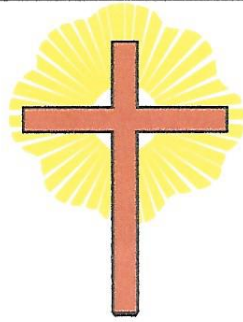


## ***LONGNEY CONGREGATIONAL CHAPEL***



Please reply to:

Mrs. J. Roberts, Hon Sec<sup>y</sup>,  
90 Swift Road, Abbeydale,  
Gloucester, GL4 4XJ

31<sup>st</sup> May 2017

Dear Longney Resident

For the past 20 years, we have been endeavouring to keep the village Chapel open, but we fear that lack of local transport and 'anno domini' has, at long last, taken its toll and the Chapel will have to close unless we can find someone to help conserve the situation.

In the past activities such as Coffee mornings, Art Classes and Knitting 'circles' have been tried on a regular basis to keep the building in use but now it really does need someone local to look after it.

According to the original title deed, the land was gifted for the building of a Chapel on condition that regular services of Christian Worship were held; should this ever cease, then the Chapel and land would, almost certainly, revert to the estate of the original benefactor, Henry Smith (whose estate still owns property in Longney). This does not, however, preclude the building from being used for other worthy purposes.

It is proposed to have an Open Meeting, to which all Longney residents are invited, on Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June at 6p.m. – tea and light refreshments will be available – to discuss the future of the Chapel which has been an integral part of village life since 1837 when, in spite of the date on the plaque above the door, the Chapel was dedicated: So this year is the Chapel's 180<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Is its destiny to close, maybe to be sold as a residence? We look forward to seeing you.

Kindest regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jenny Roberts', with a flourish underneath.

Jenny Roberts (née Phillips, ex Chapel Cottage)  
Honorary Secretary