

ST. JAMES CURATES BIOGRAPHIES

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WILLIAM VOASE RICHARDSON 1859 to 1860

He trained at St. Bees Theological College, was deaconed in 1851 and priested in 1853 by the Archbishop of York. By 1865 he was retired, having held no other position, and had died by 1874.

JEREMIAH SHARP TOMLINSON 1860

There are no details of this gentleman in even the 1865 Crockfords. He died in the March quarter of 1921 in the Pickering Registration District at the age of 87.

EDWIN PAINE 1865 to 1867

He trained at St. Bees Theological College, was deaconed in 1865 and priested in 1866 by the Bishop of Carlisle. After leaving St. James he went to a second curacy at Dalston from 1867 to 1868 and then to East Meon (Hampshire) from 1868 to 1870. He then became Curate in Charge of Langrish (Diocese of Winchester)- a parish with a population of 500.

JOHN FISH 1868 to 1871

He gained his BA at Trinity College, Dublin in 1855, was deaconed in 1860 & priested in 1861 by the Bishop of Tuam (Ireland). He served previous curacies at St. Mark, Hull 1862 to 1865, Atwick 1865 to 1867 & Egremont 1867 to 1868. He was Vicar of Ashworth (near Rochdale) from 1871 to at least 1874, but had died by 1885.

THOMAS TORDIFFE 1869 to 1871

He trained at St. Bees Theological College, was deaconed in 1869 & priested in 1871. His second curacy was at Workington until 1873. He then became Master of Croom's Hill College, Blackheath, London.

WILLIAM FIELD IVES 1871 to 1873

He was born on 7th April 1829 and gained his BA at Trinity College, Dublin in 1869 then his MA in 1876. His second curacy was at Holy Trinity, Carlisle to 1876. He then became Rector of Arlecdon with Frizington from 1876 until his death. He died on 3rd March 1891 aged 61, and is buried in Grave D81 of Arlecdon Churchyard (under the West window) with his wife Rachel, and Children (in order) Agnes Gower, William Ernest, Ellen Morris, Arthur Wentworth, Edith Rachel & Herbert Walter. The ceremony was conducted jointly by Revd Hartley (Curate of Arlecdon, later Vicar of St. James) and the then current Vicar of St. James- Robert Duncan.

There is also a plaque to him on the south wall of the Chancel.

ROBERT DUNCAN 1873 to 1875

See under Vicar's Biographies

HENRY SALKELD COOKE 1875 to 1877

His previous curacies were at St. John, Walworth (London) 1870 to 1872, St. John Bethnal Green 1872 to 1874 & St. Thomas-Mart, Oxford 1874 to 1875. He was Vicar of Llanabdoc, Monmouthshire from 1877 to 1878, from where he seems to have retired. He died in the September quarter of 1901, in the Winchester area, at the age of 78.

EDWARD BALVAIRD HEWETT 1880 to 1881

He gained his BA at St. John's College, Oxford in 1874 & his MA in 1877. He was deaconed in 1876 by the Bishop of Norwich & priested in 1879 by the Bishop of London. His previous curacies were at Kelsale with Carlton (near Saxmundham) 1876 to 1878 & St. Mary, Boltons (Brompton, Middlesex) from 1878 to 1880. He went on to be Priest in Charge of St. Margaret Mission, Kingston, Glasgow from 1882 to at least 1885.

ALFRED SUTTON 1879 to 1881

He gained his BA at Girton & Caius College, Cambridge in 1874 and his MA in 1878. After Whitehaven he became Vicar of Bridekirk to his death in 1938, Rural Dean of Maryport from 1893, and an Honorary Canon from 1899. He died in post on 23rd October 1938 and was buried in Bridekirk Churchyard on 26th October 1938, after 57 years as Vicar, at the age of 87.

There are two monuments to him inside the Church:

The first (a brass plaque) is just inside the Priest's door in the South Crossing- 1881-1931: To the Glory of God and in appreciation of 50 years service by Canon Sutton CBE as Vicar of this Parish the electric lights were installed in this Church by public subscriptions Sept 1932.

The second is on the north wall of the Quire: In loving memory of MARGARET GRISELDA SUTTON/who died on 10 May 1987/aged 99/also of her husband/Air Marshal/Sir Bertine Entwistle Sutton/who died on 28 September 1946/aged 59/the only son of/Alfred Sutton/Vicar of Bridekirk/who died on 23 October 1938/aged 87.

He had been awarded the CBE in 1920 (promulgated on page 3772 of the London Gazette dated 26th March 1920), for services as Chairman of the Cumberland & Westmorland Appeal Tribunal (where men appealed against their military conscription).

From the Whitehaven News obituary (which also has a photograph of him) we know that he had been a JP since 1901 (at one time Chairman of the bench), and a foundation member of the Cumberland County Council (formed 1888), and had been Chairman since 1914. At his death he was the only original member still serving on the council. He was also Chairman of Cockermouth Rural District Council, for 57 years until two weeks before his death. Since 1885 he had been a member of the Cockermouth Board of Guardians and Chairman of the Cumberland Public Assistance Committee. He was also Chairman of the Papcastle Parish Council since formation in 1894, Chairman of the Cockermouth Assessment Committee, and of the Derwent Fishery Board since 1913, Chairman of the County Insurance Committee since 1912, of the Cumberland Coal Trade Conciliation Board since 1928, of the Cockermouth School Governors, of the Cockermouth Industrial School Committee, & of the town branch of the Counties Savings Bank.

Previously he had been vice-chairman of the County Education Committee, a member of the Newton Rigg Farm School Committee, and a member of the governing body of the Workington Technical School.

An account of his funeral is on page 7 of the Whitehaven News of 27th October 1938 (the obituary is on page 4).

He was also a keen fox hunter. In 1878 he travelled to Abyssinia and Sudan, where he worked for General Gordon of Khartoum (by then Governor of Sudan), investigating the outflow of water from Lake Tana into the Blue Nile, and later into supply of wells on the railway route from Berber to the Red Sea. It was in Abyssinia that he had first learnt to hunt game.

JOHN FRANCIS WELSH 1881 to 1883

He gained his BA at Christ Church, Oxford in 1881 and his MA in 1886.

After Whitehaven he was a lecturer at St. Bees Theological College from 1883 to 1886 & Principal of St. Boniface College, Warminster from 1886 to 1904.

On 28th October 1904 he was consecrated the Lord Bishop of Trinidad. This jurisdiction included Tobago and Venezuela, He died there in 1918.

JOHN GEORGE PATRICK 1886 to 1888

John George Patrick was born around 1864 and baptized at Liverpool St. George on 13th December 1865 when his father was an engraver living at 11 Christian Street, Liverpool. He married Hilda Mary Robinson (11 years his junior) at Manningham St. Paul, Yorkshire on 20th June 1899. Their first child, a daughter, was born in 1900, she was also called Hilda Mary.

He trained at St. Bees Theological College. He was at St. James from 3rd October 1886 to 30th September 1888. From St. James he went to further curacies at Broughton (Lincolnshire) 1889 to 1890, Scarborough 1891 to 1896 & Swinton (Yorkshire) 1896 to 1902. He was Vicar of Humbleton with Elsterwicke from 1902 to 1917, Wharram Percy & Wharram-le-Street 1917 to 1920 and Preston-in- Holderness from 1920 to 1940. This was on the eastern outskirts of Hull, near Hedon. He died at Dover Street, Hull on 3rd September 1949.

When he left St. James' his grand-daughter (Gillian Henson) advises us that he was presented with a very fine Gothick clock by Winterhalder & Hoffmeier, from Schwarzenbach in the Black Forest.

The clock, which was modelled on the facade of one of the Cambridge colleges, still keeps excellent time.

His father, also John George Patrick, was at St. Bees College from 1868 to 1870, he was deaconed in 1871, priested in 1872, then Curate of Frizington to 1873, and Owthorne (Yorkshire) 1874 to 1887, He was then Vicar there from 1887 to 1906, and also Chaplain to Patrington workhouse from 1879. He retired to 22 Nicholas Street, Chester in 1906 and died there aged 81 in June 1913. He had been born in Warwickshire.

FREDERICK HENRY JOHN McCORMICK 1888 to 1891

He trained at St. Bees Theological College and served his first curacy at Dearham from 1887 to 1888. He was priested in 1889. From Whitehaven he went on to Ilkeston Holy Trinity for 1 year, Cotmenhay 1892 to 1897, Dresden 1897 to 1898, Leek All Saints 1898 to 1900, Smethwick Holy Trinity 1900 to 1902, Norton Canes (Staffordshire) 1902 to 1905 & Wrockwardine Wood (Shropshire) from 1906.

ROBERT COVERDALE 1890 to 1893

He trained at St. Bees Theological College. He was deaconed in 1890 & priested in 1892. He went on to Pendleton St. George (Manchester) from 1893 to 1898, Padiham 1899 to 1906 & Shuttleworth 1906 to 1928, from where he retired to Southport.

THOMAS HARRISON COLLINSON 1893 to 1895

He gained his BA from Worcester College, Oxford in 1887 & his MA in 1891. He was deaconed in 1888 & priested in 1889 by the Bishop of Lichfield. His previous curacies were at Kingswinford Holy Trinity from 1888 to 1890, Deane (Lancashire) 1890 to 1892 & Vicar of Marland, Devon 1892 to 1893. He went on to become Rector of Newton Reigny 1895 to 1908 & Great Musgrave from 1908 to 1926. He retired from there to Holme Eden.

JOHN ROBERT GIBSON 1895

No trace of this gentleman can be found in the 1908 Crockfords.

BENJAMIN EDWIN DADLEY 1896 to 1898

He gained his BA at St. John's College, Cambridge in 1887 and his MA in 1891. He trained at Trinity College, London. He was deaconed in 1888 by the Bishop of Ripon & priested in 1890 by the Bishop of Wakefield. His previous curacies were at Ravensthorpe 1888 to 1889, Ossett 1889 to 1891, Bolton 1891 to 1894 & Ardwick St. Matthew 1894 to 1896. After Whitehaven he went on to Grantham to 1901, Birmingham St. Margaret to 1902 & Pendlebury St. Augustine to 1904. He died in the December quarter of 1934, in the Leicester registration district, aged 74.

EDWARD QUIN COLES 1897

He went on to a second curacy at Hensingham and then to Timsbury, Hampshire from 1902 to 1903. He was Assistant Master at Newlyn School from 1902 to 1903. He then seems to have retired to Lavender Hill, London.

MALCOM PEART 1908 to 1910

He graduated from the University of Manitoba in 1903. He was deaconed in 1904 & priested in 1905 by the Bishop of Rupert's Land. His curacies were at Winnipeg St. Thomas in 1907 & Grand View, Manitoba 1904 to 1906, then Tottenham Christ Church 1906 to 1907. No other details are available.

FREDERICK WILLIAM DENSHAM 1911 to 1913

He graduated from the University of London in 1890 & trained at Oxford, St. Stephen House in 1908. He was deaconed in 1910 by the Bishop of Norwich & priested in 1911 by the Bishop of Carlisle. His first curacy was at Sudbourne with Orford 1910 to 1911. After Whitehaven further curacies were at Southend St. Erkenwald 1913 to 1914 & St. Michael, Stockwell from 1923 to 1926. (Presumably there was military service in between). He was Rector of Warleggan, near Bodmin from 1931 until his

death in January 1953, aged 84.

While in Whitehaven he lived in lodgings at 32 Scotch Street, a confirmed bachelor, but a great leader of the Church Lads Brigade.

His death made national news because of its nature. Warleggan had just 160 inhabitants. He was a vegetarian, non smoker and teetotaler. His strict views on the social life of the village caused a rift, and then a feud as he would not allow whist drives and dances. Gradually the congregation dropped away to nil, but he still took two services each Sunday. Gradually he became a hermit at his own vicarage, receiving just the odd tradesman, living behind a barbed wire barricade. He is thought to have fallen down the stairs, and was undiscovered for several days.

WILLIAM HARDING ANDERTON 1913 to 1915

He was born in the June quarter of 1878 in the Haltwhistle area , and is believed to have died in the September quarter of 1922 in the Castle Ward of Northumberland. No other details are known

JOHN HARRIS MAWSON 1915 to 1917

He was born in the September quarter of 1882 in the Oldham area and died in the September quarter of 1925 in the Alston area. He resigned to become senior curate at St. James, Chipping Campden, but was then offered and accepted sole charge of the new Conventional District of St. Bede, Newsham, Blyth, Northumberland.

JOHN BOULTON WOOD 1920 to 1924

He was born in 1894 and graduated from Oxford St. Edmund Hall in 1916 (where he was in the Officer's Training Corps) then went to Bedford University, was deaconed in 1920 & priested in 1921. His second curacy was at Workington St. John 1924 to 1926. He was then Vicar of Westward from 1926 to 1930 & Rector of Holme Cultram from 1930 to at least 1941. He was the son of the Vicar of Bury St. Thomas and enlisted in the 15th Battalion Devon Regiment (719460) on 1st July 1918. He never saw active service and was transferred to the Worcestershire Regiment later in 1918.

JOSEPH CHARLES WILSON 1926 to 1928

Born in the December quarter of 1903 in the Rhyader area, he trained at Lampeter in 1922. His first curacy was at Barrow St. Luke from 1922. From Whitehaven he became Chaplain of Lima from 1928 to 1933 & Head Master of the British School, Miraflores from 1930 to 1933. On his return to the UK he was Curate of Great Broughton (in charge of Broughton Moor) from 1934 to 1940, becoming Vicar of Broughton Moor in 1940.

EDGAR THEODORE HAROLD GODWIN 1928 to 1929

He graduated from Oxford St. Edmund Hall in 1921 he gained his MA in 1925 & a BD from Leeds in 1940. He trained at Cuddesdon College. He was deaconed in 1922 & priested in 1923. His first curacies were at Aspatria from 1922 to 1925 & Walworth St. Mark 1925 to 1927. From 1927 to 1928 he had permission to officiate at Staveley St. John the Baptist. His final curacy was at Carlisle Christ Church to 1931. He was Vicar of Leeds Christ Church to 1936, then Chaplain to Queen Ethelburga's School, Harrogate to 1938. He was then Priest in Charge of Beeston Hill, Holy Spirit from 1938 to 1940, before becoming Rector of Petworth (Diocese of Chichester) in 1940. In 1940 he was also sequestrator of the Parish of Egdean (population 82).

COLIN ARTHUR WALE 1930

Born in September 1887 in the Lutterworth area, he was deaconed in 1913 & priested in 1914 in London. He was Curate of Shoreditch St. Leon 1913 to 1915, Northampton St. Michael & All Angels 1917 to 1919, and Haggerston St. Mary 1919 to 1925. He had licence to Officiate at Lutterworth from 1927 to 1929 & Silverdale 1929 to 1930. In 1932 he retired to Leicestershire. By 1941 he was living at Rugby. He died in the Lutterworth area in the January quarter of 1952.

JOHN COULSON ROGERS 1941 to 1944

He was born in the June quarter of 1907 in the Kings Norton area of Birmingham and graduated from Keble College, Oxford in 1930 then gained his MA in 1941. His initial career was as a lawyer. He trained at Chichester Theological College, was deaconed in 1941 and priested in 1942. His second curacy was at Upperby St. John the Baptist to 1947. He was Rector of Patterdale from 1947 to 1960 &

Rural Dean of Penrith in 1960. He was Chaplain at the British Embassies of Helsinki and Moscow from 1960 to 1962, then Rector of Rockingham with Caldecote from 1962 to 1967 (and Rural Dean of Weldon from 1965). He then returned (by invitation of the Church, upon the living becoming vacant) to Patterdale in 1967. He retired in 1977, but remained in the valley, where he died on 18th February 1985, at the age of 77. His grave is next to the main (south) entrance door.

From the guide book of Patterdale Parish Church we know that he radiated warm friendship towards all that he met. After retirement he kept 'open house' for all who came to see him. His sermons were appreciated for their brevity, and the thoughts which they provoked. Sometimes the congregation would sing as a hymn the song from the musical 'The hills are alive with the sound of music', illustrating the dale which he loved.

His gravestone reads "In Loving and grateful memory of John Coulson Rogers died 18th February 1985 aged 77 years Rector of Patterdale 1947-1960 & 1967-1977."

HAROLD WOODFORD JOHNSON 1945 to 1948

He was deaconed at Lanercost Priory on 23rd December 1945, and started at St. James the next day. On 20th January 1949 he moved to St. Aidan's, Carlisle. No other trace has been found of this gentleman in the 1941 or 1967 Crockfords, and the name is too common to trace through the GRO indexes.

THOMAS JAMES HYSLOP 1978 to 1981

Born in 1954, he graduated from St. Andrews University in 1976 with a BD. He then did his theological training at Edinburgh Theological College, was deaconed in 1978 and priested in 1979. He left Whitehaven on 29th May 1981.

He was Curate of Walney Island from 1981 to 1983, Priest in Charge of Broughton Moor from 1983 to 1985 (and Vicar 1985 to 1988), Vicar of Kells 1988 to 1995, Priest in Charge of Upperby 1995 to 1997 (and Vicar 1997 to 2003), then Team Rector of South Carlisle from 2003 to at least 2010. He was Diocesan Mothers Union Chaplain from 2002 to at least 2010, and an Honorary Canon from 2006. He married a Church of Scotland Deaconess, Katie Wilson, in September 1978.

A special peel was rung on the Church Bells on 1st July 1979 to mark his Ordination as Priest.

CANON IAN McDONALD GERMAN 1978 to 1983

He was born in the March quarter of 1909 in the Derby area (the son of Herbert Graham, a Railway Engineer's Accountant) and trained at Egerton Hall, Manchester in 1934. He was deaconed in 1934 & priested in 1935 by the Bishop of Barrow. He was Curate of Cockermouth Christ Church from 1934 to 1936, Carlisle St. Mary & St. Paul 1936 to 1938 & Minister of the St. Herbert District, Currock, Carlisle from 1938 to 1943. He was a Chaplain to the Forces from 1943 to 1946, then Vicar of Broughton Moor to 1966, & Vicar of Maryport from 1966 until his retirement in 1978. He was also Rural Dean of Whitehaven from 1953 to 1966 and an Honorary Canon from 1961, and the Bishop's Officer for Mission & Unity. In retirement (at St. Bees) he assisted at St. James and Christ Church until his death on 2nd February 1983. The funeral, on 6th February, was at St. Bees Priory followed by cremation. He married Elizabeth Casson on 20th April 1936 at Distington when he lived at 80 Warwick Road, Carlisle.

CHRISTOPHER GODDARD 1981 to 1983

He was born in 1945, and trained at Sarum & Wells Theological College. He married Margaret Williamson (born 11th April 1946 at Routen, Ennerdale) at Ennerdale Church on 4th December 1971. For 17 years he was an Aircraft Maintenance/Avionics Engineer for British Airways and was living at Solihull, Warwickshire at the time of his marriage (Margaret was a Secretary living in Cleator Moor). After ordination on 28th June 1981 he became Curate of the Parish of Whitehaven then Assistant Priest from June 1982 (after he was priested). He served his second Curacy at the Parish of Barrow St George & St. Luke from 1983 to 1985 then became Vicar of Hayton (near Brampton) from 1985 to 1990 and Brigham & Mosser from 1990 to 1998, from which position he retired. He then became an Honorary (NSM) Curate in the Cockermouth with Embleton & Wythop Team from 2003 to 2005 then a Team Vicar from 2005. In September 2010 he retired completely back to Whitehaven, although still holding a licence to officiate.

GRAHAM WILLIAM HARRINGTON HARTLEY 1985 to 1988

Graham was born in 1921 in the Conwy area of North Wales, but his family moved to Knowsley, Merseyside early in his life and that was where he grew up.

He started a career in banking but then the Second World War came. He was wounded on VE day and spent a considerable time in Hospital recuperating from a leg injury. During that time he decided to enter the ministry, though it was to be some years before that was to become a reality.

He was ordained on 23rd September 1962 and served his curacy at St. Cuthbert, North Meols (Southport) to 1965. He then went to Kano (Nigeria) for a year. On his return to the UK he became the Vicar of his home parish- Knowsley St. Anne (Merseyside) from 1966 to 1972. He was, however, a country Vicar at heart and moved to Langdale (Chapel Stile) Holy Trinity in 1972. He stayed there until 1981, and was a member of the Langdale and Ambleside Mountain Rescue Team.

He moved to Egremont in 1981 (where he worked with Canon Eric Chapman), where he had responsibility for Haile and Wilton. The new team ministry at Egremont was inaugurated on 23rd June 1981. He is remembered with great fondness by the villagers for his wonderful pastoral care, but also for introducing many of them to fell walking of the adventurous kind. This was when he took a party of young and old up Great Gable via the Gable Girdle, around Angel's Leap, up the Sphinx Gulley and via Westmorland Craggs. Many were quaking at the knees after this memorable ascent but a group of the parish went on many more scrambling trips, including to areas of Scotland recommended by Graham.

He arrived in Haile after the sale of the Vicarage (much regretted by priest and people alike), so lived at the Gulley Flatts Rectory (4 Fell View Drive), initially with his older sister Vere Harrington Staff until her death on 21st December 1982.

In 1985 he moved to the Parish of Whitehaven as Team Vicar & Hospital Chaplain, taking up those posts on 4th December. A peal of 1,260 Grandsire Triples was rung for this occasion.

The Chaplaincy had been held for many years by Hensingham St. John, although the Vicar of St. James had also frequently been the Chaplain of the old Infirmary in the town before the West Cumberland Hospital was built. The Chaplaincy was the major part of Graham's work here, and many will remember his quiet but inspired leadership in fully integrating the Hospital into the ministry and life of the Parish. A Parish Visiting Team to the Hospital was quickly set up, and many will remember taking part in the services at the Chapel- both on a Sunday afternoon and at major festivals. The Hospital Services at Christmas and Easter were an important part of the celebrations of the Parish. While he was in Whitehaven he lived at the then Vicarage on Leathwaite. His work at the Hospital was continued by Russell Rebert and then Ian Grainger until 1994. While he was at Kells St. Peter John Kelly was also Chaplain from 2003 to 2005.

He retired from Whitehaven back to his beloved hills of Langdale from 20th May 1988 (Whit Sunday). There he took up an advisory role again in the Mountain Rescue Team and took up water colour painting.

His health began to deteriorate in the summer of 2010 and he died at Staveley Abbey retirement home on 16th March 2011, and was buried at Langdale New Cemetery on 29th March 2011. This beautifully located cemetery is behind the village school, on the opposite side of the main road from the Church.

We thank the Parish of Egremont for their considerable assistance in the preparation of this obituary.

RON BOWLZER 1989 to 1991

Ron was a Chartered Engineer (born September quarter of 1941 in the Belper area of Derbyshire), who had previously worked in industry, latterly at British Alcan. He married Phyllis Frost in the September quarter of 1964 in the Belper area. He had two children- John and Susan

St. James was his first curacy. He then went to Netherton (Maryport) All Souls as Priest in Charge. In 1997 he was appointed Priest in Charge of Arlecdon, and became the first Team Rector of the Crosslacon Team Ministry when it was formed on 1st March 1998. He died suddenly in post on 11th April 2003, and was buried on the 17th at Cleator St. Leonard.. The funeral was attended by both the Bishops of Carlisle and Penrith. He was also the West Cumbria Chaplain to the Deaf, and had learnt sign language for this post. Just the week before his death he had conducted Susan's wedding in Bristol. The Church has a photograph of his gravestone in the west extension to Cleator Churchyard.

IAN GRAINGER 1992 to 1994

Ian was born in Barrow-in-Furness. Before entering the ministry he was an electrician. He was deaconed on 28th June 1992 (after training at Cranmer Hall, Durham), then priested on 21st December

1993 and served his first curacy at Whitehaven where he was also Hospital Chaplain. He then moved to Walney St. Mary for his second curacy to 1997 subsequently becoming Vicar of Barrow St. Aidan until 2002. He then moved to Camerton, Seaton & West Seaton in succession to John Dickinson Kelly (see below).

DAVID TEMBEY 1996 to 2000

David Tembey was a Whitehaven lad with a career in Chartered Accountancy.

He married Lynne Elizabeth Hutchinson (he was 24, and she was 19) at Kells St. Peter on 11th October 1975. They had three children- Christopher (1979), Rebecca (1986) and Hannah (1989), and lived on High Street.

On 29th September 2006, after ordination, he became a Non Stipendiary Minister (NSM) of the Parish, as his Curacy.

His last service here was on 23rd July 2000. From 3rd September 2000 he became NSM Vicar of Abbeytown (Holme Cultram Abbey) with Bromfield & Waverton. From 2002 that post became NSM Team Vicar in the Solway Team Ministry (the larger area including Silloth & Causewayhead), still based at Abbeytown.

On 31st October 2010 that position became a stipendiary post.

His wife, Lynne, was heavily involved in the Mothers Union, becoming Northern Provincial President in 2007.

MALCOLM COWAN 2005 to 2007

Malcolm was born on 27th September 1945 to Bridget Irene (Rene, nee Wilson) and Benjamin Cowan at 6 Carter Garth, Great Clifton (and baptized at Clifton Church on 21st October 1945). After a career in industry he was ordained in the year 2000 and priested in 2001. His first curacy as an NSM (Non Stipendiary Minister) was at Keswick St. John.

On 24th January 2005 he became Team Vicar of the Parish of Whitehaven & Industrial Chaplain- his prime responsibility in that role was at the Sellafield Nuclear Site where he led a team of chaplains.

His last service at Whitehaven was on 9th September 2007, after which he became Priest in Charge of Kirkby Ireleth in the south of Cumbria.

He was one of five children. His mother turned 100 on 7th July 2012 (baptized 1st September 1912 at St. James'). His father was in the mines rescue service and was involved in the rescue at the 1947 William Pit disaster-the family were then living at Great Clifton. In 1953 his father became manager of the Cocklakes anhydrite mine near Carlisle, and later of the Long Meg anhydrite mine near Penrith. His parents had married at St. James' on 11th August 1934.

He was one of five children- Wilson (baptized at St James' on 3rd February 1935), June Sonia (baptized at St James' on 20th July 1941), Benjamin (baptized at St James' on 29th September 1943), and twin Margaret (married name Lyons).

JOHN DICKINSON KELLY House for duty Assistant Priest December 2007 to July 2012

This was the last posting for John Kelly in a long and illustrious career in the service of the Diocese of Carlisle.

He was born on 20th July 1942, the son of Joseph & Esther Kelly (nee Dickinson) who had married at Netherton in the Summer of 1934. Esther was the child of John Thomas Dickinson & Elizabeth Dobie (married 7th June 1902). He married Sheila Jarrett in 1970 (born 1947)- daughter of Henry Jarret & Margaret Castle. They had three children- Stephen John, Andrew Aidan and Rachel Grace.

Born in 1942 he was Deaconed on 26th September 1965 & Priested on 25th September 1966. He gained his M.A. at Nottingham University then trained at Ripon Hall (Oxford). His first curacy was at Egremont followed by Upperby St. John from 1967 to 1970. He was then Vicar of Arlecdon from 30th May 1970 to 1973 then Barrow St. Aidan between 1973 and 1979, Milnthorpe from 1979 to 1985

(with Beetham from 1983), Camerton St. Peter 1985 to 2001 (with Seaton from 1986) and with West Seaton from 1988, Kells St. Peter from 2001 to 2005 then Ennerdale with Kirkland & Lamplugh from 2005 to 2007.

In 2000 he was made an Honorary Canon of Carlisle Cathedral, and was Hospital Chaplain from 2003 to 2005.

He retired to Bigrigg on 22nd July 2012.

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