

The 7 Churches Proposed Pastoral Reorganisation

As a nimble way to administer the 7 Churches during the Vacancy, we have set up a **7 Churches Standing Committee** with a representative from each Parish.

In addition to the administration during the vacancy, the 7 Churches Standing Committee and all the other Churchwardens have as a team:

- ❖ Finalised proposals for **Pastoral Reorganisation**
- ❖ In parallel working, together we have finalised our **Joint** and **individual Parish Profiles**.

So, what are the proposals:

The Seven Churches PCCs are minded for us all to become a:

SINGLE BENEFICE OF 7 CHURCHES TO BE CALLED THE GRANTA VALE BENEFICE

As a Single Benefice, we would have a **Rector** living in the **Balsham Rectory**.

Later when the Rector is in place, we would appoint a **House for Duty Priest** living in the **Little Abington Rectory**

To make the new Rector's Role more appealing?

The Seven Churches PCCs are also minded to set up a:

GRANTA VALE BENEFICE COUNCIL

The proposed '**Granta Vale Benefice Council**' would have legal status as part of the scheme. In effect, it would be a Joint PCC, dealing with those matters of policy which are global for the whole Benefice, but not undermining the local accountability of each individual PCC in the Benefice.

This **Granta Vale Benefice Council** would be two elected representatives from each PCC (not necessarily all CWs, but could be one CW and one other) and the **Rector** and **HFD priest** periodically to discuss ministry and mission initiatives, Parish Share and Shared Ministry Costs discussions and proposals, reporting on the Parish Nurse and Parish Administrator, organisation of joint events and any other matters of mutual concern. The churchwardens will then need to report back to their individual PCCs. This would be a good way of looking at the strategic bigger picture, encouraging co-operation, getting new ideas and making the best use of Clergy time.

So, what happens at the Parish Level?

We are minded that these would stay as **6 independent Parochial Church Councils (PCCs)**. It would be exactly like the current PCC arrangement with the **Rector** remaining as the **Chairman** - **but without the necessity for the incumbent to attend every PCC meeting**.

With the **Vice-Chairman** (a Churchwarden) on a regular basis chairing the PCC meetings and importantly with these PCCs retaining their **independence** and with all

their own separate Accounting, Budgetary and Fiscal controls, with Faculty and all the Regulatory roles remaining intact as today