



Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

2011 No. 3

PART 5

CONTENTS AND EFFECT OF PASTORAL SCHEMES AND ORDERS

Changes in benefices, parishes, extra-parochial places, archdeaconries and deaneries

31 Creation, alteration or dissolution of benefices, parishes and extra-parochial places

- (1) A pastoral scheme may provide for any of the following matters—
 - (a) for the creation, whether by union or otherwise, of new benefices or parishes;
 - (b) for the dissolution of existing benefices or parishes;
 - (c) for the alteration of the areas of existing benefices or parishes (including the transfer of a parish from one benefice to another) or the definition of their boundaries;
 - (d) for the creation of new extra-parochial places, the incorporation in parishes of existing extra-parochial places, or the alteration or definition of the boundaries of existing extra-parochial places.
- (2) A pastoral scheme shall name every new benefice and new parish created by the scheme, and may alter the name of any benefice or parish.
- (3) A pastoral scheme providing for the union of two or more benefices may provide for uniting all the parishes within a new benefice, or for uniting some but not all those parishes, or may leave them as separate parishes.
- (4) A pastoral scheme may provide for the creation of a new parish with full parochial status, notwithstanding that the parish so created will have no parish church when the provision comes into operation.
- (5) A pastoral scheme may also authorise the making of sharing agreements on behalf of the Church of England in respect of a church or parsonage house which under the agreement will be in the joint ownership of that Church and any other Church.

Changes to legislation: Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011, Section 31 is up to date with all changes known to be in force on or before 02 September 2019. There are changes that may be brought into force at a future date. Changes that have been made appear in the content and are referenced with annotations. (See end of Document for details) View outstanding changes

- (6) A pastoral scheme authorising the making of any sharing agreement shall specify the church or parsonage house to which it relates, and may specify terms and conditions subject to which the authorisation is given.

Commencement Information

II S. 31 in force at 1.7.2012 by [S.I. 2012/1](#), [art. 2](#)

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Changes and effects yet to be applied to the whole Measure associated Parts and Chapters:

Whole provisions yet to be inserted into this Measure (including any effects on those provisions):

- s. 31(4A) inserted by [2019 No. 1 Sch. 2 para. 32](#)
- s. 103A inserted by [2019 No. 1 Sch. 2 para. 35](#)