



Re-Opening of the Church

On Thursday, the church of Upper Chute was re-opened by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury. The edifice had fallen into a very dilapidated state, and a few years ago Mr. T. E. Fowle, who possesses the living, restored the chancel at his own expense. Recently, through the exertions of Lady Charles Wellesley, the Rev. S. Cosway, the esteemed vicar of the parish, and other friends, the nave &c., were restored and other desirable improvements effected, the happy consummation being celebrated on Thursday last. At half-past eleven o'clock the re-opening service began. Prayers were read by the Rev. S. Cosway, who also assisted at the celebration of the Holy Communion; the Rev. E. Randolph read the first lesson and the Rev. H. Baber the second; the Rev. T. B. Buchanan read the epistle and the Bishop the gospel and communion office. Special and appropriate hymns were sung in very good style by the parish choir, assisted most ably by the Vernhams Dean choir. The Bishops preached, and took for his text Luke vii. 1, "Now when he had ended all his sayings in the audience of the people, he entered into Capernaum." The Holy Communion was administered at the close of the service to about 90 persons. The offertory amounted to nearly £40. There was a large gathering of the gentry of the neighbourhood at the services. After morning service an excellent luncheon was served in a tent near the vicarage which gave great satisfaction. A large and fashionable company sat down, the Rev. S. Cosway presiding. At the end of the refecton the chairman briefly proposed the health of the Bishop of Salisbury, who responded, and congratulated Mr. Cosway on the good work brought to a completion that day. The Rev. Mr. Kingsbury preached an admirable sermon in the evening.

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