

## Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

### Diocese of Oxford

#### The Walbury Beacon Benefice; and the Benefice of Newbury St George and St John

The Bishop of Oxford has asked us to prepare a draft Pastoral Scheme in respect of pastoral proposals affecting these benefices.

Anyone may make representations for or against all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme (please include the reasons for your views) by post or, preferably, by email to reach me no later than midnight on Monday 19 February 2024. If we have not acknowledged receipt of your representation before this date, please ring or e-mail me to ensure it has been received. For administrative purposes, a petition will be classed as a single representation and we will only correspond with the sender of the petition, if known, or otherwise the first signatory for whom we can identify an address – “the primary petitioner”.

If we do not receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will make the Scheme and it will come into effect as it provides. A copy of the completed Scheme will be sent to you together with a note of its effective date.

If we receive any representations against the draft Scheme, we will send them, and any representations supporting the draft Scheme, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of our correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations). They and individual petitioners may comment further. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will normally be published on the Commissioners’ website if the matter needs to be considered by us.

Those making representations should indicate whether they would like an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners regarding their representations in the event the Commissioners decide a hearing should be held. Meetings are normally held at Church House, Westminster. If a hearing is held, we will let you know the arrangements for attending (in person or virtually) and details will also appear on our website. Otherwise, if a hearing is not to be held, the case will be considered in private and you will be informed accordingly.

When we acknowledge representations we will let individual representors (and the primary petitioner) know the next few dates of our Committee’s meetings. We will confirm the actual date of any hearing nearer the time. The Commissioners will decide if the draft Scheme should proceed when they consider all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by their staff and any points raised at the meeting. If the Commissioners do so decide, any representor or petitioner against the draft Scheme may seek leave from the Privy Council to appeal against the decision.

You will be informed of the Commissioners’ decision and the reasons for it.

Please see [www.churchofengland.org/consultation](http://www.churchofengland.org/consultation) for further information about the procedure.

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## **SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME**

**This draft Scheme provides for:**

- the union of the parish of Kintbury with Avington and the parish of Hamstead Marshall, being two of the six parishes within the area of The Walbury Beacon Benefice;
- the parish church of the parish of Kintbury with Avington and the parish church of the parish of Hamstead Marshall to be the parish churches of the new parish;
- the transfer of the parish of Enborne in The Walbury Beacon benefice to the benefice of Newbury Saint George and Saint John where it shall continue distinct;
- the consequential amendment of benefice names;
- the transfer of the parsonage house of The Walbury Beacon Benefice to the Oxford Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes; all within the Diocese of Oxford.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

**THIS IS AN EXTRACT FROM THE NOTICE SENT BY THE CHURCH COMMISSIONERS**

**The full version is available from:**

Church Commissioners (contact details & website as above)

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<https://www.walburybeaconbenefice.org.uk>