

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

This draft Scheme provides for the union of the parish of Ashmansworth, the parish of Crux Easton, the parish of East Woodhay and the parish of Woolton Hill, being four of the five parishes which comprise the area of The North West Hampshire Benefice in the diocese of Winchester.

The parish of Highclere shall continue distinct.

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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
Philip, Bishop of Winchester, having consented thereto.

Union of parishes

1. The parish of Ashmansworth, the parish of Crux Easton, the parish of East Woodhay and the parish of Woolton Hill, being four of the five parishes which comprise the area of The North West Hampshire Benefice in the diocese of Winchester, shall be united to create a new parish which shall be named "The North West Hampshire Parish".

Parish churches and number of churchwardens

2. (1) The church of Saint James, being the parish church of the parish of Ashmansworth, the church of Saint Michael and All Angels, being the parish church of the parish of Crux Easton, the church of Saint Martin, being the parish church of the parish of East Woodhay, and the church of Saint Thomas, being the parish church of the parish of Woolton Hill, shall all be parish churches of the new parish.

 (2) The number of churchwardens to be appointed for The North West Hampshire Parish created pursuant to clause 2(1) hereof shall be five, of which the parish church of Saint Martin, East Woodhay shall have two, with the other three parish churches having one each.

Archdeaconry and deanery

3. The new parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Winchester and the deanery of Whitchurch.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

4. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Professor Christopher David Hancock holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the parishes referred to in clause 1 hereof he shall, in consequence of the union of parishes effected by the scheme hold that office subject to the same terms of service in The North West Hampshire Parish.

 (2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the parishes referred to in clause 1 hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the union of

events and other fund-raising and in reaching non-churchgoers where they are, which means 'online' in all its facets; and capitalise more effectively on the wider community's interest in and affection for our wonderful church buildings, both to empower fund-raising activities and to increase regular giving.

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, they will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop and ask for his views. Individual representors will then receive copies of their correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to the Commissioners on the issues raised in their original letter 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.

Clause 4(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 union of the parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new parish. 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.

Number of churchwardens for the new parish

Clause 2(2) limits the number of churchwardens to the proposed new parish to five notwithstanding that there will be four parish churches in it. Section 41(5) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 allows for such a provision which takes precedence over the Churchwardens Measure 2001 requirement that each parish church has two churchwardens.

It is the diocesan intention that there will be one churchwarden at St Thomas, Woolton Hill; one churchwarden at St James, Ashmansworth; and one churchwarden at St Michael and All Angels, Crux Easton. St Martin, East Woodhay will continue to have two churchwardens. The five churchwardens will, however, legally be churchwardens of the whole new parish notwithstanding this arrangement.