



Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

Benefices of:

Benfieldside;

Castleside;

Consett;

Ebchester;

Leadgate; and

Medomsley

in the diocese of Durham

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners ("the Commissioners") this 21st day of November 2024 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 ("the 2011 Measure"), the Right Reverend Sarah, Bishop of Jarrow, duly appointed in that behalf pursuant to section 13 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, having consented thereto.

Termination of plurality

1. The plurality established for the benefice of Ebchester and the benefice of Medomsley in the diocese of Durham by an Order made by the then Bishop of Durham in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1983 on the 28th day of March 1996 shall be terminated.

Union of benefices

2. The benefice of Benfieldside, the benefice of Castleside, the benefice of Consett, the benefice of Ebchester, the benefice of Leadgate and the benefice of Medomsley in the diocese of Durham shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Derwent Valley", and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Benfieldside, the parish of Castleside, the parish of Consett, the parish of Ebchester, the parish of Leadgate and the parish of Medomsley, which parishes shall continue distinct.

Archdeaconry and deanery

3. The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Durham and the deanery of Lanchester.

Establishment of team ministry

4. (1) A team ministry (to be known as "The Derwent Valley 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 two other ministers, each of whom 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

5. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person holds the office of priest-in-charge of the benefice of Consett he or she shall be the first rector.

Presentation of rector

6. Subject to clause 5 hereof, the rector shall be collated by the Bishop of Durham in his/her corporate capacity.

The offices of vicar in the team ministry

7. (1) Subject to clause 8 hereof, the vicars in the team ministry shall be chosen by Bishop and the rector jointly.

(2) The licence of the Bishop under his/her 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 a 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 a 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 a vicar a general responsibility to be shared with the rector for the cure of souls in the said area as a whole.

8. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person holds the office of priest-in-charge of the benefice of Ebchester and/or the benefice of Leadgate and/or the benefice of Medomsley he/she shall be the first holder of one of the offices of vicar in the team ministry.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

9. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Philip Alan Carter holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the benefices referred to in clause 2 hereof he shall, in consequence of the union of benefices effected by the Scheme hold that office subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Derwent Valley.

(2) 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 2 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 Derwent Valley.

Places of residence

10. (1) The parsonage house of the benefice of Consett shall be the place of residence of the rector.

(2) Subject to the direction of the Bishop, the vicars in the team ministry shall severally reside in such conveniently situated houses as may, with the Bishop's approval, be provided.

Transfer of parsonage houses

11. The parsonage house of the benefice of Benfieldside (known as Cuthberts Vicarage, Church Bank, Consett, DH8 0NW), the parsonage house of the benefice of Ebchester (known as The New Rectory, Shaw Lane, Consett, DH8 0PY) and the parsonage house of the benefice of Leadgate (known as The Vicarage, Saint Ives Road, Consett, DH8 7SN), together with the sites and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, shall without any conveyance or other assurance be transferred to the Durham Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

12. If on the date on which this Scheme is made by the Commissioners ("the Scheme Date") the Reverend Martin Jackson ("Mr Jackson") has ceased to hold an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of Benfieldside and the benefice of Castleside it shall come into operation on the first day of the month following the Scheme Date; but if on the Scheme Date Mr Jackson holds such an office this Scheme shall then come into operation on the date on which he ceases to do so in relation to both of the said benefices.

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

SIGNED by the Right Reverend Sarah,)
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 Bishop of Jarrow.)

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England

acting by two authorised signatories:



Signature of Authorised Signatory



Signature of Authorised Signatory