

Facilitating Mission through innovative use of the Pastoral Measure

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The scenarios which follow are mostly based on actual pastoral reorganisation which has occurred or on illustrative material produced for the Toyne Review or on situations discussed during the Review.

They are intended to illustrate the range of possibilities available under the current Pastoral Measure. Some situations could be dealt with in several different ways. In others a combination of some of the possibilities shown here with each other or with more “conventional” reorganisation might be appropriate.

Themes

- Church planting
- Arrangements for non-adjoining areas
- Permeable boundaries

Three themes – some overlap between them

Church Plants

- Extra Parochial Place
- Detached Part of Parish
- EPP within Detached Part of Parish
- Small Detached Parish might be

These are all ways in which a cross-border church plant might be set up.

A plant within a parish/benefice does not need Pastoral Measure provision. A Conventional District might be appropriate.

Which to choose will depend on circumstances.

City Deanery

1a +	2 +	3 +	4 +	5 +
1b ⌘	x	⌘ +	+ ±	
6b +	7 +	8 +	9 †	10 +
6a +				±

Parish Church + Chapel of Ease ± Cathedral † Licensed Place of Worship ⌘ Methodist Church x

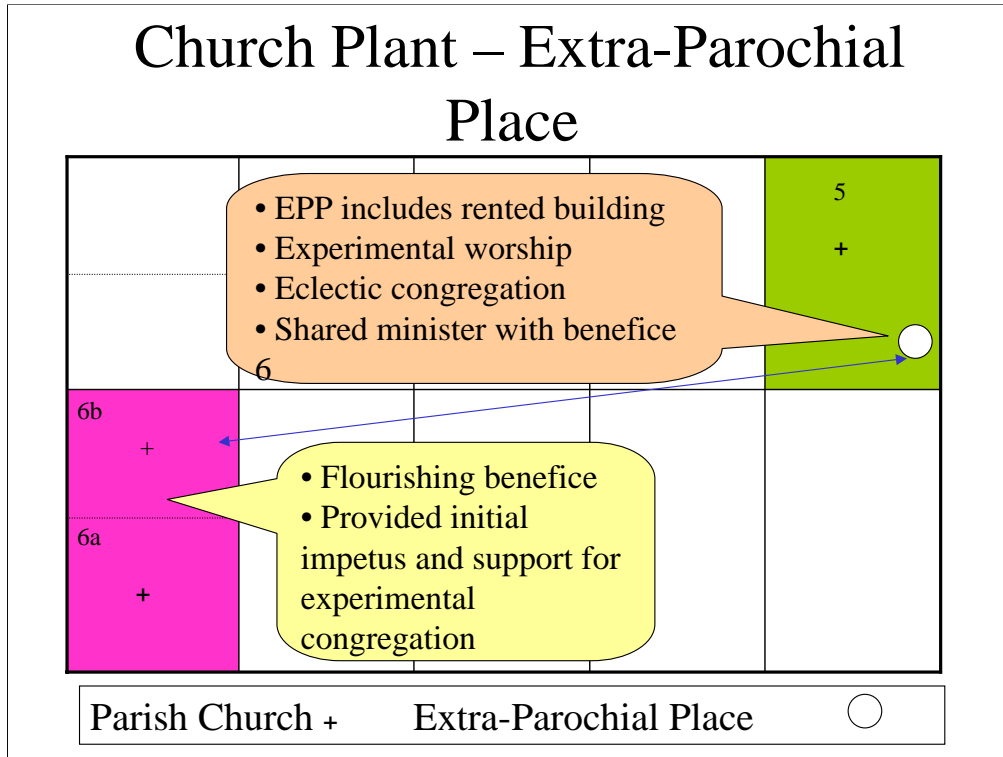
The diagram shows an imaginary city-centre deanery. Each colour/shade represents a benefice. Where a benefice has more than one parish this is shown by a dividing line (i.e. in benefices 1 and 6).

Carpenters' Arms Deal



The original Extra-Parochial Place

Church Plant – Extra-Parochial Place



E.g Curate of benefice 6 has developed new congregation with experimental worship. Has outgrown premises. Eclectic congregation. New venue. Incumbent of benefice 5 doesn't want supervisory role.

No PCC to own property. Limited deanery synod representation.

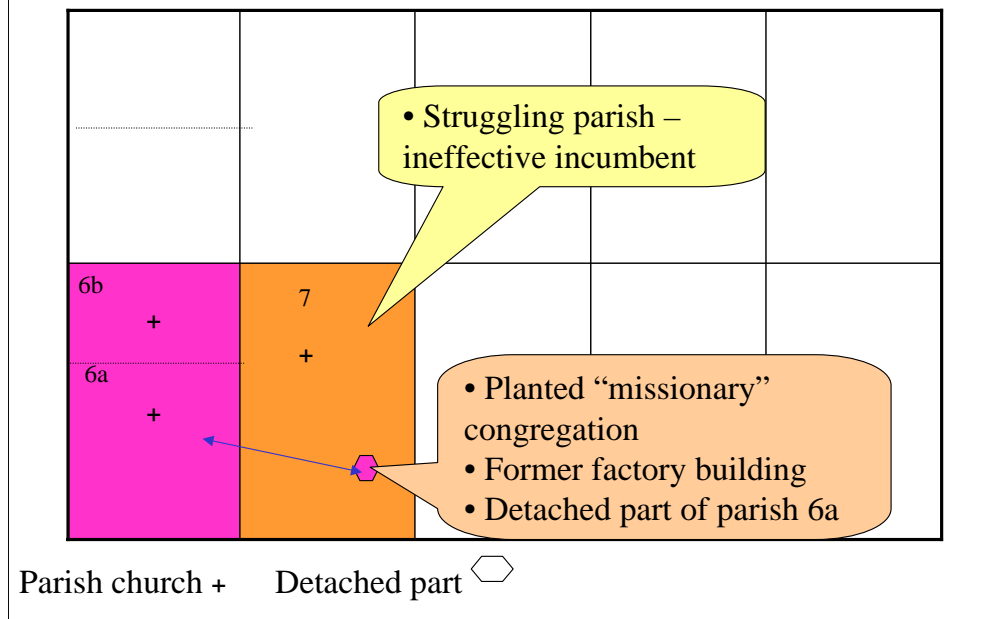
Bishop's Mission Initiative may replace.

St Thomas at Philadelphia



Actually an EPP but uses former factory.

Church Plant – Detached Part of Parish



The Toyne Group was concerned about how the current Pastoral Measure could help “tired, struggling parishes”. In this (imaginary) example parish 7 is struggling in terms of mission and ministry.

The site of the former factory building becomes part of parish 6a although physically detached from it. The incumbent of benefice 6 has cure of souls and can establish the plant congregation. His cure of souls in parish 7 would only extend to those who joined the electoral roll of parish 6a.

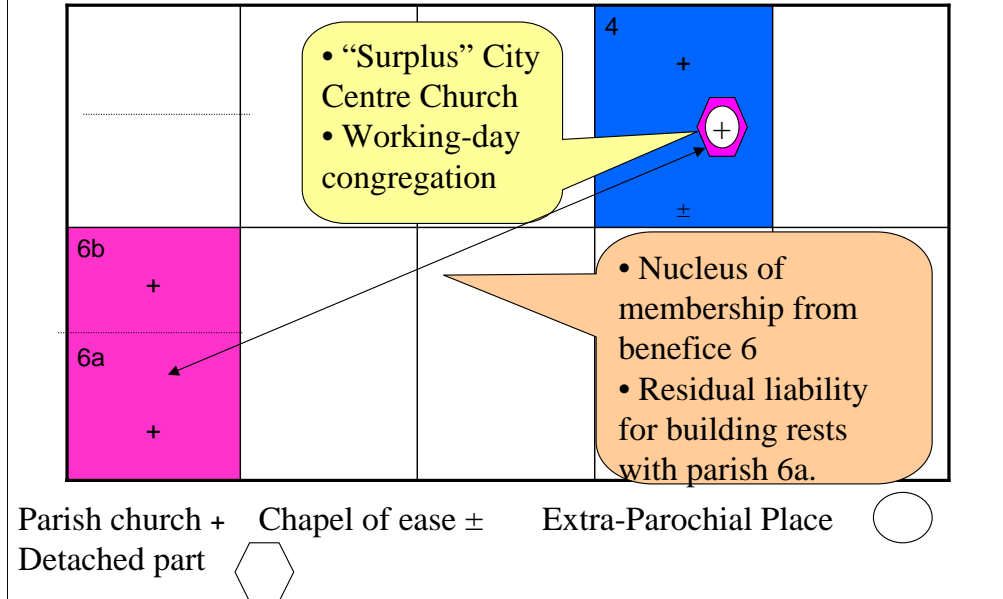
By Pastoral Order (no church involved) s14 if all consent.

Right of representation to Commissioners if opposed. Pastoral Committee would adjudicate. “Better provision for cure of souls” is the test.

Probably short term arrangement to revitalise. But could be to complement.

Burscough-Skelmersdale link in Liverpool.

Church Plant - Extra-Parochial Place within Detached Part of Parish



Again the Extra-Parochial Place belongs to no parish. The surrounding “donut” is now a detached part of parish 6a.

Maintenance responsibility for the church in the Extra-Parochial Place no longer lies with the PCC of parish 4. The pastoral scheme would provide for a body established for the Extra-Parochial Place to have responsibility. If the Extra-Parochial Place ended, it would be absorbed into the detached part of parish 6a which would then be responsible for the building as it would then be within the geographical boundary of parish 6a.

To ensure that ownership of the building would transfer to the incumbent of benefice 6 at the outset the creation of the Extra-Parochial Place should take effect after the creation of the detached part of parish 6a. Otherwise ownership remains with parish 4.

Oak Tree Fellowship at Acton. Christ church Mayfair

Schemes contain maintenance provisions but no residual liability for Mayfair

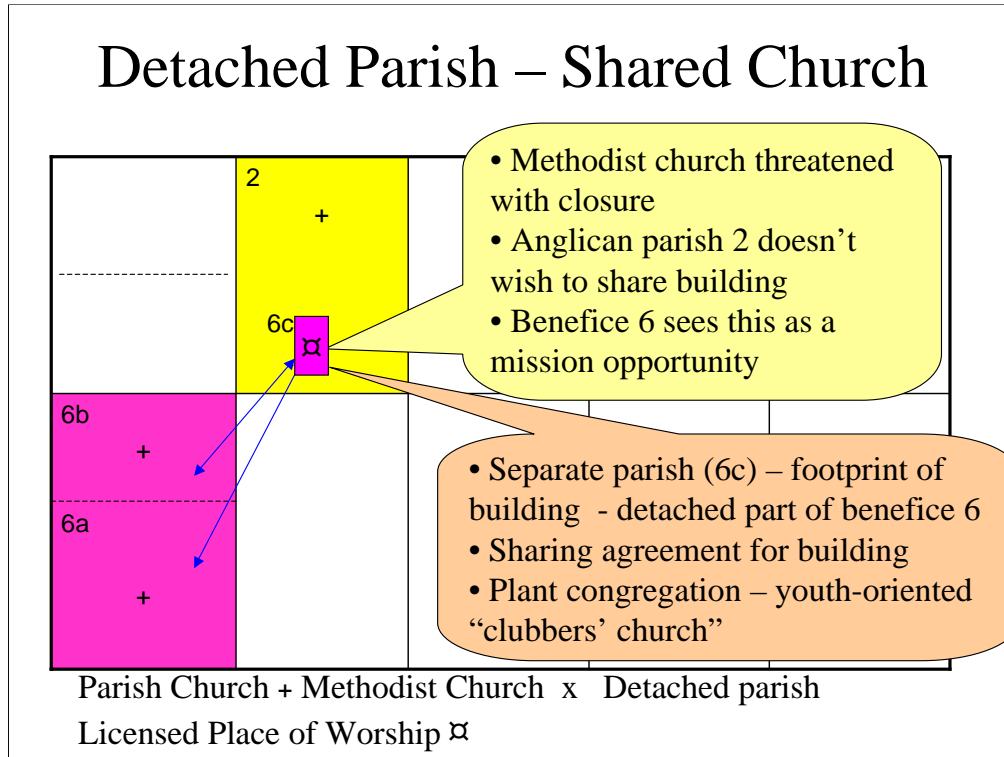
St Peter's Manchester



Former University chaplaincy – now a wider ecumenical congregation

Is actually an EPP. Legacy of previous sharing agreement means this was not appropriate.

Detached Parish – Shared Church



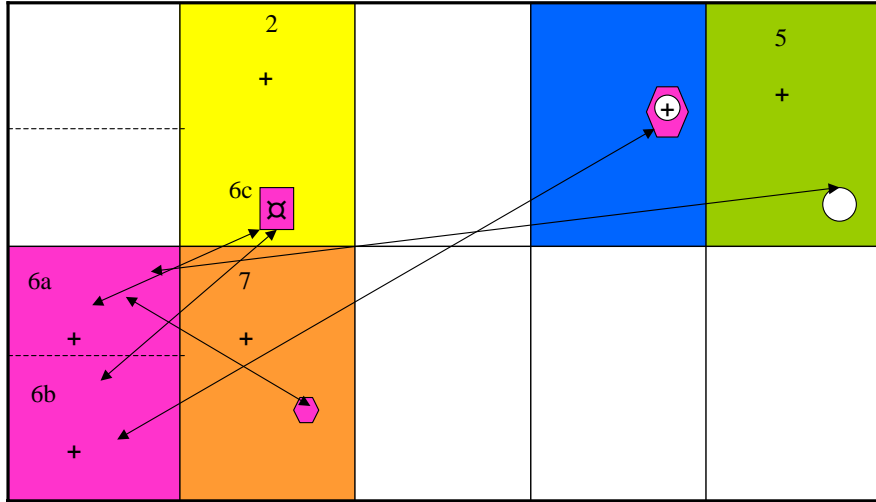
A Pastoral Scheme creates a new parish (parish 6c) and transfers it to benefice 6. The Methodist church is licensed as an Anglican place of worship and parish 6c acquires a share in the ownership (it cannot become a parish church unless wholly in Anglican ownership).

The sharing agreement is made under the Sharing of Churches Act 1969.

There is no minimum or maximum size for a parish. Parishes have comprised only a church building (e.g the Welsh church in Liverpool).

The plant in this case is sufficiently permanent and integrated with benefice 6 to be a parish in its own right (parish 6c).

Various Arrangements for Church Plants

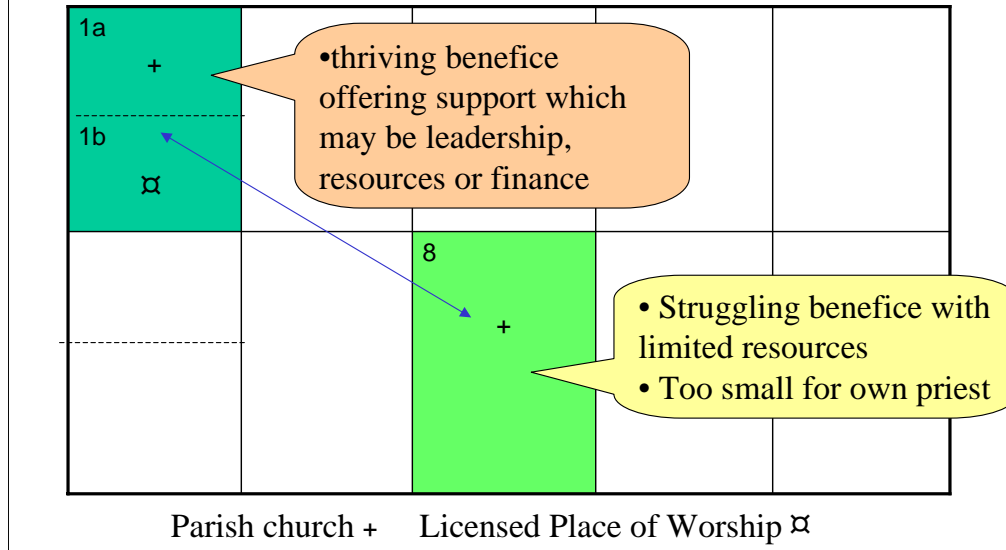


Arrangements for non-adjointing areas

- plurality of non-adjointing benefices
- benefice of detached parishes
- parish of detached parts

Variations on a theme

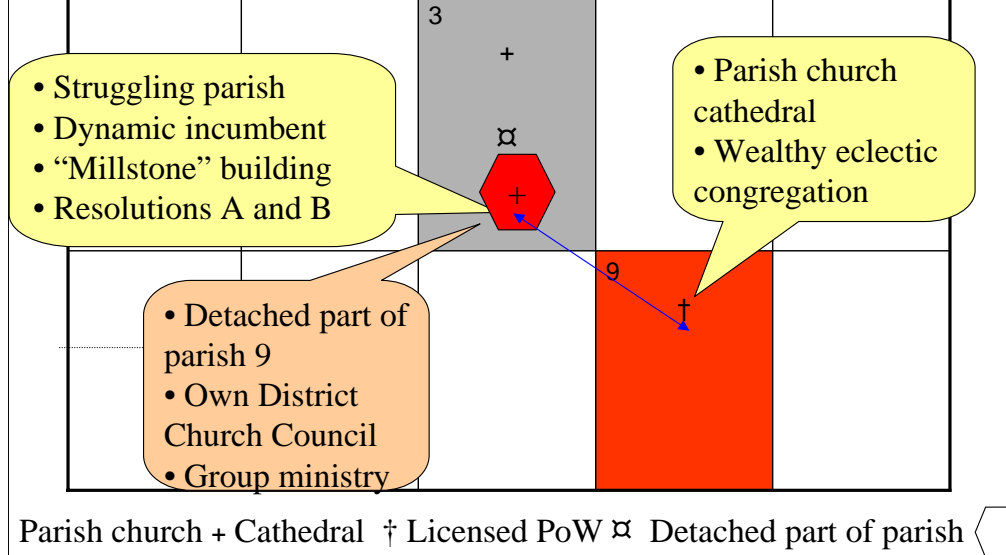
Plurality/Union of non-adjoining benefices



Benefices do not have to adjoin to be united or held in plurality.
The parishes could also be united.

Weston-super-Mare example was for churchmanship reasons

Detached Part – Financial Support for Church

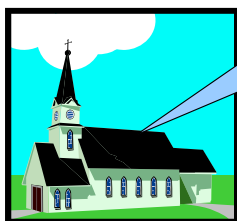


- Financial responsibility for building moves to Cathedral parish
- District Church Council for other matters
- Group ministry enables incumbent of benefice 3 to take services
- Synodical representation now via Cathedral parish
- Congregation may have dual electoral roll membership

In this example it is a parish church cathedral. Non- parish church cathedrals can still share ministry (if statutes permit).

We want to be alone!

But my dear Archdeacon, my parish is flourishing and keeps me fully occupied. It's fine as it is and I don't want to get involved in these fancy arrangements.



That's fine my boy. Nothing wrong with the traditional parish where it's working well.



Unusual arrangements are not always necessary!

The Traditional Parish

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Permeability

- examples of church plants have elements of permeability
- team ministries and group ministries
- a network parish?

Plants are a form of permeability.

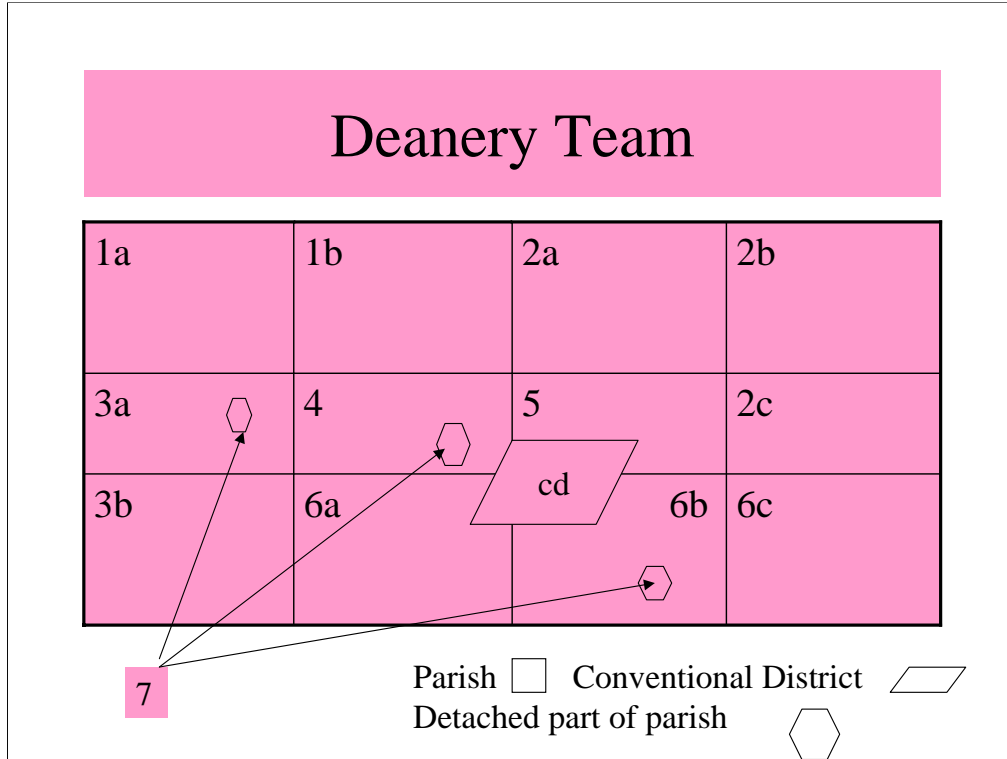
Teams and Groups also offer this.

Rural Deanery

1a	1b	2a	2b
3a	4	5	2c
3b	6a	6b	6c

Parish

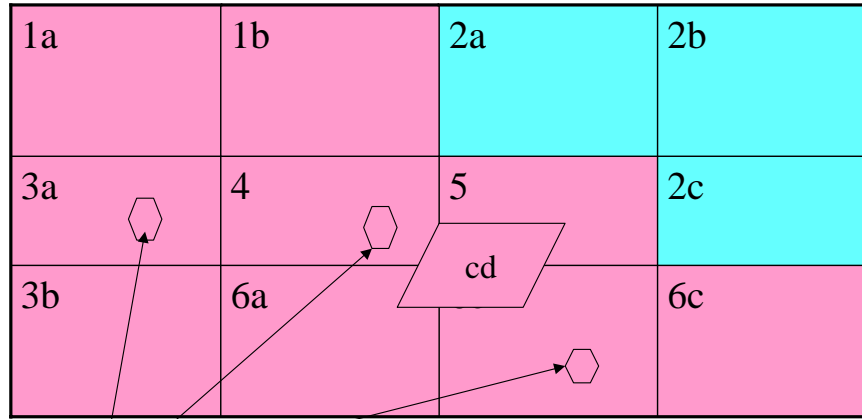
Benefice - coloured



Mix of functional/territorial responsibility.

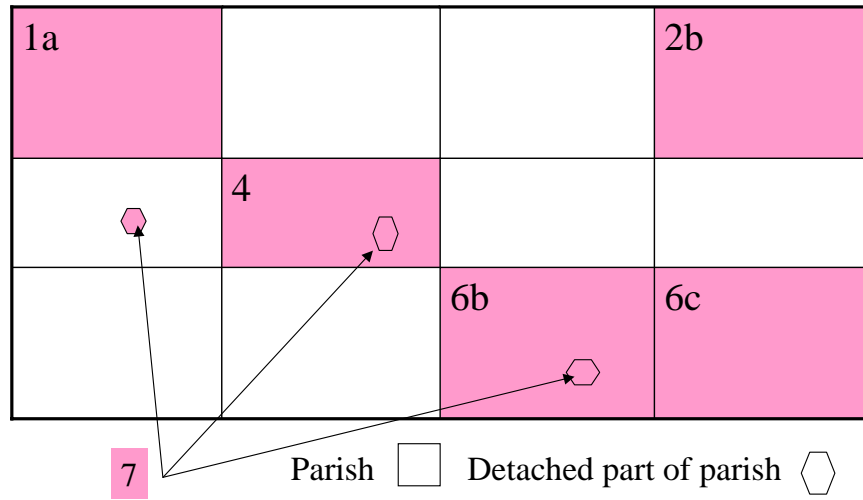
Network parish could also be a Conventional District (easier to add/remove parts but less secure)

Team and Group



Groups can include teams. In this example to deal with women priests issue (if only resolution "A" then team can work.

Minster model team



Patchwork effect. Note part of network parish is outside the envelope.