

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

This draft Scheme provides for:

- *the transfer of the parishes of Haselbury Plucknett; and North Perrot from The Wulfric Benefice to the benefice of Merriott with Hinton, Dinnington and Lopen where they shall continue distinct; and*
- *for the consequential amendment of benefice names and patronage all in the diocese of Bath and Wells.*

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this day of 2025 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 the Right Reverend Michael, Bishop of Bath and Wells, having consented thereto.

Transfer of parishes and alteration of benefice names

1. The parish of Haselbury Plucknett and the parish of North Perrott, being two of the constituent parishes of The Wulfric Benefice (the name of which shall be altered to "The Crewkerne Benefice") in the diocese of Bath and Wells, shall be transferred to the benefice of Merriott with Hinton, Dinnington and Lopen (the name of which shall be altered to "The Merriott Benefice") in the same diocese and shall continue distinct as two of the parishes which comprise the area of that benefice.

Transfers of patronage

2. (1) With the consents of the Lord Chancellor on behalf of His Majesty in right of His Crown ("the Lord Chancellor"); the Bishop of Bath and Wells in his corporate capacity ("the Bishop"); and Jonathan William Findlay Hoskyns, Esquire, (of North Barn, Willis Lane, North Perrott, Crewkerne, TA18 7SN) ("Mr Hoskyns") (which consents have been given in writing), that share of the patronage belonging to the Bishop and Mr Hoskyns in relation to The Wulfric Benefice, which patronage is now exercisable in a recurring series of five successive turns of which the Lord Chancellor has the first, third, fourth and fifth turns; and the Bishop and Mr Hoskyns jointly have the second turn, shall hereby be transferred to and vested in the Lord Chancellor to the end that the sole right of presentation to The Crewkerne Benefice as renamed pursuant to clause 1 hereof shall henceforth vest in the Lord Chancellor.

(2) With the consents of the Bishop; Mr Hoskyns; and the corporate body established for the Cathedral Church of the Holy and Undivided Trinity in Bristol ("Bristol Cathedral") (which consents have been given in writing), a share of the patronage belonging to the Bishop in relation to the benefice of Merriott with Hinton, Dinnington and Lopen, which patronage is now exercisable in a recurring series of three successive turns of which Bristol Cathedral has the first and second turns; and the Bishop has the third turn, shall hereby be transferred to and vested in Mr Hoskyns to the end that the right of presentation to The Merriott Benefice as renamed pursuant to clause 1 hereof shall henceforth be exercisable in a recurring series of three successive turns of

which Bristol Cathedral shall have the first and second turns; and the Bishop and Mr Hoskyns shall jointly have the third turn.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

4. 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)
Right Reverend Michael,)
Bishop of Bath and Wells.)

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England

acting by two authorised signatories:

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:

These proposals have been approved by the Somerset South Deanery Mission and Pastoral Group in the interests of furthering the mission of the Church of England in Somerset South Deanery.

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.

Ministry Arrangements

Ministries in the parishes of Haselbury Plucknett, North Perrott, Hinton St George with Dinnington, Lopen and Merriott, to be known as "The Merriott Benefice", will be provided by The Revd Julia Hicks and The Revd Bob Hicks, with support from other clergy with PTO and lay leaders.