

Bardsea Church Incumbents

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Thomas Petty: Colonel Braddyll had given the land on which Bardsea Church was to be built, his son laid the foundation stone in 1843 but unfortunately the site was not conveyed before building commenced and it fell into the hands of Braddyll's creditors. It was, according to Bulmer, purchased at auction in London by Mr Thomas Petty of Well House. The church was opened by license on Sunday August 13th 1848. It was consecrated by the Bishop of Chester on September 5th 1853. **Thomas Edmund Petty**, incidentally, was an ordained priest and it was he who saw to the completion of the building and its furnishing. He became the first curate-in-charge. The School was erected in 1852 and endowed by Mrs Petty.

Frederick Hockin: curate of Bardsea 1849 - 1851. The 8th son of Rev William Hockin, rector of St Phillack, Cornwall. Married at Valletta Malta, 12 Oct 1853 Susan Ann daughter of Thomas Petty of Ulverston. [Sources: Alumni Cantabrigienses: A Biographical List of All Known Students ..., Volume 2 edited by John Venn on-line]

Edward Georghegan: vicar 1865 – 1898; dob c.1823 in Ireland; address Wellhouse, Urswick. Margaret Elizabeth Georghegan born in Devon c.1832 (vicar's wife); Annie Emily Georghegan born in Ireland c 1830 (vicar's sister). [Sources: 1881 census RG11 4282 87 1 2013_0591]

John Robinson Lee: Magdalen College, Cambridge. BA 1857; Deacon 1859; priest 1860; curate of Bardsea 1860; Fellow of Magdalen College. Author of *History of Market Drayton*. Translator of *Antigone*. [Sources: Crockfords 1861 - on-line]

John Thomas Hindle: born Moss Hill, Blacktown, Lancs c1861 married 21 years to Annie Janet Hindle born c 1859 in Southampton. Only child - daughter Ruth Emily Cameron Hindle born c1892 in Exmouth. Edith Clegg, adopted daughter (single), born Ulverston c.1882. Dora Jane Beattie (single) born in Dalton in Furness c1871 servant. Ethel Southward (single), born in Ulverston c1888 servant. Ellen Hoggarth (single) born c1895 in Sawrey, Lancs. Address : The Vicarage (13 rooms) [Sources: 1911 census].

Rev **Ernest Edward Eckersley:** Bardsea. Wife Elizabeth Mary. [Sources: Crockfords 1927 (details to be checked) + electoral registers 1922 – 1927]

Albert Ernest Appleton: vicar of Bardsea 1935; dob 1904

Griffith J Jones: vicar 1936 - 1957 [Sources: memorial tablet]

Rev Gary Tubbs: vicar of PENNINGTON (St Michael and the Holy Angels) and Lindal with Marton and Bardsea. [Sources: electoral register 24 March 2012; Crockford - Search Results.htm last accessed 17 March 2013]