

Benefice Merger

We have received the latest draft proposal relating to the merger of our benefice with that of Hingham, High Oak, Scoulton with Woodrising, amongst others. A notice should now be displayed in each of our churches for the next three weeks giving details and inviting people to have their say on the proposal. Note the cut-off date.

Details of the Proposed Pastoral Scheme can be found on:
www.churchofengland.org/consultation

Please note, there are several proposed schemes on the website so you will need to scroll through until you find the relevant one. If anyone has difficulty, contact your churchwarden or member of your PCC.

Important Information **Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011**

Proposed Pastoral Scheme for reorganisation of the following Benefices;

- 1. East with West Harling, Bridgham with Roudham, Larling, Bretton and Rushford;**
- 2. Guiltcross;**
- 3. High Oak, Hingham and Scoulton with Wood Rising;**
- 4. Great Ellingham, Little Ellingham, Rockland All Saints, Rockland St Peter and Shropham w Snetterton (known as Great Ellingham Shellrock);**
- 5. The Benefice of Thetford**
- 6. Banham, New Buckenham, Old Buckenham, Eccles, Quidenham and Wilby (known as The Quidenham Group)**

Anyone may make representations **for** or **against** all or any part or parts of the draft Scheme to the Church Commissioners (please include the reasons for your views) by post or, preferably, by email to reach them no later than **midnight on Wednesday 12th November 2025.**

Please send your representation to:

Email: matthew.crowe@churchofengland.org;

Or by letter;

For the attention of Matthew Crowe, Pastoral Division, Church Commissioners, Church House, Great Smith Street, LONDON SW1P 3AZ.

New Benefice name

As we appear to be getting close to the merger of the two benefices, we could do with having a relevant name for this new benefice. At present it is simply a listing of all the parishes in the benefice.

If anyone has a suggestion please let Tori know. Sorry no prizes other than the satisfaction of coming up with something better than the benefice name of:

'Hingham, High Oak, Scoulton with Woodrising, Great Ellingham, Little Ellingham, Rockland All Saints, Rockland St Peter'.

Events this week

Saturday 18th October

10.00am-12.00pm Coffee Morning in St Peter's church, Little Ellingham

Sunday 19th October, Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Readings: *Genesis 32.22-31* *Psalm 121*
2 Timothy 3.14 - 4.5 *Luke 18.1-8*

10.30am	St James, Great Ellingham	Morning Prayer
10.30am	Rockland All Saints	Holy Communion
6.00pm	St Peter, Little Ellingham	Prayer and Praise

Tuesday 21st October

10.00am Fellowship Group

Wednesday 22nd October

7.00pm Benefice Choir practice in St James' church, Great Ellingham

Sunday 26th October, Last Sunday after Trinity

Readings: *Ecclesiasticus 35.12-17* or *Jeremiah 14.7-10, 19-22*
Psalm 84.1-7 *2 Timothy 4.6-8,16-18* *Luke 18.9-14*

10.30am	Rockland St Peter	Shellrock Benefice Holy Communion
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Looking forward.....

1 November	Little Ellingham Pie and Pickle Lunch
8 November	Great Ellingham Pop Up Cafe
8 November	Rockland's Harvest Supper
14 & 15 November	Great Ellingham Christmas Fair
16 November	Pudsey Lunch

If you have an event planned and wish it to be advertised, please let me know.

Contacts

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