

Ecclesiastical Intelligence - St Mary's Chute Forest



Salisbury Diocesan Church Building Association

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The proposal is to build a suitable edifice, consisting of a chancel, nave, and two aisles, with a tower and shingle spire at the south side, with seat room for 132 adults and children.

It was stated that Mr Fowle had not only undertaken to provide a site for the church and churchyard, but had most liberally made himself responsible for the whole expense of the building.

With regard to the endowment of the new district church, it had been arranged that the sum of 153/. 6s 8d a year would be provided for by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, on the surrender to them of certain tithe rent charges now owned by Mr Fowle. Under these special circumstances the committee voted a grant of 120/. towards the new church, on condition that the plans were approved by the diocesan architect.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 09 April 1870

Foundation Stones Laid

The foundation of the new church in the extra parochial place of Chute Forest, Wilts, was commenced on Saturday evening, June 25th. The first four stones were laid by Mr E Fowle, Miss Beatrice Fowle, and Master E Thomas Fowle.

Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 07 July 1870

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Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 04 March 1871

Chute Forest Church

A new church is being erected by the liberality of Mr Fowle, of Chute Lodge, in the extra parochial district of Chute Forest which must prove a great blessing to the outlying population at a distance of some two miles from the parish church of Chute. The proposal is to build a church, consisting of a chancel, nave and two aisles, with a tower and shingle spire at the south side, with sittings for 132 adults and children.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 10 June 1871

New Church

We understand that the newly built church of Chute will be opened by the Lord Bishop of Salisbury on Thursday, the 15th inst. This church has been built by Messrs Hillary & Co., of Andover, from designs by that eminent architect, Mr Pearson, 46 Harley-street, London.

Salisbury & Winchester Journal Saturday 10 August 1872

Consecration

The little church built for the inhabitants of Chute by Mr Thomas Everett Fowle, of Chute Lodge, has been consecrated by the Bishop of Salisbury. It consists of a nave, chancel and south transept and will contain the whole population of the district. The exterior walls are of brick and flint; the interior walls are of red brick, with black courses, all made on the estate and of superior quality. The tower is situated over the south transept, and above it rises a lofty spire. The two pillars which support the nave arches are of stone, the arches being turned with red brick. The chancel is paved with Minton's glazed tiles, and above the altar is a carved reredos, comprising the figures of our Saviour and the four Evangelists, in stone. The east window is of stained glass, the main subjects in the three lights being the Agony in the Garden, the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. The other windows are all of opaque glass. The pulpit and chancel screen from the nave are of stone; the chancel stalls and open seats are of oak; and the roof is of foreign deal. The belfry contains a peal of six bells, placed there by the founder of the church, at a cost of £333. There is also an improved chiming apparatus, by means of which the bells can be chimed from the church.

Hampshire Advertiser Wednesday 07 July 1875