

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

This draft Scheme provides for:

- *the dissolution of the benefices of Chase; Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston and Bryanston; and Sixpenny Handley with Gussage Saint Andrew and Pentridge;*
- *the creation of the new benefice of Long Barrow, for the parsonage house of the new benefice to be that of the benefice of Chase, and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;*
- *the creation of the new benefice of Upper Chase, for the parsonage house of the new benefice to be that of Sixpenny Handley with Gussage Saint Andrew and Pentridge, and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice; and*
- *for the transfer to the Salisbury DBF of the parsonage of the benefice of Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston and Bryanston for disposal;*

all within the diocese of Salisbury.

DRAFT
PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this day of 202
in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, the Right Reverend Stephen,
Bishop of Salisbury (“the Bishop”), having consented thereto.

Dissolution of benefices and disposal of parsonage house

1. (1) The benefice of Chase, the benefice of Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston and Bryanston, and the benefice of Sixpenny Handley with Gussage Saint Andrew and Pentridge in the diocese of Salisbury shall be dissolved.

(2) The parsonage house of the benefice of Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston and Bryanston (known as The Vicarage, Shaston Road, Stourpaine, Blandford Forum, DT11 8TA), together with the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, shall without any conveyance or any other assurance be transferred to the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Finance for disposal.

Creation of new benefice of Long Barrow

2. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Long Barrow", which shall be a rectory, shall be created in the diocese of Salisbury, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Durweston and Bryanston, the parish of Pimperne, the parish of Stourpaine, the parish of Tarrant Gunville, the parish of Tarrant Hinton, and the parish of Tarrant Monkton with Launceston (the name of which shall be altered to “The Parish of Tarrant Monkton with Tarrant Launceston”), which parishes shall continue distinct.

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Dorset and the deanery of Milton and Blandford.

(3) The parsonage house of the benefice of Chase (known as The Rectory, Church Hill, Tarrant Hinton, Blandford Forum, DT11 8JB) shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice in their corporate capacity as their official residence.

(4) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall be exercised alternately by the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Patronage, and the corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Salisbury who shall jointly have the first turn, and the Master and Fellows of the College of the University, commonly called the University College Oxford, and the Master, Fellows and Scholars of the College or Hall of Valence Mary, commonly called Pembroke College in the University of Cambridge, who shall jointly have the second turn.

Creation of new benefice of Upper Chase

3. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Upper Chase", which shall be a rectory, shall be created in the diocese of Salisbury, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Chettle, the parish of Farnham, the parish of Pentridge, the parish of Sixpenny Handley with Gussage Saint Andrew, and the parish of Tollard Royal, which parishes shall continue distinct.

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Dorset and the deanery of Milton and Blandford.

(3) The parsonage house of the benefice of Sixpenny Handley with Gussage Saint Andrew and Pentridge (known as The Vicarage, 60 High Street, Sixpenny Handley, Salisbury, SP5 5ND) shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice in their corporate capacity as their official residence.

(4) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall be exercised in a recurring series of five successive turns of which the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Patronage, the Dean and Canons of the King's Free Chapel of Saint George within His Castle of Windsor, the Church Society Trust (whose registered office is at Church Society, 15 Grange Court, Cambridge, CB3 9DB); and Thomas Sweet-Escott Esq. of Chettle House, Chettle, Blandford Forum, DT11 8DB, shall jointly have the first, second, fourth and fifth turns and the Lord Chancellor on behalf of His Majesty in right of His Crown shall have the third turn.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

4. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the benefices referred to in clause 1(1) hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the dissolution of those benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Long Barrow and/or the new benefice of Upper Chase, as the Bishop shall direct.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

5. This Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of it being made by the Church Commissioners.

In witness of which this Scheme has been duly executed as a deed by the Church Commissioners.

SIGNED by the)
Right Reverend Stephen,)
Bishop of Salisbury)

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England

acting by two authorised signatories:

Signature of Authorised Signatory

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

The rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

Milton and Blandford Deanery have been exploring a way forward for the benefices for some time. After local consultation with the PCCs, the proposal to create two benefices from the 11 parishes has been agreed as the most suitable way forward. This is supported by the Dorset Archidiaconal Mission and Pastoral Committee.

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.

Parsonage house of the new benefice of Long Barrow

It is intended to move the parsonage house to Pimperne, subject to a new house being purchased. In the meantime, the parsonage house will be in Tarrant Hinton as it is currently the most suitable. This was agreed during a meeting of the Archdeacon and PCCs. Any future change will be subject to the provisions of the Church Property Measure 2018.

Churches, places of worship 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.

New benefices, and renamed parish of Tarrant Monkton with Launceston

The draft scheme provides for the new benefices to be rectories. The three current benefices are rectories and therefore this continuation has been preserved. The incumbents of the new benefices will therefore be Rectors.

The scheme alters the name of the parish of Tarrant Monkton with Launceston to Tarrant Monkton with Tarrant Launceston in accordance with the wishes of the parish.

Patronage arrangements for the new benefices

The Benefice of Chase was created in 2001 by the union of the Benefice of Tarrant Valley and the Benefice of Tollard Royal with Farnham, Gussage St Michael and Gussage All Saints, Ashmore and Chettle. This scheme also transferred the parish of Ashmore to the benefice of Iwerne Valley.

The parishes of Gussage St Michael and Gussage All Saints were united and transferred to the benefice of Knowlton Circle in 2022.

In this proposed scheme, the parishes of the benefice of Chase will revert to their previous benefice groupings (without the parishes of the Gussages and Ashmore). The interests of the Patrons will move in line with these groupings to ensure the historical parish connection is preserved.

The new arrangements will also ensure the current Patrons of both the benefice of Pimperne, Stourpaine, Durweston and Bryanston and the benefice of Sixpenny Handley with Gussage Saint Andrew and Pentridge retain their current share in the patronage.

The Bishop of Salisbury, Archdeacon of Dorset and Rural Dean of Milton and Blandford have consented to relinquish their patronage rights as the Salisbury Diocesan Board of Patronage will hold rights in both new benefices.

Clause 4

This clause has been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the dissolution of the benefices hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in one or both of the new benefices. 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.