

VCH Cumbria Project Training Event for Volunteers

Researching the Clergy



When: Friday 2nd May 2014, 10.30am – 1pm

Where: Education Room, Carlisle Archive Centre

By: Dr Jane Platt, Honorary Researcher, History Department, Lancaster University

Details: This training opportunity follows the recent launch of the latest task for VCH volunteers, to gather the names of Anglican clergy for each parish. This free training event is therefore aimed to support VCH volunteers in this task, as well as those pursuing further research into the religious history of their township/parish.

The session will be run by Dr Jane Platt, honorary researcher at Lancaster University, who is herself a VCH Volunteer and editor of *The Diocesan Book of Walter Fletcher, Chancellor of Carlisle Diocese 1814-46* (forthcoming 2015), which will be published jointly by Surtees Society and CWAAS. Dr Platt will provide an introduction to researching Anglican clergy from the eighteenth century to the present day. Particular attention will be paid to the type of records available and where you can find them. This includes information in the church and grave-yard; in parish and diocesan records; and material available online. Examples of difficult cases will also be discussed from Dr Platt's own research.

Although emphasis will be given to the Diocese of Carlisle, those working on townships/parishes belonging to the Diocese of Chester before 1856 should still find this session useful.

After lunch, Dr Platt will be on hand in the archive search room for those wishing to stay and look at some original records.

Refreshments: Those wishing to stay for the afternoon in the searchroom are advised to bring your own lunch. Alternatively, there are shops near the archives. There will be a break for lunch at 1pm.

Booking: Places at this event are limited and so **BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL**. If you would like to reserve a place, please email Sarah Rose: s.rose2@lancaster.ac.uk