

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

This draft Scheme provides for the union of the parish of Lyndhurst, the parish of Christ Church, Emery Down and the parish of Minstead, being the three parishes which comprise the area of the benefice of Lyndhurst and Emery Down and Minstead in the diocese of Winchester.

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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 Right Reverend
Philip, Bishop of Winchester, having consented thereto.

Union of parishes

1. The parish of Lyndhurst, the parish of Christ Church, Emery Hill and the parish of Minstead, being the three parishes which comprise the area of the benefice of Lyndhurst and Emery Down and Minstead in the diocese of Winchester, shall be united to create a new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Lyndhurst and Emery Down and Minstead".

Parish churches and number of churchwardens

2. (1) The church of Saint Michael and All Angels, being the parish church of the parish of Lyndhurst, the church of Christ Church, being the parish church of the parish of Christ Church, Emery Down, and the church of All Saints, being the parish church of the parish of Minstead, shall all be parish churches of the new parish.

 (2) The number of churchwardens to be appointed for the new parish of Lyndhurst and Emery Down and Minstead created pursuant to clause 1 hereof shall be three.

Archdeaconry and deanery

3. The new parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Bournemouth and the deanery of Lyndhurst.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

4. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the parishes referred to in clause 1 hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the union of parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new parish of Lyndhurst and Emery Down and Minstead.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

5. This Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of it being made by the Church Commissioners.

Name of the proposed new parish

Clause 1 provides for the legal name of the proposed parish to be “Lyndhurst and Emery Down and Minstead”, but it is the diocese’s understanding that it will however be known locally as “the New Forest Parish”. Changing the legal name is a straightforward process which can be dealt with locally if so required in future under a Bishop’s Pastoral Order.

Please note that the name of the proposed new parish has been amended slightly in line with the incumbent’s and the three PCCs’ request to the diocese as part of the section 6 consultations under the 2011 Measure process, with the revised version tying in with the name of the benefice.

Number of churchwardens for the new parish

Clause 2(2) limits the number of churchwardens to the proposed new parish to three notwithstanding that there will be three 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.

It is the diocesan understanding that the local intention is that each parish church will seek to have one informal ‘assistant to the churchwarden’ appointed locally to provide additional support.

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 union of the parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new parish of Lyndhurst and Emery Down and Minstead. 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.