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The Diocese of  
Chelmsford

To all interested parties

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**Pastoral Measure 1983**

**SAFFRON WALDEN TEAM MINISTRY  
GREAT CHESTERFORD WITH LITTLE CHESTERFORD  
DEBDEN AND WIMBISH WITH THUNDERLEY**

The Pastoral Scheme, affecting the above benefices, was made by the Commissioners on 24 August 2011 and will come into effect on 1 January 2012. I enclose a copy of the Scheme for your records.

If you have any questions please do contact me.



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Pastoral Measure 1983

Saffron Walden and Villages

Diocese of Chelmsford

The Church Commissioners confirm that the provisions of the Pastoral Measure 1983 relating to the preparation of the attached Pastoral Scheme have been duly complied with. The Scheme has therefore been made by the Commissioners and it will come into effect as it provides.

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## PASTORAL SCHEME

24<sup>th</sup> This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners ("the Commissioners") this day of *August* 2011 in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1983 ("the 1983 Measure"), the Right Reverend Stephen, Bishop of Chelmsford, having consented thereto.

### WHEREAS

1. by virtue of a Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the 1983 Measure on the 16<sup>th</sup> day of January 2001 ("the 2001 Scheme") a team ministry was established for the area of the new benefice of Saffron Walden with Wendens Ambo, Littlebury, Ashdon and Hadstock in the diocese of Chelmsford;
2. the said Bishop has submitted proposals to the Commissioners for, inter alia, the termination of the said team ministry;

NOW, THEREFORE, it is hereby provided as follows:-

### Termination of team ministry

1. The team ministry established by the 2001 Scheme shall hereby be terminated.

### Dissolution of benefices and parish

2. (1) The benefice of Saffron Walden with Wendens Ambo, Littlebury, Ashdon and Hadstock, the benefice of Great Chesterford with Little Chesterford, and the benefice of Debden and Wimbish with Thunderley in the diocese of Chelmsford shall be dissolved.  
(2) The parish of Saffron Walden with Wendens Ambo, Littlebury, Ashdon and Hadstock ("the old parish") shall also be dissolved.

### Transfer of parsonage houses

3 (1) The parsonage house of the benefice of Debden and Wimbish with Thunderley, (known as Debden Rectory, Debden, Saffron Walden, CB11 3LB) 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 Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance to be held by the said Board as part of the diocesan glebe land of the diocese of Chelmsford.

(2) The parsonage house of the benefice of Great Chesterford with Little Chesterford (known as The Vicarage, Great Chesterford, Saffron Walden, CB10 1NP), 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 Chelmsford Diocesan Board of Finance to be held by the said Board as part of the diocesan glebe land of the diocese of Chelmsford.

### Creation of new parishes

4. (1) A new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Saffron Walden" shall be created in the diocese of Chelmsford and the area of the new parish shall be all that part of the old parish which is hatched and lettered "A" on the annexed map.

(2) The church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Saffron Walden, being a parish church of the old parish, shall be the parish church of the new parish of Saffron Walden.

(3) A new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Wendens Ambo" shall be created and the area of the new parish shall be all that part of the old parish which is hatched and lettered "B" on the annexed map.

(4) The church of Saint Mary the Virgin, Wendens Ambo, being a parish church of the old parish, shall be the parish church of the new parish of Wendens Ambo.

(5) A new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Littlebury" shall be created and the area of the new parish shall be all that part of the old parish which is hatched and lettered "C" on the annexed map.

(6) The church of Holy Trinity, being a parish church of the old parish, shall be the parish church of the new parish of Littlebury.

(7) A new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Ashdon" shall be created and the area of the new parish shall be that part of the old parish which is hatched and lettered "D" on the annexed map.

(8) The church of All Saints, being a parish church of the old parish, shall be the parish church of the new parish of Ashdon.

(9) A new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Hadstock" shall be created and the area of the new parish shall be all those parts of the old parish which are hatched and lettered "E" and "F" on the annexed map.

(10) The church of Saint Botolph, being a parish church of the old parish, shall be the parish church of the new parish of Hadstock.

#### **Creation of new benefice of Saffron Walden and Villages**

5. A new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Saffron Walden and Villages" shall be created in the diocese of Chelmsford, and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the new parish of Saffron Walden, the new parish of Wendens Ambo, the new parish of Littlebury, the new parish of Ashdon and the new parish of Hadstock, all created pursuant to clause 4 hereof, and the parish of Great Chesterford, the parish of Little Chesterford, the parish of Debden and the parish of Wimbish with Thunderley, which parishes shall continue distinct.

#### **Archdeaconry and deanery**

6. The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Colchester and the deanery of Saffron Walden.

#### **Establishment of team ministry**

7. (1) A team ministry (to be known as the "Saffron Walden and Villages 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 benefice, whose office shall be that of rector in the team ministry, and three 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**

8. If immediately before this scheme comes into operation the Reverend David Robert Tomlinson holds the office of rector in the team ministry established by the 2001 Scheme, then he shall be the first rector of the team ministry established by clause 7(1) hereof.

#### **Presentation of rector**

9. Subject to clause 8 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 be exercised by the Lord Chancellor on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Her Crown and the second and third turns by a patronage board constituted in accordance with the provisions of the Schedule hereto.

#### **The offices of vicar in the team ministry**

10. (1) Subject to clause 11 hereof, the vicars in the team ministry shall be chosen by the Bishop and the rector jointly.

(2) 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 a vicar a special cure of souls in respect of a part of the new benefice 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.

11. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Wendy Moore is licensed by the Bishop to serve within the area of the benefice of Saffron Walden with Wendens Ambo, Littlebury, Ashdon and Hadstock she shall hold one of the offices of vicar in the team ministry established by clause 7(1) hereof.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Hilary Margaret Davey is licensed by the Bishop to serve within the area of the benefice of Debden and Wimbish with Thunderley she shall hold one of the offices of vicar in the team ministry established by clause 7(1) hereof.

(3) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend

Christopher Pelham Warren is licensed by the Bishop to serve within the area of the benefice of Great Chesterford with Little Chesterford he shall hold one of the offices of vicar in the team ministry established by clause 7(1) hereof.

#### **Team council**

12. The Bishop may by Instrument under his hand, with the concurrence of the rector, make provision -
- (a) for the establishment of a team council;
  - (b) for the chairmanship, meetings and procedure of the team council;
  - (c) for the functions of the parochial church council of each parish in the area of the benefice which must or may be delegated to the team council;

being provisions to the same effect as those which may be made by a Scheme under the Church Representation Rules in the like case.

#### **Places of residence**

13. (1) The parsonage house of the benefice of Saffron Walden with Wendens Ambo, Littlebury, Ashdon and Hadstock shall without any conveyance or other assurance be vested in the incumbent of the new benefice in his corporate capacity as the parsonage house of the new benefice established pursuant to clause 5 hereof.

(2) Subject to the direction of the Bishop, the rector and vicars in the team ministry shall severally reside in:-

- a) The parsonage house of the benefice of Saffron Walden with Wendens Ambo, Littlebury, Ashdon and Hadstock;
- b) The house and the premises known as Ashdon Vicarage, Radwinter Road, Ashdon, Saffron Walden, CB10 2ET;
- c) The parsonage house of the benefice of Debden and Wimbish with Thunderley (known as Debden Rectory, Debden, Saffron Walden, CB11 3LB);
- d) The parsonage house of the benefice of Great Chesterford with Little Chesterford (known as The Vicarage, Great Chesterford, Saffron Walden, CB10 1NP);
- e) such other conveniently situated house as may, with the Bishop's approval, be provided in substitution therefor.

#### **Coming into operation of this Scheme**

14. If this Scheme is made by the Commissioners on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2012 it shall come into effect on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2012, but if it is made by the Commissioners after the 1<sup>st</sup> day of January 2012 it shall come into effect on the first day of the month following the date on which it is made.

#### **SCHEDULE TO THE SCHEME**

##### **Constitution of the Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry Patronage Board**

The Patronage Board referred to in clause 9 of this Scheme shall consist of:-

- (1) the following in the right of their respective offices:-

