

LISTS OF DERBYSHIRE CLERGYMEN 1558-1662:

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I AN ANALYSIS OF SOURCES

J.C. COX: PAYING A TRIBUTE WHILE LAYING A GHOST

J.C. Cox's *Notes on the Churches of Derbyshire* contain lists of Derbyshire incumbents, but, as a survey of the county's clergymen, they are deficient, especially for the period between Elizabeth's accession and the Restoration.¹ In the first place he usually listed only beneficed clergymen. However, many Derbyshire livings were not benefices (rectories and vicarages) but perpetual curacies, parochial chapelries and chapels of ease. The clergymen who served in them were thus omitted from his lists. Second the sources for the period 1558-1662 which he used for his lists were inadequate. He was mostly dependent on the registers of the bishops of Coventry and Lichfield for details of institutions to benefices, yet during this period there are serious gaps in them. They cover only the years 1558-78, 1618-32 and 1662 onwards.² To make good the lacunae, Cox claimed that he had used 'the returns of the First Fruits Office', but his lists clearly show that rather than the original bishops' certificates to the Exchequer he had used only an index of them, known as the *Liber Institutionum*.³ This index is far from complete; its earliest reference to an institution of a Derbyshire incumbent occurs in 1605 and entries in it only become frequent after 1610. His notices of clergymen serving living during the 1640s and 1650s are inadequate. During these years the records of institutions that he used, peter out, and he failed to note any of the ecclesiastical records of the Commonwealth Period apart from the Parliamentary Survey of Parish Livings made in 1650. It is for these reasons that new lists for the years 1558-1662 have been prepared.

All in all, Cox's work, though still a monument to nineteenth century antiquarianism, is hopeless as a source book for the clergymen of Tudor and Stuart Derbyshire. In fairness it must be pointed out that many of the sources used in these lists were not readily available to him and that he lacked the benefits of modern, organised record offices, especially the Lichfield Joint Record Office. Were it not for them, the clergy lists which follow could not have been made. At this point the invaluable help of the archivists and their staff of the Derbyshire Record Office, the Lichfield Joint Record Office, the Public Record Office, the British Library, Birmingham Reference Library, and Bodleian Library, Oxford, the Manuscripts Department of Nottingham University Library, the Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, York and Lambeth Palace Library must be acknowledged with gratitude.

THE SOURCES FOR THE CLERGY LISTS

As many basic sources as possible have been used in order to make detailed and fairly complete parochial lists of Derbyshire clergymen. These lists contain information which falls into two categories: the first, details of clergymen's appointment to livings and length of tenure in them; the second, general biographical details. The first category can be broken down into three sub-categories: the first concerning the appointment and tenure of beneficed clergymen, the second of non-beneficed clergymen and the third, the special conditions of appointment during the Civil War and Interregnum.

A Appointment and Tenure

1 Beneficed Clergymen

Clergymen who held benefices enjoyed freehold tenure; that is, their cure of souls gave them a piece of real estate. They had tenure for life or as long as they so wished, and might only be deprived for the most serious offences. As with the transfer of other pieces of freehold property, the acquisition of an ecclesiastical benefice was a legally complex business, resulting in a great deal of documentation, in order to obtain a flawless title. As a result much evidence has survived and so more is known about the incumbents of Derbyshire's benefices than about the curates of the county's chapelries.

There were three basic stages in obtaining a benefice. The first was presentation. Each benefice had a patron who had the right to select a clergyman, if the living were vacant. He presented him to the Ordinary (the person or corporation who had ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the living, usually the local bishop) by a deed of title for examination and approval. The second stage was institution. Once the bishop was satisfied of the candidate's suitability, he instituted him to the cure of souls of the benefice, had a record of the institution registered, and sent a mandate of induction to the archdeacon. The final stage was induction. By this act the archdeacon or his proxy gave the candidate actual possession of the revenues of the benefice.

The survival of records for each of these processes has been most uneven. Of presentation only fragmentary details survive. Very few presentation deeds of pre-Restoration date exist among the Lichfield episcopal records.⁴ Details of presentations made by the Crown up to the Civil War may, however, be gleaned from the records of successive Lord Keepers.⁵ Names of patrons are also found in documents primarily concerned with other matters, such as records of institutions and in a number of call books drawn up for the bishop's diocesan visitations.⁶

Institution is by far the best documented of the processes; indeed the dates of institution for the majority of Derbyshire incumbents survive, though in a variety of sources. As mentioned above, the bishops' registers are deficient for this period. It has proved impossible to trace the details of institution for a few incumbents flourishing at Elizabeth's accession because of a gap in Bishop Blythe's register between 1521 and 1527 and a failure to record several institutions during the early 1530s, when the see of Coventry and Lichfield was vacant, in the *sede vacante* register.⁷ The episcopal register again proves an inadequate record between the spring of 1559 and the beginning of 1564, a period coinciding with the implementation of a new religious settlement, the deprivation of Bishop Baynes in June 1559, the vacancy of the see until March 1560 and the early difficulties of the new bishop, Thomas Bentham, in his large, somewhat hostile see, which obviously affected the efficiency of his administration.⁸ The *sede vacante* records of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury (June to December 1559) and Archbishop of Canterbury (December 1559 to March 1560) fail to fill most of the lacunae detected during these years.⁹ Bentham's register from 1564 until 1578 appears otherwise complete, as does Bishop Morton's register 1618-32 and Bishop Hacket's register for 1662.¹⁰

The original bishops' certificates to the First Fruits and Tithes office of their institutions help to fill some of the gaps in the bishops' registers. The series from the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield begins with a certificate recording the deprivation of married clergymen in 1554 and consequent institutions of their successors. It recommences in 1560 and continues until the end of 1640.¹¹ The information in these certificates is not faultless because some of them are in poor condition and nearly illegible. Such is the state of the certificate covering the years 1560-3, particularly disappointing as Bentham's register is also defective for these years.¹² The certificate for 1608-11 is also illegible in places and that for 1634-40 has been found to be

incomplete.¹³

Other sources make up for these defects, especially the aforementioned *Liber Institutionum* which is also useful for its references to institutions after 1640. The registers of the Archbishops of Canterbury also contain some entries of Derbyshire institutions for during vacancies in the see or metropolitanical visitations the jurisdiction of the diocese was suspended and its administration fell into the hands of the archbishop and his officers.¹⁴

Records of institutions can also be supplemented by visitation call books, visitation comperta and acta, cause papers and, above all, by subscription books and composition records. According to the canons of 1604 clergymen on institution had to subscribe to the 'three articles of religion'. Records of such subscriptions, usually made on the same day as institution, survive for the episcopates of Richard Neile (1611-14), John Overall (1614-18) and Thomas Morton (1618-32).¹⁵ After institution several incumbents compounded with the Exchequer for payment of their First Fruits. The records of these compositions give, at least, an approximate date when certain clergymen acquired their benefices.¹⁶

With the disappearance of the records of the archdeacons of Derby references to induction are scarce.

The above paragraphs apply to beneficed clergy within the episcopal jurisdiction. The benefices of Bakewell, Tideswell and Hope lay in the peculiar jurisdiction of the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield, and Hartington within its own jurisdiction. Presentations and institutions to these livings do not appear in the episcopal records.

Institutions to the livings of the dean and chapter normally appear in their act books, but the capitular records are defective for most of the period. The act book of 1537-1621 contains no record of an institution to a Derbyshire living, and the following act book just one. It is not until the act books resume after the Restoration that regular documentation occurs.¹⁷

Two certificates to the First Fruits and Tenths Office contain records of institution to the livings within the dean and chapter's jurisdiction, but these do not provide a complete record even for the years that they purport to cover, let alone for the whole period. Supplementary details can be found in the Exchequer Composition Books for First Fruits, the call books for the metropolitanical visitations of 1560, 1579, 1581, 1605, 1609 and 1616 and the earliest surviving subscription book for the jurisdiction, which begins in 1660.¹⁸ Even so, the lists for the benefices in the peculiars are less likely to be as complete as those for benefices within the episcopal jurisdiction.

2 *Non-beneficed Clergymen*

Curates were nominated to their livings, the nominations being sent to the ordinary for approval so that the clergymen concerned might be licensed. As curates lacked the legal rights that incumbents enjoyed, the documentation had less importance, incurred less interest and so had less chance of survival. Records of nomination and licensing do not survive for this period among the Lichfield records. As a result it is far more difficult, probably impossible, to provide full lists of those who served the chapelries of Derbyshire or acted as stipendiary curates to incumbents in benefices. By using a variety of sources one can learn many of their names and the approximate length of their tenure in their cures, but it must be stressed that the lists presented here cannot be considered complete. They are offered merely as a foundation for further research.

The most informative sources for the non-beneficed clergy are the call books made for the bishop's triennial visitations. A series for the diocese exists from 1558 until 1639, resuming again in 1662, but it is not complete.¹⁹ These are supplemented by two lists of clergy made in 1593 and 1603 upon the instructions of Archbishop Whitgift and by a

number of subscription books. The latter are of limited value as they mainly subscriptions of newly beneficed or ordained clergymen, but some subscriptions of non-beneficed ministers upon their licensing appear in them. The names of the non-beneficed have also been extracted from witness lists in wills, visitation *comperta* and *acta*, other records of ecclesiastical courts and parish registers. Curates in receipt of a sufficient stipend were also liable to pay clerical subsidies granted to the Crown during the first half of Elizabeth's reign. Lists of those taxable occur among the clerical subsidy records of the Exchequer and provide a valuable additional source.²¹

The lists for the chapelries in the peculiars are even more incomplete than for those in the episcopal jurisdiction. In the virtual absence of visitation, court and subscription records for the dean and chapter's peculiars, the sources available are most unsatisfactory. The absence of documentary material is only alleviated by William Bagshaw's book, *De Spiritualibus Pecci* (1702), which mentions several divines of the 1620s and 1630s who served in the chapelries of the High Peak peculiar.

3 Sources for Derbyshire Clergymen during the Civil War and Interregnum

The disruption in political and ecclesiastical life during these years is reflected in the clergy lists. Dates of appointment are frequently lacking, and the succession of clergymen, even in benefices, is occasionally unclear. This was partly owing to the collapse of the system of institution and induction during the Civil War. Ecclesiastical courts found it difficult to operate in an increasingly hostile environment, those at Lichfield, a royalist garrison for most of the war, being a case in point. Parliament further disrupted the traditional mode of appointment by abolishing episcopacy in 1646. Despite attempts to do so, a new method of putting clergymen into possession of livings was not satisfactorily introduced until Cromwell established the Triers in January 1654, a commission sitting in the capital to examine all candidates for livings and approve them or otherwise.

The problems caused by the changes in methods of appointment are compounded by the scarcity of documentation for many of these years. Records of visitation, institution and subscription for Derbyshire clergymen peter out from 1640. Bishops Wright (1632-43) and Frewen (1644-60) left no registers and the series of certificates to the First Fruits and Tenths Office ends in 1640, though the *Liber Institutionum* remains useful. Apart from three subscriptions made between 1642 and 1645, there is a gap in Lichfield episcopal subscription records from 1640 until 1662. The only fairly (but not fully) complete record of clerical appointments for this period are the registers of the Triers (1654-59).²²

The disturbances resulted in the disappearance of episcopal records and the creation of new records to cope with the new problems of the age. From the latter the names of Derbyshire clergymen can often be gleaned. Parliament, and later the Protector, assumed the power of appointing ministers to those livings whose advowsons had belonged to the king, the ecclesiastical hierarchy or sequestered royalists. Two series of deeds recording the presentations of Parliament and Cromwell survive in Lambeth Palace Library. Records of presentation also survive in the House of Lord's Journal until the abolition of the House in 1649 and in the records of the Commissioners of the Great Seal from 1649 until 1654.²³ The minute and order books of the Committee for Plundered Ministers also prove invaluable. First, they provide evidence of ministers disturbed in their livings as a result of the Civil War because either of their flight from hostile royalist armies or of their sequestration by Parliamentarians. They often also name the clergymen who replaced those sequestered. The Committee for Plundered Ministers was also responsible for the authorisation of augmentation grants to ministers' stipends. From 1645-50 it ordered augmentations to be made out of

sequestered ecclesiastical revenues, and from 1645-53 augmentations out of sequestered royalist funds. Its orders often mention the names of the clergy recipients. The Committee for the Reformation of the Universities and the Trustees for the Maintenance of Ministers were also involved in the administration of augmentations from 1650-53 and 1650-60 respectively, and their records similarly name those in receipt of grants.²⁴

Despite the above records, the lists for the 1640s and 1650s are less complete than for earlier decades. During the interval between the collapse of the traditional ecclesiastical jurisdiction and the establishment of the Triers the processes for acquiring a cure of souls became variable and less formal. Clergymen could, and did, take possession of livings with the approval of either the patron, local notables or the congregation and no more. As a result documentation of them, apart from a few references in parish registers, is often lacking, for, unlike the earlier period when visitation call books of clergy were regularly made, clergy were then seldom and irregularly listed. The only complete lists of Derbyshire clergymen during this period are the Parliamentary survey of parishes of 1650 and a return from the sheriff ordered the following year.²⁵ In the absence of other material they are of great value.

Many clergymen in *de facto* possession of their livings were anxious to make their titles in law stronger. Once the Triers were established, they sought approval and admission to their benefices from them. Similarly, once episcopacy was re-established in 1660, they sought institution from the ordinary. Therefore the date of a Triers' admission in the 1650s or of an episcopal institution in the early 1660s did not always mark the exact time of commencement of a ministry in a particular parish. Several ministers, so admitted or instituted, were recorded as holding the same livings in years before, especially by the parliamentary commissioners who surveyed the parishes in 1650.²⁶

B Biographical Details

The lists do not provide complete biographies of each Derbyshire clergyman on account of the impossibility of going through the necessary sources in order to do so. An effort has been made to include certain types of information which fall into three main categories. The first concerns the character of the clergymen and of his ministry in the parish he served, for which the surveys of the clergy, taken in 1593, 1603 and 1650 prove invaluable. Both the 1593 and 1650 surveys comment on the characters of the ministers listed, and the former also contains an assessment of their educational standards. The 1603 list is less informative, distinguishing mainly between the graduate and non-graduate, preaching and non-preaching clergy.²⁷ Surviving visitation *comperta* and *acta*, supplemented by office case court books and cause papers, mention clergy who had lapsed either in their moral life or pastoral duties, so revealing renegades and nonconformists.²⁸ Such records have their limitations. The Lichfield series are not complete, and the information which survives, ought not always to be taken at its face value. Before condemning certain clergymen for their failings, one must remember that not all the accusations were proved. Other cases reveal more complex situations and tensions in parishes beneath the accusations of immorality, professional impropriety or nonconformity. Moreover these records are silent about the majority of clergymen whose lives and ministries were sufficiently exemplary to avoid comment.

The second category concerns ordination. A full list of ordinations made by the bishops of Coventry and Lichfield during this period is lacking. Ordination records no longer appear in the bishops' registers from the early 1530s until the episcopate of Thomas Morton. The only surviving details of Lichfield ordinations between these years occur in a list of men ordained by Bishop Bentham in 1567 and 1569 and in the subscription books of Bishops Overall and Morton. These have been supplemented by a

number of visitation call books which give details of clergymen's orders.²⁹ The last are also helpful in providing a record of the orders of Derbyshire clergymen ordained in other dioceses. The biographical registers of the Universities, referred to below, also often contain such details. Records of non-episcopal orders, conferred during the Interregnum are scarce, the minute book of the Wirksworth Classis being, by far, the most important source in this respect for the Derbyshire clergy.³⁰

Wherever evidence has been found that a clergyman attended one of the universities, the references have been checked in 'Foster' and 'Venn' for Oxford and Cambridge respectively. However, it is not always possible, especially for those with common surnames, to make positive correlations between the evidence for particular Derbyshire clergymen and the information in these lists.³¹

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Abbreviations

adm	admitted
archbp	archbishop
BA	Bachelor of Arts
bapt	baptised
BD	Bachelor of Divinity
Bentham	R. O'Day and Joel Berlastsky eds, <i>The Letter-Book of Thomas Bentham, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield 1560-1561</i> in <i>Camden Miscellany</i> XXVII, Camden Fourth Series 22 (1979), 113-238
BL	British Library
Bod Lib	Bodleian Library
Borthwick	Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, York
bp	bishop
BRL	Birmingham Reference Library
bt	baronet
Ca	Cambridge
Calamy	E. Calamy, <i>An Abridgement of Mr Baxter's History with an account of the Ministers . . . who were ejected after the Restoration of King Charles II . . .</i> (London, 1713)
Cal Rev	A.G. Matthews, <i>Calamy Revised</i> (Oxford, 1934)

C and L	Coventry and Lichfield
clk	clerk
Cox	J.C. Cox, <i>Notes on Derbyshire Churches i-iv</i> (Chesterfield, 1875-9)
CPM	Committee for Plundered Ministers
d	deacon
DAJ	<i>Derbyshire Archaeological Journal</i>
DD	Doctor of Divinity
DNB	<i>Dictionary of National Biography</i>
ed	educated
Esq	esquire
excom	excommunicated
fl	flourished
Foster	J. Foster, <i>Alumni Oxonienses 1500-1714</i> (Oxford, 1891-2)
inc	incumbent
inst	instituted or institution
kt	knight
J/Ecc/H	Journal of Ecclesiastical History
Landor	W.N. Landor, ed, <i>Staffordshire Incumbents and Parochial Records 1530-1680</i> , Collections for a History of Staffordshire (1915)
lic	licensed
LJRO	Lichfield Joint Record Office
LPL	Lambeth Palace Library
m	married
MA	Master of Arts
matric	matriculated
ord	ordained or ordination
Ox	Oxford
p	patron
PCC	Prerogative Court of Canterbury
pleb	plebeian
pr	priest
pres	presented or presentation
PRO	Public Record Office
qv	<i>quod vide</i>
res	resigned or resignation
sch	school
subscr	subscribed or subscription
Train xv	K.S.S. Train ed, <i>Lists of the Clergy of Central Nottinghamshire</i> , Thoroton Society Record Series XV (1955)
Train xx	K.S.S. Train ed, <i>Lists of the Clergy of North Nottinghamshire</i> Thoroton Society Record Series XX (1959-60)
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Walker Rev	A.G. Matthews, <i>Walker Revised</i> (Oxford, 1948)

II THE CLERGY LIST (CHURCHES A-B)

Alderwasley Chapel of Ease

The history of this chapel of ease in the parish of Wirksworth is obscure between 1558 and 1662. It is listed in the visitation call books of 1558, 1560, 1561, 1579, 1581, 1584, 1586 and 1605, but not in any of the others. In most cases the name appears in them without mention of a curate serving the chapel. In 1560 it was specifically noted as vacant. As a consequence the names of only three curates there have been found. It is possible that it was not continuously served by its own minister but supplied from Wirksworth (qv), and that services were infrequent. This would explain why the Parliamentary commissioners of 1650 suggested that it 'may be conveniently be disued'.¹

1558

*George Turner*²: a GT was curate at Chesterfield fl 1560-73 and curate at Staveley fl 1579-81 (qv)

1626

*Thomas Saunderson*³

19 Sept 1630

John Noble subscr as curate here after his ord as a d; curate at Breadsall by 1631/2.⁴

- 1 LJRO, B/V/1, 2, 4, 5, 11, 13, 15, 20, 24; LPL, Parliamentary Survey Comm XIIa/6, 368
- 2 LJRO, B/V/2
- 3 LJRO, B/V/4, 1626
- 4 LJRO, B/A/4/18; DRO, Breadsall Parish Register D 2459/PII/1

Alfreton

Vicarage

14 June 1537

Henry Kempson inst on death of last inc, p Henry VIII; cited in 1561 for making a clandestine marriage.¹

30 March 1570

Illegible name in register but other sources show him to have been *Henry Wheatcroft* inst on the death of HK, p Sir Francis Leake kt.²

2 Aug 1582

Nicholas Sutton inst, having been admitted

by Zachary Babington; ord pr by William Overton bp of C and L 22 July 1582; 1593 noted as a rural scholar, honest, versed in Holy Writ; 1603 no degree, no preacher; signed Alfreton Glebe Terrier in 1612; serving Pentrich in 1581 (qv).³

12 Apr 1614

Michael Buckley inst, curate at Thorpe 1609 (qv).⁴

14 June 1615

Geoffrey Plattes inst p Sir Francis Leake bt and kt; subscribed on ord as a d 13 June 1615 and as a pr 11 Feb 1615/6. Matric sizar at Trinity, Ca 1611, BA 1613/4, MA 1619. Curate of Denby 1614, rector of Sutton cum Duckmanton 1619-38 (qv).⁵

17 July 1618

Ralph Rodes subscr on inst; subscr 17 Sept 1617 on being lic to preach in North Wingfield, Wingerworth and neighbouring places; of Yorks; pleb, matric University College, Ox 1612 aged 18, BA 1615, rector of Pinxton 1629-c1650 (qv).⁶

1 Jan 1629/30

Elisha Bourne inst on cession of last inc, p Francis Lord Deincourt; probably brother of Immanuel Bourne rector of Ashover (qv); of Northamptonshire, son of a clergyman; matric. Broadgates Hall, Ox 1620/1 aged 16, BA 1624. MA Pembroke College 1627, BD 1638; rector of Misterton, Leicestershire 1642.⁷

12 Nov 1632

Thomas Brooke inst on cession of EB p Francis Lord Deincourt; a TB subscr on ord as d 1 Nov 1617 and pr 2 Nov 1617; MA; 18 Feb 1635/6 cited for locking the church door on the first Sunday of the year when there ought to have been a communion, no morning service that day, declared contumacious and excommunicated; June 1636 at an episcopal visitation an answer of the churchwardens of Alfreton to the presentment made against them by Thomas Brooke, concerning their behaviour during the Easter communion and Easter week. This document also contains the answer of Thomas Brooke to the present-

ment made by the churchwardens of Alfreton on 6 May 1636. 30 Aug 1636 cited after the episcopal visitation 'for hindering the workmen that the churchwardens had hired to rail in the communion table, saying that neither the workmen nor the churchwardens should do it for the church was his, and that the first Sunday in the new year, warning being given for a communion and bread and wine provided, Mr Brooke absented himself and caused the church doors to be locked up so that there was not any communion at all, nor divine service that day in the forenoon.' 13 Oct 1636 before the bishop and chancellor of the diocese Brooke replied to articles drawn up against him on the testimony and oaths of the churchwardens. They accused him of factiousness and of various types of Puritan nonconformity, eg refusal to read the Book of Sports, failure to wear the surplice and attacking his churchwardens for trying to enforce conformity in his parish. This case is a complicated one, but it is clear that relations between Brooke and his churchwardens had broken down completely, and that factions had formed in the parish behind the disputants. Both sides bring to light the extent of Puritan nonconformity in the parish in their accusations and counter-accusations in their attempts to 'sling as much mud' as possible in the hope that some of it would stick.⁸ *Thomas Cranage*: known only from John Child's presentation deed.

John Child: pres deed 15 Jan 1654 on death of TC, ps Nicholas Lord Deincourt, Lancelot Leake and Thomas Leake; approved by the Triers 22 June 1654; already in possession as he appears as vicar in 1650 'minister and approved' and in 1651. Pres to Norton in 1657 (qv), but unlikely that he ever took possession as he still appears as minister Alfreton in receipt of an augmentation grant on 8th Nov 1659.⁹

Francis Ashenhurst: vicar of Alfreton by 19 Feb 1661/2 when he paid the clerical subsidy; subscr as vicar 16 July 1662; ord d and pr by Thomas Sydserf bp of Galloway 22 Nov 1661; an FA adm sizar at St John's, Ca, 1656, son of Rando!ph A, Esq, of Beard,

Glossop, ed Macclesfield School; another FA matric St Alban's Hall, Ox, 3 May 1659; had left Alfreton by 1665.¹⁰

- 1 LJRO, B/A/1/14iii, 26v, B/V/1/5
- 2 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 82; B/V/1/7, 8, 11, 13
- 3 PRO, E331/C and L/5, LJRO, AA11; LPL, Carta Antiquae et Miscellanea XIII/37-3
- 4 PRO, E179/20/573
- 5 PRO, E331/C and L/6; LJRO, B/A/4/17; Venn, iii, 370
- 6 LJRO, B/A/4/17; Foster, 1250
- 7 LJRO, B/A/1/16, Foster, 156
- 8 LPL, Abbot's Register III, 174; LJRO, B/A/4/17, B/C/3/15, B/V/1/59, B/C/5, 1636(2)
- 9 LPL, Comm II/14; Comm III/3, 254; Comm XIIa/6, 452, Comm VIa/10; PRO E339/1
- 10 PRO, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/A/4/3; B/V/1/67; Venn; Foster

Allestree Parochial Chapelry
By 1558

Thomas Harrison, curate by 20 March 1550/1 when witness to Margery Smith of A's will and in 1553 when the inventory of Church goods was taken; subscribed to the Elizabethan Church Settlement of 19 Sept 1558 at Derby; probably the canon of Darley Abbey of that name who received a dispensation on 2 Dec 1538 to hold a benefice. TH of that abbey appears on Cardinal Pole's pension list (1555) with a pension of 106s 8d pa, but it was reported at an inquisition held on 18 June 1574 that this TH had died on 10 Aug 1555. However, two pension lists of 1558 show the former canon still in receipt of his pension at that time.¹

By 1560

John Haughton, a JH curate at West Hallam fl 1543-52; rector of Trowell 1552-4 when deprived during the Marian purge of married clergy; a JH witness to the will of William Hunter of Heanor as curate there 3 May 1560 and to the will of Robert Smyth of Allestree 10 Sept 1561 as curate of Allestree; curate of All Saints', Derby 1564-76 (qv).²

By 1565

Robert Campion, witness as 'minister' to the will of John Sadler of Allestree 15 Dec 1565; curate at Breadsall by 1568 (qv).³ fl 1570-73

*John Smith*⁴

By 1576

*William Carte*⁵

By 1579

Robert Bancroft, ordained by the bishop of Chester, not licensed in 1579; vicar of Mickleover 1581-1607 (qv).⁶

By 1584

Edmund Cundie, licensed to read at Allestree.⁷

By 1586

Ralph Marlowe, reader.⁸

By 1593

John Jobber, cited to the consistory 31 May 1593 for making a clandestine marriage; a John, probably curate of Allestree, described as 'mediocrely learned' in 1593.⁹

By 1595

John Ridge, first signed parish register in 1595; by 1597 ord d by William Overton bp C and L; still curate in 1626; in 1616 curate of Denby (qv).¹⁰

By 1634

William Derbyshire, signed the parish register in 1634; curate at West Hallam in 1636, curate of Smalley 1639 and curate of Stanley fl 1662-74 (qv).¹¹ fl 1636-36

William Armetter, signed the parish register 1636-9; schoolmaster in Duffield 1636; cited in the episcopal visitation of 1636 'for not usually wearing the surplice at the time of divine service'.¹²

fl 1646-51

John Bothom, signed the parish register in 1646; described in 1650 as 'insufficient and a drunkard'; reader at Carsington in 1626 and curate of Quarndon in 1636 (qv).¹³

By 1654

Jonathan Staniforth, signed the parish register on 13 July 1654; son of Richard S, rector of Breadsall 1604-31 (qv); born 10 June 1623; ed Derby School; adm Christ's College Ca 1645, BA from Magdalene College, MA 1654; rector of Pontesbury, Shropshire 1655; applied for ordination from the Wirksworth Classis 8 Oct 1653 as assistant

to Thomas Bakewell minister of St Werburgh's, Derby, examined 15 Nov 1653, ordained 8 Dec 1653; rector/curate of Hognaston 1660-2 and ejected from that living (qv). After his ejection and the Oxford Act, 'Many persons about Heage had cause to bless God for their [his and his brother's] night labours'. During Charles II's Declaration of Indulgence he was lic to teach at Chaddesden 30 Sept 1672 and at Derby 22 July 1672; his house at Derby was licensed as a meeting place for worship 5 Sept 1672.¹¹

4 Nov 1657

Timothy Staniforth, brother of the above; bapt at Breadsall 8 Feb 1628/9; ed Derby School; adm Christ's College Ca Apr 1648, BA 1652, adm by the Triers to Allestree 7 Nov 1657 upon the nomination of the inhabitants; ejected 1662; 1669 'teacher' at Colonel Saunder's conventicle at Little Ireton and at Joseph Newham's conventicle at Alvaston. On 7 July 1669 he was arrested with Daniel Shelmerdine at John Stone's conventicle in Stenson; lic in 1672 to teach at Chaddesden 22 July 1672; will 22 Oct 1684.¹⁵

- 1 LJRO, B/V/1/2, B/C/11, wills; Cox, iv, 293; D.S. Chambers, *Faculty Office Registers 1534-49* (Oxford, 1966), 160; BL, Add MS 8102, 49v, PRO, E178/3239, E135/10/42,7, E179/19/503, E179/308/1.
- 2 LJRO, B/V/1/4, B/C/11, Matthew Staley of West Hallam 16 Mar 1543; Cox, iv, 222; Train xv, 43.
- 3 LJRO, B/C/11, will
- 4 LJRO, B/V/1/7,8
- 5 LJRO, B/V/1/9
- 6 LJRO, B/V/1/11
- 7 LJRO, B/V/1/15
- 8 LJRO, B/V/1/20
- 9 LJRO, B/C/3/2; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37*, 11.
- 10 DRO, Parish Register, Microfilm 272; LJRO, B/V/1/23, 32, B/V/4, 1626
- 11 DRO, Microfilm 272
- 12 LJRO, B/V/1/57, 59, 62; DRO, Microfilm 272
- 13 DRO, Microfilm 272; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 400-1

- 14 DRO, Microfilm 272, D2459A/PI1/1; Venn; *Cal Rev*, 458; Calamy, 168; J.C. Cox, 'Minute Book of the Wirksworth Classis', *DAJ* II (1880), 176-7; R. Porter, *The Life of Mr John Hieron* (London 1690), 53; G.L. Turner, *Original Records of early Nonconformity under Persecution and Indulgence* (London, 1911), 706.
- 15 LPL, Comm III/6, 145; *Cal Rev*, 458-9; Turner, op cit, 49-51, 706; DRO, D2495A/PT1/1

Alsop en le Dale Chapelry

This chapelry is never listed in any of the call books during the period. In the Parliamentary Survey of 1650 it is mentioned as a 'chapel of ease' 'fit to be disused'. No names of curates have been traced, presumably because ministers from neighbouring parishes served it.¹

- 1 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 363

Alvaston Parochial Chapelry

fl 1553-58
Thomas Pegge; a TP curate of Stydd in 1533; another TP witnessed wills in South Normanton 1542-61/2; curate of Alvaston when an inventory of church goods was taken in 1553 and still curate there in 1558.¹

12 May 1561

'Rectory vacant'.²

fl 1570-1609

Edward Newsham, also curate of Boulton fl 1579-1605 (qv); ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Eccleshall 7 Apr 1573; in 1593 described as a 'rural scholar', honest and 'mediocrelly imbued in Holy Writ'; 1603 no degree, no preacher, a donative.³

fl 1614-39

John Edmunds, also curate of Boulton fl 1614-39 (qv); in 1620 cited for not reading prayers at Boulton Chapel on Wednesdays and Fridays but was dismissed later as he was licensed to read them on those days at Alvaston; 7 Apr 1621 suspended for contumacy; buried 16 May 1639.⁴

fl 1662

Thomas Alestrey, also curate of Boulton (qv); as curate of both chapelries he paid the clerical subsidy on 19 Feb 1661/2 and

subscribed to the Act of Uniformity 7 Aug 1662; pres to the vicarage of St Peter's Derby 20 Oct 1662; involved in a defamation case 18 Nov 1662 in which the articles against him mention him drinking healths 'to the confusion of the Presbyterians'; son of Thomas A of Alvaston; ed Repton; admitted sizar aged 16 to St John's College, Ca, 1654, BA 1658/9, MA 1662; ord d and pr by Thomas Sydserf bishop of Galloway 2 March 1660/1; prebendary and chancellor of Wolverhampton Collegiate Church 1679-1715; prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral 1689-1715; rector of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs 1696-1715; author of sermons.⁵

- 1 BL Harleian MS 594, 126v; Cox, iv, 140, LJRO, B/C/11, wills of Richard Symson 12 May 1543, Elizabeth Whitworth 9 Sept 1542, Elizabeth Webster 22 Mar 1561/2, all of South Normanton, B/V/1/2

- 2 PRO, E179/19/509

- 3 LJRO, B/V/1/7, 8, 9, 11, 13, 15, 20, 23, 24, 25, AA11, 11; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 11.

- 4 LJRO, B/V/1/28, 32, 37, 41, 57, 62; B/V/2/9, DRO, Alvaston and Boulton Parish Register D878/PI1.

- 5 PRO, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/A/4/3, B/A/3, Derby, St Peter, B/C/5, 1662, B/V/1/67; Venn; Landor, 113, 345

Ashbourne

Vicarage

fl 1533-62

Lawrence Horobyn, paid the second part of a clerical subsidy in 1533 as vicar of Ashbourne; also appears as vicar in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* of 1535. There is no surviving record of his institution in the Lichfield episcopal registers. 11 Dec 1529 inst to the vicarage of St Michael's, Derby by the Abbot and Convent of Darley, his successor being inst on his resignation 30 Nov 1530. He subscribed to the Elizabethan Church Settlement on 19 Sept 1559 at Derby; will 8 June 1561, inventory 2 June 1562, probate 5 June 1562; 22 Oct 1560 the inhabitants of Hognaston undertook an instance case against him concerning the provision of a curate in their chapel.¹

15 Dec 1563

Christopher Haukshurst inst.²

7 Sept 1564

William Bylling inst on the resignation of CH, p Francis Mallet, dean of Lincoln.³

3 July 1566

Robert Hurt inst on deprivation of WB p Francis Mallet, dean of Lincoln; curate at Ashbourne in 1558 and rector of Somersal Herbert 1560-87 (qv); noted as a pluralist in 1581; cited in 1573 for not reading homilies at Ashbourne and told to do so according to the form laid out in the queen's injunctions; cited in 1581 for not providing quarterly sermons at Hognaston Chapel; excommunicated for contumacy 31 May 1593; involved in an instance case in 1597 over his responsibility as vicar to provide a curate to serve the chapel at Alsopen le Dale; described in 1593 as a 'rural scholar', of honest life and conversation, ord pr by Ralph Baynes bp of C and L 1554-9, 'well-exercised in Holy Writ, laudably instructing his flock'; buried March 1603.⁴

10 June 1603

Thomas Peacock BA inst; a preacher lic by the bp of C and L; also served Mapleton fl 1605-39 (qv); also appears as curate of Hognaston in 1626 (qv). Court records abound in references to his disputes with the inhabitants of Hognaston over his responsibilities as vicar of Hognaston Chapel — 1605 a case concerning the provision of a curate at Hognaston, cited in 1609, 1620 and 1636 for failing to repair the parsonage house at Hognaston. In 1611 he undertook a defamation case against John Smith who, witnesses claimed, had described him as, 'The vicar is a drunken vicar and not fit to rule the flock he hath under his hands', and 'a drunk priest and a whoring priest'. When the consistory court sat at Ashbourne 28 Nov 1622 he appeared as deputy of the official principal; in 1627 he was described as a preacher and the surrogate of Charles Twysden vicar-general of the diocese of C and L. On 28 March 1645/6 the CPM ordered the Derbyshire Committee for Parliament to receive articles against TP and his answers to them, and examine witnesses involved in his case. There is no

further record of any action taken against him. Probably the TP who matric as sizar at Trinity College Ca 1595, BA 1601/2.⁵

fl 1650-60

William Wayne alias Weane first appears as vicar of Ashbourne 8 Feb 1649/50 when the CPM ordered payment of an augmentation grant to him; the order was repeated 24 May 1650; vicar when the parliamentary survey was taken 10 June 1650; signed the testimony of John Greaves to the Triers 1655; burial of Joseph son of WW vicar 1 Mar 1660 noted in parish register.⁶

22 Nov 1661

Thomas Browne MA inst p Michael Honeywood, dean of Lincoln; held the living with Mapleton (qv); also vicar of Wirksworth 1661-89 (qv); a prebendary and canon residentiary of Lichfield Cathedral 1661-89; archdeacon of Derby 1666-89; a non-juror in 1689; vicar of Ilam, Staffs 1656-61; ord d and pr by Robert Skinner bp of Oxford 6 Mar 1650/1; cannot be positively identified in either Forster or Venn.⁷

Lecturers

The lectureship at Ashbourne was endowed in 1631-2 with £400 in a trust consisting of six citizens of London and five inhabitants of or near Ashbourne in order that a lecturer might be maintained to preach two sermons a week in Ashbourne Church or in some other place not exceeding five miles away from Ashbourne. In a late seventeenth-century document it was explained that a need was felt for lectures because the vicarage was poorly endowed, thus being unattractive to learned ministers with an ability to preach. As the following list reveals, the endowments formalised and perpetuated already existing arrangements.⁸

fl 1605-20

William Hill, lecturer⁹

1624-33

Joseph Taylor, subscr as lecturer 2 Apr 1624; matric as sizar St John's College Ca 1613, BA 1616/7, MA 1620, ord at Peterborough d and pr 23-4 May 1619; will (PCC) 1633; also schoolmaster at Ashbourne.¹⁰

1633-44

John Hieron, elected lecturer by the first

Joseph Taylor, subscr as lecturer 2 Apr 1624; matric as sizar St John's College Ca 1613, BA 1616/7, MA 1620, ord at Peterborough d and pr 23-4 May 1619; will (PCC) 1633; also schoolmaster at Ashbourne.¹⁰

1633-44

John Hieron, elected lecturer by the first trustees of the endowed lectureship 25 July 1633; born 1608 at Stapenhill; son of Walter Hieron curate at Stapenhill fl 1605-16 and at Chellaston fl 1620 until his suspension in 1636 (qv); WH was a notable puritan nonconformist; JH ed Repton under the headmastership of Thomas Whitehead; adm to Christ's College, Ca, 2 May 1625 under the tutorship of William Chappel, later bishop of Cork; scholar of the college, BA 1628/9, MA 1632; schoolmaster at Diss, Norfolk and Kirkby Moorside, Yorks 1629; ord d and pr by Thomas Morton bp C and L and subscribed 22 May 1630; household chaplain to Sir Henry Leigh of Egginton 1630-3 and preacher at Newton Solney; also lecturer at the countess of Chesterfield's Friday sermons in Bretby Chapel (qv) and preacher at the Repton exercise. When Joseph Taylor, lecturer and schoolmaster at Ashbourne, fell ill, Hieron was the popular choice to succeed him at the school, but failed to win the support of the heir of the School's founder who promoted the cause of a Mr Cox. At Bishop Wright's primary visitation both Cox and Hieron waived their claims and a third candidate was put in, though he was later removed for misconduct. Meanwhile JH was elected to the lectureship and licensed to preach by Bishop Wright. In this place he 'built upon Mr Taylor's foundations' which meant preaching strict sabbatarian doctrine. In Oct 1635 he married Ann, Taylor's widow who was buried at Ashbourne 13 July 1658. 2 Aug 1636 cited to Lichfield consistory court to answer unspecified articles; 13 Dec 1637 cited before the Court of High Commission accused of saying that Bishop Wright and Sir Andrew Kniveton 'neither feared God nor honoured the king'; he was discharged. On the outbreak of the Civil War certain inhabitants of Ashbourne, offended by his preaching, accused him of

being a roundhead, resulting in a royalist raid on his house and his arrest by Captains Ballard and Dennis of 'Sir Francis Wortley's party'. Ballard accused him, 'Gentlemen cannot drink the king's health but you must reprove them for it', a reference to JH's sabbatarianism, while Wortley claimed that he had preached against episcopacy. Hieron protested that he had only preached against the excesses of the bishops. He was released through the efforts of Mrs Cockayne. By 1643 the royalist garrison at Tutbury had made life impossible for Hieron and so he migrated to Derby, Sir John Gell's Parliamentary garrison. Minister of Breadsall 1644-62 (qv) but maintained some contact with Ashbourne when appointed a trustee of the lectureship in 1651, a post he held until his death, despite his refusal to conform at the Restoration.¹¹

M. Lownes, known only from a list of lecturers prepared in 1690 when the right to appoint to the lectureship was in dispute.¹² c1650-1

John Machin, according to Calamy he was lecturer for two years; later lecturer at Atherstone, Warks; ejected in 1662 from Whitley, Cheshire; born 1624, matriculated Jesus College Ca 1646, BA 1649, MA 1653; ordained by the presbyterians at Whitchurch, Salop 1649; attended the Wirksworth Classis 19 Feb 1651/2.¹³ c1651-57

Samuel Moore, according to his own testimony in 1690, he was elected to the lectureship in 1651 and remained in it about seven years until he acquired the rectory of Kirk Ireton; 18 Jan 1652/3 he applied for ordination from the Wirksworth Classis, examined 15 Feb 1652/3 and ordained 15 March 1653; 17 May 1653 admitted a member of the classis and was thereafter fairly regular in attending its meetings; born in Chesterfield; adm sizar St John's College Ca 1648, BA 1651/2; ord d and pr 1 Feb 1661/2 by John Hacket bp of C and L; rector of Kirk Ireton 1657-1717 (qv).¹⁴ c1657-62

John Kelsall, according to his own testimony in 1690, he succeeded Moore in the lectureship and stayed in it for about five years

until he acquired a benefice; vicar of Mayfield, Staffs 1662-98. The Triers admitted him to the vicarage of Hathersage 11 Sept 1657 (qv) and he applied to the Wirksworth Classis for ordination 20 Oct 1657 with the backing 'of his neighbouring ministers about Hathersage', but he never seems to have gained full possession of the living (see Hathersage). The classis ordained him 12 Jan 1657/8. He was certainly at Ashbourne by 12 August 1660 when Mary, daughter of JK 'Minister of Ashbourne', was baptised; paid the clerical subsidy there 19 Feb 1661/2 and subscribed to the act of Uniformity as lecturer 21 Aug 1662; also subscribed 11 July 1661 on his ord as d and pr; ought not be confused with the JK vicar of Audley until his death in 1669 and a Cambridge graduate.¹⁵

- 1 BL, MS Harleian 594; LJRO, B/A/1/14i, 42v, 43, B/C/2/5, B/C/11, will; B/V/1/2; LPL, Vol XIII/58, f.xi.
- 2 PRO, E331/C and L/2
- 3 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 39
- 4 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 81, B/C/3/2, B/C/5, 1597, B/V/1/2, 8, 17; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellaena Vol XIII/37, 13; DRO, Parish Register, Microfilm 117.
- 5 PRO, E331/C and L/9; LJRO, AA11, 16, B/C/5, 1605, 1611, B/V/1/25, 41, 59, B/V/2/13, B/C/3, 12; BL, Add MS 15670, 51
- 6 Bod Lib, MS Bodley 327, 154, 212; LPL, Comm X11a/6, 364, Comm III/4, 428; DRO, Microfilm 117
- 7 LPL, Juxon's Register, 93, 95v; Landor, 132, LJRO, B/V/1/67, Dean and Chapter Act Book VII.
- 8 DRO, Chandos-Pole-Gell papers D258/48/6b
- 9 LJRO, B/V/1/24, 28, 32, 37
- 10 LJRO, B/A/4/18; Venn, iv, 207
- 11 DRO, D258/48/6, Microfilm 117; R. Porter, *The Life of Mr John Hieron* (London, 1691), 1, 3, 4, 5-7, 8, 9, 10, 12-3, 18, 21-3; Venn; LJRO, B/A/4/18, B/C/3/15, B/V/1/62
- 12 DRO, D258/48/6
- 13 DRO, D258/48/6; *Cal Rev*, 332; J.C.

Cox, 'Minute Book of the Wirksworth Classis', *DAJ* II (1880), 154.

- 14 DRO, D258/48/6; Cox, op cit, 166, 167, 168, 170, *passim*; LJRO, B/A/1/17, 1
- 15 DRO, D258/48/6; Landor, 19, 191; Cox, op cit, 213, 214, 215; DRO, Microfilm 117; PRO, E179/20/586A, LJRO, B/A/4/3, B/V/4, 1662, Dean and Chapter Subscription Book, 17v.

Ashford in the Water Parochial Chapelry
This list is far from complete as the chapelry was part of the High Peak Peculiar for which few sources are available.

By 1579

Ralph Home: a Ralph Holme was the chantrist of the Rood Chantry in Wirksworth Church and allotted a pension of 100 shillings a year at its dissolution; still in receipt of the pension in 1558.¹

By 1605

Lawrence Hinchcliffe: curate of Killamarsh by 1614 and of Mellor by 1620.²

By 1616

*Ralph Turner*³

By 1635

Ralph Heathcote; an RH curate of Chelmorton fl1609-16 and vicar of Tideswell from the late 1630s (qv).⁴

c1637-45

Thomas Stanley MA; curate at Dore c1634-7 and rector of Eyam 1645-60 (qv).⁵

By 1650

Mr *Thacker*: order for him to receive an augmentation grant 11 Oct 1650.⁶

By 1651

Thomas Nicholson: order for him to receive an augmentation grant 19 Dec 1651; also appears in an order of 19 Nov 1652 as curate of Sheldon, but another order of 4 Mar 1652/3 records his departure from that cure.⁷

By 1662

Edward Hollingshead; paid clerical subsidy there 19 Feb 1661/2; according to Calamy ejected from the living but 'I am told he conformed after being a nonconformist some years'; ord d 10 June 1666 and pr 17 May 1668 by John Hacket bp of C and L; later curate of Buxton and Fairfield;

possibly the same EH curate of Brassington fl 1630-9 and rector of Fenny Bentley 1646-60 (qv).⁸

- 1 LJRO, B/V/1/11; BL, Add MS 8102, 50; PRO, E135/10/42
- 2 LJRO, B/V/1/24
- 3 LJRO, B/V/1/25
- 4 PRO, SP16/293, 138
- 5 W. Bagshaw, *De Spiritualibus Peccati* (1702), 61-4
- 6 LPL, Comm VIa/1, 71
- 7 LPL, Comm VIa/3, 87, 531, Comm VIa/4
- 8 PRO, E179/20/586A; Calamy, 205; *Cal Rev*, 203; LJRO, B/A/1/17, B/A/4/3

Ashover

Rectory

8 Feb 1557/8

Thomas Hulley inst on death of last inc, p Lionel Resesby; subcr. at Derby to Elizabethan Settlement 19 Sept 1559; curate of Wellow, Notts, in 1567 when excom and told to return to Ashover; still curate there in 1589.¹

4 Aug 1589

Geoffrey Owtram inst, compounded for First Fruits 5 Dec 1589; 1593 BA, of honest life and conversation, ord pr by William Overton bp C and L ? 2 June 1589, well exercised in Holy Writ; 1603 BA, no preacher; adm sizar at Gonville and Caius, Ca, 1581 aged 19, son of Richard of Horsley Gate in Dronfield, bapt 24 Feb 1561/2, ed Mansfield School, matric 1582, migrated to Peterhouse 1582, BA 1583/4.²

20 May 1615

Henry Leadbetter subcr as rector.³

22 August 1615

John Hancocke inst, p Sir Thomas Resesby.⁴

14 July 1620

Stephen Haxby BD inst on death of last inc p James I; pres under sign manual 2 July 1620; pres recorded at Lichfield 11 July 1620; subscr 14 July 1620; of Yorks, BA St John's, Ca, 1604/5, fellow 1607, MA 1608, BD 1616, rector of Bodney, Norfolk, 1611, prebendary of Lichfield 1619-22, rector of Coppenhall, Cheshire, 1621-7.⁵

11 July 1621

Immanuel Bourne MA on death of John

Hancocke (sic), pr Sir Samuel Tryan bt and kt; subscr 12 July 1621; son of Henry B clk of Northamptonshire, Christ Church, Ox, 1608 aged 17, BA 1611/2, MA 1616, incorporated at Ca 1621; m Jemina daughter of Sir Thomas Beckingham kt, preacher at St Christopher's near the Exchange, London, preacher at St Sepulchre's London 1646, sequestered to the rectory of Calbourne, Isle of Wight 1646, rector of Waltham 1656 and Ayleston 1670 in Leicestershire, died 27 Dec 1672; article in DNB; author of several works including, *A Light from Christ leading unto Christ* (1646) which gives an account of his ministry at Ashover, his harsh treatment at the hands of the Court of High Commission during the 1630s and his sufferings during the first Civil War, resulting in his temporary flight from Ashover; *A Defence of the Holy Scriptures* (1656) refers to the disputation between himself with other local ministers and James Nayler, the Quaker, in Chesterfield Parish Church in 1655; *A Defence and Justification of Ministers' Maintenance by Tithes* (1659) referring to his ministry and sufferings during the 1640s. For recent studies of Bourne see, A.J. Fletcher, 'Petitioning and the Outbreak of the Civil War in Derbyshire', *DAJ* XCIII (1973), 34-7, 41; R. O'Day, 'Immanuel Bourne: a defence of the clerical order', *Journal of Ecclesiastical History*, XXVII (1976), 102-12; *The English Clergy: the emergence and consolidation of a profession* (Leicester, 1979), 162, 169, 185-6, 208, 211-6, 218-21, 225, 230.⁶

21 May 1658

Obadiah Bourne adm by the Triers, p Thomas Bourne citizen and grocer of London; pres 14 May 1658; ord d and pr by John Backet bp C and L at St Andrews's Holborn 12 Feb 1661/2; pres deed dated 12 Feb 1661/2 p Thomas Bourne citizen of London, claiming living was 'through cession or by other means vacant'; inst 13 Feb 1661/2; paid clerical subsidy 19 Feb 1661/2; subscr 29 July 1662; lic to preach 23 Sept 1662; matric Corpus Christi, Ox, 1651, BA 1654/5, MA 1657.⁷

Stipendiary Curates

By 1568

William Woodcocke, assessed for clerical subsidy 24 May.⁸

By 1569

James Hall, assessed for clerical subsidy 8 Oct; a JH curate at Bonsall 1563, vicar of Elmton 1564-6, rector of Barton Blount 1571-4, rector of Bilborough, Notts 1572-91, rector of Thorpe 1585-91 (qv).⁹

By 1572

William Smal(l)wood certified for payment of clerical subsidies in 1572, 1573, 1577 and 1578, still curate there in 1584; ord pr by William Downham bp of Chester at Astbury 15 Sept 1566; a WS appears as curate of Meerbrook Chapel, Leek, Staffs, described as no preacher, no degree, a common drunkard, maker of unlawful marriages in 1603-4, and as curate of Elton and Winster 1609 and 1614 (qv).¹⁰

19 Dec 1619

George Younge BA subscr as curate; still there during bp's visitation in 1620; matric sizar at Corpus Christi, Ca, 1606, BA 1610, of Derbys; a GY school master in Fairfield 1605.¹¹

1645-6

John Cantrell, presumably during the period when Immanuel Bourne had fled to London for safety. Living in Ashover again in 1661 when cited for making a clandestine marriage 2 Oct 1661 and excom. Also curate of Darley, Elton, Parwich, Winster, Chelmorton and, Beeley at various times between 1627 and 1656 (qv).¹²

- 1 LJRO, B/A/1/15; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/58; Train, xx, 203.
- 2 PRO, E331/C and L/6; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/37-3; LJRO, AA11; Venn, iii, 291
- 3 LJRO, B/A/4A/17
- 4 PRO, E331/C and L/12
- 5 LJRO, B/A/1/16; Dean and Chapter Jurisdiction 17; B/A/4/18; Venn, ii, 338.
- 6 LJRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, Foster, 156; Comm XIIa/6, 452
- 7 LPL, Comm III/7, 32; LJRO, B/A/

1/ 17, B/A/3, Ashover, B/A/4/3, B/V/1/ 67; PRO, E179/20/586A, Foster.

- 8 PRO, E170/19/516
- 9 PRO, E179/19/519
- 10 PRO, E179/19/522-3, 526, 528; LJRO, B/V/1/15; Landor, 147, 148.
- 11 LJRO, B/A/1/18, B/V/1/24, 37; Venn, iv, 492
- 12 LJRO, B/V/1/66; DRO, Beeley Parish Register D1191/PII

Aston upon Trent

Rectory

26 Dec 1557

Alexander Barlowe inst on the death of John Whilbye p William Lord Paget; subscr to the Elizabethan Church Settlement at Derby 19 Sept 1559; will dated 3 Feb 1567/8, inventory 9 Feb 1567/8.¹

17 July 1568

William Sale inst on death of AB, p Lord Paget; compounded for First Fruits 29 July 1569; subscribed to the Elizabethan Church Settlement in 1559; BA 1542, MA 1556 Ox, in 1584 call book appears as LLB; schoolmaster at Stafford; sacrist in Wolverhampton Collegiate Church 1548-53; prebendary of Wobaston in Wolverhampton Collegiate Church 1553; rector of Quatt Shrops, 1547-67; master of St John's Hospital in Lichfield 1560; prebendary of Weeford in Lichfield Cathedral 1563-88 and canon-residentiary; rector of Stoke upon Tern, Salop, 1571-88; in 1581 cited to exhibit his dispensation to hold Aston upon Trent and Stoke upon Tern in plurality; in 1560 disputed the right to the rectory of North Wingfield with John Cooke; Will PCC.²

30 July 1588

Richard Porter inst; pres 26 July 1588 by the Crown; compounded for First Fruits 1 August 1588; MA but not identified in either Venn or Forster; ord pr by Richard Rogers bp of Dover, suffragan of John Whitgift archbp of Canterbury; in 1593 of honest life and conversation, 'well-learned and instructs his flock well'; in 1603 a preacher lic by the bp of C and L.³

20 May 1617

John Porter inst and subscr, p Joan Porter, widow, for this turn only.

27 Jan 1636/7

Richard Clarke MA inst, p Henry Clarke, Esq; ord pr by Francis White bp of Ely 4 Aug 1635; lic to preach by Robert Wright bp of C and L (1632-43); letter from Thomas Holden rector of Aston to John Walker, dated 2 April 1724, claims that RC was related to Sir Francis Clarke of Kent and the Clarks of Chilcote, then in Derbyshire, and that he was ed at Oxford. During the Civil War, the letter goes on,

When finding himself too much exposed to the pillaging and insults of the neighbouring garrison at Derby [held for Parliament], and another small one nigher home furnished out for them, he thought fit to retire with his worthy and good friend Sir John Harpur of Swarkestone, knight, to the garrison of Ashby de la Zouche . . . [Royalist].

For this 'delinquency' his living was sequestered to Thomas Palmer on 11 July 1644. By 18 Apr 1646 RC with his wife, family and 'other delinquents' had intruded himself back into his rectory, and the CPM ordered him to quit. On 13 June 1646 the CPM passed an order for Beatrice, his wife, to receive one fifth of the revenues from the benefice for her family's support. Between Nov 1646 and Feb 1647 a case between Beatrice Clarke and Thomas Palmer was heard by the CPM over whether this fifth ought to be allowed her, the case being decided in her favour. On 7 May 1647 the fifth was converted into an annuity of £40 so long as Mrs Clarke surrendered the parsonage to Palmer, but an order of 16 Oct 1647 shows that Mrs Clarke was still in possession of it 'by the assistance of divers turbulent persons'. RC restored to Aston 1660 under the terms of the Restoration Settlement; not positively indentified in Foster; an RC suber as curate at Hartshorne in 1625 and appears as curate at Breadsall c1621-3.⁵ [*Daniel Chaundler* BD pres by the Crown 28 Feb 1636/7; obviously only presented under the mistaken impression that the living was still vacant; fellow of Queens' College, Ca, 1628-44 (ejected)].⁶

11 July 1644

Thomas Palmer on sequestration of RC; son of Robert of Shepshed, Leics, clk; ed St Edmund Hall, Ox, matric 1631 aged 19, BA 1635; chaplain to Skippon's regiment and perhaps a major under Lambert; curate of St Lawrence Pountney in London 24 Nov 1644; prosecuted at Lincoln Assizes for refusing the Sacrament to his parishioners July 1658. After his ejection from Aston in 1660, he was arrested for preaching at Egerton, Kent, Nov 1662 and at Nottingham in 1663. In the same year he was implicated in the Farnley Wood Plot against Charles II. Eventually he went to Ireland. According to Thomas Holden, a later and prejudiced source,

I have good reason to believe . . . that he was a most cankered rebel and bitter enemy to monarchy . . . This goodly orthodox divine seems to have been one that could shift his principles at pleasure, and to have had a conscience supple in his interest. He came to this town of the presbyterian persuasion, and so continued whilst the party was like to stand its ground, but when the Anabaptists appeared the more powerful and rising one, he then became of their persuasion.

According to the commissioners of 1650 he was 'an able preacher and of good conversation.' Author; article on him in *DNB*.⁷

Stipendiary Curates

fl 1546-58

John Bond; witness to the will of Robert Burton of Aston proved 5 July 1546; curate in 1553 and in 1558 when he was reported as ill.⁸

By 1573

*Thomas Brakeley*⁹

fl 1579-81

*Thomas Flint*¹⁰

fl 1584-86

William Kent; ord pr by William Downham bp of Chester at Astbury 31 Mar 1574; curate at Melbourne fl 1593-1605 (qv).¹¹

By 1597

*Thomas Mould*¹²

By 1636

Gervase Wheeldon; a GW curate at Kirk Ireton, curate at Breadsall and vicar of Barrow upon Trent cum Twyford 1638-57 (qv).¹³

By 1662

William Osborne; ord d 28 May and pr 30 May 1661 by Robert Sanderson bp of Lincoln; paid clerical subsidy as curate at Aston 19 Feb 1661/2; subscr to Act of Uniformity 7 Aug 1662; vicar of St Peter's, Derby 1663-1712; adm of sizar of St John's College, Ca, 1656, son of James, yeoman, of Elvaston, BA 1659/60, MA 1663, incorporated into Oxford 1664.¹⁴

- 1 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 18; B/C/11, wills; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58
- 2 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 81v, B/V/1/13; LPL, Carte Antiqua et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58: Forster, 1302; Landor, 332; Bentham, 123
- 3 PRO, E331/C and L/6; Index of Compositions; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 14
- 4 PRO, E331/C and L/12; LJRO, B/A/4/17
- 5 PRO, E331/C and L/16; LJRO, B/V/1/67; Bod Lib, MS Bodley 324, 79, 82, 117, 283; Walker MS c7/122; BL, Additional MS 15670, 68, 106, Additional MS 15671, 9v, 241v, 259; *Walker Rev*, 105; DRO D2459A/PI1.
- 6 BRL, DV903/966; Venn, i, 320
- 7 *Cal Rev*, 380; Calamy, 205; Bod Lib, Walker MS C7, 122; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 391
- 8 LJRO, B/C/11, Wills, B/V/1/2; Cox, iv, 5
- 9 LJRO, B/V/1/8
- 10 LJRO, B/V/1/11, 13
- 11 LJRO, B/V/1/15, 20
- 12 LJRO, B/V/1/23
- 13 LJRO, B/V/1/57
- 14 LJRO, B/V/1/67, B/A/4/3; PRO, E179/20/586A; Venn.

Atlow

1558

de-est curatus¹

By 1560

?*Roger Beche*; on 14 Aug 1558 witness to the will of John Bywater of Mugginton as curate there.²

fl 1570-73

William Frost; a WF appears in a pension roll of 1552 as the ex-chantrist of Taddington.³ fl 1579-81

Henry Holliday; in 1581 articles and presentment of the churchwardens of Atlow against him, accusing him of incontinence (ie presumably a sexual offence); he was suspended and told to purge (ie prove his innocence) himself of the offence.⁴

By 1586

*John Hollydaye*⁵

By 1593

William Cocken, rural scholar, honest, ord d by William Overton bp of C and L 20 Sept 1591, versed in Holy Writ, probably then also curate at Carsington; in 1586 a William Cockyn 'curate' at Mapleton (qv).⁶

By 1597

James Lightwood; rector of Bradley 1600-37 (qv).⁷

By 1601

Ralph Lumpe; 6 May 1601 cited as curate to answer certain articles concerning the execution of his office, excommunicated for non-appearance.⁸ fl 1603-5

Peter Parker, no degree, no preacher, a stipend; curate at Thorpe (qv) in 1601.⁹ fl 1609-20

Richard Bullock; an RB curate at Elkstone Chapel in Alstonefield Parish, Staffs, c1602-4, no preacher, reader young scholar, 'going to a grammar school during the week'.¹⁰ fl 1625-39

Richard Winterborne, subscr on ord as d 24 Sept 1625; curate of Hognaston by May 1639 (qv).¹¹

By 1650

– *Massey*, four shillings a week stipend, 'a man unfit and a drunkard'.¹²

By 1662

John Addams, paid clerical subsidy 19 Feb 1662; cited 31 July 1662 to attend the

episcopal visitation of the diocese during September.¹³

- 1 LJRO, B/V/1/2
- 2 LJRO, B/V/1/4; B/C/11, Will.
- 3 LJRO, B/V/1/7, 8; PRO, E179/19/521, 522; J.C. Cox, 'The Religious Pension Roll of Derbyshire, tempore Edward VI, *DAJ XXVIII (1906)*, 41.
- 4 LJRO, B/V/1/11, 13
- 5 LJRO, B/V/1/20
- 6 LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 13
- 7 LJRO, B/V/1/23
- 8 LJRO, B/C/3/9
- 9 LJRO, AA11, 16
- 10 LJRO, B/V/1/25, 28, 32, 37; Landor, 11, 13
- 11 LJRO, B/V/4, 1626, B/V/1/57, 62, B/A/4/18
- 12 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 364-5
- 13 PRO, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/V/4, 1662

Ault Hucknall

Vicarage

30 Apr 1558

Thomas Beverage on the death of the last inc p Sir Francis Leake; subscr to the Elizabethan Church Settlement at Derby 19 Sept 1559; a Thomas Beryge inst as rector of Sutton Scarsdale 10 March 1539/40 p Francis Leake, Esq.¹

25 June 1580

Thomas Pettie inst on death of TB, p Francis Leake; adm by W Awbrey; ord pr by Edmund Scambler bp of Peterborough 21 Sept 1576.²

31 Oct 1590

Thomas Milner inst; pres by the Crown through lapse of time 8 Oct 1590; inst to vicarage of Blackwell 31 Jan 1588/9 (qv), curate of Selston, Notts c1592-1611 and buried there 27 Feb 1610/11.³

[Christopher Chapman shown as vicar here in 1593 but seems to be an error for Elmton qv]

10 June 1604

Henry Smith inst; MA; rector of Matlock 1613-40 (qv).⁴

22 Sept 1606

Francis Rodes inst; perhaps the FR curate of Wellow, Notts, in 1603 and vicar of St

Peter's Nottingham 1604-6; if so BA Clare College, Ca, matric there 1577; possible rector of Whittington (qv).⁵

10 Feb 1611/2

Henry Bate inst and subscr.⁶

20 June 1628

William Smithson inst and subscr on the res of HB, p Francis Lord Deincourt; ord pr by Toby Matthew Archbp of York 1623; rector of Teversal, Notts, 1638-c1655 p Sir Edward Molyneux bt; son of Roger of Yorks pleb, University College, Ox, 1618 aged 18, BA 1622, MA 1625, student of Middle Temple 1624.⁷

Thomas Wilson vicar in 1650, 'a cavalier, drunkard and insufficient'.⁸

13 Feb 1662

Lawrence Wayne inst, p Nicholas earl of Scarsdale; pres deed 10 Feb 1662 'of St John's College, Cambridge'; ord d and pr by John Hacket bp of C and L 12 Feb 1662; paid the clerical subsidy 19 Feb 1662; subscr to the Act of Uniformity 13 Aug 1662.⁹

[Calamy has Samuel Newell as vicar of Ault Hucknall in 1662, and suffering ejection from the same, but documentary sources of that year concur that he was then minister of Blackwell qv]

Stipendiary Curates

By 1571

Richard Parsons; vicar of Tibshelf 1575-1617 (qv)¹⁰

By 1620

*Hugh Carle*¹¹

- 1 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 18v, B/A/1/14iii, 27v; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58
- 2 LPL, Grindal's Register II, 439v; LJRO, B/V/1/15
- 3 PRO, E331/C and L/7; BL, Lansdown MS 444, 68; Train, xv, 12
- 4 PRO, E331/C and L/8
- 5 PRO, E331/C and L/8; Train, xv, 44; xx, 203; Venn, iii, 417
- 6 PRO, E179/20/573; Borthwick, Neile's Subscription Book, 16
- 7 LJRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18;
- 8 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 475
- 9 LJRO, B/A/1/17, B/A/4/3, B/V/1/67; PRO, E179/20/586A

- 10 LJRO, B/V/1/8
11 LJRO, B/V/1/37

Bakewell

Vicarage

One of the three benefices of the Dean and Chapter's peculiar in the Peak, Bakewell has proved difficult to furnish with a satisfactory list of clergy.

fl 1560

*Richard Heywood*¹

1565

Ralph Cleyton, inst during 1565 and compounded for First Fruits 29 Sept 1565; he subscribed to the Elizabethan Act of Uniformity in 1559. A presentation deed, dated 5 Feb 1580, survives among the Lichfield episcopal records, referring to Cleyton as able to preach and expound the word of God. It presumably refers to his dispute with Edmund Willock over the title to the living. He clearly won his case, being recorded as vicar of Bakewell in 1579, 1594, 1586 and 1605. Also vicar of Hartington 1578-1607 (qv).²

9 Dec 1579

Edmund Willock MA, collated by Archbp Grindal through lapse. Ralph Cleyton was cited to appear in his consistory court to prove why Willock ought not to be inducted.³

11 June 1609

Hamlett Charlton, inst, having been presented by the Crown through lapse on 17 Mar on the commendation of Sir Simon Weston; compounded for First Fruits 4 Aug 1609. In a letter supporting the nomination of his successor he was described as 'an honest man but not fit for so great a care and brought in by Thomas Clayton to thrust out his own father'; buried at Bakewell 24 Dec 1614; curate of Hanbury, Staffs c1598.⁴

13 Jan 1615

John Rowlandson inst p the Dean and Chapter of Lichfield. A petition, dated 26 Dec 1614, to the Dean and Chapter from the Churchwardens and inhabitants of Bakewell, claimed that JR had the support of Sir George Manners and that the late vicar upon his death bed desired him 'to build upon his foundation'. In a letter of 9 Jan 1615 the Dean of Lichfield noted the petition in JR's favour and also recom-

mended him, writing, 'We can have but a laborious and Godly and painful pastor in the place, and therefore, I pray you, let him taste of our lawful favour'. According to Bagshaw he was an official of the peculiar and used his office to protect Charles Broxholme, the nonconformist curate of Buxton (qv). However, on 11 May 1637 Edward Latham LLB was appointed Official of the Peak Peculiar by the Dean and Chapter. JR described as of Oxford, matric Queen's, Ox 1603 aged 16, MA 1610; curate of Chapel en le Frith 'when young', curate of Parwich in 1614, prebendary of Sandiacre in Lichfield Cathedral 1617, rector of Whitwell c1650-9 (qv).⁵

fl 1648-56

John Rowlandson junior; on 22 Apr 1648 the CPM ordered a grant of £50 pa to him and appointed him as assistant to his father 'in regard of the greatness of the said charge which the said Mr. Rowlandson now cannot in regard to the infirmities of old age as formerly undergone without an assistant'. By 1650 JR jnr was in sole charge of the parish. On 24 June 1656 he was presented to the vicarage by William Steere, chief baron of the Exchequer, and the Trustees for the Maintenance of Ministers on the resignation of JR snr.⁶

Stipendiary Curate

fl 1560

Richard Alsop, curate of Baslow 1568-81 (qv).⁷

1 LJRO, B/V/1/4

2 LJRO, B/V/1/11, 15, 20, 24; B/A/3, Bakewell; PRO, Index to Composition Books E334;

3 LPL, Grindal's Register II, 433v

4 Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179, 123; PRO, E331/C and L/11; index to Composition Books E334, LJRO, Dean and Chapter TS: DRO, D2057A/PI27; Landor, 116

5 PRO, E331/C and L/11; LJRO, Dean and Chapter T4-5; W. Bagshaw, *De Spiritualibus Peccis* (1702), 7-11; LJRO, Act Book VI.

6 Bod Lib, Bodley MS 325, 57v-8; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 415; Comm III/2, 16; PRO, E339/1.

7 LJRO, B/V/1/4

Ballidon Chapel of ease lacking rights of Sepulchre

This chapel was frequently, though not always, served by the curates of Brassington. fl 1561

Edward Bennett, curate of Brassington fl 1553-70, rector of Kirk Ireton 1572-8 (qv).¹ fl 1570

Richard Manyfolde, curate of Osmaston by Ashbourne in 1573 (qv).² fl 1573

*William Hermyll*³ fl 1579-97

Humphrey Allcocke, also curate of Brassington fl 1573-97 (qv).⁴ fl 1601-9

Edward Wilson, cited 11 Nov 1601 for serving the cure without a licence; in 1603 as of no degree, no preacher; also curate of Brassington fl 1603-09; presented to the rectory of Fenny Bentley in 1596; curate of Elton in 1597 and 1616 and of Winster by 1619 (qv).⁵ fl 1614

Roger Gretton, also curate of Brassington; curate of Chesterfield in 1609 (qv).⁶ 1616

Vacant⁷ fl 1620

*David Cartwright*⁸ 23 Sept 1626

Anthony Mellor, subscr as curate on his ord as d.⁹

fl 1635-51

William Alsop: named as officiant in clandestine marriages in cases occurring in the bishop's consistory court 20 Nov 1635, 21 Jan 1636, 24 Jan 1636, 8 June 1637; ord pr by the bp of Peterborough; described in 1650 as 'a man unfit for the ministry and scandalous'; curate of Marston Montgomery in 1616 and of Newton Solney fl 1620-6 (qv).¹⁰

fl 1662

Roger Hurt: paid clerical subsidy here 19 Feb 1662 and recorded in the call book made for Bishop Hacket's primary Visitation Sept 1662.¹¹

- 1 LJRO, B/V/1/5
- 2 LJRO, B/V/1/7
- 3 LJRO, B/V/1/8

Roger Hurt: paid clerical subsidy here 19 Feb 1662 and recorded in the call book made for Bishop Hacket's primary Visitation Sept 1662.¹¹

- 1 LJRO, B/V/1/5
- 2 LJRO, B/V/1/7
- 3 LJRO, B/V/1/8
- 4 LJRO, B/V/1/11, 13, 15, 20, 23
- 5 LJRO, B/V/1/25, AA11, 16, B/C/3, 9
- 6 LJRO, B/V/1/28
- 7 LJRO, B/V/1/32
- 8 LJRO, B/V/1/37
- 9 LJRO, B/A/4, 18
- 10 LJRO, B/C/3, 15-16, B/V/1/62; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 362
- 11 PRO, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/V/1/67

Barlborough

Rectory

1 Sept 1538

William Walton inst on the death of John White last incumbent, p Godfrey Foljambe, Esq, for this turn by the grant of Sir Ralph Longford; a WW appears in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* 1535 as chaplain of Walton Hall, described as Foljambe's donative; subscr. at Derby to the Elizabethan Church Settlement 19 Sept 1559 also vicar of West Markham 1538-72 and of North Wheatley 1559-74, both in Notts, the patron of the latter being G Foljambe.¹

3 Feb 1575

Francis Nevill inst on the death of WW, p Richard Pype; probably the son of George Nevill of Thorney, Notts, matric Christ's, Ca, 1556, BA 1559/60, probably incorporated at St Alban Hall, Ox, 1573, MA 1574; perhaps ord at Gloucester 1571-3; also rector of Benefield, Northants 1577-8 (deprived) and rector of Grove, Notts 1579-1611; buried at Grove; will (PCC) proved 23 May 1611.²

[1 May 1581

James Stevenson presented to the living by the Crown, yet there is no evidence of his institution; later rector 1594-1616 *ut infra*.³] [13 Mar 1584

Nicholas Lemme presented by the Crown by reason of the last incumbent's resignation; there is no evidence of his institution.⁴]

14 March 1584

John Bagshawe MA inst on the deprivation of Francis Nevill, p the Crown; son of George, baliff of Lichfield; Christ Church, Ox 1564, BA 1569, MA 1572; prebendary of Lichfield Cathedral 1569-1605, vicar of St Mary's Lichfield 1581-89, rector of Whittington 1585 and Oswestry 1591, both in Shrops.⁵

10 Dec 1585

Thomas Dutton inst; compounded for First Fruits and Tenths 10 Dec 1585; curate of Ockbrook fl 1579-84 (qv).⁶

13 June 1589

Walter Marsh inst, matric St John's Ca, 1578, BA 1582, MA 1585; son of John, mercer of London; ed Merchant Taylor's School; ord pr at Peterborough 13 Mar 1586; prebendary of Lichfield, rector of Hamstall Ridware, Staffs 1586-90, arch-deacon of Derby 1588-90; a WM adm to the English Roman Catholic College at Douai in 1591.⁷

31 Aug 1592

Nicholas Denham MA inst, compounded for First Fruits 9 Dec 1592; no evidence of his university career has been found in Venn or Foster.⁸

26 July 1594

James Stevenson, presented through lapse by the Crown but no record of his inst as yet traced; ord by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Eccleshall 29 Sept 1568; vicar of Bolsover fl 1573; rector of South Normanton 1578-1616 (qv); cited in 1609 because his parsonage was out of repair.⁹

1616

Brian Hoppenstall, inst, p Sir John Rodes; subscr 12 June 1616; 6 Dec 1616 presented to the rectory by the Crown by reason of Sir John Rodes' outlawry and subscr again 21 Jan 1617, but no evidence has been traced of a re-institution; cited in the episcopal visitation of 1620 for not saying service on one Sunday, and in the episcopal visitation of 1623 for celebrating a clandestine marriage; suspended for contumacy 12 Apr 1621; matric Emmanuel, Ca, 1608, scholar, BA 1612, MA 1615; incorporated at Oxford 1612; ord d Sept 1615 and pr May 1616 at York; lic to marry 21 Dec 1619 Frances

Jenkinson of Kirk Sandal, Yorkshire.¹⁰

12 June 1639

Cyrian Banbury MA, inst, p Sir John Rodes; rector of Heath 1628-48 (qv).¹¹

13 Nov 1654

John Brocklehurst, adm by the Triers, p Lady Anne Rodes as guardian of Sir Francis Rodes; already in possession of the rectory in 1650 when described by the Parliamentary Commissioners as 'an honest able preacher'; a son of his was baptised at Barlborough in 1648 perhaps indicating even earlier possession; of Notts, adm Corpus, Ca, 1637, Jesus, Ca, 1638, scholar 1641, BA 1642; accepted for ord by the Manchester Classis 5 Jan 1648; a member of the Chesterfield Classis at the ord of William Bagshaw (see Glossop); at the Restoration he conformed, being ord by John Hacket bp of C and L d and pr 12 Feb 1662 and inst 13 Feb 1662, having been presented by his patroness 3 Feb 1662; subscr to the Act of Uniformity 24 July 1662.¹²

Stipendiary Curates

fl 1573

*James Ellys*¹³

fl 1614

*Roger Rabley*¹⁴

- 1 LJRO, B/A/i/14iii, 27v; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, xi; Train, xx, 126
- 2 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 83v; Venn, iii, 243; Train, xx, 85
- 3 BL, Lansdowne MS 443, 301v
- 4 BL, Lansdowne MS 444, 69v
- 5 LPL, Whitgift's Register I, 212; Foster; Landor, 170
- 6 PRO, E331/C and L/6; E334/10, 112
- 7 PRO, E331/C and L/6; Venn, iii, 146; Landor, 113
- 8 PRO, E331/C and L/7; E334/11
- 9 BL, Lansdowne MS 445, 47v; LJRO, B/V/1/15, 26
- 10 PRO, E331/C and L/13; LJRO, B/A/4/17; B/V/1/41, 44; B/V/2/9; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179, 183v; Venn ii, 356
- 11 PRO, E331/C and L/16
- 12 LPL, Comm III/3, 26; Comm XIIa/6, 455; Venn; J: Ashe, *A short account of*

- the life and character of Mr William Bagshaw* (London 1704), 3; LJRO, B/A/1/17,1; B/A/3, Barlborough; B/A/4/3; DRO, D1490A/PI 1
- 13 LJRO, B/V/1/8
- 14 LJRO, B/V/1/28

Barlow Parochial Chapelry

fl 1555-58

William Kyng, witnessed the wills of James Moore 21 June, 1555, Philip Fentnam 9 Oct 1557 and Lawrence Hancock 9 Nov 1558, all of Barlow; a WK priest of the Holy Cross Altar in Chesterfield Church at the dissolution of the chantries; granted an annual pension of 100 shillings of which he was still in receipt of 1558; a WK 'priest' buried at Barlow 7 May 1586.¹

fl 1560

Walter Taylor, presumably not the WT prebendary of All Saints, Derby, granted a pension of 14 shillings a year and noted as dead in 1558; a WT subscribed to the Elizabethan Act of Uniformity at Derby on 19 Sept 1559 and witnessed the wills of Robert Wallshe of Staveley in 1557, John Wynfield of Wirksworth 3 Apr 1562 and Richard Wall of Wirksworth 6 Dec 1565; curate of Stoney Middleton in 1573 (qv).²

fl 1573

*Ralph Garlick*³

fl 1579

*Martin Malam*⁴

fl 1581

William Marchington, see also under Beeley, Edensor and Eyam.⁵

fl 1584-86

William Hayes, ord pr by John bishop of Panada suffragan of Richard Sampson bp of C and L 20 May 1551; witness of wills in Chesterfield during the 1550s — Thomas Bramalde 14 Apr 1553, Thomas Vicars 31 Oct 1555, Robert Rolenson 14 Dec 1557.⁶

fl 1603-14

Robert Hinchcliffe, in 1603 no degree, no preacher, enjoying an annual stipend of £6/13/-; buried at Barlow 20 Feb 1614.⁷

1614-51

George Hill, married Jane Calton 5 Aug 1623; 4 Oct 1627 confessed to officiating at a clandestine marriage; in 1650 described as

'insufficient' and buried at Barlow 20 Feb 1651.⁸

fl 1651

Francis Thorpe, 13 Nov 1651 the CPM ordered the payment of an augmentation grant and its arrears to FT.⁹

Vacant in Feb 1662 and July 1662¹⁰

fl 1662

Richard Matthewman BA subscr as curate of Baslow 14 Aug 1662; curate of Baslow 1658-62 (qv) and of Brampton from 1663.¹¹

- 1 LJRO, B/C/11, wills; PRO, E301/13, 69, E101/75/8, E135/10/42, E179/19/50; DRO, Barlow Parish Register
- 2 PRO, Index to Composition Books E334, E101/75/8, 3, E135/10/42; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, x
- 3 LJRO, B/V/1/8
- 4 LJRO, B/V/1/11
- 5 LJRO, B/V/1/13
- 6 LJRO, B/V/1/15; 20; B/C/11
- 7 LJRO, AA11, 15; DRO, Barlow Parish Register
- 8 LJRO, B/V/1/28, B/C/3/13; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 475; DRO, Barlow Parish Register
- 9 Bod Lib, MS Bodley 328, 131
- 10 PRO, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/V/4, 1662
- 11 LJRO, B/A/4/3

Barrow upon Trent

Vicarage

19 Apr 1552

William Remyngton, inst on death of last inc, p Nicholas and Hugh Halford, yeomen, for this turn only. In the visitation call book of 1558 the vicarage is recorded as vacant.¹

Michael Sangton, no evidence traced of his institution and known only from the institution of his successor (see below).

25 May 1560

John Hill, inst on res of MS, p Edward Beaumont.²

7 Apr 1566

Thomas Robinson inst, p Edward Beaumont; also served the chapelry of Twyford, dependent on Barrow, in 1573, 1584, 1586 (qv) cited at the episcopal visitation of 1573 for not catechising and failing to read the homilies and Injunctions, and told to do so;

at the same time the churchwardens were ordered to purchase a volume of the homilies ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Eccleshall 24 Oct 1564.³

17 May 1599

William Mather inst; in 1609 cited for serving two cures in a day, perhaps because he was also serving Twyford, though this is not stated; curate at Twyford in 1636 (qv).⁴

29 Aug 1638

Gervase Wheeldon inst, p Francis Beaumont; curate at Kirk Ireton in 1624, Breadsall in 1628 and Aston upon Trent in 1636 (qv); also served Twyford in 1639 and 1650 (qv); seems to have been ord pr by Robert Wright bp of C and L; described in 1650 as 'a man of no repute'.⁵

25 Mar 1657

Daniel Shelmerdine, adm by the Triers; presented 23 Mar 1657 by the Lord Protector on the death of the last inc; chosen by the parishioners as their minister; born 1637, son of Thomas Shelmerdine vicar of Crich 1629-45 and rector of Matlock 1645-62 (qv); ed Repton School, adm Christ's, Ca 1652, BA 1656, MA 1659; ord by the Wirksworth Classis 20 May 1657; ejected from the vicarage for nonconformity in 1662; rented a farm in Twyford after his ejection; cited to the bishop's consistory court 1 Dec 1664 'for preaching or keeping a conventicle' in the house of Philip Prime of Normanton by Derby. Articles against him, dated 17 Jan 1665 claimed that he lived in the parish of Barrow and 'had been very negligent in repairing to your parish church . . . to hear divine service . . . and also you refused or neglected to receive Holy Communion'. In 1669 he was reported by Archdeacon Browne to be one of the preachers at Colonel Sander's conventicle at Little Ireton, Robert Cliffe's conventicle at Matlock and John Stone's conventicle at Stenson, having been arrested at the last and committed to prison. On 25 July 1672 he was licensed as a teacher and his house at Twyford as a meeting place under the terms of Charles II's Declaration of Indulgence; convicted as a recusant 13 July 1675. According to Calamy he was arrested and imprisoned on several occasions; he was certainly imprisoned in 1682 after his

arrest at Lady Beresford's house. He took the oaths under the terms of the Act of Toleration on 16 July 1689 at the Derbyshire Quarter Sessions. Described as an 'aged, ejected priest' in 1690, Calamy says that he preached in Derby. He died 22 Oct 1699 at Findern and was buried there.⁶

Stipendiary Curate

fl 1558

John Deebanke, also curate of Bretby in 1558 (qv).⁷

1 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 17, B/V/1/2

2 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 37v

3 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 80v, B/V/1/8, 15

4 PRO, E331/C and L/8; LJRO, B/V/1/26

5 PRO, Liber Institutionum IV, 29; LJRO, B/V/1/62; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 392-3

6 LPL, Comm II/47, Comm III/6, 2: Cox, *Churches*, iv, 26; Cox, 'Minute Book', 209; *Cal Rev*, 437; LJRO, B/V/1/68, B/C/5, 1665; G.L. Turner, *Original Records of Early Nonconformity under Persecution and Indulgence* (London 1911) i, 49-52, ii, 708, PRO, E377/70; G. Disney, *Some remarkable passages in the Holy Life and Death of Gervase Disney* (London, 1693), 69; DRO, QS Order Book, i, 146; Calamy, 166

7 LJRO, B/V/1/2

Barton Blount

Rectory

7 Aug 1546

John Gale alias Cole inst on the death of the last inc, p George Willoughby, esq for this turn only by the grant of Dorothy Lady Mountjoy.¹

8 Aug 1571

James Hall, inst on the death of JG, p John Merry; a JH curate at Bonsall 1563, vicar of Elmton 1564-6, curate at Ashover 1569, rector of Bilborough, Notts. 1572-91 and rector of Thorpe 1585-91 (qv).²

17 Aug 1574

Richard Spryscoe inst on res of JH, p John Merry; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Eccleshall 14 Dec 1561; in 1593 described as 'rural scholar, honest, well-exercised in Holy Writ'.³

13 May 1612

Richard Blundell inst and subscr; suspended

for contumacy 15 Dec 1620 and 15 Apr 1621.⁴

fl 1640s-1662

Emmanuel Heywood, no evidence of any formal institution found, but according to Walker he was rector when the parliamentarians under Sir John Gell established a garrison at Barton Hall as a defence against the royalist garrison at Tutbury. When this garrison was abandoned, they burnt the hall, parsonage and church. Heywood's angry reaction was reported; he was arrested and taken to Derby. Walker says he was not sequestered of his livings because they were too poor to attract a parliamentary preacher. After his release he withdrew to Church Broughton where he was curate fl 1620-62 (qv) and was buried there 20 July 1662. In 1650 and 1651 he was still described as rector of Barton Blount, though the parsonage and church remained ruinous for many years after his death.⁵

1 LJRO, B/V/1/14iii, 54v

2 LJRO, B/V/1/15, 82v; Train, xv, 24

3 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 83v; B/V/1/15; LPL, Carte Antique at Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 11

4 PRO, E179/20/573; Borthwick, Subscription Book 1611-14; LJRO, B/V/2/9

5 Bod Lib Walker MS C5, 83ff; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 352; PRO, E339/1

Baslow Parochial Chapelry
fl 1560

?*Henry Habermanne*¹

1565

*Robert Tynmounth*²

1568

Richard Alsop, curate at Bakewell in 1560 (qv).³

1581

*John Elswigg*⁴

1582

Roger Rowley, last signs the parish register 28 June 1602; vicar of Elmton 1602-55 (qv).⁵
1602

John Banks, first signs the parish register 9 July 1602; his successor first signs it on 8 June 1606; curate of Hognaston fl 1600-1, curate of Osmaston by Derby 1607-32 (qv).⁶
1606

George Longden, first signs the parish register as 'preacher of the Word' 8 June 1606 and left Baslow 8 June 1610; in 1605 schoolmaster at Tideswell; a GL vicar of Selston 1612-14, vicar of Hayton 1620-42, vicar of North Collingham 1622, all in Notts; a GL matric as of Derbys from Magdalen Hall, Ox, in 1600 aged 19, probably BA.⁷

fl 1610-13

Richard Smith, signed the parish register during these years.⁸

1615

John Boler, son of Edmund and Ursula of Chapel en le Frith; entered the cure 24 June 1615.⁹

1620

John Dakin, signed the parish register between 1620 and 1628; a JD subscriber as a curate in any chapelry 18 Sept 1601; curate at South Wingfield 1609, curate of Edensor fl 1614-16 (qv).¹⁰

1630

Robert Mower, according to the late seventeenth century list of curates in the parish register, he became curate in this year; signed the register between 1634 and 1637.¹¹

Mr Barlow, according to the list of curates in the parish register.¹²

fl 1650

James Hewett, curate in 1650; matric sizar Trinity Ca, 1622, BA 1627; ord d at York 1627; ord pr by Thomas Morton bp of C and L 25 Feb 1632; lic to preach by Archbishop Laud; curate of Stoney Middleton in 1639 and rector of Whittington from 1650 (qv).¹³

John Jackson: CPM ordered an augmentation grant to be paid to him 'a godly and orthodox divine this day settled minister in the said chapel' 22 April 1652; possibly curate of Buxton in 1650 (qv) but not to be identified with the JJ vicar of Etwall 1657-91; a JJ curate of Measham in 1630.⁴

Edmund Prince, order for him to receive an augmentation grant as curate 24 April 1655.¹⁵

Mr Rayns, known only from the list of curates in the parish register.¹⁶

7 May 1658

Richard Matthewman, adm by the Triers upon the nomination of the inhabitants of

Baslow; paid clerical subsidy 17 Feb 1662 as curate of Monyash and Baslow. However, he subscribed on 14 Aug 1662 and was cited to Bp Hackett's Primary Visitation, held during September 1662, as curate of Barlow (qv); subscr as curate of Brampton 2 Apr 1663; adm sizar Trinity Ca, aged 18, 1651, BA 1654; minister of Stannington Chapel, Sheffield 1655-7; ord d and pr at York 1661-2; vicar of Mattersey, Notts 1662-7.¹⁷
1662

John Cantrell, according to the parish register, and still there as curate 13 June 1663; between 1627 and 1656 served at Darley, Ashover, Elton, Hucknall Torkard Notts, Parwich, Winster, Chelmorton and Beeley (qv).¹⁸

- 1 LJRO, B/V/1/3
- 2 DRO, DR2380A/PI1
- 3 DRO, D2380A/PI1
- 3 DRO, D2380A/PI1
- 5 DRO, D2380A/PI1
- 6 DRO, D2380A/PI1
- 7 DRO, D2380A/PI1; LJRO, B/V/1/24; Train xv, 12; xx, 30, 95; Foster, 937.
- 8 DRO, D2380A/PI1
- 9 DRO, 2380A/PI1
- 10 DRO, D2380A/PI1; LJRO, B/A/4/1
- 11 DRO, D2380A/PI1
- 12 DRO, D2380A/PI1
- 13 DRO, D2380A/PI1; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 423; LJRO, B/V/1/67, B/A/4/18; Venn.
- 14 DRO, D2380A/PI1; Bod Lib, Bodley MS 328, 152.
- 15 DRO, D2380A/PI1
- 16 DRO, D2380A/PI1
- 17 DRO, D2380A/PI1; LPL, Comm III/7, 17; PRO, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/A/4/3, B/V/4, 1662; Venn; Train, xx, 131
- 18 DRO, D2380A/PI1

Beeley Parochial Chapelry

fl 1579

William Marchington, curate of Edensor fl 1570-86; rector of Eyam 1569-92; curate of Barlow in 1581 (qv).¹

fl 1609

*William Hall*²

fl 1616

John Cliffe, a JC curate of Trentham, Staffs, rural scholar and versed in Holy Writ in 1593.³

fl 1641-52

Richard Slacke, signed the parish register during these years; described in 1650 as 'reputed insufficient'.⁴

fl 1651

John Walker, signed the parish register as minister and schoolmaster in 1651; a JW vicar of Hathersage in 1662 (qv).⁵

fl 1656

John Cantrell, first signed the parish register 12 June 1656; son of Godfrey and Elizabeth Cantrell of Ashover ad baptised in Ashover Church 25 May 1605; curate and schoolmaster at Darley 1627-32, 1636-44; schoolmaster at Stanton 1633-5, curate and schoolmaster at Ashover 1645-6; curate and schoolmaster at Hucknall Torkard, Notts 1647-8; also at Elton 1649-52, Parwich, Elton, Winster and Darley 1653-5, Chelmorton and Beeley 1656, Baslow 1662-3 (qv).⁶

fl 1661

Thomas Goole, appears in the parish register as 'presbyter' 2 May 1661.⁷

[?1662

Isaac Bacon, recorded as ejected from Beeley by R Morrice. According to Calamy he was ejected from Blackwell. No further evidence has been found to support either claim.^{7]}

1 LJRO, B/V/1/11

2 LJRO, B/V/1/25

3 LJRO, B/V/1/32; Landor, 291

4 DRO, D1191/PI1; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 424

5 DRO, D1191/PI1

6 DRO, D1191/PI1

7 *Cal Rev*, 21

Beighton

Rectory

6 Dec 1557

William Woodsworth inst on the resignation of Ralph Roger p Robert Swyfte; still vicar during Bishop Baynes' visitation in July 1558.¹

Nicholas Harvey, first appears as vicar in 1560; evidence of his institution has not been traced; vicar of Horsley 1569-74 (qv);

10 Mar 1536 an NH, scholar, dispensed to take holy orders from any bishop without letters dismissory.²

1 May 1567

George Harvey inst on the resignation of NH, p Francis Wirtley, Esq.³

28 Jan 1582

John Higden inst; ord pr by William Downham bp of Chester 8 March 1573; in 1593 described as a rural scholar, honest, versed in Holy Writ; in 1603 as of no degree, no preacher.⁴

18 Sept 1613

Thomas Boswell inst and subscr; cited at the episcopal visitation of 1620 for not perambulating the parish and suspended for contumacy 12 Apr 1621; cited in 1636 for the vicarage houses being out of repair as they had been for many years.⁵

29 Mar 1639

Edward Haslam, inst, p Robert earl of Kingston; ord pr by the bp of Oxford; of Derbys, matric Brasenose Ox, aged 18 in 1620, BA; curate at Wirksworth in 1626 (qv).⁶

24 July 1639

John Hume inst, p Robert earl of Kingston.⁷

William Jessop, vicar by 1650 when he was described as 'reported unclean and scandalous'; in Hacket's visitation call book of 1662 claimed that he had been admitted by Triers, but the reference has not been traced in their registers, ord d and pr 24 Sept 1643 by John Bramhall, bp of Derry; subscr to the Act of Uniformity 1 July 1662.⁸

1 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 18, B/V/1/2

2 LJRO, B/V/1/4; Chambers, 46

3 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 80v

4 PRO, E331/C and L/5; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/37-11; LJRO, AA11, 13

5 PRO, E179/20/573; Borthwick, Subscription Book, LJRO, B/V/1/41, 59

6 PRO, E331/C and L/16; LJRO, B/V/1/62; Foster, 669

7 PRO, Liber Institutionum, IV, 48

8 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 455; LJRO, B/V/1/67, B/A/3/4

Belper

Chapelry lacking full parochial rights

fl 1558

Thomas Parker, a TP in 1558 also a curate at Swarkestone (qv); a TP ord subdeacon 15 Mar 1522, d 13 June 1522 and pr 20 Oct 1522 at Lichfield under the title of Repton Priory; in 1533 paid clerical subsidy as a priest in Ashbourne; in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* (1535) and the Chantry Roll of 1546 he appears as the chantrist at 'Howgh' [Hulland] chantry and was in receipt of a pension upon its dissolution; curate of Atlow in survey of Church goods 1553; according to a commission on ex-chantrists' pensions he died at Duffield 7 Aug 1558.¹

fl 1570

William Steven(son), curate of Heage 1573 (qv); witness to the wills of Thomas Sadler of Duffield 3 Aug 1563, Roger Whyttington of Belper 7 July 1566 and Stephen Hyll of Heage 10 Nov 1568.²

fl 1576

Henry Dick-³

fl 1584

*Henry Bowcocke*⁴

fl 1597

*Bartholomew Budworth*⁵

fl 1605-14 & 1620

Thomas Gratton or Gretton, described as curate in the visitation call books of 1605 and 1614 and reader in 1620.⁶

fl 1616

John Goostree, curate of Chaddesden 1620 (qv).⁷

1620s

Charles Broxholme, later curate of Buxton, rector of Darley and minister of Wirksworth (qv).⁸

fl 1626

Richard Holte, curate at Bonsall in 1620.⁹

fl 1636-39

*Thomas Bentham*¹⁰

In 1650 the cure was 'unsupplied' and noted as vacant in the call book for Bp Hacket's primary visitation of 1662.¹¹

fl 1651

Robert More, according to Calamy served Belper for about a year before moving to Brampton (qv).¹²

- 1 LJRO, B/V/1/2; B/A/1/14ii; BL, Harl MS 594, 127; Add MS 8102, 50; PRO, E135/10/42, E178/3229
- 2 LJRO, B/V/1/8, B/C/11 wills.
- 3 LJRO, B/V/1/9
- 4 LJRO, B/V/1/15
- 5 LJRO, B/V/1/23
- 6 LJRO, B/V/1/24, 28, 37
- 7 LJRO, B/V/1/32
- 8 W Bagshaw, *De Spiritualibus Peccati* (1702), 102-4
- 9 LJRO, B/V/4, 1626
- 10 LJRO, B/V/1/57, 62
- 11 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 349; LJRO, B/V/1/67
- 12 Calamy, 203

Blackwell

Vicarage

1 Feb 1547

Thomas Hunt inst on the death of William Ludlam, p Richard Bradshawe for this turn by grant of the prior and convent of Thurgarton, Notts; subscr to the Elizabethan Act of Uniformity 19 Sept 1559 at Derby; ord pr by Rowland Lee Bp of C and L 12 Mar 1541.¹

31 Jan 1589

Thomas Milner inst; vicar of Ault Hucknall 1590-1603 (qv).²
22 Mar 1591

Elizeus Boote inst, ps John and Thomas Boote; in 1593 described as a scholar of Oxford, honest, ord pr 3 Mar 1591 by William Overton Bp of C and L, well-versed in Holy Writ; in 1603 described as of no degree; in 1593 suspected of fornication; a list of undated articles against him accused him of incontinence with a married woman and of officiating at a clandestine marriage at Selston, Notts; still alive in 1639.³
fl 1650-51

James Stevenson, described by the Parliamentary Commissioners of 1650 as 'a scandalous drunkard'; a JS curate of Osmaston by Derby in 1632 (qv).⁴

William Wilmore (see below)

Samuel Newell, minister of Blackwell when he was called upon to pay clerical subsidy 19 Feb 1662 'but made no appearance' and cited as such to Bishop Hacket's primary visitation Sept 1662. Calamy has him ejected

in 1662 from 'Blacknell' and Matthews in *Cal Rev* from Ault Hucknall (qv) but the evidence suggests that both are mistaken. On 20 Aug 1662 Edward Boote requested Bishop Hacket to admit Samuel Newell to the living on his presentation, it being vacant by the voidance of William Wilmore. This was probably an attempt to come to an informal arrangement in order to surmount the barriers raised against nonconformists by the Act of Uniformity. Under the terms of Charles II's Declaration of Indulgence he was licensed to teach in the house of John Richardson, gent, of Newton in Blackwell and also in Sutton upon Ashfield, Notts.⁵
[?fl 1662

Isaac Bacon, ejected from this living according to Calamy, from Beeley according to Morrice. No other evidence has been found to support either claim.⁶]

- 1 LJRO, B/A/1/14iv, 55; B/V/1/15; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, xi
- 2 PRO, E331/C and L/6
- 3 PRO, E331/C and L/7; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37-3; LJRO, AA11, 14, B/C/3/3, B/C/5, 1630, B/V/1/62
- 4 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 453; PRO, E339/1
- 5 PRO, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/V/1/67; Calamy, 204; *Cal Rev*, 368; *CSPD 1665-6, UM CLXIX*, 26, 1; *G.L. Turner, Records of Early Nonconformity under Persecution and Indulgence* (London, 1911) ii, 709
- 6 *Cal Rev*, 21; *Calamy*, 204

Bolsover

Vicarage

19 May 1548

Humphrey Smith, inst on the death of Ralph Smyth, p King Edward VI; still vicar during Bp Baynes' visitation July 1558.¹

12 May 1561

Vicarage vacant²

1563

Vicarage vacant³

18 Apr 1567

John Radcliffe pres by the Crown on the petition of the Bp of C and L, but no evidence has been traced of his institution.⁴

20 May 1567

William Nodson inst on the death of the last incumbent but the register does not specify who this was; p the Crown; presented by the Crown on the commendation of Mr Hardwick 26 Jan 1568; perhaps this late presentation after inst is to be explained as a verification of title; noted as dead in the visitation call book of 1570; vicar of Elmton 1566 (qv).⁵
fl 1573

James Stevenson, possibly curate rather than vicar as there is no surviving evidence of his institution; Elmton was also served by a curate after Nodson's death until an institution was made in 1576 (qv); rector of South Normanton 1578-1616 and rector of Barlborough 1594-1616 (qv).⁶

31 July 1579

Henry Beumont, presented by the Crown through lapse of time; no evidence has been traced of his institution.⁷

1579

Benefice vacant 1 Oct 1579.⁸

4 May 1580

Robert Kinge inst, p the Crown; yet among the Lord Keeper's records there is only evidence of him being presented to Swarkestone 11 July 1579 and Somersal Herbert 4 Feb 1580.⁹

5 Dec 1594

Roger Brooke inst, pres by the Crown 6 Nov 1594 on the death of the last incumbent; in 1603 described as of 'no degree, no preacher'; buried at Bolsover 13 April 1617; curate of Killamarsh in 1593 (qv).¹⁰

17 Sept 1617

William Watson inst and subscr, p Sir William Cavendish; ord pr by the Archbp of York; buried at Bolsover 27 Feb 1646; curate of Scarcliffe in 1620 (qv).¹¹

21 May 1647

Thomas Folkes, the CPM ordered his appointment as the advowson of the living had been sequestrated from the earl of Newcastle; described as 'disaffected' in 1650; died 20 June 1655.¹²

11 July 1655

Henry Alsop, adm by the Triers upon a presentation dated 8 May 1655 by the Lord Protector and exhibited 6 July 1655; admto

St John's Ca, aged 18, 1646 as the son of Francis of Darley, ed Bakewell School, BA 1650, MA 1659; applied to the Wirksworth Classis for ord 19 Apr 1653; preached his approbation sermon, produced a certificate from the inhabitants of Crich (qv) stating their wish for him to be their minister, and examined 17 May 1653, and ord 21 June 1653; paid the clerical subsidy 19 Feb 1662; ord d and pr by John Hacket Bp of C and L 25 Feb 1662; subscr to the Act of Uniformity 1662; curate of Bothamsall, Notts 1663-6; rector of Shirland 1666.¹³

Curate

fl 1560-6

Humphrey Gabitus, a Humphrey Gabby alias Gabitus curate at Bonsall in 1558 (qv); vicar of Walesby, Notts, 1567-76; ord d at York 1542. There is no surviving evidence that he was instituted to the vicarage of Bolsover. Witnessed the wills of Thomas Portar 1 Feb 1565 and Elizabeth Portar 12 July 1566, both of Glapwell, Bolsover.¹⁴

- 1 LJRO, B/A/1/14iv, 55v, B/V/1/2
- 2 PRO, E179/19/509
- 3 BL, Harl MS 594, 179v
- 4 BL, MS Lansdowne 443, 157
- 5 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 81, B/V/1/7; BL, Lansdowne MS 443, 165
- 6 LJRO, B/V/1/8
- 7 BL, Lansdowne 443, 268v
- 8 LJRO, B/V/1/11
- 9 LPL, Grindal Register II, 437v; BL, Lansdowne MS 443, 267v, 278; LJRO, B/V/1/20
- 10 PRO, E331/C and L/7; BL, Lansdowne MS 445, 52, LJRO, AA11, 13; DRO, D190A/PI2
- 11 PRO, E331/C and L/12; LJRO, B/A/4, 17, B/V/1/62; DRO, D190A/PI2
- 12 BL, Add MS 15671; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 454; DRO, D190A/PI2
- 13 LPL, Comm III/4, 144, Venn; Cox, 'Minute Book' 169-71; PRO, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/A/4/3, B/A/1/17, 3; Train xx, 24
- 14 LJRO, B/V/1/4-5; Train, xx, 192; LJRO B/C/11 wills

Bonsall

Rectory fl 1560

5 June 1554

William Inskyp inst on the death of Robert Heywood, p Thomas and John Granger for this turn by grant of John Taylor Dean of Lincoln; also rector of Clowne 1530-83 (qv).¹

23 Dec 1583

William Buckley inst; curate of Smalley in 1570 (qv); curate at Bonsall by 6 Jan 1573 when he paid clerical subsidy there; ord pr by Thomas Bentham Bp of C and L 2 Dec 1571; compounded for First Fruits and Tenths 29 Jan 1583; in 1593 described as a rural scholar, honest, exercised in Holy Writ; in 1603 no degrees, no preacher.²

26 Nov 1628

Edmund Francke inst on the death of the last incumbent, p John Manners, Esq for this turn by gift of Richard Blower, Esq, of Gray's Inn who possessed a grant to present for this turn from the Dean of Lincoln; subscr the same day; born Maldon, Essex, matric Christ's Ca 1614; BA 1618, incorporated at Oxford 1621; ord d by the Bp of London 19 Sept 1619 aged 23, ord pr 24 Dec 1621; curate of Friern Barnet, Middlesex.³ fl 1650-97

Edward Pole, rector by 1650 when described by the Parliamentary Commissioners as 'a man able and of good conversation'; adm by the Triers 13 May 1658 upon the presentation of the Lord Protector; an active member of the Wirksworth Classis throughout the Interregnum but at the Restoration decided to conform, being ord d and pr by John Hacket bp of C and L 5 Mar 1662, subscribing to the Act of Uniformity on 21 July 1662 and being lic to preach 5 Oct 1663; in Bishop Lloyd's *notitia* of his clergy he was described as 'now dead, disabled with something in his head'; adm Trinity, Ca, 1642.⁴

Stipendary Curates

fl 1558

Humphrey Gabbey alias Gabitus, curate at Bolsover 1560-6 (qv).⁵

James Hall; first recorded as curate during the metropolitical visitation of 1560 and last as witness to the will of Thomas West in 1563; vicar of Elmton 1564-6, curate at Ashover 1569, rector of Barton Blount 1571-4 and rector of Thorpe 1585-91 (qv).⁶ fl 1566

Lawrence Kempe, witnessed the will of John Wadder 1566.⁷

fl 1568

(?*Christopher*) *Peynell*, paid the clerical subsidy as curate 24 May 1568.⁸

fl 1570

Christopher Pryerman, curate at Dronfield in 1573 (qv).⁹

fl 1572

John Stansall, paid the clerical susidy as curate 10 Jan 1572; a JS witnessed the will of Anne Claye of Morton 13 Apr 1569; vicar of Horsley 1572-5 (qv).¹⁰

fl 1573

William Bullock, later rector of Bonsall, see above.

fl 1620

Richard Holte, curate of Belper in 1626.¹¹

fl 1626

*William Milner*¹²

1 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 5v

2 PRO, E331/C and L/5; index to Compostion Books E334; LJRO, B/V/1/8, 15; AA11. 15; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37-4.

4 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 317; Comm III/7, 25; Cox, 'Minute Book', *passim*; LJRO, B/A/1/17, 3, B/A/4/3, B/V/1/67, Transcript of Bp Lloyd's *Notitia*; Venn.

5 LJRO, B/V/1/2

6 LJRO, B/V/1/4, B/C/11, wills

7 LJRO, B/C/11, wills

8 PRO, E179/19/576

9 LJRO, B/V/1/7

10 LJRO, B/C/11 wills; PRO, E179/19/523

11 LJRO, B/V/1/37

12 LJRO, B/V/4, 1626

Boulton Parochial Chapelry

This chapel was usually served by the curate of Alvaston.

fl 1558

'dest curatus'.¹

1570

Vacant²

fl 1579-1605

Edward Newsham, also curate of Alvaston (qv).³

fl 1614-39

John Edmunds, also curate of Alvaston (qv).

fl 1662

Thomas Allestry, also curate of Alvaston (qv).

1 LJRO, B/V/1/2

2 LJRO, B/V/1/7

3 LJRO, B/V/1/11, 15, 20, 23, 24.

Boylestone Rectory

9 Dec 1528

Richard Ryve inst on the death of the last incumbent, ps Ralph Longford, William Bassett, junior, Humphrey Comberford, Ralph Purfrey, Richard Coton, William Dethyck gents and Edward Redferne clerk for this turn by grant of Isabella Bradbourne widow; in the visitation call book of 1558 noted as ill.¹

28 Aug 1560

William Maunfield, collated on the death of the last incumbent; in a letter, dated 27 August 1560, Bp Bentham wrote to Dr Weston, chancellor of the diocese, on WM's behalf, stating that the benefice was void by lapse.²

2 Sept 1580

John Stone inst on the death of WM, p Sir Humphrey Bradbourne kt; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Lichfield 2 Dec 1571; in 1593 described as a rural scholar, honest, well-versed in Holy Writ; in 1603 as of no degree, no preacher; a JS curate of Littleover fl 1553-60, curate of Duffield 1573 and vicar of Longford 1574-82 (qv).³

3 Nov 1605

John Bentley inst; paid presentation fee 22 Apr 1606; not to be confused with the JB vicar of Croxall 1617-37 (qv).⁴

14 Dec 1622

Edward Wheatley inst on the death of the last incumbent, p Sir John Ferrers; subscr the same day; suspended 15 April 1624 for making a clandestine marriage on his own confession; 29 Sept 1629 appeared before the consistory court to answer articles and dismissed; still rector in 1639; of London, gent, St John's, Ox, 1615 aged 20, BA 1616, MA 1619, incorporated at Cambridge 1621.⁵ 4 May 1640

Thomas Alsop inst, ps Sir Richard Broke kt and Richard Evans gent; ord pr by Robert Wright bp of C and L and L 13 March 1636; matric sizar Trinity, Ca, 1632, BA 1636, MA 1639; curate of Parwich 1639 (qv); rector of Cheadle 1645-8, appointed as 'a godly orthodox divine'; curate of Brassington fl 1648-62 (qv); possibly r of Hathern, Leics from 1662. Venn claimed that he was ejected from Boylestone during the 1640s but evidence to support this has not been found. Thomas Alsop, his son, was rector of Boylestone 1662-1715.⁶

fl 1650-51

*Mr Gretton*⁷

26 Apr 1661

Philip Osbaldston inst, no reason given for vacancy, p John Ferrers, Esq; paid clerical subsidy as 'curate' 19 Feb 1662; subscr to the Act of Uniformity 23 July 1662; matric Hart Hall, Ox, 1651, BA Magdalen 1655; rector of Graveley with Chivesfield, Herts by 1662.⁸

1 LJRO, B/A/1/14i, 42, B/V/1/2

2 LJRO, B/V/1/15, 31; Bentham, 150

3 LPL, Grindal's Register II, 441v; Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37-12; LJRO, B/V/1/15; AA11, 9

4 PRO, E331/C and L/10; LJRO, Black Book of Lichfield B/C/10, 160

5 LJRO, B/A/1/16; B/A/4/18; B/C/3/1 2, 14; B/V/1/62; B/V/2/11; Foster, 1608

6 PRO, E331/C and L/17; LJRO, B/V/1/67; Venn; Landor, 53

7 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 352; PRO, E339/1

8 LPL, Juxon's Register, 92-v; PRO, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/A/4/3, Foster

Trinity Chapel, Brackenfield Chapel of Ease
This is an obscure chapel of ease. It is not mentioned in any of the visitation call books 1558-1662 and no other evidence has been traced of it having its own curate. The rectors of the mother church at Morton possibly served it. In 1650 the Parliamentary Commissioners advised that a new church on a more convenient site be built on Brackenfield Green.¹

1 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 467

Bradbourne

Vicarage

1 Oct 1540

Thomas Swetnam inst on the death of the last vicar, p John Fenison of Dunstable for this turn by grant of the late priory of Dunstable; in 1533 paid clerical subsidy as a curate at Ashbourne; 17 May 1544 granted a dispensation to hold another benefice; r of Kirk Ireton 1544-60 (qv); subscr to the Elizabethan Settlement on 19 Sept 1559 at Derby.¹

Richard Bright; no record of his inst has been traced but he appears as vicar in the visitation call books of 1561 and 1570; in 1558 curate of Edensor (qv); vicar of Norton c1560-1579 (qv); an RB, canon of Beauchief Abbey, received a dispensation to hold a benefice and abandon the white canon's habit 30 Sept 1536.²

22 Apr 1572

James Hambleton inst on the res of RB, p Thomas Knyveton, Esq, for this turn by grant of Elizabeth Sentloe, widow; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Eccleshall 22 Apr 1572.³

12 Apr 1586

Henry Buxton inst; curate of Parwich fl 1570-86; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Eccleshall 23 Mar 1567; in 1593 described as a rural scholar, honest, taking pains over Holy Writ; in 1603 as of no degree, no preacher; on 15 May 1599 told to appear before the bishop's consistory court to answer articles against him.⁴

30 Mar 1632

Luke Bacon inst and subscr, p Henry Trueman; adm sizar Emmanuel, Ca, 1619, BA 1623; ord d by Thomas Dove bp of Peterborough 28 Sept 1623; pr 28 March

1624.⁵

2 Mar 1648

John Burton, still vicar 9 Oct 1648 according to a file of receipts among the parish records but must have left shortly afterwards; rector of Clowne c1650 (qv); not episcopally ordained until 6 Sept 1660.⁶

Thomas Miles, signed a receipt for a modus of tithes as vicar 5 Apr 1649 and continued signing such receipts until Lady Day 1656; described by the Parliamentary Commissioners in 1650 as 'of good repute'; a member of the Wirksworth Classis, attending meetings between December 1651 and Feb 1656; curate of Onecote, Staffs in 1648 and minister of St Chad's in Lichfield 1656-62, from which he was ejected.⁷

8 July 1657

Samuel Trickett adm by the Triers upon a presentation deed dated 29 Apr 1657, p William earl of Devonshire; first signed a receipt for the tithe modus Michaelmas 1656; subscribed an annual sum to the Wirksworth Classis relief fund for ministers' orphans and widows 21 Oct 1656; applied for ord from the same classis as 'minister of the Word at Bradbourne' and received presbyterian orders from its members 17 Dec 1656; thereafter one of the regular members of the classis; presented to John Hacket bp of C and L for inst 'by reason of the cession of Thomas Miles' by the earl of Devonshire 27 Jan 1662; ord d and pr by Hacket and also inst 1 Feb 1662; subscr to the Act of Uniformity 12 Aug 1662; ed Chesterfield School; sizar Christ's, Ca, 1652, BA 1656, MA 1659; vicar of Norton 1667-1710.⁸

Stipendiary Curates

fl 1570

Richard Butterton, an RB subscribed to the Elizabethan Act of Uniformity within the diocese of C and L in 1559.⁹

fl 1572

Gervase Yeate, paid clerical subsidy as curate 10 Jan 1572; a Gervase Yate ord d by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L 3 Apr 1569; a Gervase Yate curate of Taddington fl 1605-16 (qv).¹⁰

fl 1639

*Joshua Man*¹¹

- 1 LJRO, B/A/1/14iii, 28; BL, HarlMS 594, 127; Chambers, 238; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, xi
- 2 LJRO, B/V/1/2, 5, 7; Chambers, 75
- 3 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 82v; B/V/1/15
- 4 PRO, E331/C and L/6; LJRO, B/C/3, 6; B/V/1/15; AA11, 16; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 13
- 5 PRO, E331/C and L/15; LJRO, B/A / 4/18; Venn, i, 65
- 6 Shaw, ii, Apendix 2C; DRO, 944/PI54
- 7 DRO, D944/PI56-74; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 364; J C Cox, 'Minute Book', 150-92; Landor, 174, 180, 199
- 8 LPL, Comm III/ 6, 68; DRO, D944/PI75; Cox, 'Minute Book', 201-222; LJRO, B/A/3, Bradbourne; B/A/1/17, 1, 2; B/A/4/3
- 9 LJRO, B/V/1/7; H Gee, *The Elizabethan Clergy and Settlement of Religion 1559-1564* (Oxford, 1898), 121
- 10 PRO, E179/19/523; SP12/36, 89
- 11 LJRO, B/V/1/62

Bradley

Rectory

Robert More, no evidence of his inst has been traced; paid clerical subsidy as rector in 1533; possibly the RM who was ord subdeacon 13 June 1522, d 20 Sept 1522 and pr 20 Dec 1522 at Lichfield to the title of Dale Abbey; not to be confused with the RM former prebendary of Burton College and vicar of Doveridge 1551-72 (qv); the Bradley RM subscr to the Elizabethan Act of Uniformity at Derby 19 Sept 1559; will dated 14 June 1561 and proved 14 Sept 1562.¹

31 Oct 1561

Ralph Lompe inst on the death of RM, p Francis Mallett, dean of Lincoln; ord pr by David Pole bp of Peterborough 18 Feb 1559 at Peterborough; cited in 1573 for not reading the Injunctions; described in 1593 as 'rural scholar, honest, mediocrelly learned'.² 8 Apr 1600

James Lightwood inst; ord pr by William Overton bp of C and L 16 Nov 1595; curate of Atlow in 1597 (qv); in 1603 described as of no degree, no preacher.³

11 May 1637

George Mason inst, p Anthony Topham dean of Lincoln, Jesus, Ca, 1622, BA 1626, MA 1627; ord by Tobie Matthew Archp of York d 1626, pr 1627; sequestered from his living for taking refuge in royalist garrisons and petitioned for his restoration in 1660; possibly vicar of South Scarle, Notts, 1638-60; not to be confused with the GM rector of Staveley 1648-53 (qv); paid clerical subsidy 19 Feb 1662 and subscr to the Act of Uniformity 8 Sept 1662. On July 1664 in the consistory court before the bishop and Thomas Browne, canon-residentiary of Lichfield and vicar of Ashbourne, articles of agreement were drawn up to settle the differences between GM and William Meynell by which GM was to have liberty to live where he wished in the diocese of C and L or Lincoln and 'by reason of the discontents betwixt him and his parishioners', the latter were to have liberty to nominate a curate 'during the life of the said George Mason', a pension of £50 a year being allowed GM out of the rectory.⁴

fl 1650-52

John Wyersdale, vicar of St Peter's, Derby in 1628 (qv); on 18 May 1652 he was ordered before the Wirksworth Classis for failing to examine candidates before admitting them to communion, for allowing some parishioners of Wirksworth to communicate at Bradley and for slandering 'some private meetings of godly and peaceable men and women'. He apologised for his behaviour and began to attend further meetings of the classis during 1652, though his attendance ceased thereafter.⁵

- 1 BL, HarlMS 594, 127v; LJRO, B/A/1/14ii, B/C/10/6, B/C/11, will; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, x, xi
- 2 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 38; B/V/1/8, 15; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37-14
- 3 PRO, E331/C and L/8; LJRO, B/V/1/23; AA11, 16
- 4 PRO, E331/C and L/16; Venn; *Walker Rev*, 106; PRO, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/A/4/3, B/V/1/67

5 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 348; Cox, 'Minute Book', 157-61, 164

Brailsford

Rectory

14 July 1555

William Torleton inst on the death of William Schaundeler, p Francis Shirley, Esq; subscr at Derby to the Elizabethan Church Settlement 19 Sept 1559; in dispute with the parishioners of Osmaston by Ashbourne, a chapelry dependent upon his rectory, over the celebration of divine service in the chapel during the 1560s; a WT curate at Elford in 1533.¹

10 Aug 1582

Richard Allen inst; compounded for First Fruits 12 Feb 1583; in 1593 described as honest, ord pr by John Whitgift bp of Worcester, well learned and able to teach the commonalty; in 1603 a preacher licensed by the University of Oxford sixteen years before; an Oxford MA, probably the RA who was a member of Trinity, scholar 1572, BA 1576, fellow 1578, MA 1580.²

1 June 1607

William Greaves inst; re-instituted 5 Sept 1607; compounded for First Fruits 20 Nov 1607; suspended for contumacy 20 June 1622; cited after the episcopal visitation of 1636 as non-resident at Osmaston by Ashbourne and allowing the vicarage house there to fall in disrepair. On 13 Sept 1645 the CPM ordered that 'the rectory of Brailsford . . . sequestered by the Committee for the County of Derby from the minister thereof for scandalous life and conversation and neglect of his cure shall stand sequestered to the use of John Crompton', yet Greaves was still in possession 5 May 1646. He was the son of William Greaves of London and Nottingham; matric Corpus Christi; Ca, BA 1599, MA 1602, BD 1610, fellow 1603-13, incorporated at Oxford 1610; ord d and pr at Norwich 29 Sept 1604; also rector of Nuthall, Notts; will proved 10 Sept 1646.³

13 Sept 1645

John Crompton adm on the sequestration of WG *ut supra*; curate at All Saints', Derby, in 1639; in 1650 described as 'a man disaffected to the present government'; adm Emmanuel Ca, 1629, BA 1633, MA 1636; ord d at

Lichfield 25 Sept 1639 and pr 1 March 1640; according to Calamy he actively supported Booth's Rising for the king in 1659, yet at the Restoration (*ut infra*) he was forced out of his rectory to make way for Edward Love, despite considerable support in his favour; vicar of Arnold, Notts, 1660-2 from which he was ejected; retired to Mapperley, Derbys, after the passing of the Five Mile Act and died there in 1669; article on JC in *DNB*.⁴

21 June 1660

Edward Love inst, p Thomas Love, woollen draper and citizen of Coventry by a grant from Sir Charles Shirley dated 16 May 1645; pres 1 June 1660 on the claim that the living was vacant through the death of William Greaves; born in Warwickshire, matric Magdalen Hall, Ox, 1616, aged 17, BA 1619, MA 1622, chaplain 1630-1, BD 1633; ord pr by the bishop of Oxford 9 Mar 1628; rector of Talbenny, Pembroke 1624; prebendary of Lichfield from 1634; paid clerical subsidy as rector 19 Feb 1662 and subscr to the Act of Uniformity 12 July 1662.⁵

Stipendiary Curates

fl 1579-86

Anthony Higginbotham ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Eccleshall 21 Sept 1577.⁶

fl 1581

John Maunsfield, a JM curate of Stoney Middleton fl 1597-1605; curate of Marston Montgomery in 1609 (qv).⁷

- 1 LJRO, B/A/1/15, 17; B/C/2, 5; Bentham 245-6; Landor, 93; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, x
- 2 PRO, E331/C and L/5; E334/10, 31v; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37-12; LJRO, AA11, 9; Foster.
- 3 PRO, E331/C and L/10; index to Composition Books E334; LJRO, B/V / 2/9; B/V/1/59; BL, Add MS 15669, 165, 170; *Walker Rev*, 105; Train, xv, 52; Venn, ii, 250.
- 4 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 351; Venn; *Cal Rev* 145
- 5 LJRO, B/A/3/, Brailsford; B/A/4/3, B/V/1/67; Foster; PRO, E179/20/586A
- 6 LJRO, B/V/1/11, 15, 20
- 7 LJRO, B/V/1/13

Brampton Parochial Chapelry
fl 1533-58

Thomas Somersall, paid clerical subsidy in 1533 as curate; chantrist of the Ingram Chantry within the chapel on its dissolution in 1547 and granted an annual pension of 71/4d which was still being paid during the last year of Queen Mary's reign when he was assessed for payment of clerical subsidy on it. On 14 Aug 1558 George Wilson, curate of Brampton, was appointed to administer the goods of TS, late curate.¹

fl 1558-61

George Wilson, witnessed the will of Thomas Garret of Brampton 15 Oct 1558; subscr to the Elizabethan Church Settlement 19 Sept 1559 at Derby; recorded in the visitation call books of 1560 and 1561.²

fl 1562-84

Richard Jordan, witnessed will of Geoffrey Shawe of Brampton 1 Sept 1562 and appointed as curate of Brampton to hear a probate case 3 Apr 1565; ord by John bp of Panada, suffragan of Rowland Lee bp of C and L 4 March 1542; an RJ prebendary and minister of All Saints, Derby fl 1547-60 (qv):³

fl 1586

William Smith, further identification is difficult as a number of William Smiths appear to have been members of the Derbyshire ministry around this time; see St Werburgh's, Derby, Norbury, Snelston and Church Gresley.⁴

fl 1593-1605

John Walker, in 1603 described as of no degree and a preacher lic by the Archp of Canterbury; on 12 Dec 1605 he drew up articles against his churchwardens after articles had been brought against him for making a disturbance in church. The testimony of various parishioners of 28 May 1605 shows that Walker had become curate around twelve years before and was a puritan nonconformist for 'he hath not observed the Book of Common Prayer in reading service . . . nor hath worn the surplice at any times but sometimes sayeth service after one fashion and sometimes after another as best pleaseth himself . . . and . . . refuseth to christen children with the sign

of the cross and hath spoken that it is but his courtesy to bury the dead and hath absented himself many times that divers corpses have been buried rather like swine than Christians without priest or clerk'. He had made his children clothes from the surplice he had found there at the beginning of his ministry and when at Michaelmas 1604 his churchwardens gave him a surplice to wear, he refused it. Shortly afterwards he was suspended from the curacy, yet on the Sunday Morning when the suspension was published (though Walker denied this) he read prayers in Brampton Chapel. The answers to the articles against him also mention his disputes with John Bingom over the payment of tithes, Godfrey Clarke and Philip Kynder.⁴
fl 1605-1630s

John Wood, described by John Shaw, lecturer at Brampton (see below) as a 'reading minister'.⁵

fl 1639-46

Peter Watkinson, Trinity, Ca, 1625, BA 1626; lic by the Archbp of York to Chesterfield School 1627; subscr as schoolmaster in Chesterfield 26 May 1632 on his ord as d; in 1639 curate of Brampton 'by licence of this court' [Lichfield]; perhaps sequestered to Chigwell, Essex 1643-8; on 7 July 1646 appointed by CPM as minister of Brampton; rector of Kirk Ireton 1648-58, vicar of Wirksworth 1658-?62 (qv), vicar of Hanbury Staffs, 24 Oct 1662-68, assistant minister of Sheffield 1667-70, rector of Edlington, Yorks, 1670-88.⁶

fl 1648-50

Henry Hybbert, on 7 July 1648 the CPM ordered the payment of an augmentation grant to HH 'a godly orthodox divine', minister there since the departure of PW; in 1650 described as 'an able, honest preacher'.⁷
fl 1651

Robert Bankes, the Committee for the Reformation of the Universities ordered on 5 March 1651 a year's augmentation grant to be paid to him; on 30 Jan 1652 they ordered that the grant due up to 24 June 1651 be paid to him.⁸

fl 1651-1662

Robert Moore, first recorded as curate on the clergy list ordered on 28 Nov 1651 and

sent to the Exchequer by 3 Feb 1652; previously served Belper (qv); born in Nottingham, matic in 1646 from Clare, Ca; ord by the Chesterfield Classis in 1651; presented to the Derbyshire Quarter Sessions in 1661 for not reading the Book of Common Prayer; paid clerical subsidy as curate in Feb 1662 but ejected from the living for nonconformity later in the year; lic as a teacher in Gabriel Waynes's house, Cutthorpe, Brampton, under the terms of Charles II's Declaration of Indulgence 25 July 1672; imprisoned as a nonconformist divine during Monmouth's rebellion in 1685; took the oaths under the terms of the Toleration Act at the Derbyshire Quarter Sessions 16 July 1689; recorded as having a 'competent supply' in 1691-2 as a nonconformist minister, one of the ministers of the Presbyterian meeting house in Friargate, Derby, until his death in 1704.⁹

Lecturer

fl 1630-32

John Shaw (1608-72), born Bradfield, Yorks, adm Christ's, Ca, 1623, BA 1627, MA 1630; at Cambridge he became a committed Puritan; ord d and pr by Thomas Dove bp of Peterborough 27-8 Dec 1629. According to his own account he became lecturer at Brampton in 1630, yet bp Morton, the diocesan, was suspicious of his youth before granting him a preaching license. During a personal interview Morton was so impressed by Shaw that he gave him his blessing to preach anywhere in the diocese, a handful of money and omitted to demand the requisite subscription from him. This colourful story is somewhat belied by the existence of Shaw's subscription made on 31 Jan 1632 in Morton's subscription book. During his three year stay at Brampton he made occasional visits to preach in London and during one of them was invited to become lecturer at Chumleigh, Devon which he accepted. He also became chaplain to Philip earl of Pembroke and Montgomery, lecturer at All Hallows, York 1636-9, vicar of Rotherham 1639-45, lecturer at Holy Trinity, Hull 1645-62 from which he was ejected for nonconformity, a royal chaplain 1660-62. Fuller accounts of this clergyman, one of

the leading divines in the North of England during the Interregnum, may be found in his autobiography and an article in the *DNB*.¹⁰

- 1 BL, Harl MS 594, 124v; PRO, E301/13, 74; E101/75/8, E135/10/42; E179/308/1; LJRO, B/C/10, 5
- 2 LJRO, B/C/11 will, B/V/1/4, 5; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/58, x
- 3 LJRO, B/C/10, 6, B/C/11 will; B/V/1/7, 8, 13, 15
- 4 LJRO, AA11, 13; B/C/5, 1605
- 5 LJRO, B/V/1/24, 25, 28, 32, 37; B/V/4, 1626; J. Shaw, *Memorials of Master John Shaw* (Hull, 1882), np
- 6 LJRO, B/V/1/62; B/A/4, 18; Venn; BL, Add MS 15670, 141v; Landor, 115
- 7 Bod Lib, Bodley MS 325, 58; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 460
- 8 LPL, Comm VIa/2, 103, 105
- 9 PRO, E339/1; LPL, Comm VIa/3, 529; *Cal Rev* 352; Calamy, 203; G.L. Turner, *Original Records of Early Nonconformity* (London, 1911) ii, 701; DRO, QS Order Book, i, 146; Alexander Gordon, *Freedom after Ejection* (Manchester, 1917), 18; DRO, Derby Friargate Unitarian Chapel Account Book D1313C/A1
- 10 LJRO, B/A/4/18; J Shaw, *Memorials of Master John Shaw*, np; Venn, iv, 52

Brassington

Parochial Chapelry

fl 1553-70

Edward Bennett, also curate of Ballidon in 1561, rector of Kirk Ireton 1572-8 (qv); subscribed to the 1559 Act of Uniformity at Derby 19 Sept 1559; an EB inst as chantry priest to the Bradbourne Chantry in Ashbourne Church 4 Dec 1542 and was still alive and in receipt of his pension in 1574; an EB appears in a number of pension records as chantrist of 'Howghe' in Ashbourne parish, [Houghpark, Hulland], though according to the chantry certificate, the priest there at its dissolution was Thomas Parker.¹

fl 1573-99

Humphrey Allcocke alias Awcocke, also

curate of Ballidon fl 1579-97; excommunicated 10 May 1599; crossed off a clergy list dated c1603.²

fl 1603-9

Edward Wilson, also curate of Ballidon fl 1601-9; curate of Elton in 1597 and 1616; presented to the rectory of Fenny Bentley in 1596, curate of Winster in 1619 (qv); in 1603 described as of no degree and no preacher, his stipend £8 a year.³

fl 1605

Richard Cantrell, curate of Hognaston in 1597; an RC curate of Skegby, Notts in 1614; curate of Stanton by Dale fl 1620-6, curate of Kirk Hallam fl 1636-9 (qv).⁴

fl 1614

Roger Gretton, curate at Chesterfield in 1609, curate of Ballidon in 1614 (qv); cited during the episcopal visitation of 1614 as he 'sayeth not service in due time, leaveth the church unserved'. The farmer of the tithes in the parish was also cited in that, 'He hath not provideth a good and sufficient minister'.⁵

fl 1616-26

Richard Garnett, also curate of Smalley.⁶

fl 1636-39

Edward Hollingshead, lic by Sir Nathaniel Brent, vicar-general of Archbishop Laud, to preach; in the episcopal visitation of 1639 cited in the following terms, 'who being (as we verily believe distracted, said he lived incontinently with one Jane Bount and further said he was dead and buried and that he was the Messiah and that whoever believed not in him was damned'. An EH was rector of Fenny Bentley 1646-60 and curate of Ashford in the Water (qv).⁷

fl 1648-62

Thomas Alsop, curate of Parwich fl 1636-9, rector of Boylestone 1640 (qv), rector of Cheadle, Staffs 1645-8; first appears as curate of Brassington when he signed a receipt for his annual £10 stipend 15 Oct 1648; described as 'scandalous' by the Parliamentary Commissioners of 1650; paid clerical subsidy as curate of Brassington on 19 Feb 1662; had not subscribed to the Act of Uniformity when Hackett made his primary visitation of his diocese during Sept 1662.⁸

1 Cox, ii, 443; LJRO, B/V/1/7, B/A/1/7, B/A/1/14iii, 28v; PRO, 178/3239, E101/75/8; BL, Add MS8102

2 LJRO, B/V/1/8, B/C/3/6, AA11, 16

3 LJRO, AA11, 16, B/V/1/27

4 LJRO, B/V/1/25, Train, xv, 16.

5 LJRO, B/V/1/27, 28

6 LJRO, B/V/1/32; B/V/4, 1626

7 LJRO, B/V/1/57, 59, 62

8 DRO, D944/PI52; LPL, Comm XIIa/6366; PRO, E339/1, E179/20/586A; LJRO, B/V/1/67

Breadsall

Rectory

16 July 1559

Nicholas Swift inst on the death of Richard Dethick, last inc, p John Dethick of Breadsall, Esq, compounded for First Fruits 21 July 1559; last appears in the visitation call book of 1576.¹

15 Aug 1577

John Walton, collated through lapse by Bishop Bentham of C and L; compounded for First Fruits 7 Feb 1578; cited in 1584 as no service had been said in Breadsall for more than a month, the parsonage was out of repair, a woman living there was unlawfully begotten with child and there was reports of brawling and fighting there; matric at St John's Ca 1568, BA 1572, MA 1575, BD 1582; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L; a noted pluralist, prebend of Wellington in Lichfield Cathedral 1576-1603, vicar of High Offley, Staffs 1580-1603, rector of Eastwood, Notts 1586-9, rector of Gedling, Notts 1589-1603 where in 1596 he was presented as a nonresident and it was complained that he farmed the rectory out, archdeacon of Derby 1590-1603; in 1593 described as a public preacher; died 1 June 1603 aged 57 and buried at All Saints, Derby.²

1603

Francis Rawlinson alias Rallinson and Rollinson, compounded for First Fruits 15 Mar 1604; no surviving record of inst but rector in 1603 when returned in a list of clergy of that year and described as lic to preach by the Archbp of York; born Rasen, Lincs c 1565, matric Clare, Ca 1580, BA 1584, MA 1587, fellow of St John's 1604, incorporated

at Ox 1605, vicar of Rasen 1589-1603, rector of South Kelsey, Lincs 1603-30, rector of Toddington, Bedfordshire 1613-30 and buried there; will PCC 1631.³

15 Oct 1604

Richard Staniforth inst, compounded for First Fruits 15 Mar 1605; his fee for presentation accounted for 12 Apr 1605; during 1609 episcopal visitation cited for not wearing a surplice but dismissed; 1614 episcopal visitation cited for not saying weekday prayers, for not baptising with the sign of the cross, for not wearing a surplice and for not observing the form of service as contained in the Book of Common Prayer. A list of articles, dated 8 Oct 1614, reiterates these charges, adding that he had refused to church women and had allowed the parsonage and associated buildings to fall into decay. In his answers he claimed, 'It is well-known to the parishioners of Breadsall that he hath not at all times neglected to wear the surplice', and that, 'According to the ability of his discretion he hath administered the sacraments according to God's word'. He added that only a cottage, belonging to the rectory was out of repair. On 27 Nov 1616 he was excommunicated shortly after Abbot's metropolitan visitation and during the episcopal visitation of 1620 again cited for not wearing a surplice, for not signing with the cross in baptism and for allowing the chancel of his church to fall into decay. He was suspended for contumacy 15 Dec 1620 and 7 Apr 1621, yet on 20 June 1621 he was absolved in the consistory court when it was heard that his case had gone before the Court of High Commission. The last court record is of him appearing before the bishop at Eccleshall for an unspecified offence (14 Oct 1629); a ministry of sustained puritan nonconformity. Matric St John's, Ca 1585, BA 1590, MA 1593, ord pr by the bp of Peterborough 2 June 1597; vicar of Owston, Yorks 1598-1604; married twice, his first wife buried at Breadsall 19 March 1617; married Elizabeth Dickinson 14 Jan 1623 and by her father of Jonathan Staniforth, curate of Hognaston and Allestree, and Timothy Staniforth curate of Allestree (qv).⁴

Simon Pecke, no surviving evidence of inst, probably never was; only known as connected with Breadsall from the visitation call book of 1639 which claims that he had been deprived from this living; matric Trinity, Ca, 1617, scholar 1619, BA 1620, MA 1623; ord d 21 Sept 1623 as schoolmaster at Dronfield; ord pr 17 Sept 1626 (Lichfield); rector of Grindon, Staffs 1631-45.⁵

31 Mar 1631

George Holme, inst p the king during the minority of Sir John Harpur; subscr 10 Apr 1631; acquired the living through the deprivation of SP; in 1639 cited for nonresidency. From 1637 he held the rectory of Clowne in plurality (qv). On 24 July 1645 he was sequestered from Breadsall by the CPM 'for carelessness and nonresidence' though John Hieron (see below) had already been serving the living some time before this. In articles made against him 9 Oct 1647 to the CPM it was claimed, 'He was very superstitious, used to bow towards the altar, did seldom preach . . . At Breadsall where he is nonresident, he hired curates that were drunkards whoremasters or worse to the great reproach of religion . . . and having once an honest curate, he turned him off, and being motioned to another honest man, he refused him, saying he would have no puritan under him and that he suffered the parsonage to go to great ruin and decay.' Of three of six curates mentioned, it was deposed, 'One . . . was a drunkard, another ran away being charged with a bastard and a third was indicted at Derby (but not committed) for buggery'. In another article it was claimed that Holme had tried to disturb Hieron's occupation of Breadsall Rectory and deprive him of its revenues. Walker defended Holme, claiming that Hieron denied him one fifth of the rectory's fruits, legally his for his family's maintenance by parliamentary ordinance, and once, when applying in person to Hieron for the same, he departed from the parsonage in tears, jeered at by Hieron and Hieron's wife and sister. Other articles against him referred to his ministry at Clowne and his blatant royalism. Whatever the substance of the claims and counter-claims, it is clear that

Holme broke the pattern of puritan non-conformity established by Staniforth, and this, together with his nonresidence, probably accounts for the hostility against him. Probably of Derbys, a commoner of Brasenose, Ox, BA, 1621, MA, 1633; a GH from Brasenose subscr of his ord as d by Thomas Morton bp C and L 8 June 1623; vicar of Grindon 1630-1; dead by 8 Apr 1652 when the keepers of the Great Seal formally press his successors into his two sequestered rectories.⁶

24 July 1645

John Hieron, previously lecturer of Ashbourne (qv); appointed by CPM on the sequestration of GH 24 July 1645, yet he was already in possession as he signed the parish register on 13 Jan 1645. His biographer claimed that the inhabitants of Breadsall, destitute of a minister, c1644 petitioned Sir John Gell, governor of the parliamentary garrison at Derby, to find them one. He wished to appoint JH's father but the latter declined in favour of his son. For the first ten months he lived in Derby and journeyed to Breadsall each Sunday, being fearful of royalist raiders, but 'having some more probable prospect of safety at Breadsall, he removed his family thither (1 Nov 1644) and there continued quietly during the war. . .'. At this time he set up a montly lecture at Dale Abbey (qv) which survived until 1662. Once the Book of Common Prayer was abolished by Parliament he constantly used the Directory of Worship of the Westminster Assembly. Inst 8 Apr 1652 on the death of GH, p Commissioners of the Great Seal; appointed to the Committee of Ejectors for Notts and Derbys in 1654. An attempt was made to edge him out of the rectory by Sir John Harpur when he presented George Hill MA on 20 Dec 1661, claiming that the living was vacant through the death of GH as last incumbent, yet Hieron appears to have retained the rectory until he decided not to conform to the Act of Uniformity in the summer of 1662. Hill was inst 21 Aug 1662. After his ejection he lived at Little Eaton until the passing of the Five Mile Act (1665) when he moved to Ashby de la Zouch. By 1666 he was living in Newthorpe, Notts, and

by 1668 Loscoe. In 1669 it was reported that a conventicle of about twenty persons met regularly in his house. After Charles II's Declaration of Indulgence his house at Loscoe was licenced as a meeting place and he as a teacher (10 Aug 1672). On the withdrawal of Indulgence he continued to preach 'but with the caution which the times forced him to . . . forbearing, yet never desisting'. He died at Loscoe on 2 Mar 1682 and was buried in the chancel of Heanor Church. Author of *The Way to Salvation* (1668).⁷

Stipendiary Curates

fl 1560

William Grene, curate of Duffield fl 1557-8; a WG witnessed the wills of Robert Cotchett (3 June 1542) and Thomas Derneley (1 Mar 1541), both of St Werburgh's, Derby; a WG vicar of Arnold, Notts, inst 15 Dec 1560 and rector of Kelham 1573-1600.⁸

fl 1568

Robert Campion, assessed for clerical subsidy 24 May 1568; also a curate in Allestree and Osmaston (qv).⁹

fl 1570

Richard Grene, ord d by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L 3 Apr 1569.¹⁰

fl 1572-86

William Walbanke, assessed for clerical subsidy 14 June 1572; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp C and L at Lichfield 2 Dec 1571.¹¹

fl 1621-23

Richard Clerke, signed the parish register during these years; possibly the RC curate of Hartshorne 1625 (qv); probably not the rector of Aston upon Trent 1637-86 (qv).¹²

fl 1628

Gervase Wheeldon, subscr as curate on his ord as pr by Thomas Morton bp of C and L 9 Mar 1628; curate at Kirk Ireton 1624, at Aston upon Trent 1636 and vicar of Barrow upon Trent 1638-57.¹³

fl 1631-32

John Noble, signed parish register during these years; curate of Alderwasley (qv); matric. Magdalene, Ca, 1627, BA 1631; subscr on ord as pr by Thomas Morton bp of C and L 24 Sept 1631.¹⁴

fl 1633

Thomas Bowes, signed the parish register during this year.¹⁵

fl 1635

Seth Bate, signed the parish register in this year.¹⁶

fl 1639-40

Marmaduke Musgreave, signed the parish register in 1639; allowed an annual stipend of £10; buried at Breadsall 24 Oct 1640; an MM rector of Radbourne 1620-27 (qv).¹⁷

- 1 LPL, Transcript of the Register of the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury during the vacancy of the See Nov 1558-Nov 1559, 39; PRO, E334/7,16; LJRO, B/V/1/9.
- 2 LJRO, B/A/1/15,64v, B/V/1/17; PRO E334/9, 11; Venn, iv, 327; Train, xv, 46; Landor, 125; Nott Univ MSS Dept, Archdeacon MSS PB292/1596 Gedling; LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XII/37-11
- 3 LJRO, AA11,11; PRO, Index to Composition Books; Venn; Foster.
- 4 PRO, E331/C and L/9; index to Composition Books E334; LJRO, Black Book of Lichfield B/C/10, 159; B/V/1/26, 30, 41; B/C/5/1614; B/V/2/8, 9; B/C/3/10, 14; Venn, iv, 143; DRO, D2459A/PI1.
- 5 LJRO, B/V/1/62; B/A/4/18; Venn; Landor, 111
- 6 LJRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, B/V/1/59, 62; *Walker Rev*, 106; Bod Lib Walker MS C5/52-6; BL, Add MS 15669, 113, 116v, Add MS 36792, 41v; Landor, 111.
- 7 BL, Add MS 15669, 113, Add MS 36792, 41v; DRO, D2459A/PI2; R. Porter, *The Life of Mr John Hieron* (London, 1691), 10, 16, 17, 25, 26, 28, 33; G.L. Turner, *Original Records of Early Nonconformity* (London, 1911), i, 52, ii, 705; LJRO, B/A/3/Breadsall; B/A/1/17; *Cal Rev*, 261-2
- 8 LJRO, B/V/1/2,4, B/C/11 wills; Train, xv, 6.
- 9 PRO, E179/19/516
- 10 LJRO, B/V/1/7; PRO, SP12/36
- 11 PRO, E179/19/523; LJRO, B/V/1/8, 9, 13, 15, 20

12 DRO, D2459A/PI1

13 LJRO, B/A/4/18

14 DRO, D2459A/PI1; Venn, iii, 260, LJRO, B/A/4/18

15 DRO, D2459A/PI1

16 DRO, D2459A/PI1

17 DRO, D2459A/PI2; LJRO, B/V/1/59

Breaston Chapel of ease within the peculiar of Sawley cum Wilne
An obscure chapel of ease during this period, there are very few references to its existence. The only curate traced is Thomas Farer fl 1616 who at the time also served the chapel's mother church at Wilne (qv).¹

1 LJRO, B/V/1/32

Bretby Chapel of ease lacking rights of sepulchre

fl 1558

John Deebank, also curate at Barrow upon Trent in 1558 (qv); for many years he worked as a priest in the parishes of Southern Derbyshire; in 1533 a priest at Hartshorne; in 1553 curate of Foremark and Ingleby; he witnessed wills of inhabitants of Repton (1549), Ingleby (1556), Foremark (1558) and Radbourne (1558).¹

fl 1560

Walter Barlo, a WB of Measham was ord d at London Feb 1555.²

fl 1570

Thomas Hamersley, witnessed the will of John Ransom of Lullington 27 Jan 1559.³

fl 1573

*Thomas Barrowe*⁴

fl 1576

Henry Grene, curate at Langwith in 1573 (qv).⁵

fl 1579-86

*George Hart*⁶

fl 1593

Robert, ord d by William bp of ?⁷

fl 1603

William Stokes, no degree, no preacher; also curate of Foremark and Ingleby in 1603; a WS inst to the vicarage of Gedling, Notts, 3 June 1604 and ord d and pr 1604.⁸

fl 1605

William Smith, possibly the same WS who was curate at Norbury and Snelston 1586

and of Marston Montgomery fl 1597-1603 (qv).⁹

fl 1609

*William Heydam*¹⁰

fl 1614

Thomas Hammond, curate of Newton Solney in 1616 (qv).¹¹

fl 1616

Richard Holland, curate of Newton Solney in 1614 (qv); inst to the rectory of Eastwood, Notts 1 June 1618 p Sir Philip Stanhope of Bretby; from Leics, son of clergyman, matric Balliol, Ox, 28 June 1604, aged 18, BA 1607, MA 1610, incorporated at Ca 1612.¹²

fl 1626

Matthias Watson, rector of Somersal Herbert 1626-40 (qv).¹³

fl 1636

*William ?Etett*¹⁴

fl 1639

*William Whittle*¹⁵

1650

The Parliamentary Commissioners reported that the cure had been unsupplied since the sequestration of the earl of Chesterfield, its impropiator.¹⁶

fl 1662

Richard Piece MA, ord d and pr by the bp of Ardfert 30 May 1660; not lic to preach by 1665; paid the clerical subsidy as curate 19 Feb 1662 and subscr as the chaplain of the earl of Chesterfield 18 Aug 1662.¹⁷

1 LJRO, B/V/1/2; Wills B/C/11; BL, Harl MS 594, 126; Cox iii, 443

2 LJRO, B/V/1/4; W.H. Frere, *The Marian Reaction in its relation to the English Clergy* (London, 1896), 254

3 LJRO, B/V/1/7; B/C/11, wills

4 LJRO, B/V/1/8

5 LJRO, B/V/1/9

6 LJRO, B/V/1/11, 15, 20

7 LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37-3v

8 LJRO, AA11, 10; Train xv, 57

9 LJRO, B/V/1/24

10 LJRO, B/V/1/25

11 LJRO, B/V/1/28

12 LJRO, B/V/1/32; Train, xv, 46; Venn ii, 394

13 LJRO, B/V/4, 1626

14 LJRO, B/V/1/57

15 LJRO, B/V/1/62

16 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 374

17 LJRO, B/V/1/67; B/A/4/3; PRO, E179/20/586A

Brimington

Chapel of ease

Brimington Chapel is mentioned in visitation call books from 1558 until 1614 and again in 1662 but seldom with its own curate. It was presumably served from the mother church of Chesterfield.

fl 1561

?*William Chantrye* it is not clear from the call book whether he was the curate there or not.¹

fl 1650-51

Thomas Bennett, reported 'scandalous' in 1650.²

fl 1662-85

William Bennett, ord d by Robert Wright bp of C and L and pr by John Hacket bp of C and L 13 July 1662 when he also subscribed to the new act of Uniformity; also lecturer of Chesterfield from 1662 (qv).³

1 LJRO, B/V/1/4

2 PL, Comm XIIa/6, 459; PRO, E339/1

3 LJRO, B/V/1/67; B/A/1/17, 5; B/A/4/3

Buxton

Parochial chapel

Although the chapel, according to Cox, was not constructed until 1626, a Ralph Clayton curate of Buxton (possibly connected with the vicar of Bakewell of that name) in 1609 was recorded as guilty of manslaughter and perjury.¹

fl 1635

Charles Broxholme, according to Bagshaw a Puritan nonconformist who was protected from prosecution by John Rowlandson vicar of Bakewell (qv). He was suspended from his cure for absence from the visitation court and 'inconformity' during Archbp Laud's metropolitan visitation (25-6 May 1635). On 25 Jan 1639 he was cited to the consistory court at Lichfield for preaching at an illegal conventicle in Derby in 1637. According to Bagshaw he was the younger son of a lesser gentry family from Lincs, and curate of Belper and 'Gunthwaite' before

going to Buxton. Owing to his nonconformist record he gained the patronage of the Parliamentarians, being presented to the vicarage of Wirksworth in 1645 and to a mediety of the rectory of Darley in 1646 (qv).²

Robert Constantine, 'At Buxton he builded on the foundations that Mr Broxholm had laid; and made way for Mr. Ogden carrying on the work'; son of the rector of Taxal, Ches, and ed near Glossop by 'Mr Greeley', and at Glasgow; curate of Oldham, Lancs 1647-62 whence he was ejected.³

fl 1650-51

John Jackson, 'reputed an honest man' by the Parliamentary Commissioners in 1650; according to Calamy he was ejected from this cure in 1662, but from the evidence presented below this seems doubtful; possibly curate of Baslow in 1652 (qv).⁴

fl 1652-57

Samuel Ogden, 17 Sept 1652 the CPM ordered that the augmentation granted to the curate of Buxton's stipend be paid to SO; order renewed 9 Mar 1653 with the proviso that he be paid arrears for the period he served there before 17 Sept 1652; born in Oldham, Lancs, ed Oldham Grammar School and Christ's, Ca, adm at the latter in

1648 aged 20, BA 1651; applied to the Wirksworth Classis for ordination 16 Aug 1653 and ord 27 Sept 1653; adm by the Triers as curate of Fairfield in 1654 and vicar of Mackworth 1657-62 (qv).⁵

1662

The curacy was obviously vacant for some time for in his commonplace book Edward Brown, a visitor to the county during Sept 1662, wrote of his stay in Buxton, 'At this town . . . we had the luck to meet with a sermon which we could not have done in half a year before by relation. I think there's a true chapel of ease indeed here for they hardly ever go to church'.⁶

- 1 GR Batho, *A Calendar of the Talbot Papers in the College of Arms*, Derbyshire Archaeological Society, Record Series 4 (1971), M583, 299
- 2 W. Bagshaw, *De Spiritualibus Peccis* (1702), 10, 102-4; PRO, SP16/293, 128; LJRO, B/C/3/17
- 3 Bagshaw, 98-9; *Cal Rev*, 131
- 4 LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 422; Calamy, 204; PRO, E339/1
- 5 Bod Lib MSS Bodley 328, 192; 329, 136; Calamy, 189-97; *Cal Rev*, 371; Cox, 'Minute Book', 174
- 6 Printed in *The Reliquary* II, 77