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## NOTICE

### Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme

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

- (i) the dissolution of the parish of Combyne with Rousdon, being one of the seven parishes comprising the area of the benefice of Axminster, All Saints, Axmouth, Chardstock, Combyne with Rousdon, Membury and Uplyme, and the transfer of its area to the parish of Axmouth (the name of which shall be altered to "The Parish of Axmouth with Combyne and Rousdon"); and*
- (ii) the parish church of the parish of Combyne with Rousdon to be a chapel of ease in the enlarged and renamed parish of Axmouth with Combyne and Rousdon*

*all in the diocese of Exeter.*

A copy of the draft Scheme is on the Commissioners' website [www.churchofengland.org/consultation](http://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 to the Church Commissioners **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 them no later than **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. Please send your representation to [jos.waters@churchofengland.org](mailto:jos.waters@churchofengland.org) or by letter marked for the attention of **Jos Waters, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ**.
- If the Commissioners have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring 020 7898 1075 or email them to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and the Commissioners will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory – "the primary petitioner".

- When making a representation, please also indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to the Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case. Please ensure that you provide contact information so that they can be in touch with you regarding later stages of the process.
- If the Commissioners receive 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 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 and associated correspondence will normally be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by the Commissioners.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Mission and Pastoral Committee that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to the Committee. Otherwise, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.
- When they acknowledge representations, the Commissioners will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of their Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Commissioners' Mission and Pastoral Committee will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when it considers all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners' staff and any points raised at the meeting.
- The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- If they so decide, 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](http://www.churchofengland.org/consultation) for further information about the procedure.

Yours sincerely,

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Secretary to the Exeter Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee