



Parish Church News

St Mary the Virgin, Calstone Wellington

Faculty authorising the Restoration of Calstone Church, 6th August 1884

George By Divine Permission Bishop of Sarum To all whom these Presents shall come or whom they may in anywise or at any time hereafter concern Whereas it hath been duly represented unto us in and by the Petition in writing of the Reverend George Randolph Hadow Clerk Rector of the United Rectories and Parish Churches of Calstone Wellington and Blackland in the County of Wilts and our Diocese of Sarum and of the Churchwardens and some of the principal inhabitants of the said Parish of Calstone Wellington that the ancient Parish Church of Calstone Wellington aforesaid together with the Chancel thereof having been ascertained to be in a state of general decay and the pews seats and fittings therein being inconveniently arranged and the gallery erected at the western end of the same Church being of an unsightly character it was at a Vestry Meeting lately duly holden in and for the said Parish resolved by the persons then and there assembled to be expedient in accordance with the report of an experienced Architect to take down and remove the said gallery and the staircase leading thereto; to remove the font from its present position in the Nave of the said Church restoring the same and refixing it in a more convenient position in such Nave to take down and remove the present Pulpit and provide and provide and fix a new one to take down and remove the present Reading Desk and provide a new one fixing the same at the north western corner of the Chancel to provide and fix a Lectern to remove the whole of the paving floors pews seats and fittings of the said Building and entirely repair re-floor reseat and refit the same to take down and rebuild the upper stage of the Tower of the said Church renewing the roof and floors thereof and to take down and rehang the bell to take down and remove the roof of the Chancel and reroof the same to repair the roofs of the Nave and Porch to repair and restore the walls and masonry of the building where necessary to generally restore and reglaze the windows of the building to

erect a Vestry Room on the southern side of the Nave opening into such Nave and the Churchyard of the said Church respectively to excavate in and around the building and form a heating chamber and provide and fix a heating apparatus therein and also lay the necessary pipes gutters and drains for the better heating ventilating and draining of the said Building and of the said Churchyard respectively to remove the earth and mould surrounding the said building to a level below the floor thereof and to execute all necessary works incidental thereto the whole to be executed in a substantial and durable manner according to and in manner delineated described and set forth in the plan elevations sections and specifications annexed to the said Petition and now therewith lying deposited in our Registry. That the estimated cost of the said works is One thousand one hundred and fifty Pounds of which One hundred Pounds have been granted by the Diocesan Church Building Association and about Eight hundred Pounds have been realized by voluntary donations and subscriptions and the remainder it is confidently expected will be raised by further donations and subscriptions and by a Grant from the Incorporated Church Building Society the whole of which said estimated sum and any further monies which may be necessary to complete the aforesaid works the said Petitioners jointly and severally undertake to provide as and when the same may be required. That the population of the said Parish according to the last census amounts to forty five persons and the accommodation in the said Church (including twenty five seats in the said gallery) to One hundred and seven sittings the whole of which are free and by the proposed reseating of the said Building in pursuance of the plan One hundred sittings will be obtained on the ground floor the whole of which are intended to be free and unappropriated. That should it be necessary in carrying the said works into effect to take down or remove any Monumental Tablets Tombs or Headstones the same will be carefully preserved and on the completion of the works be refixed or relaid in situations corresponding as nearly as possible with those they now respectively occupy and all bones and deposits which it may be found necessary to remove or disturb will be immediately carefully and decently reinterred in the Churchyard aforesaid And whereas the said Petitioners have prayed us that we would grant our License and Faculty authorising and empowering the said Rector and Churchwardens and successors to execute or cause to be executed the said works according to and in manner delineated described and set forth in the said plan elevations sections and specification authorising and empowering them to appropriate the old materials to the furtherance thereof and we duly considering the premises and being willing and inclining to comply with such the prayer of the said Petition by granting the said Rector and Churchwardens such our License and Faculty as aforesaid provided our so-doing would not be in the least detrimental prejudicial or inconvenient to the Parishioners and Inhabitants of the said Parish or to any other persons interested in the same did at the promotion of the said Rector and Churchwardens issue forth our Proclamation Culatory with intimation under the Seal of Office of the Worshipful James Parker Deane Doctor of Civil Law our Vicar General and Official Principal of our Consistorial and Episcopal Court of Sarum enjoining the same to be published by affixing a true and authentic Copy thereof on or near to the principal Door of the Parish Church of Calstone Wellington aforesaid before the time of Divine Service in the forenoon of Sunday the Twenty seventh day of the month of July now last past thereby citing and admonishing Francis Gilbert Burnett and Joseph Maundrell Churchwardens of the said Parish in special and other the Parishioners Inhabitants and Landholders within the same Parish and all others whomsoever having or claiming to have any interest in this behalf in general within eight days after publication thereof to enter an

appearance if they or any or either of them should think fit so to do in the Registry of our said Consistorial and Episcopal Court and then and there to show cause and set forth their objections if they or any or either of them had or knew any against granting our License and Faculty as aforesaid – intimating unto them the said Churchwardens in special and to all others in general cited and admonished as aforesaid that if no appearance were given or conclusive cause shewn to the contrary our said Vicar General and Official Principal should and would proceed to grant our License and Faculty for the purpose aforesaid the non-appearance or rather the contumacy of the parties in special as well as in general or their inability to shew cause to the contrary therefore in anywise notwithstanding And whereas the said Proclamation Culatory with intimation was duly published on the day and in the manner therein assigned as by a Certificate of the said Reverend George Randolph Hadow thereon endorsed it doth and may more fully appear and was also duly returned into the Registry of our said Court on or about the Second day of the present month of August And whereas no appearance having been entered our said Vicar General and Official Principal has decreed that a License and Faculty should be granted to the said Rector and Churchwardens according to the tenor and effect of the intimation contained in the said Proclamation Culatory. Know ye therefore that We the Bishop aforesaid Do by virtue of our power Ordinary and Episcopal and as far as in us lies and by law we may or can hereby ratify and confirm all and whatsoever our said Vicar General and Official Principal has done in the premises and by these presents Do give and grant unto the said Rector and Churchwardens and their successors our License and Faculty authorising and empowering them to execute or cause to be executed the aforesaid works according to - and in manner delineated described and set forth in the said plan elevations sections and specification and also authorising and empowering them to appropriate the old materials to the furtherance thereof Provided nevertheless that ample and sufficient space for kneeling be allotted to all and each of the sittings in the said Church And that all Monuments or Monumental Tombs and Headstones within and without the said Church which it may be found necessary to remove shall be carefully preserved and at the completion of the works be replaced as near as circumstances will admit in situations corresponding with those they now respectively occupy And further that all bones or deposits which it may be found necessary to remove or disturb shall be immediately carefully and decently reinterred within the Churchyard aforesaid In witness whereof we have caused the Seal of Office of our said Vicar General and Official Principal of our said Consistorial and Episcopal Court which in this behalf we use to be affixed to these presents Dated at Sarum this Sixth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty four _____

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Deputy Registrar

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