

TOTTENHAM IN THE PATENT ROLLS

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1. CALENDAR OF PATENT ROLLS, HENRY III, 20TH JUNE,
1264.

“Commitment during pleasure (of the king) to Walter, Vicar of the church of Tottenham, of the hospital of St. Lawrence, Clayhangre, on condition that he causes the king’s chapel there to be fittingly served in the celebration of divine service, and that the said chapel may in this manner remain free from the jurisdiction of the ordinary, as it was before.”

The vicar is almost certainly the Walter of London who was appointed Dean of St. Paul’s in 1254. The earliest Vicar of Tottenham previously known was Robert de Morden, 1327. The above entry appears to invalidate the statement appended to the list of vicars in the church that before 1320 it was served by canons of Holy Trinity, Aldgate.

2. CALENDAR OF PATENT ROLLS, EDWARD III, 13TH
DECEMBER, 1365.

“Commission to Roger Marischal, Vicar of the church of Tottenham, and John de Suthcote to receive the pavage [a toll on carts and pack-horses] which the king lately appointed ‘John Leviman cartere’ to take for the repair of the highway between the churches of Shordich and Edelmeton and to audit the account of the said John of the moneys received by him,—for three years.” (This commission was extended on 13th February, 1369.)

The appointment of the vicar of a parish as auditor of tolls was, to say the least, most unusual.