



Parish Church News

St Mary the Virgin, Calstone Wellington

1884 Calstone Wellington Wilts

*Petition for Faculty to restore reseal and refit the Church and Chancel,
remove the Gallery, erect a Vestry Room and execute other works.*

To the Right Reverend Father in God George by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Sarum his Vicar General and Official principal or other competent to judge in this behalf –

The humble Petition of the Rector Churchwardens and some of the principal Inhabitants of the Parish of Calstone Wellington in the County of Wilts and within your Lordship's Diocese of Salisbury –

Sheweth,

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 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 relocating the same and refixing it in a more convenient position in such Nave; to take down and remove the present Pulpit, 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 repare, re-floor, reseal 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

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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 or mould surrounding the said Building to a level below the floors 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 specification hereunto annexed.

That the estimated cost of the said works is One Thousand one hundred and fifty Pounds, of which sum 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 your Petitioners hereby jointly and severally undertake with your Lordship 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 said 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 those they now respectively occupy, and all bones or deposits which it may be found necessary to remove or disturb will be immediately carefully and decently reinterred in the Churchyard aforesaid.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Lordship will be pleased to grant your License and Faculty authorizing and empowering the said Rector and Churchwardens and their successors 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 authorizing and empowering them to appropriate the old materials to the furtherance thereof.

And your Petitioners will ever pray etc

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| George R Hadow | | Rector |
| F.J. Burnett |) | |
| Joseph Maundrell |) | Churchwardens |
| M.M. Maundrell |) | |
| M Burnett |) | |
| L.A. Hadow |) | Inhabitants |
| E Cleverley |) | |

S Smith)
S.E. Scarlett)

**** Marginal note added:** I assume this number 45 to be correct. If not correct the petition must be amended before anything is done. JPD

Notes added on the cover of the Petition

J Parker Deane

Chancellor

But see margin within before Proclamation issues

JPD

The population of Calstone is correctly stated in this Petition

D.J.K Macdonald

Deputy Registrar

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