

DATED [DAY] [MONTH] [YEAR]

The Reverend Michael James Clark (1)

And

**The Right Reverend Jacqueline Bishop of Crediton
acting in accordance with the functions delegated to her during the vacancy in the
See of Exeter (2)**

**AGREEMENT
for the creation of the
CONVENTIONAL DISTRICT OF
Saint Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham**

Rationale behind this Agreement:

This Agreement has been brought forward in response to many years of pastoral tension between the parish church of St David, Exeter and the chapel of ease of St Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham, which it is felt risks becoming detrimental to the mission and ministry of both churches. In response, and having engaged extensively with the Parochial Church Council (PCC) of the parish, the Archdeacon has proposed that the two churches – which are of different traditions within the Church of England – be given the opportunity to flourish under distinct governance.

It is proposed that this Conventional District be established as a stepping stone to the creation of a discrete parish of St Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham, with proposals for Pastoral Reorganisation to be developed and brought forward as soon as is considered practicable. Such proposals would be subject to full consultation under the Mission and Pastoral Measure 2011. In the meantime, the people of St Michael will need to demonstrate that St Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham, can be viable as a discrete parish with a parish church. Under the conventional district agreement, there will need to be a quorate and fully functioning PCC, commitment to meeting the Common Fund request in full, commitment to keeping the grade-I listed building in a good state of repair and, above all, commitment to seeking to grow the church, offering high-quality choral worship in the Anglo-Catholic tradition; together with complementary uses of this sizeable and well-situated building.

In the first instance, this Agreement will be made between the Interim Incumbent of the benefice and the Acting Bishop of Exeter. A minister will be appointed curate-in-charge of the Conventional District on a self-supporting basis; and will be responsible for chairing the PCC of St Michael and for coordinating the pattern of worship.

We recognise that the church of St Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham offers worship in a particular liturgical and musical tradition to the people of Exeter and beyond. Our hope is that this new arrangement will both support the flourishing of that tradition and facilitate the mission and ministry of St David's as the parish church serving the northern part of the city of Exeter.

THIS AGREEMENT is made this X day of Y 2024.

BETWEEN THE REVEREND MICHAEL JAMES CLARK Interim Vicar of the Benefice of Saint David, Exeter (“the Benefice”) in the County of Devon and Diocese of Exeter (hereinafter called “the Incumbent”) of the one part and **JACQUELINE** by Divine Permission **BISHOP OF CREDITON** acting in accordance with the functions delegated to her during the vacancy in the See of Exeter (hereinafter called “the Bishop”) of the other part

WHEREAS there is in the Parish of Saint David, Exeter within the said Benefice a chapel of ease known as Saint Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham (“the Building”)

NOW THEREFORE the Incumbent hereby agrees with the Bishop that:

1 The Building shall hereafter constitute a Conventional District which shall be known as “the Conventional District of Saint Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham” which shall be under the ministry of the minister for the time being licensed by the Bishop to officiate in the Building who shall minister independently of the Incumbent for the time being of the Benefice.

2 The Bishop may from time to time (after consultation with the Incumbent for the time being of the Benefice) appoint and license a minister to serve the Conventional District of Saint Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham in preaching the word of God and in reading the common prayers and in performing all other ecclesiastical duties belonging to the office of minister.

3 If The Revd Michael James Clark shall cease to be the Incumbent of the Benefice then this agreement shall continue in force during any interregnum until a new agreement has been entered into between the Incumbent of the Benefice and the Bishop. This continuation during

an interregnum does not prevent the Bishop from terminating the Conventional District at any time should this become necessary or desirable.

4 During the period of this Agreement

- (a) a Parochial Church Council shall be elected for the Conventional District of Saint Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham and the Chair shall be the Minister;
- (b) such Parochial Church Council shall maintain an Electoral Roll for the Conventional District of Saint Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham;
- (c) churchwardens for the Conventional District of Saint Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham may be appointed by the members of the Electoral Roll; and
- (d) the offertories arising from the Conventional District and the services therein shall be collected and disbursed for the use of the Conventional District of Saint Michael and All Angels, Mount Dinham.

AS WITNESS the hands and seals of the parties hereto the day and year first above written

SIGNED as a DEED BY The Right Reverend)
JACQUELINE BISHOP OF CREDITON acting)
in accordance with the functions delegated)
to her during the vacancy in the See of Exeter)
in the presence of:-)

Witness Signature

Witness Name

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MICHAEL JAMES CLARK in the)
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