

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

*This draft Scheme provides for:*

- *the dissolution of the benefice of the Black Mountains Group, the benefice of the Cagebrook Parishes and the benefice of Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Kenderchurch, Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone, Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, Saint Devereux and Wormbridge;*
- *the transfer of the parsonage house of the benefice of the Black Mountains Group to the Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes;*
- *the creation of the Black Mountains benefice, and for*
  - *the appointment of the first incumbent,*
  - *the parsonage house to be that of the benefice of Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Kenderchurch, Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone, Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, Saint Devereux and Wormbridge , and*
  - *the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice;*
- *the creation of the Twin Brooks benefice, and for*
  - *the appointment of the first incumbent,*
  - *the parsonage house to be that of the benefice of the Cagebrook Parishes,*
  - *the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice and;*
- *the consequential amendment of the Abbeydore Group Ministry,*

*all in the diocese of Hereford*

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**PASTORAL SCHEME**

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this     day of  
20    in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 ("the 2011 Measure"), the Right Reverend Richard, Bishop of Hereford, having consented thereto.

**Dissolution of benefices**

1.     The benefice of the Black Mountains Group, the benefice of the Cagebrook Parishes and the benefice of Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Kenderchurch, Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone, Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, Saint Devereux and Wormbridge in the diocese of Hereford shall be dissolved.

**Transfer of parsonage house**

2.     The parsonage house of the benefice of the Black Mountains Group (known as Vicarage, Longtown, Hereford, HR2 0LD), 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 Hereford Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

### **Creation of the Black Mountains benefice**

3. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "the Black Mountains benefice" shall be created in the said diocese, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Abbeydore, the parish of Bacton, the parish of Clodock and Longtown, the parish of Craswall, the parish of Ewyas Harold and Dulas, the parish of Kentchurch with Llangua, the parish of Llanveynoe, the parish of Michaelchurch Escley, the parish of Newton, the parish of Rowlestone and Llancillo, the parish of Saint Margaret's and the parish of Walterstone, which parishes shall continue distinct.

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

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Lucinda Jane Morriss holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of the Black Mountains Group or the benefice of Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Kenderchurch, Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone, Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, Saint Devereux and Wormbridge she shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(4) The parsonage house of the benefice of Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Kenderchurch, Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone, Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, Saint Devereux and Wormbridge (known as The Rectory, Ewyas Harold, Hereford, HR2 0EZ) shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice of The Black Mountains in her corporate capacity as her official residence.

(5) Subject to clause 3(3) above, the right of presentation to the new benefice shall be exercised in a recurring series of three successive turns of which the first turn shall belong to His Majesty in right of His Crown and shall be exercisable by the Lord Chancellor on His behalf; the second turn shall jointly be exercised by the Bishop of Hereford in his corporate capacity; the Hereford Diocesan Board of Patronage; the corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Saint Ethelbert in Hereford; Edward Harley, Esquire, care of The Harley Estate, Brampton Bryan, Bucknell, SY7 0DH; and Mrs Mary Lillian Barneby, of South Lombard, Lanteglos, Fowey, PL23 1NA; and the third turn shall be exercised by the Martyrs' Memorial and Church of England Trust, whose registered office is at Sovereign Court One (Unit 3), Sir William Lyons Road, University of Warwick Science Park, Coventry, CV4 7EZ.

### **Creation of the Twin Brooks benefice**

4. (1) A new benefice which shall be named "the Twin Brooks benefice" shall be created in the said diocese, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Allensmore, the parish of Clehonger, the parish of Eaton Bishop, the parish of Kilpeck, the parish of Kingstone, the parish of Saint Devereux, the parish of Thrupton and the parish of Wormbridge, which parishes shall continue distinct.

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

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Caitlin Elizabeth Thomson holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of the Cagebrook Parishes she shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(4) The parsonage house of the benefice of the Cagebrook Parishes (known as The Rectory, Kingstone, Hereford, HR2 9EY) shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice in her corporate capacity as her official residence.

(5) Subject to clause 4(3) above, the right of presentation to the new benefice shall be exercised in a recurring series of three successive turns of which the first turn shall be exercised by the Bishop of Hereford in his corporate capacity; the second turn shall be

exercised jointly by the Bishop of Hereford in his corporate capacity; John Edward Stanhope Lucas-Scudamore, Esquire, of Kentchurch Court, Kentchurch, Hereford, HR2 0DB; and the personal representatives of the late George Mersey Clive, Esquire, care of Edward Clive, Esquire, of Whitfield House, Whitfield, Hereford, HR2 9BA; and the third turn shall belong to His Majesty in right of His Crown and shall be exercisable by the Lord Chancellor on His behalf.

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

5. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Elizabeth Ann Hitchiner holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the benefices referred to in clause 1 hereof she shall, in consequence of the dissolution of benefices effected by the Scheme hold that office subject to the same terms of service in the Twin Brooks benefice.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Geoff Holder holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the benefices referred to in clause 1 hereof 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 Black Mountains benefice.

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the benefices referred to in clause 1 hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the dissolution of benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in one or both of the new benefices as the Bishop shall direct..

#### **Amendment of the Abbeydore Group Ministry**

6. (1) The group ministry (known as “The Abbeydore Group Ministry”) established by an Order made by the said Bishop on the 12th day of May 2021 in pursuance of the 2011 Measure for the benefice of the Black Mountains Group, the benefice of Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Kenderchurch, Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone, Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, Saint Devereux and Wormbridge, the benefice of the Cagebrook Parishes, the benefice of Madley with Tyberton, Peterchurch, Vowchurch and Turnastone (known locally as the Wye Dor Parishes) and the benefice of Cusop with Blakemere, Bredwardine with Brobury, Clifford, Dorstone, Hardwicke, Moccas and Preston-on-Wye shall be amended by the substitution of the words “the Black Mountains benefice; the Twin Brooks benefice” for the words “the Black Mountains Group; Ewyas Harold with Dulas, Kenderchurch, Abbeydore, Bacton, Kentchurch, Llangua, Rowlestone, Llancillo, Walterstone, Kilpeck, Saint Devereux and Wormbridge; the Cagebrook Parishes”.

(2) If pursuant to clause 3(3) hereof the Reverend Lucinda Jane Morriss becomes the first incumbent of the Black Mountains benefice she shall be the first person to hold that benefice as a benefice in the group.

(3) If pursuant to clause 4(3) hereof the Reverend Caitlin Elizabeth Thomson becomes the first incumbent of the Twin Brooks benefice she shall be the first person to hold that benefice as a benefice in the group.

**Coming into operation of this Scheme**

7. 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 )  
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Right Reverend Richard, )  
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Bishop of Hereford. )

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 (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:

**The proposals have been brought forward by the deanery as the next step in their deanery plan to support more collaborative working across the deanery. This follows the setting up of a deanery wide group ministry in 2021 and of a deanery wide joint council in early 2023.**

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.

### Clause 2 – transfer of the parsonage house of the Black Mountains Group

The long term future of the property is yet to be decided and a variety of options are being considered by the diocese. In the interim, the house will continue to be let.

### Clause 5(3)

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 Black Mountains benefice and/or the Twin Brooks benefice. 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.