

(2) the benefice of All Hallows, Hoo, and the benefice of Stoke;

and
(3) the benefice of High Halstow and the benefice of Saint Mary, Hoo, all situate in the diocese of Rochester.

"SCHEME

"1. *Union of the benefices and parishes of Cliffe at Hoo and Cooling.*

"(1) The benefice of Cliffe at Hoo and the benefice of Cooling shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Cliffe at Hoo with Cooling' and the parishes of the said benefices shall also be united into one parish for ecclesiastical purposes

"(2) *Taking effect of union*

(a) If upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette both benefices shall be vacant, the union shall take effect forthwith.

(b) If upon that day one only shall be vacant, the union shall take effect upon the avoidance of the other.

(c) If upon that day neither benefice shall be vacant, the union shall take effect upon the avoidance of that one of the two benefices which shall last be avoided

"(3) *Parish Church.*—The parish church of the parish of Cliffe at Hoo shall be the parish church of the United Parish.

"(4) *Registers.*—The Marriage registers in duplicate current at the Church of Cooling shall be sent by the incumbent of the united benefice to the Registrar General to be closed officially.

"(5) *Parsonage House.*—Without prejudice to the exercise, before the date when the union has taken effect, of any of the powers conferred by the Parsonages Measures, 1938 and 1947, the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Cliffe at Hoo shall, if at that date it belongs to the said benefice, be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice and the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Cooling, if at that date it so belongs, and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold and disposed of by us, the said Church Commissioners, after the union has taken effect at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient, and so much of the net proceeds of the sale as after consultation with the bishop of the said diocese we shall deem sufficient shall be applied towards the cost of the modernisation and improvement of the parsonage house of the united benefice in accordance with plans to be approved by us, and the balance shall constitute and form part of the Expenses Fund established pursuant to the said Measures.

"(6) *Alteration of Boundaries.*—With the consent (in testimony whereof he has executed this Scheme) of the Reverend John Aquila Lloyd as the incumbent of the benefice of Frindsbury all that portion of the parish of Frindsbury which lies between the parishes of Cooling and High Halstow and is bounded by the line shown in red upon the map or plan annexed to this Scheme and is shown by the pink colour thereon shall be severed from the remaining part of the parish of Frindsbury and United for ecclesiastical purposes to the parish of Cliffe at Hoo with Cooling.

"2. *Union of the benefices of All Hallows, Hoo and Stoke.*

"(1) *Union of Benefices.*—The benefice of All Hallows, Hoo, and the benefice of Stoke shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Hoo, All Hallows with Stoke' but the parishes of the said benefices shall continue in all respects distinct.

"(2) *Taking effect of union.*—Upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the Reverend James Isherwood if he is then incumbent of the said benefices shall with his consent (in testimony whereof he has executed this Scheme) be the first incumbent of the united benefice, and his admission thereto shall be without any form or fee of or for presentation or nomination and he shall not be required to pay any fees in respect of his collation,

institution, licence, or induction to the united benefice beyond such fees as he would have been liable to pay if his admission to the united benefice had been an admission solely to that one of the said two benefices for the holding of which in plurality with the other a dispensation was heretofore granted to him.

"(3) *Parsonage House.*—Upon the union taking effect the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Stoke shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice, and the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of All Hallows, Hoo, and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold and disposed of by us, the said Church Commissioners, after the union has taken effect at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and the net proceeds of such sale shall constitute and form part of the said Expenses Fund.

"(4) *Patronage.*—After the union has taken effect the right of presentation to the united benefice shall be exercised by the patrons of the two benefices alternately, the patrons of the benefice of All Hallows, Hoo, having the first presentation to the united benefice to be made after the union.

"3. *Union of the benefices of High Halstow and Saint Mary, Hoo.*

"(1) *Union of Benefices.*—The benefice of High Halstow and the benefice of Saint Mary, Hoo, shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of High Halstow with Hoo, Saint Mary' but the parishes of the said benefices shall continue in all respects distinct.

"(2) *Taking effect of union.*—Upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council ratifying this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the Reverend Francis St. Clair Goldie if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of High Halstow shall with his consent (in testimony whereof he has executed this Scheme) be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

"(3) *Parsonage House.*—Without prejudice to the exercise, before the date when the union has taken effect, of any of the powers conferred by the Parsonages Measures, 1938 and 1947, the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of High Halstow shall, if at that date it belongs to the said benefice, be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice and the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Saint Mary, Hoo, if at that date it so belongs, and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall be sold and disposed of by us, the said Church Commissioners, after the union has taken effect at such time or times and in such manner in all respects as to us shall seem expedient and the net proceeds of such sale shall constitute and form part of the said Expenses Fund. If, upon the union taking effect, the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Saint Mary, Hoo, shall have been sold in pursuance of the Parsonages Measures 1938 and 1947, the net proceeds of such sale shall upon the union taking effect be severed and diverted from the said benefice of Saint Mary, Hoo, and from the united benefice of High Halstow with Saint Mary, Hoo, and shall be transferred to and become vested in us, the said Church Commissioners, to be held by us as part of and for the benefit of our General Fund, and in consideration of the said transfer we shall make from time to time such grants as after consultation with the bishop of the said diocese we may deem appropriate in augmentation or endowment of any benefice or benefices in the said diocese.

"(4) *Alteration of Boundaries.*—With the consent (testified as aforesaid) of the Reverend Francis St. Clair Goldie as the incumbent of the benefice of High Halstow all that area known as 'The Mean' which lies between the parishes of High Halstow and Saint Mary, Hoo, and is common to both of them and is bounded by the line shown in green upon the map or plan annexed to this Scheme and is shown by the green colour thereon shall cease to be common to the said parishes and shall be united for ecclesiastical purposes to the parish of High Halstow.

"4. *Exchange of Patronage.*—With the consents of the Trustees of the Church Association Trust (hereinafter called 'the Association Trust'), of the Dean and Chapter of the Cathedral Church of Christ and