

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

This draft Scheme provides for:

- *the termination of the group ministry established for the benefice of Great and Little Bealings with Playford and Culpho and the benefice of Carlford;*
- *the dissolution of the benefice of Great and Little Bealings with Playford and Culpho and the transfer of its parsonage house to the diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes;*
- *the creation of the new benefice of Carlford (its area to now also include the parish of Culpho), with the constituent parishes all continuing distinct; for the selection of the first incumbent; for the parsonage house to be that of the old benefice of Carlford and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;*
- *the creation of the new benefice of Kesgrave with Little Bealings and Playford (the constituent parishes all continuing distinct), for the appointment of the first incumbent of the new benefice and for his parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Kesgrave and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;*
- *the creation of the new benefice of Woodbridge Saint Mary with Great Bealings (the constituent parishes continuing distinct), for the appointment of the first incumbent of the new benefice and for his parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Woodbridge Saint Mary and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;*
- *terminating the Woodbridge Group Ministry that was established in 2000 and replacing it with a new one*

all in the diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich.

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners (“the Commissioners”) this day of 20 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 (“the 2011 Measure”), the Right Reverend Martin, Bishop Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich, having consented thereto.

Termination of group ministry, dissolution of benefice and transfer of parsonage house

1. (1) The group ministry established by a Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the 2011 Measure on the 9th day of January 2013 for the benefice of Great and Little Bealings with Playford and Culpho and the benefice of Carlford in the diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich shall be terminated.

(2) The benefice of Great and Little Bealings with Playford and Culpho in the said diocese shall be dissolved.

(3) The parsonage house of the benefice of Great and Little Bealings with Playford and Culpho (known as 5, Brook Lane, Playford, Ipswich, IP6 9DY), 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 Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

Creation of new benefice of Culpho

2. (1) A new benefice which shall be named “The Benefice of Culpho” shall be created in the said diocese, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Culpho.

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Suffolk and the deanery of Woodbridge.

(3) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall be vested in the Right Honourable the Lord Cranworth (“Lord Cranworth”), of Boulge House, Boulge, Woodbridge, IP13 6BW.

Creation of new benefice of Carlford

3. (1) The new benefice of Culpho created pursuant to clause 2(1) hereof and the benefice of Carlford (“the old benefice of Carlford”) in the said diocese shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named “The Benefice of Carlford” and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Ashbocking, the parish of Boulge, the parish of Burgh, the parish of Clopton, the parish of Culpho, the parish of Grundisburgh, the parish of Hasketon, the parish of Otley and the parish of Swilland, which parishes shall continue distinct.

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

(3) The first incumbent of the new benefice shall be selected by Her Majesty in right of Her Crown and exercisable by the Lord Chancellor on Her behalf after consultation with the parochial church councils of the parishes in the area of the new benefice.

(4) The parsonage house of the old benefice of Carlford (known as: The Rectory, Woodbridge Road, Grundisburgh, Woodbridge, IP13 6UF) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice

(5) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall be exercised in a recurring series of three successive turns of which the Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich in his corporate capacity; the Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich Diocesan Board of Patronage; and Lord Cranworth shall jointly have the first and second turns; and Her Majesty in right of Her Crown and exercisable by the Lord Chancellor on Her behalf shall have the third turn.

Creation of new benefice of Little Bealings and Playford

4. (1) A new benefice which shall be named “The Benefice of Little Bealings and Playford” shall be created in the said diocese, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Little Bealings and the parish of Playford, which parishes shall continue distinct.

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

(3) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall be vested in the Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich in his corporate capacity.

Creation of new benefice of Kesgrave with Little Bealings and Playford

5. (1) The new benefice of Little Bealings and Playford created pursuant to clause 4(1) hereof and the benefice of Kesgrave in the said diocese shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named “The Benefice of Kesgrave with Little Bealings and Playford” in the said diocese, and the area of the new benefice shall

comprise the parish of Kesgrave, the parish of Little Bealings and the parish of Playford, which parishes shall continue distinct.

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

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Robin Spittle holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of Kesgrave he shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(4) The parsonage house of the benefice of Kesgrave (known as The Vicarage, 18, Bell Lane, Kesgrave, Ipswich, IP5 1JQ) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

(5) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall be vested in the Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich in his corporate capacity.

Creation of new benefice of Great Bealings

6. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Great Bealings" shall be created in the said diocese, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Great Bealings.

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Suffolk and the deanery of Woodbridge.

(3) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall be vested in the Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich in his corporate capacity.

Creation of new benefice of Woodbridge Saint Mary with Great Bealings

7. (1) The new benefice of Great Bealings created pursuant to clause 6(1) hereof and the benefice of Woodbridge Saint Mary shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Woodbridge Saint Mary with Great Bealings" in the said diocese, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Woodbridge Saint Mary and the parish of Great Bealings, which parishes shall continue distinct.

(2) The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Suffolk and the deanery of Woodbridge

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Nigel John Prior holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of Woodbridge Saint Mary and/or the benefice of Great and Little Bealings with Playford and Culpho he shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(3) The parsonage house of the benefice of Woodbridge Saint Mary (known as Saint Mary's Rectory, 11, Church Street, Woodbridge, IP12 1DS) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

(4) The right of presentation to the new benefice shall be vested in the Bishop of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich in his corporate capacity.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

8. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Mark Charles Stewart Cresswell holds the office of assistant curate in the old benefice of Carlford he shall, in consequence of the dissolution of benefices effected by the Scheme, hold that office subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Carlford.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Gary Jones holds the office of assistant curate in the benefice of Kesgrave he shall, in consequence of the dissolution of benefices effected by the Scheme, hold that office subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Kesgrave with Little Bealings and Playford.

Signature of Authorised Signatory

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Notes (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

The Commissioners have been told by the Bishop on the advice of his Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee that the rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

Following the resignation of the last priest-in-charge of the benefice of Great and Little Bealings with Playford and Culpho, the Woodbridge deanery pastoral committee and synod have resolved, following a suggestion from the four PCCs, to dissolve the benefice and transfer its parishes to neighbouring benefices. Parishioners within the existing benefice of Great and Little Bealings with Playford and Culpho look to their neighbours for schooling, shopping and cultural ties and events (Culpho and Grundisburgh share a parish council) and so this is deemed to be an appropriate and acceptable proposal.

Publication of this draft Scheme by the Commissioners does not mean that we have taken a view on the merits of the diocesan case. We have a duty to publish draft Schemes based on diocesan proposals.

If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors will then receive copies of our correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to us in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

If there are no representations against the draft Scheme, we will make the Scheme and arrange for it to be brought into effect.

Clauses 2, 4 and 6

The three new (temporary) benefices are being created purely for ease of drafting purposes as they are then united with other benefices.

Clause 8(4)

The above 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 effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in 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.

Clause 1(3)

The parsonage house of the benefice of Great and Little Bealings with Playford and Culpho (known as 5, Brook Lane, Playford, Ipswich, IP6 9DY), will continue to be occupied by the priest-in-charge of the benefice of Westerfield, Tuddenham and Witnesham.

Churches etc.

This Scheme does not alter the existing status of any of the churches in the affected parishes.

Matters relating to the new Woodbridge Group Ministry

Sharing of ministry within the group.

The benefices within the group will retain their separate and distinct existence but each of the incumbents (and any priests-in-charge) will have authority to perform in the area of every benefice in the group all such offices and services as may be performed by the incumbent of that benefice. When acting outside his or her own benefice an incumbent must act in accordance with the directions of the incumbent concerned (and in giving such instructions an incumbent should follow the House of Bishops' Declaration on the Ministry of Bishops and Priests, made in conjunction with the Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure 2014, that any directions under Canon C8.2(a) relating to a parish which has passed a resolution under the House of Bishops' Declaration should not conflict with the nature of the conviction on this issue underlying the PCC's resolution). The incumbents also have a duty to assist each other so as to make the best possible provision for the cure of souls throughout the area of the group ministry. (S.35(1) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure.)

Group Chapter

The incumbents (and any priests-in-charge) must meet together regularly as a chapter for the purpose of discussing and reaching a common mind on all matters of general concern or special interest to the group ministry. (S.35(4) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure.)

Consultation on appointment of new incumbent

A patron of a group benefice must consult the other incumbents (and any priests-in-charge) in the group before seeking the approval of the parish representatives (as defined in s.11(7) of the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986), and of the bishop, to the making to a priest of an offer of appointment. (Paragraph 3 of Schedule 3 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure.)