



# Parish Church News

*Swindon*

SWINDON PROPOSED NEW CHURCH. – On Tuesday last, a vestry was held at Swindon, in conformity with the requirement of the Church Buildings Act, to determine FINALLY, whether a new church should be built under those powers given by those Acts, and to be afterwards substituted for the old parish church, a subject which has been under the consideration of the inhabitants at several previous parish meetings. The vestry was numerously attended, and the following proposition was carried by a very large majority, (it being almost said unanimously), there being only three dissentients:- “That the consent of the vestry be given for the Churchwardens to take down the existing parish church, and to rebuild the same upon a new site (that is to say, on the site proposed to be given by Ambrose Goddard, esq., in the close on the top and east side of Brockwell Hill), and that the Churchwardens be authorized and empowered to borrow and raise upon the credit of the church rates of the parish, a sum not exceeding £6,000, for defraying the expense, or any part of the expense, of building the new church and taking down the existing one; and also to make rates for the payment of the interest of the money so to be borrowed and raised, and for providing a fund of not less the amount of the interest of the sum advanced for the payment of the principal money.” The thanks of the meeting were unanimously voted to Ambrose Goddard, esq., for his gift of the land, and also to his son, A.L. Goddard, esq., M.P., for his liberal contribution of £1,000 towards carrying into effect the wishes of the parishioners.

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