

LISTS OF DERBYSHIRE CLERGYMEN 1558–1662

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Calke

peculiar

In 1650 the Parliamentary commissioners declared that Calke was a peculiar appropriated by the Harpur family, but, on occasion, it was listed in visitation call books (1558, 1561, 1579 when noted as vacant, 1581, 1584 and 1614), despite this status.¹

fl[ourished] 1558

*Philip Peynter*²

fl 1609

Julian Heringe, son of Richard of Coventry, born at Flambre-Meyre 1582; adm[itted] scholar Sidney Sussex, Ca[mbridge] 1600, B[achelor of] A[rts] 1604; ord[ained] by an Irish bishop in order to avoid subscription. His first ministry was at Calke as a result of the encouragement of Arthur Hildersham, puritan lecturer at Ashby de la Zouch, Leics, and the patronage of 'Master Bainbridge, a gentleman there of good estate and estimation of religion' [Robert Bainbridge MP Derby 1571, 1572, 1586]. At Calke Heringe found 'his peace and liberty better preserved because it was a peculiar'. As there were few good preachers in the district, people flocked to hear him, filling his chapel to capacity, some being forced to listen outside by the windows. He remained minister for about eight years until 'he was forced from thence for nonconformity by the prelatical power, being informed against by ill-affected men'; lecturer at St Alkmund's, Shrewsbury from 1618 until his suspension for nonconformity by Bishop Morton; pastor of the English Church at Amsterdam 1638–44 where he died; full details may be found in the *Dictionary of National Biography*.³

fl 1637

Devereux Frogg appears as minister 16 Nov 1637 in the parish register of Ticknall; from Staffs, matric[ulated] Trinity, Ox[ford], 1621, aged 19, BA 1625, M[aster of] A[rts] 1627, vicar of Whitegate, Cheshire.⁴

fl 1650

Micheas Crosley in 1650 'a man disaffected and scandalous and reputed sequestered in Leicestershire'; curate of Measham in 1609 (q[uod] v[ide]); vicar of Whitwick, Leics 1612–49 from which he was ejected for scandalous behaviour; ord pr[iest] Lichfield 22 Sept 1606.⁵

¹ L[ambeth] P[alace] L[ibrary]. Comm XIIa/6, 385; L[ichfield] R[ecord] O[ffice], B/V/1/2, 5, 11, 13, 15, 17, 28

² LRO, B/V/1/2

³ [J. and J.A.] Venn, *Alumni Cantabrigienses* (Cambridge, 1922–7), ii, 358; LRO, B/V/1/25; S. Clarke, *A General Martyrologie* (London, 1660), 188–9; P. W. Hasler, *The House of Commons* (London, 1981), 386

⁴ D[erbyshire] R[ecord] O[ffice], D1396A/PI1; [J.]Foster, [*Alumni Oxonienses*, Oxford, 1891–2]], 556

⁵ LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 385; [A.G. Matthews,] *Walker Rev[ised]*, (Oxford, 1948)], 234b

Carsington

rectory

19 Oct 1515

Hugh Sheldon inst[ituted] on res[ignation] of the last inc[umbent], p[atron] John Constable dean of Lincoln; subscr[ibed] to the Elizabethan Church Settlement at Derby 19 Sept 1559; noted as a pluralist in the visitation call books of 1558 and 1561; vicar of Alstonefield, Staffs, c.1533–c.1564.¹

1 Feb 1564

Thomas Haddock inst on the death of *HS.*, ps William Sclater and John Sclater for this turn only with Brian Sclater by the grant of William Barowes, Thomas Barowes and William Rustat who had been granted the right to present by John Taylor, dean of Lincoln, 22 April 1547; ord pr by Lewis Thomas b[isho]p of Shrewsbury, suffragan of Thomas Cranmer Archb[isho]p of Canterbury 13 May 1542; a Thomas Haddock in 1546 chantry priest of Belper Chapel; he received a pension of £4 p.a. after its dissolution and was still in receipt of it in 1557, 1558 and 1574; in 1553 curate of Hognaston (qv).²

10 Sept 1592

John Billing inst; will proved at Ashbourne 28 April 1623.³

22 July 1623

Richard Carrier MA inst and subscr on the death of the last inc, p Roger Parker dean of Lincoln; vicar of Wirksworth 1619–33 (qv).⁴

9 Aug 1633

William Thorpe inst on the deprivation of RC, p Anthony Topham dean of Lincoln; also rector of Matlock 1640–45 (qv); matric Trinity, Ca, 1623, BA 1627, MA 1630; sequestered from Matlock by 1645; it was reported to the C[ommittee for] P[lundered] M[inisters] 21 Apr 1647 that WT, minister of Carsington and Matlock, ‘is a delinquent and sequestrable’. The committee referred the case to the county committee for investigation and sequestration, if the charges were upheld; they were and so Walker included him in his *Sufferings of the Clergy*. A Nottinghamshire clergyman, who had known him, wrote to Walker, claiming that Thorpe’s neighbours had regarded him as ‘a man of good learning, sense and integrity, of a sober and regular life and conversation and of a liberal temper’. He had rebuilt the parsonage at Carsington at his own cost. The cause of his troubles was that ‘he happened to fall under the heavy displeasure [of those] who were then of great power and interest in the Parliament army’. Thorpe had, so the correspondent had been told, furnished a horse and arms for the king’s army, though others denied he had done so. The correspondent also claimed that the sequestration was the result of false witnesses who later suffered ‘poverty and misery and [who] did not die a natural death’ for their perjury. Afterwards Thorpe ‘retired to a worthy and loyal family, some miles distant from Carsington where for a time he became housefellow with Dr Gilbert Sheldon’ [later archbishop of Canterbury]. According to the parliamentary commissioners he was serving the chapel at Shirebrook in 1650 (qv). Walker’s informant claimed that Thorpe died before the Restoration, but a WT was vicar of Great Wigston, Leics, 1658–65 where he died aged 60.⁵

fl 1648

Mr Salmon put into the living upon WT's sequestration according to Walker's correspondent who was scathing about Salmon's rebuilding of Carsington Church, saying it was 'built after the mode of those times without any distinction between church and chancel or any place left for the communion table which was sometimes left in the parson's barn and sometimes at the bottom of the church under the bell rope and the bier laid upon it'. The font was removed from the old church to the parsonage yard 'in which Mr Salmon's successor served and fed his swine'.⁶

fl 1649–62

John Oldfield, born Chesterfield, no university education yet a 'great master in tongues and mathematics'; approved by the Westminster Assembly Apr 1649; vicar of Crich in 1647 (qv); in 1650 described by the parliamentary commissioners as 'able and honest'; adm[itted] by the Triers 23 Apr 1656 upon the presentation of the Lord Protector; according to Calamy a popular minister among certain of his parishioners despite 'the people among whom he laboured was very ticklish and capricious, very hard to be pleased in ministers'; an active member of the Wirksworth Classis; ejected from his rectory for refusing to conform to the 1662 settlement; his farewell sermon was published and later used by Mrs Gaskell in *North and South*; under the Declaration of Indulgence lic[ensed] to teach at John Spateman's house at Roadnook between Wessington and Brackenfield 17 Apr 1672; convicted 29 July 1673 at the Quarter Sessions for preaching illegally at a conventicle of 'ninescore people', held in a barn at Wirksworth, and fined £20; unable to pay it, it was levied on the goods of some of his hearers. According to Calamy he died 5 June 1682 and was buried in Alfreton Church.⁷

Assistant Curates

fl 1621–6

John Bothom, signed the parish register as curate 1621–3 and listed as reader in a citation list 1626; curate of Quarndon 1636 and of Allestree 1650 (qv).⁸

¹ LRO, B/A/1/14i, 37v. B/V/1/2, 5; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/58, xi; [W.N.] Landor, [ed., Staffordshire Incumbents and Parochial Records 1530–1680, *Collections for a History of Staffordshire* (1915)], 9

² LRO, B/A/1/15, 38v, B/V/1/15; P[ublic] R[ecord] O[ffice], E301/13/49, E179/19/503, E179/308/1, E178/3239; B[ritish] L[ibrary], Add Ms 8102, 50; Cox, ii, 489

³ PRO, E331/C[oventry] and L[ichfield] /7; LRO, B/C/10/13, 183

⁴ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18

⁵ PRO, E331/C and L/15; Venn, iv, 237; Walker Rev, 206; Bod[leian] Lib[rary], Bodley MS 324, 469; Walker MS C5, 80–1

⁶ Bod Lib, Walker MS C5, 81; Walker Rev, 206

⁷ [A.G. Matthews,] Cal[amy] Rev[ised], (Oxford, 1934)], 373; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 366; Comm III/5, 17; [E.] Calamy, [An Abridgement of Mr Baxter's History with an account of the Ministers. . . who were ejected after the Restoration of King Charles II. . ., (London, 1713)], 172–9; G.L. Turner, *Original Records of early Nonconformity under Persecution and Indulgence* (London, 1911), ii, 709; DRO, QS Papers, Box XVI-2

⁸ LRO, B/V/4, 1626; DRO, Microfilm 351

Castleton

vicarage

17 Jan 1554

Hugh Eyre inst on the res of the previous inc, p George Wilmesley by right of his lease of the rectorial tithes from the bp of Chester; compounded for First Fruits 19 Nov 1554 but

disappears from the record thereafter; until 1575 the living was served by a series of uninstituted clergymen; an HE appears in a Lichfield consistory court book 9 Aug 1532 and paid subsidy in 1533 as a curate of Wirksworth.¹

fl 1558

John Philipp described as ‘vicar’ in the call book of 1558, ‘vicarage vacant’ having been crossed out of it, but no evidence of his institution has been traced; in the visitation of 1558 he was cited for failing to provide services.²

fl 1561

Richard Slacke described as curate in the call book of this year, the vicarage noted as vacant; pronounced contumacious, but the penalty reserved until 12 March 1562 so that six of his law-worthy parishioners might appear at Derby to purge him; vicar of Hope fl 1571–9 (qv).³

1563 Vicarage vacant⁴

fl 1570–3

Thomas Gascoyne curate, cited in 1573 for being negligent in teaching boys their catechism.⁵

14 March 1575

Thomas Savage inst, the living vacant on the death of the previous inc according to the bishop’s register, p Helen Wylmeslow; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C[oventry] and L[ichfield] at Eccleshall 7 Oct 1575.⁶

26 Jan 1591

Thomas Furnis or Furnace inst; in his answers in a consistory court case of 1600 he said that he was ord d[eacon] by Bishop Bentham twenty-four years before and pr a year later, that he had been born in Castleton and that he was presented to the vicarage by the bp of Chester upon the nomination of Thomas Savage, then farmer of the rectory. He also admitted to having been made drunk by some friends, one of whom he asked to bury a corpse. While he was being sick from excessive drinking, he admitted that a petticoat might have been used to cover him, but he denied that he had worn it instead of a surplice. He also admitted to performing clandestine marriages and having failed to notice the presence of excommunicates at his services, though he denied having administered the Sacrament to one of them and not denouncing excommunicates in his church. He also claimed to have stopped a marriage service when he realised the bride was a man in female attire. Of the parishioners who gave witness against him, three substantiated charges of scandalous behaviour. Robert Barber of Hope claimed that he had released certain individuals from paying tithes and had leased his vicarage for an annual rent of £7 10sh and that he was ‘very much given to drinking in lewd and bad company’. On the other hand Richard Chadwick of Castleton said that TF was ‘an honest man and of good behaviour and sayeth he never knew him to be overseen with drinking’; in 1603 described as of no degree and no preacher.⁷

14 Oct 1606

Ralph Cantrell inst; ord pr by William Overton bp of C and L 13 Mar 1597; curate of Smalley 1593, curate at Eyam fl 1597–1605 (qv); suspended for contumacy 20 June 1622; will 3 Oct, inventory 9 Oct, probate 6 Nov 1626.⁸

17 June 1627

Isaac Ambrose inst on the death of the last inc by the collation of Thomas Morton bp of C and L and subscr; bapt[ised] at Ormskirk where his father was vicar; matric Brasenose,

Ox, 1621, BA 1625, MA from Magdalene, Ca, 1632; he had difficulty in gaining quiet possession of his living. In his answer to articles on his behalf against Ralph Leadbeater, clerk, 23 Oct 1627, he accused Leadbeater of brawling in the church on a Sabbath day and saying, 'That you Isaac Ambrose. . . are an apparitor and an extravagant person that wandreth up and down the country to preach for five shillings a sermon. . .'. Leadbeater had prevented Ambrose from taking the service for several Sundays, reading it himself and preaching, despite an inhibition from the consistory court in Lichfield. Ambrose had been unable to read the Thirty-Nine Articles in Castleton church after his induction. Leadbeater had been one of the sequestrators of the tithes during the vacancy of the living and had refused to accept IA as the legitimately appointed vicar. According to Bagshaw, Ambrose was 'a star of the first magnitude' in his ministry, though he wrongly ascribed his appointment to Bishop Bridgeman of Chester. In 1631 he was appointed one of the king's preachers in Lancashire and spent the rest of his ministry there; ejected from Garstang in 1662; died at Preston 1664; author.⁹

13 July 1631

Lawrence Castle inst and subscr on the cession of the last inc, p John Bridgeman bishop of Chester; subscr on his ord as d by Thomas Morton bp of C and L 18 Dec 1630. He soon was in dispute with Thomas Bennett, his churchwarden, and some of his parishioners. He brought a defamation case against Bennett, saying in articles 9 Oct 1632, that Bennett had called him 'a cheating knave and cheating fellow', in response to Bennett's earlier accusations against him of neglecting his cure. Castle admitted (28 June 1632) in answer to Bennett's articles against him to having officiated at a clandestine marriage, justifying himself in that, 'at that time the church door was kept shut against him, so that he could not possibly. . . marry the articulate parties in the face of the church and protesteth that he did not solemnise the marriage through any irregularities, but to maintain his right and title in the officiating of his cure'. He also admitted that for five successive Sundays, 'having many great opposers thereabouts', he had not preached but service had been said then, and for three Sundays together he had procured a deputy to preach for him. He claimed that the charges of neglect were unjustified and charged Bennett with trying to put James 'Huett' [James Hewett curate of Stoney Middleton and Baslow and later rector of Whittington (qv)] in the benefice. Castle was suspended for three years on articles brought by Bennett 25 Feb 1633, for having performed a clandestine marriage in Sept 1632. LC was still vicar in 1639; it is possible he was the LC who was rector of Street and Walton, Somerset, in 1647; matric St John's, Ca., 1621.¹⁰

Samuel Cryer vicar of Castleton by 1650; son of Robert, vicar of Glossop 1620–45 (qv); bapt[ised] at Glossop 10 Feb 1622; matric Clare, Ca 1647 but did not graduate; ord d and pr 2–3 Oct 1649 by the bishop of Kilmore; at the Restoration he successfully petitioned the king for a prebend in York Minster, the earl of Devonshire and others supporting him and testifying to his loyalty and involvement in Booth's Rising in 1659; presented to the vicarage of Castleton 22 May 1662 by the bishop of Chester and episcopally inst; subscr to the Act of Uniformity 22 Aug 1662 before his admission to the vicarage; vicar of Hope 1665; buried at Castleton 1697.¹¹

¹ LRO, B/V/1/15, 5, B/C/10/1; BL, Harleian MS 594, 127

² LRO, B/V/1/2

³ LRO, B/V/1/5

⁴ BL, Harleian MS 594, 178

- ⁵ LRO, B/V/1/7, 8
⁶ LRO, B/A/1/15, 84, B/V/1/15
⁷ PRO, E331/C and L/7; LRO, B/C/5, 1600, AA11, 15
⁸ PRO, E331/C and L/10; LRO, B/V/2/9, B/C/10/14, 38v, B/C/11 will
⁹ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, B/C/5, 1627; William Bagshaw, *De Spiritualibus Pecci*, 23; Venn, i, 26; DNB, i, 350–1
¹⁰ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18, B/C/5, 1632, B/V/1/62; Venn, i, 305
¹¹ LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 437; H. Lawrence, 'The Register of Glossop Parish Church', *D[erbyshire] A[rchaeological] J[ournal]*, XXXVIII (1915), 166; Calendar of State Papers Domestic, Charles II 1660–1, 225; I.M. Green, *The Re-establishment of the Church of England 1660–1663* (Oxford, 1978), 253; LRO, B/V/1/67, B/A/3, Castleton, B/A/4/3; Dean and Chapter Subscription Book; transcript of Bishop Lloyd's Notitia

Catton

chapel of ease

In the survey of church goods of 1553 the chapel was served by William Fisher, but it seems to have fallen into disuse shortly afterwards. According to Walter Horton in his tithe dispute of 1620 with John Bentley, vicar of Croxall, '...the chapel of Catton... was about sixty years ago, viz from about the first year of Queen Mary, decayed and no service read in it all the residue of Queen Mary's reign'; hence it was never listed in the visitation call books from 1558 to 1639. The parliamentary commissioners of 1650 recorded that, 'there is a chapel at Catton... lately consecrated for the conveniency of Mr Horton's family'. It was as curate of the Horton's domestic chapel that William Jordan subscr upon his ord as d by Thomas Morton bp of C and L on 21 Dec 1628; son of William of Durford, Oxfordshire; matric aged 18 at Christ Church, Ox, 1622, BA from Gloucester Hall 1626; perhaps vicar of St Paul's, Canterbury 1627 until sequestrated in 1645 and rector of Orgarswick, Kent, 1660.¹

fl 1651/2

Mr Hingley, listed under Croxall in 1650 (qv); one Hinkley curate of Marston Montgomery in 1636 (qv).²

¹ [J.C.] Cox, [*Notes of Derbyshire Churches* (Chesterfield, 1877)], iii, 364; LRO, B/C/5, 1620, B/A/4/18; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 376–7; Foster, 834

² PRO, E339/1

Cauldwell

parochial chapelry

In the visitation call books of 1558, 1560, 1561, 1570, 1573, 1579 and 1581 Cauldwell is listed as a chapelry, but no one is recorded as curate there.¹

fl 1576

*Robert More*²

fl 1584–6

Robert Gervys, also curate at Stapenhill fl 1584–93 (qv).³

fl 1593–1603

John Aston, in 1586 curate of Newton Solney (qv); in 1593 described as a scholar of Oxford, honest, ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L, well exercised in Holy Writ; not traced in Foster; a JA subscr 10 June 1600 as a curate and schoolmaster in the diocese of C and L; a JA curate of Shenstone, Staffs, c.1604–20 and another JA minister of Shelford, Notts, described in 1603 as 'a scholar of Oxford but not admitted a preacher by the bishop'.⁴

fl 1605–9

*John Sheriffe*⁵

fl 1614–16

Nicholas Beete also curate of Rosliston fl 1614–16 and vicar of Stapenhill 1617–?47 (qv).⁶
fl 1618–20

John Morton, curate of Chaddesden fl 1616–17 (qv); on 8 July 1618 suspended as curate of Cauldwell for making a clandestine marriage; a JM. MA of Trinity College, Dublin, subscr on ord by Thomas Morton bp of C and L as d 21 Dec 1622 and pr 9 March 1623; a JM curate of Skegby, Notts, 1622–4 and of Hoveringham, Notts, 1634–42.⁷

fl 1626

Anthony Horridge in 1616 schoolmaster at Mackworth, in 1626 curate of Rosliston (qv); vicar of Tutbury, Staffs, 1626–55; BA Magdalen Hall, Ox, 1614.⁸

fl 1636–51

Thomas Salt BA, curate of Rosliston 1627–c.1682 (qv); cited during the episcopal visitation of 1639 under Cauldwell ‘for omitting to read prayers upon Wednesdays and Fridays’ and was dismissed with a warning; in 1650 the parliamentary commissioners described him as ‘a frequenter of alehouses and a swearer’; thereafter he was presumably displaced from this curacy by Nathaniel Barton.⁹

fl 1662

Nathaniel Barton, according to the clerical subsidy list of 19 Feb 1662 he ‘had thrust himself into the chapelry of Cauldwell and there exercised his bad parts, was summoned to appear before the commissioners but answered, ‘I will not’, neither did any for him, nor was any acquittance exhibited’. He is listed as suspended in the call book of Bishop Hacket’s primary visitation (Sept 1662), but, according to Calamy, he was ejected for nonconformity. Identified as the NB who matric New Hall, Ox, aged 18, in 1634, BA 1638, MA 1641, BD 1649, chaplain to Sir Thomas Burdett, 1643 captain of horse at Derby, 1645 governor of Barton House, 1646 major in Colonel Scrope’s regiment of horse, 1650 colonel in the Derby Militia and fought at the battle of Worcester, 1649 and 1650 commissioner for the collection of the monthly assessment; an NB in the Derbyshire commission of the Peace in 1653. In his journal George Fox under 1650 describes his disturbance of a service in Derby where ‘a colonel that was a preacher’ was to speak at the lecture there. This person was probably Barton who on 30 Oct 1650 signed Fox’s committal to the House of Correction at Derby for blasphemy. Fox wrote to Barton from prison, describing him as ‘a colonel, justice and a preacher’. Commissioner for the ejection of scandalous ministers 1654 and a commissioner of the militia in 1659 and 1660, even though he was accused of negligence during White’s rising at Derby in 1659. In 1669 Barton was preaching at a conventicle maintained by Colonel Thomas Sanders in his house at Little Ireton and described as ‘one Captain or Major Barton formerly in arms against the late king and a minister at the beginning of the wars’. He also preached at a conventicle in Cauldwell and described there as ‘highly discontented’. Will dated 30 March 1672.¹⁰

¹ LRO, B/V/1/2,4, 5, 7, 8, 11, 13

² LRO, B/V/1/9

³ LRO, B/V/1/15, 16

- ⁴ LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 12v; LRO, AA11, 8, B/A/4/1; Landor, 231; Nottingham University Mss Department, Archdeaconry of Nottingham Mss, PB293/1603, Shelford
- ⁵ LRO, B/V/1/24, 25
- ⁶ LRO, B/V/1/28, 32
- ⁷ LRO, B/V/2/9, B/V/1/37, B/A/4/18; [K.S.S.]. Train, [Lists of the Clergy of Central Nottinghamshire, Thoroton Society Record Series] xv, [(1955)], 16, 39
- ⁸ LRO, B/V/4, 1626; Landor, 293; Foster, 747
- ⁹ LJRO, B/V/1/57, 64; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 379
- ¹⁰ PRO, E179/20/586A, C193/13/4; LJRO, B/V/1/67; Calamy, 203; Cal Rev, 33; J.L. Nickalls, ed., *The Journal of George Fox* (London, 1975), 51–5; G.L. Turner, *Original Records of early Nonconformity under Persecution and Indulgence* (London, 1911), i, 49, 50; A.M. Auden, 'Barton Blount and the Civil War', *DAJ*, XLIII (1921), 9; T. Brighton, *Royalists and Roundheads in Derbyshire*, Bakewell Historical Society (1981), 15

Chaddesden

parochial chapelry

fl 1558–60

Robert Stopport or *Stockport*¹*Robert Cooke* vicar of Spondon 1550–77 (qv) witnessed the wills of Thomas Swynnerton 26 Oct 1564 and Ellen Stamforth 6 April 1567 as curate of Chaddesden.²

fl 1570

*William Parker*³

fl 1573

*Richard Byard*⁴

fl 1576

*Robert Bynd*⁵

fl 1579

*John Lacy*⁶No curate is listed in the visitation call book of 23 June 1581.⁷

fl 1584–6

William Greves ord d by William Overton bp of C and L at Lichfield 15 Dec 1583; also curate of Spondon in 1584 (qv); crossed out as curate of Chaddesden in the call book of 1586.⁸

fl 1586

Elizeus Coxon, reader; curate of Sandiacre fl 1597–1609; curate of Risley fl 1605–32 (qv).⁹

fl 1597–1601

William Chawner or *Chalner* on 27 May 1601 ordered by the consistory court at Lichfield to certify the execution of his office.¹⁰

fl 1603

Nathaniel Birch, no degree, no preacher¹¹

fl 1605

William Draycott, also schoolmaster there; curate of Scropton fl 1612–39 (qv)¹²

1609

Vacant¹³

fl 1612

John Newton signed the Spondon glebe terrier as curate of Chaddesden.¹⁴

fl 1614

*Robert Peate*¹⁵

fl 1616–18

John Morton, curate during the metropolitan visitation of 1614; excom[municated] 29 Jan 1618 for making a clandestine marriage; as curate of Cauldwell he was suspended for the same offence 8 July 1618 (qv).¹⁶

fl 1620–3

John Goostree cited in the episcopal visitation of 1623 as ‘a haunter of alehouses and a misdemeanourer’.¹⁷

fl 1625

James Blany described on 7 April 1625 in the Lichfield consistory court as unlicensed.¹⁸

fl 1626–7

*Ralph Bunington*¹⁹

fl 1636–9

Thomas Dalman, reader²⁰

Thereafter to 1662 no curate for this living has been traced. In Bishop Hacket’s primary visitation in 1662 the cure was listed as vacant.²¹

¹ LRO, B/V/1/2, 4

² LRO, B/C/11, wills

³ LRO, B/V/1/7

⁴ LRO, B/V/1/8

⁵ LRO, B/V/1/9

⁶ LRO, B/V/1/11

⁷ LRO, B/V/1/13

⁸ LRO, B/V/1/15, 20

⁹ LRO, B/V/1/20

¹⁰ LRO, B/V/1/23, B/C/3/8

¹¹ LRO, AA11, 12

¹² LRO, B/V/1/24

¹³ LRO, B/V/1/25

¹⁴ DRO, Glebe Terriers, Spondon 1612

¹⁵ LRO, B/V/1/28

¹⁶ LRO, B/V/1/32, B/C/3/9

¹⁷ LRO, B/V/1/37, 44

¹⁸ LRO, B/C/3/13

¹⁹ LRO, B/V/4, 1626, B/C/10/14, 77v

²⁰ LRO, B/V/1/57, 62

²¹ LRO, B/V/1/67

Chapel en le Frith

perpetual curacy

fl 1560

*Christopher Berde*¹

20 July 1571

George Ireley admitted; see under George Yeaveley vicar of Glossop 1574–1620²

fl 1579–89

George Mellor, matric St John's, Ca, 1568, BA 1572; curate of Glossop in 1576, vicar of Ilkeston 1592–1629 (qv)³

fl 1605–16

*Henry Brownell*⁴

Before 1614

John Rowlandson; according to William Bagshaw 'when young' JR 'was employed in (and at) our Chapel le Frith', though this is not confirmed by contemporary sources. Brownell's occupation of the cure until 1616 and the fact JR was curate of Parwich in 1614 and vicar of Bakewell (qv) from 1614 casts some doubt over this claim.⁵

Before 6 May 1618

Francis Barney had resigned by this date when the cure was in dispute.⁶

c.1618–20

The dean and chapter of Lichfield and the parishioners of Chapel disputed the right of nomination to the cure. Both sides claimed it and appointed their own candidates. The parishioners nominated *Edward Creswell* to whom he was 'a learned, religious and reverend preacher'. The dean and chapter of Lichfield refused to admit him because he was 'a mere layman, being not so much a deacon. . . no fit or able person to be minister'. In his place they admitted *Thomas Barney* 'a minister in holy orders and a preacher' while the aggrieved parishioners petitioned the Lord Chancellor 6 May 1618. The dispute was ended 21 April 1620 when the dean and chapter confirmed the right of 'the major and saner' portion of the parishioners to nominate a minister for their confirmation. Perhaps they reached agreement by abandoning both their candidates in favour of the minister below.⁷

fl 1620–2

William Bray signed the parish register during these years; subscr on ord as d 6 Sept 1620 and as pr 22 Sept 1621 by Thomas Morton bp of C and L; matric Trinity, Ca, 1613, BA from Christ's 1617, MA 1620, BD 1632. D[octo]r of] D[ivinity] 1639; after a career as a puritan lecturer in London, he changed his views and became a chaplain to archbishop Laud; rector of St Ethelburga, London 1632–3, prebendary of St Paul's Cathedral 1632, vicar of St Martin-in-the-Fields 1633–42 when sequestered, rector of East Horsley, Surrey, vicar of Chaldon-Herring 1634–9, prebendary of Canterbury 1638–44; persecuted by the Long Parliament and probably died abroad in 1644; article in DNB.⁸

20 Feb 1625

Edmund Nickson elected by the parishioners; signed the parish register from 1625 until the end of 1644; from Cheshire, matric Brasenose, Ox, 1621, aged 18, BA 1624; ord d by John Bridgeman bp of Chester 19 Dec 1624 and pr by Thomas Love bp of Peterborough 14 March 1625; suspended in 1635 during Laud's metropolitical visitation for making a clandestine marriage; rector of Morton c.1644–83 (qv).⁹

2 Feb 1645

Robert Gee entered the living and signed the register until March 1647; vicar of St Peter, Derby from 15 Nov 1648; in Feb 1649 the chapel had neither minister nor wardens. After the death of William Oliver (see below), RG seems to have returned to the cure, signing the register in April 1652 and as 'minister of this town' was buried 7 May 1652; matric Corpus Chrisiti, Ox, 1606, of Derbys, probably BA 1610; curate of Kingstone, Staffs, 1609.¹⁰

16 March 1649

William Oliver elected minister and signed the parish register between May 1649 and Sept 1651; described by the parliamentary commissioners of 1650 as 'disaffected'; buried 6 Dec 1651.¹¹

fl 1652–60

Thomas Cleaton or Clayton signed the parish register between July 1652 and Feb 1660; a TC subscr on his ord as d 2 Aug 1661.¹²

fl 1660–2

James Hulme signed the parish register between May 1660 and Aug 1662 but by Nov according to the register the living was vacant.¹³

¹ LRO, B/V/1/4

² PRO, E331/C and L/1

³ LRO, B/V/1/11, B/C/10/8; Venn, iii, 174

⁴ LRO, B/V/1/24, 25, 32

⁵ W. Bagshaw, *De Spiritualibus Pecci* (1702), 7

⁶ LRO, Dean and Chapter 14/4

⁷ LRO, Dean and Chapter 14/4

⁸ DRO, Microfilm 64; LRO, B/A/4/18; Venn, i, 208

⁹ DRO, Microfilm 64; Foster; LRO, B/V/1/67; PRO, SP16/293/128

¹⁰ DRO, Microfilm 64; Landor, 138–9; Venn, ii, 204

¹¹ DRO, Microfilm 64; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 446

¹² DRO, Microfilm 64; LRO, Dean and Chapter Subscription Book 1661

¹³ DRO, Microfilm 64

Charlesworth

chapel of ease

Despite its loss of endowments during the Reformation for the maintenance of a priest, the chapel seems to have continued in some use and, at least twice, had its own minister.¹
fl 1601

Humphrey Bradbury cited 1 Sept 1601 to the bishop's consistory court for reading 'public prayers in Charlsworth Chapel without dispensation', excom for not appearing.²

On 20 Feb 1649 the CPM ordered the payment of an augmentation grant once sequestrators presented 'a godly and orthodox minister. . .to be settled in the said chapel'. It ordered the grant on 26 Dec 1650 to be paid to John Jones, even though the parliamentary commissioners in June 1650 had recommended that the chapel be disused and the place united to Glossop. JJ was later minister of Marple, Cheshire.³

¹ BL, Additional MS 6667, 170

² LRO, B/C/3/9

³ Bod Lib, Bodley MS327, 155, 172; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 441; *Cal Rev*, 302

Chellaston

perpetual curacy

fl 1554–60?

Thomas Gilbert witnessed the wills of John Pereson junior 1 Dec 1554, William Pawfreton 2 Feb 1555, Ralf Bancroft 21 April, all of Chellaston; named as curate in the visitation call book of 1558 and possibly that of 1560; subscr to the Elizabethan Church settlement at Derby 13 Sept 1559; around this time a TG was rector of Edlaston 1546–63 (qv); a TG in 1552 was in receipt of a pension as a former 'fellow' of All Saints, Derby and a TG was curate at Mackworth in 1553.¹

fl 1562

Thomas Battersbye witnessed as curate the will of Robert Storer of Chellaston 12 May 1562.²

fl 1570–1636

John Hill ord d 3 Apr 1569 and pr at Lichfield 18 June 1570 by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L; in 1591 sought absolution from the consistory court for laying violent hands on a parishioner in the churchyard; in 1593 described as a rural scholar of mediocre learning and in 1603 as of no degree and no preacher. After being listed in the visitation call book of 1616 he ceases to appear in episcopal records until 1636. During this time Walter Hieron is listed as curate, possibly acting as Hill's deputy. In 1636 Hill was cited to the visitation court as rector as follows,

'There is a house within the said churchyard which is put to prophane use and a part of the churchyard fence into the said house is hedged, which house was built by Mr Hill or his father; he hath not preached above four times a year; no holy days nor fasting days but 5 of November bidden for this many years; notorious offenders received to the communion; the minister hath been non-resident twelve years and the cure insufficiently served that never or seldom any divine service read; no sign of the cross used in baptism, no marrying with the ring, no burying the dead according to the canons except by ministers procured by the parishioners. The living is very sufficient and Mr Hill hath so many years received the fleece and starved the flock; no catechising according to the Book of Common Prayer; no perambulation within the memory of man. Mr Hill is a contentious man amongst us and laboureth to make differences; encourageth his parishioners against the bishop. Our said minister is noted to be a simoniacal person and scandalous to his function; he doth seldom or never administer the sacrament in his own person.'³

fl 1619–36

Walter Hyron or Hieron excom 4 Jan 1619 and freely absolved Feb 1619 as curate of Chellaston by the diocesan chancellor; in 1620 cited during the episcopal visitation for not wearing a surplice nor baptising with the sign of the cross, for receiving communion standing and for failing to bid holy days; on 30 July 1636 he was accused that, though inhibited from office for his nonconformity, he had read prayers in many other churches and exercised his ministry; as a result he was suspended for three years; on 14 Nov 1636 ordered by the consistory court to admit only those who knelt at communion, to use the whole of the liturgy and wear the surplice on pain of suspension; curate at Stapenhill fl 1605–16, served at Mackworth in 1646 and vicar of Horsley in 1646 (qv); father of John Hieron lecturer of Ashbourne and rector of Breadsall (qv) and Samuel Hieron vicar of Horsley and of Shirley (qv).⁴

fl 1636–9

William Parks MA, lic 1 July 1636 as curate; signed the parish register 1637–8; in 1639 he was cited during the episcopal visitation for not reading prayers on Wednesdays and Fridays and for his vicarage (sic) being out of repair; his living was then described as a donative worth £20 a year; not positively identified in either Venn or Foster.⁵

fl 1650–5

John Endon described by the parliamentary commissioners of 1650 as 'of no good repute'; on 3 June 1652 the Committee for the reform of the universities ordered that £16 a year from the rent reserved to the bishop of Carlisle be paid to him to augment his

living, but a later order of 31 March 1653 showed that the rent had already been granted to the vicar of Melbourne; 29 Sept 1654 registrar of the parish under the terms of the Cromwellian ordinance for parochial registrations; buried 13 March 1655.⁶

fl 1655–65

John Thacker signed the parish register from 1655 to 1664; according to the register Thomas Asterley was curate in 1665 but JT is still listed as curate in the call book of that year; possibly the JT who was sizar of Magdalene, Ca, 1631, BA 1635; ord pr 20 Sept 1635; in 1639 schoolmaster at Duffield and curate of Heage (qv); paid clerical subsidy as curate of Chellaston 19 Feb 1662 and subscr to the act of Uniformity 11 Aug 1662; lic to serve Chellaston 13 July 1663 through the gift of Richard Sterne bp of Carlisle; inst to the rectory of Somersal Herbert 26 Aug 1663.⁷

¹ LRO, B/C/11, wills, B/V/1/2, 4; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/59, xv; J.C. Cox, 'The Religious Pension Roll', *DAJ*, 28 (1906), 25

² LRO, B/C/11, will

³ PRO, SP12/36, 89v; LRO, B/C/3/1, AA11, 11, B/V/1/59; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/37, 4

⁴ LRO, B/V/2/9, B/V/1/41, 59, B/C/3/15

⁵ DRO, D1058A/PI1; LRO, B/V/1/62, B/C/4/18

⁶ LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 376, Comm VIa/2, 103, Comm VIa/4, np; DRO, D1058A/PI1

⁷ DRO, D1058A/PI1; LRO, B/V/1/62, 67, B/A/4/3, B/A/1/17; PRO, E179/20/586A; Venn

Chelmorton

parochial chapelry

fl 1560–9

*John Case*¹

fl 1579

*William Armett*²

fl 1609–16

Ralph Heathcote, an RH curate of Ashford in the Water and vicar of Tideswell (qv)³

fl 1650–1/2

Mr Willmore described by the parliamentary commissioners of 1650 as 'insufficient'⁴

fl 1656

John Cantrell minister and schoolmaster; sometime curate at Darley, Ashover, Elton, Parwich, Beeley and Baslow (qv)⁵

¹ LRO, B/V/1/4, PRO, PROB11/54, 8

² LRO, B/V/1/11

³ LRO, B/V/1/25, 32

⁴ LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 418–19; PRO, E339/1

⁵ DRO, D1191/PI1

Chesterfield

vicarage

19 Sept 1536

Martin Lane inst on the res of Oliver Flint, p the dean of Lincoln; ord subdeacon at Lichfield 20 Feb 1529 by Geoffrey Blythe bp of C and L, d 22 May 1529 and pr 18 Sept 1529 by the bp of Panada, Blythe's suffragan, on each occasion under the title of Darley Abbey; curate at Duffield 1533; rector of the north mediety of Darley 1553–72 (qv); subscr to the Elizabethan Church Settlement at Derby 19 Sept 1559; described as an MA

in the call book of 1561 but traced neither in Venn nor Foster; buried 25 Dec 1572; inventory 20 Jan 1573; administration of goods 12 Feb 1573.¹

9 Apr 1573

Cuthbert Hutchinson inst on the death of ML, p John Whitgift dean of Lincoln; ord pr by Nicholas Bullingham bp of Lincoln 25 May 1560; listed as an MA in the call book of 1584 but this is not supported by other sources; in 1593 described as a 'rural scholar, honest and ?exercised in Holy Writ'; in 1603 'no degree, no preacher'; a CH was vicar of Attenborough, Notts, 1568–83, his patron Godfrey Foljambe; inventory 7 Jan 1609; buried at Chesterfield 5 Feb 1609.²

George Gannell or Gamull, the exact date of his inst is unknown as the Exchequer certificate is not fully legible; compounded for First Fruits 24 March 1609; his fee for presentation accounted for at Lichfield 28 Aug 1610; surrogate for the diocesan vicar-general in 1611; signed the glebe terrier of 1612 as vicar; matric from Trinity, Ca, 1598, scholar 1602, BA 1603, MA 1606; died and buried at Stone, Staffs, March 1616, will 3 Mar and proved 10 April 1616.³

1 May 1616

Matthew Waddington inst and subscr, p the dean of Lincoln; inducted 27 May 1616; from Yorks., matric University, Ox, 1610, aged 20, BA 1611, MA 1614; married Elizabeth Sleigh in 1617 at Derby St Michael; in 1618 Gilbert Heathcote brought an instance case in the consistory court at Lichfield against him and Jonas, his brother, whom he had appointed as parish clerk. Heathcote alleged Jonas was insufficient for the office, but, as he was still parish clerk in 1633, the action was probably unsuccessful. MW was suspended for contumacy 12 Apr 1621; in 1627 and in 1637–8 he was a surrogate of the diocesan vicar-general; buried 6 Oct 1638.⁴

16 Oct 1638

William Edwards inst, p the dean of Lincoln; inducted 23 Oct 1638; ord pr by the bishop of London; the CPM made an augmentation grant 18 May 1649 to Thomas Bretland (see below) rather than WE, still vicar, because the latter 'by reason of his age' was unable wholly to discharge the cure; buried 13 June 1650.⁵

4 Dec 1650

John West presented by the Commissioners of the Great Seal on the death of WE on the recommendation of the parishioners, several divines and MPs.⁶

31 May 1654

John Billingsley adm by the Triers upon a presentation, dated 18 March 1654, from the Commissioners of the Great Seal upon the recommendation of 'divers divines'; born Chatham, Kent, 14 Sept 1625, ed Rochester and Exeter, Ox, 1642; adm St John's, Ca, 1644, BA 1648, MA from Oxford 1649, fellow of Corpus Christi, Ox, 1648; ord by the Presbyterians in London 1649; ministry at Addingham in Cumberland before moving to Chesterfield. He helped organise a disputation with James Naylor, the Quaker, in Chesterfield Church, as a result of having suffered stinging rebukes from Naylor, and wrote an account of it in his *Strong Comforts for Weak Christians* (London, 1656). Calamy claimed that Billingsley was a royalist sympathiser. His summons before the Council of State 19 Sept 1659 for unspecified misdemeanours might indicate some participation in the Presbyterian conspiracies and rebellions of that summer. In 1661 he was presented before the Quarter sessions for not reading the Book of Common Prayer, though Bishop Hacket later entertained hopes of persuading him to conform. Hacket

was unsuccessful and Billingsley was ejected from the vicarage after St Bartholomew's Day 1662. His farewell sermon caused the bishop offence because Billingsley compared unfavourably the clergy purged by the Parliamentarians during the 1640s and the nonconformists 'too holy and too careful of religion' ejected in 1662. Called before Hacket, the bishop criticised Billingsley's 'arrogancy and hypocrisy' according to his own account, and 'many tears came down from him and he hath given me [Hacket] a very humble confession under his hand'. Billingsley remained in Chesterfield until the Oxford Act (1665) made his residence there illegal and then retired to Mansfield. He made fortnightly visits to his old parish to preach and catechise; died 1683.⁷

Assistant Curates

fl 1559–73

George Turner witnessed the will of Richard Whitworth, priest, of Chesterfield 16 Apr 1559; subscr at Derby to the Elizabethan Church Settlement 19 Sept 1559; assessed for clerical subsidy as curate in 1568, 1569, 1572 and 1572; curate of Alderwasley in 1558 and curate at Staveley fl 1579–84 (qv).⁸

fl 1568

Robert Shaw deacon of the church buried 18 Oct 1568.⁹

fl 1576–89

Edmund Bore described as 'clerk of Chesterfield' when Elizabeth, his daughter, was bapt 28 Feb 1576 and as 'deacon of Chesterfield' when Alice, his daughter, was buried 21 August 1580 and he himself 29 Nov 1589.¹⁰

fl 1579–81

John Higson witnessed the wills of Edmund Renshawe in 1579 and Isabel Johnson in 1581 as curate; two of his children baptised in 1579 and 1581 respectively.¹¹

fl 1597–1604

John Wood bequeathed five shillings in the will of William Laurence 22 March 1604 as 'minister of Chesterfield'; curate of Brampton fl 1605–38 (qv).¹²

fl 1605–8

William Mason appears in the parish register on pages covering July 1605 to Aug 1608; rector of Pleasley 1608–13 (qv).¹³

fl 1609

Roger Gretton, curate of Ballidon and Brassington 1614 (qv)¹⁴

fl 1614

Nathaniel Chapman, see under Clowne; rector of Edlaston 1616–20 (qv)¹⁵

fl 1615

John Towne, perhaps curate at South Wingfield 1624 (qv)¹⁶

Lecturers

fl 1595–1614

George Tuke or *Tewke* 'now preacher at Chesterfield' when Godfrey Foljambe in his will 24 Feb 1595 endowed a lectureship in Chesterfield for sermons '4 times at the least in every month of the year upon the sabbath or other festival days'. Tuke was to continue as preacher so long as he agreed and observed the 'laws of this realm provided. . .for religion and the service of God and the rites and ceremonies used. . .within the church. . .of England'. His successors were to be nominated and appointed by the archbishop of York. In 1607 he was bequeathed £3 by Robert Norman of Chesterfield as

‘preacher of gods word’ and still remained in the post as late as 28 August 1614; rector of Heath 1606–28 (qv).¹⁷

fl 1620–49

Anthony Waynewright first appears as lecturer in the visitation call book of 1620 and was then cited for christening contrary to the canons; subscr as ‘public preacher’ in the parish church and chapels of Chesterfield 26 March 1621; an MA, possibly the AW who matric St John’s, Ca, 1607, BA 1611, MA 1614; during the visitation of 1636 cited because ‘he hath only worn the surplice once at morning prayer and never administered the communion to the churchwardens’ knowledge’; buried 9 Oct 1649.¹⁸

fl 1649–56

Thomas Bretland first appears as lecturer when the CPM made an augmentation grant to him 20 March 1649 of £50 a year; described by the parliamentary commissioners of 1650 as ‘an able, honest man’. George Fox wrote in his journal under 1649/50,

‘And I went to Chesterfield where one Thomas Bretland was priest. He was one that saw beyond the common sort of priests, for he had been partly convinced, who was above the priests and had spoken much on behalf of Truth before he was priest there. The priest of the town being dead, he had got the parsonage and choked himself with it’.

After Fox was imprisoned in the house of correction and then expelled from the borough, he noted, ‘The judgements of the Lord came on that priest soon after and he was cut off and died’. TB was actually buried on 3 Dec 1656, two days after his death. A TB of Derbys adm Emmanuel, Ca, 31 Aug 1633, matric 1634, BA 1638.¹⁹

2 Jan 1657

Thomas Ford adm by the Triers on the death of TB on the nomination of the Lord Protector 22 Dec 1656. Calamy described him ‘of a melancholy temper and much inclined to silence’ and ‘congregational in his judgement’. A.G. Matthews identified him as the son of Thomas Ford, alderman of Chesterfield, adm to Magdalene, Ca, in 1651, aged 18, BA 1655. He was still lecturer on 19 Feb 1662 when he paid clerical subsidy but had resigned before he could be ejected on St Batholomew’s Day 1662; *William Bennet* subscr as lecturer in Chesterfield 11 July 1662; curate of Brampton (qv). Ford died, aged 30, of consumption.²⁰

¹ LRO, B/A/1/14ii, B/A/1/14iii, 26, B/V/1/5; BL, Harleian MS 594, 129v; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/58, xi; J.M. Bestall and D.V. Fowkes, Chesterfield wills and Inventories 1521–1603, *Derbyshire Record Society* I (1977), 123; Mary Walton and Philip Riden, Chesterfield Parish Register 1558–1600, *Derbyshire Record Society* XII (1986), 55

² LRO, B/A/1/15, 83, B/V/1/15, AA11, 13; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/37, 11v; Train, xv, 10; J.M. Bestall and D.V. Fowkes, Chesterfield Wills and Inventories 1604–50, *Derbyshire Record Society* XXVIII (2001), 259

³ PRO, E331/C and L/10, Index to Composition Books E334; LRO, B/C/10, Black Book of Lichfield, B/V/2/5; DRO, Glebe Terrier, Chesterfield 1612; Dorothy M. Nolan, Wilfrid J. Watkinson and Philip Riden, eds., Chesterfield Parish Register 1601–35, *Derbyshire Record Society* XV (1990), 279; Venn, ii, 190; Bestall and Fowkes (2001), 307

⁴ PRO, E331/C and L/12; Train, xx, 109; LRO, B/V/2, 9, 13, B/C/10/15, 81, 147; DRO, D643/PII

⁵ PRO, E331/C and L/16; LRO, B/V/1/62; Bod Lib, Bodley MS 326, 77v; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 456; DRO, D643/PII

⁶ BL, Additional MS 36792, 18v

- ⁷ BL, Additional MS 36792, 87; LPL, Comm III/3, 127; Calamy, 168–72; *Cal Rev*, 52; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 48, 49
- ⁸ LRO, B/V/1/2, B/C/11 wills, B/V/1/4, 7, 11, 13; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/58, xi; PRO, E179/19/516, 519, 522–3
- ⁹ Walton and Riden (1986), 39
- ¹⁰ Walton and Riden, 68, 87, 136
- ¹¹ Walton and Riden (1986), 84, 89; LRO, B/C/11 Edmund Renshawe 1580, Isabel Johnson 1582
- ¹² LRO, B/C/10, 9, 180v, 217, 236, 238, 243, 254; Bestall and Fowkes (2001), 237
- ¹³ LRO, B/V/1/24; Nolan, Watkinson and Riden (1990), 218, 236
- ¹⁴ LRO, B/V/1/25
- ¹⁵ LRO, B/V/1/28
- ¹⁶ Nolan, Watkinson and Riden (1990), 277
- ¹⁷ D.G. Edwards, *Derbyshire Wills Proved in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury 1575–1601*, *Derbyshire Record Society* XXXi (2003), 209; LRO, B/V/1/24; Bestall and Fowkes (2001), 247, 300; Nolan, Watkinson and Riden (1990), 198, 204, 213
- ¹⁸ LRO, B/V/1/41, 59, B/A/4/18; Venn, iv, 310; DRO, D643/PII
- ¹⁹ Bod Lib, Bodley MS 325, 59; LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 456; J.L. Nickhalls, ed., *Journal of George Fox* (London Yearly Meeting, 1975), 49–50; LPL, Comm VIa/7, 282; DRO, D643/PII
- ²⁰ LPL, Comm III/5, 187; Calamy, 204; *Cal Rev*, 206; PRO, E179/20/586A; LRO, B/A/4/3

Church Broughton

vicarage/donative

The last institution of a vicar before 1558 was 4 June 1502. By the mid-sixteenth century the living had come to be regarded as a donative and so continued for the next 150 years.¹
fl 1558

Thomas Cleyton, curate, the vicarage noted then in the call book as vacant and Cleyton as ill.²

fl 1560

William ?Sentele appears in the visitation call book designated as ‘Dns’ but not described as curate.³

In the visitation call book of 1561 and the diocesan returns of 1563 the living, designated a vicarage, is declared vacant.⁴

fl 1570–1617

Robert Gaderne otherwise *Gawden*, *Godren*, *Goddame* often cited as vicar in the visitation call books, though never instituted; in 1593 described as a rural scholar, honest, ord d by William Overton bp of C and L 4 Oct 1584, student of Holy Writ; in 1603 described as of no degree; buried 9 July 1617.⁵

fl 1620–42, 1644–62

Emmanuel Heywood described as reader in 1620 and later as curate; suspended for contumacy 15 Dec 1620; his children bapt at Church Broughton from 1632 to 1639; on 11 Feb 1639 William Montgomery of Scropton confessed in the consistory court that he had been present in Scropton Church when Heywood had preached against ‘impenitents and incorrigible sinners’ and had been ‘greatly stung at heart and disturbed because of his fornication committed with one Anne Barlow alias Robinson eighteen years before’, causing him to confess to the preacher. He seems to have left Church Broughton by Oct 1642, presumably on acquiring the rectory of Barton Blount (qv), but he resumed signing the register at Church Broughton from 12 Oct 1644. According to Walker’s *Sufferings* EH returned to Church Broughton once the Parliamentary forces of Sir John Gell

garrisoned Barton Hall and church in Oct 1644. While conducting a baptism, soldiers from the garrison found him wearing a surplice and using the service in the Book of Common Prayer, a copy of which he was holding. One of them ‘plucking his surplice off from his back and tearing it in pieces, stamped it under his feet as a rag of the whore of Babylon’ and then destroyed the the prayer book. Later the soldier lost two fingers in a skirmish with some royalists. When the garrison was dismantled, Barton Church was burned by the Parliamentarians. Heywood denounced then and, as a result, was arrested and taken to Derby. He was eventually released and allowed to return to Church Broughton, retaining his living there without sequestration because no parliamentary preacher would consider serving such an impoverished place. He was still there in 1650 and 1651 and paid clerical subsidy there 19 Feb 1662; buried 20 July 1662.⁶

fl 1642–4

William Ley commenced the parish register 1 Oct 1642; last entry in his hand 1 June 1644; rector of Somersal Herbert by 1651 (qv).⁷

31 Aug 1662

Thomas Palfreman signed the parish register; subscr upon licensing 3 Oct 1662; ord as a student of Emmanuel, Ca., d and pr at Lichfield by John Hacket bp of C and L 21 Dec 1662; inst vicar of Youlgreave in 1665; adm Emmanuel 1660 and matric, BA 1664.⁸

¹ C.E. Woodruff and I.J. Churchill, ‘Calendar of Institutions’, *Kent Archaeological Society Records*, 8 (1924)

² LRO, B/V/1/2

³ LRO, B/V/1/4

⁴ LRO, B/V/1/5; BL, Harleian MS 594, 177

⁵ LRO, B/V/1/7, 9, 11, 13, 15, 20, 23, 24, 25, 28, 32; AA11, 9; LPL *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/37–12; DRO, D854/PI 1

⁶ LRO, B/V/1/37, 57, 62, B/V/4, 1626, B/C/3/16; DRO, D854/PI1; Bod Lib, Walker MS C5, 83; PRO, E339/1, E179/20/586A

⁷ DRO, D854/PI1

⁸ DRO, D854/PI1, LRO, B/A/4/3, 4–5, B/A/1/17, 16; Venn, iii, 298

Church Gresley

perpetual curacy

fl 1558–60

Philip Barker listed as curate in the 1558 visitation call book and a witness to the will of John Watson of Swadlincote 22 Feb 1560; a PB ord subdeacon 19 Sept 1528 and d 19 Dec 1528 by William Sutton bp of Panada at Lichfield and pr 20 Feb 1529 by Geoffrey Blythe bp of C and L at Eccleshall to a title from Repton Priory; curate of Smalley in 1533; witness to the will of Robert Felthouse of Lullington 13 July 1547; bequeathed 12d and a book, *Vita Christi*, in the will of John Kent clk of Gresley 1557; a PB curate of Sandiacre fl 1573–6 (qv).¹

fl 1560

*Hugh More*²

fl 1568

Hugh Newbold assessed for clerical subsidy 24 May 1568.³

fl 1572–9

William Smith assessed for clerical subsidy 14 Jan 1572; see various WS under Brampton, Bretby, Derby St Werburgh, Great Longstone, Marston Montgomery, Norbury, Snelston, Sutton on the Hill.⁴

fl 1581

Clement Awsten in 1581 ordered to purge himself of the charge of incontinence; he did so successfully but was told not to frequent the house of the woman with whom he had been under suspicion; curate at Sudbury fl 1586–1592, rector of Sudbury 1596–1602, rector of Radbourne 1604–17 (qv).⁵

fl 1584–8

Edmund Harrope, possibly curate of Barlow in 1591; vicar of Hathersage 1592–1628 (qv).⁶

fl 1593

Roger Wright rural scholar, honest, ord pr 21 May 1584 by William Overton bp of C and L, laudably versed in Holy Writ.⁷

fl 1597–1605

George Ward in 1603 described as of no degree and no preacher with an annual stipend of £9; presented to Lullington in 1609; curate of Willington fl 1616–26 (qv).⁸

fl 1609–?24

Edward Bagshawe, still curate in 1622; an EB was buried at Church Gresley 19 Sept 1624; an EB curate of Osmaston by Ashbourne in 1570 and at Doveridge in 1573 (qv).⁹

fl 1624–6

John Giffard subscr on his ord as d 9 Mar 1623 and as pr and curate of Church Gresley 19 Sept 1624 by Thomas Morton bp of C and L; from Derbys, matric Queens', Ca, 1619, BA 1623; still curate in 1626; inst as vicar of Burton Joyce, Notts, in 1627, p Philip Lord Stanhope; died 7 Feb 1663.¹⁰

fl 1636

*Kennester Ibson*¹¹

fl 1638–9

Roger Farmer subscr as curate 24 Sept 1638; ord pr 23 Dec 1638; adm Emmanuel, Ca, 1633, BA 1637, MA 1640; vicar of Barrow upon Trent 9 Sept 1662 (qv); vicar of Alstonefield, Staffs, 1675–83.¹²

fl 1645

Nathaniel Ash as scholar of Trinity, Ca, subscr as curate 21 May 1645; the only NA in Venn matric Queens', Ca, 1639 from Leics, perhaps vicar of Saltby, Leics, 1671–8 where he was buried; curate of Scropton 1650–1 (qv).¹³

fl 1650–1/2

— Vicars 'an able preacher and of good life and hath forty marks salary'; perhaps James Vicars, vicar of Melbourne from 1654 (qv).¹⁴

fl 1662

Thomas Firth cited 31 July 1662 to Bishop Hacket's primary visitation as curate but according to the visitation call book of Sept 1662 the living was vacant; born at Willington and ed at Repton and Trinity, Ca, BA 1654, MA 1658; applied for ordination to the Wirksworth Classis 16 Jan 1655 to serve the chapelry of Harlaston, Staffs, and assist George Crosse, rector of Clifton Campville; ord by the classis 21 March 1655; according to Calamy 'he was never settled in any parsonage or vicarage, but preached under other ministers for the space of seven or eight years', serving at Seal in 1660 and at

Church Gresley on St Batholomew's Day 1662. After his refusal to conform he continued his ministry along the Staffordshire-Derbyshire border and so suffered excom by the ecclesiastical authorities and imprisonment in the gaols of Stafford and Derby. In 1669 he held conventicles at Stenson and Mickleover. He died in a village near Burton around 1677.¹⁵

¹ LRO, B/V/1/2, B/A/1/14ii, B/C/11, wills; BL, Harleian MS 594, 129v

² LRO, B/V/1/4

³ PRO, E179/19/516

⁴ PRO, E179/19/523; LRO, B/V/1/8, 9, 11

⁵ LRO, B/V/1/13

⁶ LRO, B/V/1/15, 20, B/C/11 will

⁷ LPL, Carte Antique et Miscellanea Vol XIII/37, 12v

⁸ LRO, B/C/10/9, 191, 208, AA11, 9, B/V/1/24

⁹ LRO, B/V/1/25, 28, 32, 37, B/C/10/13, 121, 138v; DRO, D2112A/PI 1/1

¹⁰ LRO, B/A/4/18, B/V/4, 1626, B/C/10/14, 22v; Venn, ii, 213

¹¹ LRO, B/V/1/57

¹² LRO, B/A/4/18, B/V/1/62, B/A/1/67; Venn; Landor, 10

¹³ LRO, B/A/4/18; Venn

¹⁴ LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 380; PRO, E339/1

¹⁵ LRO, B/V/4, 1662, B/V/1/67, Calamy, 204–5; Landor, 68, 71; J.C. Cox, 'The Minute Book of the Wirksworth Classis', *DAJ*, ii (1880), 179, 183; *Cal Rev*, 206–7; G.L. Turner, *Original Records of early Nonconformity under Persecution and Indulgence* (London, 1911), 51–2

Clifton

chapel of ease

John Ledbeyter of 'Owrthornes', Ashbourne bequeathed 12d in his will 12 July 1547 to the chapel at Clifton. A late seventeenth century vicar of Ashbourne derived income from its chapel yard. No further details about the chapel in the period have been traced and it is probable it fell into disuse after 1547.¹

¹ LRO, B/C/11 will; DRO, Glebe Terrier, Ashbourne 1698

Clowne

rectory

10 Nov 1530

William Inskype inst on the res of Robert Hewat last inc to whom an annual pension of £4 was assigned, p the prior and convent of Worksop; also rector of Bonsall 1554–82 (qv); buried at Clowne 30 Nov 1582; will dated 4 Dec 1581 and proved 22 May 1583.¹

22 March 1583

Richard Chapman inst, pres by the Crown 17 Jan 1583 on the death of the last inc and compounded for First Fruits 16 Apr 1583; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L at Eccleshall 31 March 1577; in 1603 described as of no degree and no preacher; curate of Elmton in 1573 and later vicar there (qv); commission for the administration of his goods 14 Sept 1626.²

10 Nov 1612

Nathaniel Chapman pres by the Crown on the res of the last inc, but this presentation was never effected as RC above continued to be listed in the visitation call books as rector.³

30 Dec 1625

Robert Harrison inst p the Crown; subscr on the same day as an MA of Magdalene, Ca; presumably the RH matric Magdalene 1589, BA 1594, ord d and pr at Durham 1594;

possibly the RH curate of Misterton, Notts, 1601–5; vicar of Laughton, Lincs, 1612; granted the sequestrations of St Helen and St Mary Castlegate, York, 1618; will dated 20 May 1637, proved 17 Oct 1637, inventory 1 June 1637.⁴

11 June 1637

George Holme inst, pres by the Crown 25 May 1637 on the death of the last inc; rector of Breadsall 1630–45 (qv); dispensation for pluralism 30 May 1637; sequestered by the CPM 20 June 1648 after articles against him had been referred by the CPM to the County Committee of Derbyshire 9 Oct 1647. Most of these articles concerned his behaviour as rector of Clowne.

1. He was 'very superstitious, used to bow to the altar, did seldom preach above once a month at Clowne where he was resident'.
3. He continued to used the Book of Common Prayer and the cross in baptism after their abolition by Parliament and observed the king's Friday fast.
4. He had sheltered in royalist garrisons at Bolsover and Welbeck and gave a horse for the king's service.
5. He had called Parliamentary soldiers 'rogues, traitors, rebels, russet coats and illiterate fellows'.
6. He had promoted the royalist cause and assisted the commissioners of Array.
7. He prayed for the earl of Newcastle's success. Walker observed that he was the earl's chaplain and distant kinsman.

After his sequestration he appealed to the CPM that his examination by the county committee had been unfair, but to no avail. Holme's son, Walker's informant, reported that the execution of the sequestration order was performed with 'barbarous inhumanity'. His wife, having given birth two days before, was thrust from her chamber into a cold kitchen and died later as a result. According to Walker, Holme was succeeded at Clowne by an unnamed 'old clergyman, but he did not long remain there as his wife, who had persuaded him to accept the living, decided 'that they could never thrive and prosper there because of the injustice and violence done to Mr Holme and his wife in that place'.⁵

fl 1649

John Burton, one of his children baptised at Clowne in 1649; described by the parliamentary commissioners in 1650 as 'an honest, hopeful man'; ord d and pr 6 Sept 1660 by William Piers bp of Bath and Wells; presented by the Commissioners of the Great Seal 30 July 1652 on the death of GH; subscr to the Restoration Church Settlement 30 July 1662; noted in the call book of Hacket's Primary Visitation Sept 1662 as uninstituted; vicar of Bradbourne in 1648 (qv).⁶

¹ LRO, B/V/1/14i, 43, B/C/10/7, B/C/11 will; DRO, D1296A/PI1

² PRO, E331/C and L/5; E334/9, 36; BL, Lansdowne MS 444, 48; LRO, B/V/1/15; AA11, 14; B/C/10/14, 33v

³ Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179, 154v

⁴ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18; Venn; [K.S.S.] Train [ed., Lists of the Clergy of North Nottinghamshire Thoroton Society Record Series] xx, 139; LRO, B/C/10/15, 84, B/C/11 will

⁵ PRO, E331/C and L/16; BRL, Croome Court Collections DV903, 992; LRO, B/V/1/62; *Walker Rev*, 106; Bod Lib, J Walker MS C5, 52–6, 80

⁶ DRO, D1296A/PI1; LPL, Comm XII/6, 461; BL, Additional Ms 36792, 41v; LRO, B/V/1/67, B/A/4/17

Codnor

chapel of ease

Codnor is listed as a chapelry in the visitation call books of 1558, 1560, 1561 in which its name is crossed out, 1576 and 1579, but not thereafter. In Mary I's reign Sir Thomas, its chaplain, had articles preferred against him for being both in Holy Orders and married and was deprived, but no later clergymen, serving the chapel, have been traced.¹

¹ LRO, B/V/1/2, 4, 5, 9, 11; BL, Harleian MS 421, 53–v; J. Strype, *Ecclesiastical Memorials* (Oxford, 1822), iii, part 1, 168–9

Coton in the Elms

chapel of ease

In 1553 the chapel was served by Henry Malabur, priest, and was listed in the visitation call books from 1558 to 1616. In the last 'no prayers' was written against the name, and thereafter record ceases.¹

¹ Cox, iii, 391; LRO, B/V/1/2, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 11, 15, 24, 25, 32

Creswell

chapel of ease

John Alley of Creswell in his will 15 Aug 1547 bequeathed money towards hiring a priest to serve the chapel. On 16 July 1558 Richard Watson was instituted to the vicarage of Elmtun with Creswell Chapel (qv); no further references to the chapel have been traced.¹

¹ LRO, B/C/11, will

Crich

vicarage

17 Jan 1543

Richard Bankys inst on the death of William Richardson the last inc, ps Robert and Thomas Bradshawe by a grant for one turn from the abbot and convent of Darley; an RB fl 1533–39 as rector of West Hallam until he resigned the living on accepting another benefice; an RB inst to the rectory of Eastwood, Notts, 9 May 1538 and BA, Ox, 1515; an RB canon of Dale dispensed 30 Nov 1538 to hold a benefice and abandon his habit.¹
10 July 1579

Roger Crosley inst, pres by the Crown 6 July 1579.²

24 March 1580

Richard Massey inst on the res of the last inc; pres by the Crown 18 Feb 1580; RM pres by the Crown again 5 Sept 1595 and inst 19 Sept 1595; ord by William Hughes bp of St Asaph; buried at Repton 6 Dec 1599.³

9 Jan 1600

Geoffrey Jackson inst; in 1603 described as of no degree, a preacher lic by the archbp of Canterbury; in 1605 curate of Sawley (qv).⁴

3 Aug 1604

Walter Normansell inst; ord pr by Thomas Bentham bp of C and L 29 Sept 1578; curate of Mayfield, Staffs, fl 1579–1610 (qv).⁵

10 Sept 1614

Edward Woolley inst and subscr; his children bapt at Crich from 1619 to 1625; Margaret, his wife, buried there 7 Aug 1627 and he himself 25 June 1629.⁶

8 Aug 1629

Thomas Shelmerdine inst and subscr, p John Clay, gent; matric sizar Christ's, Ca, 1618 from Lancs, BA 1622; married Faith, daughter of Richard Wigley of Wigwell 17 Feb

1633; his children baptised at Crich from 1634 to 1641; rector of Matlock 1645–62 (qv); father of Daniel vicar of Barrow upon Trent (qv).⁷

17 July 1647

John Oldfield appointed by the CPM; rector of Carsington 1649–62 (qv).⁸

fl 1651/2

Elkanan Emerwicke known only from the sheriff's return of this year.⁹

fl 1653

Henry Alsop BA 19 April 1653 applied for ordination from the Wirksworth Classis; 17 May 1653 presented his certificate from the parishioners of Crich to prove his title there; ord by the Classis 21 June 1653; vicar of Bolsover from 1656 (qv).¹⁰

9 Sept 1657

James Sutton adm by the Triers, ps Henry Brooke, Mary Brooke and Elizabeth Coke; applied for ord from the Wirksworth Classis 21 Apr 1657 and ord 20 May 1657; Matthews identified him as the JS, Magdalene, Ca, 1620, BA 1624, MA 1628 but as Venn added that this JS was ord d and pr in 1625, the identification is unlikely; JS paid clerical subsidy 19 Feb 1662 and was listed in Hacket's Primary Visitation call book in Sept 1662, but there is no record of his having subscr to the Restoration church settlement. Calamy first listed him as an 'after-conformist', but later was 'informed he lived and died a nonconformist'. He was lic under the Declaration of Indulgence of 1672 to teach at his house in Stockport, Cheshire, and died near Manchester. In an office act book of the Lichfield consistory court is recorded 1 Dec 1664,

'Whereas Mrs Sutton, wife of James Sutton, hath had warning to avoid the vicarage house and will not, it is ordered that the churchwardens do send word on the 13th December next that she is removed or else to make their address to the Quarter Sessions to out her by word of the justices.'¹¹

?Reader or Curate

fl 1593

Thomas Dearneley of Crich cited to the consistory court for reading service and burying without a licence and excom.¹²

¹ LRO, B/A/1/14iii, 28v; Train, xv, 45; Foster, 67; D.S. Chambers, *Faculty Office Registers 1534–1549* (Oxford, 1966), 120

² LPL, Grindal's Register II, 431; BL, Lansdowne MS 443, 266v

³ LPL, Grindal's Register II, 436v; BL, Lansdowne MS 443, 431; PRO, E331/C and L/8; LRO, B/V/1/15; DRO, D638A/PII

⁴ PRO, E331/C and L/8; LRO, AA11, 12

⁵ PRO, E331/C and L/9; LRO, B/V/1/15

⁶ PRO, E179/20/579; Borthwick Institute of Historical Research, York, Neile's Subscription Book; DRO, D2365/PII/3

⁷ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18; Venn, iv, 58; DRO, D2365A/PII/3

⁸ *Cal Rev*, 373

⁹ PRO, E339/1

¹⁰ Cox, 'Minute Book', 169–71

¹¹ LPL, Comm XII/6; Cox, 'Minute Book', 207, 209; *Cal Rev*, 470; Venn; PRO, E179/20/586A; LRO, B/A/4/18, B/V/1/67, 68

¹² LRO, B/C/3/3

Cromford

chapel of ease

A bequest was made to the chapel in the will of Thomas Mayker of Wirksworth 18 Dec 1542. Its goods, though few, were inventoried in 1553. The chapelry was listed in the visitation call books of 1558, when described as ‘destitute of a curate’, 1560 when it was ‘vacant’, 1561 and 1579 when it was crossed out of both lists, 1581 when it was vacant, 1584, 1586, 1597 when it was again crossed out and finally in 1609 when it was vacant.¹

¹ LRO, B/C/11, will, B/V/1/2, 4, 5, 11, 13, 20, 23, B/V/4/1609; Cox, ii, 572

Croxall

vicarage

3 Feb 1539

Richard Stonynaught inst on the death of the last inc, p Thomas Ward, burgess of Derby by the grant of Repton Priory; subscr to the Elizabethan Church Settlement 19 Sept 1559; around Aug 1560 Bishop Bentham and Ambrose Cave sought his preferment to the vicarage of Wirksworth but without success; will proved at Lichfield 14 May 1586.¹

20 July 1586

George Higgess inst; in 1593 described as BA, honest, ord pr by William Overton bp of C and L 1584, well exercised in Holy Writ; in 1603 a preacher lic by the bp of C and L; his university career has not been traced; probate 14 Aug 1617.²

8 May 1617

John Bentley inst and subscr, p Sir George Curzon for this turn by royal grant; subscr again 19 Sept 1617; not the JB rector of Boylestone 1602–22 (qv).³

18 Nov 1637

Samuel Wills inst, pres by the Crown 3 Nov 1637, the living vacant through the cession of the last inc; born and ed at Coventry; matric Christ’s, Ca, 1627, BA 1631, MA 1634; during the Civil War retired to Great St Helen’s London; sequestered to Wendover 1643; rector of Birmingham 1646–60 from which he was ejected; reinstated 1663 and died 1684.⁴

By 1650

John Hough vicar in 1650 when the parliamentary commissioners reported that he was ‘of no good repute’; pres to the living by the Commissioners of the Great Seal 15 Oct 1652 upon the recommendation of the parishioners, several divines and Mr Nathaniel Hallowes; pres by the king 5 Sept 1661 and inst 15 July 1662 ‘to corroborate his title’; subscr to the act of Uniformity 15 July 1662; prebendary of Dorford in Lichfield Cathedral 1663.⁵

Assistant Curate

fl 1650

Mr Hingley ‘of no good repute’ according to the parliamentary commissioners; in 1651 he was serving Catton Chapel in the parish (qv).⁶

¹ LRO, B/A/1/14iii, 27v; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/58, x; R. O’Day and Joel Berlastsky eds., *The Letter Book of Thomas Bentham, Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield 1560–1561 in Camden Miscellany XXVII*, Camden Fourth Series 22 (1979), 148

² PRO, E331/C and L/6; LPL, *Carte Antique et Miscellanea* Vol XIII/37, 12v; LRO, AA11, 8, B/C/10/12, 239

³ PRO, E331/C and L/12; LRO, B/A/4/17

⁴ PRO, E331/C and L/16; BRL, Croome Court Collections DV903/1063; Venn, iv, 424

⁵ LPL, Comm XII/6, 377; BL, Additional MS 36792, 52; LRO, B/V/1/17, B/A/4/3

⁶ LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 377

Cubley

rectory

1 Apr 1558

John Woodward inst on the death of Ralph Lees, p Sir Thomas Gerard, husband of Elizabeth Porte, daughter and heiress of Sir John Porte of Etwall, lord of Cubley, deceased, and patron while he lived; ord pr London Feb 1555 as a native of the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield and fellow of Merton, Ox; in the visitation comperta of 1584 under Cubley is 'Henry Woodward hath a brother beyond the seas; his name is John Woodward, continuing there about six or seven years, his affection in religion is not known' to which is added, 'John Woodward was sometime parson of Smeeth in Kent; he had a prebend in Gloucester of £30 by year; he was parson of Ingatestone in Essex and parson of Cubley in Derbyshire; Master of Arts in Oxford. He was made priest in Queen Mary's time'. According to Aveling he was chaplain to Lord Petre and in 1565–6 resigned his livings with the obvious exception of Cubley and in 1577 withdrew to France to join a group of English Catholic exiles. He died there in 1597.¹

3 Apr 1578

Nicholas Elde or *Yelde* inst on the deprivation of JW, p Sir Thomas Stanhope; compounded for First Fruits 29 April 1578; curate at Cubley 1572–3 and of Marston Montgomery in 1573 (qv); in 1581 cited to the consistory court to receive articles and in 1593 excom.²

5 Oct 1594

Christopher Forman inst; compounded for First Fruits 2 Nov. 1594; matric Peterhouse, Ca, 1578, BA 1584; ord d and pr by William Wickham bp of Lincoln 18 Aug 1586; 1585 curate and schoolmaster of Bawdeswell, Norfolk; 15 Sept 1589 inst rector of Eastwood, Notts on the res of John Walton also rector of Breadsall (qv), p Sir Thomas Stanhope; usher of Nottingham High School 1591–1602; rector of Gedling, Notts, 1603–40 where he was buried; in 1603 described as a preacher lic by the archbp of Canterbury.³

29 July 1603

Robert Dixon inst; compounded for First Fruits 15 Nov. 1603; probably the RD who matric Christ's, Ca, 1577 as an exhibitioner from Ipswich School, BA 1580, MA 1583; lic to teach grammar in Norwich 1582; vicar of Birstall 1587–1614 and rector of Darfield 1600–14, both in Yorks; described in 1603 as ord by the bp of Norwich and lic to preach by the archbp of York.⁴

12 Sept 1605

Edward Bennett inst on the res of RD, p Lady Margaret Stanhope; compounded for First Fruits 24 Oct 1605; re-presented 5 Feb 1613 by the Crown through lapse on the commendation of the bp of C and L as an MA of St John's, Ca, but evidence of his re-institution has not been traced; curate of Derby St Michael, in 1586, vicar of Mackworth 1587–93, curate of Derby All Saints 1592–1609, rector of Langwith 1603–5 and rector of Kirk Ireton 1603–5 (qv). He brought a defamation case against John Malin of Cubley, accusing him, in articles of 7 May 1611, of saying in the churchyard that 'he [Bennett] did not live like a Christian, that he lived not in the fear of God as a man of his cloth ought to do, and that he did bolster and maintain an arrant thief'. Three days later Malin accosted Bennett in church before the congregation with the same accusations, adding,

‘Thou art a pharisee and preacheth and practiseth not. Thou hast made thyself a packhorse for the devil and I challenge thee into this field’. In the parish register the marriage of Ellen, his daughter, to Alexander Howe BD, rector of Draycott in the Moors, Staffs, is recorded 7 Nov 1620, the burial of Maud, his first wife, on 23 Oct 1621 and his marriage to Ann Blagreave of Derby 29 July 1622; will 6 Apr 1627, proved 16 June 1627; inventory 12 July 1627.⁵

7 June 1627

Edward Peers inst on the death of EB, p Edward Griffins, yeoman, for this turn by the grant of Philip Lord Stanhope; BA but not traced in either Venn or Foster; subscr on ord as d 19 Dec 1619 and pr 12 March 1620 by Thomas Morton bp of C and L; curate at Sudbury in 1620, rector of Somersal Herbert 1621–6 and vicar of Burton Joyce, Notts, until 1627, the patron of both livings being Philip Lord Stanhope; rector of Sudbury from 1637 (qv); married Joan Cope 9 Sept 1630; his children bapt at Cubley from 1633 to 1637.⁶

4 Aug 1637

Henry Pratt inst, p Philip earl of Chesterfield; curate of Marston Montgomery in 1626; subscr on his ord as pr 23 Sept 1626; according to his institution record an MA but neither in Venn nor Foster and not recorded as such in Bishop Morton’s subscription book; will dated 28 Sept 1648 and proved 11 Jan 1649.⁷

fl 1650–60

Thomas Stubbing rector by June 1650; inst 25 June ?1651; subscr on ord as d 19 Sept 1629 and pr 19 Sept 1630 by Thomas Morton bp of C and L; curate at Cubley in 1630; matric sizar Trinity, Ca, 1625, BA 1629; buried at Cubley 15 Dec 1660.⁸

11 Feb 1661

Isaac Solden inst, p Philip earl of Chesterfield; ord d 6 Feb 1661 and pr 8 Feb 1661 by Robert Sanderson bp of Lincoln; subscr to the act of Uniformity 12 July 1662; vicar of St Alkmund, and St Michael, Derby, from 1658 (qv).⁹

Assistant Curates

fl 1558

John Pare, former chantry priest of Alkmonton Spitle; will 22 Sept 1559, proved 24 Nov 1559.¹⁰

fl 1569–70

Richard Wolley paid clerical subsidy 8 Oct 1569; also curate of Marston Montgomery in 1570 (qv); curate at Norbury and Snelston in 1573 (qv).¹¹

fl 1572–3

Nicholas Yelde rector of Cubley 1578–94

fl 1606–7

Richard Cantrell appears in the parish register as curate; curate of Hognaston fl 1597–8, of Brassington 1626, of Stanton by Dale fl 1620–6, of Kirk Hallam fl 1636–9 (qv), of Skegby, Notts, in 1614.¹²

fl 1630

Thomas Stubbing later rector of Cubley

¹ LRO, B/A/1/15, 18v, B/V/1/17; Foster, 1677; W.H. Frere, *The Marian Reaction in its relation to the English Clergy* (SPCK, 1896), 273; J.C.H. Aveling, *The Handle and the Axe: the Catholic Recusants in England from Reformation to Emancipation* (London, 1976), 41

- ² LRO, B/A/1/15, 84v, B/V/1/13, B/C/3/3; PRO, Index to the Composition books E334, E179/19/522–3
- ³ PRO, E331/C and L/7, index to Composition Books E334; LRO, B/V/1/23, AA11,9; Venn, ii, 158; Train, xv, 46, 55
- ⁴ PRO, E331/C and L/9, index to Composition Books E334; Venn, ii, 47; LJRO, AA11, 9
- ⁵ LPL, Bancroft's Register, 199; PRO, index to Composition Books E334; Bod Lib, Tanner MS 179, 156v; DRO, D1178/PI1; LRO, B/C/11 will, B/C/10/14, 67, B/C/5, 1611
- ⁶ LRO, B/A/1/16, B/A/4/18; Train, xv, 35; DRO, D1178/PI1
- ⁷ PRO, E331/C and L/16; DRO, D1178/PI1; LJRO, B/A/4/18, B/C/11 will
- ⁸ LPL, Comm XIIa/6, 353; PRO, Institution Book IV, 38; LRO, B/A/4/18; DRO, D1178/PI1
- ⁹ LPL, Juxon's Register, 91; LRO, B/V/1/67, B/A/4/3; PRO, E179/20/586A
- ¹⁰ LRO, B/V/1/2; PRO, E101/75/8, E135/10/42, PRO, PROB 11/428, 58; BL, Additional MS 8102, 50
- ¹¹ PRO, E179/19/519; LRO, B/V/1/7
- ¹² DRO, D1178/PI 1