

also see 17.1.1884

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Sturminster Newton

4<sup>th</sup> December 1883

Sir,

As the plans for the proposed alterations in the Church of this parish have been prepared, and the estimate made by Mr. A. H. Green of the Town of Blandford. The Churchwardens and Church Committee are desirous of completing the subscription list. and it has been suggested that the plans and estimate should be submitted for your inspection. I therefore write on behalf of the Churchwardens to ascertain

what day it would be convenient  
to you for them to call on you  
for that purpose. and at what  
hour.

I am

Dear Sir

Your obedient Servant

Arthur Ashwood

To General Pitt Rivers  
Rushmore.

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Sturminster Newton

Blandford 17<sup>th</sup> January 1884

Dear Sir

I ventured to write to you = on behalf of the Churchwardens of this Parish = on the 4<sup>th</sup> of December last, stating that the plans of the proposed alterations in the Parish Church had been prepared and estimates made by Mr A. H. Green of Blandford; and that the Churchwardens & Church Committee being desirous of completing the subscription list, it had been suggested that the plans &c should be submitted for your inspection, and I asked what day and hour, it would be convenient to you for the Churchwardens to call on you for that purpose. -

I need hardly add, that in communicating with you the primary object of the Churchwardens was to obtain your kind pecuniary assistance and permission to add your name to the list of subscribers, as they felt assured that you = as principal landowner and patron of the living = would naturally take an interest in all that pertained to the welfare of the town, and they ventured to hope, also in the improvements they are seeking to carry out. -

I trust that you will pardon me for again bringing  
the matter to your notice and asking for your favourable  
and generous consideration and assistance in enabling  
the Churchwardens and Church Committee successfully  
to carry out the proposed necessary work & improvements  
in Sturminster Parish Church

I have the honour

to remain,

Dear Sir,

Your faithful and obedient servant

*W. H. Marshall Day*

for myself and W. H. Marshall Day  
my Co-Churchwarden

The General Pitt-Rivers F. R. S.