

Scheme bearing date the 30th day of January, 1936, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Act of the 6th and 7th years of His late Majesty King William the Fourth, Chapter 77, of the Act of the 3rd and 4th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 113, and of the Act of the 37th and 38th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 63, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Scheme with respect to the Archdeacons of Rochester and Tonbridge, both in the Diocese of Rochester, and to some of the Rural Deaneries within such Archdeacons:

“Whereas it has been represented to us by the Right Reverend Martin, Bishop of Rochester, that the arrangements which are hereinafter recommended and proposed with respect to the said Archdeacons of Rochester and Tonbridge and to some of the Rural Deaneries within those Archdeacons are desirable and should be carried into effect and we are of opinion that the same may be properly carried into effect:

“Now, therefore, with the consent of the said Martin, Bishop of Rochester (in testimony whereof he has set his hand and Episcopal seal to this Scheme), we, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners, humbly recommend and propose that as from the day on which any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme shall be published in the London Gazette, and without any assurance in the law other than such duly gazetted Order, first, a new Rural Deanery shall be formed within the said Archdeaconry of Rochester and such new Rural Deanery shall be called ‘The Rural Deanery of Chislehurst’, and shall comprise and consist of the Parishes of Chislehurst; The Annunciation, Chislehurst; Christ Church, Chislehurst; Crocken Hill; Saint Paul’s Cray; and Saint Mary, Swanley, and the District of Saint Francis, Petts Wood, all at present in the Rural Deanery of Bromley, and the Parishes of Bexley (with the Church of Saint John the Evangelist); Foot’s Cray; Holy Redeemer, Lamorbey; Holy Trinity, Lamorbey; North Cray; Saint John, Sidcup; and Christ Church, Longlands, Sidcup, all at present in the Rural Deanery of Dartford, which said Rural Deaneries of Bromley and Dartford are at present in the said Archdeaconry of Rochester; secondly, the following Parishes or Cures shall be transferred from one Rural Deanery to another in the said Archdeaconry of Rochester, that is to say, the Parishes of Downe, Hayes, and Keston and the District of Saint Mark, Biggin Hill, all at present in the Rural Deanery of Beckenham, shall be transferred to the said Rural Deanery of Bromley, the Parish of Saint Mary, Shortlands, at present in the said Rural Deanery of Bromley, shall be transferred to the said Rural Deanery of Beckenham, the Parishes of Darenth and Stone, at present in the Rural Deanery of Gravesend, shall be transferred to the said Rural Deanery of Dartford, the Parishes of Nurstead with Ifield, and Shorne, at present in the Rural Deanery of Cobham, shall be transferred to the said Rural Deanery of Gravesend, and the Parish of Frindsbury, at present in the Rural Deanery of Cliffe at Hoo,

shall be transferred to the Rural Deanery of Rochester; thirdly, the Parish of Cudham, at present in the said Rural Deanery of Beckenham, shall be transferred to the Rural Deanery of Sevenoaks, in the said Archdeaconry of Tonbridge; fourthly, the Parishes of Eynsford and Lullingstone, at present in the said Rural Deanery of Bromley, shall be transferred to the Rural Deanery of Shoreham, in the said Archdeaconry of Tonbridge; and fifthly, the Parish of Christ Church, Lower Birling, shall be transferred from the Rural Deanery of Malling, in the said Archdeaconry of Tonbridge, to the said Rural Deanery of Cobham, in the said Archdeaconry of Rochester, and each of the Parishes or Cures hereinbefore referred to shall be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of the Rural Dean of the Rural Deanery and of the Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry to which it is hereby transferred, and shall not belong to or be a part of any other Rural Deanery or Archdeaconry nor be subject to the jurisdiction and authority of any other Rural Dean or of any other Archdeacon.

“And we further recommend and propose that nothing herein contained shall prevent us from recommending and proposing any other matter or thing with respect to the matters aforesaid or any of them by virtue of the said Acts or of any of them or of any other Act of Parliament.”

And whereas Notices of the said Scheme have, in accordance with the provisions of the secondly hereinbefore mentioned Act, been transmitted to the Archdeacons affected by the Scheme, that is to say, to the Archdeacon of Rochester and to the Archdeacon of Tonbridge and they have severally expressed their approval of the same:

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 ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Rochester.

M. P. A. Hankey.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 3rd day of *March*, 1936.

PRESENT,

The KING’s Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Scheme bearing date the 17th day of October, 1935, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

“We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, acting in pursuance of the Union of Benefices Measure, 1923, have prepared, and