

SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT PROPSALS

These draft proposals provide for the union of the benefice of Headingley and the benefice of Far Headingley St Chad and the union of their respective parishes in the diocese of Ripon & Leeds and for the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice of ?????? Team Ministry.

It also provides for 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 one team vicar, for the housing arrangements for the team and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice.

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this day of
2012 in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1983, the Right Reverend John, Bishop of Ripon & Leeds, having consented thereto.

Union of benefices and Parishes

1. The benefice of Headingley and the benefice of Far Headingley St Chad in the diocese of Ripon & Leeds shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named the ?????????? Team Ministry.
2. The parish of Headingley and the parish of Far Headingley St Chad, shall also be united to create a new parish which shall be named "The Parish of ??????????" and shall comprise the area of the new benefice.

Parish church[es]

3. (1) The parish churches of the new parish shall be the churches of St Michael, Headingley and St Chad Far Headingley.

Archdeaconry and deanery

4. The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Leeds and the deanery of Headingley.

Establishment of team ministry

5. (1) A team ministry (to be known as "The ?????? Team Ministry" shall be established for the area of the new benefice.
(2) 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 two other ministers, each of whom shall have the title of vicar and a status equal to that of an incumbent of a benefice.
(3) 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.

The office of rector in the team ministry

6. If immediately before the scheme establishing the team ministry comes into operation the Reverend Anthony Whatmough is licensed by the Bishop to serve within the area of the benefice of Headingley, he shall be the first rector.

Presentation of rector

7. (1) Subject to clause 4 hereof, the rector shall be presented by a patronage board (to be known as "The ?????? Team Ministry Patronage Board") constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

OR

7. Subject to clause 4 hereof, the right to present the rector shall be exercised in a recurring series of two or three successive turns and in every series of turns the third turn shall be exercised by Lord Grimthorpe and the first and second turns jointly by the Rector of Leeds in his corporate capacity and the Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Board of Patronage.

The office of vicar in the team ministry

8. 1) Subject to clause 9 hereof, the Vicar in the Team Ministry shall be chosen by the Bishop and the Rector jointly.

(2) 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 a 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 a 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 a vicar a general responsibility to be shared with the rector for the cure of souls in the said area as a whole

9. If immediately before the scheme establishing the team ministry comes into operation, the Reverend Thomas Peter Lusty is licensed by the Bishop to serve within the area of the benefice of Far Headingley he shall hold the office of vicar in the team ministry.

The following is optional

Representation of the laity

10. The Bishop may by Instrument under his hand, with the concurrence of the rector, make provision-

- (a) for ensuring due representation of the congregation of each church or place of worship on the parochial church council of the parish of ???????;
- (b) for the election of a district church council for any district in the said parish in which a church or place of worship is situated and for the constitution, chairmanship and procedure of that council;
- (c) for the functions of the parochial church council of the said parish which must or may be delegated to the district church council;
- (d) for the election or choice of deputy churchwardens for any church or place of worship and for the functions of churchwardens of the said parish which must or may be delegated to the deputy churchwardens;

being provisions to the same effect as those which may be made by a scheme under the Church Representation Rules in the like case.

Places of residence

11. (1) The parsonage house of the benefice of Headingley shall be the place of residence of the Rector.

(2) Subject to the direction of the Bishop given from time to time after consultation with the Rector and Vicar in the Team Ministry, the said Rector and Vicar shall severally reside in:-

- a) the parsonage house of the benefice of Headingley
- b) the house and premises known as St Chad's Vicarage, Otley Road, Leeds
- c) such other conveniently situated house or houses as may, with the Bishop's approval, be provided in substitution therefor.

Transfer of parsonage house

12. The parsonage house of the benefice of Far Headingley St Chad, together with the sites and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, shall be transferred to the Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance to be held by the said Board in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 9 of Schedule 3 to the Pastoral Measure 1983, for diocesan purposes.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

13. This Scheme shall take effect upon the first day of the month following the making by the Church Commissioners of a pastoral scheme prepared in pursuance of these proposals.

SCHEDULE

Constitution of the ??????? Team Ministry Patronage Board

The patronage board referred to in clauses 7 of this Scheme shall consist of:- the following in right of their respective offices:-

- a) the Bishop of Ripon & Leeds, 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 Rector of Leeds
- c) Lord Grimthorpe
- d) the Ripon & Leeds Diocesan Board of Patronage which shall be represented at any meeting of the Board by one member of the said Diocesan Board of Patronage authorised to act and vote on behalf of the said Board, who shall have one vote.
- e) every vicar in the team ministry, any member of the team to whom section 20(3A) of the 1983 Measure applies and any person having special responsibility for pastoral care under section 20(8A) of the 1983 Measure who shall jointly have one vote which shall be exercised by such one of them or such two or more of them (acting unanimously or by a majority) as may be present at the meeting in question;

In witness whereof the Church Commissioners have caused their Common Seal to be hereunto affixed.

SIGNED by the Right Reverend John)
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Bishop of Ripon & Leeds)

Executed as a Deed by the affixing of the)
Common Seal of the Church)
Commissioners in the presence of:-)

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

Notes by the Diocesan office (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

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 based upon the diocesan “Sheffield” figure. 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 four benefices following a period of time when they have worked together in an informal cluster arrangement. The Diocesan Mission & 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 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.

NOTES:

Team chapter and team

1. 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 1(3) will constitute the team.
2. 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 (unless a team council or joint parochial church council has been established in which case such approval shall be by representatives of the team or joint parochial church council) and the Bishop.
3. Paragraph 2(6) of Schedule 3 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 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.
4. Paragraph 2(7)(a) of Schedule 3 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 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 (unless a team council has been established in which case such approval shall be by representatives of the team) and the Bishop.

[Representation of the laity]

5. The Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 stipulates that any provision[s] for [the representation of the laity] [and] [a team council] shall cease to have effect not later than five years from the date on which the scheme establishing the team ministry comes into effect. It would, however, be possible under the Church Representation Rules to make similar provision[s] for an unlimited period.

Transfer of Parsonage Houses

6. Under paragraph 10 diocesan purposes is defined as using the parsonage house of the benefice Far Headingley St Chad, for housing a member of the team or a curate or lay person licensed to the benefice.