC, and in agreement with the Deanery Mission and Pastoral Committee, it is felt that this has been a success, and a new benefice and parish should be created.

The PCC of Coventry St Peter has been consulted and is in agreement that a new Benefice and Parish of St Mark's Coventry be created.

The parochial boundaries have been discussed and agreed by both PCCs.

Amended draft Scheme

A draft Scheme was issued on the 24 August 2024 for the closed church of Saint Mark to be restored to use as a parish church for the new benefice of Saint Mark Coventry. This draft Scheme did not provide for the "land annexed or belonging" to the church to also be vested in the incumbent and would result in the land and building being in different ownerships which is not intended. This amended draft Scheme now includes both the building of Saint Mark together with the land annexed or belonging to. There are no other changes to the draft Scheme.

Publication of this amended draft Scheme by the Commissioners does not mean that we have taken a view on the merits of the diocesan case. We have a duty to publish draft Schemes based on diocesan proposals. If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop whose views 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 there are no representations against the draft Scheme, we will make the Scheme and arrange for it to be brought into effect.

Parsonage house for the proposed new benefice of Saint Mark, Coventry

1. It is intended that the house known as 23 Rochester Road, Earlsdon, Coventry, CV5 6AB will be the parsonage house of the proposed new benefice. The

transfer of this house into benefice ownership will be dealt with after the coming into operation of a pastoral scheme prepared in pursuance of these proposals.

New parish of Coventry Saint Peter created by the 2016 Scheme

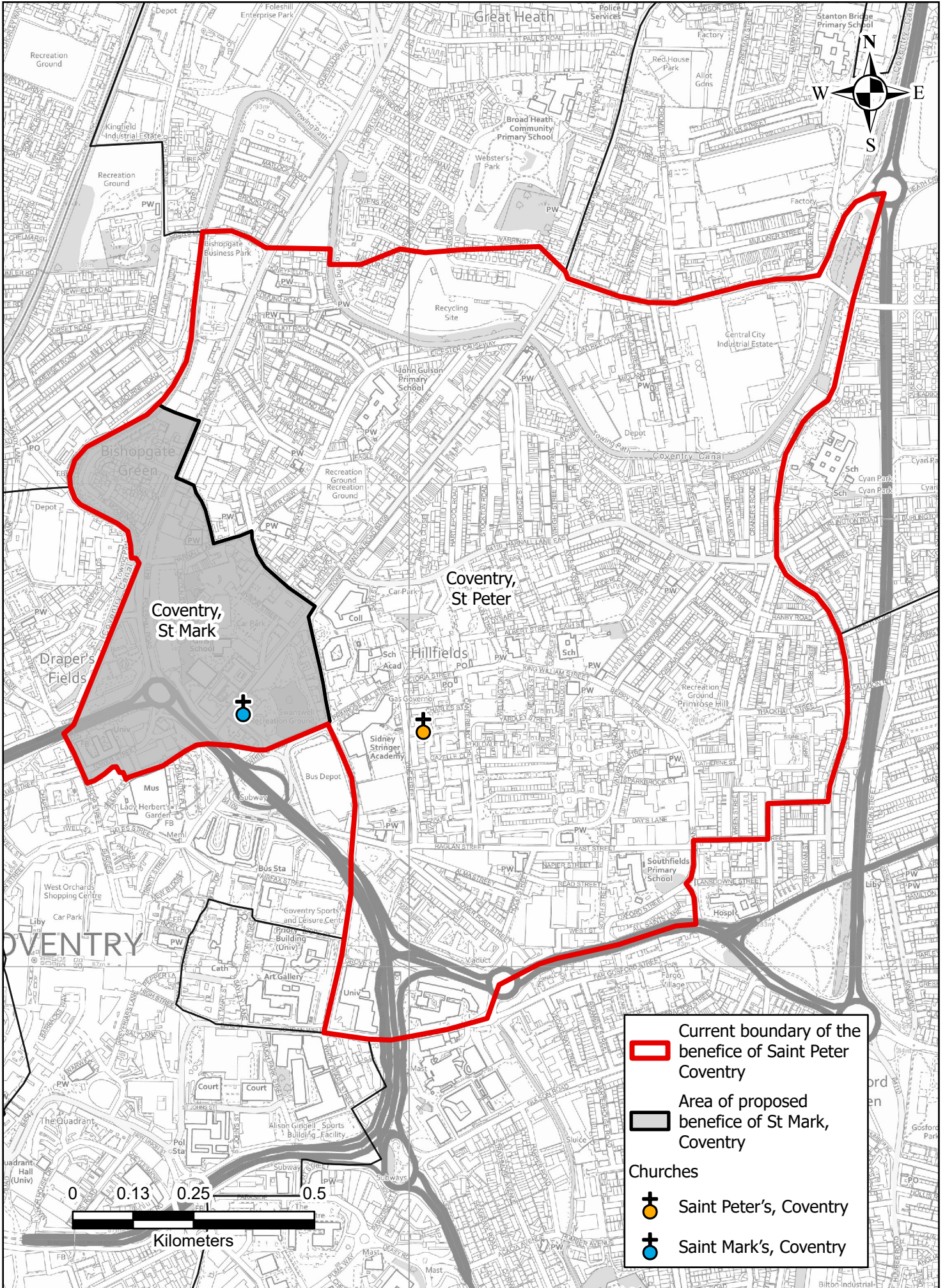
2. Clause 6 provides for clause 3(2) of the 2016 Pastoral Scheme to be deleted as it wrongly named the Church of St Peter as a Parish Church. It is in fact a licensed place of worship.

The benefice of Coventry Saint Peter

The suspension of the rights of presentation will remain in place for the benefice of Coventry Saint Peter. During this period the pastoral and missional arrangements will continue to be considered and worked through by the parish and deanery. The Revd Phil Atkinson will remain as Priest in Charge

The current parsonage house of the benefice of Coventry Saint Peter (known as Saint Peter's Rectory, Charles Street, Coventry CV1 5NP) will remain as the Parsonage of that benefice.

Proposals for creating a new benefice of Saint Mark Coventry



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.

Glossary of words commonly used in Pastoral Reorganisation

Incumbent	Holder of a benefice (which can be either a freehold or a Common Tenure office) – and can be either a rector or a vicar - with responsibility for the cure of souls. May be assisted by 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	The basic geographical unit over which an incumbent has cure of souls. There may be several parishes within the area of one benefice.
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).

Glossary of words commonly used in Pastoral Reorganisation

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 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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A copy of the draft Scheme may be inspected at WATCH Ltd, 12 Victoria Street, Hillfields, Coventry, CV1 5LZ.

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