

CHRIST CHURCH CURATES BIOGRAPHIES

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WILLIAM ROBB GALLACHER 1864 to 1866

He graduated from Edinburgh University in 1862, then trained at St. Bees Theological College. Christ Church was his first curacy, followed by St. Michael (Manchester) for a year and St. Paul, Bury 1867 to 1868. He became Diocesan Chaplain to Glasgow and Galloway from 1868 to 1870 then Rector of Girvan St. John with Maybole St. Oswald Mission until retiring in 1903.

JOHN WILLIAMS 1866 to 1868

He trained at St. Bees Theological College and Christ Church was his first Curacy, followed by Amlwch (Anglesey) to 1871 then Senior Curate of Ebbw Vale from 1871 to 1883. He then moved to Llanullgo (Pentraeth, Anglesey) and cannot currently be traced beyond 1885.

He published Guides to St. Bees, Whitehaven, Egremont Castle, Calder Abbey & Ravenglass, as well as several books about Denbighshire. In the Welsh Language he was a prize winning Eistedfodd Poet as well as publishing a number of scholarly books in the Welsh Language.

JOHN WILLIAM NEWARK 1868

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RICHARD BURGESS LABARTE 1872

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JENNER GALE HILLIER 1874 to 1877

He graduated from Cambridge in 1873 and gained his MA in 1877. Christ Church was his first curacy followed by Portsea St. Mark (Hampshire) in 1877. In 1881 he became Assistant Chaplain to London St. Pancras Cemetery. He was still there in 1885. He died in the March quarter of 1903, in Hackney aged 71.

JOHN WILLIAM JENNINGS 1878 to 1880

He graduated from Durham University in 1877. Christ Church was his first curacy followed by Thornley (Co. Durham) 1880 to 1882, Tinwell (Rutland) 1882 to 1884, Riseholme (Lincolnshire) 1884 to 1888 & Stow (Lincs) from 1890 to 1893. In 1893 he became Rector of Howell near Heckington (Lincolnshire) where he remained for the rest of his ministry.

JOHN LIDDIARD COOK 1880 to 1881

Christ Church was his second Curacy (the first was at Addingham with Gamblesby followed by Northampton St. Lawrence 1881 to 1882, one in Devon 1883 to 1885, Tackley (Oxfordshire) 1885 to 1886, Twickenham 1886 to 1888, Sutton-on-Plym 1888 to 1890, Wakefield St. Michael 1890 to 1893, Stoke Newington St. Faith 1893 to 1895, Eltham to 1897, Horton-Kirby (near Dartford) to 1900, South Norwood St. Mark to 1902, Thanet St. Lawrence to 1903 and Wateringbury (near Rochdale) from 1904 to 1908, Chevening 1908 to 1910 & Croydon St. James from 1910 to 1914. In 1914 he finally became Rector of Great Chalfield until 1925, when he retired to Hastings, where he died in the March quarter of 1937 at the age of 82.

SAMUEL BARBER 1882

He graduated from the University of London in 1873, was deaconed in 1874 & priested in 1876 at Chelmsford. He was curate of Bunbury (Cheshire) from 1874 to 1876, Tilmanstone (Kent) 1876 to 1879,

took a break until 1882 and then a final Curacy at Grange-over-Sands in 1883. In 1885 he did not have a posting and is dead by 1908.

RICHARD JOHN DAVIES **1884 to 1885**

He trained at St. Bees Theological College. Christ Church was his first Curacy. Nothing more is known of him.

WILLIAM HORSFALL **1886 to 1889**

He trained at St. Bees Theological College. Christ Church was his first Curacy, followed by Horstead, Norfolk to 1890. He then became Society for Propagating the Gospels Missionary in the Province of Welesley to the Straits Settlements for 2 years (This is now part of Malaysia opposite the island of Penang). Following that posting he went to the Parish of Holy Trinity, Roeburn, Western Australia from 1893 to 1894, followed by Lahaina (Island of Maui, Hawaii) for 1894 to 1896. His next job was Principal of the Governors College at Nikualofa in the Friendly Islands (now known as Tonga) for 2 years. He then returned to the UK to be Curate of Hitcham (Suffolk) from 1899 to 1904, Vicar of Colgate (near Horsham, Sussex) 1904 to 1918 and ended his ministerial career at Mellis near Eye (Suffolk) from 1918 to at least 1929.

AUSTIN LELAND BROWNE **1888 to 1891**

He graduated from Oxford in 1888 with a 3rd Class History degree and gained an MA in 1901. Christ Church was his first Curacy followed by Somerton (Cambridgeshire) from 1891 to 1892. He then joined the Bishop of Truro's staff from 1892 to 1894 & was Vicar of St. Blazey (Cornwall) from 1894 to 1896, followed by East & West Looe 1896 to 1907. He served in the Boer War (winning a medal and three clasps), was Vicar of Spondon (Nottinghamshire) from 1907 to 1925, Milston with Brigmerston (Wiltshire) in 1925 & Great Rissington from 1925 to 1934, before retiring to Oxford, where he died at the age of 77 in the March quarter of 1942.

HERBERT JOHN ALLEN **1891 to 1892**

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RICHARD JOWETT BURTON **1895**

He graduated from Durham in 1893 & gained an MA in 1898. He was priested on 21st December 1895, during his first curacy at Christ Church. His second curacy was at Workington St. John to 1897 then Stanton-by-Dale with Dale Abbey to 1904 and Worksop to 1905. He was Rector of Hughley and Church Preen (Shropshire) from 1907 to 1912, then Eaton Constantine (Shropshire) from 1912 to 1916. From there he retired to Chalford near Stroud in Gloucestershire.

FRANCIS ERNEST DEWICK **1895 to 1896**

He graduated from Oxford in 1894 and gained an MA in 1910. Christ Church was his first Curacy followed by Ulverston 1896 to 1898 & Raughton Head from 1900 to 1901. He was the Bishop's domestic Chaplain from 1900 to 1904 and Vicar of Raughton Head with Gaitsgill from 1901 to 1909. He then moved to Lindale-in-Carmel until 1919, retiring to London in 1920, Bath in 1922 & Wellington (Somerset) in 1925, where he died in the June quarter of 1930, aged 80.

GEORGE NEDHAM 1896 to 1901

Christ Church was his first Curacy followed by Workington St. John with Westfield St. Mary from 1901 to 1911. In 1911 he became Rector of Kirkbride until his death in the March quarter of 1940, aged 83.

PERCY WILLIAM PARMINTER 1903 to 1905

Christ Church was his first Curacy followed by Hutton-in-the-Forest to 1907. He then became Vicar of St. John's in the Vale to 1915 and then Waberthwaite with Corney in the same year. From the registers he was still there in January 1955. He died at the age of 89 in the Whitehaven District in the December quarter of 1959, and was born in the September quarter of 1870 at Mansfield to another Vicar- Ferdinand. His first marriage was in 1905, he was widowed and remarried Mary Elizabeth Atkinson at Waberthwaite Church on 25th October 1921- she was 18 and he was 51.

CHARLES FREDERICK MANN WHITAKER 1905 to 14th June 1908

Christ Church was his first Curacy followed by Workington to 1915. He was then a Forces Chaplain to 1921, Curate of Barrow St. George 1921 to 1923 and Vicar of Dacre from 1923.

JAMES WEIR DUNLOP 21st June 1908 to 17th December 1911

He came from Cavanreagh, Sixmilecross, County Tyrone graduated from Trinity College, Dublin in 1910 and gained an MA in 1924. Christ Church was his first Curacy followed by Prescott to 1915. He was then Rector of Bohoe (County Fermanagh, Ireland) from 1916 to 1930, then Accrington St. John from 1930.

THOMAS RANDOLPH MUSGRAVE 21st December 1911 to 14th December 1913

He graduated from Durham in 1911. Christ Church was his first Curacy followed by Great Crosby St. Faith (Liverpool) to 1919, and Hawarden to 1924. He became Vicar of St. James, Oldham in 1924.

JOHN RICHARD KERFOOT 21st December 1913 to 1916

He graduated from London in 1909. Christ Church was his first Curacy followed by Workington to 1919 & Eyam to 1921. That seems to be the end of his ministerial career although he is living in Dore Vicarage (Sheffield) in 1932. He was born in the December quarter of 1889 in the Sheffield area.

JAMES WATT 1918 to August 1921

Christ Church was his first Curacy followed by Hesketh-in-the-Forest to 1925 & Broughton Moor (in charge of St. Columba's) to 1927. He was Rector of Kirklington with Hethersgill from 1927 to 1962 retiring to Kirklington village.

MALCOLM DOUGLAS GRIEVE 1925 to 1926

He gained his MA from St. Edmunds Hall, Oxford in 1921 and his MA from Westcott House, Cambridge in 1929. He was deaconed in 1922 and priested in 1923. His first curacy was at Carlisle St. Aidan from 1922 to 1924, and his third curacy at Dalton-in-Furness from 1926 to 1929. He was then Vicar of Satterthwaite from 1929 to 1932, Dearham 1932 to 1945 and Urswick from 1945 to at least 1967. He was an Honorary Canon from 1962 & Rural Dean of Ulverston from 1965. He died in 1983, aged 84.

He married Marjorie Gibson of Herbert Hill at St. James Church on 18th October 1930. The brother of the bride, Leonard Branthwaite Gibson, was organist of St. James for many years.

ARTHUR WILLIAM JOHNSTON 1927 to 1929

He was educated at Trinity College, Dublin where he gained his BA in 1921 and his MA in 1944. He was deaconed in 1925 by the Bishop of Barrow-in-Furness and priested in 1926. He was Curate of Aspatria from 1925 to 1927. After Christ Church he was Rector of Moresby from 1929 to 1937, Vicar of Camerton with Seaton from 1937 to 1954, Lorton 1954 to 1958, Rector of Stow Maries (Essex) 1958 to 1959, and finally Vicar of Wreay from 1959 to 1963. He retired to Windermere and is believed to have died around 1967.

EDWARD RALPH BICKERSTETH 1931 to 1933

He graduated from Magdalen College, Cambridge in 1927, gained his MA in 1931, and trained at Wells Theological College. He was deaconed in 1928 and priested in 1929. His first curacy was at Christ Church, Waterloo, Liverpool from 1928 to 1931. At Whitehaven his primary responsibility was Kells St. Peter Mission. By 1941 he was retired and living at Casterton Hall, Kirkby Lonsdale having held no other position since. He died in Leeds in the March quarter of 1945, at the age of 55.

ERNEST FISHER 1933 to 1936

He gained his BSc & MSc from Armstrong College, Durham in 1916 and trained at St. Aidan's College in 1933. He was deaconed in 1933 and priested in 1934. He was Vicar of Castle Sowerby from 1936 to 1948, Rector of Gilcrux from 1948 to 1957 (jointly with Plumbland from 1955), Priest in Charge of Hayton from 1958 to 1959 (then Rector to 1965), when he retired to Carlisle. He was an Honorary Canon from 1960.

HARRY GEORGE GREEN 1934 to 1935

He graduated with a 1st Class BA in History from the University of London in 1925, also winning the Barry Arts Prize. He trained at Wells Theological College in 1928, was deaconed in 1929 and priested in 1930. His first two curacies were Walney Island, St. Mary 1929 to 1931 and Penrith 1931 to 1935. At Christ Church his sole responsibility was the Kells St. Peter Mission, to whom he was the first Minister from 1935 to 1939, then becoming first Vicar of the new Parish until 1943. He was then Vicar of Warminster Christ Church until 1965 (and Curate in Charge of Bishopstow, jointly, from 1953 to 1956). He was Vicar of Abbotsbury from 1965 until retirement, after 1968. He was Examining Chaplain to the Bishop of Sarum from 1958, also Canon & Prebendary of Beaminster Prima in Salisbury Cathedral from 1961.

OSWALD REEMAN CLARKE 1936 to 1937

He was born in 1912 and graduated from the University of Liverpool in 1935, and trained at Oxford Ripon Hall in 1934, then gaining a 3rd in Theology at Oxford St. Catherines in 1937 and an MA in 1940. He was deaconed in 1936 and priested in 1937. After Christ Church he went on to be Curate of Addingham from 1937 to 1938, & with Permission to Officiate at Carlisle Holy Trinity from 1938 to 1939. He was then Curate of St. Mary, Wavertree from 1939 to 1943, Curate in Charge of Widnes St. Mary 1943 to 1944, Vicar of St. Saviour, Liverpool from 1944 to 1953, Tulse Hill 1953 to 1958, and Upper Chelsea St. Simon Zelote from 1958 to 1985, when he retired. In retirement he was Priest in Charge of St. Mary Abchurch in the City of London from 1990 until his death sometime between 2004 and 2009.

FRANCES MYLES ALLINSON 1937

This gentleman is in the Bishop's Registers, but not even in the 1941 Crockfords.

FREDERICK JOHN COSTELOE 1940 to 1942

He was born at Bristol in 1914 and died in Sedgemoor, Somerset in 1993. He apparently married in Ireland in 1941.

Nothing more is known of this gentleman except that he was at Whitehaven from October 1940 to Christmas 1942. By the summer of 1944 he was an Army Chaplain at a base near Naples, Italy. This is known because he happened to officiate there at the funeral of a former Parishioner, Gordon Brown. Further details of this war casualty are on the St. James' Roll of Honour.

ARTHUR WATSON BINNS 1943 to 1946

He trained at the Bishop Wilson College, Isle of Man, was deaconed in 1943 and priested in 1946. Christ Church was his only Curacy, as he was Rector of Lamplugh from 1946 to 1954, Vicar of Cleator from 1954 to 1958 then Crosby on Eden until at least 1972. He died in the March quarter of 1984, and was born in the September quarter of 1909 in Barnsley.