

## ***Draft Pastoral Scheme for the proposed Headingley Team Ministry***

*The draft scheme has been edited and summarised in places in view of space and readability for the magazine. The full version is available at both Churches and may be sent out to individuals on request.*

### **SUMMARY**

This draft scheme provides for the union of the benefice of Saint Michael's, Headingley and the benefice of Saint Chad's, Far Headingley in the Diocese of Ripon and Leeds and for the establishment of a team ministry for the new Benefice of the Headingley Team Ministry. It also provides for the cure of souls in the new Benefice to be shared by a Team Rector and a Team Vicar, for the appointment of the Team Rector and the Team Vicar, for the housing arrangements for the team and for the future patronage arrangements for the new Benefice.

### ***DRAFT PASTORAL SCHEME***

#### **Union of Benefices**

The Benefice of Saint Michael's, Headingley and the Benefice of Saint Chad's, Far Headingley in the diocese of Ripon and Leeds shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Headingley Team Ministry". The area of the new Benefice shall comprise the parish of Saint Michael, Headingley and the parish of Saint Chad, Far Headingley which parishes shall continue distinct.

#### **Archdeaconry and Deanery**

The new Benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the Archdeaconry of Leeds and the Deanery of Headingley.

#### **Establishment of the team ministry**

A team ministry shall be established for the area of the new Benefice. 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. That area shall be in the pastoral care of those who are to share the cure of souls together with all other persons who are authorised to serve in that area as members of the team.

#### **The offices of Rector and Vicar in the team ministry**

If Revd Tony Whatmough is licensed by the Bishop to serve within the Benefice of Headingley at the time of the scheme coming into operation, he shall be the first Rector in the new team. If Revd Tom Lusty is licensed to serve within the area of the benefice of Saint Chad, Far Headingley at the time of the scheme coming into operation he shall be the first Vicar in the team.

#### **Team Council**

The Bishop will make provision for the possible establishment of a team council at some time in the near future, and allow for some of the functions of the PCC of each parish to be delegated to this council.

#### **Places of Residence**

The Rector and Vicar shall reside in the parsonage house of the Benefice of Headingley (16 Shire Oak Road LS6 2DE) and the parsonage house of the Benefice of Far Headingley (St Chad's Vicarage LS16 5JT) or any other conveniently situated house / houses.

#### **Patronage**

Lord Grimthorpe and the Rector of Leeds are to continue as the Patrons of St Chad's and St Michael's parishes respectively.

**The rationale behind the Diocesan proposals is as follows:**

The current Diocesan policy is to provide each Deanery with a figure for the number of clergy available to them for deployment. In view of the reduction in available stipendiary clergy this means that Deaneries need to identify where pastoral reorganisation can best be made for the use of stipendiary clergy and the ongoing ministry of the Church. The Deanery, along with the parishes concerned, have suggested the union of these two Benefices following a period of time when they have worked together informally. The Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee sees this as a good way forward for the mission of the Church in this area.

Publication of this draft scheme has been approved by the Church Commissioners. If they receive representations against the draft scheme, they will send all representations to the Bishop and ask for his views. Individual representors will then receive copies of their correspondence with the Bishop and they may comment further in writing to the Commissioners on the issues raised if they so wish. If there are no representations against the draft Scheme, the Commissioners will make the formal scheme and arrange for it to be brought into effect.