

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

This draft Scheme provides for the creation of two new benefices of:
(a) Medstead and Four Marks (its area to comprise the new parish of Medstead and Four Marks); and (b) The Resurrection, Alton (its area to comprise the parish of The Resurrection, Alton and the new parish of Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden)
together with the appointment of their first incumbents, their places of residence, the disposal of the parsonage house of the benefice of Bentworth, Lasham, Medstead and Shalden and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefices

in the diocese of Winchester.

REVISED DRAFT

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 Deborah, Bishop of Southampton, duly appointed in that behalf
pursuant to section 13 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, having
consented thereto.

Creation of new benefice of Medstead

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

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

 (3) The patronage of the new benefice shall belong to His Majesty in right of His Crown and shall be exercisable by the Lord Chancellor on His behalf.

Creation of new benefice and parish of Medstead and Four Marks

2. (1) The new benefice of Medstead created pursuant to clause 1(1) hereof and the benefice of Four Marks in the diocese of Winchester shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Medstead and Four Marks".

 (2) The parish of Medstead and the parish of Four Marks shall also be united to create a new parish which shall be named “The Parish of Medstead and Four Marks” and shall comprise the area of the new benefice.

 (3) The church of Saint Andrew, being the parish church of the parish of Medstead, and the church of The Good Shepherd, being the parish church of the parish of Four Marks, shall both be parish churches of the new parish.

 (4) The number of churchwardens to be appointed for the new parish of Medstead and Four Marks shall be two.

 (5) The new benefice and its constituent parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Winchester and the deanery of Alton.

 (6) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Howard John Douglas Wright holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of Four Marks he shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

(7) The parsonage house of the benefice of Four Marks (known as The Vicarage, 22, Lymington Bottom, Four Marks, Alton GU34 5AA) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

(8) Subject to clause 2(6) hereof, the right of presentation to the new benefice shall be exercised alternately by His Majesty in right of His Crown and shall be exercisable by the Lord Chancellor on His behalf, who shall have the first turn; and the Bishop of Winchester in his corporate capacity.

Creation of new benefice of The Resurrection, Alton

3. (1) The benefice of The Resurrection, Alton ("the old Resurrection benefice") and, subject to clause 1(1) hereof, the benefice of Bentworth, Lasham, Medstead and Shalden in the diocese of Winchester shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of The Resurrection, Alton" ("the new Resurrection benefice").

(2) The parish of Bentworth, the parish of Lasham and the parish of Shalden shall be united to create a new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden".

(3) The area of the new Resurrection benefice shall comprise the parish of The Resurrection, Alton and the new parish of Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden, which parishes shall continue distinct.

(4) The church of Saint Mary, being the parish church of the parish of Bentworth, the church of Saint Mary, being the parish church of the parish of Lasham, and the church of Saint Peter and Saint Paul, being the parish church of the parish of Shalden, shall all be parish churches of the new parish.

(5) The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Winchester and the deanery of Alton.

(6) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Andrew Mark Micklefield holds an ecclesiastical office in the old Resurrection benefice he shall be the first incumbent of the new Resurrection benefice.

(7) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Wendy Jean Burnhams holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 3(1) hereof she 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 Resurrection benefice.

(8) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Gordon Charles Randall holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 3(1) 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 Resurrection benefice.

(9) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Jonathan Victor Rooke holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 3(1) 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 Resurrection benefice.

(10) The parsonage house of the old Resurrection benefice (known as Saint Lawrence Vicarage, Church Street, Alton, GU34 2BW) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new Resurrection benefice.

(11) The parsonage house of the benefice of Bentworth, Lasham, Medstead and Shalden (known as The Rectory, Bentworth, Alton, GU34 5RB), 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

Bentworth, Lasham and Shalden are closer to Alton and can be sufficiently provided for by the ministry team at the benefice of The Resurrection Alton.

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.

Clause 1

The (temporary) new benefice of Medstead is being created purely for ease of drafting purposes as it is then immediately united with the benefice of Fours Marks in the subsequent clause to create the new benefice (and parish) of Medstead and Four Marks.

Number of churchwardens – clause 2(4)

This clause limits the number of churchwardens to the proposed new parish of Medstead and Four Marks to two notwithstanding that there will be two parish churches in it. Section 41(5) of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 allows for such a provision which takes precedence over the Churchwardens Measure 2001 requirement that each parish church has two churchwardens.

Churches etc

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.

The churches of All Saints, Alton; Holy Rood, Holybourne; and St Lawrence, Alton, being the three parish churches of the parish of The Resurrection, Alton, shall continue to parish churches, whilst the status of St Peter, Beech, Alton shall continue to be that of a licensed place of worship.

Clause 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 creation of two new benefices and parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in one or both of the two new benefices and/or parishes 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.