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| *SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME (NOT PART OF THE DRAFT SCHEME)*  *This draft Scheme provides for:*  *(i) terminating the plurality established for the benefice of All Saints, Pontefract and the benefice of St Giles, Pontefract;*  *(ii) the union of the benefice of All Saints, Pontefract and the benefice of St Giles, Pontefract (their constituent parishes to remain distinct), for the appointment of the first incumbent of the new benefice and for her parsonage house to be that of the benefice of St Giles, Pontefract, for the transfer of the parsonage house of the benefice of All Saints, Pontefract to the Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes and for the future patronage arrangements for the new benefice*  *in the diocese of Leeds.* |

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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 2011 Measure”), the Right Reverend Paul, Bishop of Kirkstall, duly appointed in that behalf pursuant to section 14 of the Dioceses, Pastoral and Mission Measure 2007, having consented thereto.

**Termination of plurality**

1. The plurality established for the benefice of All Saints, Pontefract and the benefice of Saint Giles, Pontefract (sometimes known as “Pontefract”) by an Order made by the said Bishop in pursuance of the 2011 Measure on the 3rd day of March 2017 shall hereby be terminated.

**Union of benefices**

2. The benefice of All Saints, Pontefract and the benefice of Saint Giles, Pontefract (sometimes known as “Pontefract”) in the diocese of Leeds shall be united to create a new benefice which shall be named "The Benefice of Pontefract", and the area of the new benefice shall comprise the parish of All Saints, Pontefract and the parish of Saint Giles, Pontefract (otherwise known as “Pontefract” which shall henceforth be known only as “Saint Giles, Pontefract”), which parishes shall continue distinct.

**Archdeaconry and deanery**

3. The new benefice and its constituent parishes shall belong to the archdeaconry of Pontefract and the deanery of Pontefract.

**Designation of first incumbent**

4. If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Canon June Margaret Lawson holds an ecclesiastical office in either of the benefices referred to in clause 1 hereof she shall be the first incumbent of the new benefice.

**Assistant curates: consequential provision**

5. (1) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation the Reverend Charles Mark Watkins, or the Reverend Michael John Taylor, or the Reverend Wayne Phillips, or the Reverend Rodney Graham Walker hold the office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 2 hereof he or they shall, in consequence of the union of benefices effected by the Scheme hold that office subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Pontefract.

(2) If immediately before this Scheme comes into operation any other person holds the office of assistant curate (however described) in either of the benefices referred to in clause 2 hereof he, she or they shall as consequence of the union of benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Pontefract.

**Place of residence**

6. The parsonage house of the benefice of Saint Giles, Pontefract (sometimes known as “Pontefract”) (known as 9, The Mount, Pontefract, WF8 1NE) shall be the place of residence of the incumbent of the new benefice.

**Transfer of parsonage house**

7.        The parsonage house of the benefice of All Saints, Pontefract (known as Grenton, South Baileygate, Pontefract, WF8 2JL), together with the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds usually occupied and enjoyed therewith, shall without any conveyance or other assurance be transferred to the Leeds Diocesan Board of Finance for diocesan purposes.

**Patronage**

8. The patronage of the new benefice shall be vested in the Bishop of Leeds in his corporate capacity.

**Coming into operation of this Scheme**

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

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

SIGNED by the Right Reverend Paul, )

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Bishop of Kirkstall. )

Executed as a Deed by the affixing of the )

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Common Seal of the Church )

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Commissioners in the presence of:- )

AUTHENTICATING OFFICER

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| The rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:  **The All Saints, Pontefract benefice’s priest-in-charge left in May 2016 and it was decided that this benefice should be held in plurality with St Giles, Pontefract. This has allowed time and flexibility for the two benefices to start to work together under a single priest and to share mission and ministry across the two benefices.**  **It is now felt that the time is right to move towards formally uniting the benefices to provide a united and co-ordinated provision for mission and ministry in this important historic market town.**  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, the Commissioners will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors will then receive copies of the Commissioners’ correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to the Commissioners 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. |

Names of the current benefices and parishes

Part of the Liber Regis entry of 1786 has this ancient entity as ‘Pontefract, alias Pomfret, Vicarage (All Saints) cum St Giles Capella, nunc in Foro’. This entity had in the 19th century been divided into two (i.e. benefices and parishes in modern terminology), and the spelling of their names have not always been consistent. As the current benefices would effectively cease to exist were the proposed Scheme to be made and take effect, the opportunity is being taken now to regularise the St Giles’s parish name.

All Saints, Pontefract parsonage house

It is the diocesan intention that this property shall be retained for the foreseeable future. When not used in connection with housing clergy or church workers it will be let.

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 union of the benefices effected by the Scheme hold such office or offices subject to the same terms of service in the new benefice of Pontefract. 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.

Churches etc

This Scheme does not alter the existing status of any of the churches, chapels of ease or licensed places of worship in the affected parishes.