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## An Architectural Account of the Churches of Buckland, Hinton Waldrist and Longworth.

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Once more it will perhaps be excusable to delay to the next number the description of the Churches of Hinton Waldrist and Longworth, in order that we may reproduce the answers to certain questions sent by the Bishop to the Rev. John Rawbone, D.D., and still preserved amongst his papers.

- Q. 1. Divine Service is performed in the P. Church of Buckland Every Sunday at half an Hour after eleven in the Morning & three in the Afternoon.
- Q. 2. Divine Service is not performed on any Holidays or Week Days, nor hath it ever been done as far as I can learn by any of my Predecessors.
- Q. 3. As Curate.
- Q. 4. I serve together with Buckland the Church of Pusey, which is not a Mile distant. I have no Licence for serving this Cure, but I undertook the Care of the Church to serve

with Buckland on the Recommendation of your late worthy Diocesan on acct. of its Vicinity to Buckland.

- Q. 5. Regularly four times a Year, on Christmas Day, Easter Day, Whitsunday & the Sunday after Michaelmas Day.
- Q. 6. We have generally about 60 Communicants, & at Easter last abt. that number were communicated.
- Q. 7. There are abt. 30 reputed Papists in the Parish, consisting chiefly of a Baronets Family and his servants. No Persons have been converted to Popery in the Parish for many years. There is a Chapel in the House for divine Worship which is served by a Person whose Name I believe is John Orme, he is a very quiet peaceable Man & does not intermeddle in the Parish. There is no Popish School kept in the Parish.
- Q. 8. There are some Sectaries in the Parish but I know not under what Denomination to rank them. Most of them come constantly to Church in the Morning but assemble once a Month in the Afternoon for div. Worship in a private House. The Name of the Person who officiates there is Dunscombe, who comes for that Purpose from Bampton about 4 Miles off, & receives a small stipend left as I am informed by the Will of some Person who died many years ago. I do not believe he has any Licence for holding a Conventicle in this Parish. The Parishioners in general frequent ye Church very regularly.
- Q. 9. The Parishioners in general send their children & Servts. to be catechised. sometimes I expound to them myself, at others I have made use of Archbishop Seckers & Gilpins Lectures on the Church Catechism. Lent is the time I generally catechise them & in English.
- Q. 10. We have Registers of Births and Burials properly kept, & Returns are duly made from them into the Registrars Office according to the Canon. Our first Register of Births begins 1691, the Register of Burials in the year 1678. Within these 16 years there was another Register of Births & Burials fairly written & as old as Queen Elizabeth's time, containg. a Variety of Articles of Historical Information relative to the Vicarage & the Parish in general. But this valuable Record together with another ancient Parish Book was lost (or as I rather suspect embezzled) by some of the Parish Officers several years

ago. I have made strict search after both of them but cannot hear of either.

- Q. 11. There is a Register for Marriages agreeable to the Act of Parliament.
- Q. 12. There are no Chapels whatever belonging to the Parish.
- Q. 13. We have no Terrier or Document whatever relative to the Profits belonging to the Vicar of the Parish. I have sent to Sarum to enquire what Terriers have been given in to the Bishop's Registry. Queen Anns Bounty was added to this living by a Benefaction of 350 by Mrs. Ann & Mary Millington the Lessees of the great Tithes, this together with 200 received from the Governors was laid out in Lands at Hanney for the Benefit of the Vicar in the year 1742. The Estate purchased with this Money lets for £16 pr An., this together with the Vicarial Tythes of Buckland makes the Living about £60 per An. A copy of the Deed of Purchase as I obtained it lately from the Court of Chancery together with a Terrier of the Lands I have enclosed for your Ldships Inspection.
- Q. 14. We have no Free School in the Parish. There is an Estate in Lands and Houses of £10 pr An. left by a Mr. John Wrote, formerly Vicar of this Parish, for the repairing & ornamenting the Church, but this Estate has been mis-managed & misapplied for a great number of Years past. It was got into the Hands of the Parish Officers, who I believe paid the Poor Rates with it. I have however at length been able to take it out of their Hands, have procured new Feoffees to be appointed, & have applied the Profits of it for these last four years according to the pious Intentions of the Donor. There is another Estate of nearly the same Value lying in the common Fields of Charlton & Grove Wantage, purchased by various Legacies & the voluntary contribution of the Inhabitants abt. 50 years Ago. This Estate belongs to the Poor & the Profits of it are annually distributed to them at Christmas. I likewise take care to procure a new Feoffment to be made to perpetuate this Charity. The new Trustees for both Parishes are Sr. R. Throckmorton John T. Esq. G. Throckmorton Esq., Ed. Southby Esq. Nat. Southby Esq. Hen Southby Esq. Ch. Pye Esq. T. Hayward Esq. & the Rev. John Rawbone Clerk. I now have the

management of both the Charities.

- Q. 15. The Churchwardens are regularly chosen on Easter Tuesday, one by the Minister and the other by the Parishioners.
- Q. 16. There is a small School in the Parish supported chiefly by the voluntary Subscription of the Inhabitants for teaching the poor children to read and write.
- Q. 17. I reside on my Cure in the Vicarage the whole of the Summer of each Year. In the winter Time I serve the Church from Oxford which is twelve Miles from Buckland. I am constantly employed during Term Time as Tutor of St. Mary Hall, on which Account your Lordship's Predecessor was pleased to indulge me with Leave of Absence during the Winter, & this Favour will I humbly hope be granted me by your Lordship.
- Q. [1]8. The Money is disposed of by me entirely among the poor.
- Q. 19. Nothing in particular.
- Q. 20. New College Lane Oxford.

J. Rawbone.

John Rawbone of Mag. Coll. ordained Deacon June 2, 1765.

Priest June 14 1767.

*(To be continued.)*

## Some Buckinghamshire Parishes formerly included in the Archdeaconry of St. Albans.

**M**R. Wilton Hall, the Hon. Librarian of the St. Albans and Herts Architectural and Archæological Society, has been calendaring the oldest existing papers belonging to the old Archdeaconry of St. Albans, and has discovered some returns of the Churchwardens relating to certain parishes in Bucks formerly included in that Archdeaconry. The earliest of these down to 1583 he has kindly sent to us for publication. Mr. Hall recently read a paper on the subject before his Society, and his researches