

Rectors and Clergy of Warmington

The parish of Warmington and Arlescote was included in the vast diocese of Lichfield and Coventry until the middle of the nineteenth century when for a few decades it was in Worcester diocese. Coventry church became a cathedral at the end of the first world war, since when the parish has been in Coventry Diocese.

The parish church was dedicated to St Nicholas before the Reformation and again for the few decades when it lay in Worcester diocese. At other periods the dedication was, as today, to St Michael.

The parish was a rectory and the rector had income both from glebe lands and from the tithes (ten per cent) of his parishioners' produce. The rector was responsible for the spiritual welfare of his parishioners (either directly or by appointing a curate) and for maintenance of the chancel of the church.

The right to appoint the rector (the advowson) could be bought and sold, and inherited. In Warmington the advowson went with ownership of the manor for a few decades but was then acquired by the Wootton family and their descendants, the Farrers.

The advowson was next in the ownership of the Harrison family until the rector William Harrison sold it to the Hulme Trustees in the nineteenth century. It remained with the Hulme Trustees until the 1980s when it passed to the bishop of Coventry.

John ENGLYSSH. Parish priest. His will of 1536 instructed that his body should be buried in the Lady Chapel within the church of St Nicholas of Warmington.

John RICHARDSON. Rector. Will of 1602 mentions wife Margaret , four sons and two daughters. Owned land in Mollington.

Anthony PETIPHER. Rector. Son of Richard Petipher of Radway. Born c.1560. Jesus Coll. 1581, BA Gloster Hall 1582.

Richard WOTTON. Rector. Born in Warwickshire c. 1601. Matriculated Lincoln College March 1616/17, BA 1620. Vicar of Kineton from 1624 and of Warmington from 1629 (pluralist). Married Ann GORSTELow (of Cropredy gentry family) at Horley in 1624. She was buried at Warmington in 1637. Dugdale gives details of her memorial, now gone. Captained a Parliamentarian troop in the civil war. Non-resident in 1647 when he was summoned at Quarter sessions for non-payment of civil dues. Believed to have been finally ejected.

William OLIVER. Presented to the Rectory in 1644 by Charles I, from his Court at Oxford - not known if he was inducted. BD in Nov.1642.

John BATTY. Curate. In his will of 1646 he mentions money owed to him by Mr Richard Wotton.

John WOTTON. Rector, son of Richard WOTTON, above. His will of 1680 mentions his uncle GORSTELow, and his grandsons FARRER

William WYATT. Rector 1681-1694, and of Hanwell from 1694-1712. Matriculated at Christ Church 1659, BA 1662, MA 1665, public orator 1679-1712. Principal of St Mary Hall from 1689 until his death in 1712. Presented to Warmington by William BOTILER of Bidenham & Thomas FARRER of Aylesbury.

Gilbert WHARTON Rector, presented 1694 by Thomas Farrer of Warmington

Bernard GILPIN Rector, presented 1697 by Thomas FARRER, gentleman. Son of Rev. Thomas GILPIN of Tettenhall, Staffs., born c. 1669. Matriculated 23 April 1686, Trinity College. BA 1689/90, MA 1692. Vicar of Bushberry, Staffs. from 1692. Moderator of King's School, Warwick in the 1690s. Rector of Warmington 1697 until his death 1727. Also absentee rector of Fringford Oxon. 1698 to 172?. Thought to be a descendant of Bernard GILPIN, Apostle of the North. Owned and acquired property in Staffordshire, which he left to his elder daughter, cutting his son, also Bernard, out of his will.

Benjamin FRAUNCIS Rector. Son of Rev. John FRAUNCIS of Daventry. Born c. 1676. Matriculated BNC 1692. BA 1695. MA 1713. Vicar of Norton by Daventry 1706. Rector of Warmington 1726.

Phillip BLISS. Rector. Son of Philip BLISS, gentleman of Market Harborough. Born c. 1704. Matriculated Merton College, 1720/21, BA 1724, MA 1727. Rector from 1729 until he resigned 1735.

Thomas FARRER Rector. Presented, 1735, by Thomas FARRER the elder of Market Harborough, doctor of physick, patron. MA, died c. 1764

Christopher Hatton WALKER Rector. Also Rector of Harrington, Northants. Presented, 1764, by Alice FARRER, widow of Rev. Thomas FARRER, late of Brampton by Dingley, Northants

John FARRER Rector. Presented 1766, by Alice Farrer, widow of Rev Thomas FARRER, of Meers Ashby, Northants.

Henry Bagshaw HARRISON Rector Presented, 1802, by himself, rector of Bugbrooke, Northants., where he resided. Born c.1764, son of Henry HARRISON of Daventry, gentleman. Matriculated Christ Church 1781, demy Magdalen Coll. 1784-88, BA 1786, MA 1788, DD 1821. Student of Lincoln's Inn 1783. Rector of Bugbrook from 1789 until his death in 1830 at the Mitre Inn, Oxford.

William HARRISON Rector, son of Rev Henry B HARRISON. Born 1800. Matriculated Christ Church 1818, BA 1821. Usher in Westminster School 1822-31. Presented by his brother, Rev James Harwood HARRISON, rector of Bugbrooke. Married his cousin Mary Ann HARRISON, daughter of Rev. William Bagshaw HARRISON, (younger brother of H.B.HARRISON) vicar of Goudhurst, Kent. During his incumbency, the patronage (right of presentation) was passed to the Hulme Trustees. Resident rector from 1831 until his death in 1877.

Willam Henry TAYLOR. Rector. Second son of Peter Taylor, gentleman of Manchester. Born 1834, matriculated BNC 1853, scholar 1853-58, BA 1858, MA 1860. Vicar of Farnworth, Lancs., 1866-78. Rector of Warmington from 1878 until death in 1906.

Robert Peel WILLOCK. Rector. Only son of Robert Peel WILLOCK of Chelford, Ches. Born c. 1857, matriculated BNC 1875, BA 1879, MA 1882. Curate at Lee, Kent before becoming rector of Ardwick St Mathew, Lancs., 1884. Rector of Warmington from 1906 until retirement in 1935.

Warmington St Michael's Church - churchwardens

1613*	George RAWLEGH	Richard COLLINS the elder	William COLEMAN
	Thomas PERKINS	Richard COLLINS the younger	Ezekiell JUDGE
1681	Richard HEMINGS	John HUGGINS	
1694	Thomas SHAW	Richard LEGG	
1697	John NEAL	William CLARIDGE	

1698	John EDENS	Robert GARDNER
1699	Thomas COLLINS	Job CASTLE
1701	Anthony BUGBY	Thomas COLLINS
1702	Mr John NEAL	John BUGBY
1703	William NEALE	Thomas STOCKLEY
1704	Thomas STOCKLEY	Henry RAWLEIGH
1705	Henry RAWLEIGH	Thomas STOCKLEY
1706	Richard JUDD	Thomas STOCKLEY
1707	Thomas WHITEELSEY	Richard JUDD
1708	John HUGGINS	Thomas WHITEELSEY
1709	Richard HEMMINGS	John HUGGINS
1710	Thomas SHAW	Richard HEMMINGS
1711	Richard LEGGE	Thomas SHAW
1712	Thomas TUE	Richard LEGGE
1713	William TUE	Richard LEGG
1714	Richard LEGG	William TUE
1715	Richard LEGG	
1716	John GASCOIGN	Richard LEGG
1717	John GASCOIGN	Richard LEGG
1718	John GASCOIGN	
1719	John GASCOIGN	
1720	Leonard WHITEELSEY	
1721	John KETCH	Thomas WHITEELSEY
1722	John BUGBY	John KETCH
1723	John BUGBY	William BRIDGET
1724	William BRIDGET	John BUGBY
1725	William BRIDGET	John PADBURY
1726	John PADBURY	William BRIDGET
1728	Mr John HANCOCK	Mr John BURROUGHS junr.
1729	John BURROWES	
1774	John WADY	
1775*	John WADY	John JARRETT
1776	John WADY	
1779*	Leonard WHITTLESEE	John JARRETT
1799	John RODICE	Leonard WHITTLESEE
1800	John RODICE	Leonard WHITTLESEE
1801	Simon STRANKS	Leonard WHITTLESEE
1802	Simon STRANKS	Leonard WHITTLESEE
1803	John GREAVES	Leonard WHITTLESEE
1804	William BEESLEY	Thomas LANGLEY
1805	Ezekiel JUDD	Thomas LANGLEY
1806	Samuel HUGGINS	Leonard WHITTLESEE
1807	Leonard WHITTLESEE	Thomas ROBINSON
1808	Leonard WHITTLESEE	Thomas ROBINSON
1809	Thomas LANGLEY	Thomas ROBINSON
1810	Thomas ROBINSON	
1811	Thomas ROBINSON	
1812	Thomas WADY	Richard HOLLOWAY
1813	Thomas WADY	Richard HOLLOWAY