

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

This draft Scheme provides for the union of the parish of Fordingbridge, the parish of Hyde, the parish of Breamore and the parish of Hale with Woodgreen, being the four parishes which comprise the area of the benefice of Fordingbridge and Hyde and Breamore and Hale with Woodgreen in the diocese of Winchester.

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PASTORAL SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners this day of 20 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, the Right Reverend Timothy, Bishop of Winchester, having consented thereto.

Union of parishes

1. The parish of Fordingbridge, the parish of Hyde, the parish of Breamore and the parish of Hale with Woodgreen, being the four parishes which comprise the area of the benefice of Fordingbridge and Hyde and Breamore and Hale with Woodgreen in the diocese of Winchester, shall be united to create a new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Fordingbridge and Hyde and Breamore and Hale with Woodgreen".

Parish churches

2. The church of Saint Mary, being the parish church of the parish of Fordingbridge, the church of Holy Ascension, being the parish church of the parish of Hyde, the church of Saint Mary, being the parish church of the parish of Breamore, and the church of Saint Mary, being the parish church of the parish of Hale with Woodgreen, shall all be parish churches of the new parish.

Archdeaconry and deanery

3. The new parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Bournemouth and the deanery of Christchurch.

Assistant curates: consequential provision

4. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any person holds an office of assistant curate (however described) in any of the parishes referred to in clause 1 hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the union of parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new parish of Fordingbridge and Hyde and Breamore and Hale with Woodgreen.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

5. This Scheme shall come into operation upon the first day of the month following the date of it being made by the Church Commissioners.

Publication of this draft Scheme has been approved by the Church Commissioners but does not mean that they have taken a view on the merits of the diocesan case.

If they receive representations against the draft Scheme, they will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop and ask for his views. Individual representors will then receive copies of their correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to the Commissioners on the issues raised in their original letter in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

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

Name of the proposed new parish

Clause 1 provides for the legal name of the parish to be “Fordingbridge and Hyde and Breamore and Hale with Woodgreen”, but it is the diocese’s understanding that it will however be known locally as “Avon Valley Churches”. Changing the legal name is a fairly straightforward process which can be dealt with locally if so required under a Bishop’s Pastoral Order.

Status of churches and number of churchwardens

All of the four current parish churches will be parish churches in the proposed new parish, and will therefore have eight churchwardens in total (i.e. two per parish church).

St Giles in Fordingbridge and St Boniface in Hale with Woodgreen will both remain licensed places of worship.

Clause 4

The above clause has been included to ensure that any person holding an office of assistant curate (however described) shall as consequence of the union of the parishes effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new parish. 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.

Addendum following the formal local consultations of 6 October 2020 under s6 of the 2011 Measure, and at the request of the parish of Hyde

The four parishes referred to in clause 1 above have agreed that the proposed Scheme shall be operated as set out in “The Simplification Booklet” – which cannot form a legal part of the 2011 Measure process.