



Parish Church News

St. Mary the Virgin Calstone Wellington

From the Churchwardens' Account Books 1717-1753 and 1727-1881

April 4th 1716

Memorandum it was then Agreed of a Vestry held this day by us whose names are underwritten that the Churchwarden of Calston for the time being should yearly and every year at the Feast of Easter pay to Wm Oliver, Clark of the Parish aforesaid the sum of five shillings for washing the surplice and other Church Linen four times a year, and five shillings salary for cleaning the Church, over and above the one shilling that is used to be paid by ye occupier of the farm belonging to Mr John Mitchell within the said Parish.

Witness our hands the day and year above written

*Jno Mitchell Jnr
Joseph Smith*

*Geo. Millard Rector
Thomas Pile Churchwarden
John Hicks Overseer*

April 4th 1716

An account be taken of ye goods belonging to ye Parish Church of Calstone Willington and the same then also delivered up to Thomas Pile Churchwarden of the said Parish for this year, being as follows,

A Surplice, and Pulpit Cushion

A large Church Bible, A large Common Prayer Book

A lesser Common Prayer Book, Quarto, for ye Clark

A Communion Table

One Bell, and Bell Rope

Butts for ye Tomb

April 24th 1728

Memorandum it was agreed of a Vestry held this day in the Parish of Calston Willington that ye Churchwarden of the said Parish shall be allowed to expend at each visitation the sum of five shillings ^{^and no more} and to charge the same in his disbursement for ye said year wherein he serves the office: To which agreement we have hereto set our hands.

Geo. Millard Rector

15th May 1843

At a vestry held on the 15th May 1843 it was agreed that the parish should pay ten shillings annually toward the keeping in repair of the Calne fire engine – in consequence of a resolution at a vestry held in Calne on the 3rd of May 1843 “that the fire engine be not taken out of the parish of Calne except to those places from which contributions shall have been received: and that this resolution be communicated to the Church Wardens of the adjoining parishes”. To be considered due at Ladyday 1844 – out of the Church rate.

Signed

WM Macdonald Rector

Peter Spackman

Jno Maundrell

12th April 1844

At a vestry held the 12th April 1844 ... it was agreed that an annual subscription of 7/6 should be paid out of the Church rate toward keeping the Calne Fire Engine in repair – and that the Rector agreed to pay 2/6 to make up the sum of 10/ as demanded by the Parish of Calne for the use of the said engine.

Signed

WM Macdonald Rector

Peter Spackman

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