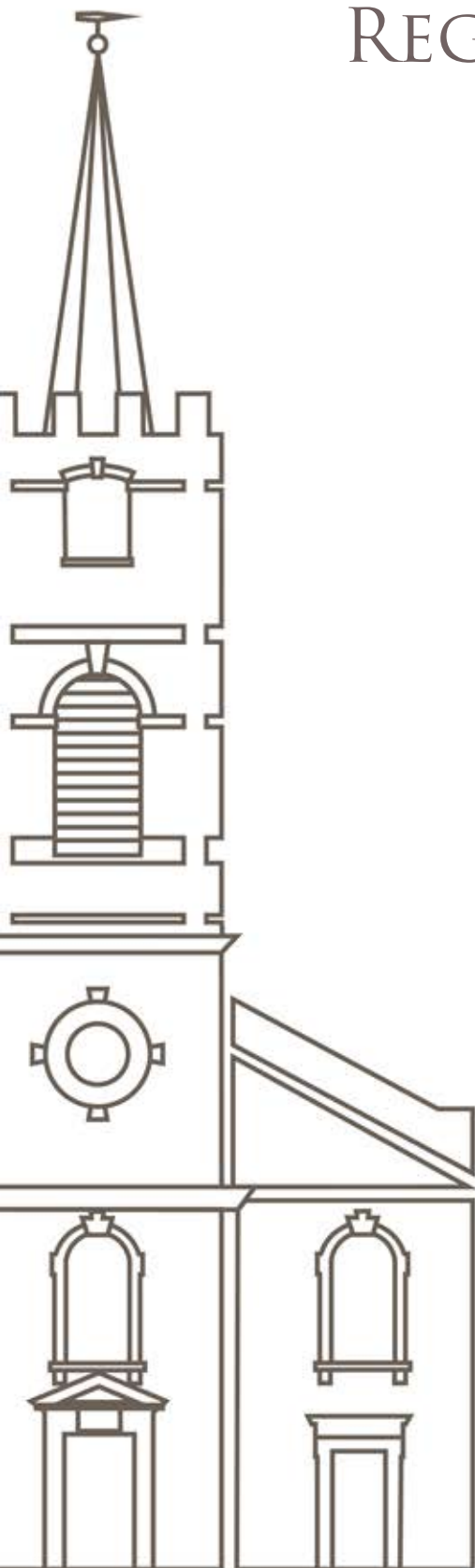


THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST JOHN-AT-HAMPSTEAD

REGISTERS AND RECORDS



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Hamstead }
2nd Jan^y 1797. }

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church
held this Day in the Vestry Room.

Present

John Peter Blaquiere Esq^r
George Harvey Esq^r
Edward Page } Church Members
W. H. Williams Will }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, approved and confirmed
The Treasurer produced his Accounts which were duly
examined & approved, by which it appears, that he has a balance
in his hands, of £139. 14. 0.

Ordered, that W. Blaquiere do purchase, with part of
the said balance, £200. 3^d Quins^{ts} for the use of this Trust.

Ordered, that the Collector be paid two Guineas for making
extracts from the Old Book &c.

The Collector reported, that Mary Pratt, his Opposer to the North, being
dead in Dec^r last, and that he had employed Widow Smith, the person
who had the promise of the first Vacancy, at the last Meeting, and
that the Candidate, were.

Widow Smith's } Ordered, that W. Smith be the Deaconess, and
Widow Young } that W. Young have the promise of the next Vacancy

A Note from W. Vincent was read setting forth that, as she quits
her House for a time she concludes, she must relinquish her two
seats in the Church; but requests of the Trustees to let her future
seats have the refusal.

Ordered, that the Collector may let the seats condi-
tionally, till W. Vincent's House is let, and then to give the
seats the refusal of them.

Miscell^l And when the Church Wardens shall
perceive any repairs wanting in or about the Church, they
shall report the same at the next subsequent Meeting, and
take the opinion of the Trustees before any work is done agree-
able to the constant Custom observed from the first building
of the Church.

Ordered that W. Page and W. Will the Church
Wardens do survey the Church, and report the result in
writing at the next Meeting.

Jan 20th 1810

The Collector stated in a Paper, delivered to the Treasurers that notwithstanding an Order made at the last Meeting, that the Pew Openers be now should alternately clean out the Vestry Room. Yet there were complaints, that it is not kept in that State of Cleanness, as is expected it should; That the Book has been examined, and it does not appear by it, that the regular Pew Openers were ever required, to clean out the Vestry Room, after, than they do the Church & Pew: And Thomas says he is paid for attending the Fires only.

Thomas Armes was called in, and examined respecting the Vestry Room, & taking care of the Fires; And the whole of the Business minutely inquired into: But no precedent appearing, relative to the care of the Vestry during the Week-days.

It was Unanimously Agreed, that in order to prevent all cause of Complaint the Care, and Cleaning of the Church shall for the future be divided into five Parts, as following: Two Openers in the Galleries, - Two Openers in the Body of the Church below, - And a man to take care of the Suffer, Communion, Vestry Room, & Fires.

Resolved, that Thomas Armes, be, and is appointed to take care of, and keep clean the Suffer, and Communion, with the Furniture belonging therunto. Also to take care of, and keep clean, and in decent Order the Vestry Room. And that he prepare, - light, and attend, all the Fires, - On Sundays, Fast, and Thanksgiving Days, on Good Friday & Christmas. And on Wednesdays, when the Weather shall make Fire necessary. - To take up the Dust and Ashes & clean out the Room, after Fire has been on those Occasions. - Likewise, to clean it out every Monday Morning & Saturday. For which Duties, instead of what he receives for lighting the same, he shall be paid a yearly Salary of three pounds three Shillings

The Pew Openers being called in received Orders to keep their respective Departments in clean, and proper condition; and to prevent Disagreement, that they all meet at the same time to sweep, and dust the Church and Pews on every Saturday about 3 o'clock in the Winter, and about five in afternoon during Summer

The Treasurer, said before this Meeting a Paper, addressed to the Trustees, signed by the Rev. Mr. Grand, & Rev. Mr. White, joint Curates of this Parish.

The Contents of the Paper, being carefully considered, it was Unanimously Resolved, that this Meeting do agree to the following Answers, proceeding according to the different Subjects, which appear to be Five, Principally. - Viz.

- The 1st Respects the Damp, and chilling coldness of the Church.
- The 2^d Requesting the Evil to be remedied; and Fires on Prayer Days, Saints Days, and on Friday Evenings, and the Attendance of a Pew-woman, as on Sundays.
- The 3^d Respecting the Vestry Room; - And a Fire whenever there shall be a Funeral.
- The 4th Conveying the Box to the Graves.
- The 5th An Application for a respectable Pew, and Remission of Parochial Taxes.

In Answer, to the First, The Trustees are enabled, on the best Authority, to pronounce the Church free from pernicious Damp; and that the Evil complained of in the 2^d does not arise from any Defect in the Building.

With respect to the additional Fires and Attendance, in the Opinion of this Meeting, the Expence would amount to a Sum greater, than ought to be complied with.

To the Complaint mentioned in the third, - so far as respects the Vestry Room, The Trustees have paid particular attention for some time past; and Thomas Armes is appointed in a special manner to take care of it, and keep it in decent Order.

What regards, Funerals and other Clerical Duties, mentioned at large in the Paper, as Duties of the Church, they cannot conceive, come under their Cognizance.

To the 4th respecting conveying the Box to the Graves; the Opinion is, - that when the Trustees complied with the request to provide a Box for the officiating Clergyman, they could not have the least Idea that they were entailing a Charge on the Trust; or that they would ever be called upon, on that account, to pay Salaries to persons they neither appoint nor employ.

To the 5th last, respecting a Pew, & Parochial Taxes, the Opinion is, that the first refers to the Minister; And the 2^d to the Parishioners at large assembled in Vestry, and not to a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church.

Ordered, that the Minutes be read out, signed by the Collector and Treasurer to the Rev. Mr. Grand & the Rev. Mr. White

John Pitt Blagden
Clergyman, Page Clerk
William Pitt Madam

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Hampstead }
July 16th 1797 }

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church held this Day in the Vestry Room.

Present

Rev Francis Willes Rct. in the Chair
John Peter Blaquiere Esq^r Treasurer
Tho^s Brumby Esq^r Geo Harvey Esq^r
Geo Goodwin Esq^r M^r C. Page
M^r W. Hill } Church Wardens
M^r B. Cyles }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, approved and Confirmed.

The Treasurer produced his Accounts, which were duly examined, by which it appears that £200. 3rd Cents. Col^d have been purchased for the use of this Trust agreeable to an Order made at the last Meeting, and that there remains a Balance in his Hands of £ 45. 13. 4

J. Willes.
John Peter Blaquiere

Hampstead }
Augst 12th 1798 }

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church held this Day in this Vestry Room.

Present

Rev Francis Willes Rct. in the Chair
John Peter Blaquiere Esq^r Treasurer
George Harvey Esq^r
M^r B. Cyles } Church Wardens
M^r V. Edwards }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, approved & Confirmed

The Treasurer produced his Accounts when there appeared to be a Balance in his Hands of £ 109. 10. 11

M^r White having resigned the Care of the Roof of the Church, M^r Page was appointed in his Room to commence from Lady day last at above year and 4 cts.

Sarah King about 5 Weeks ago on account of her bad State of Health resigned her Place as Pew Opener in the South Gallery, whereupon Ann French, Widow, was elected in her Room.

J. Willes.
John Peter Blaquiere
Simon Edwards

Hampstead

18th Aug 1799

At a Meeting of the Trustees of
the Church held this Day in the Vestry Room.

Present

Sir Francis Willis Bart. in the Chair
John Peter Blaquiere Esq.

Mr. Edwards
Mr. Richardson } Churchwardens.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, approved,
and confirmed.

The late Collector of the Poor Rents being deceased
his son Mr. Thos. Mitchell was appointed to succeed
him at the same Salary of £40 p. Annum.

The Treasurer produced his Accounts when there
appeared to be a Balance in his hands of £129-17-1.

Ordered,

That the Treasurer do purchase £200
in his three per cent Consol. to be added to the
£300 now standing in his Name.

J. Willis
John Peter Blaquiere

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Hampstead

27th July 1800

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church
held this day in the Vestry Room.

Present.

Sir Francis Willis Bart. in the Chair
John Peter Blaquiere Esq.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read, approved,
and confirmed.

The Treasurer produced his Accounts which
were examined, and it appeared, that he held a Balance
in his hands amounting to £68-12-9.

J. Willis

Hampstead
10th July 1805

At a Meeting of the Trustees of
the Church held this day in the Vestry Room

Present.

Sir Francis Wiles Bart in the Chair
George Hervey Esq.
Mr Geo. Watson
Mr Wm. Horne } Church Wardens.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr Bogg attended as Executor to the late Treasurer
J. D. Blaquiere Esq. deceased and reported that he had a
Balance in his hands of £105.4.0 exclusive of
one year's Dividend or £700 three per Cent Consols.

Mr G. Watson produced resignations from
James Pilgrim & Christopher Norris Esq. two of the
surviving Trustees which were read & accepted.

The Number of Trustees being now reduced
to seven it was Resolved, in conformity to the
(Deed dated June 21st 1745) to proceed to fill up the
Vacancies when the following Gentlemen were
chosen,

William Pauchon Esq. Geo Bogg Esq.
Wm Blamire Esq. Jno. Watts Esq.
Geo. Abel Esq. Robt. Watts Esq.

Adjourn'd to Sunday the 2nd day of August.

Geo. Hervey

Hampstead
2nd August 1805

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the
Church held this day in the Vestry Room

Present.

William Blamire Esq. in the Chair
George Abel Esq.
John Watts Esq.
George Goodwin Esq.
Robert Watts Esq.
George Bogg Esq.
George Watson Church Warden

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr Abel was unanimously appointed Treasurer
in the room of J. D. Blaquiere Esq. deceased.

Ordered, That the balance appearing due from the
late Treasurer be paid into the hands of Mr. Abel.

Resolved, That the Clerk do inspect the Books belonging
to the Church Trust & see when & in what manner a Sum
of £150. now supposed to be due from them & described in the
Books Bishop of London's Gift came into their hands and
whether any and what Debt or Secured Party upon that occasion.

That the accounts delivered in by Geo. Bogg Esq. &
Mr. Watson for the late repairs be referred to a committee to
consist of the Treasurers - Mr. Blamire & Mr. Bogg for them
to report thereon.

That any consideration respecting the applica-
tion of the fund be adjourn'd till after the Report.

That Mr. Mitchell be directed to make up his
accounts as Collector to Lady Day last.

Adjourn'd to Sunday next after Divine Service in the
Morning.

Geo. Abel
John Watts
Robt. Watts
Geo. Bogg
Geo. Watson

Hampstead
 9th Aug. 1801 } At a Meeting of the Trustees
 of the Church held this Day in the Vestry Room.

Present.

George Abel Esq^r in the Chair
 William Faulkner Esq^r
 George Harvey Esq^r
 George Bogg Esq^r
 William Blamire Esq^r
 John Watts Esq^r
 Robert Watts Esq^r
 M^r. Geo. Wallen Church Warden.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr. Bogg as Executor to the late J^r. D. Blagiere Esq^r gave the Treasurer Mr. Abel a Draft for £125.4.9 being £100.4.9 the balance due from the Estate of the late Treasurer & £25 Interest for one year or £700. three per cent Cons. due 5 July last, & standing in the name of J^r. D. Blagiere.

The Committee appointed at last Meeting reported that they had examined the accounts amounting to £205.10.10. which the Treasurer desires to pay.

Ordered That Mr. Bogg one of the Executors of the late Treasurer J^r. D. Blagiere do be requested to transfer the sum of £700. three per cent Cons. belonging to this Trust into the names of Geo. Abel, Geo. Bogg & Robert Watts Esq^rs. J^r. D. Blagiere
 Geo. Bogg
 Robert Watts

Hampstead
 Nov^r. 15. 1801 } At a Meeting of the Trustees
 of the Church held this Day in the Vestry Room.

Present Sir Francis Willer M^t. in the Chair.
 George Abel Esq^r
 George Bogg Esq^r
 William Blamire Esq^r
 Robert Watts Esq^r
 M^r. W^m. Hesne Church Warden.

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

Mr. Bogg as one of the Executors of the late Treasurer reported that £700. three per cent Cons. was transferred into the names of Geo. Abel, Geo. Bogg & Robert Watts Esq^rs agreeable to the Resolution made at the last Meeting.

Geo. Abel
 Geo. Bogg
 R. Watts
 W^m. Hesne

Hampstead
May 16. 1802.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the
Church held this day in the Vestry Room.

Present

George Abel Esq. in the Chair.
George Bogg Esq.
John Watts Esq.
Robert Watts Esq.
W. Geo. Watson } Church-Wardens.
W. W. Herne }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read.

The Treasurer produced his Accounts which
were examined and approved, when there appear-
ed to be a Balance in his hands amounting to
£98. 7. 3.

Hampstead
May 8. 1803.

At a Meeting of the Trustees of
the Church held this Day in the Vestry Room.

Present,

George Abel Esq. in the Chair
George Bogg Esq.
John Watts Esq.
W. W. Herne,
W. C. Humphreys } Church-Wardens.

The Treasurers Accounts were examined &
approved and balance in his hands was £187. 10. 9.

Ordered,
That the Treasurer purchase £100
Stock in the 3 per Cent.

Hampstead
Feb 26th 1804

At a Meeting of the Trustees
of the Church held this day in the Vestry Room

Present

- Geo. Abel Esq^r in the Chair
- Geo. Begg Esq^r
- Jos. Watts Esq^r
- Robt. Watts Esq^r
- Mr. Ch. Humphreys
- Mr. Geo. Saxon } Churchwardens

The Minutes of the last Meet^g were read & Conf^d
The Treasurer reported that he had purchased
£100 Stock, in the 3 per Cent Ann^d agreeable to a
Resolution of the last Meet^g

The Treasurers Acc^ts were examined & approved
by which it appears that the Balance in his hands
was £133. 16. 11.

Resolved

That the Treasurer purchase
£100 Stock in the 3 per Cent Ann^d.

Hampstead
June 24th 1804

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the
Church held this day in the Vestry Room

Present

- Geo. Abel Esq^r in the Chair
- Geo. Begg Esq^r Treas^r
- Geo. Begg Esq^r
- Jos. Watts Esq^r
- Mr. Humphreys
- Mr. Coulter } Churchwardens

The Minutes of the last Meet^g were read & Confirmed

The Treasurer reported that he had purchased
£100 Stock, in the 3 per Cent Ann^d agreeable to a resolu-
tion of the last Meeting

Resolved

That the late Lord Alvanley's Dow be
applied to Mr. Neave

- 76 to Mr. Neave's Servants
- 75 to Mr. Richards d^r
- 74 to Mr. Ch. Humphreys

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Hampstead
Feb 17th 1805

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church held this day in the Vestry Room.

Present.

John Watts Esq^r in the Chair
Geo. Begg Esq^r
Robt^t Watts Esq^r
W^m G. Laxon
W^m J. Boulter } Church Wardens

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read & confirmed.

John Watts Esq^r was Unanimously appointed to be Treasurer in the room of Geo. Abel Esq^r deceased

Upon examining the accounts of the late Treasurer there appeared to be a Balance of £100.2.4 due by him for which Sum a draft was given by W^m James Abel to W^m Watts Treas^r.

Read a Letter from W^m Reboham requesting an increase of Salary for keeping the Clock in repair & it was agreed to allow him in future £8.8.0 p^a Ann^o

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Hampstead
May 26th 1805

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church held this day in the Vestry Room.

Present.

John Watts Esq^r in the Chair
George Begg Esq^r
Robert Watts Esq^r
W^m Boulter
W^m White } Church Wardens.

The Minutes of the last Meet^g were read & Confirmed.

The following Gentlemen were appointed Trustees viz.

James Abel Esq^r
George Celling Esq^r
Josiah Boydell Esq^r } in the room of { Geo. Hervey Esq^r dec^d
W^m Blewitt Esq^r dec^d
Geo. Abel Esq^r dec^d

Vacant Pews let as under,
N^o 34 Tho^s Wilson Esq^r
68 W^m Jas Boulter
73 Miss Guyon.

Agreed That the Collector of the Pews be allowed in future £8.8.0 p^a Ann^o

Hampstead
Sept. 13th 1785

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church
held this day in the Vestry Room.

Present.

Sir Fras. Wallis Kt in the Chair
W^m Faulkner Esq.
Geo. Bogg Esq.
Jas. Watts Esq.
Robt. Watts Esq.
W^m Jas. Denton
W. H. White } Church Wardens.

The Minutes of the last Meet^g were read & Confirmed.

The Treasurer's account was paid, the balance
remaining in his hands being £11.1.3.

Resolved, That M^r Mavor have the Pew
lately occupied by M^r De launpre from Mich^l next.

Resolved, That the late M^r Blaguiers Pew be
granted to M^r Milligan with a reservation of two
Seats therein for the 2 M^{rs} Grants.

The following is the copy of a Letter
written to the M^{rs} Grants.

Ladies,

I am directed by the Trustees of
Hampstead Church to acquaint you that it has
been made known to them that M^{rs} Eliz. Claudia
Mackintosh has in a Letter address'd to M^r Bogg
claimed an exclusive right to the Pew in that
Church M^r T lately occupied by M^r & M^{rs} Blaguiers.

and that in consequence thereof they having examined
into the circumstances by which the same was held
they find that the same was originally allotted to
Stephen Guion Esq^r your late Grandfather in consequence
of his subscribing the sum of £50. towards the building
of the said Church and that he had a power by the Deed
of Trust to appoint any of his Family to succeed
therein with the express reservation that if the Person
so appointed did not reside in the Parish that the
Pew should revert to the Trustees of the Church, they
also find that the said M^r S. Guion did exercise the right
of appointment & by a paper dated 8th Oct^r 1779 did give
the said Pew to his two Daughters Mary Magdalen
Blaguiers & Elizabeth Mackintosh then Eliz. Guion
Spinster to the exclusion of Capt^r Guion & M^r Grant
his other Children. The said Trustees have therefore
taken possession of the said Pew & have allotted the
same to M^r Milligan & his family until M^{rs} Mack-
intosh returns to reside in the Village, but the said
Trustees in consideration of your near relationship
to the original Subscriber have reserved two Seats in
the said Pew for your use.

M^{rs} Grants
Bevil Square,
Margate.

Sign'd J^h Mitchell Secy

Hampstead
Jan^r 12th 1806

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church
held this Day in the Vestry Room.

Present.

- John Watts Esq^r in the Chair.
- Geo. Ross Esq^r
- Geo. Collins Esq^r
- John Abel Esq^r
- Mr. Austin
- Mr. White } Churchwardens
- Mr. Hart
- Mr. White

The Minutes of the last Meetg were read & confirmed.

Read a Letter from the Vestry Clerk M^r Martin containing a Proposal of M^r Wilson's to be one Moiety of the expense of building a Wall at the South East end of the Church Yard adjoining his Garden if the Trustees would pay the other Moiety. — M^r Paxon was desired to inform M^r W. that the Trustees having no funds applicable to that purpose were unable to comply with his wishes; but recommended him to get a Vestry called to take his proposal into consideration.

There being 2 Years Salary at £33-0-0 ann.
due for cleaning out the Vestry Room, lighting the Fires,
and attending the Clergymen; The Treasurer was
desired to pay Widow French; the Bell Ringer; & the Beadle
£2.2-0 each: & that in future they be allowed as under

Widow French	£ 1.11.6	} 1/2 Ann.
The Bell Ringer	1.1.0	
The Beadle	0.10.6	

At a Meeting of the Vestry of the Church of Saint John
Hampstead held in the Vestry Room on the 12th of October 1806.

Present

- Sir Francis Miller Knight. In the Chair.
- James Holt Esquire
- George Ross Esquire
- M^r Shackleton Esquire
- John Watts Esquire
- Robert Watts Esquire
- M^r Henry White and
- M^r James Buckland } Churchwardens

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and confirmed.

Agreed - That the Salary of Widow French for Lighting the Vestry Room here paid cleaning out the Room be increased to £2.2-0-0 p^{er} Annum in future.

That the Salary of the Beadle for Lighting the Church here be raised to £1.11-6 p^{er} Annum.

At this Meeting M^r Edward Kemm attended the Trustees and solicited the Situation of Organist now vacant by the Death of M^r James (Baker) Adams and upon taking the same into Consideration it was

Resolved unanimously -

That M^r Edward Kemm be Elected such Organist at the Salary of £33-0-0 p^{er} Annum the same Salary as was paid to the late M^r Adams - to commence from Michaelmas last -

M^r Tho^s Mitchell the Clerk to the Trustees having quitted this Parish his Office was declared to be Vacant -

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer produced his Accounts which were passed and the Balance in his Hands was £9-14-2 -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John
Hampstead held in the Vestry Room on the 26 of October 1806 -

Present

Sir Francis Wiles Knight in the Chair -

- James Abel Esquire
- George Bogg Esquire
- George Collings Esquire
- William Faulkner Esq
- John Watts Esquire -
- Mr Henry White - Churchwarden -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
Confirmed -

At this Meeting William Masters attended the Trustees and
was duly elected M^o Clerk in the Room of M^r Thomas Nichol
who has quitted the Parish -

Mary Johnson was duly elected one of the Pew Officers in the
Room of M^r Lawrence deceased -

The Archdeacon of Middlesex having recommended that the
Stalchments which have been fixed up in the Church more than often
should be taken down and removed out of the Church and that in
future no Stalchment should be kept up for more than a Year, the
Trustees approve of the Recommendation of the Archdeacon and
request the Minister and Churchwarden to give Directions for having
the same removed accordingly -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint
John Hampstead held in the Vestry Room on the 17 of
October 1807 -

Present

Sir Francis Wiles Knight in the Chair -

- James Abel Esquire
- George Bogg Esquire
- John Watts Esquire
- Robert Watts Esquire
- Mr Stephen Mallard - Churchwarden -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read
and Confirmed -

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer produced his Accounts
which were passed and the Balance in his Hands was
£st. 2 - 9 - -

Resolved -

That the Church be Insured for Seven Years from
Michaelmas 1807 and that such Insurance be made in the
sum of £3500 instead of the sum of £2500 -

M^r George Godwin and his Family having quitted this Parish
it was also -

Resolved -

That the Pew N^o 83 lately used by him be taken
possession of by the Trustees and that the same be let on the
usual Terms of other Pews belonging to the Trustees -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint -
John Hampstead held in the Vestry Room on Sunday the
11 of December 1808 -

Present

James Abel Esquire - In the Chair -
George Bogg Esquire -
John Watts Esquire -
Robert Watts Esquire -
Mr. Stephen Holland } Churchwardens -
Mr. Geo. Neppien . . }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
confirmed -

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer produced his Accounts -
which were examined and passed and the Balance in his
Hands was £58 - 7 - 10 -

At this Meeting Mr. William Allen, Organ Builder -
addressed to the Trustees an Estimate of Expence for to Clean
and Tune the Church Organ and for sundry Repairs to the
Pipes and Bellows of such Organ amounting to the sum of
£14 - 14 - 0 and upon taking the same into Consideration it was

Ordered -

That the same be cleaned, tuned and repaired accordingly.

At this Meeting it was represented to the Trustees that
the Dow No 79 now held by Mr. John Bilton and the Dow No
88 now claimed by Mr. Mary Wells (formerly Mary Bignate) or her
Tenant ought to be taken Possession of, by the Trustees -
pursuant to the Original Trust Deed and therefore it was

Resolved -

That such Dow be claimed accordingly, that the Secretary
do give Notice thereof to the respective Parties and that the same
be let on the usual Terms of other Dows belonging to the
Trustees, but that the first offer thereof be made to the present
holders of such Dow -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint -
John Hampstead held in the Vestry Room on Sunday -
the 28 of May 1809 -

Present

John Watts Esquire - In the Chair -
George Bogg Esquire
George Collings Esquire
Robert Watts Esquire -
The Rev. Samuel White . . Minister -
Mr. George Neppien . . } Churchwardens -
Mr. William Hudson . . }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
confirmed -

At this Meeting it was Reported by the Secretary that he
had given Notice to Mr. John Bilton who held the Dow No 79
and to Mr. Mary Wells (formerly Mary Bignate) who claimed
the Dow No 88 that such Dows would be taken Possession of,
by the Trustees and that the same would be let on the usual
Terms, but that the first offer thereof would be made to them the
then holders of such Dows - And the Secretary also reported that
no Answer had been received from Mr. John Bilton relative to the
Dow No 79 but that the Dow No 88 had been let from Christmas
last on the usual Terms and thereupon with respect to the
Dow No 79 it was -

Resolved -

That the Secretary do give Notice to Mr. John Bilton that the
Trustees have taken Possession of such Dow - That what is necessary
to be done on behalf of the Trustees for securing such Possession be
done accordingly and that such Dow be then let on the usual
Terms -

This Meeting having been called for the purpose of taking
into Consideration such Clauses, as are introduced into a
proposed Act of Parliament for an additional Burial Ground
which relate to the Trustees of the Church and to the Powers of
the Deeds by Virtue of which they Act, and the several Clauses -

and Matters therein introduced respecting the same having
been read and taken into Consideration it was -

Resolved -

That it is the Opinion of this Meeting that the Powers
of the Trustees should be continued to them as at present -
and that such Deeds if they are at all noticed or introduced
in the intended Act of Parliament should be so done for the
purpose only of having the same and the Powers thereof
confirmed; with an increased Power to the Trustees to -
enlarge the Church of this Parish if hereafter in their Opinion
and in the Opinion of a Vestry to be called for that purpose
and with the proper Authority of the Diocesan the same
should be thought necessary, and also to enable the Trustees
to raise such Money as should be required for that -
purpose by Subscription in the same manner as Money
was raised and borrowed under or by Virtue of such -
Deeds respectively.

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of
Saint John Hanwell Middlesex held in the Vestry
Room on Sunday the 10th of December 1809 -

Present

John Watts Esquire - In the Chair:

James Hill Esquire

George Bogg Esquire

Robert Watts Esquire.

Mr Geo Meaglion - Churchwarden -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were -
read and Confirmed -

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer produced his -
Accounts which were examined and passed and the
Balance remaining in his Hands amounted to the Sum
of £117⁵ 5⁵ -

The Secretary Reported that he had given Notice
to Mr John Bilton that the Trustees had taken Possession
of the Pew N^o 79 - and at this Meeting Mr Bilton attended
the Trustees thereon and stated that in the year 1781 he
bought the Pew in Question at a Public Sale for the Sum of
Twenty Ten Shillings whereupon it was agreed that Mr Bilton and
his wife should have the Liberty of Sitting in such Pew as
long as they continued Inhabitants of this Parish -
without making any Compensation for such Sitting, but -
that the remaining two Seats in such Pew should be Let on
the usual Terms and that the first offer thereof should be
made to Mr Bilton, and that on the Death of Mr Bilton and
his wife or of their removing out of this Parish then that
the whole Pew be Let on the usual Terms -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of
Saint John Hampstead Middlesex held in the
Vestry Room on Sunday the 9th of December 1810.

Present

The Rev^d Samuel White, Minister. In the Chair -
James Abel
George Bogg.
John Watts.
Robert Watts
William Shelton } Churchwardens -
John Grange - }

The Minutes of the last Meeting were
read and Confirmed -

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer produced his
Accounts which were examined and Passed and the
Balance remaining in his Hands amounted to the
Sum of £102 - 19 - 2 -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint
John Hampstead Middlesex held in the Vestry Room
on Sunday the 12th of May 1811.

Present

The Rev^d Samuel White, Minister. In the Chair -
James Abel
George Bogg.
John Watts.
Robert Watts.
John Grange... Churchwarden -

This Meeting was held pursuant to Notice published in the
Church and Chapel on Sundays the 5th & 12th Days of May Instant
relative to a Resolution made at a Vestry held for this Parish on
Monday the 22^d of April last and communicated to John Watts
Esquire the Treasurer to the Trustees; which Resolution of the
Vestry was read and a Copy thereof ordered to be entered
among the Minutes of this Meeting Viz. "Resolved That the
Trustees of the Church be requested to remove the present
Organist from his Office, inasmuch as his Performance as such
Organist is not Satisfactory to the Parishioners and that Notice
of this Resolution be communicated to John Watts Esq^r the Treasurer
to the Trustees" and such Resolution having been taken into
Consideration by the Trustees and the same having been read to Mr
Edward Hemm the present Organist who attended this Meeting
and he having declared that he would send in, his Resignation as
such Organist on or before Sunday next it was.

Resolved - That the purposes for which this Meeting was called
be postponed until Sunday next, on which Day the Trustees
will hold another Meeting immediately after Divine Service
in the Forenoon -

Adjourned until Sunday next -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of
Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex
held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the
19 of May 1811-

Present

John Gearing Churchwarden In the Chair
John Watts
James Rice
Robert Watts

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
Confirmed-

This Meeting was held (pursuant to Adjournment) -
relative to the Resignation by Mr Edward Romm of his Office of
Organist, or his Removal from such Office.

Mr Edward Romm not having sent in his Resignation
as such Organist agreeable to his Declaration made to the
Trustees at their last Meeting, nor having made any
Communication to the Trustees respecting the same, the
Resolution of the Vestry entered among the Minutes of the
last Meeting was again taken into Consideration and it was

Resolved-

That Mr Edward Romm the present Organist be
removed from his Office - That his Performance and Salary do
cease at Michaelmas next, and that Notice of this Resolution
be communicated to him by the Secretary -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint John
Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the Vestry
Room of such Church on Sunday the 2^d of June 1811 -

Present

John Gearing Churchwarden In the Chair -
George Collings
John Watts
Robert Watts -

At this Meeting the Secretary Reported that he had
communicated to Mr Edward Romm the Resolution passed at
the last Meeting -

John Watts being the Treasurer to the Trustees produced at
this Meeting a Letter which he had received from Mr Edw^d Romm
which was read and of which the following is a Copy Viz^t -
" John Watts Esq^r Treasurer to the Church Trust - Church Row
Hampstead - N^o 19 Charles Street Hampstead Road - May 21
1811 - Sir - Having served the Parish Church of Saint John
Hampstead for nearly Six years with due attention and strict
Fidelity after a deliberate Probation of three Sundays, I find
that by means of selfish Individuals whose Prejudices have
superseeded their Judgment and their good Manners, some indirect
and unfair measures have been resorted to, that without the
smallest neglect of my Duty or Impairment of my Character
should make my Situation uncomfortable and precarious -
I have therefore consulted a legal Friend and his Advice -
I follow - My half yearly Salary will be due on the twenty
fourth of June next ensuing and I take the Liberty of giving
you Notice to provide yourself with an Organist in my stead
within the space of Six Months from that Period and I
sincerely wish that the Church may be supplied with as
much Integrity as I have constantly conceived - Thanking
you for every Personal Civility I beg to assure you that I
am Sir your respectful Servant Edward Romm -
Witness D: Dugh - L: L: D." and such Letter having been
taken into Consideration it was -

Resolved -

Ordered -

That the Secretary do Communicate to Mr. ...
Hemm that the Trustees are much surprized at the
very Indecorous Observations contained in his ...
Letter and to acquaint him that altho his ...
Performance as Organist is to Cease at Michaelmas
next yet his Salary will be continued until the
Christmas following -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of
Saint John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex -
held in the Vestry Room of such Church on Sunday the
18th of August 1811 -

Present

George Collings Esquire - In the Chair -
George Bogg.
John Watts.
Robert Watts.

The following Gentlemen having been proposed as
Candidates for the Office of Organist Viz -
Mr. Morgan ... of Kentish Town -
Mr. Kemp - N^o 20 Kenton Street, Russell Square, and
Mr. Craggs - N^o 35 South Street, Manchester Square, it was

Resolved -

That they be requested to perform at ...
Hampstead Church in the following Order Viz -
Mr. Morgan - on the 25th Instant -
Mr. Kemp ... on the 1st of September next and
Mr. Craggs ... on the 8th of September next -
That Notice be sent to each of the Candidates -
And also Notice to Mr. Hemm the present Organist -
requesting him to send the Key so that the Candidates
may practice previous to their Performance -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint -
John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the
Vestry Room of the said Church on Sunday 22^d Day of
September 1811 -

Present

John Watts Esquire - In the Chair -
James Abel -
George Bogg -
George Collings
Robert Watts.
John Grange }
George Payne } Wardens -

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
Confirmed -

The Secretary reported that he sent Notice to the respective
Candidates and also to Mr. Edward Kinnon agreeable to the
Resolution of the Trustees at their last Meeting -

It was also reported that the following Candidates had
performed at the Church viz -

Mr. Worgan on the 1st Instant

Mr. Craggs 8th Instant

Mr. Nichol, an Candidate) ... 15th Instant

& Mr. Moxley (an Candidate) ... 22^d Instant.

That Dr. Kemp was willing to accept the situation but declined
performing considering his abilities were sufficiently known -

That Mr. Nichol had since his performance declined the office -
and upon taking into Consideration the performance of the other

three Candidates viz. Mr. Worgan, Mr. Craggs & Mr. Moxley it was
Resolved Unanimously - That Mr. Craggs be elected Organist in the

Room of Mr. Edw. Kinnon from the 27th Instant on the usual Terms and
at the usual Salary which Office he is expected personally to perform.

That the Secretary do acquaint Mr. Craggs of his appointment & request
him to wait in the Chairman next Wednesday also to communicate
with him on such Appointment -

That the Salary of the Pew Warden be raised from Three to Seven
Guinea & Annua from Michaelmas next -

Adjourned -

At a Meeting of the Trustees of the Church of Saint -
John Hampstead in the County of Middlesex held in the
Vestry Room of the said Church on Sunday the 3^d Day
of December 1811 -

Present

George Collings Esquire. In the Chair -
John Watts
and
Robert Watts

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and
Confirmed -

John Watts Esquire the Treasurer to the Trustees -
produced his Accounts which were Examined and
Passed and the Balance remaining in his Hands
amounted to the Sum of £137-11-9-

Resolved -

That the Treasurer do Purchase one -
Hundred Pounds in the Three & a Half per Centum Consolidated
Bank Annuities -

Adjourned -