

Dated 20th August 1863

Saint Mary's Church Jackfield

Sentence of Consecration

In The Name of God Amen

Whereas it hath been represented unto us by the incumbent Churchwardens and certain of the Householders Landowners and Inhabitants of the District Chapelry of Saint Mary Jackfield in the County of Salop and our Diocese of Hereford **That** by an Instrument in writing made under the authority and for the purpose of the Church Building Acts and of the act for transferring the powers of the Church Building Commissioners to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England under the hands and seals of Francis Harries of Cruckton Hall in the said County of Salop Esquire and Harriet Harries his wife and the Seal of the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners and bearing date the twentieth day of July last past the said Francis Harries did freely and voluntarily and without any valuable consideration did grant and convey and the said Harriet Harries did release and give claim unto the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and their Successors **All That** piece or parcel of land containing by admeasurement nine hundred and forty three square yards or thereabouts situate in the Ecclesiastical District of

Saint Mary Jackfield in the Parish of Broseley in the County of Salop bounded on the North west and South east by land belonging to the said Francis Harries on the North east by the public highway leading from Ironbridge to the Salthouse in the said Parish of Broseley and on the South west by the Severn Valley Railway as the said piece of land was more particularly delineated and described in the plan drawn in the margin of these presents and therein colored Pink **To Hold** to the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England and their Successors for the purposes of the said acts as and for the Site of an intended new church to be called by the name of the Church of Saint Mary and to be devoted when consecrated to Ecclesiastical purposes for ever by virtue and according to the true extent and meaning of the said acts **And** they have also represented unto us that a new Church has been erected on the said piece or parcel of land conveyed by the said instrument and that such newly erected Church is now completely finished and furnished with all things decent and necessary for the service of God and ready for Consecration and is situate within the said District Chapelry of Saint Mary Jackfield and intended to be dedicated to the service of Almighty God by the name of the Church of Saint Mary. **And** they the said Incumbent Churchwardens Householders Landowners and Inhabitants have petitioned and requested us that we would vouchsafe to separate and set apart from all common and profane uses and to consecrate the said new Church for Divine uses and offices only to the glory of God in the same manner and form as other Holy places and Churches have usually been consecrated **We Renn Dickson** by Divine permission **Lord Bishop of Hereford** favourably allowing and consenting to the pious request of the said Petitioners proceeding by

our authority ordinary and Episcopal in the Consecration of the said new Church so as aforesaid erected and built **Do Separate** the said Church from every common and profane use and do dedicate the said Church to God and Divine worship by the name of the Church of Saint Mary and do by such name consecrate it for the celebration of Divine offices therein and do openly and publicly pronounce decree and declare the same to be separated dedicated and consecrated and that it ought to remain so for ever Saving to ourself and our Successors Bishops of Hereford and to our Vicar General and Official Principal and to our Archdeacon of Salop and their respective Successors the power of visiting the said new Church that it may appear to us and to them whether the said church is in decent order and sufficient repair and whether all things be done therein in a seemly and proper manner and if they are otherwise to correct by Ecclesiastical censures **All** and singular of which we reserve as far as in us lieth and by the Canons of the Church and the statutes of this realm we may **And** by the same authority we do for ourself and our Successors decree declare and establish the use of the premises **In Testimony** whereof we have caused our Episcopal seal to be hereunto affixed and have subscribed the same this twentieth day of August in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty three and of our Consecration the sixteenth

Undersigned R Dickson,

Lord Bishop's Seal affixed