



# *Parish Church News*

## *St Peter's Blackland*

### *Petition for Faculty to restore the Church - June 1858*

To the Right Reverend Father in God Walter Ken by Divine Permission Lord Bishop of Sarum his Vicar General and Official principal or other competent to judge in this behalf –

The humble Petition of the rector Churchwardens and some of the principal Inhabitants of the Parish of Blackland in the County of Wilts and within your Lordship's Diocese of Salisbury –

Sheweth,

That the general decay of the unsightly and ill arranged pews and Sittings in the Parish Church and Chancel of Blackland aforesaid having rendered it necessary to adopt measures for refitting the same Church and Chancel Vestry Meetings have recently been held in and for the said parish for the purpose of considering the matter and also the general condition of the building.

That at such a Vestry Meeting held on the twenty fourth day of June in the present year one thousand eight hundred and fifty eight it was (with consent of Marshall Hall of Blacklands House in the said Parish Esquire Lord of the said Manor the Owners of which said Mansion have for a long series of years enjoyed the sole and exclusive use of the North Aisle of the said Church and have upheld and maintained the same at their own cost) by the persons then and there assembled unanimously resolved to be expedient that the said Aisle should be thrown into the said Church for the use of the Parishioners and further that it was expedient to refit and otherwise to alter and restore the Building in manner delineated described and set forth in the Plan Drawings and Specification hereunto annexed marked respectively I II and S.

That by the arrangement of the Pews and Seats in manner delineated in the said plan it is proposed to secure to the said Marshall Hall in exchange for or in lieu of the said Aisle two seats on the south side of the said Church coloured red in the Plan and containing in length five feet and ten inches and in breadth six feet and four inches to be held by him and his family and descendants so long as they shall continue inhabitants of said Mansion in the Parish.

That increased accommodation amounting to twenty seven sittings will be obtained.

That by the contemplated removal of the Porch from the South side of the Church to the North

additional light and air from the South windows will be obtained and the Parishioners will approach the Church by an elevated and dry path instead of by the present uneven, low, longer and often wet and dirty way which they are generally desirous of abandoning.

That the estimated cost of the said works is Two hundred and fifty Pounds, of which Two hundred and five Pounds have been raised by voluntary subscriptions and your Petitioner the said Rector hereby undertakes with your Lordship to provide the remainder and any other costs and charges incident to the works when required.

Your Petitioners therefore humbly pray that your Lordship will be pleased to grant your License and Faculty authorizing and empowering the said Rector and Churchwardens and their successors to execute the aforesaid Works in and about the aforesaid Parish Church according to and in manner delineated described and set forth in the said Plan Drawings and Specification.

And your Petitioners will ever pray etc

William Maurice Macdonald  
Marshall Hall  
H. Bull  
Abram Carpenter  
J Hicks

Rector  
Lord of the Manor  
Churchwarden  
Churchwarden  
Overseer

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