



## Election of Churchwardens 1846

The vestry of the parish of St. John, Devizes, was held on Tuesday last, for the purpose of electing churchwardens for the ensuing year; the Rev. the Rector in the chair. Mr. Morris, who has very faithfully discharged the duties of Rector's churchwarden for a great many years, having declined to serve the office any longer - the Rev. Mr. Lucas said he could not suffer Mr. Morris to retire, without paying his tribute to the very praiseworthy manner in which he had conducted himself as churchwarden, and he took the opportunity of acknowledging the uniform civility he had received from him, and the ready attention he has paid to any suggestions which he (Mr. L.) occasionally made. The Rev. Gent, added that, in his opinion, Mr. Morris had zealously and honestly done his duty to the parish.

Mr. Butcher followed - observing that Mr. Morris in his character of the Rector's churchwarden had been alike faithful to the church and to the parish, and proposed that the thanks of the vestry be voted to him. The proposition was seconded by Mr. J. R. Bayly, and carried unanimously.

Mr. Morris thanked the vestry, and said it was a great consolation to find that his conduct had met the approbation of the parish.

The Rector also passed some complimentary remarks on the exemplary manner in which Mr. Morris had discharged his duties; and in naming his successor, he congratulated himself on obtaining the consent of a person eminently qualified to fill the office: he then named Mr. Robert Clark.

The Mayor said that the Rector could not have selected a more fit and proper person for the office than Mr. Clark.

His Worship then proposed the re-election of Mr. S. Lavington as the parish church warden.

Mr. Tugwell seconded the proposition, and it was carried unanimously.

The thanks of the vestry were also unanimously voted to Mr. Lavington, for his faithful services during the past year.

A committee was appointed to examine the churchwardens' accounts for the past year, and they have since reported that they are correct.

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