

VICARAGE, NUNEATON
2nd June 1874

MY DEAR PARISHIONERS,

Two years ago I made an attempt to raise funds for the erection of a New Church, at the Abbey End of the Town, which for the time failed. I make now another attempt, with the following proposal. I will give £100, provided first, that nine others will give £100 each before Christmas Day, 1874, for the erection of a Nave only, to accommodate 300 persons; and provided secondly, that sufficient funds from other sources to erect this Nave, be in the bank by the same date.

The former provisional Committee, must be considered defunct; instead of nominating a new Committee I propose that each subscriber of £100 shall be a member of the Committee,"with power to add to their number."

The expenses of the proposed Nave need not be more than £2000. For this we have the following sums and promises:-

	£	s.	d.
Legacy from Mr Botterill	400	0	0
The late C. H. Bracebridge, Esq.,	200	0	0
F.H. Kay, Esq.,	120	0	0
R. Ramsden, Esq.,	100	0	0
J. Tomkinson Esq.,	100	0	0
J. Knowles, Esq.,	100	0	0
Mr J.H. Clay	100	0	0
J.F. Johnson, Esq.,	100	0	0
J. Towle, Esq.,	50	0	0
Mr C.C. Jee	25	0	0
Mrs Monk	25	0	0
Mrs Robinson	20	0	0
Sir F. Shuckburgh, Bart	20	0	0

The Land has been given by MR TOMKINSON.

The stipend of a Minister will be at least £150 per annum; for this there will be the interest on MR BOTTERILL'S legacy of £2,500 amounting to £75 per annum. The congregation ought to make this up to £100 per annum. As long as the Church remain a Chapel of Ease to the Mother Church I will supply the remainder. As soon as the proposed Subscriptions are paid into the Bank, I will summon the subscribers of £100 each, as a Committee, to meet and to take immediate steps in the matter, so that we may determine upon the plans and commence building. MR DEWES, from stress of business is unable to act as provisional, Secretary, which I had requested him to do. MR BLAND has kindly accepted the office subject to the approval of the Committee.

I would beg to remind you that this appeal will probably be the last which I shall be able to make before MR BOTTERILL'S legacy lapses and that unless the New Church be built now, the Parish will virtually lose £2,900, besides incurring deservedly the charge of indifference in promoting the extension of Christ's Kingdom and the spiritual welfare of souls for whom He died.

I am my dear Parishioners,
Your faithful Brother in Christ,
H.W.BELLAIRS.

All sums may be paid to the Midland Bank Nuneaton, all correspondence addressed to either the VICAR Nuneaton or to T.BLAND Esq. Nuneaton. If the money raised by this appeal should be more than sufficient to build a Nave it will be expended, if sufficient, in adding a Chancel or Aisle, or funded for further use as the case may be.