

NOTICE

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme

20/02/2024

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

- *the dissolution of the benefice of Holme-in-Cliviger Saint John with Worsthorne Saint John the Evangelist and the benefice of Saint James, Briercliffe;*
- *the disposal of the parsonage house of the benefice of Saint James, Briercliffe;*
- *the creation of the new benefice of Briercliffe Saint James and Worsthorne Saint John the Evangelist, its area comprising the parish of Saint James, Briercliffe and the parish of Saint John, Worsthorne which shall continue distinct, the parsonage house of the new benefice and for the future patronage arrangements of the new benefice;*
- *the creation of the new benefice of Holme-in-Cliviger Saint John, its area comprising the parish of Saint John, Holme, and for the future patronage arrangements of the new benefice.*

A copy of the draft Scheme may be inspected at every parish church, chapel of ease and licensed place of worship in the affected parishes.

You may also access the draft Scheme on the Commissioners' website at www.ccpastoral.org or obtain or inspect a copy during normal office hours by applying to 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) in writing or by email to reach them no later than **Tuesday 2nd April 2024**.
- Please send your representation marked for the attention of James Davidson-Brett Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ (e-mail: james.davidson-brett@churchofengland.org). If they have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please call 0207 898 1687 or e-mail 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

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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.

- 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 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.
- When the Commissioners acknowledge representations they will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of the 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 the Scheme should proceed, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- Please see www.ccpastoral.org for further information about the procedure.

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