

Diocese of Chelmsford.

Rural Dean's Commission.

Deanery of *Wanstead and*
Woodford

The Rev *J. C. Warney M.A.*

 Henry, by DIVINE PERMISSION, Bishop of Chelmsford, To Our well-beloved Brother in Christ

Joseph Christopher Wansley — Clerk, *Master of Arts*
Rector of the *Rectory* — — of *Woodford*

in the County of Essex and our Diocese of Chelmsford, GREETING:

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We, confiding as well in your zeal for the glory of God, and the good of His Church, as in your prudence and discretion, do, by these presents, constitute and appoint you to be Rural Dean of the Deanery of *Wanstead and Woodford* within the Archdeaconry of *West Ham* — and our Diocese aforesaid for a period of five years from the *sixth* day of *January* 19*49* which Deanery comprises the Parishes and Chapelries specified on the back of this Commission: And we will and desire, that in executing the duties of the said Office of Rural Dean, in virtue of this our Commission, you do in all respects act in subordination to the Archdeacon of the said Archdeaconry of *West Ham* — and that you do strictly and faithfully observe the instructions hereunto annexed.

GIVEN under our Hand and Seal this

sixth Day of *January* — in the year
of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and *forty-nine* — and of our Consecration the *twentieth*

DEANERY OF *Wanstead and Woodford*

Parishes and Ecclesiastical Districts.

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| <i>Wanstead St Mary</i> | <i>R.</i> |
| <i>St Gabriel Aldersbrook</i> | <i>v.</i> |
| <i>Holy Trinity Hermon Hill</i> | <i>v.</i> |
| <i>Woodford St Mary</i> | <i>R.</i> |
| <i>Green All Saints</i> | <i>v.</i> |
| <i>Bridge St Paul</i> | <i>v.</i> |
| <i>St Barnabas</i> | <i>v.</i> |

*And all new Churches which may be erected in either of the said Parishes or Districts,
and all Buildings authorised by the Bishop for Public Worship.*

*Also Ministers of Proprietary Chapels, Chaplains of Public Institutions and Members
Hospitals within the said Deanery, are to be considered as coming under the authority of
the Rural Dean.*

INSTRUCTIONS

TO BE OBSERVED BY THE RURAL DEANS

IN THE

DIOCESE OF CHELMSFORD.

1. The Rural Dean is to give information to the Bishop of all matters concerning the Clergy, Churchwardens, and other Officers of the Church, which he may deem it necessary or useful that the Ordinary should know.

2. Upon being made acquainted with the avoidance of any Benefice within his Deanery, he is to make a return thereof to the Bishop, in order that due inquiry may be made into the state of the vacant Benefice, and Sequestration be issued out of the Ecclesiastical Court, and to act as Sequestrator should the Bishop so require. During the vacancy in a benefice, he must supervise the arrangements for the conduct of the services and make himself responsible for seeing that proper arrangements are made for the Institution of the new incumbent.

3. He is likewise, once in every year, previously to the Archdeacon's, or the Bishop's, Visitation, and at other times when he shall be required, to inspect the Churches and Chapels within his Deanery, with their Chancels and Churchyards, and the Books, Ornaments, and Utensils (particularly the Church Plate and Registers) thereto belonging; and to make a return thereof to the Archdeacon, or to the Bishop, if visiting in person, at his next Visitation, noting all alterations, additions, decays and dilapidations in the premises, and stating whether such alterations or additions have been made with or without a Faculty.

4. He is also, when requested by the Ordinary, to make a report on the state of Education within his Deanery as connected with the Established Church; and to obtain from time to time such information respecting parochial matters, Charities and the like, as shall be required of him; and to make returns thereof as requested.

5. He shall likewise be ready to advise and assist the Churchwardens within his Deanery, in framing their Presentments of all such things as are amiss within their respective Parishes, and are by law presentable, and if it shall come to his knowledge that spiritual destitution exists in any Parish within his Deanery, to communicate thereon to the Bishop.

6. He shall also call the Clergy of his Deanery together, including any Clergy resident in the Deanery and holding the Bishop's licence, and the Clergy and Laity in conference, whenever the Bishop shall appoint and at other times at his own discretion; and take care to disperse such orders as shall be sent to him for distribution. The Chapter should meet at the least on two occasions in the year and the Conference at the least on one occasion.

7. He is to inspect the Licences of all Stipendiary and Assistant Curates officiating within his Deanery; and to give immediate notice to the Bishop of any who shall officiate therein for more than two Sundays without the Licence or the written permission of the Bishop.

8. He is to require that in every Parish a distinct Churchwardens' Book be kept, and all movable Church property entrusted to the care of such Officers be entered therein. He must likewise see that an Inventory is kept of all Church property and that such inventory is inspected from time to time and brought up to date.

9. He is specially to enquire whether the Church, and Chancel and Glebe premises are duly and sufficiently insured, and to report to the Archdeacon, or to the Bishop, when he visits in person, any neglect in this particular.

10. When requested by the Archdeacon, he is to accompany him in his visitation of any Church or Chapel in his Deanery.

11. He should encourage each parish to take in the Diocesan Chronicle and Year Book, and he should inspect the Electoral Roll of the Parish and give directions with a view to its revision.

WE FALKNER by Divine Permission BISHOP OF CHELMSFORD
do hereby confirm and renew your appointment as Rural
Dean of the Deanery of Wanstead and Woodford until
Easter 1952.

DATED this *thirty-first* day of May 1951.

Falkner Chelmsford