

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

This draft Scheme provides for:

- (i) terminating the group ministry established for the benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, All Saints, Combpyne with Rousdon and Membury and the benefice of Kilminster, Stockland, Dalwood, Yarcombe and Shute;*
- (ii) terminating the group ministry established for the benefice of Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe, the benefice of Seaton and Beer and the benefice of Uplyme with Axmouth;*
- (iii) terminating the team ministry established for the area of the benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, All Saints, Combpyne with Rousdon and Membury;*
- (iv) the union of the benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, All Saints, Combpyne with Rousdon and Membury and the benefice of Uplyme with Axmouth (their constituent parishes to remain distinct) and for the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice, with the cure of souls in the new benefice to be shared by a team rector and one team vicar, for the appointment of the team rector and selection of the team vicar, for the housing arrangements for the team and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice; and*
- (v) minor alterations to the areas of the parishes of Axminster; Kilminster; Membury; and Yarcombe*

in the diocese of Exeter.

DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners ("the Commissioners") this day of 20 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 ("the 2011 Measure"), the Right Reverend Robert, Bishop of Exeter, having consented thereto.

Termination of group ministries

1. (1) The group ministry established by a Scheme made by the Commissioners on the 7th day of October 2002 ("the 2002 Scheme") for the benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, All Saints, Combpyne with Rousdon and Membury and the benefice of Kilminster, Stockland, Dalwood, Yarcombe and Shute shall be terminated.

(2) The group ministry established by the 2002 Scheme for the benefice of Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe, the benefice of Seaton and Beer and the benefice of Uplyme with Axmouth shall be terminated.

Termination of team ministry

2. The team ministry established by a Scheme made by the Commissioners on the 20th day of October 1983 for the new benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, Comb Pyne and Rousdon (the name of which was altered by the 2002 Scheme to "The Benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, All Saints, Combpyne with Rousdon and Membury" following the transfer of the parish of Membury into the benefice) shall be terminated.

Creation of new benefice and establishment of team ministry

3. (1) The benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, All Saints, Combpyne with Rousdon and Membury and the benefice of Uplyme with Axmouth in the diocese of Exeter shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Axminster, All Saints, Axmouth, Chardstock, Combpyne with Rousdon, Membury and Uplyme", and the area of the new benefice shall, subject to clause 4 hereof, comprise the parish of

Axminster, the parish of All Saints, All Saints, the parish of Axmouth, the parish of Chardstock, Saint Andrew, the parish of Combpyne with Rousdon, the parish of Membury and the parish of Uplyme, which parishes shall continue distinct.

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to archdeaconry of Exeter and the deanery of Honiton.

(3) A team ministry (to be known as "The Axe Valley Team Ministry") shall be established for the area of the new benefice.

(4) The cure of souls in that area shall be shared by the incumbent of the new benefice, whose office shall be that of rector in the team ministry, and one other minister, who shall have the title of vicar and a status equal to that of an incumbent of a benefice.

(5) That area shall be in the pastoral care of those who are to share the cure of souls therein together with all other persons who are from time to time authorised by licence or permission of the Bishop to serve in that area as members of the team.

(6) (i) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Clive Malcolm Sedgewick holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, All Saints, Combpyne with Rousdon and Membury he shall be the first rector.

(ii) Subject to clause 3(6)(i) hereof, the rector shall be presented by a patronage board (to be known as "The Axe Valley Team Ministry Patronage Board") constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

(7) (i) Subject to clause 3(8) hereof, the vicar in the team ministry shall also be chosen by the patronage board constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

(ii) The licence of the Bishop under his episcopal seal appointing the holder thereto may (subject to variation or revocation of any such provision with the consent of the rector and the vicar by subsequent licence under seal) -

- (a) assign to the vicar a special cure of souls in respect of a part of the said area and, if appropriate, the name of vicar of a church in that part;
- (b) assign to the vicar a special responsibility for a particular pastoral function;
- (c) provide that any such special cure or responsibility shall be independent of the rector's general responsibility;
- (d) assign to the vicar a general responsibility to be shared with the rector for the cure of souls in the said area as a whole.

(8) If upon the date on which this Scheme is made any person is licensed by the Bishop to serve as priest-in-charge within the area of the benefice of Uplyme with Axmouth that person shall be the first holder of the office of team vicar in the team ministry but if, upon the date on which this Scheme is made no person is so licensed the first holder of the office of vicar in the team ministry may be selected by the Bishop after consultation with the patronage board constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto and the parochial church councils of the parishes in the area of the new benefice.

(9) (i) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Catherine Elizabeth Edmonds holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 3(1) hereof she 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 and/or the team ministry established by the Scheme, as the Bishop shall direct.

(ii) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 3(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 and/or the team ministry established by the Scheme, as the Bishop shall direct.

(10) (i) The parsonage house of the benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, All Saints, Combyrne with Rousdon and Membury (known as The Rectory, Church Street, Axminster, EX13 5AQ) shall be the place of residence of the rector.

(ii) Subject to the direction of the Bishop, the vicar in the team ministry shall reside in:-

- (a) the parsonage house of the benefice of Uplyme with Axmouth;
- (b) such other conveniently situated house as may, with the Bishop's approval, be provided in substitution therefor.

(11) The parsonage house of the benefice of Uplyme with Axmouth (known as The Rectory, Rhode Lane, Uplyme, Lyme Regis, DT7 3TX), 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 Exeter Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

Alteration of areas of parishes

4. (i) All that detached part of the parish of Membury which is stippled and lettered "A" on the annexed Map 1 shall be transferred to the parish of Yarcombe.

(ii) All that area currently being land which is common to the parish of Axminster and the parish of Kilmington which is stippled and lettered "B" on the annexed Map 2 shall be incorporated into the parish of Axminster.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

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

SCHEDULE

Constitution of the Axe Valley Team Ministry Patronage Board

The patronage board referred to in clauses 3(6)(ii) and 3(7)(i) of this Scheme shall consist of:-

(1) the following in right of their respective offices:-

- (a) the Bishop of Exeter, who shall be chairman of the board and shall have one vote as a member of the board and a casting vote as chairman;
- (b) the vicar in the team ministry, any deacon authorised to serve in the team ministry, and any person having special responsibility for pastoral care under section 34(8) of the 2011 Measure who shall jointly have one vote which shall be exercised by such one or more of them (acting alone, unanimously or by a majority) as may be present at the meeting in question,
- (c) for the purpose only of meetings at which the person to be appointed a vicar in the team ministry is considered and chosen, the rector of the team ministry who shall have one vote;

(2) the Church Pastoral Aid Society Patronage Trust, whose registered office is at Sovereign Court One (Unit 3), Sir William Lyons Road, University of Warwick Science Park, Coventry, CV4 7EZ, which shall have one vote;

(3) Hyndman's Bounty Trust, care of Messrs CMS Cameron McKenna Nabarro Olswang LLP, Cannon Place, 78, Cannon Street, London, EC4N 6AF, which shall have one vote.

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

SIGNED by the Right Reverend Robert,))
Bishop of Exeter.)

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 Diocesan office (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

The rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

These proposals are the result of two separate processes both of which serve to establish the ways in which local benefice and parish structures can best further the Mission and Ministry of God's Church in this area of East Devon. The first of these is a local bottom-up approach which has resulted from local conversations between those living in the geographical areas of the benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, All Saints, Combyne with Rousdon and Membury and the benefice of Uplyme with Axmouth. The second process is a Deanery Review in which every Deanery in the Diocese has been asked to produce a local plan for the best structures which will further the Mission and Ministry of God's Church.

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.

Group ministries

This area of Honiton Deanery comprises three group ministries the existence of which is largely unknown to most of those involved with the local church, including some of the clergy. For these reasons and because the benefice of Axminster, Chardstock, All Saints, Combyne with Rousdon and Membury and the benefice of Uplyme with Axmouth are parts of different Groups, it is proposed to terminate two of these group ministries as part of the present proposed reorganisation. This would also simplify the consultation for any further reorganisation or grouping of as may be proposed through the forthcoming Deanery Plan.

The benefice of Kilminster, Stockland, Dalwood, Yarcombe and Shute, the benefice of Seaton and Beer and the benefice of Colyton, Musbury, Southleigh and Branscombe

If the proposed Scheme takes effect, then apart from the minor change of the areas of the parishes of Kilminster; and Yarcombe referred to in clause 4 hereof*, the only effect on these three benefices is that they will no longer be part of any group ministry. In all other respects the provisions for these benefices will be unaffected.

* the changes of area serve to remove a detached area of the parish of Membury and transfer it to the parish of Yarcombe; and to clarify the boundary between the parish of Kilminster and the parish of Axminster.

Matters relating to the proposed new benefice and team ministry

Under section 34(1) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 the persons who are to share the cure of souls within the area of the benefice will constitute a team chapter and the team chapter together with the other persons referred to in clause 3(5) will constitute

the team.

Section 13(1) and paragraphs 19 and 20 of Schedule 2 to the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 apply to the appointment of a team rector whereby the registered patron of a vacant benefice shall not make any priest an offer to present him or her to a benefice until the making of the offer to the priest in question has been approved by parish representatives of each parish in the team and the Bishop.

Paragraph 2(6) of Schedule 3 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure provides that before the body or other persons who are entitled to choose a person to be a vicar in a team ministry make their choice, they shall consult -

- (a) the other members of the team;
- (b) the parochial church council of every parish in the team ministry;
- and
- (c) if a special cure of souls in respect of a part of the area is to be assigned in accordance with section 34(7)(a) to the vicar, any district church council concerned.

Paragraph 2(7)(a) of Schedule 3 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure provides that the body or other persons who are entitled to choose a person to be a vicar in a team ministry shall not make to any person an offer of appointment as such until the making of the offer to the person in question has been approved by the parish representatives of each parish in the team.

The team ministry patronage board:

The patrons of the existing benefices are:

Axminster Team Ministry: The Bishop of Exeter

Uplyme with Axmouth:

The Church Pastoral Aid Society Patronage Trust Hyndman Bounty Trust
(acting jointly)

These historic patronage interests have been taken into account in establishing the patronage board's constitution and voting in accordance with the provisions of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.

Clause 3(9)(ii).

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

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.