

LISTS OF DERBYSHIRE CLERGYMEN 1558–1662

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Dalbury

rectory

28 Jan 1546

Robert Otulwey or *Otewey* inst[ituted] on the death of Anthony Eyre last inc[umbent], p[atron] the Crown; as a priest had witnessed the will of John Cotton of Burnaston, Etwall 18 March 1542; subscr[ibed] to the Elizabethan Church Settlement at Derby 19 Sept 1559; will dated 30 July 1566, proved 8 Aug 1566.¹

30 Jan 1567

George Brough inst on the death of *John* (sic) *O*, p Richard Curzon, gent; in 1573 cited for not catechising.²

7 Feb 1576

Thomas Burie inst, p William Smith for this turn by the grant of Sir Thomas Gerard and Elizabeth, his wife; ord[ained] pr[ie]st by Edmund Scambler b[isho]p of Peterborough 21 Apr 1574; in 1593 described as a rural scholar, versed in Holy Writ; his children were bapt[ised] at Dalbury from 1581 to 1583 and his wife buried there 1585.³

14 March 1595

Henry Heywood inst; curate of Repton fl 1586–92 (q[uod] v[ide]); vicar of Breedon on the Hill, Leics, 1599–1616; an *HH* curate of Ticknall fl[ourished] 1620–39 (qv).⁴

6 Aug 1598

William Fowler inst, pres[ented] by the Crown 21 July 1598 through lapse upon the commendation of the seniors of Trinity College, Ca; matric sizar 1580; BA 1585; rector of Kedleston 1600–34, rector of Radbourne 1627–34.⁵

18 March 1599

John Sacheverell inst, pres by the Crown 2 Dec 1598 upon the commendation of John Wardol, Esq., the living vacant through 'deprivation for simony or any other means'; inducted 25 Mar 1599; in 1603 described as of no degree; in 1609 cited for not reading the litany on Wednesdays and Fridays, for not going on perambulation and for his parsonage being out of repair; excom 27 Nov 1616; in 1620 cited for the chancel of Dalbury church being in decay, but, as it had been repaired, he was dismissed; suspended for contumacy 15 Dec 1620 and 7 Apr 1621; a *JS* matric at St John's, Ca[mbridge], 1567.⁶

23 Feb 1623

John Johnson MA inst and subscr on the res[ignation] of *JS*, p Gervase Sleigh, gent; cannot be identified from the various *JJs* in Venn and Foster; a *JJ* vicar of Mackworth in 1593–4 and curate of Denby in 1597 (qv).⁷

11 Oct 1624

Joseph Swetnam inst and subscr on the res of *JJ*, p Gervase Sleigh, gent; bapt St Alkmund, Derby, 5 Oct 1600, son of *Thomas Swetnam* curate there (qv); matric

Magdalene, Ca, 1619, BA 1623, MA 1627; subscr on ord[ination] as d[eacon] 21 Sept 1623 to the title of Youlgreave and ord pr by Thomas Morton bp of C[oventry] and L[ichfield]; three of his children bapt at Dalbury from 1629 to 1641; a note in the parish register, dated 1643, records the death of Samuel, his son, killed in the service of the parliamentary army in Nottinghamshire; by 1644 the hand of the parish register changes, suggesting that *JS had* already left to serve as a captain of horse in the Derby regiment; later curate of All Saints, Derby (qv); pres to the rectories of Weston upon Trent and Mugginton in 1646 and Whitwell in 1659 (qv).⁸

fl 1650–1/2

Roger Jackson MA, recorded as rector by the parliamentary commissioners in 1650 and the sheriff's return of 1651/2; vicar of Sutton on the Hill from 1627 and rector of Longford fl 1654–67 (qv).⁹

30 Sept 1652

Robert Simmonds took possession, p Sir Samuel Sleigh.¹⁰

6 May 1660

Ralph Bull took possession, p Sir Samuel Sleigh; pres to Bp Hacket 5 June 1662, the living given as vacant through the cession of the last inc; inst 6 June 1662 and subscr; ord pr by the bp of Kilmore 21 May 1651; married Mary Pear at Tissington 23 Apr 1660.¹¹

Assistant Curates

fl 1616

Marmaduke Musgreave rector of Radbourne 1617–27; perhaps curate at Breadsall 1639–40 (qv).¹²

fl 1636

Lawrence Dawson, probably the *LD* who matric sizar at Trinity, Ca, 1619, BA 1621, MA 1624; subscr on ord as d 19 Sept 1624 and as pr 19 Sept 1630 by Thomas Morton bp of C and L, on the latter occasion to the title of 'Kinson' [?Kingstone, Staffs]; curate and later vicar of Uttoxeter 1651–8, rector of Bramshall, Staffs, 1659–74.¹³

¹ L[ichfield] R[ecord] Office], B/A/1/14iv, 54, B/C/11 will, B/C/10/6; L[ambeth] P[alace] L[ibrary], Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, x

² LRO, B/A/1/15, 81, B/V/1/8

³ LRO, B/A/1/15, 84, B/V/1/15; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 112; D[erbyshire R[ecord] O[ffice], D1019A/PI9

⁴ P[ublic] R[ecord] O[ffice], E331/C and L/7; [J and J.A.] Venn, [*Alumni Cantabrigienses*, Cambridge, 1922–7)], ii, 342

⁵ PRO, E331/C and L/8; B[ritish] L[ibrary], Lansdowne MS 445, 129; Bod[leian] Lib[rary], Tanner MS 179; Venn, ii, 169

⁶ PRO, E331/C and L/8; BL, Lansdowne MS 445, 136; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179; LRO, AA11, 9; B/V/1/26, 44, B/V/2/8–9; DRO, 1019A/PI9; Venn, iv, 1

⁷ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18

⁸ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18; DRO, D916A/PI1, D1019A/PI9; Venn, iv, 192; T. Brighton, *Royalists and Roundheads in Derbyshire* (Bakewell, 1981) 46–7, 67

⁹ LPL, Com XIIa/6, 353; PRO, E339/1

¹⁰ DRO, D1019A/PI9

¹¹ DRO, D1019A/PI9; LRO, B/A/3, Dalbury, B/A/1/17, B/V/1/67

¹² LRO, B/V/1/32

¹³ LRO, B/V/1/57, B/A/1/18; Venn, ii, 21; [W.N.] Landor, [ed., *Staffordshire Incumbents and Parochial Records 1530–1680*, Collections for a History of Staffordshire (1915)], 36

Dale Abbey

chapel in an extra-parochial peculiar

According to the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* the cure of the chapel of St Margaret belonged to the rectory of Kirk Hallam which was appropriated to the abbey. J.C. Cox believed that this chapel was within the abbey church, but the testators of three wills proved at Lichfield from 1546 and 1554 asked for burial within the chapel of St Margaret, Dale. By this time the abbey church was sold and derelict. The chapel, therefore, is more likely to have been the present parish church of All Saints.¹

fl 1587–1616

John Dune(s) described in 1587 as ‘of Dale Abbey’ and cited to and excom[municated] by the bishop’s consistory court for failing to exhibit a teaching licence; listed in the call book of 1616 as curate; curate at Elvaston 1603, reader at Ockbrook fl 1597–1609 (qv).²

In Porter’s biography of *John Hieron* he asserts that while Hieron was rector of Breadsall (qv) he set up a monthly lecture at Dale at which he first preached alone, but later encouraged other ministers to join him. He gathered a congregation there and the exercise was ‘kindly embraced by the people of Dale and was well frequented’ until the Restoration. In July 1662 the lecture was abandoned when the ministers who were to preach there, heard of ‘an armed rabble coming from Derby to break them up’. Hieron tried to negotiate with Bishop Hacket to have liberty to preach at Dale without payment but the bishop insisted that he conform to the Act of Uniformity of 1662 before he would give him a licence to do so, despite Hieron’s plea ‘the place I mention, having no maintenance, is like to have no minister, unless somebody be suffered whose charity will send him out at his own charge’.³

¹ Cox, iv, 212; LRO, B/C/11 Thomas Brownlow 1554, Thomas Wheteley 1546, William Wynfyld 1556; R. Clark, ‘The dedications of medieval churches of Derbyshire: their survival and change from the Reformation to the present day’, *D[erbyshire] A[rchaeological] J[ournal]*, CXII, 48–61; C. Drage ‘Dale Abbey: the south range excavations and survey 1985–7’, *DAJ*, CX, 60–92

² LRO, B/C/3/10, B/V/1/32

³ R. Porter, *The Life of John Hieron* (London, 1691), 14–5, 25

Darley

rectory

Rectors of the North Mediety

24 Feb 1553

Martin Lane inst on the death of the last inc, p Matthew Parker dean of Lincoln; vicar of Chesterfield 1536–72 (qv).¹

30 Mar 1573

William Pollard inst on the death of *ML*, p John Whitgift dean of Lincoln; ord pr by Edmund Grindal bp of London 28 Oct 1564; a *WP* rector of Eccleshall, Staffs, 1573–9.²
4 May 1590

Brian Exton inst; adm Corpus Christi, Ca, 1571, matric 1572, BA 1576, MA 1579; vicar of Hanbury, Staffs, 1585, prebendary of Sandiacre 1585, of Curborough 1589 and of Offley 1594, all in Lichfield Cathedral; ord pr at Lichfield 22 Oct 1591; acted as the deputy of the vicar general in the consistory court 29 Mar 1602.³

8 Aug 1608

George Taylor inst; compounded for First Fruits 26 Nov 1608; a *GT* rector of Kingsley, Staffs, 1607–c.56.⁴

17 Jan 1611

Robert Evans inst and subscr; compounded for First Fruits 18 Jan 1611; rector of Thorpe 1607–11 (qv); two of his children bapt at Darley 1616–7; died 15 Nov and buried 20 Nov 1639 at Darley.⁵

26 Nov 1639

John Pott inst, ps Henry Moore, gent, and Richard Moore, gent; from Derbys; adm Magdalen Hall, Ox, 1621 aged 17, BA 1623, MA 1626; subscr on ord as d 23 Sept 1623 and as pr 23 Sept 1626 by Thomas Morton bp of C and L; subscr to the act of Uniformity 21 July 1662; his children bapt at Darley from 1641 to 1654.⁶

Rectors of the South Mediety

30 June 1530

Robert Gamson inst on the death of Richard Rollisley, p the dean of Lincoln; subscr at Derby to the Elizabethan Church Settlement 19 Sept 1559.⁷

7 Apr 1576

Richard Smith inst on the death of *RG*, p John Whitgift dean of Lincoln; an *RS* rector of Sutton cum Duckmanton 1561–85 (qv); compounded for First Fruits 3 May 1576.⁸

27 Sept 1578

William Bagshawe inst; compounded for First Fruits 8 Oct 1578; excom 11 Oct 1586.⁹

22 Dec 1609

— *Bates* inst; his forename is illegible on the Exchequer certificate; perhaps *Henry*

Bates vicar of Ault Hucknall 1612–28 (qv).¹⁰

20 Nov 1610

William Tomlinson inst; according to Bancroft's register the living was vacant on the death of *William Bagshawe*, p Laurence Stanton dean of Lincoln; rector of Thorpe 1611–34 (qv).¹¹

18 July 1611

James Holland inst and subscr on the cession of *WT*, p Laurence Stanton dean of Lincoln; compounded for First Fruits 18 Nov 1611; re-presented by the Crown 15 Apr 1629, the living supposedly vacant by lapse or deprivation for simony; re-inst 26 May 1629 and subscr; in the visitation of 1639 he exhibited only his first letters of institution.¹²

9 June 1646

Charles Broxholme pres on the death of *JH*, nominated by John Rowlandson of Bakewell for this turn by a grant from Anthony Topham dean of Lincoln 19 June 1634; inst 7 Aug 1646 by order of the House of Lords dated 19 June 1646; curate of Buxton, vicar of Wirksworth 1645–6 (qv); buried at Darley 15 Jan 1648; will 4 Jan 1648.¹³

25 Jan 1648

Edward Paine adm to the living by order of the House of Lords; pres by Michael Honeywood dean of Lincoln 8 Feb 1662 and inst the same day; subscr to the act of Uniformity 14 July 1662; curate of Edensor in 1662 (qv); ed[ucated] at Shirland and Mansfield; adm Christ's, Ca, 1639, BA 1642, MA 1647.¹⁴

Assistant Curates

fl 1561–73

James Sclater witnessed the wills of Mary Taylyer 11 Sept 1561 and Richard Alen 3 Nov 1564, both of Darley; assessed for clerical subsidy as curate in 1572 and 1573.¹⁵

fl 1627–32, 1636–44, 1653–5

John Cantrell, also schoolmaster; see also under Ashover, Barlow, Beeley, Chelmorton, Elton, Parwich and Winster; signed the parish register in the years 1630 and 1639–44.¹⁶

- ¹ LRO, B/A/1/14iv, 56v
- ² LRO, B/A/1/15, 83, B/V/1/15; Landor, 88
- ³ PRO, E331/C and L/7; Landor, 115, 117; Venn, ii, 113; LRO, B/C/3/6
- ⁴ PRO, E331/C and L/10; index to the Composition Books E334
- ⁵ PRO, E331/C and L/10; index to the Composition Books E334; Borthwick [Institute of Historical Research, York], Archbishop Neile's subscription book; DRO, 1987A/PI 3
- ⁶ PRO, E331/C and L/16; [J.] Foster [*Alumni Oxonienses 1500–1714* (Oxford, 1891–2)]; LRO, B/A/4/3; DRO, D1978A/PI3
- ⁷ LRO, B/V/1/14iv, 43v; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, xi
- ⁸ LRO, B/A/1/15, 84; PRO, index to the Composition Books E334
- ⁹ PRO, E331/C and L/5; index to the Composition Books E334; LRO, B/V/2/2
- ¹⁰ PRO, E331/C and L/10
- ¹¹ LPL, Bancroft's Register, 262
- ¹² PRO, E331/C and L/10; index to Composition Books E334; Borthwick, Archbishop Neile's subscription book; LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, B/V/1/62
- ¹³ LPL, Comm I/30, 2; DRO, D1978A/PI 3; LRO, B/C/11 will
- ¹⁴ W.A. Shaw, *A History of the English Church during the Civil Wars and Interregnum* (London, 1900), ii, 350; LRO, B/A/3, Darley, B/A/1/17, B/A/4/3, B/V/1/67; Venn; DRO, D1978A/PI 3
- ¹⁵ LRO, B/C/11, wills, B/V/1/7, 8; PRO, E179/19/522–3
- ¹⁶ LRO, B/V/1/57, 62, B/C/10/15, 174, 271; DRO, D1978A/PI 3, D1191/PI 1

Denby

parochial chapelry

fl 1560

James Parker, a JP chantrist of Osmaston by Derby in 1546; a *J 'Poker'* witnessed the will of Thomas Rygge of Osmaston in 1551.¹

fl 1570–81

Vincent Roger witnessed the will of John Smith of Denby 2 July 1566 but was not then designated as curate; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L 30 Nov 1567; listed as curate in the 1570 visitation call book.²

fl 1584

Ralph Kyrke curate of Wingerworth fl 1586 (qv)³

fl 1586

Henry Harvey reader⁴

fl 1593

George M——, rural scholar, of honest life, mediocly learned in Holy Writ.⁵

fl 1597

John Johnson, a *JJ* vicar of Mackworth 1593–4 and rector of Dalbury 1623–4 (qv)⁶

fl 1600–3

Ralph Bowker reader at Heage in 1597 (qv); signed the parish register of Denby as curate 1 July 1600 to 7 July 1603.⁷

fl 1605

*Andrew Smith*⁸

fl 1609

*William Sloswick*⁹

fl 1614

Geoffrey Plattes matric Trinity, Ca, 1611, BA 1614, MA 1619; subscr on ord as d by John Overall bp of C and L 13 June 1615; vicar of Alfreton 1615–8, rector of Sutton cum Duckmanton 1619–38 (qv).¹⁰

fl 1616

John Ridge a JR curate of Allestree fl 1595–1626 (qv).¹¹

fl 1620

Gregory Wetherall subscr on ord as d by Thomas Morton bp of C and L 23 Sept 1620; matric Trinity, Ca, 1616, BA, ord pr at York 1623; lic to marry at York.¹²

fl 1625

Edmund Soothworth priest of Denby died 26 Nov and buried 27 Nov 1625.¹³

fl 1626–7

Thomas Dickins subscr on ord as pr by Thomas Morton bp of C and L to the title of Denby 24 Sept 1626; from Derbys matric Brasenose, Ox, 1621, BA 1623, MA 1626.¹⁴

fl 1636

Robert Evatt vicar of Horsley 1617–43 (qv)¹⁵

fl 1639

Ralph Wells, later vicar of Horsley (qv)¹⁶

fl 1648–60

Nathaniel Moakson or *Mugson* signed the parish register as minister in 1648; described as ‘of ill repute’ by the parliamentary commissioners in 1650; listed in the sheriff’s return of 1651/2; his children bapt at Denby from 1652 to 1660.¹⁷

The living was vacant on 19 Feb 1662 and during Bp Hacket’s visitation of Sept 1662.¹⁸

¹ LRO, B/V/1/4, B/C/11, will; PRO, E301/13, 58

² LRO, B/V/1/7, 8, 9, 11, 13, B/C/11, wills; PRO, SP12/36, 89v

³ LRO, B/V/1/15

⁴ LRO, B/V/1/20

⁵ LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 11; the entry is identified as Denby, despite its illegibility, because the returns follow the order of parishes listed in the visitation call books drawn up around this date.

⁶ LRO, B/V/1/23

⁷ DRO, D1428/PI3

⁸ LRO, B/V/1/24

⁹ LRO, B/V/1/27

¹⁰ LRO, B/V/1/28, B/A/4/17; Venn, iii, 370

¹¹ LRO, B/V/1/32

¹² LRO, B/V/1/37, B/A/4/18; Venn, iv, 374

¹³ DRO, D1428/PI3

¹⁴ LRO, B/V/4, 1626, B/C/10/14, 56, B/A/4/18; Forster, 401

¹⁵ LRO, B/V/1/57

¹⁶ LRO, B/V/1/62

¹⁷ DRO, D1428A/PI3; LPL, Comm XIIa.6, 395–6; PRO E339/1

¹⁸ PRO, E179/20/586A; LRO, B/V/1/67

Derby, All Saints

perpetual curacy

In 1554 the corporation of Derby was endowed with lands by the Crown on condition that it would pay two vicars to serve All Saints annually £7 6sh 8d each. The

corporation seems usually to have supported one minister, supplemented on occasion by a lecturer and an additional curate or reader.

fl 1552–60

Roger Bartholomew noted as serving the cure in a pension list of 1552 and the visitation call book of 1558; subscr at Derby to the Elizabethan Church Settlement 19 Sept 1559; buried 29 May 1560; will 16 May 1560, inventory 30 May 1560; he had been the priest of the Holy Trinity Gild within All Saints Church and received a pension of 66sh 8d a year on its dissolution in 1548.¹

fl 1560

Richard Jordan appeared in the call book of 1558 as a pensioner in All Saints Parish; by the time of the metropolitan visitation of 1560 he was the curate. He had been ‘one of the fellows’ of the collegiate church of All Saints at its dissolution and had been awarded an annual pension of one hundred shillings. In 1552 he asked for an increase in his pension for helping to serve the cure with *Bartholomew*, but thereafter record of his pension ceases. He was accused during Mary I’s reign of heresy, having said that the ‘Mass was the most abomination that ever was said’ and having denied transubstantiation, the clerical tonsure and chrism at baptism before his parishioners. As priest of All Saints, he abjured before Ralph Baynes bp of C and L 1554–9. It is possible he was removed from his cure at the time, accounting for his status in the call book of 1558; perhaps the *RJ* curate of Brampton 1562–84 (qv).²

John ffoliambe ‘Minister of All Saints’, will 20 Aug 1564, proved 18 Sept 1564; buried 22 Aug 1564.³

9 July 1564

John Haughton entered the cure, witnessed ffoliambe’s will as minister; assessed for clerical subsidy in 1568, 1569, 1572, 1573 and 10 Jan 1577; perhaps the *JH* curate at West Hallam fl 1543–53 and rector of a mediety of Trowell, Notts, from 1552 until his deprivation in 1554; curate at Heanor and of Allestree in 1560 (qv).⁴

21 Jan 1577

Charles Wood entered the cure; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Eccleshall 27 Jan 1577; buried 21 June 1592.⁵

28 July 1592

Edward Bennett entered the cure with ‘the consent of the government of the town’; in 1593 described as BA, honest, ord pr by William Overton bp of C and L 10 Mar 1587, public preacher lic by the bp and in 1603 as BA and a preacher lic[ensed] by the archb[isho]p of Canterbury; perhaps the *EB* matric St John’s, Ca, 1587, BA from St Catharine’s, Ca, 1591 and MA from St John’s, Ca, 1605; in 1594 consistory court articles were drawn up against him accusing him of performing clandestine marriages. In another set of articles, also of 1594, he was accused of having violently seized the parish clerk All Saints, of having become ‘public preacher of Derby’ and preached as such without episcopal sanction and of having received the office of preacher from *John Walton*, archdeacon of Derby, who had previously received an annual stipend for this post; curate of Derby St Michael, in 1586, vicar of Mackworth 1587–93, rector of Langwith 1603–5, rector of Kirk Ireton 1603–5 and rector of Cubley 1605–27 (qv), though he remained curate of All Saints until 1609.⁶

29 Sept 1609

Richard Kilby entered the cure with ‘the consent of the government of the town’; curate of Derby St Alkmund 1608–9 (qv); lic to the cure by the archbp of Canterbury 21 Nov

1609 on the nomination and election of the bailiffs and burgesses of Derby; according to his own account he became curate 'against the will of many' and his enemies took advantage of a controversial sermon he preached in All Saints on 26 December 1611 to accuse him of 'popery and treason' before the Court of High Commission but with the support of Richard Neile bp of C and L and Kilby's friends he was able to secure a 'dimission' from the archbishop and a 'remission' from the king; in the visitation of 1614 cited for not catechising nor reading the names of the baptised but dismissed when it was explained that he read the names and catechised when he was not ill; born and ed Warwickshire; as a teenager dabbled with recusancy and received into the Roman Catholic church by a seminary priest according to his own account, but conformed when threatened with the penalties of the law; studied at Gloucester College, Ox, about four years before transferring to Ca where he was adm to Emmanuel 1593, BA 1594, given college grace to commence to MA but never did so; during this time he associated with Puritans; ord by John Young bp of Rochester at Bromley 1596, schoolmaster in Kent, lic to preach by Archbp Whitgift 1597; in trouble with the authorities 1598 for a sermon which referred to the royal succession; curate of Southfleet 1606 but dismissed by William Barlow bp of Rochester for his indiscretions in 1608 and moved to Derby by which time he regarded himself as a moderate conformist; author of *The Burthen of a Loaden Conscience* (1608) and *Hallelujah, Praise ye the Lord for the unburdening of a Loaden Conscience* (1618); buried All Saints 22 Oct 1617; inventory 22 Oct 1617, nuncupative will proved 27 Oct 1617.⁷

4 June 1618

John Chappell lic to preach and serve as curate; he had already been serving the cure for months as he signed the parish register at the end of entries for Jan 1618; in the visitation call book of 1620 described as the preacher of All Saints while Thomas Duxbury (see below) was listed as the curate.⁸

25 Sept 1621

Gervase Hall subscr as curate; possibly the *Mr Hall* usher of Nottingham High School 1610, appointed by the bailiffs and burgesses headmaster of Derby School; vicar of Elvaston 1612–21 (qv); in 1627 as preacher and curate of All Saints he acted as surrogate for the vicar-general of the diocese; had left the cure by June 1632.⁹

June 1632

Edward Wilmot elected minister, having served as lecturer for the previous two years (see below); son of Robert Wilmot of Chaddesden died 1638; matric Magdalen Hall, Ox, 1620, aged 14, BA 1622, MA 1624, BD 1631, DD 1634; married 22 Oct 1633 Dorothy Milward, daughter of Sir Thomas Gresley of Drakelow; 23 Oct 1634 called before the Court of High Commission for unstated reasons. A report in the State Papers described Wilmot's behaviour at evening prayer in All Saints on 31 March 1639. Before a congregation of three thousand he announced that there would not be the usual afternoon lecture which they were expecting because the lecturer was away, an invited preacher had suddenly been struck hoarse and he himself could not preach. By catechising the young and expostulating on their answers, he, in effect, preached 'an hour and a quarter at the least'. The report noted in detail the ways in which Wilmot failed to follow the form of evening prayer in the Book of Common Prayer. He read the psalms from the Bible, failed to say the *Gloria Patri* after each, substituted Psalm 44 for the *Nunc Dimittis*, failed to bow at the name of Jesus in the Apostles' Creed

and omitted the *Kyrie* after it and the collect of the day, the second collect and the prayer appointed in time of war and danger. These actions, the observers believed, made implicit his support of the Scots, then in revolt against Charles I's ecclesiastical policies. They were further informed that the royal proclamation 'concerning the Scottish business' had not been read in the church, even though Wilmot had already received a copy and there had been 'a press in that town for ten soldiers to be sent for that service'. They also noted that Wilmot 'had not read so many prayers in one day since he first came to that town'. On 16 May 1639 the churchwardens of All Saints appeared before the bp of C and L, concerning the publication of the proclamation. They confirmed Wilmot had read it before a congregation during a service. On 10 Nov 1642 he lent £60 to the Parliamentary cause along with many other townsmen of Derby. In the register are references to the burial of Calvin, his son, 1 June 1643 and the burial of his wife in 1645. A.G. Matthews thought that his disappearance after 1643 was probably the result of being ejected from his cure, but no hard evidence has come to light to confirm this. It seems unlikely that he would be ejected from a living in a town held for Parliament, given his earlier nonconformist leanings, his son's name, his generosity to Parliament's cause and the parliamentarianism of his brothers and father-in-law, but the circumstances of his departure from the living and its timing remain unclear. On 19 Feb 1646 John Bakewell the son of Mr Bakewell 'then minister of All Saints' was baptised. This might be *Thomas Bakewell* who certainly served Derby St Alkmund as he is recorded as curate there in an eighteenth century account of a dispute over the vicarage house of St Alkmund's parish, and later became vicar of Derby St Werburgh 1647–57 (qv), though, because of his age and lack of distinction, it is more likely that he was the successor of *John Crompton*, the under curate (qv), rather than of Wilmot. The All Saints vestry book contains an order of 2 March 1647 that the parish house be made fit for the minster and that the tenant be removed and an order of 3 May to pay the waggoner for bringing Mr 'Hearing's' goods to town'. In the Churchwardens' Accounts for 1646–7 there is an entry for bringing 'Mr Heringe' and his family to town. The records of the St Alkmund's vicarage house dispute list a Mr Herring as Bakewell's successor as curate there (qv). This person might be *J[ohn] Herring*, who in 1648 was a minister at Coventry, and, if so, perhaps after a brief ministry in Derby.¹⁰

fl 1648–62

Joseph Swetnam, according to Cox, minister as early as 1643, but without supporting evidence; Samuel, his son, bapt at All Saints 13 May 1646 but he was not then described as minister of the church; he was commissioned as 'pastor' of All Saints, Derby, to administer the oath of administration for the goods of Peter Gery of Derby 21 Dec 1648; it is possible he was appointed curate after Herring's departure and his own failure to gain possession of either of the rectories of Weston upon Trent and Mugginton Apr to Dec 1646 (qv); rector of Dalbury 1624–c1643 (qv); recorded as minister of All Saints by the parliamentary commissioners in 1650 and by the sheriff in 1651; approved by the Triers 8 July 1657. According to a newsletter from London 20 May 1653, he was one of the presbyterians who spoke out boldly for the king, but during White's Rising in Derby in August 1659, though it had the support of other local clergymen, 'Mr Swetnam kept his house and said they were fools'. In 1654 he was appointed to the Committee of Ejectors for Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire. In 1659 he was admitted

to the rectory of Whitwell but soon afterwards resigned the living (qv). He paid clerical subsidy as curate of All Saints 19 Feb 1662, but, according to both Porter and Calamy, he retired from the living before the act of Uniformity took effect. His secession was not long before 24 August 1662 because he was described as minister in the parish register when his wife was buried in the same month. When he himself was buried 12 Sept 1664, he was still described as 'preacher of this town'.¹¹

By Sept 1662

John Boylston listed as curate in the call book of Bishop Hacket's primary visitation; according to the 1665 call book he had been admitted by the borough of Derby; rector of Weston upon Trent 1646–78, prebendary of Sandiacre 1661–78 and curate of Derby St Alkmund, fl 1662 (qv).¹²

Assistant Curates

fl 1609–1620

Thomas Duxbury cited during the visitation of 1614 for reading prayers at All Saints without a licence; it was then discovered that he had been lic 30 Jan 1609 and so was dismissed; in 1616 he appeared as a schoolmaster in the parish; in Richard Kilby's will 1617 described as under reader; in the 1620 visitation call book listed as curate; vicar of Derby St Michael from 1621 (qv).¹³

fl 1633–5

Giles Woorkeman had been 'unconformable' according to the abstract of the metropolitanical visitation of 1635 made by Sir Nathaniel Brent, but had not offended since a canonical admonition two years before; he had once refused to assist in the perambulation of the parish, for which Brent admonished him, but took no further action on promise of amendment; recorded as curate of All Saints 20 Oct 1635; son of William of Newton Bagpath, Glos, matric Magdalen Hall, Ox, 1623 aged 18, BA 1626, MA from St Edmund Hall 1629, vicar of Walford, Herefordshire, schoolmaster in Gloucester, rector of Alderley, Glos, in 1665 when he was buried in the church.¹⁴

fl 1636–42

John Crompton 30 Sept 1636 'came to be curate under Dr Wilmot' according to the parish register; in 1639 described as curate, ord d by the bishop of Chester; later ord pr at Lichfield; according to Calamy gained the respect of the townsmen by continuing his ministry there during the outbreak of plague in 1637; the parish register was delivered to him 14 Oct 1641; subscribed £4 to the Parliamentary cause 10 Nov 1642 among other Derby townsmen; rector of Brailsford 1645–60 (qv), vicar of Arnold, Notts, 1660–2.¹⁵

fl 1639

John Bothom described as curate of All Saints in the visitation call book but was then probably serving Quarndon Chapel within the parish (qv) as he had been doing in 1636; reader at Carsington fl 1622–6 and curate of Allestree fl 1646–51 (qv).¹⁶

Lecturers

Richard Crowshaw of London endowed a lectureship with £20 a year by his will but the bailiffs and burgesses had allowed £20 a year for 'the maintenance of a learned preacher within the said town of Derby' as early as c.1577 and paid the same to *John Walton* rector of Breadsall 1577–1603 and archdeacon of Derby 1590–1603 (qv). He had passed the lectureship on to *Edward Bennett* (see above) by 1594 and it seems to have been combined with the curacy under *Bennett*, *Kilby* and *Chappell* until the 1620s, the last

two being variously described as curate and preacher. Thereafter the offices temporarily became separated.¹⁷

fl 1625–1636

Daniel Eyres MA subscr as public preacher of All Saints 25 Jan 1625 and was listed as such in the visitation call book of 1636, though his term of office does not seem to have been continuous; vicar of Derby St Werburgh from 1629 (qv).¹⁸

15 Dec 1630

Edward Wilmot subscr as lecturer on his ord as pr by Thomas Morton bp of C and L; curate from 1632 as above.¹⁹

- ¹ J.C. Cox, 'The Religious Pension Roll of Derbyshire tempore Edward VI', *DAJ* XXVIII (1906), 24, 37; LRO, B/V/1/2, B/C/11, will; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, x; DRO, D916A/PI 1, Microfilm SL 151; BL, Additional MS 8102, 50; PRO, E135/10/42, E101/75/8
- ² LRO, B/V/1/2, 4, B/C/11, wills; PRO, E101/75/8; Cox, 'Pension Roll', 37; BL, Harleian MS 421, 90–1 printed with some inaccuracies in A.M. Johnson, 'The Reformation Clergy of Derbyshire 1536–59', *DAJ* C (1980), 56–7
- ³ LRO, B/C/11, will, B/C/10/6, 8; DRO, Microfilm SL 151
- ⁴ DRO, Microfilm SL 151; LRO, B/C/11 will Lawrence Doghte, West Hallam, 1543; [J.C.] Cox, *Notes on Derbyshire Churches* (Chesterfield, 1875–9), iv, 222; [K.S.S.] Train, [ed., *Lists of the Clergy of Central Nottinghamshire*, Thoroton Society Record Series (1955)] xv, 43; PRO, E179/19/516, 517, 522, 523, 526
- ⁵ DRO, Microfilm SL 151; LRO, B/V/1/15
- ⁶ DRO, Microfilm SL 151; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 14; LRO, AA11, 10, B/C/5/1594
- ⁷ DRO, Microfilm SL 151; LPL, Bancroft's register, 256; LRO, B/V/1/30, B/C/10/12, 248, B/C/11 will; Peter Lake, 'Richard Kilby: a study in personal and professional failure', in W.J. Shiels and Diana Wood, eds., *The Ministry: Clerical and Lay, Studies in Church History*, 26 (Oxford, 1989), 221–36
- ⁸ LRO, B/A/4/17, B/V/1/37; DRO, Microfilm SL 151
- ⁹ LRO, B/A/4/18, B/V/2/13; *Records of the Borough of Nottingham*, iv, 1547–1625, 298–9
- ¹⁰ DRO, Microfilm SL 151; Stephen Glover, *A History of the County of Derby* (Derby, 1820), ii, 208; Foster, 1653; PRO, SP16/415/92, SP16/261/101; LRO, B/C/3/16; T. Brighton, *Royalists and Roundheads in Derbyshire* (Bakewell Historical Society, 1981), 49, 78; [A.G. Matthews,] *Walker Rev[ised]*, (Oxford, 1948), 107; Derby Cathedral, Church Book I, 1465–1689, Churchwardens Accounts I, 1620–1734
- ¹¹ DRO, Microfilm SL 151; LRO, B/C/11. Peter Gery 1648; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 403, Comm III/1, 85; PRO, E339/1; Cox, iv, 78; *Calendar of Clarendon State Papers in the Bodleian Library*, ii, 207–8; R. Jeffs, ed., *The English Revolution Newsbooks*, 5, *Mercurius Politicus 1659* (London, 1972), 693; [A.G. Matthews,] *Cal [amy] Rev[ised]*, (Oxford, 1934), 471; PRO, E179/20/ 586A; [Edmund] Calamy, [*An Abridgement of Mr Baxter's History with an account of the Ministers...who were ejected after the Restoration of King Charles II...*] (London, 1713), 164–5; R. Porter, *The Life of John Hieron* (London, 1691), 55
- ¹² LRO, B/V/1/67
- ¹³ LRO, B/V/1/30, 32, 41
- ¹⁴ PRO, SP16/293/218; LRO, B/C/10/15, 6; Foster, 1680
- ¹⁵ DRO, Microfilm SL 151; LRO, B/V/1/62; *Cal Rev*, 145; R. Clark, 'The Derby Town Chronicle', *DAJ*, CXVIII (1998), 168, 172; Brighton, *Royalists and Roundheads in Derbyshire*, 77

¹⁶ LRO, B/V/1/62

¹⁷ J.C. Cox and W.H. Frere, *The Chronicle of the Collegiate Church of All Saints' Derby* (Derby 1881), 29, 144; PRO, E112/9/36; LRO, B/C/5, 1588, 1594

¹⁸ LRO, B/A/4/18, B/V/1/57

¹⁹ LRO, B/A/4/18

Derby, St Alkmund

perpetual curacy

In 1554 the corporation of Derby was endowed with lands on condition it provided a stipend for a vicar to serve this parish and provide him with a house. The parish, however, was served by a series of curates until the early eighteenth century.

fl 1556–61

Henry Brittlebank presumably the successor of *John Mariatte*, curate, buried 14 June 1556 after hanging himself from the rope of the smallest bell in the tower, as he witnessed the will of Edmund Parker of St Alkmund parish on 19 Aug 1556; in 1533 *HB* had paid clerical subsidy as one of the vicars, chaplains and stipendiaries of the collegiate church of All Saints, Derby, and in 1552 was described as a former chantrist there; buried at St Alkmund's 25 Nov 1561.¹

fl ?1563–70

Richard Bunting witnessed the will of Robert Robynson of the parish 19 Apr 1563 but not designated as curate; assessed for clerical subsidy as curate 24 May 1568 and listed as such in the call book of 1570; vicar of Derby St Michael (qv).²

fl 1573

— *Barrett*³

fl 1579–86

George More first mentioned as curate in the call book of 1579; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L 1 May 1577 at Eccleshall; remained curate until 24 June 1586; a *GM* an associate of, and imprisoned with, John Darrell, the puritan exorcist, in the late 1590s.⁴

1586–1605

Thomas Swetnam elected curate 24 June 1586 by the bailiffs and burgesses of Derby and the parishioners; curate of Derby St Michael fl 1581–4 (qv); from Derbyshire, matric Lincoln, Ox, under entry 1575, aged 19; in 1593 described as a scholar of Oxford, ord pr by William Overton bp of C and L 1 Nov 1582 and 'well exercised in Holy Writ and laudably instructs his flock'; by 1597 he had a lic to preach from the bp of C and L; in 1603 described as of no degree; the baptisms of his children are recorded in the parish register from 1587 to 1603, including Joseph, later rector of Dalbury and curate of Derby All Saints (qv); Alice, his first wife, buried 28 Mar 1589; married Helen Barret 7 Sept 1590; in 1597 usher of Derby School; vicar of Youlgreave 1605–24 (qv).⁵

fl 1605

*John Hollingham*⁶

fl 1608–9

Richard Kilby, by his own account minister here a year and a quarter after being nominated to the living through the influence of John Cotton (1584–1652), then a fellow of Emmanuel, Ca, Kilby's old college; during his ministry here he lodged with Robert Bate of Little Chester; curate of Derby All Saints 1609–17 (qv).⁷

fl 1611–46

Henry Co(o)ke ord pr by George Lloyd bp of Chester 1605–14; aged 52 Michaelmas 1618 according to his deposition to an Exchequer commission; acted as surrogate and deputy at Derby for the diocesan vicar-general and official principal during the episcopal visitations of 1620 and 1623 and as surrogate when the consistory court sat in Derby 31 May 1621. During the metropolitanical visitation of 1635 he was mentioned as the surrogate of the archdeacon of Derby and accused of extortion, performing clandestine marriages and of being no graduate; he was suspended and forbidden further execution of ecclesiastical jurisdiction. Under 1646 the parish register records that he was ‘iniquitously deposed’; in Woolley’s account of the eighteenth century dispute over the vicarage house he mentions that an old borough hall book under 1645 ordered the borough chamberlains to pay him the other half of his arrears on delivering up quiet possession of the house; will 21 Jan 1642; inventory 5 Feb 1648; oath of probate 11 Feb 1648. The hall book, according to Woolley, contained an order appointing *Mr Bakewell* as Coke’s successor, followed by a *Mr Herring* for whom see under Derby All Saints.⁸ fl 1658–60

Isaac Solden elected minister of Derby St Alkmund and St Michael 14 Aug 1658; his daughter bapt at St Alkmund 4 June 1660; rector of Cubley 1661 (qv).⁹

fl 1662

John Boylston assessed for clerical subsidy as curate 19 Feb 1662, but in the call book of Sept 1662 the living is recorded as vacant, even though Boylston was listed as curate in 1665; curate of Derby All Saints (qv). Woolley recorded that after Mr Solden’s resignation the corporation never filled up the living with a resident minister and it was served by the curate of All Saints until the establishment of the vicarage in 1712.¹⁰

¹ DRO, D916A/PI1; LRO, B/C/11 will, B/V/1/2, 4; BL, Harleian MS 594, 129; J.C. Cox, ‘The Religious Pension Roll of Derbyshire tempore Edward VI’, *DAJ*, XXVIII (1904), 41

² LRO, B/C/11, will, B/V/1/7; PRO, E179/19/516

³ LRO, B/V/1/8

⁴ LRO, B/V/1/11, 15; DRO, D916A/PI1; Thomas Freeman, ‘Demons, Deviance and Defiance: John Darrell and the Politics of Exorcism in late Elizabethan England’, in Peter Lake and Michael Questier, *Conformity and Orthodoxy in the English Church, c.1560–1660* (Woodbridge, 2000), 34–63

⁵ DRO, D916A/PI1; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 14; LRO, B/V/1/23, 24

⁶ DRO, D916A/PI1

⁷ Richard Kilby, *Hallelujah; praise yee the Lord for the unburdening of a loaden conscience* (Cambridge, 1618), 43–4; LRO, B/V/1/27

⁸ LRO, B/V/1/41, 43, 62, B/C/3/11, B/C/11 will; PRO, SP16/293/128; DRO, D916A/PI1; *Walker Rev.*, 105; BL, Additional MS 6667, 59

⁹ DRO, D916A/PI1

¹⁰ PRO, E179/20/586A; LRO, B/V/1/67; BL, Additional MS 6667, 59

Derby St Michael

vicarage

22 Dec 1543

Thomas Mylner inst on the death of *Nicholas Bartilmewe*, p Roger Byrde of Youlgreave for this turn by a grant from the Abbot and Convent of Darley; compounded for First Fruits 13 Dec 1543; certainly still vicar when he witnessed the wills of Richard Gibs (1549) and William Say (1551), both parishioners, but evidence thereafter is less certain.

Mary I in 1554 granted the church, its buildings and churchyard to the bailiffs and burgess of Derby and he was not listed in the call books of 1558, 1560 and 1561, though Robert Thacker in his will 31 August 1558 made a bequest to a *TM* clerk. In a clerical subsidy list of 12 May 1561 and the diocesan returns of 1563 the vicarage is listed as vacant.¹

14 Aug 1563

Richard Bunting inst on the death of the last inc, p the bailiffs and burgesses of Derby; possibly serving the cure before his institution as he witnessed the will of Richard Johnson of this parish 25 May 1562; assessed for clerical subsidy as curate 8 Oct 1569; still vicar in 1570 but disappears thereafter; curate of Derby St Alkmund 1563–70 (qv).² In 1573 the vicarage was vacant and in the call book of 1579 no one is listed as serving the cure. According to his own account 30 April 1589, *John Walton* on his appointment as the town's lecturer c.1577 was given the vicarage house by the bailiffs and burgesses to live in during his tenure and he gave lodging and provision to curates who came to serve the living (Breadsall, Derby All Saints qv). During this period the bailiffs and burgesses considered pulling down the church or converting it into a school room because 'the chauncell of the same churche was fallen downe and decayed and the body of the church was in decay and ruynous' and because there were two other parish churches within a hundred yards of it. *Walton* dissuaded them from this course.³

fl 1581–4

Thomas Swetnam curate; curate of Derby St Alkmund 1586–1605 (qv)⁴

fl 1586

Edward Bennett curate; vicar of Mackworth 1587–93; curate of Derby All Saints 1592–1609 (qv)⁵

5 Sept 1588

Robert Croftes inst, pres by the Crown 24 May 1588; born at Leeds, matric St John's, Ca 1576, BA 1580, MA 1583; ord d at London 1581 aged 24; soon after instituted a suite against *John Walton* in the Court of Exchequer for having had the sequestration of the vicarage for twelve years, receiving the profits of the vicarage without paying tenths, having intruded himself into the vicarage house and denying him possession and of trying to make Croftes responsible for the arrears of tenths. *Walton* in his counter-petition to the Court of the Exchequer 30 April 1589 claimed that Croftes had deliberately served a writ of injunction from that court against him for possession of the vicarage house three days before Christmas at the moment likely to cause most hurt and that he himself had left it on St Stephen's Day (26 Dec) 'being then utterly destitute of a house'. Despite this victory, Croftes had 'within a short time departed out of the said town and left the cure' unserved for another benefice of greater value', though he still retained the house. *Walton* claimed that Croftes had been aware of the small value of the living and the charges to be incurred. Rector of Whittington 19 Feb 1589–1625 (qv).⁶

The living was listed as vacant in the clergy return of 1593. A return to the First Fruits and Tenths office of vacant benefices in the diocese, dated Lichfield 20 Nov 1596, listed the vicarage as vacant for several years owing to the inadequacy of its endowments. It was also reported vacant in the call book of 1597 and the clergy returns of 1603.⁷

fl 1605–7

Joseph Booth curate, *John* in a probate act 6 Oct 1607.⁸

7 Oct 1608

Thomas Gawen inst, pres by the Crown through lapse 11 Sept 1608 on the commendation of Sir Basil Brookes; of Wilts, matric Magdalen, Ox, 1600, aged 19 but BA from Jesus, Ox; still vicar in 1609 and c.1613; Mr Gawen recorded as minister of Alvaston in the probate act book 3 May 1610 (qv and add to the list).⁹

c. 1613

Robert Townson reader 'for one Mr Gowern the vicar there'; vicar of Elvaston 1621–25 (qv).¹⁰

26 Oct 1613

George Dale inst and subscr, pres by the Crown 'de jure' 23 Oct 1613 on the commendation of Sir Edward Devereux; lasted signed the parish register 24 June 1617; from Lines, matric St John's, Ox, 1585, aged 16, BA 1589.¹¹

28 Oct 1619

Henry Cooke, curate, took the cure according to the parish register; still curate in the call book of 1620; curate of Derby St Alkmund fl 1611–46 (qv).¹²

6 Jan 1621

Thomas Duxbury inst and subscr, pres by the Crown 22 Nov 1620; a curate at Derby All Saints fl 1609–20 (qv); on 1 Sept 1636 absolved from excom for having celebrated a clandestine marriage; his wife buried 24 March 1643; commissioned to take the oath for the administration of the goods of Gervase Coxe of Derby 23 Feb 1647 and of Judith Werden of Derby 23 June 1647; oath of probate for the will of *Henry Coke* former curate of Derby St Alkmund taken before him 11 Feb 1648.¹³

In 1650 the living was described as 'fit to be disused'.¹⁴

14 Aug 1659

Isaac Solden elected minister of Derby St Alkmund and St Michael.¹⁵

The living is listed as vacant in the clerical subsidy roll of 19 Feb 1662 and the call book of Sept 1662.¹⁶

¹ LRO, B/A/1/14iv, 53, B/V/1/2, 4, 5; PRO, E179/19/509; BL, Harleian MS 594, 176v

² LRO, B/A/1/15, 38v, B/C/11 will, B/V/1/7; PRO, E178/19/516

³ LRO, B/V/1/8, 11; PRO, E112/9/36

⁴ LRO, B/V/1/13, 15

⁵ LRO, B/V/1/20

⁶ PRO, E331/C and L/6; BL, Lansdowne MS 444, 142; Venn, i, 420; PRO, E112/9/36

⁷ LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 14; PRO, E331/C and L/8; LRO, B/V/1/23. AA11, 10

⁸ LRO, B/V/1/24, B/C/10/11, 21

⁹ PRO, E331/C and L/10; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179, 119v; LRO, B/V/1/25, B/C/10/11, 113

¹⁰ PRO, E134/16Jas1/Hil15

¹¹ PRO, E179/20/573; Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, Bishop Neile's Subscription Book; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179, 161; DRO, Microfilm 139; Foster, 367

¹² DRO, Microfilm 139; LRO, B/V/1/37

¹³ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, B/C/10 Black Book of Lichfield I, B/C/4, volume of absolutions 1635–7; B/C/11 wills, DRO, Microfilm 139

¹⁴ LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 405

¹⁵ DRO, D916A/PI1

¹⁶ PRO, E179/20/586A, B/V/1/67

Derby St Peter

vicarage

14 Dec 1552

William Stanbank inst on the death of the last inc, p John and Richard Martell alias Martin gents, executors of Peter Martin of Stapleford, Notts, who had been granted the right to present for this turn by the abbot and convent of Darley; prior of Darley at its dissolution and granted a pension of £6 13sh 4d a year; dispensed to hold a living 2 Dec 1538; subscr to the Elizabethan Church Settlement 19 Sept 1559; buried 10 April 1572.¹

22 Apr 1572

Elizeus Kyrfoote inst on the death of WS, p Ralph Mynors for this turn by the grant of John Babington; curate and vicar of Derby St Werburgh fl 1562–70; curate of Littlelover 1570; curate of Normanton by Derby 1576 (qv).²

21 July 1582

William Staunton inst; a *WS* matric at St Catharine's, Ca, ?1569; ord pr by William Overton bp of C and L at Eccleshall 21 Dec 1581; described in 1593 as a scholar of Cambridge, honest, a public preacher lic by the bp of C and L; the parish register contains record of the bapts of his children from 1583 to 1591 and of his burial 10 May 1596.³

31 May 1596

Robert Mason inst; inducted 2 June 1596; his children bapt at St Peter's from 1597 to 1606; in 1603 described as a BA and no preacher; matric St John's, Ca, 1587, BA from St Catharine's 1591; ord pr at Lichfield 24 May 1596; vicar of Fenny Drayton, Leics, 1606–38 and perhaps of Foxton 1633, will PCC 1638.⁴

30 Oct 1606

John Baylie inst p. Barbara widow of Sir Henry Beaumont; vicar of Derby St Werburgh 1592–1608 (qv); suspended for contumacy 15 Dec 1620 and 7 Apr 1621; Dorothy, his wife, buried at St Peter's 12 Sept 1613 and he himself 6 April 1628; will 6 Oct 1627, proved 22 Apr 1628, inventory 25 Apr 1628.⁵

11 Apr 1628

John Wyersdale inst and subscr on the death of JB, p the bailiffs and burgesses of Derby; before the court of High Commission 23 Oct 1634 for unspecified causes; lic to teach in the parish 14 Dec 1635; during the episcopal visitation of 1639 cited for not catechising on Sundays but going to preach elsewhere for which he received a warning and 'for not presenting the want of a communion cup, for not presenting those that come not to prayers on the week days, nor late comers on the Sundays, nor any that sit with their hats on in time of divine service, for not presenting the want of a book of homilies, the book of canons and articles of the Church of England'; in 1659 he claimed he was aged 58 years and had been vicar of St Peter's for about seventeen to eighteen years, that is to c.1645–6; rector of Bradley fl 1650–1/2 (qv); from Notts, matric Queens', Ca, 1617, BA 1621, MA 1624, ord d and pr Peterborough 9–10 Oct 1624; perhaps vicar of Swinford, Leics, 1661 and buried there 20 Feb 1678.⁶

15 Nov 1648

Robert Gee MA inducted by 'Mr Swetnam and Mr Bakewell by presentation of the hall of Derby aforesaid, Mr John Parker, alderman and Mr Doonage being present with many other parishioners and neighbours'; curate of Chapel en le Frith 1645–7 and again in 1652 where he was buried (qv).⁷

1 June 1654

Walter Taylor adm by the Triers, p the mayor and burgesses of Derby, pres April 1654; died 12 Jan and buried 14 Jan 1656; rector of Kedleston 1634–42 (qv); adm Queens', Ca, 1616 from Northants, BA 1620, MA 1623, incorporated at Oxford 1621; subscr on ord as d Bristol 4 June and pr 24 Sept 1625; rector of Water Stratford, Bucks, 1642 and of Hutton, Essex, 1647–54.⁸

30 July 1656

Luke Cranwell adm by the Triers, pres by the mayor and burgesses of Derby 1 July 1656 on the death of *WT*; born and ed at Loughborough; adm Christ's, Ca, 1645, BA 1648, MA from Pembroke 1659; curate of Ticknall fl 1650–4 (qv); during the Presbyterian risings of 1659 he, among others, invited Colonel White, then in flight from Nottinghamshire, to raise Derby against the restored Rump; author of *The holding the bishop and presbyter equal from heresy* (London, 1661), a moderate criticism of *jure divino* episcopacy; paid clerical subsidy 19 Feb 1662 and cited to Bp Hacket's primary visitation 31 July 1662 but refused to conform to the act of Uniformity; after his ejection he became a physician; he withdrew to Kegworth after the Five Mile Act 1665 and died there 1683; under Charles II's Declaration of Indulgence he was lic as a teacher in Derby at Samuel Ward's house; according to Calamy 'not one very ready in elocution but very scriptural, solid and substantial in all his discourses'.⁹

12 Dec 1662

Thomas Allestrey inst, pres by Beaumont Dixie, esq., 20 Oct 1662; resigned the living 1663; curate of Alvaston and Boulton fl 1662 (qv).¹⁰

Assistant Curates

fl 1570

Robert Dande or *Dande* when ordered to purge himself of incontinent behaviour and witnessed the will of Richard Ward of the parish 19 Nov 1570.¹¹

fl 1639

Thomas Burton cited 31 May 1639 for reading prayers without licence and not being in deacon's orders and for officiating at funerals; also listed in 1639 as a schoolmaster in this parish and in Normanton by Derby (qv).¹²

¹ LRO, B/A/1/14iv, 56v; Chambers, 160; PRO, E135/10/42, E178/3239; BL, Additional MS 8102, 49v; DRO, 1792A/PI1

² LRO, B/A/1/15, 82v

³ PRO, E331/C and L/5; LRO, B/V/1/15; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 4; DRO, D1792A/PI1

⁴ PRO, E331/C and L/8; DRO, D1792A/PI1; LRO, AA11, 11; Venn, iii, 157

⁵ PRO, E331/C and L/10, E334/1659/East40; LRO, B/V/2/9, B/C/11 will; DRO, 1792A/PI1

⁶ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, B/C/4 volume of absolutions 1635–7, B/V/1/64; PRO, SP16/261/101, E334/1659/East40

⁷ DRO, D1792A/PI1

⁸ LPL, Comm III/3, 129, Comm VIa/7, 571; DRO, D1792A/PI 1

⁹ LPL, Comm III/1, 48, Comm II/229; Venn; *Cal Rev*, 142; Robin Jeffs, ed., *The English Revolution Newsbooks 5, Mercurius Politicus* (London 1972), 691; PRO, E179/20/586A; LRO, B/V/4, 1662; G.L. Turner, *Original Records of early Nonconformity under Persecution and Indulgence* (London, 1911), ii, 707; Calamy, 165

¹⁰ LRO, B/A/1/17, B/A/3, Derby St Peter 1662

¹¹ LRO, B/A/1/7, B/C/11 will 1571

¹² LRO, B/C/3/16, B/V/1/62, 64

Derby St Werburgh

vicarage

3 June 1544

Thomas Parker inst on the res of *Robert Thacker* subdean of the collegiate church of All Saints, Derby and vicar of Mackworth (qv), p the Crown; in 1558 a *TP* was curate of Belper and another curate at Swarkestone (qv); *TP* witnessed the wills of John Brookhouse 4 Aug 1554 and Ellis Cowper 22 Apr 1556, both of St Werburgh parish, but thereafter record of him in the parish ceases. The visitation call books of 1558, 1560 and 1561 do not name anyone serving the church. The vicarage was listed as vacant in a clerical subsidy list of 1561 and in the diocesan returns of 1563. Until 1583 the living was served by curates.¹

fl 1558

John Wytwell described in the witness list of the will of Jane FitzHarbor of this parish 5 Oct 1558 as 'my curate'; other sources reveal him as curate of Measham fl 1556–69 (qv).²

fl 1562–1570

Elizeus Kyrfoote described as vicar in the call book of 1570 but no evidence of his institution has been traced; witnessed the wills of Homfre Buxestones 27 Feb 1562 and Elys Cowper 1 July 1564, both parishioners; curate of Littleover 1570 and of Normanton by Derby 1576, vicar of Derby St Peter 1572–82 (qv).³

fl 1573

Robert Hampson described as vicar in the 1573 call book but no evidence of his institution has been traced.⁴

fl 1574

John Hawley witnessed the will of Thomas Ball of the parish as curate.⁵

fl 1579

Thomas White appears as curate in the call books of 1579 and 1581 but recorded as vicar in the parish register when his son was bapt 26 June 1580; inst 10 July 1583; pres by the Crown 5 July 1583; according to his presentation a BA but cannot be identified from the many TWs in Venn and Foster; ord pr 29 Sept 1581 at Eccleshall by William Overton bp of C and L; curate of Osmaston by Derby 1586; rector of Kirk Langley 1586–1619 (qv).⁶

13 June 1586

William Smith pres by the Crown but no evidence of institution traced, for *WS* among Derbyshire clergy at this time see under Brampton, Bretby, Church Gresley, Great Longstone, Marston Montgomery, Norbury and Snelston.⁷

24 Sept 1586

William Jefferies inst, pres by the Crown 12 Sept 1586 on the res on the last inc. Twenty-seven of his parishioners in an undated petition to the bishop complained of a dispute between themselves and *Jefferies* concerning his nonresidence and failure to provide a curate, despite collecting all the dues owing to him as vicar. In a list of articles, dated 23 April 1588, on behalf of the bishop against *Jefferies* the complaints were reiterated with the addition that,

'upon Low Sunday last past [14 April 1588] just at the time of evening prayer. . . [Jefferies] did most contemptuously molest and disturb a very zealous and godly preacher whom your parishioners had earnestly entreated and laboured to supply, the place being otherwise destitute. . .'

On the same day, while most of his parishioners were at St Peter's church listening to the same preacher whom he had disturbed, *Jefferies* 'with a few factious and contentious persons' proceeded to the election of two churchwardens, one of whom was unsuitable as he was already presented before the bishop's consistory court 'for his naughty and lewd behaviour in the church in time of divine service'. An agreement was made before the bishop and his vicar-general 23 April 1588 between the parishioners, *John Walton* rector of Breadsall. (qv), *Jefferies's* patron, and *Richard Sale* rector of Weston upon Trent (qv) that one *Walker*, of whom the parishioners approved, should, on subscribing to articles laid down by the bishop, become curate to *Jefferies* for the following six weeks. If in that time *Walker* did not transgress any of the articles, *Jefferies* should resign with forty shillings compensation and *Walker* be presented, instituted and inducted. This agreement does not seem to have been effected. A *WJ* was vicar of Beeston, Notts, 1592–1604 and in a return of 1603 was described as a preacher and a BA from Pembroke, Ca, 'of thirty year standing'; a *WJ* matric Pembroke 1568.⁸

5 Oct 1592

John Baylie inst, pres by the Crown 11 Sept 1592 on the death of the last inc or by other means vacant; in 1593 described as a BA, honest, well-instructed in Holy Writ, ord pr by William Overton bp of C and L 4 Oct 1592; in 1603 described as a BA and no preacher; not identified in either Venn or Foster; 18 Aug 1602 substitute for the diocesan vicar-general; two of his children bapt at St Werburgh's in 1602 and 1604; vicar of Derby St Peter 1606–28 (qv).⁹

7 March 1608

Richard Johnson inst, pres by the Crown 6 Feb 1608; inducted 18 Mar 1608; 1611 cited during the episcopal visitation for not catechising; suspended for contumacy 15 Dec 1620 and 15 Apr 1621; acted as surrogate of the vicar general of the diocese in 1611 and 1627 when described as 'preacher'; six of his children bapt at St Werburgh's from 1608 to 1619; perhaps the *RJ* matric Trinity, Ca, c.1591, scholar 1591, BA 1594–5, MA 1598, BD 1608, fellow 1597, incorp Ox 1600; in 1618 said to be of 53 years of age; buried 20 July 1629.¹⁰

4 Aug 1629

Daniel Eyres MA, inst and subscr on the death of the last inc, pres by the Crown 23 July 1629; matric Magdalene, Ca 1615, BA 1619, MA 1622, ord d 21 Sept and pr 22 Sept 1622 by the bp of Peterborough; subscr as a fellow of Magdalen 25 Jan 1625 as public preacher of Derby All Saints (qv); re-presented by the Crown 24 Oct 1633 to corroborate his title and re-instituted Sept 1633; called before the Court of High Commission for unspecified reasons 23 Oct 1634; still vicar in 1639; his children bapt at St Werburgh's 1634, 1640 and 1642.¹¹

25 March 1647

Thomas Bakewell first signed the parish register; curate of Derby St Alkmund (qv); described by the parliamentary commissioners of 1650 as 'an able and pious man'; the CPM ordered an augmentation grant of £30 a year for him with arrears 29 Oct 1651; approved by the Triers 31 May 1654; appointed to the commission for the ejection of scandalous ministers in 1654; the Trustees for the Maintenance of Ministers ordered augmentation grants for him 21 July 1656 and 18 Nov 1656; identified by Foster as the son of Augustine of Stanton, adm Lincoln, Ox, 1635 aged 16, BA 1638, MA 1641; rector of Rolleston, Staffs, 1657–60, lecturer at Burton upon Trent until ejected in 1662 though he continued to preach as a nonconformist minister until his death in 1677.¹²

10 April 1657

Samuel Beresford adm by the Triers and 'came to be minister' 21 May 1657 (parish register); the Trustees for the Maintenance of Ministers 28 Apr 1657 ordered an annual grant of £60 be paid him backdated from Lady Day; born in Shrewsbury, matric Queens', Ca, 1647, BA 1652, MA 1655; applied to the Wirksworth Classis 15 June 1652 for ordination as assistant minister to Thomas Blake, his uncle, at Tamworth; ord 21 July 1652; ejected in 1662; according to Calamy he remained in Derby until the passing of the Five Mile Act in 1665 obliged him to move. Against separation, he continued to attend church services. In 1669 he was one of the ministers preaching at Colonel Sander's house at Kirk Ireton. By 1672 he had returned to Shrewsbury where he died.¹³

Assistant Curates

fl 1632–45

William Wheeldon ord pr by the bishop of Peterborough; a *WW* curate of Twyford in 1597, of Osmaston by Derby fl 1619–22 and of Normanton by Derby fl 1626 (qv); commissioner for probate of the will of Edward Pegge of Derby as curate at Derby St Werburgh 23 July 1632, listed as curate in the call books of 1636 and 1639 and named in a letter of 26 April 1645 as a possible commissioner to tender the oath for the administration of the goods of John Rowe of Derby.¹⁴

fl 1653

Jonathan Staniforth curate of Allestree 1654–7 and of Hognaston 1660–62 (qv)

¹ LRO, B/V/1/14iv, 53v, B/C/11 wills, B/V/1/2, 4, 5; PRO, E179/19/509; BL, Harleian MS 594, 176

² LRO, B/C/11 will

³ LRO, B/V/1/7, B/C/11 wills

⁴ LRO, B/V/1/8

⁵ LRO, B/C/11 will

⁶ LRO, B/V/1/11, 13, 15; DRO, D1145A/PII; BL, Lansdowne MS 444, 55; PRO, E331/C and L/15

⁷ BL, Lansdowne MS 444, 108

⁸ PRO, E331/C and L/6; BL, Lansdowne MS 444, 110v; LRO, B/C/5, 1534–89; Train, xv, 20; Nottingham University Mss Department, Archdeaconry of Nottingham PB292/1603, Beeston; Venn, ii, 466

⁹ PRO, E331/C and L/7; BL, Lansdowne MS445, 16v; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 14; LRO, B/V/1/23, B/C/3/10; DRO, D1145/PII

¹⁰ PRO, E331/C and L/10; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179, 113; LRO, B/V/1/26, B/V/2/5, 9, 11; DRO, D1145A/PII

¹¹ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, B/V/1/62; Birmingham Reference Library, Croome Court Collections DV901/112, DV902/470; PRO, E331/C and L/15, SP16/241/101; DRO, D1145A/PII

¹² DRO, D1145A/PI 1; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 406, Comm III/1, 7, Comm VIa/7, 752, Comm VIa/8, 6; Bod Lib, Bodley MS 328, 130; Landor, 44, 217; *Cal Rev*, 24

¹³ *Cal Rev*, 51; LPL, Comm VIa/8, 164; DRO, D1145A/PII; J.C. Cox, 'Minute Book', *DAJ* (1880), ii, 158–160; Calamy, 165; G.L. Turner, *Original Records of early Nonconformity under Persecution and Indulgence* (London, 1911), 49

¹⁴ LRO, B/V/1/57, 62, B/C/11 wills

Dethick

chapel of ease

This chapel was listed in the call books of 1558, 1560, 1561, 1584 and 1586 but not thereafter until the early eighteenth century.¹

fl 1558

Miles Whitworth named in Cardinal Pole's pension list as the ex-chantrist of St Mary's Chapel, Ashover; still in receipt of that pension in 1558; Thomas Babington of Dethick in his will 10 Nov 1558 bequeathed the goods of Dethick Chapel to his heir on condition he found a priest to serve it for sixteen years at least, *MW* being named as the priest, if he lived so long; witnessed the will of James Wode of Ashover 14 June 1563 and the will of Anthony Woolley of Riber 13 June 1576.²

¹ LRO, B/V/1/2, 4, 5, 16, 20

² LRO, B/V/1/2, B/C/11 wills; BL, Additional MS 8102, 50; PRO, E135/10/42; David G. Edwards, *Derbyshire Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1393–1574*, Derbyshire Record Society XXVI (1998), 139; David G. Edwards, *Derbyshire Wills proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury*, Derbyshire Record Society XXXI (2003), 8

Derwent

chapel of ease

This chapel was listed only in the call books of 1597, 1614, 1616 and 1620 and the parliamentary survey of parishes in 1650 in which it was declared 'fit to be made a parish church', and the sheriff's return ordered in November 1651.

fl 1597–1620

George Tinker listed as reader in 1597, 1614, 1616 and 1620.¹

fl 1638–44

Nicholas Yeallot married Catherine Mortin 7 June 1638 at Hathersage; children bapt at Hathersage in 1639 and 1641; buried there 6 Jan 1644.²

fl 1650–1651/2

William Burdges or *Burgess*³

¹ LRO, B/V/1/23, 28, 32, 37

² J.R. Brooksbank, *A Transcript of the Registers... at Hathersage Parish Church* (Sheffield, 1915), *passim*

³ LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 440; PRO, E339/1

Dore

chapel of ease

This chapel is not listed in call books until the early eighteenth century, but was certainly in existence by 1635 when its lack of consecration was noted during Laud's metropolitanical visitation.¹

fl c.1633

Thomas Stanley 'preacher for three years' at Dore according to Bagshaw; married by licence Mary Rushworth of Hathersage 22 June 1633 as curate of Dore; curate of Ashford in the Water c.1637–45 and rector of Eyam 1645–60 (qv).²

fl 1638

Joseph Rodes 'curate of Dore', buried at Dronfield 23 June 1638.³

fl 1656

W. Wolmer as curate of Dore married Thomas Clarke and Anne Wilson at Hathersage 13 Feb 1656.⁴

¹ PRO, SP16/293, 128

² W. Bagshaw, *De Spiritualibus Pecci* (1702), 61; J.H. Brooksbank, *A transcript of the Registers... at Hathersage Parish Church* (Sheffield, 1915)

³ DRO, D2441/PI1

⁴ Brooksbank, *ibid*

Doveridge

vicarage

21 Sept 1551

Robert More STB inst on the death of John FitzHerbert, p William Caldwell of Burton upon Trent, draper, the assign of Mr Robert Palmer LLB, the assign of Thomas Cranmer archbp of Canterbury, executor of Thomas Boleyn earl of Wiltshire and Ormonde, the assign of Mr Geoffrey Blythe LLD, executor of Geoffrey Blythe bp of C and L deceased, the patron for this turn by the grant of the prior and convent of Tutbury; not traced in either Venn or Foster; prebendary of Burton College 1540–45 and assigned a pension of £16 a year upon its dissolution; subscr to the Elizabethan Church Settlement 19 Sept 1559 at Derby; will 11 May 1572, proved 2 June 1572, inventory 1572; not to be confused with *RM* rector of Bradley died 1561 (qv).¹

8 June 1572

Henry Trickett inst on the death of *RM*, p William Heath, administrator of Oliver Heath, deceased, by reason of a grant made by Richard Heath, late prior, and the convent of Tutbury to Robert Curtnall, Roland Heath and Oliver Heath; compounded for First Fruits 26 June 1572; vicar of Marston upon Dove 1558–99 (qv); in 1598–9 he was involved in a complex consistory court case against William Bond, his successor at Marston. The accusations concerned his behaviour as a man and minister and the neglect of his cures, but its main aim seems to have been to secure his deprivation from Marston and Bond's succession there. Most of the case refers to Marston but specific details about Doveridge also emerge. Humphrey Wooley of Sudbury deposed that William Heath of Sudbury had held a grant of the advowson of Doveridge, but Trickett had told him that there were two grants of presentation to the vicarage before his. He added that Trickett had gained a grant of presentation from Richard Barber of Tutbury who had borrowed £10 from Trickett upon the security of the advowson. As he could not repay the debt, he sold his grant to Trickett for a further £10. Katherine Dyott of Lichfield, widow, claimed that Barber had mortgaged the grant to Trickett and a case over its repayment was heard by her husband and James Weston, the late diocesan registrar, who decided that Trickett for a further £20 could gain full possession of the advowson. These transactions explain Nicholas Bagnold's account of proceedings against Trickett for simony during the 1570s by Sir Ralph Bagnold which were eventually dropped. The details of Trickett's patron in the bishop's register were presumably a screen for these transactions. William Smith of Marston said that Trickett was non-resident at Doveridge. In articles, dated 1598, Trickett was accused of maintaining curates in both his parishes 'with inclinations to Popery... and as long as you could get old Papists you entertained no others'. *George Cresswell*, his current reader at Doveridge, was accused of lacking proper qualifications and it was claimed he was only appointed because Trickett was having an affair with his wife. In the thirteenth article it was asserted,

'At Doveridge there is neither minister nor bible in regard that the curate there is no minister, and the bible there rent and torn and much wanting for as much as the said bible is carried every night to an alehouse and long time hath been lying in the said alehouse.'

Though he lost the vicarage of Marston, Trickett retained Doveridge and died there 27 June 1609; buried 4 July 1609.²

14 Oct 1609

Robert Tompson inst on the death of *HT*, p William Lord Cavendish; compounded for First Fruits 16 Oct 1609; suspended for contumacy May 1617; his children bapt at Doveridge from 1611 to 1632; buried there 19 July 1625.³

20 Sept 1635

George Glen inst and lic for preaching, p William earl of Devonshire to whom he was chaplain; MA Edinburgh 1624; incorporated at Oxford 1663; prebendary of Worcester 1660; subscr to the act of Uniformity 14 July 1662; vicar of Marston upon Dove 1663.⁴

Assistant Curates

fl 1570

William Syddeley witness of the will of Thomas Swensonne of Doveridge 7 July 1570.⁵

fl 1573

Edward Bagshawe assessed for clerical subsidy 6 Jan 1573; curate of Osmaston by Ashbourne in 1570 (qv).⁶

Dates unknown

Thomas Bagshott, one of Trickett's 'popishly inclined curates' who either served at Doveridge or Marston upon Dove.⁷

fl 1576–8

Richard Travys or *Travers* listed as curate in the 1576 call book and assessed for clerical subsidy 1577 and 1578; accused Trickett of having fathered a bastard upon a maid in his house, though Trickett claimed *Travys* was the father (Marston upon Dove qv).⁸

1590s

William Porter probably served both Marston and Doveridge under Trickett; 'a man inclined to papistry who carried a pair of beads continually and prayed upon them until his dying day' according to articles against Trickett. Tristram Dayntrie of Marston, however, deposed that Porter was 'a very good churchman', while William Mansfield claimed he was 'an old man. . . of good and sound religion'. Nicholas Bagnold claimed, 'he never knew him to pray upon the beads or to carry any about him' and William Smith of Marston said 'he never perceived that he was given to papistry or to pray upon the beads'. After Trickett in 1597 was excommunicated by Zachary Babington, the diocesan chancellor, for contumacy, the excommunication was delivered to Porter 'a very old man, very sickly and not able to denounce it as he said' and so it was passed on to *Cresswell* (see below). A *WP* was a minor canon of Burton College 1540–5.⁹

fl 1597–8

George Cresswell reader; described in 1598 as 'a man neither minister nor preacher nor in any wise learned' and responsible for celebrating a clandestine marriage, despite his lack of orders. Trickett claimed he had hired *Cresswell* not because of his interest in his wife, as accused, but 'upon the entreaty of divers of his parishioners to read service under him for a time', as *Cresswell* was the village schoolmaster. He admitted that he was neither a minister nor a preacher but was 'desirous to enter orders'. *Cresswell* in 1597 used his lack of orders to explain why he had not declared Trickett's excommunication in Doveridge Church after *Porter's* failure to do so.¹⁰

fl 1602

Hugh Oswyn appears as curate in the probate act book 23 Apr 1602; curate of Stanley fl 1609–23 (qv).¹¹

fl 1609

John Astley buried at Doveridge 13 June 1609.¹²

- ¹ LRO, B/A/1/14iv, 56v, B/C/10/6, 152, B/C/11, will; PRO, E178/3239; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, x, verso
- ² B/A/1/15, 82v, B/C/5, 1598–9; PRO, index to composition books E334; DRO, D1197A/PI1
- ³ LPL, Bancroft's Register, 255v; PRO, index to composition books E334; LRO, B/V/2/9; DRO, D1197A/PI1
- ⁴ PRO, E331/C and L/16; LRO, B/V/1/67, B/A/3, Marston upon Dove, B/A/4/3; Foster
- ⁵ LRO, B/C/11 will 1572
- ⁶ PRO, E179/19/522; LRO, B/V/1/8
- ⁷ LRO, B/C/5, 1598–9
- ⁸ LRO, B/C/5, 1598–9; PRO, E179/19/526, 528
- ⁹ LRO, B/C/5, 1598–9
- ¹⁰ LRO, B/C/5, 1598–9
- ¹¹ LRO, B/C/10/10, 82v
- ¹² DRO, D1197A/PI1

Dronfield

vicarage

7 Apr 1557

Richard Heywarde (*Harwood, Hayworthe, Haworthe, Haward*) inst on the res of Thomas Weste, p the Crown; listed as vicar in the call books of 1560 and 1561.¹

12 May 1561 vicarage vacant²

fl 1561–70

Christopher Haslam witnessed the wills of Nicholas Treeton 4 May 1561 and Margaret Hay 29 Dec 1562 as vicar, though evidence of his institution has not been traced; a *CH* one of the priests of the gild of Our Lady and St John Baptist in Dronfield Church and another *CH* chantrist at Shirland at their dissolution. It is unclear which, if either, *CH* this clergyman was. On 16 Mar 1551 a *CH* 'priest of Dronfield' drew up his will in which he made a bequest to the other *CH*. One should not necessarily identify this man with the gild priest because, according to Cardinal Pole's later pension roll, the ex-gild priest was still in receipt of his pension, granted after the dissolution of the chantries and gilds, whereas the chantrist from Shirland is not named on it, perhaps because he was already dead. No later record of payments of pensions to either *CH* has been traced. *CH* was still vicar in 1570; will 14 Jan 1571, inventory 19 Jan 1571; probate 24 Apr 1571.³

fl 1573

Christopher Pryerman, curate when he witnessed the will of Henry Gretton of Dronfield 21 July 1573, curate at Bonsall fl 1568–70 (qv).⁴

fl 1577

William Squier paid clerical subsidy as curate 10 Jan 1577.⁵

18 Apr 1577

Lawrence Bankes inst, p the Crown; pres 13 March 1577 at the petition of Mr Fanshawe; compounded for First Fruits 17 May 1577; ord pr by Richard Cox bp of Ely at Fenny Drayton 21 Sept 1570.⁶

1592

Thomas Bentley pres by the Crown 13 July 1592 on the res of the last inc, but his institution has not been traced; compounded for First Fruits 23 Sept 1592; buried 29 Mar 1596.⁷

23 May 1596

Francis Bennett, inst, p the Crown; pres on the death of the last inc 15 May 1596 on the commendation of Humphrey Ferrars, John Harpur and others; compounded 16 July 1596 for First Fruits; fl 1593–5 curate at Breadsall when described as a rural scholar ord by William Overton bp of C and L 2 March 1591, well-exercised in Holy Writ.⁸

18 Oct 1600

Godfrey Grene pres by the Crown on the death of the last inc on the commendation of Thomas Fanshaw, but his institution has not been traced; matric Peterhouse, Ca, 1587, scholar 1587–94, BA 1591, MA 1594, BD 1610, vicar of Clapham, Surrey 1604–15.⁹

11 March 1601

Thomas Middleton inst, p the Crown, pres 17 Feb 1601 upon the death of the last inc, presumably Bennett; an MA from King's, Ca, according to the presentation record but not traced in Venn; compounded for First Fruits 29 Sept 1601; rector of Langwith 1605–11, rector of Eyam 1606–17.¹⁰

17 March 1606

Robert Topham inst, p the Crown, pres 12 Feb 1606 on the commendation of Sir Peter Freschville and others; compounded for First Fruits 10 May 1606; adm Queens', Ca, 1597, pensioner of St John's, Ca, 1598, of Derbys, BA 1601, MA 1604; schoolmaster at Dronfield 1605; lic to marry Isabel Stringer of Egmonton 1606; his children bapt at Dronfield from 1607 to 1614; rector of North Wingfield 1616–30, vicar of Wirksworth 1633–45 (qv).¹¹

15 Jan 1617

Thomas Taylor inst and subscr, p the Crown, pres 8 Jan 1617 on the cession of the last inc on the commendation of Dr Field and others; BA St John's, Ca, according to the presentation record but cannot be firmly identified in Venn; suspended for contumacy 12 Apr 1621 and 9 May 1622.¹²

19 March 1627

Robert Revell inst and subscr on the death of the last inc, p the Crown; matric Emmanuel, Ca, 1609, probably the son of Rowland of Coal Aston, scholar, BA 1614, MA 1617, ord d and pr 14–15 June 1617 at Peterborough; Bridget his first wife buried at Dronfield 28 July 1628; married Frances Hunloke 12 Feb 1629 and their children were bapt at Dronfield from 1632 to 1648; in 1633 articles of the Court of High Commission were drawn up against him, accusing him of neglect of calling and duty and of drunkenness; inventory 21 Nov 1648 which includes the titles of many of his books.¹³

fl 1650–1/2

Richard Cloughland according to the parliamentary commissioners of 1650 'an able and honest man'.¹⁴

13 July 1654

Richard Maudesley or *Mosley* adm by the Triers p the Lord Protector, pres 27 June 1654; curate of St Helens, Lancs, 1646–52; took part in the disputation against James Nayler in Chesterfield parish church; presented before the Quarter Sessions in 1661 for not reading the Book of Common Prayer; cited to Bishop Hacket's primary visitation 21 July but his name was crossed out of the visitation call book of Sept 1662 and the living shown as vacant, following his refusal to conform.¹⁵

Assistant Curate?

fl 1609

Thomas Newton, a child of *TN* 'minister' buried at Dronfield 18 Aug 1609; in 1616 schoolmaster at Duffield, in 1620 curate at North Wingfield (qv); in 1627 again living at Dronfield when articles were drawn up against him for ministering without licence and for making clandestine marriages between parishioners from Dronfield and Eckington, including a marriage between Peter Parker of Staveley, a senile nonagenarian, and Katherine Rotheram of Ridgeway, a twenty-five year old servant of Richard Wilson of Charnock Hall where the marriage took place. *Newton* was accused of being a drunkard who performed clandestine marriages to sustain his drinking habits.¹⁶

¹ LRO, B/A/1/15, 18, B/V/1/2, 4, 5

² PRO, E179/19/509

³ LRO, B/C/11 wills, B/V/1/7; PRO, E301/13, 68, 73; BL, Additional MS 8102, 50

⁴ LRO, B/V/1/8, B/C/11 will

⁵ PRO, E179/19/526

⁶ LRO, B/A/1/15, 84v, B/V/1/15; BL, Lansdowne MS 443, 247; PRO, index to composition books E334

⁷ BL, Lansdowne MS 445, 15; PRO, index to composition books E334; PRO, D2441A/PI1

⁸ PRO, E331/C and L/8; index to composition books E334; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179, 4; DRO, 2441A/PI1; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 11; LRO, B/C/10/9, 43

⁹ Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179; Venn, ii, 255

¹⁰ PRO, E331/C and L/9; index to composition books E334; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179

¹¹ PRO, E331/C and L/10; index to composition books E334; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179; Venn, iv, 253; LRO, B/V/1/24

¹² PRO, E331/C and L/12; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179; LRO, B/A/4/17, B/V/2/9

¹³ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, B/C/11 will; Venn, iii, 442; PRO, SP16/246, 13; DRO, D2441A/PI1

¹⁴ LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 462; PRO, E339/1

¹⁵ LPL, Comm VII/3, 64; *Cal Rev* 345; I. Bourne, *Strong Comforts for weak Christians* (1656), 25; LRO, B/V/4, 1662, B/V/1/67

¹⁶ LRO, B/V/1/25, B/C/5, 1627; DRO, D2441A/PI 1

Duffield

vicarage

10 Aug 1541

Ralph Dawson collated by the bp of C and L on the res of *Richard Walker*; subscr to the Elizabethan Church Settlement 19 Sept 1559 at Derby; will 13 Aug 1583, inventory 28 August 1583, probate 26 Sept 1584.¹

1583

Ralph Smith adm by William Overton bp of C and L; cited in 1584 for his vicarage being out of repair; an *RS* rector of Tixall, Staffs, 1596–1620 and as such in 1593 described as a rural scholar, exercised in Holy Writ, ord pr 21 Mar 1585 and in 1603 as of no degree and no preacher.²

21 July 1586

Richard Ward collated; curate at Wirksworth fl 1569–73; vicar of Melbourne 1582–1617 (qv); on 2 Sept 1591 cited to the Lichfield Consistory Court as the official of the archdeacon of Derby for having exercised archidiaconal jurisdiction while it was under episcopal inhibition; in 1593 described as a rural scholar, honest, ord pr by Thomas

Bentham bp of C and L, learned in Holy Writ and in 1603 as of no degree and a preacher lic by Edwin Sandys archbp of York; buried at Duffield 27 July 1617; inventory 18 Aug 1618.³

12 Aug 1618

Edmund Cooke subscr; his collation has not been traced; inducted 19 Aug 1618; adm King's, Ca, from Eton, aged 15 in 1600, BA 1605, MA 1608, fellow 1603–15, incorporated at Ox 1608; subscr on his ord as pr at Lichfield 24 Sept 1615, 'became distracted, died on a sea voyage 1619'.⁴

20 Jan 1620

Joseph Leigh collated by the bp of C and L and subscr on the voluntary cession of the last inc; inducted 5 Feb 1620; during the episcopal visitation of 1620 cited for being non-resident; adm Sidney Sussex, Ca, 1614, BA 1617, MA 1620, curate of Slaidburn 1620, curate of Clifton Campville 1620, vicar of Hanbury, Staffs, 1620, rector of Catthorpe, Leics, 1625, rector of Egginton 1631–43 (qv), rector of Cotesbach, Leics, 1646.⁵

13 Nov 1620

Benjamin Bentham collated by the bp of C and L and subscr; inducted 2 Dec 1620; son of Thomas Bentham bp of C and L; matric Merton, Ox 1582, aged 16, BA 1586, MA 1589, fellow 1585–98; acted as surrogate of the diocesan vicar-general during the episcopal visitations of 1636 and 1639; deputy for the administration of probate and recorded in this post as late as 1 Mar 1649.⁶

1649

Joseph Taylor, on 1 June 1649 the CPM ordered that the augmentation grant previously made to the vicar should be paid to him; according to the parish register 11 Mar 1650 'by virtue of an order from the Committee of Plundered Ministers' he took possession of the living and undertook 'the pastoral charge of that parish'; in 1650 described as 'an able preacher and of good conversation'.⁷

11 Sept 1658

Roger Morrice adm by the Triers, pres the same day by Richard Cromwell, Lord Protector; adm Magdalen, Ox, 1651 and St Catharine's, Ca, 1654, BA 1656, MA 1659; chaplain to Lord Hollis and later Sir John Maynard; ejected in 1662 and died at Hoxton, Middlesex, 17 Jan 1702, aged 72.⁸

30 Sept 1662

Edward Buxton collated by the bp of C and L; inducted 6 Oct by *John Harpur* rector of Morley; ed Repton, adm St John's, Ca, 1656, son of German Buxton of Kirk Ireton, BA 1660, MA 1673; ord d 21 Aug 1662 and pr 14 Dec 1662 by John Hacket bp of C and L; subscr to the act of Uniformity as curate of Turnditch 20 Aug 1662 (qv) and 3 Dec 1663; lic to preach 21 Oct 1663; Calamy at first claimed that he had been ejected from Turnditch but afterwards described him as an after-conformist; both suggestions are unlikely.⁹

Assistant Curates

fl 1557–8

William Grene witnessed the will of Christopher Fletcher of Duffield as curate 3 Apr 1557; curate at Breadsall 1560 (qv); a *WG* vicar of Arnold, Notts, 1560 and of Kelham, Notts 1573–1600.¹⁰

fl 1570

Henry Clarke, perhaps the *HC* curate of Killamarsh fl 1573–86 and probably not the *HC* vicar of Sutton on the Hill 1567–91 (qv).¹¹

fl 1573

John Stone, a *JS* curate of Littleover fl 1553–60 and another vicar of Longford 1574–82 and rector of Boylestone 1580–1605 (qv).¹²

fl 1576–8

Chymon or *Haymon Ley* or *Leigh*, witnessed the wills of John Dudley of Duffield 24 Feb 1576, William Astle of Turnditch 12 Apr 1576 and John Chetam of Belper 4 Jan 1578.¹³

fl 1581

*Richard Geven*¹⁴

fl 1584

Thomas Lowe ordained by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Lichfield 29 Sept 1578; vicar of Ilkeston 1585–91 (qv); rector of Bilborough, Notts, 1591–1633.¹⁵

fl 1620–1

Robert Clerke, an *RC* vicar of Hathersage from 1628 (qv).¹⁶

¹ LRO, B/A/1/14iii, 28v, B/C/10/8, 51, B/C/11 will; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, x

² LRO, B/V/1/15, 17; Landor, 290

³ PRO, E331/C and L/6; LRO, B/C/3/1, AA11, 12, B/C/11 will; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37–11; DRO, D2402/PI 1

⁴ LRO, B/A/4/17; DRO, D2402/PI1; Venn, i, 383

⁵ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, B/V/1/41; DRO, D2402/PI1; Venn, iii, 64; Landor, 68, 115

⁶ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, B/V/1/59, 64, B/C/11 will William Platts; DRO, D2402/PI1; Foster, 110

⁷ Bod Lib, Bodley MS 325, 77v; DRO, D2402/PI1; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 349

⁸ LPL, Comm II/240, Comm III/7, 95; *Cal Rev* 355

⁹ LRO, B/V/1/67, B/A/4/3; DRO, D2402/PI1; *Cal Rev*, 95

¹⁰ LRO, B/C/11 will, B/V/1/2

¹¹ LRO, B/V/1/7

¹² LRO, B/V/1/8

¹³ LRO, B/V/1/9, B/C/11 wills

¹⁴ LRO, B/V/1/13

¹⁵ LRO, B/V/1/15; Train, xv, 25

¹⁶ LRO, B/V/1/23, B/C/10/13, 71, 87v