

SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME (NOT PART OF THE DRAFT SCHEME)

This draft Scheme provides for

- *transferring the parish of Bowness from the benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh to the benefice of the Barony of Burgh where it shall continue distinct;*
- *dissolving the parish of Newton Arlosh, Saint John and the parish of Kirkbride, being the two remaining parishes within the area of the benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh and transferring their respective areas to the parish of the Solway Plain;*
- *dissolving the benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh;*
- *the disposal of the parsonage house of the benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh all within the diocese of Carlisle.*

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners ("the Commissioners") this day of 201 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 ("the 2011 Measure"), the Right Reverend James, Bishop of Carlisle, having consented thereto.

PART I

Transfer of parish of Bowness

1. The parish of Bowness, being one of the three constituent parishes of the benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh in the diocese of Carlisle, shall be transferred to the benefice of the Barony of Burgh in the same diocese and shall continue distinct as one of the parishes which comprise the area of that benefice.

Dissolution of two parishes and transfer of their areas

2. The parish of Newton Arlosh, Saint John and the parish of Kirkbride, being two of the three constituent parishes of the benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh in the diocese of Carlisle, shall be dissolved and their respective areas shall be transferred to the parish of the Solway Plain.

Dissolution of benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride, and Newton Arlosh

3. The benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh in the diocese of Carlisle shall be dissolved.

Disposal of parsonage house

4. If before the date on which this Scheme comes into operation the parsonage house of the benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride, and Newton Arlosh (known

as The Rectory, Church Road, Kirkbride, Wigton, CA7 5HY) (“the parsonage”) together with all that part of the site and appurtenances thereof and grounds occupied and enjoyed therewith which in the opinion of the Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance (“Carlisle DBF”) is not required for use as a car park for the church of Saint Bride in the parish of Kirkbride (“a car park”) has not been disposed of pursuant to the powers conferred by the Church Property Measure 2018 it shall, without any conveyance or other assurance be transferred to the Carlisle DBF for disposal in accordance with the provisions of paragraph 8 of Schedule 3 to the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

5. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in the benefice of Bowness-on- Solway, Kirkbride, and Newton Arlosh and/or the parishes of Newton Arlosh, Saint John; and/or Kirkbride he, she or they shall as consequence of the dissolution of the said benefice and the said parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the benefice of the Barony of Burgh or the benefice of the Solway Plain as the Bishop shall direct.

Part II

Disposal of parsonage grounds

6. All that part of the grounds of the parsonage which is required for use as a car park shall without any conveyance or other assurance be transferred to the Carlisle Diocesan Board of Finance for parochial purposes.

Part III

Coming into operation of this Scheme

7. (1) Part I of this Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of it being made by the Commissioners.

(2) Part II of this Scheme shall come into operation upon such date as the Commissioners, after consultation with the Bishop, shall determine.

(3) Part III of this Scheme shall come into operation upon the date on which it is made by the Commissioners.

In witness whereof the Church Commissioners have caused their Common Seal to be hereunto affixed.

SIGNED by the)
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Right Reverend James,)
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Bishop of Carlisle.)

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England
acting by two authorised signatories:

Signature of Authorised Signatory

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Notes by the Church Commissioners' office (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

The Commissioners have been told by the Bishop on the advice of his Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee that the rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

The proposals are fully in line with the Diocesan Strategy for Church Buildings and its Strategy for Ministry which provides for the creation of Mission Communities to promote the objectives of growing disciples; collaborative ministry and ministering to every person in the county. It was agreed by the PCCs and incumbents that the area of the parishes of Newton Arlosh Saint John and Kirkbride should be transferred to the parish of the Solway Plain, and the parish of Bowness should be transferred to the benefice of the Barony of Burgh where it shall continue distinct, as this makes a better geographical fit into the Mission Communities of Solway Plain and Carlisle Rural, and will ease the implementation of the Diocesan Strategy. This will result in the benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh, which is currently vacant, being dissolved as it will no longer be required.

Publication of this draft Scheme by the Commissioners does not mean that we have taken a view on the merits of the diocesan case. We have a duty to publish draft Schemes based on diocesan proposals.

If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors will then receive copies of our correspondence with the

Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to us in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

If there are no representations against the draft Scheme, we will make the Scheme and arrange for it to be brought into effect.

Churches

1. It is the diocesan intention that the church of St Michael shall remain the parish church of the parish of Bowness following its transfer to the benefice of the Barony of Burgh; and the churches of St Bride, Kirkbride and St John the Evangelist, Newton Arlosh shall remain parish churches in the enlarged parish of the Solway Plain.

Assistant curates: consequential provision – clause 5

2. The above clause has been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the dissolution of the benefice and certain parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the benefice of the Solway Plain and/or the benefice of the Barony of Burgh as the Bishop shall direct. Although there is currently no such unnamed office holder in post, this clause is included in case any such office holder is appointed before this Scheme comes into operation.

Archdeaconries and deaneries

3. The benefice of Bowness-on-Solway, Kirkbride and Newton Arlosh and the benefice of the Barony of Burgh, together with their constituent parishes, are in the archdeaconry of Carlisle and the deanery of Carlisle. Following the proposed transfer of the parish of Bowness to the benefice of the Barony of Burgh it will remain in the said archdeaconry and deanery.
4. The benefice of the Solway Plain and its constituent parish are in the archdeaconry of West Cumberland and the deanery of Solway and will remain so following the proposed enlargement of its area by the inclusion of the areas of the dissolved parishes of Newton Arlosh, Saint John and Kirkbride.

Part II of the Scheme

5. Part II of this Scheme allows the Diocese to transfer that part of the parsonage ground that is to become the church's car park to the PCC without a further conveyance.