

MEMORANDUM

Date: 12 July 2016
To: Synod Members
From: Jeremy Johnson, Chancellor

THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF CHRISTCHURCH STRUCTURAL REVIEW IMPLEMENTATION AND TRANSITION AMENDMENT BILL 2016

1. Leave will be sought to bring before Synod the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch Structural Review Implementation and Transition Amendment Bill 2016 (**Bill**). The Bill is to amend the Anglican Diocese of Christchurch Structural Review Implementation and Transition Statute 2013 (**Existing Statute**).
2. At present the Existing Statute will expire on 30 June 2017 which is before the next regular session of the Synod. Accordingly if Synod saw the Existing Statute as a useful mechanism to allow for the amalgamation of parishes then it needs to decide this year whether to amend the Existing Statute to allow for it to continue and to remove the focus away from the Structural Review.
3. The changes the Bill makes are minor but significant. In particular the Bill:
 - a. amends the title of the Existing Statute so it becomes the Mission and Ministry Unit Amalgamation Statute;
 - b. amends the purpose section of the Existing Statute so it is clear it is about any amalgamation of Mission and Ministry Units rather than those that emerge from the Structural Review;
 - c. deletes section 3 of the Existing Statute which was a time limit on the Existing Statute;
 - d. makes consequential amendments that reference the time limit in section 3.
4. If parishes found the amalgamation mechanism set out in the Existing Statute useful then this Bill will allow for that to be available in the future. If not then the Bill should be defeated at the first stage (the debate in principle).