

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

*This draft Scheme provides for:*

- *the union of the benefice of Windermere (Applethwaite) Saint Mary and Troutbeck, Jesus Church, the benefice of Staveley, Ings and Kentmere and the benefice of Windermere Saint Martin and Saint John (their constituent parishes to remain distinct);*
  - *the establishment of a team ministry for the new benefice of South Lakes. It also provides for:*
    - *the cure of souls in the new benefice to be shared by a team rector and a team vicar;*
    - *the appointment of the team rector;*
    - *the housing arrangements for the team;*
    - *the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice*
- all within the diocese of Carlisle.*

**DRAFT**

**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 James, Bishop of Carlisle, having consented thereto.

**Union of benefices**

1. (1) The benefice of Windermere (Applethwaite) Saint Mary and Troutbeck, Jesus Church, the benefice of Staveley, Ings and Kentmere and the benefice of Windermere Saint Martin and Saint John in the diocese of Carlisle shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of South Lakes".

(2) The parish of Saint John Windermere, being one of the two constituent parishes of the benefice of Windermere Saint Martin and Saint John in the said diocese, shall be dissolved.

(3) The area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Ings, the parish of Kentmere, the parish of Staveley, the parish of Troutbeck, Jesus Church, the parish of Saint Martin Windermere and the parish of Windermere (Applethwaite) Saint Mary, which parishes shall continue distinct.

**Archdeaconry and deanery**

2. The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Westmorland and Furness and the deanery of Windermere.

### **Establishment of team ministry**

3. (1) A team ministry (to be known as "The South Lakes Team Ministry") shall be established for the area of the new benefice.

(2) The cure of souls in that area shall be shared by the incumbent of the new benefice, whose office shall be that of rector in the team ministry, and one other minister, who shall have the title of vicar and a status equal to that of an incumbent of a benefice.

(3) That area shall be in the pastoral care of those who are to share the cure of souls therein together with all other persons who are from time to time authorised by licence or permission of the Bishop to serve in that area as members of the team.

### **The office of rector in the team ministry**

4. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend James Johnston Richards holds an ecclesiastical office in any of the benefices referred to in clause 1(1) hereof he shall be the first rector.

### **Presentation of rector**

5. Subject to clause 4 hereof, the rector shall be presented by a patronage board (to be known as "The South Lakes Patronage Board") constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

### **The office of vicar in the team ministry**

6. (1) The vicar in the team ministry shall also be chosen by the patronage board constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

(2) The licence of the Bishop under his episcopal seal appointing the holder thereto may (subject to variation or revocation of any such provision with the consent of the rector and the vicar by subsequent licence under seal) -

- (a) assign to the vicar a special cure of souls in respect of a part of the said area and, if appropriate, the name of vicar of a church in that part;
- (b) assign to the vicar a special responsibility for a particular pastoral function;
- (c) provide that any such special cure or responsibility shall be independent of the rector's general responsibility;
- (d) assign to the vicar a general responsibility to be shared with the rector for the cure of souls in the said area as a whole.

### **Assistant curates: consequential provision**

7. 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 union of benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of South Lakes.

### **Places of residence**

8. (1) The parsonage house of the benefice of Windermere Saint Martin and Saint John (known as The Rectory, Longlands Road, Bowness-on-

Windermere, Windermere, LA23 3AS) shall be the place of residence of the rector.

(2) Subject to the direction of the Bishop, the vicar in the team ministry shall reside in:-

- (a) the parsonage house of the benefice of Staveley, Ings and Kentmere (known as the Vicarage, Kentmere Road, Staveley, Kendal LA8 9PA);
- (b) such other conveniently situated house as may, with the Bishop's approval, be provided in substitution therefor.

### **Transfer of parsonage house**

9. (1) The parsonage house of the benefice of Staveley, Ings and Kentmere (known as The Vicarage, Kentmere Road, Staveley, Kendal, LA8 9PA), 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 Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

(2) The parsonage house of the benefice of Windermere (Aplethwaite) Saint Mary and Troutbeck, Jesus Church (known as Saint Marys Vicarage, Ambleside Road, Windermere, LA23 1BA), 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 Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

### **Coming into operation of this Scheme**

10. If upon the date on which the Commissioners make this Scheme ("the Scheme Date") the Reverend Shanthi Hazel Peiris Thompson ("Mrs Thompson") has ceased to hold an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of Staveley, Ings and Kentmere this Scheme shall come into operation on the first day of the month following the Scheme Date; but if on the Scheme Date Mrs Thompson holds such an office this Scheme shall then come into operation on the date on which she ceases to do so.

## **SCHEDULE**

### **Constitution of the South Lakes Patronage Board**

The patronage board referred to in clauses 5 and 6(1) of this Scheme shall consist of:-

- (1) the following in right of their respective offices:-
  - (a) the Bishop of Carlisle, who shall be chairman of the board and shall have one vote as a member of the board and a casting vote as chairman;
  - (b) the archdeacon of the archdeaconry to which the new benefice shall for the time being belong, who shall have one vote;
  - (c) the incumbent of the benefice of Kendal (also known locally as Holy Trinity, Kendal), who shall have one vote;
  - (d) the vicar in the team ministry, any deacon authorised to serve in the team ministry, and any person having special responsibility for pastoral care under section 34(8) of the 2011 Measure who shall jointly have one vote which shall be exercised by such one

or more of them (acting alone, unanimously or by a majority) as may be present at the meeting in question;

- (e) for the purpose only of meetings at which the person to be appointed a vicar in the team ministry is considered and chosen, the rector of the team ministry who shall have one vote;

(2) the trustees for the time being appointed under the terms of a Deed of Gift dated the 20<sup>th</sup> day of April 1964 relating to the patronage of the then benefice of Windermere, who shall have one vote.

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

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Right Reverend James, )  
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Bishop of Carlisle. )

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England  
acting by two authorised signatories:

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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:

**The proposal to unite the three benefices makes them co-terminus with the ecumenical Mission Community. The creation and development of Mission Communities is a primary recommendation of the county's Strategy for Ministry, agreed by Synods across Cumbria, and this union helps to further this work.**

**The proposal is to unite the benefice of Windermere (Applethwaite) St Mary and Troutbeck, Jesus Church, the benefice of Staveley, Ings and Kentmere and the benefice of Windermere Saint Martin and Saint John into one benefice and establish a team ministry (the benefice of the South Lakes Team Ministry). This is small enough to be local but large enough to be sustainable. Consideration has been given on the employment of the resources of the clergy, with priority given to pastoral and liturgical functions.**

**The parishes and clergy involved believe that this new benefice structure will provide the right pastoral organisation to enable their ongoing mission.**

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.

**The benefice of Windermere Saint Martin and Saint John and the parishes of Saint Martin Windermere; and Saint John Windermere**

1. The March 1989 Pastoral Scheme created the benefice of Windermere Saint Martin and Saint John, with its area comprising of the two distinct

parishes of Saint Martin Windermere; and Saint John Windermere. A further Pastoral Scheme in 1995 transferred all of the area of the parish of Saint John Windermere to the then parish of St Mary, Applethwaite and the parish of Saint Martin, Windermere but failed to dissolve the parish nor change the benefice name. Clause 1(2) corrects this anomaly.

### **Team chapter and team**

2. Under section 34(1) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 the persons who are to share the cure of souls within the area of the benefice will constitute a team chapter and the team chapter together with the other persons referred to in clause 3(3) will constitute the team.
3. Section 13(1) and paragraphs 19 and 20 of Schedule 2 to the Patronage (Benefices) Measure 1986 apply to the appointment of a team rector whereby the registered patron of a vacant benefice shall not make any priest an offer to present him or her to a benefice until the making of the offer to the priest in question has been approved by parish representatives of each parish in the team and the Bishop.
4. Paragraph 2(6) of Schedule 3 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure provides that before the body or other persons who are entitled to choose a person to be a vicar in a team ministry make their choice, they shall consult -
  - (a) the other members of the team;
  - (b) the parochial church council of every parish in the team ministry; and
  - (c) if a special cure of souls in respect of a part of the area is to be assigned in accordance with section 34(7)(a) to the vicar, any district church council concerned.
5. Paragraph 2(7)(a) of Schedule 3 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure provides that the body or other persons who are entitled to choose a person to be a vicar in a team ministry shall not make to any person an offer of appointment as such until the making of the offer to the person in question has been approved by the parish representatives of each parish in the team.

### **Churches etc**

6. 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.

### **Parsonage house for the benefice of Windermere (Applethwaite) St Mary and Troutbeck, Jesus Church**

7. It is the diocesan intention that this property will be used to house a curate.

### **Assistant curates - clause 7**

8. The above clause has been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the union of the benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of South Lakes. 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.

### **Patronage Board – its membership**

9. The incumbent of the benefice of Kendal (also known locally as Holy Trinity, Kendal) is the sole patron of the existing benefice of Staveley, Ings and Kentmere. Due to an administrative oversight this patronage interest was not reflected in the diocesan proposals. However, as patronage is an asset (property in legal terms), provision needs to be made for this interest to be carried forward in any new arrangements where possible. This draft Scheme corrects this error by including the incumbent of Kendal as a member of the patronage board of the new benefice.

### **Coming into effect clause**

10. In the diocesan proposals the Reverend Shanthi Thompson was named as the first holder of the post of team vicar in the new team ministry. However, Mrs Thompson has since been appointed as priest-in-charge to the benefice of Kendal (known locally as Holy Trinity, Kendal) and intends to take up her post on 5 October 2021. This coming into effect clause provides for the Scheme to take effect when Mrs Thompson is longer licensed to the benefice of Staveley, Ings and Kentmere. The first team vicar will now therefore be selected by the patronage board (as provided for in clause 6(1) above.