

Diocese, duly made their Report to the said Archbishop of Canterbury and therein recommended the union of the said two Benefices of Stodmarsh and Wickhambreux and the terms for effecting the union, including an alteration of boundaries affecting the Parishes of the said Benefices of Wickhambreux and Fordwich and the said Archbishop of Canterbury 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 of Stodmarsh and Wickhambreux based upon the terms recommended in the said Report:

"And whereas the said Benefice of Wickhambreux is now full, the Reverend Edward Abbey Tindall being the present Incumbent thereof and the said Benefice of Stodmarsh is at present vacant:

"Now, therefore, we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, with the consent of the said Cosmo Gordon, Archbishop of Canterbury (in testimony whereof he has signed this Scheme), and with the consent of the said Edward Abbey Tindall (testified by his signing this Scheme), do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. That the said Benefice of Stodmarsh and the said Benefice of Wickhambreux shall be permanently united together and form one Benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Wickhambreux with Stodmarsh' but the Parishes of the said Benefices shall continue distinct in all respects.

"2. That upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the said Edward Abbey Tindall if he is then Incumbent of the said Benefice of Wickhambreux shall be the first Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"3. That upon the said union taking effect the Parsonage House at present belonging to the said Benefice of Wickhambreux shall become and be the house of residence for the Incumbent of the United Benefice.

"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, that in every series of four successive turns of presentation or nomination to be made to the United Benefice after the union the Patrons of the said Benefice of Wickhambreux shall have the first, the third and the fourth turns, and the Patron of the said Benefice of Stodmarsh shall have the second turn, but this recommendation shall not preclude the respective Patrons from hereafter entering into such Agreement as may be legally practicable for the exercise of the Patronage of the United Benefice by the said Patrons as a body of joint Patrons.

"5. That with the consent of the Reverend Richard Hitchcock, now Incumbent of the said Benefice of Fordwich (which said consent is testified by his signing this Scheme), upon the union taking effect all that detached portion of the said Parish of Wickhambreux containing an area of 303 acres or thereabouts known

as 'Park House' and situate within the area of the Civil Parish of Littlebourne shall be transferred and annexed for all ecclesiastical purposes to the said Parish of Fordwich.

"6. That upon the union taking effect all the Tithe rentcharges Glebe lands and all other the endowments belonging to the said United Benefice or which may hereafter belong to the same United Benefice shall be charged and for ever after be chargeable in favour of the Incumbent for the time being of the said Benefice of Fordwich with the annual sum or yearly rentcharge hereinafter mentioned, that is to say, a clear annual sum or yearly rentcharge of £50 the same annual sum or yearly rentcharge to be as from the date of the said union taking effect due and payable to the Incumbent of the said Benefice of Fordwich, and the said annual sum or yearly rentcharge to be apportionable between any outgoing Incumbent of the said Benefice of Fordwich or his representatives on the one hand and his successor in the same Incumbency on the other hand and to be receivable by the Incumbent in whose favour it is charged as aforesaid by equal half-yearly payments on the first day of May and the first day of November in every year and for the recovery of the said yearly rent charge the Incumbent of the said Benefice of Fordwich and his successors shall have and be entitled to all the powers and remedies provided by Sections 121 and 122 of the Law of Property Act, 1925, in respect of rentcharges to which those Sections apply. Provided always that if at any time the Incumbent for the time being of the said United Benefice shall by any deed duly executed by him under his hand and seal in accordance with the provisions of any statute in that behalf enabling him, grant, convey and annex to the said Benefice of Fordwich any part or parts of the endowments belonging to the said United Benefice which shall in the opinion of the Archbishop of Canterbury for the time being be a just and fair equivalent or not less than an equivalent for the said yearly rentcharge hereby proposed to be created as aforesaid then the said annual sum or yearly rentcharge shall thereupon and thenceforth cease and be no longer payable.

"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 Measure, or of any other Measure of the National Assembly of the Church of England, or of any Act of Parliament."

And whereas drafts of the said Scheme have been duly published in accordance with the provisions of the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, and Notices have been transmitted to the persons or bodies entitled under the same Measure to receive Notice 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 Statutory Rules applicable to proceedings under the said Union of Benefices Measure, 1923:

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