



NOTICE

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 Draft Pastoral Scheme

20th September 2024

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

the union of the benefice of Bere Ferrers, the benefice of Peter Tavy and Mary Tavy, the benefice of Tavistock, Gulworthy and Brent Tor and the benefice of Whitchurch (their constituent parishes to remain distinct) in the diocese of Exeter and for the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice of Bere Ferrers with Bere Alston, Brent Tor, Gulworthy, Mary Tavy, Peter Tavy, Tavistock and Whitchurch. It also provides for the cure of souls in the new benefice to be shared by a team rector and one team vicar, for their appointment, for the housing arrangements for the team and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice.

The draft Scheme is available on the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from your local clergy/PCC or from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.**

- Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) by post or, preferably, by email to reach the Commissioners no later than midnight on **Monday 4th November 2024**. **Please send your representation by e-mail to rex.andrew@churchofengland.org or in a letter marked for the attention of Mr Rex Andrew, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ.**
- If the Commissioners have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before the deadline, please ring (tel. 020 7898 1743) or email Mr Andrew 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 for whom they can identify an address – “the primary petitioner”.
- When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether

you would like an opportunity to speak to their Committee regarding your representation if the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held regarding the case. Please ensure you provide contact information so that they can be in touch with you regarding later stages of the process.

- 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 normally be published on the Commissioners' website if the matter needs to be considered by them.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners that considers the case, and representors may have an opportunity to speak to their Committee. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.
- When they acknowledge representations, the Commissioners will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of their Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Commissioners will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when they consider 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, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.
- Please see the Commissioners' website www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure.

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