

A parish is born

The church of Saint James the Greater, Leicester, a daughter church of St Peter's, Highfields, was built on the present site in 1881. Within 20 years this temporary wooden building was to be replaced by a permanent structure. This present building was begun in 1891 and was completed in 1914 when, on 24 September, it was dedicated by the Bishop of Peterborough, in whose diocese Leicester then was. But it was still a daughter church of St Peter's and it was to be another four years before the parish of St James the Greater came into being.

On 25 June 1918 at a meeting of the Privy Council the King, George V, was pleased to approve the Order constituting the parish. The text of the Order defines, *inter alia*, the boundary of the new parish and is given below in the form in which it was printed in the *London Gazette*. The distances are given in chains (22 yards) but for convenience the metric equivalents have been inserted in square brackets. A modern map of the parish reflecting the boundary as given in the Order is also given.

Graham Jagger, Churchwarden

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At the Court at *Buckingham Palace*, the 25th day of *June*, 1918.

PRESENT,

The KING'S Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

WHEREAS the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England have, in pursuance of the Act of the 8th and 9th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 70, of the Act of the 14th and 15th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 97, and of the Act of the 19th and 20th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 55, duly prepared, and laid before His Majesty in Council, a Representation, bearing date the 2nd day of May, 1918, in the words and figures following, that is to say: —

We, the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, in pursuance of the Act of the 8th and 9th years of Her late Majesty Queen Victoria, Chapter 70, of the Act of the 14th and 15th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 97, and of the Act of the 19th and 20th years of Her said late Majesty, Chapter 55, have prepared, and now humbly lay before Your Majesty in Council, the following Representation as to the assignment of a Consolidated Chapelry to the Consecrated Church of Saint James, Leicester, situate within the New Parish (sometime Consolidated Chapelry) of Saint Peter, Leicester, in the County of Leicester, and in the Diocese of Peterborough:

Whereas at certain extremities of the said New Parish of Saint Peter, Leicester, of the New Parish (sometime District Chapelry) of Saint Philip, Leicester, and of the New Parish (sometime District Chapelry) of Saint John the Baptist, Knighton, both in the said County and Diocese, which said extremities lie contiguous one to another, and are described in the Schedule hereunder written, there is collected together a population which is situate at a distance from the several Churches of such New Parishes:

And whereas it appears to us to be expedient that certain contiguous portions (being the portions containing the population aforesaid) of the said New Parish of Saint Peter, Leicester, of the said New Parish of Saint Philip, Leicester, and of the said New Parish of Saint John the Baptist, Knighton, should be formed into a Consolidated Chapelry for all ecclesiastical purposes, and that the same should be assigned to the said Church of Saint James, Leicester, situate as aforesaid:

Now, therefore, with the consent of the Right Reverend Frank Theodore, Bishop of Peterborough, as such Bishop, and also as the Patron, in right of his See, as well of the Vicarage of the said New Parish of Saint Peter, Leicester, as of the Vicarage of the said New Parish of Saint John the Baptist, Knighton, and with the consents of the Venerable John Edward Stocks, Clerk in Holy Orders, Archdeacon of the Archdeaconry of Leicester, of the Reverend Edward Lloyd Simpson, Clerk in Holy Orders, Vicar or Incumbent of the Vicarage of the Parish of Evington, in the said County and Diocese, of the Reverend Frederick Papprell, Clerk in Holy Orders, Vicar or Incumbent of the Vicarage of the New Parish of the Holy Trinity, Leicester, in the said County and Diocese, of William Thornley, of Stoneygate, Leicester, Esquire, and of Frederick Samuel Shipp, of Bradenham, Knighton Park Road, Leicester, Esquire, as the Patrons of the Vicarage of the said New Parish of Saint Philip, Leicester (in testimony whereof they the said consenting parties have respectively signed and sealed this Representation), We, the said Ecclesiastical Commissioners for England, humbly represent that it would, in our opinion, be expedient that all those contiguous portions of the

said New Parish of Saint Peter, Leicester, of the said New Parish of Saint Philip, Leicester, and of the said New Parish of Saint John the Baptist, Knighton, which are described in the Schedule hereunder written, all which portions, together with the boundaries thereof, are delineated and set forth on the *Map or Plan* hereunto annexed, should be united and formed into one Consolidated Chapelry for the as aforesaid, and that the same should be named ‘The Consolidated Chapelry of Saint James, Leicester.’

We, therefore, humbly pray that Your Majesty will be graciously pleased to take, the premises into your Royal Consideration, and to make such Order in respect thereto as to Your Majesty in Your Royal Wisdom shall seem meet.

The SCHEDULE to which the foregoing Representation has reference.

The, Consolidated Chapelry of Saint James, Leicester, comprising: —

All those contiguous portions of the New Parish (sometime Consolidated Chapelry) of Saint Peter, Leicester, of the New Parish (sometime District Chapelry) of Saint Philip, Leicester, and of the New Parish (sometime District Chapelry) of Saint John the Baptist, Knighton, all in the County of Leicester, and in the Diocese of Peterborough, which, taken together, are comprised within and are bounded by an imaginary line commencing at the junction of Granville Road, London Road, and St. Albans Road, where the boundaries of the New Parish of All Souls, Leicester, the New Parish of Saint John, Leicester, (both in the said County and Diocese), and the said New Parish of Saint Peter, Leicester, all meet, and extending thence first north-eastward and then eastward along the middle of St. Albans Road for a distance of 7 chains [141 m] or thereabouts to its junction with Churchill Street, and extending thence northward along the middle of Churchill Street for a distance of 6½ chains [131 m] or thereabouts to its junction with Upper Tichborne Street, and extending thence eastward along the middle of Upper Tichborne Street for a distance of 10 chains [201 m] or thereabouts to its junction with St. Stephen's Road, and extending thence northward along the middle of St. Stephen's Road for a distance of 2¼ chains [45 m] or thereabouts to its junction with Biddulph Street, and extending thence eastward along the middle of Biddulph Street for a distance of 12¾ chains [256 m] or thereabouts to its junction with Laurel Road, and extending thence northward along the middle of Laurel Road for a distance of 5½ chains [111 m] or thereabouts to its junction with St. Peter's Road, and extending thence eastward along the middle of St. Peter's Road, (thereby passing at the junction of St. Peter's Road and Mere Road the point where the boundaries of the said New Parish of Saint Peter, Leicester, the New Parish of Saint Stephen, North Evington, in the said County and Diocese, and the said New Parish of Saint Philip, Leicester, all meet), for a distance of 7½ chains [151 m] or thereabouts to its junction with East Park Road, and extending thence south-westward along the middle of East Park Road for a distance of 19½ chains [392 m] or thereabouts to its junction with Evington Road, and extending thence south-eastward along the middle of Evington Road for a distance of 14 yards [13 m] or thereabouts to its junction with Dashwood Road, and extending thence south-westward along the middle of Dashwood Road for a distance of 7¼ chains [146 m] or thereabouts to its junction with Devana Road, and extending thence south-eastward along the middle of Devana Road for a distance of 5 chains [101 m] or thereabouts to its junction with Lyme Road, and extending thence south-westward along the middle of Lyme Road for a distance of 2½ chains [50 m] or thereabouts to its junction with Kimberley Road, at or near the boundary which divides the said New Parish of Saint Philip, Leicester, from the said New Parish of Saint John the Baptist, Knighton, and continuing thence south-westward in precisely the same direction and in a straight line for a

distance of 5 chains [101 m] or thereabouts to a point in the middle of Stanley Road, and extending thence south-westward along the middle of Stanley Road for a distance of 8½ chains [171 m] or thereabouts to its junction with London Road, and extending thence north-westward along the middle of London Road (thereby crossing the boundary of the said New Parish of Saint John the Baptist, Knighton, and following in part the boundary which divides the said New Parish of All Souls, Leicester, from the said New Parish of Saint Peter, Leicester) for a distance of 29½ chains [593 m] or thereabouts to its junction with Granville Road and St. Albans Road where the boundaries of the said New Parish of All Souls, Leicester, the said New Parish of Saint John, Leicester, and the said New Parish of Saint Peter, Leicester, all meet, at which point the said imaginary line commenced.

And whereas the said Representation has been approved by His Majesty in Council:

Now, therefore, His Majesty, by and with the advice of His said Council, is pleased hereby to ratify the said Representation, and to order and direct that the same and every part thereof shall be effectual in law immediately from and after the time when this Order shall have been duly published in the London Gazette pursuant to the said Acts.

And His Majesty, by and with the like advice, is pleased hereby to direct that this Order be forthwith registered by the Registrar of the said Diocese of Peterborough.

Almeric FitzRoy.



The parish of St James the Greater, Leicester