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**1773 Church Rebuilding Intimation Transcription  
by Colin Such (2012)**

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William Burrell Doctor of Laws Vicar General in Spirituals of the Right Revd Father in God James by divine permisfion Lord Bishop of Worcester and Principal Official of his Consistory Court there lawfully appointed. To the Rector or Curate or Minister of the Parish of Lighthorne in the County of Warwickand Diocese of Worcester Greeting. We impower and enjoin you jointly and severally to publish and declare in your Parish Church of Lighthorne on the Sunday next after your receipt hereof openly and publickly before the Congregation then and there afsembled, these word following, to wit,

Whereas it hath been alledged to the Surrogate of the Worshipful William Burrell Doctor of Laws, Chancellor of the Diocese of Worcester, on the part and behalf of the Right Honourable John *Peyto Verney* Lord Willoughby de Broke, the Revd William Green D.D.Rector of the Parish of Lighthorne in the County of Warwick and Diocese of Worcester and the several Proprietors and owners of Houses and Lands standing and lying within the said Parish, **that the present Parish Church of Lighthorne is a very ancient building and now in a ruinous and dilapidated State and Condition, that the Chancel belonging to the same is much out of proportion to the Size of the said Church and highly inconvenient with respect to the seating of the Parishioners, that the said Lord Willoughby** the Principal Proprietor of the Houses and Land in the said Parish, the Rector of the Parish for the time being, **and the other Owners and Proprietors** of the said houses and Lands situate as aforesaid in the said Parish of Lighthorne **are desirous and have mutually agreed upon taking down the said Old Church and Chancel belonging to the same, and to erect an entire New Church and Chancel**, that the expenses or charges attending and necefsarily consequent upon the taking down and rebuilding of the same, shall and will be defrayed in the following manner (to wit) the new Chancel to be erected in a convenient manner at the costs and charges of the Rector of the said Parish for the time being – The Nave or body of the said Church with all expenses whatsoever by any means attending the said pulling down and rebuilding the same anew in a decent manner at the charge and expense of the said Lord Willoughby, in proportion to the value of his Estates and Houses in the said Parish, The other Proprietors of Houses and Lands in the said Parish severally to pay their equal share or proportion pursuant to their contracts or agreements for and towards such laudable purposes and according to the Plan annexed to these present. **Therefore the Proctor of the said Lord Willoughby de Broke, the said Rector, and the other Proprietors prayed a License or Faculty to be granted for pulling down the said Old Parish Church and Chancel, and erecting and building an entire new Parish Church and Chancel of the situation and dimensions described in the Plan here unto annexed.** I do therefore by virtue of this Mandate to me directed Cite the Churchwardens,

Parishioners and Inhabitants of the said Parish of Lighthorne in special and all other in general, having or pretending to have any rights title or Interest of in or to the premises that they appear if they think fit before the Worshipful William Burrell DD, Chancellor of the Diocese of Worcester, his lawful Surrogate or other competent Judge in this behalf, in the Cathedral Church of Worcester and in the Consistory place there on Thursday the Twenty eighth day of January Instant between the hours of Nine and Twelve in the Forenoon of the same day, then and there to show Cause (if they can) why a Licence or Faculty for pulling down the present Church and Chancel of Lighthorne and also for the rebuilding of a new Church and Chancel of the size and dimensions described by the said Plan should not in due form of Law be granted to the said Lord Willoughby and the Rector of the said Parish for the time being for and on behalf of themselves and the said several Proprietors of the houses and lands situate within the said Parish, **and likewise for applying and making use of such of the Materials of the present Church and Chancel as are fit for that purpose towards the erecting and building the said new Intended Church and Chancel.** Intimating unto the Churchwarden and Parishioners and Inhabitants of the said Parish in Special and all others in General, that if they do not appear accordingly or appearing show not a good cause to the contrary the Judge of the said Court will then and there proceed to the granting forth a License or Faculty for the purpose aforesaid the absence or rather Conlumacy of all persons hereby cited and intimated in any wise notwithstanding.

And what you shall do in the premises you shall duly certify to us, our Lawful Surrogate or other competent Judge in this behalf at the time and place aforesaid together with these presents Given under the Seal of our Office of the Third day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand and seven hundred and Seventy three.

Richd. Clarke

**This intimation was duly published in the Parish Church of Lighthorne during the time of Divine Service there on Sunday the seventeenth day of January 1773. by me William Green Rector.**