



At the Court at St James's

THE 1st DAY OF APRIL 2026

PRESENT,

THE KING'S MOST EXCELLENT MAJESTY
IN COUNCIL

Representations were duly made to His Majesty in Council by the Secretary of State for Justice that, subject to the exceptions below, burials should be discontinued forthwith in:-

- 1) St Mary's Church (Annex) Churchyard, Chithurst, West Sussex (as shown hatched on the plan annexed hereto);
- 2) St Paul's Church Churchyard (Extension), Coven, Wolverhampton, West Midlands (as shown hatched on the plan annexed hereto);
- 3) All Saints Churchyard, Elsham, Brigg, North Lincolnshire (as shown hatched on the plan annexed hereto).

In pursuance of the Order in Council made on 3rd February 2026 these representations have been published and taken into consideration by a Committee of the Privy Council.

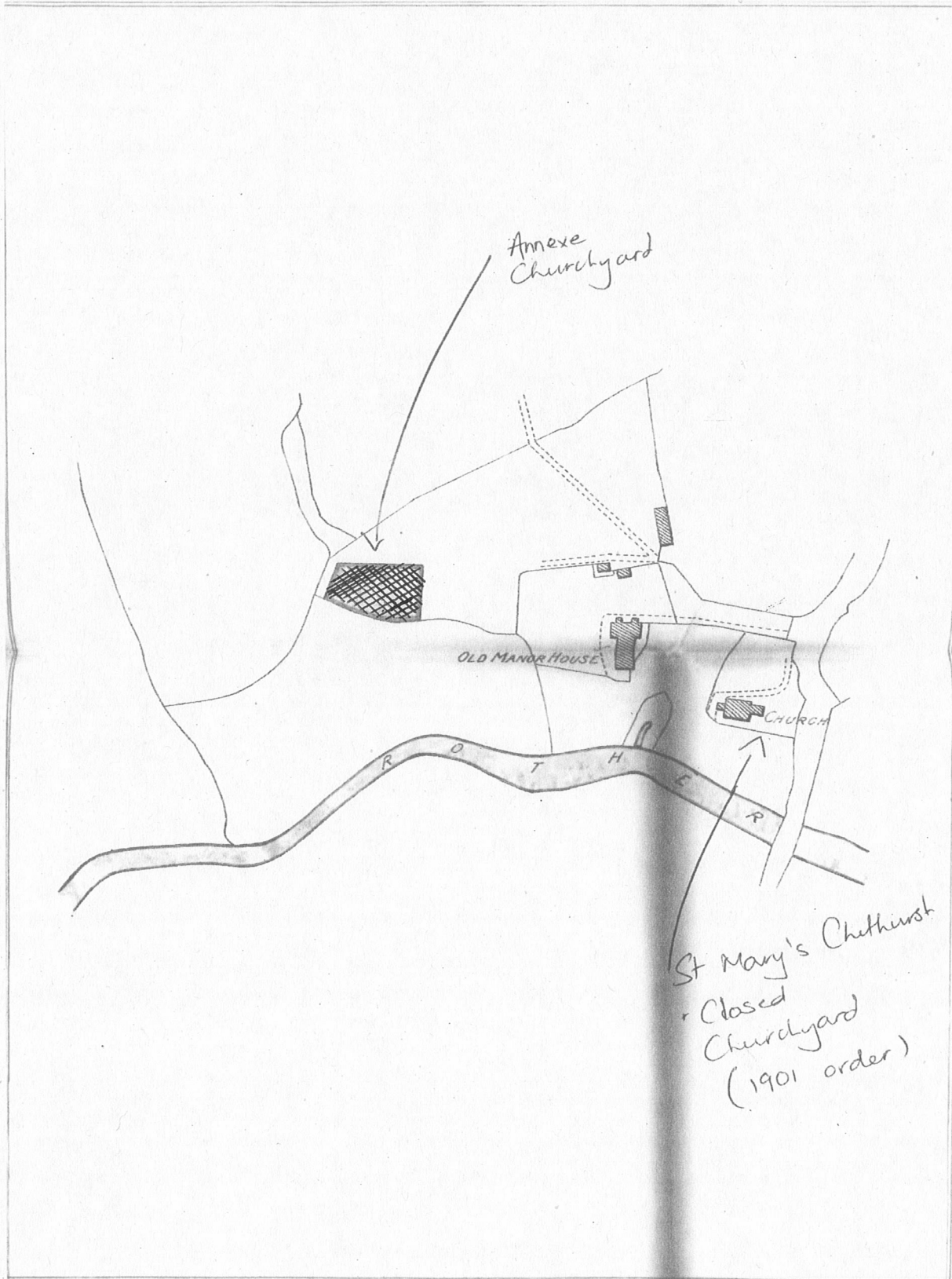
Accordingly, His Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred on Him by section 1 of the Burial Act 1853, is pleased, by and with the advice of His Privy Council, to order that burials shall be discontinued forthwith in the places listed above, subject to the following exceptions in the places numbered 2 and 3:-

- (a) in any vault or walled grave in the churchyard, burial may be allowed but every coffin in such vault or grave must be separately enclosed by stonework or brick work properly cemented;
- (b) in any existing earthen grave in the churchyard, the burial may be allowed of the body of any member of the family of the person or persons previously buried in that grave, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave; and

- (c) in any grave space in which no interment has previously taken place, the burial may be allowed of any person for whom, or any member of the family for which that grave space has been reserved and appropriated, with the exclusive right of burial there, but no part of the coffin containing the body shall be less than one metre below the level of the surface of the ground adjoining the grave.

Ceri King, LVO

St Mary's Church (Annex) Churchyard, Chithurst, West Sussex



St Paul's Church Churchyard (Extension)

Coven, Wolverhampton

