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**Diocese:** Bristol                      **Archdeaconry:** Bristol  
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## Form 4A

(Rule 6.2)

Public Notice  
(general form)

### **In the Consistory Court of the Diocese of Bristol**

#### **Church of Almondsbury: St Mary the Virgin**

#### **In the parish of Almondsbury**

NOTICE IS GIVEN that we are applying to the Consistory Court of the diocese for permission to carry out the following:

*(Describe the works or other proposals in the same way as in the faculty petition)*

The following works are proposed:

1. Ancient trapdoors in the belfry floor/ringing room ceiling will be opened up and reinstated for future use. To enable this, electrical lighting will need to be removed and repositioned in the ringing room. This work is planned for Quarter 1 of 2017.
2. It is proposed that, in Quarter 1 of 2018, work will start on removing the bells and all their fittings from the tower. These will be sent to our chosen specialist (Taylors of Loughborough) where each bell will have the remains of the old cast-in iron fittings (crownstaples) carefully removed. The bells will be weighed and checked for cracks. Any holes left where the old fittings have been removed will be back filled and machined level. The bells will be sand blasted, cleaned and coated with wax-based grey graphite to waterproof them. Resin pads will be cast onto the heads of each bell to allow headstocks of modern design to sit square and true. Wear and tear caused by clappers striking the bells over the last hundred years will be corrected by one-eighth turning. New cast iron hollow box section headstocks of modern design will be fitted, together with turned steel gudgeons and double row self-aligning ball bearings, mounted in new cast iron housings with seals and caps. These changes will improve the geometry of each bell and allow for clapper adjustment (clapping), something that was not possible before. The treble bell will be carefully tuned to improve tone and relationship to the other bells within the peal. Each bell will be provided with a new set of ringing fittings (running gear), which will include new wheels fitted with stainless steel screws throughout (this will correct over and undersizing of existing), together with steam bent ash sliders, with softwood runners and hardwood stopblocks. Each bell will be dynamically tested in full circles with swing times of each bell and clapper being checked.
3. While the bells are away from the tower, the existing composite oak bellframe will be retained unchanged, but will be cleaned down and treated with refined Danish oil or similar. The belfry walls, which are of rubble stone construction, having never been decorated, will be lime washed, which will brighten up the space and help to enhance weather proofing. Other work will include restoration of the sound control system, internal weather proofing to the external louvres and new lighting.
4. The refurbished bells and new running gear will be transported back to Almondsbury and carefully hoisted back into place. The ring will be tested, adjusted if necessary, and approved.

Copies of the relevant plans and documents may be examined at

any time when the church is open. They are contained in a folder that has been placed on the hymn book trolley just inside and to the left of the north door.

*(If changes to a church are proposed, a copy of the petition and of any designs, plans, photographs and other documents that were submitted with it must be displayed in the church or at another place where they may be conveniently inspected by the public.)*

Petitioners:

*(Each petitioner to give name and office held in block capitals)*

1. REVD PAUL VAN ROSSUM, ASSOCIATE VICAR
2. MR GRAHAM JEFFERY, CHAIR OF FINANCE AND BUILDINGS TEAM
- 3.

Date 20/01/2017

*(Here the petitioners are to enter the date on which the notice was first displayed)*

**If you wish to object to any of the works or proposals you should send a letter stating the grounds of your objection to The Diocesan Registrar at**

Diocesan Registry, Harris & Harris  
14 Market Place  
WELLS

**so that your letter reaches the registrar not later than 19/02/2017**

*(here the petitioners are to enter a date 28 days after the date given above).*

**A letter of objection must include your name and address and state whether you live in the parish and/or your name is entered on the church electoral roll of the parish or any other basis on which you have an interest in the matter.**

#### **Directions to petitioner**

You must display this public notice (or a copy of it) for a continuous period of not less than 28 days, not counting the day on which it was put up or the day on which it is taken down, (or for such other period as the Court may direct and subject to any special directions of the registrar) in each of the following places:

1. on a notice board or in some other prominent position inside the church; and
2. on a notice board outside the church or in some other prominent position (whether on the outside of the church door or elsewhere) so that it can be read by the public.

#### **Certificate of publication**

I, \_\_\_\_\_(name), one of the petitioners, certify that a copy of this public notice was displayed during the period from 20/01/2017 to 19/02/2017 (inclusive)

1. on a notice board inside the church of Almondsbury: St Mary the Virgin; and
2. outside the church of Almondsbury: St Mary the Virgin, on a notice board [or on the principal door] [or \_\_\_\_\_ ] where it could be read by the public.

Signed \_\_\_\_\_ (signature of petitioner)

Date \_\_\_\_\_

***Note: This certificate must be completed in full by making appropriate entries in the blank spaces and deleting that which does not apply. The public notice (or a copy) with a completed certificate of publication must be returned to the diocesan registrar once the period for the display of the notice has expired.***