

Vicars of Stillington

I have inserted in **red** those vicars who by Testamentary Burials are stated that they wished to be buried at Stillington. (see my separate notes on extracts from Stillington Parish Register held at the Borthwick Institute).

Prebendaries of Stillington existed as far back as **1160** – Thomas son of Paulinus and in **1225** Mag. Serio de Sonning, Canon of York. (*York Minster Fasti*) and in **1258** John de Langton, which in all probability suggests that there were vicars also.

The following note taken from English Heritage's Record of Scheduled Monuments explains what may have been the situation previously:

Marton Priory with nearby Moxby is the only known example of an Augustinian double house. The Augustinians were not monks in the strict sense but rather communities of canons - or priests - living under the rule of St Augustine. From the 12th century onwards, they undertook much valuable work in the parishes running almshouses, schools and hospitals as well as maintaining and preaching in parish churches.

1295 Walter Clerk named in the extant of that year was probably a parish clerk or even a prior

1301 John the clerk name in the Lay Subsidy Roll of that year was probably a parish clerk or prior

1329, 3rd July- Peter de Topcliffe instituted in that year, being the earliest known vicar

Date Unknown John Safts or Scafts

1341, 5th June- John Wallworth. *may have been the victim of the Black Death*

1349, 1st Feb- Robert de Wetwang

In years **1368-1401**, Brother Robert of Stillington, a canon at Marton Priory, was a vicar of Sutton Forest*. It maybe that the canons of Marton were also priests at Stillington. **Torre MSS (2a) Cal ing Misc loc vi (1392-9)p246(2)*

1369, 15th Aug- William de Canton (Carleton?)

1377 John de Collum, Vicar of Stillington by Will 1377 desires his body to be buried in the Quire of the Church.

Date unknown Thomas de Huggate,

1403, 26th Aug- Thomas Woodhouse,

1424, 8th April- John Ingleby,

1436, 18th April John Leeming (by Will dated 3rd April proved 14th Mat 1471 desires his body to be buried in the Church yard on the West Side against the Cross)

1468, 13th Sept- John Bedford or Bedforth. *He is the first vicar of Stillington who takes any sorry shape as a person. On 7th February, 1471 he was reported to be keeping in his vicarage a common tavern and selling beer in his vicarage, as if he were a layman, to the peril of his soul, the expense of his church and the great scandal of the jurisdiction of the Church.. (1) Bedford's will was proved in the Court of the Dean and Chapter on 29th August 1497 in the name of "John Bedford vicar of Styllington", so he evidently survived any little unpleasantness in 1471. (2). In this will he directed that his body be buried before the Cross in the church at Stillington.*

Bedford seems to have had a chaplain for some part of his time. William Stillington, gentleman, by his will of 22nd August, 1485, left to Alexander del Seller of Stillington, Chaplin, 7 marks a year for five years for masses for himself and his wife Katherine in Stillington Church and a missal for the church.(4)

1494 Charles Pilkington Prebendary of Stillington by Will proved on the 10th November 1494 desires to be buried in the Quire

1497 circa, -Roger Bold

1504, 10th March- Richard Symmes

1505, 7th Nov- John Barker

1515, 3rd Aug- Gawen Edmondson

1518, 11th Mar- Nicholas Nosterfield

1520, 14th Feb- Thomas Burton. In **February 1527**, recorded as having an annual stipend of £6.

1531, 23rd May- John Burton

1531, 17th Nov- William Brymley.

1533, 4th Sept- Robert Howston (*will proved on 11th Nov, 1585 (5). he "desired to be buried at Stillington)*

1585, 2nd Aug- William Magson M.A. (*Will proved 21st April 1609 desires his body may be interred in the Chancel).*

1607, 2nd Feb- George Houseman

1626, 19th Oct- Stephen Berrier M.A.:

1635, 14th Sept- Robert Hodson or Hodgeson.

1639, 9th Jan- by Francis Beaumont M.A. He gave up the post by "voluntary Cession".

1646, 12th Sept- George Leake appointed by the House of Lords on 12th September 1646 as Commonwealth Minister.

1660 circa Alexander Medcalfe, ejected, see Samuel Palmer's "Nonconformists Memorial", Vol 11, 1775, lists him as an ejected minister at Stillington

1662, 25th July- Thomas Marsden, who was ejected in the same year as a non - conformist.

1662, 19th month uncertain John Lamb

1690, 29th July- Timothy Cookson

1692, 18th April- John Dade M.A. took oaths to William & Mary at Thirsk on **4th October**, 1692.

1718, 11th July- Richard Musgrave M.A.. *(He took his bachelor's degree at St. John's College Cambridge, in 1699 and his M.A. at St. Catherine's in 1705. He was ordained deacon at Lincoln on 20th September, 1709, and priest at Winchester on 30th September, 1711. He seems to have been vicar of Easingwold from 1712 to 1718. In 1743 he returned to Archbishop Herring that there were eighty - three families in the parish. Ursula, wife of Matthew Linton, and Marmaduke Clemenge were Roman Catholics, though Clemenge's wife and children were protestants).*

1743/4 13th Mar- Lawrence Sterne, M.A. of Christ's College, Cambridge
1761, 26th Sept- Marmaduke Callis NB He was Curate to Lawrence Sterne

1768, 30th April- John Varey *(who is buried just outside the church porch)*

1770, 13th Feb- John Walker. NB He was Curate to John Varey

1794, 10th April- William Oddie

1805, 2nd April- John Cookson NB He was Curate to John Oddie

1822, 30th Aug Thomas Hutton Croft M.A.

1849 to 1854, Frederick Stewart NB. He was Curate to Thomas Hutton Croft.

1867, 24th Oct to 17th November 1869 age 47 years. John Cockram Denny, Curate to Thomas Hutton Croft.

Buried in Churchyard.

1870, Dec 13th- J.C.Jenny, Curate. Replaced

1870, Decd 13th- John Wilson, Curate

1873, 17th April, W. Bennett. Curate

1873, 12th Sept- Thomas Henry Jemison L.L.B.

1906 Matthew Henry Smith M.A.

1910 Alfred Ramsden M.A.

1912 Albert John Perkins B.A

1927, Herbert William Smith

1956 William Peter Mason B.A. L,Ch, B.D.

1964 Anthony Cyril Bickersteth

1968 William Ward

1974 Thomas Ernest Hughes

1982 William Hugh Bates

1995 David M.D. Lee

2005 Christopher Ellis

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