

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 4th day of *November*, 1954.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 20th day of October, 1954, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, and the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend Christopher, Bishop of Rochester (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting the union of the benefices of Mereworth and West Peckham both situate in the diocese of Rochester.

"SCHEME.

"1. *Union of Benefices.* The benefice of Mereworth and the benefice of West Peckham shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Mereworth with West Peckham', but the parishes of the said benefices shall continue in all respects distinct.

"2. *Taking effect of union.* If upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette both of the said benefices shall be vacant the union shall forthwith take effect, but if they shall not be so vacant the union shall take effect upon the first avoidance of that one of the said benefices last to be avoided after that day.

"3. *Parsonage House.* Upon the union taking effect the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Mereworth shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

"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 patron of the benefice of Mereworth having the first presentation to the united benefice to be made after the union."

And whereas the provisions of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, the Union of Benefices Rules, 1926 and 1930, and the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, relating to the preparation and submission of this Scheme have been duly complied with:

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

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to affirm the said Scheme and to order that it shall be and become effectual in law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette.

W. G. Agnew.

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"We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, and the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend William Bishop of Salisbury (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting the disunion of the united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne Monkton and Whitcombe in the diocese of Salisbury by separating therefrom the benefice of Winterbourne Monkton.

"SCHEME.

"Whereas in pursuance of an Order of His late Majesty King George the Fifth in Council dated the 15th day of August, 1929, and published in the London Gazette on the 23rd day of August, 1929, the benefice of Winterbourne Monkton, the benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne

Farringdon and the benefice of Whitcombe have become united together and now form one benefice with cure of souls but the parishes of the said benefices continue distinct in all respects:

"And whereas the Bishop of the said diocese of Salisbury has forwarded to us provisional proposals pursuant to the said Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, recommending that (a) the said benefice of Winterbourne Monkton should be separated from the said united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne Monkton and Whitcombe, (b) the said benefice of Winterbourne Monkton should be held in plurality with the benefice of Winterbourne Saint Martin, and (c) the separated benefice of Winterbourne Came with Whitcombe should be held in plurality with the benefice of West Stafford with Frome Billett and the benefice of Stinsford, all of which benefices are in the said diocese of Salisbury.

"And whereas effect can be given to the said proposals so far as they relate to the separation of the benefice of Winterbourne Monkton from the said united benefice by a Scheme prepared by us and confirmed by Order of Your Majesty in Council pursuant to the said Union of Benefices Measures and in so far as they relate to the said pluralities by subsequent Orders made by the said Bishop pursuant to the said Pastoral Reorganisation Measure:

"Now therefore we do humbly recommend and propose to Your Majesty as follows, that is to say:—

"1. The benefice of Winterbourne Monkton shall be separated from the said united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne Monkton and Whitcombe and shall become a separate benefice with cure of souls within the limits of its separate parish, but the benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne Farringdon and the benefice of Whitcombe shall remain united under the style of 'The United Benefice of Winterbourne Came with Whitcombe'.

"2. The said separation shall take effect upon the date when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette.

"3. The parsonage house of the united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne Monkton and Whitcombe shall be the parsonage house of the united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Whitcombe.

"4. The endowments and property of the said united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne Monkton and Whitcombe shall be divided and distributed as follows, that is to say, the endowments and property specified in the Schedule hereto shall be assigned and annexed to the benefice of Winterbourne Monkton and all other the endowments and property of the said united benefice shall be assigned and annexed to the united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Whitcombe.

"5. The alternate patron of the united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne Monkton and Whitcombe who did not make the last presentation to that united benefice shall be the sole patron of the united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Whitcombe and the other alternate patron of the united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne Monkton and Whitcombe shall be the patron of the benefice of Winterbourne Monkton.

"THE SCHEDULE.

"(Endowments and property of the united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne Monkton and Whitcombe to be assigned and annexed to the benefice of Winterbourne Monkton upon the separation taking effect).

"(1) A capital sum of £7,594 8s. 2d. held by the Church Commissioners producing £269 19s. 10d. per annum.

"(2) A permanent grant of £5 per annum on the Commissioners' General Fund.

"(3) All the glebe lands now belonging to the united benefice of Winterbourne Came with Winterbourne Monkton and Whitcombe and situate in the parish of Winterbourne Monkton."

And whereas the provisions of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, the Union of Benefices Rules, 1926 and 1930, and the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, relating to the preparation and submission of this Scheme have been duly complied with:

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