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Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

Diocese of York

Benefice of Benefice of Brompton with Deighton

Benefice of Rounton (West and East) with Welbury

Benefice of Osmotherley with Harlsey and Ingleby Arncliffe

Benefice of Leake with Over and Nether Siltan and Kewick

Benefice of Cowesby

Benefice of Kirkby Knowle

Benefice of Felixkirk with Boltby

Benefice of Northallerton with Kirby Sigston

Benefice of Sowerby

Benefice of Thirkleby with Kilburn and Bagby

Benefice of Sessay

**Benefice of Topcliffe and Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale,
and Dalton**

The Bishop of Whitby 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.

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 8th September**. 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.

If we receive any representations against the draft Scheme, we 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

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receive copies of our 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 us.

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.

When we acknowledge representations we will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of our Committee's meetings. We 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.

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:

- iii) 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);
- iv) insert the Notice in the parish magazine or newsletter;
- v) display the draft Scheme with the Notice at every parish church, chapel of ease or licensed place of worship in your parish;
- vi) use Facebook/social media posts;
- vii) send emails; and
- viii) 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

The Archbishop of York, Patron
 The Lord Chancellor, Patron
 Mr Guy Sampson, Chapter Clerk, The Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin and St Cuthbert of Durham, Patron
 Mr Nicholas Barnard, Patron
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 The Venerable Dr. Amanda Bloor, Archdeacon of Cleveland
 Reverend Mary Rolls, Area Dean Mowbray Deanery
 Miss Barbara Poole, Lay Dean, Mowbray Deanery
 Reverend Jonathan Cooper
 Reverend Dianne Gamble, Priest in Charge Leake (St Mary) with Over and Nether Silton and Kepwick
 Reverend David Johnson, Priest in Charge, Northallerton (All Saints) with Kirby Sigston
 Reverend Andrew Stephen Treasure, Rector, Thorntons, the (St Leonard) and the Otteringtons
 Reverend Julia Staves, Assistant Curate, Brompton with Deighton
 Reverend William Dewing, Assistant Curate, Osmotherley with Harlsey and Ingleby Arncliffe
 Reverend Clare Soderman
 Reverend Mrs Donneta Thomas, Assistant Curate, Northallerton (All Saints) with Kirby Sigston
 Reverend Richard Grant, Assistant Curate, Thirsk
 Reverend Dawn Ward, Assistant Curate, Thirsk
 Reverend David James Biggs, Priest in Charge, Sessay (St Cuthbert)
 Ms Heidi Bradley, PCC Secretary for Brompton with Deighton
 PCC Secretary West and East Rounton
 Mrs Kate Lindo, PCC Secretary for Welbury
 Ms Vicki Farby, PCC Secretary for Osmotherley

Miss Kathleen Alderson, PCC Secretary for East Harlsey
Miss Barbara Poole, PCC Secretary for Ingleby Arncliffe
Reverend Dianne Gamble, PCC Secretary for Leake with Over and Nether
Silton and Kepwick
Miss Dorothy Fairburn, PCC Secretary for Cowesby
Mrs Wendy Ellsom, PCC Secretary for Kirkby Knowle
Mrs Jennifer Lappin, PCC Secretary for Northallerton
Mrs Jacqueline Lee, PCC Secretary for The Thorntons and the Otteringtons
Mr Michael Walker, PCC Secretary for Thirsk
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Mr George Eccleston, PCC Secretary for Carlton Miniott
Ms Jane Jackson, PCC Secretary for Sowerby
Mr Douglas Gillanders, PCC Secretary for Thirkleby
Mrs Margaret Gomersall, PCC Secretary for Kilburn
Mrs Amanda Dowson, PCC Secretary for Bagby
Mrs Roz Norris, PCC Secretary for Topcliffe
Mrs Jennifer Wharton, PCC Secretary for Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton
on Swale
Ms Hannah Bissett, PCC Secretary Dalton
Mr P Cooper, Churchwarden for Felixkirk with Boltby
Mr Ray Thompson, Churchwarden for Kirby Sigston
Mr Graham Merrian, PCC Treasurer for Sessay
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Diocese of York Registry
Ms Lisa Cardy, Pastoral Support & Closed Churches Officer, Diocese of York
Mrs Shaman Durrant, Pastoral Case Officer, Church Commissioners

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

This draft Scheme provides for:

- *the termination of three pluralities in Mowbray Deanery;*
- *the dissolution of the parish of Kirby Sigston in the benefice of Northallerton with Kirby Sigston and transfer of its area to the parish of Northallerton and the subsequent alteration of benefice and parish name;*
- *the union of the benefice of Brompton with Deighton, the benefice of Rounton (West and East) with Welbury, and the benefice of Osmotherley with Harlsey and Ingleby Arncliffe to create the new benefice of Brompton with Osmotherley (their constituent parishes to remain distinct); and for:*
 - *the selection of the first incumbent;*
 - *the parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Brompton with Deighton;*
 - *the future patronage arrangements;*
- *the union of the benefice of Leake with Over and Nether Silton and Kepwick, the benefice of Cowesby, the benefice of Kirkby Knowle, the benefice of Felixkirk with Boltby, the benefice of Thirkleby with Kilburn and Bagby, the benefice of Sessay, and the benefice of Topcliffe and Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale, and Dalton to create the new benefice of the South Mowbray Rural Parishes (their constituent parishes to remain distinct); and for:*
 - *the appointment of the first incumbent;*
 - *her parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Leake with Over and Nether Silton and Kepwick;*
 - *the parsonage house of the benefice of Topcliffe and Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale, and Dalton to be transferred to the York Diocesan Parsonages Board;*
 - *the future patronage arrangements;*

all in the diocese of York.

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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 2011 Measure”),
the Right Reverend Barry, Bishop of Whitby, duly appointed in that behalf pursuant to
section 13 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, having consented
thereto.

Termination of pluralities

1. (1) The plurality established for the benefice of Osmotherley with Harlsey and Ingleby Arncliffe, the benefice of Leake with Over and Nether Silton and Kepwick, the benefice of Cowesby, the benefice of Kirkby Knowle and the benefice of Felixkirk with Boltby by virtue of a Pastoral Order made by the Right Reverend and Right

Honourable Sentamu, lately Archbishop of York ("Archbishop Sentamu") in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1983 ("the 1983 Measure") on the 2nd day of June 2009 shall hereby be terminated.

(2) The plurality established for the benefice of Brompton with Deighton and the benefice of Rounton (West and East) by virtue of a Pastoral Order made by Archbishop Sentamu in pursuance of the 1983 Measure on the 23rd day of December 2010 shall hereby be terminated.

(3) The plurality established for the benefice of Sowerby, the benefice of Thirkleby with Kilburn and Bagby, and the benefice of Sessay by virtue of a Pastoral Order made by Archbishop Sentamu in pursuance of the 1983 Measure on the 13th day of March 2012 shall hereby be terminated.

Dissolution of parish and transfer of area of parish

2. (1) The parish of Kirby Sigston, being one of the two parishes comprising the area of the benefice of Northallerton with Kirby Sigston in the diocese of York, shall be dissolved.

(2) The area of the parish of Kirby Sigston shall be transferred to the parish of Northallerton in the benefice of Northallerton with Kirby Sigston.

Alteration of benefice and parish name

3. The name of the parish of Northallerton shall be altered to "The Parish of Northallerton, Romanby and Kirby Sigston".

4. The name of the benefice of Northallerton with Kirby Sigston shall be altered to "The Benefice of Northallerton, Romanby and Kirby Sigston".

Creation of new benefice of Brompton with Osmotherley

5. (1) The benefice of Brompton with Deighton; the benefice of Rounton (West and East) with Welbury; and the benefice Osmotherley with Harlsey and Ingleby Arncliffe in the diocese of York shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Brompton with Osmotherley", which shall be a rectory.

(2) The area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Brompton with Deighton; the parish of Welbury; the parish of Rounton (West and East); the parish of East Harlsey; the parish of Ingleby Arncliffe and the parish of Osmotherley, which parishes shall continue distinct.

(3) The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Cleveland and the deanery of Mowbray.

(4) The first incumbent of the new benefice may be selected by the Bishop after consultation with the patrons of the new benefice and the parochial church councils of the parishes in the area of the new benefice.

(5) (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend William Arthur Dewing holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the benefices referred to in clause 5(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.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in the new benefice of Brompton with Osmotherley referred to in clause 5(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.

(6) The parsonage house of the benefice of Brompton with Deighton, (known as 35A Northallerton Road, Brompton, Northallerton, DL6 2QA) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

(7) Subject to clause 5(4) hereof, the right of presentation to the new benefice shall be exercised alternately by The Lord Chancellor acting on behalf of His Majesty in right of His Crown, who shall have the first turn; and The Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Cuthbert of Durham and Joseph Nicholas Bernard, Summerfield House, Welbury, Northallerton, North Yorkshire, DL6 2SL acting jointly.

Creation of the new benefice of the South Mowbray Rural Parishes

6. (1) The benefice of Leake with Over and Nether Silton and Kepwick; the benefice of Cowesby; and the benefice Kirkby Knowle; the benefice Felixkirk with Boltby; the benefice of Thirkleby with Kilburn and Bagby; the benefice of Sessay; and the benefice of Topcliffe and Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale, and Dalton in the diocese of York shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of the South Mowbray Rural Parishes", which shall be a rectory.

(2) The area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Leake with Over and Nether Silton and Kepwick; the parish of Cowesby; the parish of Kirkby Knowle; the parish of Felixkirk with Boltby; the parish of Thirkleby; the parish of Kilburn; the parish of Bagby; the parish of Sessay; the parish of Topcliffe; the parish of Dalton and the parish of Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale, which parishes shall continue distinct.

(3) The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Cleveland and the deanery of Mowbray.

(4) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Dianne Elizabeth Gamble holds an ecclesiastical office in any of the benefices referred to in clause 6(1) hereof she shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(5) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the benefices referred to in clause 6(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.

(6) The parsonage house of the benefice of Leake with Over and Nether Silton and Kepwick (known as Leake Vicarage, Moor Road, Knayton, Thirsk, YO7 4AZ) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

(7) The parsonage house of the benefice of Topcliffe and Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale, and Dalton (known as The Vicarage, Front Street, Topcliffe, Thirsk, YO73RU) together with the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, shall without any conveyance or other assurance be transferred to the York Diocesan Parsonages Board for the purposes of its functions under the Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) Measure 2009.

(8) Subject to clause 6(4) hereof, the right of presentation to the new benefice shall be exercised alternately by the Archbishop of York in his corporate capacity, the corporate body established for the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Saint Peter in York, and the Right Honourable Alison Diana Viscountess Downe, Wykeham Abbey, Wykeham, Scarborough, North Yorkshire YO13 9QS, acting jointly, who shall have the first turn; and the Archbishop of York in his corporate capacity.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

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

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

SIGNED by the)
)
Right Reverend Barry,)
)
Bishop of Whitby.)

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England

acting by two authorised signatories:

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Signature of Authorised Signatory

Notes (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

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

In 2019 the Mowbray Deanery Leadership Team (DLT) began to develop a Deanery Plan which would deliver affordable and sustainable ministry and missional growth. The Diocesan strategy *Living Christ's Story*, which included the financial challenge of meeting the direct costs of ministry by 2026 and the full costs by 2031, gave the Team added impetus to complete the Plan and to seek the pastoral reorganisation required for it to be implemented. Alongside a team-based approach to ministry and mission, the Plan sees that the full costs of ministry could be met collectively by the aggregation of the Free Will Offer of all the parishes across the Deanery, rather than by each discrete "mission unit".

The proposed reorganisation would create the two distinct ministry groupings outlined in the Deanery Plan in the north and south of the deanery and based around the market towns of Northallerton and Thirsk/Sowerby respectively. The intent is for the people and ministers (stipendiary, non-stipendiary and lay) in each grouping to work collaboratively and to their strengths, thereby relieving the pressure on each priest, parish and PCC in the area to be expert in every initiative. Groups of like-minded individuals would come together to develop responses to, for example, growing disciples, or going green, or children's ministry, and then share their ideas and resources across parishes which asked for support. The more urban elements of each grouping (Northallerton, Thirsk, Sowerby) will act as 'resource churches' and seek to provide support to the more rural benefices. The proposed reorganisation is seen as the best way to make the provision of ministry and mission across the deanery both practically and financially sustainable by creating the conditions which will foster mutual support and encourage growth.

Publication of this 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.

Clause 5(4)

It is intended to appoint a priest-in-charge to the existing benefices as soon as possible and this clause has been included to allow the Bishop to select the priest-in-charge to become the first incumbent of the proposed new benefice. The patrons and parishes concerned will be fully consulted over the appointment of the priest-in-charge. If it is not possible to appoint a priest-in-charge before the Scheme comes into effect the first incumbent of the new benefice will be appointed under the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986.

Clauses 5(5)(2) and 6(5)

The above clauses have been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the unions of the benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Brompton with Osmotherley and the new benefice of the South Mowbray Rural Parishes respectively. Although there is currently no such unnamed office holder in post, these clauses are included in case any such office holder is appointed before this Scheme comes into operation.

The Diocese intends that the Reverend Julia Staves will continue her training curacy with the main focus of her ministry being her current parishes. Should the Scheme come into effect she will benefit from further opportunities within the enlarged benefice.

Churches, etc.

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.

Parishes

All the parishes in the Deanery will remain distinct, except for the parish of Northallerton and the parish of Kirby Sigston.

Parish boundaries

The parish boundary between the parish of Brompton with Deighton and the parish of Northallerton was altered by a section 17 Pastoral Order made on the 10th day of November 2024, following a separate, single-stage consultation so that the Reverend David Johnson could take on pastoral responsibility for the new school, Oakbridge Church of England School, at the earliest opportunity.

The Thorntons and the Otteringtons, Thirsk:-

The benefice of the Thorntons and the Otteringtons and the benefice of Thirsk are not mentioned in the draft Scheme because they are not subject to any pastoral reorganisation although they were parties to a wider consultation.

Sowerby

Once the benefice of Sowerby is no longer held in plurality, it reverts to the status which it held before the plurality was established and there is therefore no need for it to be mentioned further in the draft Scheme. It is the diocesan intention that the Reverend David Biggs will become incumbent of the benefice.

Benefice of Topcliffe and Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale and Dalton

The Diocese intends to appoint an assistant curate who would minister primarily to the parish of Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale, the parish of Dalton and the parish of Topcliffe. It further intends that The Vicarage, Front Street, Topcliffe, Thirsk, YO7 3RU, once it has been transferred to the Diocese, would be available to accommodate the appointee.

The legal name for the Parish of Rounton (West and East)

The legal name for the Parish of Rounton (West and East) was determined by research completed by the Church Commissioners and it is to be used for the purposes of this draft Scheme. However, if one of the outcomes from this consultation is to change the legal name of the parish, this can be done by the diocese who can bring forward further consultations at a later date.

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 clergyperson 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

Glossary of words commonly used in Pastoral Reorganisation

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
Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
Draft Pastoral Scheme**

The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft Scheme in respect of proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Whitby for:

This draft Scheme provides for:

- *the termination of three pluralities in Mowbray Deanery;*
- *the dissolution of the parish of Kirby Sigston in the benefice of Northallerton with Kirby Sigston and transfer of its area to the parish of Northallerton and the subsequent alteration of benefice and parish name;*
- *the union of the benefice of Brompton with Deighton, the benefice of Rounton (West and East) with Welbury, and the benefice of Osmotherley with Harlsey and Ingleby Arncliffe to create the new benefice of Brompton with Osmotherley (their constituent parishes to remain distinct); and for:*
 - *the selection of the first incumbent;*
 - *the parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Brompton with Deighton;*
 - *the future patronage arrangements;*
- *the union of the benefice of Leake with Over and Nether Silton and Kepwick, the benefice of Cowesby, the benefice of Kirkby Knowle, the benefice of Felixkirk with Boltby, the benefice of Thirkleby with Kilburn and Bagby, the benefice of Sessay, and the benefice of Topcliffe and Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale, and Dalton to create the new benefice of the South Mowbray Rural Parishes (their constituent parishes to remain distinct); and for:*
 - *the appointment of the first incumbent;*
 - *her parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Leake with Over and Nether Silton and Kepwick;*
 - *the parsonage house of the benefice of Topcliffe and Baldersby with Dishforth and Skipton on Swale, and Dalton to be transferred to the York Diocesan Parsonages Board;*
 - *the future patronage arrangements;*

all in the diocese of York.

The draft Scheme is on our website www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.** Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part 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 the 8th September**. If I have not acknowledged its receipt, please ring or e-mail me. 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”.

- When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners regarding your representation if they decide a

hearing should be held regarding the case. Please ensure we have contact information so that we can be in touch with you regarding later stages of the process.

- If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received (which will include your name but not your contact details) 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 Commissioners' Committee that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to it. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.
- When we acknowledge representations we will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of our Committee's meetings. We will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The 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, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- Please see www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure. Shaman Durrant, Case Officer. Tel: 020 7898 1983. Email: shaman.durrant@churchofengland.org. Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, London SW1P 3AZ