



20th September 2024

Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
Diocese of Exeter
Benefice of Bere Ferrers
Benefice of Peter Tavy and Mary Tavy
Benefice of Tavistock, Gulworthy and Brent Tor
Benefice of Whitchurch

The Acting Bishop of Exeter has asked us to prepare a draft Pastoral Scheme in respect of pastoral proposals affecting these benefices.

I attach a copy of the draft Scheme and a glossary of terms used, together with the Notice. I am sending a copy to all the statutory interested parties, as the Mission and Pastoral Measure requires, and others who have expressed an interest in the proposals.

Any individual or group may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) by post or, preferably, by email to the Church Commissioners at the following address no later than midnight on **Monday 4th November 2024**.

Mr Rex Andrew
Church Commissioners
Church House
Great Smith Street
London SW1P 3AZ
([email rex.andrew@churchofengland.org](mailto:rex.andrew@churchofengland.org)) (tel. 020 7898 1743)

If the Commissioners have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring or email them to ensure that it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and they 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”.

If the Commissioners do not receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will make the Scheme and it will come into effect as it provides. A copy of the completed Scheme will be sent to you together with a note of its effective date.

If the Commissioners receive any representations against the draft Scheme, they will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Acting Bishop, whose views will be sought. Individual

representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the Commissioners' correspondence with the Acting Bishop (including copies of all the representations). They and individual petitioners may comment further. 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.

Those making representations should indicate whether they would like an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners regarding their representations in the event the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held. Their meetings are normally held at Church House, Westminster, or on occasion virtually via 'Zoom'. If a hearing is held, they will let you know the arrangements for attending (in person or virtually) and details will also appear on their website. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private, and you will be informed accordingly.

When the Commissioners acknowledge representations, they will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of their Committee's meetings. They will confirm the actual date of any hearing 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 their staff and any points raised at the meeting. If the Commissioners do so decide, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.

You will be informed of the Commissioners' decision and the reasons for it.

Please see www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure.

PCC Secretaries, Incumbents/Priests-in-Charge and persons taking services during the Notice Period should refer to the relevant notes below for important additional information concerning them.

Sophie

Notes

1. PCC Secretaries (or, in case of a vacancy in this role, a Churchwarden or other delegated person)

The draft Scheme is sent to you as PCC Secretary. Please ensure that it is drawn to the attention of the other PCC members so the PCC as a body is able to make any comments on the draft if it wishes.

You are required as soon as possible to:

- i) print and display the Notice (***please display single-sided where possible***) at or near the main door of **every** parish church, chapel of ease or licensed place of worship in your parish; if you are unable to print the Notice please get in touch with Sara Ashton (contact details below) and she will make arrangements for copies to be sent to you for display;
- ii) make arrangements for the Announcement (see 2. below) to be made at as many services as possible at every parish church, chapel of ease or licensed

place of worship in your parish where a service is held during the notice period (including any that are 'streamed').

Please email or telephone confirmation to Sara Ashton (sara.ashton@exeter.anglican.org / 01392 294 931) as soon as you have displayed the Notice and made arrangements for the announcements to be made. Do not wait until the end of the notice period before confirming this.

Although the following are not legal requirements, to ensure that as many of those who habitually attend public worship, as is practicable, are aware of the contents of the Notice, you are also encouraged to take (or make arrangements for), where possible, such of the following steps as is appropriate in your parish:

- i) insert the Notice in the parish magazine or newsletter;
- ii) display the draft Scheme with the Notice at every parish church, chapel of ease or licensed place of worship in your parish;
- iii) use Facebook/social media posts;
- iv) send emails; and
- v) spread by word of mouth, including pastoral telephone calls.

Please make a note of what you have been able to do regarding steps i) to v) above in case the consultation process is queried.

If you are no longer the PCC Secretary, please pass this communication to the current Secretary and let me have a note of his or her name and e-mail/postal address.

2. The Announcement

Anybody taking services (including those that are 'streamed') during the Notice Period should ensure that the following announcement is made.

“A Notice giving the objects of proposed pastoral reorganisation affecting this parish has or will be displayed near the main door and on the Church of England website. The Notice includes the last date by which representations regarding the proposed reorganisation may be made to the Church Commissioners.”

PCC Secretaries – please note that it is essential that:

- i) Notices are displayed; and

ii) arrangements are made for Announcements.

3. Incumbents/Priests-in-Charge

Please ensure that the required Notices are displayed, and Announcements made.

If a PCC Secretary is not able to carry out these requirements, please could you arrange for these matters to be dealt with as soon as possible. Please also let me know if there has been a recent change of Secretary in any of the parishes.

4. Circulation List

The Acting Bishop of Exeter

The Bishop of Plymouth

The Archdeacon of Plymouth

The Patron of the benefice of Bere Ferrers:

The Exeter Diocesan Board of Patronage, c/o Miss Sara Ashton, Secretary

The Patron of the benefice of Peter Tavy and Mary Tavy:

The Trustees of the Guild of All Souls, c/o Ms Vicky Cole, General Secretary

The Patron of the benefice of Tavistock, Gulworthy and Brent Tor; and of the benefice of Whitchurch:

His Majesty the King in Right of His Crown as Guardian of the temporalities during the vacancy in the See of Exeter

The Parochial Church Councils, c/o the PCC Secretaries:

Mrs Susan Belfield, Secretary to Bere Ferrers PCC

Mrs Annabel Roberts, Secretary to Mary Tavy PCC

Mr Steve Carreck, Secretary to Peter Tavy PCC

Mrs Christine Everitt, Secretary to Tavistock PCC

Mrs Gillian Reed, Secretary to Gulworthy PCC

Mrs Wendy Roderick, Secretary to Brent Tor PCC

Mrs Lynne Dutton, Secretary to Whitchurch PCC

The Clergy instituted or licensed to the benefices:

The Revd Nicholas Law, Rector of Bere Ferrers

The Revd Matthew Godfrey, Priest-in-Charge of Tavistock, Gulworthy and Brent Tor

The Revd Judith Blowey, Assistant Curate in the benefice of Tavistock, Gulworthy and Brent Tor

The Revd Dr Hazel Butland, Assistant Curate in the benefice of Tavistock, Gulworthy and Brent Tor

The Revd Karen Sharland, Assistant Curate in the benefice of Bere Ferrers

The Revd Andrew Thomas, Rural Dean of Tavistock Deanery

Mrs Annie Jefferies, Lay Chair of Tavistock Deanery Synod

Mrs Alison Stock, Diocesan Registrar