



Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

The benefice of Esh and Hamsteels, the benefice of Langley Park; the benefice of Waterhouses; the benefice of Durham North Team Ministry; and the benefice of Durham Saint Margaret and Neville's Cross Saint John

Diocese of Durham

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners (“the Commissioners”) this 15th day of July 2021 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 (“the 2011 Measure”), the Right Reverend Paul, Bishop of Durham, having consented thereto.

Termination of plurality

1. The plurality established for the new benefice of Esh and Hamsteels, the benefice of Langley Park and the benefice of Waterhouses in the diocese of Durham by a Pastoral Church Buildings Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1983 on the 12th day of January 2011 shall be terminated.

Dissolution of benefices

2. The benefice of Esh and Hamsteels, the benefice of Langley Park and the benefice of Durham North Team Ministry in the said diocese shall be dissolved.

Transfer of parsonage house

3. The parsonage house of the benefice of Langley Park (known as The Vicarage, Church Street, Langley Park, Durham, DH7 9TZ), 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 Durham Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

Transfer of parish and alteration of parish name

4. The parish of Saint Edmund, Bearpark, being one of the constituent parishes of the benefice of Durham North Team Ministry, shall be transferred to the benefice of Durham Saint Margaret and Neville’s Cross Saint John (the name of which shall be altered to “The Benefice of Durham Saint Margaret, Neville’s Cross Saint John and Bearpark Saint Edmund”) in the same diocese and shall continue distinct as one of the parishes which comprise the area of that benefice.

Creation of new benefice of Durham North and establishment of team ministry

5. (1) A new benefice which shall be named “The Benefice of Durham North” shall be created in the said diocese, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of Esh and Hamsteels, the parish of Langley Park, the parish of Saint Cuthbert Durham (the name of which shall be altered to “The Parish of Saint Cuthbert and Saint Aidan, Durham”), the parish of Kimblesworth, the parish of Newton Hall and the parish of Witton Gilbert and Sacriston, which parishes shall continue distinct.

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

(3) A team ministry (to be known as “The Durham North Team Ministry”) shall be established for the area of the new benefice.

(4) 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.

(5) 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.

(6) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Canon Caroline Ann Dick holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefice of Durham North Team Ministry she shall be the first rector.

(7) Subject to clause 5(6) hereof the right to present the rector shall be exercised in a recurring series of three successive turns and in every series of turns the first turn shall belong to her Majesty in right of her Crown; and the second and third turns shall be exercised by a patronage board (to be known as "the Durham North Patronage Board") constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

(8) Subject to clause 5(10) hereof, the vicar in the team ministry shall be chosen by the Bishop and the rector jointly.

(9) 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.

(10) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Michael John Peers holds an ecclesiastical office in the benefices of Esh and Hamsteels; Langley Park; and Waterhouses so held in plurality he shall be the first holder of the office of vicar in the team ministry.

(11) The parsonage house of the benefice of Durham North Team Ministry (known as 1, Aykley Court, Durham, DH1 4NW) shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice in her corporate capacity as her official residence.

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

- (a) the parsonage house of the benefice of Langley Park;
- (b) such other conveniently situated house as may, with the Bishop's approval, be provided in substitution therefor.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

6. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Mahalha Botomani Wachepa holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in the benefice of Durham North Team Ministry she shall, in consequence of this Scheme hold that office subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Durham North.

(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 this Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Durham North.

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 Commissioners.

SCHEDULE
Durham North Patronage Board

The patronage board referred to in clause 5(7) of this Scheme shall consist of:-

- (1) the following in right of their respective offices:-
 - (a) The Bishop of Durham, 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 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;
- (2) the members of the corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of Christ, Blessed Mary the Virgin and Saint Cuthbert of Durham, each of whom shall have one vote;
- (3) such number of persons not exceeding two who may be appointed by the Bishop for such period that he may specify when making the appointment, each of whom shall have one vote;

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

SIGNED by the)
Right Reverend Paul,) *+ Paul Dunelm*
Bishop of Durham.) +Paul Dunelm (Jul 15, 2021 15:35 GMT+1)

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



Signature of Authorised Signatory



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