

Benefices Act, 1919, and of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1921, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme for effecting the union of two neighbouring Benefices, that is to say the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Fritton and the Benefice (being a Rectory) of Morningthorpe, both of which Benefices are situate in the County of Norfolk and in the Diocese of Norwich:

“Whereas Commissioners appointed at our request by the Right Reverend Bertram, Bishop of Norwich, pursuant to the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919, to inquire into and report upon the union of the said two Benefices of Fritton and Morningthorpe duly made their Report to the said Bishop of Norwich and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices and the terms for effecting the union, and the said Bishop of Norwich signified in writing his approval of the said Report:

“And whereas we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, have prepared this Scheme for the union of the said two Benefices based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

“And whereas both of the said Benefices of Fritton and Morningthorpe are now full, the Reverend Walter Alfred Hill being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Fritton and the Reverend Edmund John Treble being the present Incumbent of the said Benefice of Morningthorpe:

“Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Bertram, Bishop of Norwich (in testimony whereof he has hereunto set his hand), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

“1. That the said Benefice of Fritton and the said Benefice of Morningthorpe shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of ‘The United Benefice of Fritton with Morningthorpe’ but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

“2. That if upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette both of the said two Benefices shall be vacant the union of the same two Benefices shall take effect forthwith; and if one only of the said two Benefices shall be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of the other of the said two Benefices; and if neither of the said two Benefices be then vacant the said union shall take effect upon the next avoidance of that one of the said two Benefices which shall last be avoided after the date of the publication in the London Gazette of any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme.

“3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Morningthorpe shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice and so soon as conveniently may be the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Fritton and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold and disposed of by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners at such time

or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and that the net proceeds of such sale shall be applied by us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners as follows that is to say (a) we shall first appropriate out of such net proceeds a sum sufficient to defray the cost of such works of improvement to the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Morningthorpe and intended to become the Parsonage House of the United Benefice as to the Bishop of Norwich and to us the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners shall appear to be adequate and (b) the balance of such net proceeds shall constitute and form part of the fund created by the 13th Section of the said Union of Benefices Act, 1919.

“4. That after the said union has taken effect the course and succession in which the respective Patrons shall present or nominate to the United Benefice from time to time as the same shall become vacant shall be as follows, that is to say, the right of presentation shall be exercised by the Patrons of the said two Benefices alternately, and if upon the day when the union becomes effective both of the said Benefices of Fritton and Morningthorpe shall be vacant then the first turn of presentation or nomination shall belong to the Patron of the said Benefice of Morningthorpe, but otherwise the first turn of presentation or nomination shall belong to the Patron of that one of the said two Benefices the Incumbent of which does not become the first Incumbent of the United Benefice under any of the provisions of Clause 2 of this Scheme.

“Provided always that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other measures relating to the matters aforesaid, or any of them, in accordance with the provisions of the said Act, or of any other Act of Parliament.”

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been published locally in the manner prescribed in the Statutory Rules made under the said Act and also transmitted in the manner so prescribed to the Patrons affected, together with a Notice in each case requiring any objections to such draft Scheme to be stated or transmitted in writing to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners within the time prescribed in the same Rules:

And whereas the prescribed time has elapsed and no such objections have been so stated or transmitted to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners:

And whereas public notice of the certification to His Majesty in Council of the said Scheme and the consent thereto in writing of the Bishop of Norwich has been duly given in the manner and within the time prescribed in the Statutory Rules aforesaid:

And whereas neither of the two Benefices affected by the said Scheme is situate in a City or Municipal Borough:

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved by His Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to affirm the said Scheme and to order that the two Benefices therein recommended to be united shall be united to the extent and for the purposes recommended in the said Scheme and further to order and direct that the said Scheme and every part thereof shall be