

following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend Arthur, Bishop of Bristol (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting the union of the benefice of Pucklechurch and the benefice of Dyrham both situate in the diocese of Bristol.

"SCHEME.

"1. *Union of Benefices.* The benefice of Pucklechurch and the benefice of Dyrham shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Pucklechurch and Abson with Dyrham', but the parishes of the said benefices shall continue in all respects distinct.

"2. *Taking effect of union.* Upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the union shall forthwith take effect and the Reverend Leonard William Penfold, if he is then incumbent of the said benefice of Pucklechurch, shall with his consent (testified by his signature hereto), be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

"3. *Parsonage House.* Upon the union taking effect the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Pucklechurch shall be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice.

"4. *Patronage.* After the union has taken effect the right of presentation to the united benefice shall be exercised by the patrons of the two benefices alternately, the patron of the benefice of Dyrham having the first presentation to the united benefice to be made after the union.

"5. *Diversion of Endowment Income.*

"(1) Subject as hereinafter provided any surplus, calculated by us for the twelve months ending on the 31st March in each year of the endowment income (calculated in accordance with the schedule hereto) of the united benefice over and above an annual sum of £617 shall, with effect from the date upon which the union shall take effect, be paid to and be held by us, for the benefit of the diocesan stipends fund of the diocese of Bristol.

"(2) The said endowment income and the said surplus and the said annual sum of £617 shall be deemed to accrue from day to day and shall when we deem that circumstances so require be apportionable accordingly.

"(3) Any moneys due to us from the incumbent of the united benefice, or, during any vacancy in the united benefice, from the sequestrators thereof, as the case may be (hereinafter called 'the incumbent or sequestrators') upon the calculation of the said surplus shall be paid by the incumbent or sequestrators to us not later than the 30th June in each year and shall be recoverable as a debt due to us.

"(4) For the purpose of ascertaining the amounts of the said endowment income and of the said surplus, we shall have power to require production by the incumbent or sequestrators of accounts and other documents in relation thereto, and the said accounts for the twelve months to 31st March in each year (or where applicable for a part of the year ending on that date) shall be rendered annually to us within six weeks of that date in such form as we shall prescribe; and in the event of failure by the incumbent or sequestrators to produce such accounts or documents we shall have all legal remedies for enforcing production thereof.

"6. *Archdeaconry and Rural Deanery.* The united benefice shall be in the archdeaconry of Bristol and in the rural deanery of Stapleton.

"SCHEDULE.

"For the purpose of this Scheme the endowment income of the united benefice shall without prejudice to the power of decision vested in us by virtue of Section 18 of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, if any question shall arise, be computed in accordance with our Central Register of Benefice Income, that is to say, by including:—

"(1) all gross secured income payable by us and any other person or body, and

"(2) all gross income received from ground rents, chief rents or other fixed charges, other glebe rents and any letting of the parsonage house or a formally divided portion thereof, and by deducting therefrom:—

"(1) the rates payable on the parsonage house if occupied by the incumbent,

"(2) the rent and rates payable on any house occupied by the incumbent other than the parsonage house,

"(3) the annual assessment charged upon the incumbent under the Ecclesiastical Dilapidations Measures, 1923 to 1951, in respect of the benefice,

"(4) the rates payable on the glebe,

"(5) the cost of collecting glebe rents,

"(6) any tithe, annuity, rentcharge or fee farm rent charged upon the glebe,

"(7) any other outgoings in respect of the glebe,

"(8) any charge upon the benefice income in favour of another benefice or any lay person,

"(9) any payment to a curate or lay worker out of the benefice income,

"(10) the annual payments in respect of capital and interest in respect of any mortgage of the benefice income,

"(11) any pension paid to a retired incumbent out of the benefice income,

"(12) any part of the benefice income diverted to the diocesan stipends fund pursuant to an Order under Section 12 of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949."

And whereas the provisions of the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, the Union of Benefices Rules, 1926 and 1930, and the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, relating to the preparation and submission of this Scheme have been duly complied with:

And whereas the said Scheme has been approved by Her Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice of Her said Council, is pleased hereby to affirm the said Scheme and to order that it shall be and become effectual in law immediately upon the publication of this Order in the London Gazette.

W. G. Agnew.

At the Court at *Goodwood House*, the 29th day of July, 1955.

PRESENT,

The QUEEN's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Church Commissioners have duly prepared and laid before Her Majesty in Council a Scheme bearing date the 21st day of July, 1955, in the words and figures following, that is to say:—

"We, the Church Commissioners, acting in pursuance of the Pastoral Reorganisation Measure, 1949, and the Union of Benefices Measures, 1923 to 1952, now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council the following Scheme which we have prepared with the consent of the Right Reverend Michael, Bishop of Saint Albans (in witness whereof he has signed the Scheme), for effecting the union of the benefices of Aspenden and Layston with Buntingford, both situate in the diocese of Saint Albans.

"SCHEME.

"1. *Union of Benefices.* The benefice of Aspenden and the Benefice of Layston with Buntingford shall be permanently united together and form one benefice with cure of souls under the style of 'The United Benefice of Aspenden and Layston with Buntingford,' but the parishes of the said benefices shall continue in all respects distinct.

"2. *Taking effect of union.*

"(a) If upon the day when any Order of Your Majesty in Council affirming this Scheme is published in the London Gazette the benefice of Aspenden shall be vacant, the union shall forthwith take effect.

"(b) If upon that day the benefice of Aspenden shall be full the union shall take effect immediately upon the next vacation thereof and the incumbent (if any) at the relevant date, of the benefice of Layston with Buntingford, shall be the first incumbent of the united benefice.

"3. *Parsonage House.* Without prejudice to the exercise before the date when the union takes effect, of the powers conferred by the Parsonages Measures, 1938 and 1947, the parsonage house at present belonging to the benefice of Layston with Buntingford shall, if at that date it so belongs, be the house of residence of the incumbent of the united benefice and the parsonage house belonging to the benefice of Aspenden, if at that date it so belongs, and the site and appurtenances thereof and the grounds heretofore usually occupied and enjoyed therewith shall, as soon as conveniently may be,