

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace* the 16th day of *May*, 1956.

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 27th day of April, 1956, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the New Parishes Measure, 1943, have prepared and humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme for constituting a new parish to be taken out of the parishes of Rainham and Gillingham in the diocese of Rochester.

"SCHEME.

"Whereas we, the Church Commissioners, are satisfied that the spiritual interests of the area defined in the Schedule hereto and delineated on the map hereto annexed would be best served by constituting it a new parish:

"And whereas we are satisfied that a suitable endowment therefor, will be provided:

"And whereas we have not approved any consecrated church within the area as suitable to be the parish church of the new parish:

"Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Christopher, Bishop of Rochester, (in testimony whereof he has set his hand and affixed his episcopal seal to this Scheme) we, the said Church Commissioners, do humbly recommend and propose as follows, that is to say:—

"1. *Constitution.*

"(a) As from the date of the licence thereto of a Minister the area defined in the Schedule hereto and delineated on the map hereto annexed shall be a separate district for spiritual purposes.

"(b) As from the date of the consecration of a church within the area approved by us, the said Church Commissioners, as suitable to be a parish church, or if the church is consecrated before such approval, the date of the approval, the said area shall become a new parish.

"(c) The name of the district (or parish as the case may be) shall be 'The District (or Parish) of Holy Trinity, Gillingham'.

"2. *Archdeaconry and Rural Deanery.*

"The parish shall be in the Archdeaconry of Rochester and in the rural deanery of Gillingham.

"THE SCHEDULE.

"The area comprising:—

"All those contiguous parts of the parishes of Rainham and Gillingham (coloured pink on the map annexed hereto) which are bounded by an imaginary line commencing on the boundary which divides the parish of Gillingham from the parish of Saint Augustine, Gillingham, at a point in the middle of Watling Street opposite the middle of the southern end of Woodlands Road and continuing thence northwards along the aforesaid boundary to a point opposite the southwestern end of the wall or fence which forms the northwestern boundary of the Gillingham and United Services Golf Course and continuing thence first northeastwards then northwards, then northeastwards along the aforesaid wall or fence to its end and then in a straight line in continuation thereof to the middle of the London, Chatham and Dover line of British Railways (Southern Region) and continuing thence south-eastwards along the middle of the said railway line to a point in the middle of the bridge which carries the said railway line over Pump Lane opposite to the middle of the said Lane and continuing thence southwestwards to and along the middle of Pump Lane to a point opposite the eastern end of the wall or fence which forms the northern boundary of the house and premises known as No. 163 Pump Lane and continuing thence westwards to and along the last mentioned wall or fence to its end and continuing thence southwestwards along the walls or fences which form the rear boundaries of the houses and premises situate on the western side of Pump Lane, (thereby crossing Begonia Avenue and Ashley Road) to the southern end of the wall or fence which forms the rear boundary of the house or premises known as No. 1 Pump Lane, and continuing thence in a straight line in the same direction to the middle of London Road and continuing thence northwestwards along the middle of London

Road and the middle of Watling Street to the boundary which divides the parish of Gillingham from the parish of Saint Augustine, Gillingham."

And Whereas the provisions of the New Parishes Measure, 1943, 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 ratify the said Scheme, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Measure.

And Her 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.

W. G. Agnew.

At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 16th day of *May*, 1956.

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 4th day of May, 1956, 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 Maurice, Bishop of Lincoln, (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting the union of part of the benefice and parish of Saint John, Holbeach Fen, and the benefice and parish of Gedney Hill both situate in the diocese of Lincoln.

"SCHEME.

"1. With the consent (testified by his signing this Scheme) of the Reverend Arthur Hubert Hibbett, being the incumbent of the benefice of Gedney Hill, upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette, all that part (coloured pink on the map annexed hereto) of the benefice and parish of Saint John, Holbeach Fen, which lies to the south of the middle of the South Holland Main Drain shall be severed from the remaining part of that benefice and parish and united to the benefice and parish of Gedney Hill (coloured green on the map annexed hereto) and the united benefice (or parish) shall be known as 'The United Benefice (or Parish) of Holy Trinity with Saint Polycarp, Gedney Hill'.

"2. The parish church of the parish of Gedney Hill shall be the parish church of the united parish.

"3. Upon the union taking effect a permanent annuity of £155, being part of a larger annuity charged on our General Fund in favour of the benefice of Saint John, Holbeach Fen, shall be severed and diverted from that benefice and shall be held by us for the augmentation of the united benefice of Holy Trinity with Saint Polycarp, Gedney Hill.

"4. The remaining part (containing the parish church) of the benefice and parish of Saint John, Holbeach Fen, shall continue to be a separate benefice and parish under the style of 'The Benefice (or Parish) of Saint John, Holbeach Fen'.

"5. The patronage of the benefices of Saint John, Holbeach Fen, and Gedney Hill shall not be affected by anything recommended and proposed in this Scheme."

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.