



## Hurley.

(No. IV.)

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WITH reference to the leaden cross mentioned in No. II. of these papers on Hurley, it is interesting to notice that when S. Mary's Church was undergoing restoration in the year 1852, it was discovered that the leaden case which enclosed a cross of wood (then, as now, surmounting the bell turret) was worn out, and, as upon examining the woodwork the date "1040" was discovered, the late Vicar decided to preserve carefully this splendid old relic by having a new leadwork case made by the plumber to perpetuate it. This wooden cross was no doubt originally placed in the midst of the Burial-yard, and furnishes very clear evidence indeed of the *Saxon* origin of Hurley Church. Harold (Harefoot) and Hardecanute, sons of Canute, were the reigning kings of England in 1040. I conclude these papers on my native parish by publishing the subjoined list of Clerics and Patrons of Hurley. I cannot but express regret that no earlier list of institutions should be extant in the Diocesan Registry of Salisbury than that commenced in the time of Bishop Simon de Gandavo, consecrated as Bishop of Salisbury at the end of the thirteenth century (October, 1291). Our Hurley list, however, has every appearance of completeness from 1304 downwards, with the exception of two of the succession entries, viz.: There may possibly be the omission of an Incumbent's name altogether immediately before the institution of Willûs de Cornwall on April 15th, 1351; but, it is much more probable that Hebbotastel is a wrong name, crept in by error, as Cornwall's immediate predecessor; or, possibly, Hebbotastel is an '*alias*' for Woketon? And similar remarks apply with regard to the predecessor of Edmundus Spencer, instituted on April 15th, 1453; in this case, too, there is either the omission of an Incumbent's name in the list, or else Nichi Pardon has crept in by mistake! In this case there can be no question of an '*alias*' between Pardon and

Whatebrede as the Christian names of each are not identical. On to a Deed\* whereby Prior Alexander of the Hurley Monastery along with his monks granted the Manor of Harefield, Middlesex, to one Richard Weltekart, of Louth, &c., there is attached the seal then in use at the Hurley Convent. There is no date to the Deed, but it may be assigned to the reign of Edward 1st or of Edward 2nd (1272 to 1327). The principal device is the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Between the Angel Gabriel and the Virgin, there is a vase with a lily placed upon the apex of a pointed arch which forms a compartment in the lower part of the seal; within this is a kneeling figure of the Prior holding a Crosier, his eyes uplifted towards the Virgin. On one side of this figure there is a mullet of six points, and on the other a flower of as many petals. The legend is as follows: + S. CONMUNE (sic) CA(PITULI) PRIORAT: HURLEY. It is unusual for a Prior to carry a crosier.

ANNO DOMINI.	PATRONUS.	CLERICUS.
14 Kalends April, 1304	Charge of Vicarage given to Adam de Schirelome by the Bishop, owing to impotency of the Vicar (not named).	
8th February, 130 $\frac{4}{5}$	Religious men,—Prior and Convent of Hurley	Adam de Schirelome.
8th Kalends, October, 1310	Abbot (sic) and Convent of Hurley.	Willm de Wytteneye.
17th Kalends, August, 1335	No Patron mentioned.	Waltru de Helmeden, per resig: Willi de Wytteneye.
Id. May, 1342 ...	Prior and Convent of Hurley.	Adam de Wytteneye, per exchange with Waltru de Helmeden.
8th April, 1349 ...	Prior and Convent of Hurley.	Willus de Woketon.
15th April, 1351...	Prior and Convent of Hurley.	Willus de Cornwall, per liberam dimissionem Willi Hebbotastel.
22nd February, 1362	Bishop instituted upon report of vacancy. No Patron mentioned.	Johes Athelard, per mort: Willi Corn. waille.
12th October, 1376	Prior and Convent of Hurley.	Johannes Grene, per exchange with Johannes Athelard.
7th July, 1400 ...	Prior and Convent of Hurley.	Godefrus Petyt, per resignation Johie Grene.

\* Archæological Journal, Vol. VIII., p. 74.

ANNO DOMINI.	PATRONUS.	CLERICUS.
7th December, 1440	Bishop of Salisbury.	John Whatebrede, alias Helmesley, per mort : Galfridi Petyte.
15th April, 1453...	Religious men,—Prior and Convent of Hurley	Edmundus Spencer, per resig : Nichi Pardon.
21st August, 1459	Religious men,—Prior and Convent of Hurley	Johannes Page, per mort : Edmundi Spencer.
7th March, 145 <sup>9</sup> / <sub>80</sub>	Prior and Convent of Hurley.	Galfridus Spergore, per resig : Johannis Page.
20th August, 1488	Religious men,—Prior and Conventual Mon- astery of Blessed Mary of Hurley.	Walteru Dudston.
24th September, 1503	No Patron mentioned.	Edmud Aliard, per mort : Walteri Dud.
9th November, 1505	No Patron mentioned.	Ric. Webster per resig : Edmdei Aleard.
14th April, 1507...	No Patron mentioned.	Thomas Graunt, per mort : Ric Webster.
10th October, 1541	Carolus Haward, Armiger.	Jacobus Holys, per mort : Thome Graunte.
February, 156 <sup>2</sup> / <sub>3</sub> ...	The Queen (Elizabeth)	Radulphus Marler, per mort : last Incumbent.
17th October, 1565	Richardus Lovelace, Generosus.	Thomas Hudchmought, per resig : Radulphi Marlerie.
20th March, 156 <sup>6</sup> / <sub>7</sub>	Richardus Lovelace, Generosus.	Johannes Dobbess, per cess : Thomas Hutch- mought.
9th October, 1568	Richardus Lovelace, Armiger.	Petrus Russell, per mort : Johis Dobbess.
26th November, 1570	Richardus Lovelace, Armiger.	Johes Butler, per resig : Petri Russell.
20th January, 1580	Richardus Lovelace, Armiger.	Thomas Maxwell.
7th March, 1594	Richardus Lovelace, Armiger.	Henricus Lovelace, per mort : Thomæ Maxwell
9th August, 1614	Richardus Lovelace, Miles.	Nathaniele Cannon, per resig : Henrici Lovelace
23rd March, 1664	Johes Lovelace, Baron of Hurley.	Ricus Brogden, per mort : Nathlis Cannon.
1st March, 1675...	Hon. Johannes Lovelace	Samuel Rich.
3rd September, 1678	John, Lord Lovelace, Baron of Hurley.	Thomas Mason, per de- privation of Samlis Rich.

ANNO DOMINI.	PATRONUS.	CLERICUS.
23rd November, 1683	John Lovelace, Baron of Hurley.	Daniel Ayshford, per cess: Thomæ Mason.
20th August, 1723	Roberti Gayer, of Stoke Podges, Bucks.	Jacobum Smith, per mort: Daniel Ashford.
Feb. 8th, 1782 ...	Most Noble George, Duke and Earl of Marlborough.	Alban Thomas, per mort: James Smith.
*Sep. 8th, 1789...	George, Duke of Marl- borough.	William Mavor, per mort: Alban Thomas.
*July 14th, 1838	Honourable Henry Flower Walker.	Florence James Wethered, per mort: William Mavor.
*Feb. 5th, 1868...	Rev. Florence Thomas Wethered.	Florence Thomas Wethered (the present Vicar) per mort: Flor- ence James Wethered.

\* These three last Institutions are taken from Records now in Hurley Vicarage.

NOTE.—Geoffrey de Mandeville (II.), the grandson of the famous Geoffrey de M., who founded the Monastery at Hurley, died excommunicate, so it is said, on account of outrages committed on the monks of Ramsey. And the Knights Templars carried his corpse, arrayed in the habit of their order, into their orchard in the old Temple, enclosed it in lead and hung it up on the branch of a tree until absolution had been obtained from Pope Alexander, which was granted on the intercession of the Prior of Walden. It was then taken down and buried privately in the Porch of the new Temple. We have all this on the authority of Planché (who reserves "all rights.") Watcombe, mentioned in the Hurley Charter, is referred to in the Pipe Rolls as being under the charge of a Provost in 1166. On one of our (three) Church Bells are the words (abbreviated) "Sancte Sebastiae": after which the arms of the See of Winchester occur. There is no date. In Hurley Church there is a gravestone which, clearly, covers the remains of Edith, sister of Edward the Confessor. In Hurley Churchyard is a very old recumbent stone, 5 feet 10 inches long, which has puzzled antiquarians. Referring to the situation assigned to Hurley Town Pound (in 1704), I wish to cancel the statement made as to it in Paper No. III.