

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

This draft Scheme provides for:

- (i) the transfer of the parish of Sopley from the benefice of Burton and Sopley to the benefice of Bransgore and Hinton Admiral where it shall continue distinct;*
- (ii) subject to (i) above the union of the enlarged benefice of Bransgore and Hinton Admiral and the benefice of St John, Burley Ville (also known locally as Burley) (their constituent parishes to continue distinct), the appointment of the Rev Dr Ben Sargent as its first incumbent and for his parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Bransgore and Hinton Admiral, for the parsonage house of the benefice of Burley to be transferred to the Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice; and*
- (iii) the union of the benefice of Mundeford and the reduced benefice of Burton and Sopley (less Sopley) (their constituent parishes to continue distinct), the selection of the first incumbent of the new benefice and for his/her parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Mundeford, for the parsonage house of the benefice of Burton and Sopley to be transferred to the Winchester DBF for diocesan purposes and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice*
in the diocese of Winchester.

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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 Deborah,
Bishop of Southampton, duly appointed in that behalf pursuant to section 13 of the
Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, having consented thereto.

Transfer of parish of Sopley

1. The parish of Sopley, being one of the two parishes comprising the area of the benefice of Burton and Sopley in the diocese of Winchester, shall be transferred to the benefice of Bransgore and Hinton Admiral in the same diocese where it shall continue distinct.

Creation of new benefice of New Forest Edge

2. (1) Subject to clause 1 hereof, the benefice of Bransgore and Hinton Admiral and the benefice of Saint John, Burley Ville (also known locally as Burley) in the diocese of Winchester shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of New Forest Edge", and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Saint Mary, Bransgore (the name of which shall be altered to "The Parish of Bransgore"), the parish of Hinton Admiral, the parish of Sopley and the parish of Saint John, Burley Ville (the name of which shall be altered to "The Parish of "Burley"), which parishes shall continue distinct.

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

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Doctor Benjamin Charles Sargent holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of Bransgore and Hinton Admiral he shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(4) The parsonage house of the benefice of Bransgore and Hinton Admiral (known as The Vicarage, Ringwood Road, Bransgore, Christchurch, BH23 8JH) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

(5) The parsonage house of the benefice of Saint John, Burley Ville (known as The Vicarage, Church Lane, Burley, Ringwood, BH24 4AP), 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 Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

(6) Subject to clause 2(3) hereof, the right of presentation to the new benefice shall on each occasion be exercised jointly by James Gray Jesson, Esquire, of 6, Bishops Avenue, London, E13 0RB; Sir George Meyrick, care of Meyrick Estate Management Limited, Estate Office, Bodorgan, LL62 5LP; and the corporate body established for the Cathedral and Metropolitan Church of Christ Canterbury.

Creation of The River Mude Benefice

3. (1) The benefice of Mundeford and, subject to clause 1 hereof, the benefice of Burton and Sopley in the diocese of Winchester shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The River Mude Benefice", and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Mundeford and the parish of Saint Luke, Burton (the name of which shall be altered to "The Parish of "Burton"), which parishes shall continue distinct.

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

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person has been licensed by the Bishop to serve within the area of the benefice of Mundeford as priest-in-charge that person shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice. However, if immediately before this Scheme comes into operation no such person has been so licensed the first incumbent of the new benefice may be selected by the Bishop after consultation with the parochial church councils of the parishes in the area of the new benefice.

(4) The parsonage house of the benefice of Mundeford (known as 22, Kestrel Drive, Christchurch, BH23 4DE) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

(5) The parsonage house of the benefice of Burton and Sopley (known as Vicarage, Preston Lane, Burton, Christchurch, BH23 7JU), 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 Winchester Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

(6) Subject to clause 3(3) hereof, the patronage of the new benefice shall be vested in the Bishop of Winchester in his/her corporate capacity.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

4. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend John Christopher Garton Ash holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in the benefice of Saint John, Burley Ville he 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 of New Forest Edge.

Following on from successful *SDF funded pilot schemes for the rural 'benefice of the future', these discussions all formed part of an intentional move to create larger rural benefices which would be led and resourced by 'benefice ministry teams' consisting of ordained and lay ministers, retired clergy, and those with the Bishop's Commission for Mission.

Following extensive local consultation, a house-for-duty post will be appointed to work alongside the incumbent of the River Mude Benefice, living in the Burton property (in Preston Lane, Burton) which, via these proposals, will be transferred to the WDBF for diocesan purposes (as it is not possible for a benefice to have more than one parsonage house at any given time).

A house-for-duty priest will also be appointed to work alongside the incumbent of the proposed New Forest Edge benefice, living in the Burley property (at Church Lane, Burley) which, via these proposals, will be transferred to the WDBF for diocesan purposes.

* = Strategic Development Funding

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.

Clause 1 – transfer of the parish of Sopley

This clause is purely for ease of drafting purposes to enable the enlarged benefice of Bransgore and Hinton Admiral to be then immediately united with the Burley benefice.

Altering the names of certain parishes

The legal names of the parishes of St Mary, Bransgore; St John, Burley Ville; and St Luke, Burton are being amended to bring them in line with local/common usage.

Selection of first incumbent – clause 3(3)

It is intended to appoint a priest-in-charge to the existing Mudeford benefice as soon as possible and this clause has been included to allow the priest-in-charge to become the first incumbent of the proposed the River Mude Benefice. The parishes concerned will be fully consulted over the appointment of the priest-in-charge. If it is not possible

to appoint a priest-in-charge before the Scheme comes into effect the first incumbent of the new benefice may then either be selected by the Bishop under the authority contained in clause 3(3) or appointed under the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986, depending on how far the process of appointing a priest-in-charge has progressed.

Patronage matters

The patronage of the existing benefice of Bransgore and Hinton Admiral is exercised jointly by Mr James Gray Jesson and Sir George Meyrick.

The patronage of the existing benefice of Burton and Sopley is exercised in a series of three successive turns by the Bishop of Winchester (one turn – and historical patron of Burton) and Canterbury Cathedral (two turns – and historical patron of Sopley).

The patronage of the benefice of Burley is vested in the incumbent of the benefice of Ringwood with Ellingham and Harbridge and St Leonards and St Ives in their corporate capacity, which interest the benefice's last incumbent agreed to relinquish in the proposed arrangements. Clause 2(6) therefore makes provision for the joint patrons of the proposed New Forest Edge benefice to be Mr Gray Jesson, Sir George Meyrick and Canterbury Cathedral.

The patronage of the existing benefice of Mudeford belongs to the Bishop of Winchester in right of their office (with patronage rights to Burton being historically held by the Bishop too). Therefore, the sole patron of the River Mude Benefice will be the Bishop of Winchester.

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 benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in either of the new benefices 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.