

To the Reverend Paul Foot,

We, the two female servers, in Port Isaac church, feel that it is not being perfectly fair to ban girl servers, as you have done. As you said girls do not serve in the 'best' places, we have served for the present Bishop of Truro and for the Bishop of Leicester, who was Bishop of St. Germans as you should know - admittedly it was in our church.

It is not only for ourselves who feel strongly about this, but it is also on behalf of the young girls in our church. It would probably keep them interested and not gradually go away from the church as they might do. It would be unfair just to teach the boys to serve and leave the girls out of it - here again is an example of sex-discrimination.

I, Olwyn Cann, have been serving for four years. I was taught by the Reverend Clarence Simpson and Emma Phelps was taught by the Reverend James Maddock.

It could be a shame to see such a nice tradition set up by Reverend Simpson to fade away just because the present vicar does not want to change with the times.

I have been brought up in the church, I was christened and confirmed there, and have been a regular member in the choir since I was five years old. It seems a shame that we should now be stopped from serving, something that we find both fulfilling and exhilarating.

I hope that you will think over your hasty decision and action of disbanding girls as servers, and come to the decision we would like you to carry.

Yours Faithfully

Olwyn Cann and ^{P.P.} Emma Phelps