MARK
Bishop of Shrewsbury

DECREE
altering and defining the territorial boundary of the Parish of St John the Evangelist, Bridgnorth, and making supplemental provision

Whereas (immediately consequent upon my decree of even date herewith effecting the closure of the parish of Saint Mary Magdalene, Much Wenlock and the transfer of part of the territory of that parish to be added to and form an integral part of the territory of the parish of St John the Evangelist, Bridgnorth, and for the just cause there indicated) there is a need to restate by accurate definition the extent of the new boundary of the parish after such transfer; and whereas proper consultation has been conducted and, in particular, the matter has been considered by the Council of Priests (as required by cc. 515 §2 and 127) whose informed opinions I have heard and duly weighed; and whereas necessary information has been sought and those who may be affected have in so far as possible been heard

Now I, MARK, BISHOP of SHREWSBURY under and in accordance with canons 122, and 515 §2 of the Code of Canon Law 1983 HEREBY DECREE as follows:

1. The territory of the Parish of St John the Evangelist, Bridgnorth, shall henceforth comprise that within the boundary set forth in the schedule to this decree (which for the purposes of identification only is shown on the map annexed to this decree and coloured blue).

2. The pastoral care of the of Parish of St John the Evangelist, Bridgnorth, as so constituted shall continue to be exercised by Father Iain Griffiths as parish priest.

3. Any question as to the construction of this decree, or as to the regularity or the validity of any matter under it, or as to the more precise location of the parish boundary shall be determined by me upon sufficient application to me by any person having a legitimate interest. Boundary alterations or adjustments which are not of such importance as to constitute notable or significant alterations for the purposes of c. 515 §2 may be effected without further process by me (after, if I see fit, any appropriate advice offered by the diocesan boundary commission).

4. The provisions of this decree shall take effect from midnight at the end of Saturday 31 March 2018.
AND I DIRECT that this decree be delivered to the parish priest of the parish of St John the Evangelist, Bridgnorth; and that notice of its contents be publicly communicated by affixing them to a notice board available for consultation by the faithful at each of the public Masses celebrated in that parish on the Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) and the Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord. I further direct that the full text of this decree be published on the website of the Diocese of Shrewsbury (http://www.diocesefoshrewsbury.org/).

Anything to the contrary notwithstanding.

SCHEDULE

description of parish boundaries

Commencing in the north on the road currently designated as the B4380 south of Leighton (which falls outside the parish boundary), the B4380 is used as the parish boundary until it reaches Ironbridge, all properties south of this road are within the parish. At Ironbridge the boundary follows a minor road south past Broseley Village which falls in the parish, past Willey again this village is in the parish to a minor river just north of Nordley on the B4373. The river is then used as the boundary which continues east across a rural area across the River Severn, the A 442 the B4176 across a lane south of Badger which is outside the parish boundary to a minor road which runs through the village of Ackleton, the village and all residential dwellings falling in the parish. The minor road continues east and just before Pattingham, which is outside the parish boundary, the boundary line runs directly south across a rural area to the A 548 in such a way that the villages of Shipley, Upper Ludstone, Aston and Draycott are in the parish boundary but the villages of Heathton and Bobbington are not in the parish. The parish boundary crosses the A 458 in a south westerly direction and includes the villages of Six Ashes, Tuckhill, Birdsgreen, it continues across the A442 and includes Alveley, across the River Severn and continues to run south of Highley. At Highley the parish boundary continues in a southerly direction and includes the village of Kinlet. At the B4194 the parish boundary runs in a north westerly direction and follows a minor road which is south of Stottesdon, which is in the Parish, the road is followed west north of Oretan, Farlow, which are outside the boundary and then north west until it joins the B4364. The B4364 is followed and used as the parish boundary and it runs in a north easterly direction to Cleobury North, which is in the parish boundary until it picks up a minor road that turns back in a north westerly direction to the west of Ditton Priors which is in the parish and south of Stanton Long again in the parish, until the boundary reaches the B4368 just south of Shipton Hall. The boundary then runs a short distance in a south westerly direction through a rural area that is east of Broadstone which is outside the parish, it then continues in a northerly direction across the B4371 and the parish includes Longville in the Dale. At Longville in the Dale the boundary follows a minor road to Highley in the parish and then follows Highley Bank (which is the shared boundary with the Our Lady Saint Peter of Alcantara and Saint Winefride) in a north easterly direction back to the B438. [Note: The attached map is for guidance purposes, whenever possible natural boundaries such as roads and rivers and footpaths have been followed. Whenever a parish boundary follows a street or road containing residential dwellings, the street will not in principle be divided by the parish boundary line. All residential dwellings on both sides of the street in principle will fall within the parish. If at all possible and where reasonable disputes about boundary lines will be settled to the west, or south of any aforementioned road.]

Given at my Cathedral Church of Our Lady Help of Christians and St Peter of Alcantara, Shrewsbury, under my hand and curial seal this 28th day of March, in the year 2018

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