

CASE NOTES

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Chancellor of the Dioceses of Norwich and Salisbury

Re St Swithun, Cheswardine

Lichfield Consistory Court: Eyre Ch, 10 January 2015

Exhumation – scattering of ashes – security and safe custody

The petitioner sought a faculty for the exhumation of his father's cremated remains in order for them to be scattered, together with the remains of the petitioner's mother, in Skerray in Scotland. The petition was refused on two grounds: first, there had simply been a change of mind as to the intended interment of the remains, which did not amount to a special reason that would provide an exception to the presumption of permanence; second, the remains had been committed to the protection of the church and the intention to scatter the remains was inconsistent with their continued security and safe custody. The chancellor found it difficult to envisage circumstances in which it would be appropriate to allow remains to be exhumed for the purpose of their subsequent scattering. [RA]

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Re St Mary Magdalene, Hullavington

Bristol Consistory Court: Gau Ch, 19 January 2016

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Multiple fonts – location of font

As part of a substantial re-ordering scheme the petitioners sought permission for the introduction of a moveable font. The church already contained two fonts: one mediaeval font, which was unused, and one Victorian font, which was to be relocated to the north aisle as part of the re-ordering. The chancellor raised two concerns: first, about the multiplicity of fonts within the church, and second that the new location for the Victorian font was not as near to the principal entrance as conveniently might be, as required by Canon F 1(2). The petitioners amended their proposals by withdrawing the application for the introduction of the moveable font and by seeking permission to remove the