



Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011

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PART 5

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Team and group ministries

34 Establishment of team ministries

- (1) A pastoral scheme may make provision for the establishment of a team ministry for the area of any benefice, and such a scheme shall provide—
- (a) for the sharing of the cure of souls in that area by the incumbent of the benefice which, if it is not or would not otherwise be a rectory, shall be a rectory and one or more other ministers who shall have the title of vicar and a status equal to that of an incumbent of a benefice; and
 - (b) for the pastoral care of persons in that area by those who are to share the cure of souls therein together with all other persons who are from time to time authorised by a licence or permission of the bishop to serve in that area as members of the team.

The persons who are to share the cure of souls in the said area shall constitute the team chapter, and the team chapter together with the other persons referred to in the scheme by virtue of paragraph (b) of this subsection shall constitute the team.

- (2) The office of a rector in a team ministry who is not subject to Common Tenure and who holds his or her office for a term of years shall be held by each holder thereof for the specified term of years; but the fact that the office is held for a term of years shall not affect its other attributes as a benefice and, in particular, the rector shall be a corporation sole and as such hold the property of the benefice during his or her term of office.

[^{F1}(2A) A person ordained to the office of deacon may be authorised under subsection (1)(b) by licence of the bishop—

- (a) to serve in a team ministry as a member of the team; and

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- (b) for the purposes of the team ministry to perform, so far as consistent with the office of deacon, all such offices and services as may be performed by an incumbent.]
- (3) No person shall be authorised under subsection (1)(b) by licence of the bishop to serve in a team ministry as a member of the team unless he or she has been nominated for that purpose by the rector with the consent of a majority of the other members of the team and of each parochial church council concerned:

Provided that it shall not be necessary for the person concerned to be nominated for the purpose by the rector where that person is authorised to serve in a team ministry for a period immediately following a period of service in the team ministry.

- (4) A pastoral scheme establishing a team ministry may provide for the designation or selection of the first rector (who may be the existing incumbent) or the first holder of any office of vicar but, subject to any such provision—
- (a) the rector shall be presented or collated to the benefice, as the circumstances require, in accordance with paragraph 1 of Schedule 3 and the provisions of the scheme made under that paragraph;
- (b) the vicar or vicars shall be chosen in accordance with paragraph 2 of that Schedule, shall be appointed to the office by licence of the bishop under seal and, unless the bishop otherwise directs, shall be publicly admitted in a church in the area.
- (5) Where a pastoral scheme designates a person as the first holder of the office of vicar in a team ministry, the bishop shall offer to issue a licence appointing him to the office, and if that person does not accept the offer within one month after it is made to him or her, the designation shall cease to have effect.
- (6) The rector in a team ministry shall have a general responsibility for the cure of souls in the area of the benefice, which may be subject to any special cure or special responsibility given to a vicar as provided in this section, and shall be responsible for the leadership of the team^{F2}
- (7) A vicar in a team ministry shall by virtue of his office, but subject to his licence, have authority to perform in the area of the benefice all such offices and services as may be performed by an incumbent, and^{F3}... the bishop's licence may—
- (a) assign to a vicar a special cure of souls in respect of a part of the said area and, if appropriate, the name of vicar of a church in that part;
- (b) assign to a vicar a special responsibility for a particular pastoral function;
- (c) provide that any such special cure or responsibility shall be independent of the rector's general responsibility;
- (d) assign to a vicar a general responsibility to be shared with the rector for a cure of souls in the area as a whole;

and, if any such provision is made by the bishop's licence, it may^{F4}... be varied or revoked, with the consent of the rector and the vicar concerned, by a subsequent licence under seal:

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- (8) [^{F6}The bishop's licence may assign to any member of a team ministry] who is not a member of the team chapter a special responsibility for pastoral care in respect of a part of the area of the benefice, so far as consistent with that member's office; and, if

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any such provision is made by the bishop's licence, it may ^{F7}... be varied or revoked by a subsequent licence under seal.

(9) The Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measures 1963 and 1974 shall apply to vicars in a team ministry and deacons in a team ministry [^{F8}to whom subsection (2A) applies] as if they were incumbents of the benefice for the area of which the team ministry is established.

(10) The Ecclesiastical Offices (Age Limit) Measure 1975 (1975 No. 2) shall apply to deacons in a team ministry [^{F9}to whom subsection (2A) applies] as if they were vicars in the team ministry and, accordingly, no person shall be capable of being authorised by licence of the bishop to serve in a team ministry as such a deacon if at the time of the issue of the licence he has attained the age of seventy years.

^{F10}(11)

^{F11}(12)

(13) Sub-paragraphs (1), (2) ^{F12}...and (5) of paragraph 4 of Schedule 3 shall apply to parochial church meetings and parochial church councils in the area of a benefice for which a team ministry is established, and for the election of district church councils and churchwardens, and, if the area comprises more than one parish, for establishing a team council and empowering that council to exercise certain powers.

(14) Where two or more benefices are, or are to be, held in plurality, and a team ministry is established or is to be established for the area of one of those benefices, a pastoral scheme may provide for extending the operation of the team ministry, so long as the plurality continues, to the area of any other benefice so held, and subsections (6), (7) and (13) and the provisions of Schedule 3 referred to in those subsections shall have effect as if the references to the area of the benefice were references to the combined area of the benefices concerned.

^{F13}(15)

(16) Where a benefice for which a team ministry is established becomes vacant the bishop may appoint a person holding the office of vicar in the team ministry to act as rector in the team ministry for the purposes of subsections (3) [^{F14}and (6)], and any person so appointed shall be deemed to hold the office of rector in the team ministry for the purposes of those subsections while the benefice remains vacant.

(17) In this section “specified term of years” in relation to a team ministry means such term of years as may for the time being be specified for the team ministry for the purposes of subsection (2) by a pastoral scheme or pastoral order; and in the case of a team ministry for which no term of years is so specified seven years shall be deemed to be the specified term of years for the purposes of that subsection.

^{F15}(18)

Textual Amendments

- F1** S. 34(2A) inserted (1.7.2012) by [The Ecclesiastical Offices \(Terms of Service\) \(Consequential Provisions\) Order 2012 \(S.I. 2012/992\)](#), arts. 1(2), 2, **Sch. para. 1(2)**
- F2** Words in s. 34(6) omitted (1.10.2018) by virtue of [Mission and Pastoral etc. \(Amendment\) Measure 2018 \(No. 4\)](#), **ss. 5(1)**, 14(3); S.I. 2018/722, art. 3(e) (with Sch. para. 2)
- F3** Words in s. 34(7) omitted (1.10.2018) by virtue of [Mission and Pastoral etc. \(Amendment\) Measure 2018 \(No. 4\)](#), **ss. 5(2)(a)**, 14(3); S.I. 2018/722, art. 3(e) (with Sch. para. 2)

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- F4** Words in s. 34(7) omitted (1.10.2018) by virtue of *Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018* (No. 4), **ss. 5(2)(b)**, 14(3); S.I. 2018/722, art. 3(e) (with Sch. para. 2)
- F5** Proviso repealed (17.11.2014) by *Bishops and Priests (Consecration and Ordination of Women) Measure 2014* (No. 2), s. 4(2), **Sch.**; S.I. 2014/5, art. 2
- F6** Words in s. 34(8) substituted (1.10.2018) by *Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018* (No. 4), **ss. 5(3)(a)**, 14(3); S.I. 2018/722, art. 3(e) (with Sch. para. 2)
- F7** Words in s. 34(8) omitted (1.10.2018) by virtue of *Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018* (No. 4), **ss. 5(3)(b)**, 14(3); S.I. 2018/722, art. 3(e) (with Sch. para. 2)
- F8** Words in s. 34(9) inserted (1.7.2012) by *The Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012* (S.I. 2012/992), arts. 1(2), 2, **Sch. para. 1(3)**
- F9** Words in s. 34(10) inserted (1.7.2012) by *The Ecclesiastical Offices (Terms of Service) (Consequential Provisions) Order 2012* (S.I. 2012/992), arts. 1(2), 2, **Sch. para. 1(4)**
- F10** S. 34(11) omitted (1.10.2018) by virtue of *Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018* (No. 4), **ss. 5(4)(a)**, 14(3); S.I. 2018/722, art. 3(e)
- F11** S. 34(12) omitted (1.10.2018) by virtue of *Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018* (No. 4), **ss. 5(4)(b)**, 14(3); S.I. 2018/722, art. 3(e)
- F12** Word in s. 34(13) omitted (1.1.2020) by virtue of *Church Representation and Ministers Measure 2019* (No. 1), s. 1(3), **Sch. 2 para. 33**; S.I. 2019/1460, art. 2
- F13** S. 34(15) omitted (1.10.2018) by virtue of *Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018* (No. 4), **ss. 5(4)(c)**, 14(3); S.I. 2018/722, art. 3(e)
- F14** Words in s. 34(16) substituted (1.10.2018) by *Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018* (No. 4), **ss. 5(5)**, 14(3); S.I. 2018/722, art. 3(e)
- F15** S. 34(18) omitted (1.10.2018) by virtue of *Mission and Pastoral etc. (Amendment) Measure 2018* (No. 4), **ss. 5(4)(d)**, 14(3); S.I. 2018/722, art. 3(e)

Commencement Information

- I1** S. 34 in force at 1.7.2012 by S.I. 2012/1, **art. 2**

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