

15 April 2025

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
Diocese of Guildford
Benefice and parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green

The Bishop of Guildford has asked us to prepare a draft Pastoral Scheme in respect of pastoral proposals affecting this benefice and parish.

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.

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 **Tuesday 27th May 2025** .

Rex Andrew
Church Commissioners
Church House
Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3AZ
(email rex.andrew@churchofengland.org) (tel 020 7898 1743)

If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring or e-mail 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

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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/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.

Wendy Harris
DMPC Secretary

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 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, 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.

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

Ms Jackie Avery, PCC Secretary

Mr Tony Gauvain, Churchwarden

Mr Tom Murphy, Churchwarden

Mrs Liz Tingley, Churchwarden

Revd John Marsh, Assistant Curate

Crown and Lord Chancellor Patronage

The Executors of the Will of the late John Patrick Michael Hugh Evelyn, Esquire

Revd Canon Roy Woodhams, Area Dean of Cranleigh Deanery

Revd Peter Nevins, Area Dean of Dorking Deanery

Mr Martin Betts, Deanery Lay Chair of Cranleigh Deanery

Mr Graham Everness, Deanery Lay Chair of Dorking Deanery

Ven Catharine Mabuza, Archdeacon of Surrey

Ven Martin Breadmore, Archdeacon of Dorking

Richard Hastings, Guildford Diocesan Registry

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

This draft Scheme provides for:

- (i) the dissolution of the benefice and parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green;*
- (ii) the creation of a new benefice and parish of Ewhurst and Ellens Green, for the parish church of the new parish, for the parsonage house of the benefice of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green to be the parsonage house of the new benefice and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;*
- (iii) the creation of a new benefice and parish of Okewood and Forest Green, for the parish church of the new parish and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice*

in the diocese of Guildford.

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this day of 20
in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, the Right Reverend Andrew,
Bishop of Guildford, having consented thereto.

Dissolution of benefice and parish

1. (1) The benefice and parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green in the diocese of Guildford shall be dissolved.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in the benefice and/or parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green he, she or they shall as consequence of the dissolution of that benefice and parish effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice and/or parish of Ewhurst and Ellens Green and/or the new benefice and/or parish of Okewood and Forest Green as the Bishop shall direct.

Creation of new benefice and parish of Ewhurst and Ellens Green

2. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Ewhurst and Ellens Green", which shall be a rectory, shall be created in the diocese of Guildford, and the area of the new benefice, which shall constitute a new parish and be named "The Parish of Ewhurst and Ellens Green", shall be all that part of the parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green which is shaded grey and lettered "A" on the annexed map.

(2) The church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, Ewhurst, being a parish church of the parish of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green, shall be the parish church of the new parish.

(3) The new benefice and parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Surrey and the deanery of Cranleigh.

(4) The parsonage house of the benefice of Ewhurst with Okewood and Forest Green (known as The Rectory, The Street, Ewhurst, Cranleigh, GU6 7PX) shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice in his or her corporate capacity as his or her official residence.

(5) The patronage of the new benefice shall belong to His Majesty in right of His Crown and shall be exercisable by the Lord Chancellor on His behalf.

can be determined. This is in line with the Diocesan Mission Statement of Transforming Church Transforming Lives.

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.

Proposed pastoral care and housing arrangements

Benefice of Ewhurst and Ellens Green

Canon Roy Woodhams, the incumbent of the Cranleigh benefice and area dean of Cranleigh, will be its priest-in-charge*, living in the property known as The Rectory, 15 High Street, Cranleigh GU6 SAS.

The parsonage house of the current benefice (at The Street, Ewhurst) will be the parsonage house of this proposed benefice, and it is the diocesan intention that this property will therefore be let in the interim.

Benefice of Okewood and Forest Green

The Reverend Peter Nevins, the incumbent of the North Holmwood benefice and area dean of Dorking, will be its priest-in-charge* in the interim, living in the property known as The Vicarage, Willow Green, North Holmwood, RH5 4JB.

There is no housing provision being made for this new benefice, as currently there is no house in the parish. Should the situation change in the future and an incumbent is appointed, then housing will be provided.

The Reverend John Marsh: It is the diocesan intention that Mr Marsh will serve in the new benefice under a Permission to Officiate from the Bishop.

* It is the diocesan intention to suspend rights of presentation to the proposed benefices in due course, in consultation with the affected parishes and patrons, which can only be achieved in the usual way under the section 85 of the 2011 Measure process.

Clause 1(2)

The above clause has been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the dissolution of the benefice and parish effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the

same terms of service in the new benefices and/or parishes as the Bishop shall direct. 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.

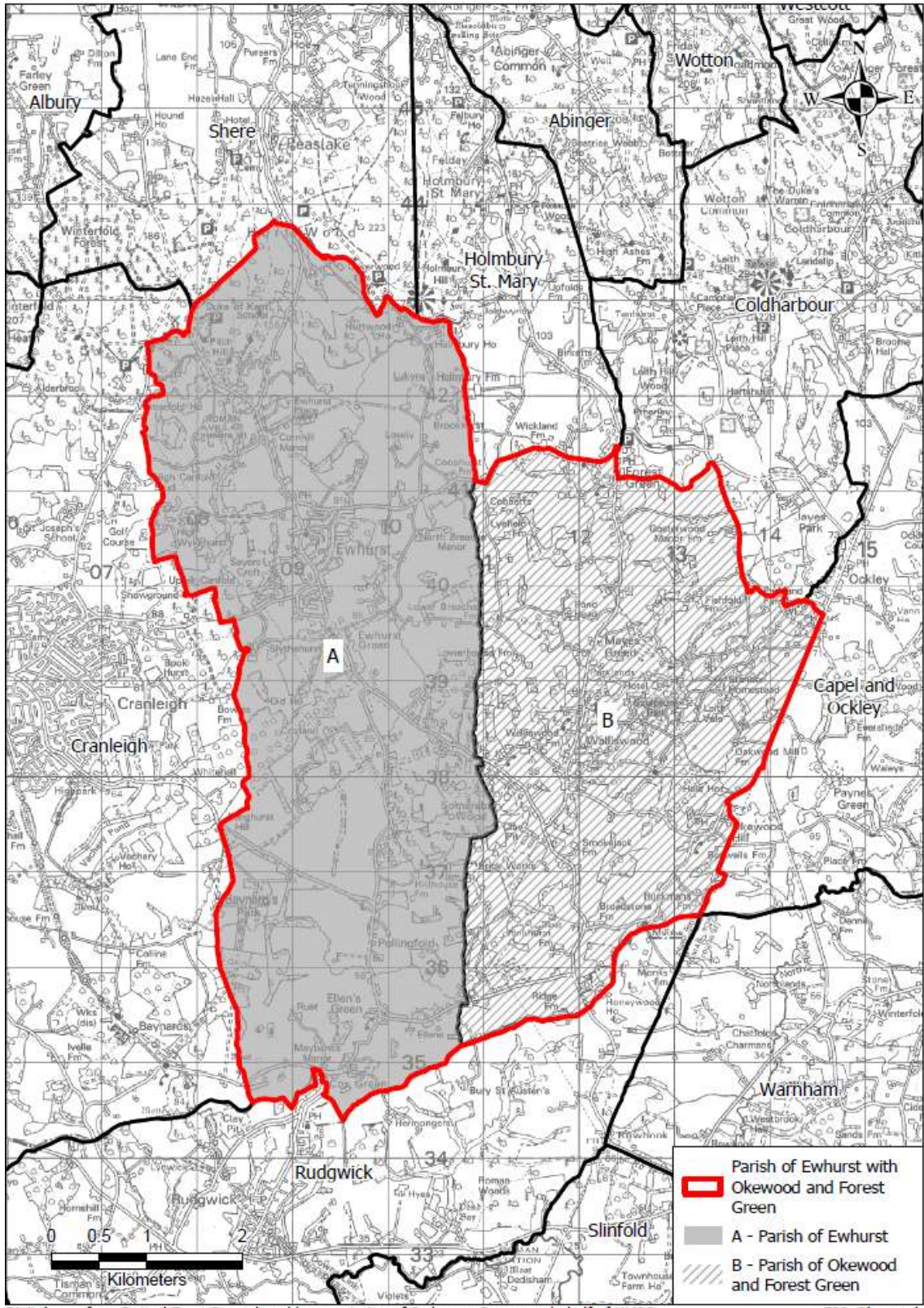
Patronage arrangements

The patronage arrangements for the proposed Ewhurst and Ellens Green benefice reverts to its historic one of the Lord Chancellor being its sole patron.

The patronage arrangements for the proposed Okewood and Forest Green benefice reverts to its historic one of the Bishop of Guildford and the late Mr Evelyn's interests here as joint patrons.

Church of Holy Trinity, Forest Green

The above will continue to be a chapel of ease, located in the new parish of Okewood and Forest Green.



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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#n>

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.

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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.

Notice
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Draft Pastoral Scheme

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(iii) the creation of a new benefice and parish of Okewood and Forest Green, for the parish church of the new parish and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice in the diocese of Guildford.

The draft Scheme is on the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.**

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Guildford Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee