

ST. JAMES GARLICK HITHE.

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The subject of the introduction of Parish Registers prior to the injunctions issued by Cromwell on the 29th September 1538 * requires more investigation than has yet been given to it. No doubt some instructions were given in 1536 on the dissolution of the minor monasteries, and it was one of the special grievances put forward by Robert Aske in his Northern Rebellion. Very few registers however have been found to commence thus early.† Among them are the registers of this parish.

These registers have been preserved, notwithstanding the burning of the church in the great fire, and are now perfect; except during the Commonwealth time of civil registers,‡ and the loss of the book between 1692 and 1708. For ten years after the fire, 1666 to 1676, there are only a few entries.

The entries are in treble columns, and the following is a copy of those prior to the date of Lord Cromwell's order.

The original register, neatly written, is in a small folio book of

* In the parochial register returns (1833) the register of St. Mary Bothaw is stated also to commence in 1536. The following sixteen registers commence in 1538: All Hallows Bread Street, All Hallows Honey Lane, St. Antholin, St. Benet Finck, Christ Church, St. Laurence Jewry, St. Laurence Pountney, St. Mary Aldermanbury, St. Mary-le-bow, St. Mary Woolnoth, St. Matthew's Friday-street, St. Michael Bassishaw, St. Mildred Poultry, St. Nicholas Cole Abey, St. Pancras Soper-lane, and St. Peter Cornhill; and the following four in 1539: St. Clement Eastcheap, St. Martin Ludgate, St. Michael Crooked Lane, and St. Nicholas Acons.

† Mr. J. S. Burn in his History of Parish Registers mentions some.

‡ Richard Freeman, the Rector in 1642, was badly treated by the Commonwealth men.

paper, bound in leather, with a strap and buckle, and stiffened in the cover with the slip of an old manuscript. They end in 1621. There is also a parchment transcript of the whole of the registers down to 1681, but in it the names come first.

Some years since the then Rector, the Rev. Thomas Kyd, purchased two of the register books, one of 1663, at an old book stall.

The clerk informed Mr. J. S. Burn,* that a transcript had not been made for some years; the Bishop of London having told the Rector it was of no use sending one, as it would only be carelessly thrown into a room at St. Paul's; so the clerk lost two guineas per annum, for the transcript. Subsequently the copies were made perfect.

It is headed "The booke of register belonging unto S. JAMES BY GARLICKE HYVE."

Anno Dni. 1535. Mariages.

The 26 of Januarye was Thomas Mauryng and Margrett Jorden.

Christenings.

- The 18 of Novembre, Edward butler.
- The 23 of Novembre, Alyce dente.
- The 10 of Decembre, Margery Wyemarke.
- The 28 of Decembre, Margerye Hawe.
- The 6 daye of Januarye, Hewe Grenalles.
- The 14 of Januarye, Willm Grage.
- The 2 of Februarye, John hayes.
- The 2 of Aprill, John gibbes.

Buryalles.

- The 7 of Januarye, John Kydwicke.
- The 13 of Januarye, Anthonye Boneuant.
- The last of Januarye, Umfreye Crowkes.
- The eyght of Februarye, Wyllm Gardener.
- The 18 of Februarye, John Jarlande.
- The 24 of Februarye, John hayes.
- The 28 of Februarye, Agnes Howell.

* To whom I am indebted for the loan of a copy of these entries in the earliest register.

The xvj. of Marche, Jone Allett.
 The 14 of Aprill, Sir Robert Durham, Prest.*

Anno 1536. Mariages.

The 20 daye of Apryll, Francis Brooke and Elyzabeth Bannester.
 The iiij. of Maye, Steven Coldwell and Marye bonnevaunte.
 The 22 of June, Wyllm bonfilde and Jone Partynton.
 The xxvij. of Julye, Nyholas Alwarde and Margrett Smyth.
 The 13 of Septembre, Willm Marshall and Alyce Brown.
 The xxiiij. of Novembre, John Wye to Agnes Davye.

Christenings.

The 17 of Maye, Elyzabeth Stevens.
 The 18 of Maye, Margett Morleye.
 The xx. of Maye, Wynyfred Kylyfett.
 The 13 of June, Margerye Greene.
 The 14 of June, Water Evans.
 The laste of June, Thomas Mynoris.

Buryalles.

The xx8 of Aprill, Thomas Hall.
 The 21 of Maye, Wynyfred Kylyfett.
 The 17 of June, Water Evans.
 The 28 of June, Elyzabeth Spereaman.
 The last of Julye, Jone Machem.
 The same daye, Margerye lawe.

Anno 1537. Mariages.

The 14 of Januarie, Thomas Danell and Anne Browne.

Christenings.

The 18 of Julye, Jone Stounar.
 The 19 of Julye, John Merydale.
 The 2 of August, Margerye Willms.
 The 8 of August, John Chereborne.
 The 10 of Auguste, John Lingwoode.
 The 2 of Septembr, George Ashbye.
 The 8 of Septembr, John Lone.
 The 18 of Septembr, Jone Langton.

* On 10th October 1539 is the burial also of "Umfreye keye, Prest.'

The 28 of Octobre, Margerye Androwes.
 The 2 of Novembre, George Russett.
 The 14 of Novembre, John Androwes.
 The 28 of Jauuarie, Thomas bibe.
 The 29 of Januarye, John Hayes.
 The xxvj of Januarie, Umfrey Crowke.
 The 1 of Februarie, Edmund bannington
 The 8 of Marche, Tymothe lane.
 The xvij. daye of Marche, hewe wright.
 The 24 of March, Richard Bonefell.

Burjalles.

The 1 of Septembre, Ellyn Moore.
 The 4 of Septembre, John Grenmalles.
 The 7 of Septembre, Margerye Willms.
 The 12 of Novembre, Alyce Smyth.
 The 16 of Novembre, John Androwes.
 The 2 of Decembre, John Stevens.
 The 6 of Februarye, John Wolfe.
 The 7 of Februarii, Edmund Bawington.

Anno Dni. 1538. Mariages.

The 2 of May, Jasper Ydell and Alic grenally.
 The 2 of Maye, hew warren, and agnes Stanton.
 The 30 of May, Thomas Sawnder and Christian Neweman.
 The 30 of May, John Smithe and Jone Butler.

Christenings.

The 12 of April, hewe getherns.
 The 13 of Aprill, George Stracye.
 The 2 of Maye, Henrye Deane.
 The 6 of June, Hewe Greene.
 The 16 of Julye, Annes Johnson.
 The 24 of Julye, Prudence Rudye.
 The 16 of August, Margery Evans.
 The 10 of September, Richarde Kelifitt.
 The 12 of Septembre, Alice Mashim.

Burials.

- The 12 of Aprill, Kattren Butler.
 The 11 of Maye, Margerye graye.
 The 24 of Maye, Henry Deane.
 The 3 of June, John Minoris.
 The 26 of Julye, John Sherborne.
 The 28 of Julye, John Russell.
 The 3 day of August, Prudence Rudie.
 The xx3 of August, John Bothe.
 The 4 of Septembre, Richarde Thorneton.
 The 8 of Septembre, John Browne.
 The 12 of Septembre, Roger Spencer.
 The 13 of Septembre, Richarde s'vaunt to Wm. boone.
 The 18 of Septembre, Alyce Peerson.
 The 25 of Septembre, Adam Herrys.
 The 26 of Septembre, James Spencer.

The registers have been kept for their original purpose only, but in the middle of the seventeenth century they have the additions of the callings of the parties who were buried, many of whom were clothiers, and the diseases of which they died.* The burials show the ravages of the plague. In 1593, July to November; in 1596, August to November; in 1603, July to November, the persons who died from it being marked with a "p": some few instances in 1604, 1606, 1607, 1608, and 1609; in 1625, July to October; and in 1665, August to November.

When the registers were commenced (from 1531 to 1544) the Rector was the Rev. Arthur Bulkley, D.D. who was then raised to the see of Bangor, and Thomas Wallingford alias Longistowe succeeded him. Bulkley was the last Rector presented by the Abbot and Convent of Westminster.†

* The disease is not copied into the parchment transcript.

† The rectory was given by the Crown on 2 May, 1 Mary (1554) to, and has since remained in the gift of, the Bishop of London.

In addition to the registers this parish is noticeable for its churchwardens' accounts.* They commence in 1555, but the next two years are torn out. From 1558 they are perfect. We find the following entries, which are worth printing.

	£.	s.	d.
1555. Paid for rood	4	13	4
„ for iron-work for same	0	2	0
„ Palms for Palm Sunday	0	0	6
„ Palm cakes and flowers	0	0	2
„ setting up the sepulture	0	0	4
„ garlands and flowering herbes on St. James's day 2 years	0	2	4
1558. Franckincense at Easter	0	0	1
„ water for the font on Whitsunday	0	0	2
„ garlands on Corpus Christi day	0	0	10
„ Two dozen garlands (St. James's day)	0	0	21

In 1559 we have an entry of the receipt of £3 5s. 10d. "for a challys that was sold;" and in 1560, 8½d. for old parchment out of the old mass book. In the same year we find that new pews were made; the small organs were mended; and "pricked songs" bought for the choir.

	£.	s.	d.
In 1561. Small cord for Sanctus bell	0	0	10
„ for making of pews	0	30	0
„ Book of homelies	0	0	16
„ Table of Commandments	0	0	16

and for the bible, paraphrases, and register book.

There is an entry for the purchase of the rood of the adjoining parish of St. Martin, which was also converted into pews.

In 1624 the north isle of the old church was built, and the church itself "beautefyed" at the expense of £700 to the parishioners; and in 1645 the sum of £600 was borrowed to put it in repair; at this time it had a cloister. Soon after the burials

* We have to thank the present minister and churchwardens for their courtesy in allowing these extracts to be taken, and for their attendances.

are entered as having taken place at St. Bartholomew's church-yard.

From the great fire in 1666 no effectual steps seem to have been taken for some years to rebuild the Church, but it was eventually rebuilt by Sir Christopher Wren. The first item appears in 1676, when twenty guineas, at £1 1s. 8*d.* a piece, amounting to 21*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.*, were paid to "a gentleman to promote the rebuilding our Church;" and £2 12*s.* 6*d.* were given to his servants. During the next four years there are several entries for "water-idge" and going to Sir Christopher Wren, and two guineas paid to Mr. Stopford his clerk, to urge him on with the work.

In the year 1676 it was ordered for the more speedy and effectual carrying on of the building that six of the parishioners should be bound for the payment of such monies as should be taken up by the Chamberlain of the city on security of the coal duties, and that the lands, &c. of the parish should be a security to indemnify them. Accordingly two several sums of £500 were raised, and the work continued till 1682, when these items were paid :

	£	s.	d.
For Church Bible and Common Prayer Book	3	3	0
Two bottles of sherry and pipes* at the opening of the Church	0	3	4
Hire of three dozen cushions, and portorage	0	13	4
Lord Mayor's officer for summoning the Aldermen to our church	0	5	0
Wax Links to enlighten my Lord Mayor home	0	4	6
Mr. Kempster for speedily paving and finishing the east end of the church	5	7	6
Wine when the Lord Mayor and Aldermen were at our church	1	11	0
Bell-founder his bill	13	13	0
Upon a man for giving his judgment on the carver's work	0	8	0
Mr. Newman the carver	57	13	0
Mr. Kempster the stone-cutter	5	10	0

A subscription was raised to complete the work.

* Tobacco is charged for a short time after in the account of the expenses attending the Bishop's confirmation.

At this time the Rev. Jacob Buck, LL D. who was divinity preacher at the Temple, and who held this rectory from 1661 to 1685, was incumbent, and several items relate to his coach-hire coming to preach.

There is yet a third class of books belonging to the parish; they contain the minutes of the different vestry meetings from 1615. Copies of the particulars relating to the property belonging to the church are copied into the first book.

In 1618 is an entry from the record of the Court of Hastings of 50th Edward III. (1375-6) of a deed made by and will of John de Rothing, citizen and vintner, where he directs his executors to pay money towards the finishing of the old belfry, and the door on the north side, and directs that his own body should be buried in the church, and the remains of his father and mother moved to it. This was probably Richard de Rothing who had been sheriff in 1326, and has been called the refounder of the church.

Robert de Chichele, citizen and grocer, gave in 1437 a wharf, crane, and stable, &c. in the parish of St. Mary Vintry and this parish to the rector and keepers of the goods and works of the church, to maintain a fit chaplain at the altar of the blessed Mary. This has since been called *Dounghill stairs*.

The parish had also, until a recent sale for the enlargement of Smithfield, a tenement called *the Woolpack* given by the will of William Hayward, citizen and joiner, dated 27th May 1500 (15 Henry VII.) situate in the parish of St. Sepulchre without Newgate outside the monastery of St. Bartholomew, to Charles Bouth,* doctor of laws, and rector of this church, and the keepers of the goods, rents, and ornaments of the same, towards the works and ornaments thereof.

The Chancies are thus returned in 1547-8.†

* Charles Booth was Rector from 19th September 1499 to his resignation on 15th December 1503.—*Newcourt's Repertorium*.

† 9 Jan. 1st Edward VI.—*Certificate of Chancies* 34, No. 16, *Middlesex and London*.

John Rodynge (Rothing) gave to the parson and churchwardens, for the maintenance of a priest to sing within the same church, lands to the annual value of £22 12 0

Paid to the priest	£8 0 0
To the King for a quit-rent	1 0 0
For the obit	0 6 8
To the poor people in alms	0 13 4
	10 0 0

And then remaineth clear £12 12 0

Thomas Lincoln gave to the same parson and churchwardens for the finding of ccc * tapers before the high altar, all his lands and tenths amounting yearly in value to £8 13 4

Paid to the churchwardens of St. Pancras, for a quit-rent 0 13 4

And then remaineth clear £8 0 0

which now is employed towards the maintenance of the poor ; and was two years past bestowed in finding a light.

Laurence Smyth gave to the same parson and churchwardens for the increase of divine service and reparations of the church, all his lands and tenths amounting in yearly value to £9 14 0

Thomas Kent gave to the same, to the intent to keep one yearly obit for his soul, one tenement of the yearly value of £2 13 4

John Woode gave lands to the prior of St. Mary Spittell, to the intent to pay £8 to the finding of a priest, which is allowed by decree in the Court of Augmentations, and paid by the Treasurer there £8 0 0

Thomas Longlow † is parson of the same church, which benefice is worth by the year £18, and keepeth a minister to serve the cure in his absence.

There is of housling people within the same parish the number of 400.‡

Further there hath been found of the surplus of the same lands three

* *Sic.*

† He was inducted in 1544, and was removed in 1554. See *Newcourt's Repertorium*.

‡ This certificate contains the approximate population of the several parishes, and if printed would tell us the numbers then in London.

conducts and singing men who have none other things to live upon but only their wages of £8 a piece; their names are William Stevens, John Grove, and Nicholas Abbot.

These tenements were subsequently disposed of by Edward VI. Among the particulars for the sale of colleges and chantries we find the following entries.

The farm of one tenement* with the appurtenances, let to Stephen Coldwell, by an Indenture for a term of years by the annual rent of 40s.

Paid to Augustine Lynch and his heirs	.	20s.
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Memorandum. This tenement was given by Thomas Lincoln to find a priest to sing for ever.

The farm of one house let to Henry Wincote by indenture £4

Payable to the King as part of the Priory of the Blessed

Mary of Overy	.	.
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Memorandum. This tenement amongst others was given by John Roding to find a priest to sing for ever.

The foregoing were granted to William Gunter and William Hobson, 6th July, 2nd Edward VI.

On 14th September † in the same year, there passed for William Warde and Nicholas Gravener, one house or messuage with a cellar called the COMONS, adjoining the church, in the possession of several presbyters worth yearly 53s. 4d. given by Sir Thomas Kente to find and keep an obit for his soul for ever.

In the value for Francis Goldsmith ‡ is the farm of the tenement in the tenure of Philip Hardwicke in the parish of All Saints Minors, given by Thomas Lincoln to find a priest to sing for ever, worth per annum 33s. 4d.

A tenement in St. James, in the tenure of Reginald Smythe, worth per annum 26s. 8d.

Ditto — More, worth per annum 40s.

The two last being of the gift of John Roding.

* *Particulars for the Sale of Chantries*, vol. 68, p. 282.

† *Ibid.* vol. 67, p. 526.

‡ *Ibid.* p. 618.

A tenement there in the tenure * of Edward Drew, from which was received	16s. 8d.
Ditto, John Clark, producing	16s. 8d.
Ditto, John Derbye	16s. 8d.
Ditto, John Smyth	16s. 8d.
Ditto, William Benefield	13s. 4d.
Ditto, John Langeton	16s. 8d.
Ditto, Gilbert Browne	10s. 8d.

The seven last were given by Robert Chicheley, to find a priest to sing for ever at our Lady's altar within the said church.

A tenement there in the tenure of William Stevens, let at the yearly rent of	26s. 8d.
Ditto, Thomas Lowe	26s. 8d.
Ditto,	26s. 8d.
Ditto, Henry Knyghtebridge	40s.

These tenements were amongst many others given by Thomas Lincoln and Richard Lyons to find a priest to sing a morrow mass within the said church for ever.

A tenement † there held by John Forman	6s. 8d.
Ditto, Robert Jackson	4s.
Ditto, Roger Noris	16s.

All these were part of the tenements given by John Rodinge.

And to Francis Goldsmith ‡ was also granted another parcel of Roding's chantry, being a tenement in the Blessed Mary Mounthawe, in the tenure of Nicholas Henry 13s. 4d.

A cellar there § in the tenure of Robert Barking by lease for years 40s.

Given by Lincoln and Lyons.

A tenement leased to Christopher Marsham, at the rent of 34s. 4d. being part of the gift of John Roding.

The last two were granted to William Bryton and Humphrey Lucie on 29th January 3 Edward VI.

The bulk of this property was sold at a value of fifteen years' purchase.

* Particulars for the Sale of Chantries, vol. 67, p. 622. † Ibid. 623.

‡ Particulars, vol. ii. p. 92.

§ Ibid. vol. i. p. 83.

The pensions after stated were assigned to the different persons having life interests, and were payable when Cardinal Pole's Book of Pensions was compiled, viz. 24th February, 2 & 3 Philip and Mary * (1555-6).

Nicholas Abbot, late incumbent there, per ann.		c s.
John Grove,	Ditto	c s.
Thomas Barret,	Ditto	c s.
George Stronger,	Ditto	c s.
Reginald Smyth,	Ditto	c s.
William Stephans,	Ditto	c s.
John Wood,	Ditto	c s.
Leonard Potte,	Ditto	vj li.
Henry George,	Ditto	c s.

Abbot, Grove, and Stevens, had been returned as the singing men twelve years previously.

The services of the singing men were required at funerals for some years after, for we find in the Diary of Henry Machyn † this entry under the year 1563:

“The iij. day of June was bered in sant James (Garlick hithe?) master Coldwell, gentyman and a laer, † with halff a (dozen) schochyuns of bokeram, and ther was a x. mornars, and women, and ther was a xij. clarkes syngyng ded of a laske; and master Beycon mad the sermon.

There is in the present church a fine organ by Schmidt recently renovated by Gray and Davidson.

The altar-piece representing the Ascension was painted by A. Geddes, A.R.A. and presented by the present rector, the Rev. Thomas Burnet, D.D. F.R.S. in 1815, when he was curate.

* Cardinal Pole's book, No. 23. † Camd. Soc. p. 309. ‡ Lawyer.