

THE RECTORS OF THE CHAPEL AND PARISH CHURCH OF NOSELEY

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Since the account of the manor and chapel of Noseley was printed in our *Transactions*, it has been possible, owing to the kind offices of Canon Foster, to obtain lists of the incumbents of the chapel and of the parish church, compiled chiefly from the registers of institutions at Lincoln. Institutions to the chapel begin after the resignation of the first warden, whose appointment has already been recorded. The various descriptions of their office are interesting enough to be given at length in connection with each institution. It will be noted that the chapel is referred to indiscriminately as a chapel, college or chantry, and that occasionally its close relation to the manor is stated with some detail. Its warden (*gardianus* or *custos*) has similarly more than one synonym: he is provost (*praepositus*), master (*magister*), or rector. The variations of these terms in the titles of heads of Oxford colleges will be remembered, and their use in the present instance reminds us that there is no real distinction in their meaning when applied to such persons, but that their use is purely arbitrary. In view of the very dubious recognition at a later date of the chapel as a parish church with a rector of its own, the institution of 1397 may be noticed. The form of that institution, which possibly arose from an error in the presentation deed, is obviously mistaken, as the union of the rectory of the parish church to the wardenship put an end to the separate advowson, so that the patron of the chapel could make no presentation to a rectory which had come automatically to an end as an independent benefice, and, while it existed separately, had been in another patron's gift.

1315, 18 Sept. Robert called Benet of Carleton, priest, pres. to the chapel situate in the manor of Nousele by master Roger de Martival, lord of Nousele, on the res. of William of Carleton.

Reg. ii, f. 209 d.

————— Ralph. Institution not recorded.

1330, 28 April. Roger of Ryngsted, priest, pres. to the chapel of Nousele by Anketin de Martivals, on the res. of Ralph.

Reg. iv, f. 129.

1330, 13 Oct. John Pere of Lubbenham, priest, pres. to the chapel of the manor of Nousele by Anketin de Mortivax, on the resignation of R. of R.

Ibid. f. 129 d.

————— John de Ilneston of Gothemunde. Institution not recorded.

1343, 14 Nov. John of Ilneston, priest, pres. to the wardenship of the chapel of Nouesle by Sir Robert de Sadyngton, kt., on the res. of J. de I. of G.

Reg. vi, f. 35 d.

1349, 10 June. William of Humberston, priest, pres. to the wardenship of the chapel of St. Mary of Nouesle by Sir Robert de Sadyngton, kt., on the death of J. of I.

Reg. ix, f. 341 d.

1349, 2 Aug. Ralph de Peek of Lubenham, priest, pres. to the same by Sir Robert de Sadyngton, kt., on the res. of William.

Ibid. f. 343 d.

1375, 16 Dec. William of Rothewell, priest, pres. to the custody of the chapel of St. Mary of Nouseley by Sir Ralph de Hastynges, kt., on the death of R. P.

Reg. x, f. 263 d.

1397, 16 June. John of Bolton, priest, pres. to the rectory of the church of Nouesleye and to the wardenship of the chapel of the same town by Sir Ralph de Hastynges, kt. No cause of vacancy.

Reg. xi, f. 235 d.

- 1398, 28 Oct. Richard Gaytecote, priest, pres. to the chapel of St. Mary situated near the manor of Sir Roger Heron in Noweseley by the said Sir Roger Heron, kt., lord of Noweseley. No cause of vacancy.
Reg. xiii, f. 185 d.
- 1402, 7 Oct. John Bale, vicar of the church of Tokeby with the chapels of Esnorton and Gaythorp annexed,¹ pres. to the chapel or chantry of Nouseley by John Blaket, lord of Nouseley, on exchange with R. Gaytcote.
Ibid. f. 197 d.
- 1407, 28 April. Lawrence Blakesle, rector of the church of Gildemoreton,² pres. to the same by John Blaket, lord of Nousesle, on exchange with J. B.
Reg. xiv, f. 145 d.
- 1408, 25 Sept. John Amore, chaplain, pres. to the same by Lawrence Blakesley, clerk, and Richard Fryday, lords of the manor of Nouseley of the gift of John Blaket, esq., on the res. of L. Blakesley.
Ibid. f. 151 d.
- 1419, 22 July. John Billesfeld, priest, pres. to the same by Richard Fryday, on the res. of J. A. Admitted by proxy.
Ibid. f. 202 d.
- 1425, 30 Sept. Thomas Rydell, rector of St. Mary's, Northampton, pres. to the custody or wardenship of the college or chantry of St. Mary of Noseley and the rectory of the church of Noseley annexed by John Blakett of Noseley, kt., on exchange with J. Billesfelde.³
Lambeth Reg. Chichele i, f. 261
- 1425, 7 Oct. Master John Boneyamy, rector of the church of Pilton,⁴ pres. to the wardenship or provostry of the same by John Blaket, kt., on exchange with T. R.
Ibid. i, ff, 261 d., 262.

¹Tugby with East Norton and Keythorpe.

²Gilmorton.

³Billesfeld simultaneously exchanged the church of Bradley Magna, dio. Norwich (in Suffolk, near Haverhill) with Rydell. As the chapel of Noseley was a sinecure, it could be held with another benefice.

⁴In the archdeaconry of Northampton, near Oundle.

- 1433, 30 March. William Broket, clerk, pres. to the mastership or wardenship of the college or chapel of St. Mary the Virgin of Nawsley by Thomas Hesylyrigg, esq., on the res. of J. Bonamy. Admitted by proxy.
Reg. xvii, f. 41 d.
- 1439-40, 6 Feb. Robert Gybbes, priest, pres. to the same by Thomas Hesylyrige, esq., on the res. of W. B.
Reg. xviii, ff. 150 d., 151.
- 1460-1, 7 Feb. William Attekyns, priest, pres. to the same by Thomas Heselrigge of Nowesleye, esq., on the res. of R. G. Admitted by proxy.
Reg. xx, f. 215 d.
- 1462, 15 April. John Geby, priest, pres. to the same by Thomas Hasilyryg, esq., on the death of W. A.
Ibid. f. 216.
- 1478, 4 Sept. John Geby, priest, pres. to the chapel of St. Mary of Nowseley by Thomas Antwisill, esq. No cause of vacancy.¹ Admitted by proxy.
Reg. xxi, f. 74.
- 1500, 19 Aug. Master Thomas Chapman, M.A., priest, pres. to the chapel or college of B. V. M. within the manor of Nowsleye by Thomas Entwysill, esq., in right of Elizabeth, his wife, on the death of J. Gebe, last master or warden.
Reg. xxiii, f. 239 d.
- 1503, 8 June. Christopher Rosyndale, priest, pres. to the perpetual chantry or chapel of Nowsley by Thomas Entwysile of Nowesley, on the death of master T. C., last master or warden. Admitted by proxy.
Ibid. f. 247 d.
- 1509, n. d.² Richard Alkeborowe, pres. to the wardenship or custody of Novesley by Elizabeth Antwisell, widow, on the res. of C. Rosyndall.
Ibid. f. 263.

¹It is not apparent why Geby was instituted a second time. In the margin the chapel is described as the chantry of B. M. of Nowsley.

²Apparently between 31 March and 7 April.

1512-3, 4 Feb. Roger Worthington, chaplain, pres. to the chantry of Novesley by Thomas Hasilrig, on the res. of R. Alkbarow.

Ibid. f. 268.

1512 [*rectius* 1513], 20 July. Richard Wodd, chaplain, pres. to the wardenship of Novesley by Thomas Hasilrig, esq., on the res. of R. W.

Ibid. f. 268 d.

1520, 6 April. Roger Worthington, chaplain, pres. to the wardenship of the chantry of Nowesley by Thomas Hasyrigrige, esq., on the res. of R. Wodde.

Reg. xxv, f. 40 d.

1526-7, 23 Jan. Dionis Morison, chaplain, pres. to the rectory of the chapel of St. Mary of Nowesley by Thomas Hasilrigg, esq., on the demise of R. W.

Reg. xxvii, f. 156 d.

The complications which arose, after the suppression of chantries, from the annexation of the rectory of Noseley to the wardenship have already been described. Institutions to the rectory, however, occur until the Restoration period. It is noticeable that the first three took place in the reign of Mary, a period at which the conversion of the rectory of the chapel into that of the parish church might have been accepted without question, although the second, having been merged in the first, was actually non-existent in law.

1555, 24 July. Ralph Edmundsonne, clerk, pres. to the church of Nowesley by Bartholomew Hasilrige, esq., on the death of Denis Moryson.

Reg. xxviii, f. 110.

1555, 10 Sept. William Weston, S.T.B., pres. to the rectory of Noseley by Bartholomew Heselryg of Noseley, esq., on the death of R. Edmunson.

Pres. Deeds 1555, no. 9.

1557, 26 Sept. William Cockes, clerk, pres. to the church of Noessley by a certain Hassellrigrige, esq., on the death of W W.

Reg. xxviii, f. 136 d.

1572, 29 Sept. Matthew Mapurley, clerk, pres. to the rectory of Noseley by Thomas Haselrig of Noseley, esq., on the res. of W. Coxe.

Linc. Record Soc. II, 35 ; Pres. Deeds 1572, no. 41.

1577, 20 April. John Hitches, pres. to the same by Thomas Hesilrig of Noseley, esq., on the res. of M. M.

Linc. Record Soc. II, 39 ; Pres. Deeds 1577, no. 44.

Richard Hopkinson, M.A., was rector in 1603, when Thomas Hasilrig, gent., was patron.

Liber Cleri 1603, f. 31.

1633, 26 Aug. John Walter [or Walton], clerk, pres. to the rectory of Nowseley by the Crown, by lapse.

Bishop's Certificate ; Pres. Deeds 1633, no. 30.

1638, 9 Nov. John Basset, M.A., pres. to the rectory of Nosely *alias* Nowseley by the Crown.

Bishop's Certificate (Cant.)

1660-1, 4 Feb. Robert Cordell, clerk, pres. to the rectory of Noseley *alias* Nowseley by the bishop, patron for this turn by lapse.

Reg. xxxii, f. 5 d.

The last mention of a rector occurs in the Liber Cleri for 1671 : his name is not given. In 1686 Mr. Andrew Goodhall was curate, but no further mention of clergy occurs in the registers of the diocese of Lincoln.

The rectors of the church of Noseley, before its annexation to the wardenship of the chapel, are as follows :—

1221. Ralph of Lunford, clerk, pres. by the prior of Ware.

Rot. Hug. Welles I, 280.

1228. Master Simon Perdix, sub-deacon, pres. by the same.

Ibid. I, 306.

1240 or 1241. William de Meynhill, sub-deacon, pres. by Nicholas, prior of Ware.

Rot. Grosseteste, p. 412.

————— Lawrence Ripers (*de Ripariis*). No institution recorded.

1287-8, 26 Feb. Nicholas Taylhast, chaplain, pres. by brother Richard, prior of Ware, proctor general in England of the abbot and convent of St. Evroult, dio. Lisieux, on the res. of L. de Ripariis.

Rot. Sutton, Leices. m. 2.

1288, 10 Nov. Simon of Rowell, chaplain, pres. by the same, on the res. of N. Taylehast.

Ibid.

———— William Nicholas, of Northaston. No institution recorded.

1336-7, 17 Feb. William of London, rector of the church of Suthcolyngham, dio. York,¹ pres. by John of Illeston, warden of the chapel of St. Mary of Nouesle, on the res. of Willelmus Nicholai of Northaston.

Reg. iv, ff. 145 d., 146.

After the annexation of the rectory to the wardenship, the rectory of the church is mentioned only twice in institutions to the chapel, viz., in 1397, where the institution was apparently made in an erroneous form, and at Archbishop Chichele's metropolitan visitation in 1425, when the rectory is clearly stated to be annexed to the chapel. Post-Reformation institutions to the chapel under the name of a parish church have been given above.

¹South Collingham, Notts., near Newark.