

SUMMARY OF MAIN PROVISIONS OF DRAFT SCHEME (NOT PART OF THE DRAFT SCHEME)

This draft Scheme provides solely for the public chapel of Saint Wistan, in the parish of Wigston Magna, to be declared closed for regular public worship, in the Diocese of Leicester.

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PASTORAL CHURCH BUILDINGS SCHEME

This Scheme is made by the Church Commissioners ("the Commissioners") this day of 2022 in pursuance of the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011 ("the 2011 Measure"), Right Reverend Martyn, Bishop of Leicester, having consented thereto.

PART I

Declaration of closure for regular public worship

1. (1) The church of Saint Wistan, being a public chapel in the parish of Wigston Magna, in the diocese of Leicester shall be declared closed for regular public worship by this Scheme.

(2) Subject to any provisions of the Parochial Registers and Records Measure 1978 which apply thereto and any directions thereunder, any register books and records of that church which remain in parochial custody shall be transferred to the parish church of the said parish.

PART II

Coming into operation of this Scheme

2. (1) Part I of this Scheme shall come into operation upon such date as the Commissioners, after consultation with the Bishop, shall determine.

(2) Part II of this Scheme shall come into operation upon the date on which it is made by the Commissioners.

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

SIGNED by)
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Right Reverend Martyn,)
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Bishop of Leicester.)

Executed as a Deed by the Church Commissioners for England acting by two authorised signatories:

Signature of Authorised Signatory

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Notes by the Church Commissioners' office (not forming part of the draft Scheme)

The Commissioners have been told by the Bishop on the advice of his Diocesan Mission and Pastoral Committee that the rationale behind the diocesan proposals is as follows:

Following the temporary closure of Saint Wistan's, Wigston Magna for safety reasons in 2018, the small congregation of Saint Wistan's transferred their regular Sunday service to the nearby parish church of All Saints Wigston Magna. Following this successful transfer of worship services from Saint Wistan's public chapel, the PCC of the parish of Wigston Magna reluctantly concluded that there was no further missional or pastoral need in the parish which could not be met through the use of the nearby All Saints church and that they should concentrate their resources on that one church building. All Saints Church is located in a more central position, has more space and facilities offers greater potential for resourcing worship and mission. They have therefore requested that and the public chapel known as Saint Wistan, Wigston Magna be closed for regular public worship.

Publication of this draft Scheme by the Commissioners does not mean that we have taken a view on the merits of the diocesan case. We have a duty to publish draft Schemes based on diocesan proposals.

If we receive representations against the draft Scheme, we will send all representations, both for and against, to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors will then receive copies of our correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and they may comment further in writing to us in light of the diocesan response if they so wish.

If there are no representations against the draft Scheme, we will make the Scheme and arrange for it to be brought into effect.

Clause 1

This Scheme, if implemented, would have the effect of closing Saint Wistan's church, Wigston Magna, for public worship and vesting it in the Leicester Diocesan Board of

Finance for care and maintenance pending a decision on its future. Any such decision would be the subject of a second Scheme, called a Pastoral (Church Buildings Disposal) Scheme, which would be prepared and published by the Church Commissioners, and with regard to which an opportunity would be given for representations to be made. In terms of implementing this Pastoral Church Buildings Scheme subject to the consideration of any representations, the Commissioners will need to be satisfied that all aspects of title relating to the church, including access and any rights of way, are in order before they make the Scheme. Banns of marriage may not be called nor marriages solemnized in the church from the date of closure.

Notice
Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011
Draft Pastoral Church Buildings Scheme

27th May 2022

The Church Commissioners have prepared a draft Scheme in respect of proposals sent to them by the Bishop of Leicester for:

The proposed closure of the church of Saint Wistan, Wigston Magna, for regular public worship.
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A copy of the draft Scheme may be inspected at: Wigston Library, Bull Head Street, Wigston, LE18 1PA.

The draft Scheme is on our website www.churchofengland.org/consultation or you may obtain a copy from me. **Large print and/or audio copies are available on request.** Anyone may make representations **for or against** all or any part 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 4th July 2022**. If I have not acknowledged its receipt, please ring or e-mail me. 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”.

- When making a representation, please indicate the nature of your interest in the proposals (e.g. parishioner, member of parochial church council, etc) and whether you would like an opportunity to speak to the Commissioners regarding your representation if they decide a hearing should be held regarding the case.
- If we receive representations against the draft [Scheme] [Order], we will send them, and any representations supporting the draft [Scheme] [Order], to the Bishop whose views will be sought. Individual representors and the primary petitioner will then receive copies of the correspondence with the Bishop (including copies of all the representations) and will be told whether a hearing is to be held. They and individual petitioners may comment further to the Commissioners. Copies of all of the representations received and associated correspondence will be published on the Commissioners’ website if the matter needs to be considered by the Commissioners.
- If a hearing is held, anyone may attend the meeting of the Commissioners’ Committee that considers the case and representors may have an opportunity to speak to it. 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 if a hearing is to be held nearer the time.
- The Committee will decide if the draft [Scheme] [Order] should proceed when it considers all the representations on the basis of a paper prepared by the Commissioners’ staff and any points raised at the meeting. The Commissioners will notify all representors of their decision and give a statement of the reasons for it.
- Please see www.churchofengland.org/consultation for further information about the procedure.

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