

PARISH PACK:  
BASCHURCH & HORDLEYCONSECRATION OF A NEW CHURCH AT WESTON  
LULLINGFIELDS.

In the parish of Baschurch, in this county, is an outlying district called Weston, the inhabitants of which were distant some three miles from the parish church. To remedy this great inconvenience, Mrs. Barrett, of Prince's-terrace, Hyde-park, formerly of Prescott, most generously offered to ensure church accommodation for the inhabitants, provided a district were assigned. This was effected, and the district allotted included Weston Lullingfields and Stanwardine-in-the-Wood, containing a population of 250. The spot selected for the erection of the church—the gift of C. K. Mainwaring, Esq., of Oteley-park—is situated in a highly-picturesque country, and on the brow of rising ground. The church, and a commodious parsonage house attached, have been built at the sole expense of Mrs. Barrett, at a cost of £5,000, and she has likewise endowed the incumbency with £200 a-year, besides a sinking fund for repairs.

The church, which is dedicated to the Holy Trinity, consists of nave and chancel, with vestry and north porch. A turret and spire, containing two bells, spring out of the nave roof near the west end. The interior is fitted up with open seats, affording accommodation for about 145 persons, the whole of which are intended to be free. The pulpit, of stone, stands in the north-east angle of the nave. There is also a stone font, near the north door. The roof is open-timbered, the material used for this and for the pews being stained deal. A rich carpet within the altar rails, and a hanging across the east end of the chancel, add much to the general effect of the church. A handsome corona lucis, of brass, holding seven candles, and suspended from the chancel roof, will light that portion of the building during evening service. There is an apparatus underneath by which the church is warmed. The parsonage-house, which stands on the south side of the church, is spacious, and connected with the latter by means of a cloister, principally composed of timber work—the effect of the whole being picturesque. Convenient stabling is likewise provided. The style of the church and parsonage is geometrical. The walling and dressings are of Cefn stone, and the roofs are covered with blue Staffordshire tile. The architect is Mr. Edward Haycock, jun., of Shrewsbury; the builder, Mr. W. S. Rogers, of Beaumaris, who has recently built the handsome church at Trefnant; and the work altogether has been admirably carried out, both as regards design and workmanship. The corona, we should mention, was the gift of Mr. Haycock, the architect.

The foundation stone of the church was laid in February, 1855, and on Tuesday last it was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Lichfield, who had been the guest of the vicar of Baschurch, the Rev. W. Jones, from the preceding evening. As the day proved auspicious, there was a very large attendance of the principal residents of the neighbourhood. Eleven o'clock was the hour fixed for the commencement of the services, shortly before which time the Bishop, accompanied by the Ven. Archdeacon Allen; Rev. W. Jones, vicar of Baschurch; Rev. Arthur B. Mesham, R.D., rector of Wotton, Kent; Rev. T. Hunt, R.D., Westfelton; Rev. G. H. Egerton, Middle; Rev. D. Nihill, Fitz; Rev. C. O. Kenyon, Great Ness; Rev. J. D. Day, Ellesmere; Rev. G. Master, Welshampton; Rev. S. H. Burrows, Cocksbutt; Rev. G. Pigot, Upton Magna; Rev. J. Burd, Middle; Rev. W. W. How, Whittington; Rev. N. Cooper, Ruyton; Rev. E. Jacson, Easthope; Rev. R. C. Gibson, incumbent of Weston; Rev. W. Elliot, Chetwynd; Rev. F. Molony; Rev. J. Peake; Rev. R. T. Baker; Rev. T. M. B. Owen; Rev. Mr. Venables, Chester; Rev. J. Cheere; Rev. Mr. Upton; and the Rev. Mr. Meynell; entered the church repeating the usual psalms. The sacred edifice was speedily filled with a highly respectable congregation, and among those present were—Miss Mesham, niece of Mrs. Barratt; Mrs. and Miss Mesham, Wotton; Mr. Charles Mesham; Mr. Saint Barbe Sladen, (agent to Mrs. Barrett), and Mrs. Sladen; Mr. and Mrs. Kynaston Mainwaring, Oteley-park; Mrs. Nihill and Mrs. Hopkins; Miss Hunt, Boreatton; the Misses Cooper, Shrewsbury; Mr. W. Fell, deputy-registrar of the diocese; Mr. Sandford, Baschurch; Mr. and Mrs. Jebb, Prescott; the Misses Atcherley, Shrewsbury; the Misses Owen, Tedsmere; Miss Sparling, Petton; Mrs. and the Misses Haycock, Shrewsbury; Mr. and Mrs. Broughton, Ruyton; Mr. and Miss Bellias; Mrs. Harrison, &c., &c.

The service was impressively read by the incumbent, the Rev. Robert C. Gibson, the archdeacon, the vicar, and other clergymen. The Bishop preached an admirable sermon from Daniel iv. 37, during which he paid a marked tribute to the Christian generosity which had prompted Mrs. Barratt to build such a handsome structure to be devoted to the worship and service of the Most High God. After the sermon, the Holy Sacrament was administered, of which a considerable number of those present partook. The burial