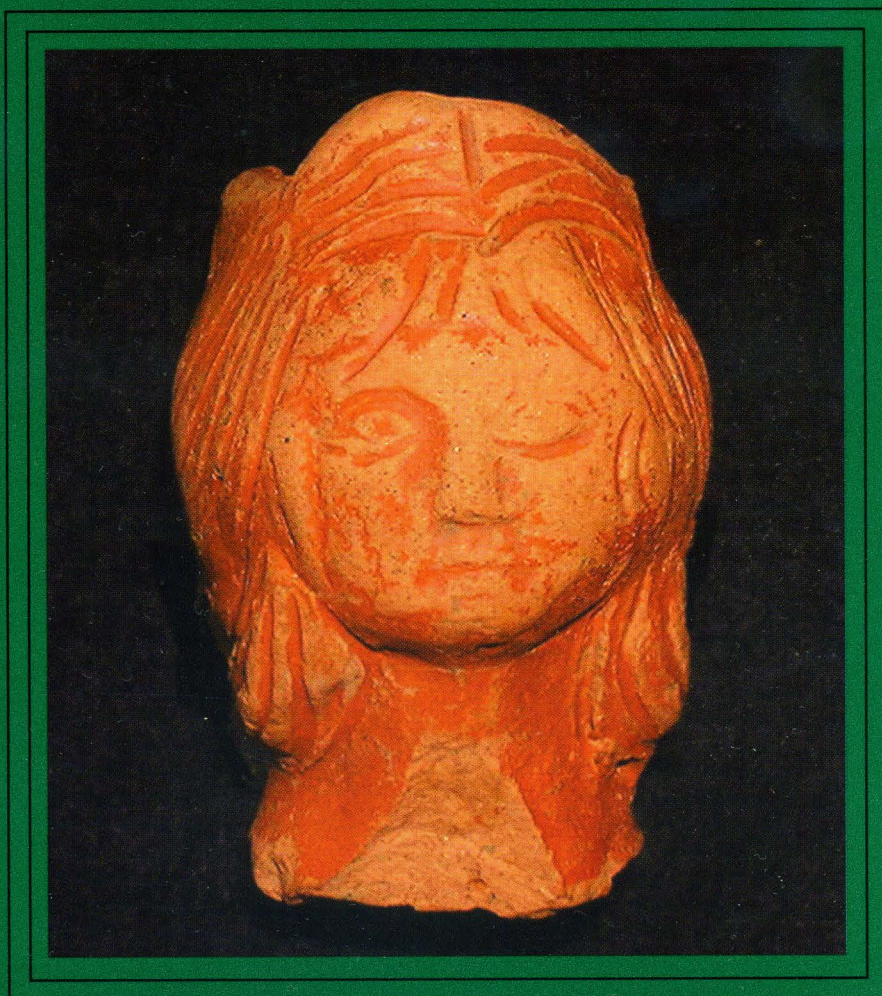


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## Rev Professor William Frend 1916 - 2005.

The Rev Prof William Frend, who died on Aug 1st 2005 aged 89, was both a historian of the early church, a theologian, an archaeologist and until 1990, Priest-in-Charge of a group of parishes around Barnwell. William Hugh Cecil Frend was born on January 11 1916 and won scholarships to Haileybury and Keble College, Oxford where he secured a first in History. Following the completion of his doctorate in 1940 he joined the War Office from where he was posted to Rome and then Austria. In 1951 he became a Research Fellow at Nottingham University and in the following year a Bye-Fellow of Gonville and Caius College Cambridge where he went on to become a Fellow and Lecturer in Divinity. Between 1961 and 1969 he was Director of Studies in Archaeology in which position he used to take Prince Charles and other undergraduates out on Sunday afternoons to dig at a Roman site near Godmanchester railway station. From 1969 to

1984 he was Professor of Ecclesiastical History at Glasgow University before becoming Dean of the Divinity Faculty. He was, according to the Daily Telegraph "*a popular lecturer, thanks to his large collection of slides which he would show with a wealth of personal anecdote, and to his habit of slyly inserting gross heresy, which his respectful hearers would realise only gradually*".

His archaeological studies included early field-work in North Africa where he returned in later life with a team from Ann Arbor University, to carry out excavations in Carthage as well as setting up and financing the Frend Medal, which is awarded by the Society of Antiquaries. In 'retirement' he continued to direct excavations until 2003 and published the account of a Romano-British site at Hemington Water Tower, near Oundle in Volume 27 of this journal.