

DIOCESE OF WORCESTER
MISSION & PASTORAL MEASURE 2011
DRAFT PASTORAL PROPOSALS

BENEFICES OF HAGLEY; AND BELBROUGHTON WITH FAIRFIELD AND CLENT

SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT PROPOSALS

These draft proposals provide for:

- *The transfer of the parish of Clent to the benefice of Hagley*
 - *The parishes shall remain distinct*
 - *The patronage arrangements for the benefices*
- In the diocese of Worcester*

Whereas:

By virtue of a Scheme made by the Commissioners in pursuance of the Pastoral Measure 1983 on the 20th day of September 1984 ("the 1984 Scheme") that united the benefice of Belbroughton with Fairfield and the benefice of Clent.

Transfer of parish and alteration of benefice names

- (1) The parish of Clent, being one of the constituent parishes of the benefice of Belbroughton with Fairfield and Clent (the name of which shall be altered to "The Benefice of Belbroughton with Fairfield"), shall be transferred to the benefice of Hagley (the name of which shall be altered to "The Benefice of Hagley and Clent.") and shall continue distinct as one of the parishes which comprise the area of that benefice.
- (2) If immediately before the Scheme establishing the transfer of the parish of Clent comes into operation the Reverend Richard John Christopher Newton holds the benefice of Hagley he shall be the first person to hold the new benefice of Hagley and Clent.

Place of residence

- (3) The parsonage house of the benefice of Hagley shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

Patronage

- (4) The patronage of the benefice of Hagley and Clent, shall be exercisable alternately by Christopher Charles Lyttleton, Twelfth Viscount Cobham (First turn) and The Lord Chancellor on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Her Crown (second turn)

Coming into effect of these proposals

- (5) These proposals shall take effect upon the first day of the month following the date of the making by the Church Commissioners of a pastoral scheme prepared in pursuance of these proposals.

Notes by the Diocesan office (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

The rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

The parish of Clent is currently being looked after by the Reverend Richard Newton as Associate Priest to the benefice of Belbroughton with Fairfield and Clent. The proposed Scheme will regularise the current situation.

In the conversations that have taken place about deanery reorganisation during 2020 have confirmed this proposal. There have been extensive discussions were held with the relevant PCCs and clergy, following which a proposal for transfer was considered

NOTES:

(not forming part of the draft proposals)

Clause 1

The church of Hagley, Saint John the Baptist. and the church of Clent, Saint Leonard. shall both remain the parish church of their respective parishes. The church of Saint Saviour in West Hagley is a mission church.

Patronage

The current patronage for the current benefice of Belbroughton with Farifield and Clent is exercised alternately by The President and Scholars of the College of St John the Baptist in the University of Oxford (first turn) and The Lord Chancellor on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Her Crown (second turn) the next turn would be exercised by The President and Scholars of the College of St John the Baptist in the University of Oxford as the previous incumbent was appointed by The Lord Chancellor on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Her Crown. This has to be in turns as Crown patronage cannot be shared. [Prior to the Pastoral Scheme for the benefice of Belbroughton with Farifield and Clent dated 13th February 1985 effective from 26th May 1985, the patronage for the benefice of Clent was exercised by The Lord Chancellor on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Her Crown.]

The proposed patronage would be ordered as follows:

The Benefice of Hagley and Clent would be exercised by Christopher Charles Lyttelton, Twelfth Viscount Cobham (first turn) and The Lord Chancellor on behalf of Her Majesty in right of Her Crown (second turn). (The parish church of St John the Baptist stands within the grounds of Hagley Park.) (The Crown cannot exercise patronage with anyone else.)

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