

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

This draft Scheme provides for the union of the parish of Coberley and the parish of Cowley, being two of the parishes within the area of the benefice of The Churn Valley Benefice in the diocese of Gloucester.

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PASTORAL PROPOSAL

Union of parishes

1. The parish of Coberley and the parish of Cowley, being two of the parishes within the area of The Church Valley Benefice in the diocese of Gloucester, shall be united to create a new parish which shall be named "The Parish of Coberley and Cowley".

Parish churches

2. The church of St Giles, being the parish church of the parish of Coberley, and the church of St Mary, being the parish church of the parish of Cowley, shall both be the parish churches of the new parish.

Archdeaconry and deanery

3. The new parish shall belong to the archdeaconry of Cheltenham and the deanery of Cirencester.

Representation of the laity

4. The Bishop may by Instrument under her hand make provision for ensuring that the congregation of every church or place of worship in the new parish will have its own elected representatives of the laity on the parochial church council of the new parish.

Coming into operation of this Scheme

5. If upon the date on which this Scheme is made no person holds an ecclesiastical office under Common Tenure which will be terminated by this Scheme and is in receipt of a stipend and/or other emoluments of office, including accommodation, this Scheme shall come into operation on the first day of the month following the said date; but if on the said date any person holds such an office this Scheme shall come into effect six months thereafter or on such earlier date on which all such offices have been vacated.