

1851 The building of St. Paul's Chippenham

Plans & Subscribers

New District Church proposed to be erected in the immediate neighbourhood of the Chippenham Railway Station, in the parish of Langley Burrell and approximating to the town of Chippenham.

It is believed that an earnest appeal to the liberality of the Christian public is never made in vain when a case of spiritual destitution is presented to their notice.

Chippenham contains a population of 5000, and only church accommodation for 1000, and is, therefore, unable to afford any church accommodation to the most populous and increasing part of the Parish of Langley Burrell, locally situated near the Chippenham Railway Station, and a mile and half from their own parish church; it is therefore deemed desirable that a new District Church should be erected in the immediate neighbourhood of the Railway Station, and a district formed out of the several parishes of Chippenham, Langley Burrell & Hardenhuish.

The proposed district contains, at present, a population of upwards of 1000, chiefly consisting of mechanics and labourers. Many new houses are now being erected, and in the course of a short time the population will be greatly increased.

The church is intended to contain sittings for 800, two thirds of which will be free, and only one third appropriated for pews.

The Revd Robert Ashe, the Rector of Langley Burrell, has given the land (of £600 value) for the site and burial ground. The amount required for the erection of the church alone, exclusive of the endowment, is estimated at £3000; and, when built, will be placed under the patronage of the Bishop of the Diocese.

The following Gentlemen have been appointed as a committee for collecting subscriptions, and for adopting such measures as shall be deemed necessary for forming the District and the erection of the proposed church viz:

Rev Robert Ashe
Rev Robert Martyn Ashe
Joseph Neeld, Esq, MP
G. M. Esmeade, Esq
Rev Robert Kilvert
Chas Bailey, Esq
T. P. Pocock, Esq
Gabriel Goldney, Esq
B. Pinniger, Esq
Chippenham 9th Nov 1852

West Awdry, Esq
Wm Colborne, Esq
F. Spencer, Esq
Mr Collen
Mr Rich
Mr Brinkworth, senior
Mr Silcock
Mr Hill

Jacob Phillips, Secretary

Contributions will be thankfully received by any of the committee, or the secretary, or they may be paid to the account of 'New District Church, Langley Burrell & Chippenham' at the North Wilts Bank, the Wilts & Dorset Bank, and Messrs Everett, Ravenhill, and Co's Bank, Chippenham

List of Subscribers

	£	s	d
Rev Robert Ashe			
			the site & land for burial ground
Rev Robert Martyn Ashe	100	0	0
Joseph Neeld, Esq, MP	200	0	0
G. M. Esmeade, Esq	100	0	0
T. P. Pocock, Esq	200	0	0
Charles Bailey, Esq	100	0	0
Walter Long, Esq, MP	50	0	0
T. H. S. Sotherton, Esq, MP	50	0	0
Rev Robert Kilvert	50	0	0
E. Clutterbuck, Esq	25	0	0
West Awdry, Esq	25	0	0
Gabriel Goldney, Esq	25	0	0
Mr R. P. Rich	20	0	0
Rev E. G. Edwards	10	0	0
Mrs Edward	5	0	0
R. Parry Nisbet, Esq	5	0	0
Mr Isaac Belcher	5	0	0