



St Cuthbert's, Osborne

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These pages contain the information I have so far collected about the “new” church of St Cuthbert's, Osborne.

They do not include any monumental inscriptions which will be found on a separate page of this part of the Yeohed & Castleton Parish Council site. Also, the collection of images that have been passed to me will be posted in a separate set of pages.

This page is designed to enable visitors quickly to see the structure and layout of this material and thus to decide which parts may be of particular interest to them. They list the contents in the order in which they appear.

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THE BUILDING: ITS HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, SETTING AND CONTENTS.

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Sources consulted: Incorporated Church Building Society papers, Lambeth Palace Library, file 5745. Dorset History Centre, PE/PEN CW11/1; Swindon & Wiltshire Record Office D1/61/8.21. *Kelly's Directory of Dorsetshire* (1862 & 1911). *Ecclesiologist* 17 (1856, p.189; 21 (1863) p. 64; 23 (1862) p.63. J. Newman & N. Pevsner, *The Buildings of England: Dorset* (London, 1972), p.306. J. P. Elliott, *The Architectural Works of Richard Cromwell Carpenter (1812-1855), William Slater 1819-72 & Richard Herbert Carpenter (1841-93)* (Unpublished PhD thesis London University, 1995). John Hutchins, *The History and Antiquities of the County of Dorset (London, 1873 edition: http://dorsethistoricchurchestrust.co.uk/oborne_new.htm*

2. A STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The church, rebuilt on a new site in 1861-2 by a well-known and respected London architect, **William Slater**, is a largely unaltered example of a small Victorian rural church. Externally the structure has not been changed or extended, and internally it has not been reordered in any way. This completeness is both its particular charm and interest. Money was evidently tight with the estimate in 1861 being just £964.10s. (eventual cost £1,150) and there were clearly restricted possibilities for embellishment. This in fact turns out to be something of a virtue which does great credit to the architects – there is an impressive clarity of line and a clear expression of its two-cell structure. This is thus an attractive country church dating from the great years of the Victorian Anglican revival.

3. THE BUILDING: ITS HISTORICAL BACKGROUND, SETTING AND CONTENTS.

3.1 HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

By 1861 the old church which dated from about 1500 and had 80 sittings, was located a mile or so to the south, and had become decayed and was too small. Plans were prepared to take down all but the chancel (which was to remain as a mortuary chapel), and to build a larger church on a more convenient site at the northern end of the village for the population of 147.

The new church was erected in 1861-2 on land known as ‘Vicarage Piece’, which was donated by the Master and Fellows of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. They also contributed £500 towards the building cost. A further £110 came from the parish funds and the remainder by subscription. The building cost was estimated at £1,150. The church had 129 sittings.

3.2 THE CHURCH AND ITS PRINCIPAL FITTINGS AND FURNISHINGS

3.2.1. Building Materials

Local stone. The chancel and porch roofs are slated with stone, while the rest has since been tiled.

3.2.2 Name(s) of architect(s), builder(s), patron(s) where known

The architect was **William Slater** (1819-1872), an pupil of and then successor to the 'Anglican Pugin', **R.C.Carpenter** (1812-1855), whose work was much acclaimed in the pages of *The Ecclesiologist*, the leading church-building journal of the day which supported the High Church movement. Like Carpenter, Slater was much involved with **Nathaniel Woodard**, and his attempts to build schools for middle-class boys and was mostly responsible for the design of the magnificent Lancing College Chapel. Carpenter and Slater had the patronage of the Digbys of Sherborne, and were responsible for much work there, including the restoration of the Abbey and restoration and extension of the school. While the land, and some finance, for this church was provided by the Masters and Fellows of Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge, the real influence was the Digby family.

3.2.3 Plan form, principal construction phases and architectural features.

The chancel is paved with simple red and cream encaustic tiles while the nave has black and white tiles. The only stained glass is in the apse with depictions of Christ, St Cuthbert and St Aldhelm. The furnishings are all of 1862 and comprise straightforward deal pews and choir stalls. The pulpit and font are both of stone.

7. LISTING DESCRIPTION

The church is listed as Category 2, which signifies: Churches of high significance that could nonetheless tolerate adaptive change if carefully and sympathetically managed.

Parish Church. Consecration date 1862, by Slater. Ashlar stone walls. Clay-tile roof with gable-ends and stone gable-copings. Stone slate roof to the polygonal-ended chancel. Stone bellcote, on the west gable with stone pyramidal roof. Nave and chancel. Single storey. Nave has three coupled trefoil-headed windows. Two single light trefoil-headed windows to chancel, and one on each face of the apse. Plinth moulding, string under the windows and cornice moulding. South porch to nave, gabled with stone slate roof, stone gable-coping and cross at apex. Pointed arch entrance with attached responds, capitals and bases. Pointed-arch entrance with roll moulding to church. Plank door with strap-hinges. Interior: pointed chancel-arch of two orders with responds. Carved foliated stone capitals. Roof: nave has 4 bays of arch-braced collars, carried on simply moulded stone corbels. Fittings: font, stone, round bowl with foliate band and a carved roundel at the centre of each side. Short stem with polygonal sides and moulded base. C19. Pulpit, stone and circular with a band of foliate ornament and a bead moulding round the rim. C19 (J.Newman and N.Pevsner, Dorset, p306.)

From: "The Ecclesiologist" volume 23. Cambridge Camden Society, Ecclesiology Society – GB 1862

St Cuthbert, Osborne, Dorset, is a small new church by **Mr Slater**, consisting of a nave, with western bell-cot of stone and south porch, an apsidal chancel, and vestry to the north, carried out in Early Pointed. The peculiarity of the design consists in the apse, which is of three sides, the altar standing properly on the chord. The windows are all trefoiled, those in the nave being coupled under a segmental rear-vault, those in the chancel and apse single. The nave roof has curved braces, supported on stone corbels, while the chancel possesses a semi-circular panelled roof. The chancel-arch, rising from low-coupled shafts of red stone, has three orders of mouldings, varied by the introduction of different coloured stones. We desiderate some form of sanctuary-arch, even if it were no more than a stouter rib than the others, resting on ornamental corbels. Such a feature would give that value to the apse which it somewhat wants internally, from the shortness of the whole chancel. In this case the more eastern of the chancel windows should be pushed rather to the west, so as to enlarge the apse with two parallel sides. The chancel is seated stall-wise, and the prayers said from a stall to the south. The carved stone pulpit stands at the north chancel-pier. The font stands centrally at the west end. The church is seated with simple open seats. All the woodwork is of deal, and unvarnished. The dimensions are – nave 43 ft by 18 ft; chancel, 29ft 8 in by 15 ft. The chancel of the old church, which stood on another site, is to be retained as a cemetery chapel.

ST CUTHBERT'S CHURCH

Note taken from Dorset Record Office.

The signed agreement for tearing down the old church and building a new one on Vicarage Piece dated 10 July 1861 between:

James Goad (mason)

John Chapman (stone mason of Montacute)

John Guppy (carpenter and joiner from Sherborne)

Reverend William Hector Lyon and Churchwardens: **Robert Sealy** and **Silas Foot**.

Had to be completed by 30 November 1861 (i.e. 4 ½ months) at cost of £728.14 (or £1,217.14 – *I found the agreement rather ambiguous*)

NOTICES AND OTHER INFORMATION TO BE FOUND ON THE WALLS AND IN THE VESTRY

This is material that has been copied directly from all the notices and plaques etc in the church. There are a lot of individuals named – and further information about some of these, at least, will be found elsewhere on this site, perhaps in the lists of register and census entries or in the database of the Osborne names that I have compiled. As these files are, in the main, being uploaded as pdf files, readers can use the pdf search facility to make the task of finding specific individuals a little easier!

(i) **Wooden board in Vestry**. (top portion partially obscured by pinned typed notice, see below)

The Incorporated Society for Building and Churches granted £25 AD 1861 towards rebuilding this Church by which additional accommodation has been

obtained for 49 persons. The entire area will accommodate 129 at the least. The sittings are all free, and subject to annual assignment by the Church Wardens, suitable provision being made for the poorer inhabitants.

(ii) **Typewritten notice referred to in (a) above:**

St Cuthbert's Church, Osborne

It should be known that the following requests for grave space to be reserved, have been received:

Mrs Tredennick wishes for a space to be reserved for her, next to her parents' grave in Osborne Churchyard. A Faculty was granted to her some years ago and the ground has been paid for.

Mr A. E. Foxwell has been granted a Faculty for the same purpose – for three grave spaces (now two).

Mrs Miller (London Road, Osborne) has paid £2-0-0 for the reservation of a grave space beside that of her husband. She has been told that without a Faculty there can be no guarantee of this, though the PCC would endeavour to keep it for her.

Mrs Meredyth Thomas made a request, in 1960, for the reservation of one grave space for herself and her husband, next to the grave of Ellen Laura Thwaytes. This was agreed to by the PCC.

(iii) **Wooden Cross and Memorial in the Chancel:**

“To the glory of God and to the radiant memory of Samuel Edmund Waldegrave B.A. only son of the late Hon^{ble} and Right Rev Samuel Waldegrave DD Lord Bishop of Carlisle, Rector of Osborne 1901-1907, died Jan 6th aged 51
And of his fourth son

Edmund John Waldegrave, Capt. Of Marlborough College 1916-1917 and 2nd Lieut R.F.A. 1918, fell in action during the Great War Aug 10th 1918 aged 19 and buried at Anzin St Aubin British Cemetery near Arras, France..

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.

The tablet was placed by Osborne Parishioners and near relations.

(iv) **Three Stained Glass Windows in the Chancel:**

Left (looking from the inside): “In memory of Clara Hannah Hunt 26 May 1860 – 10 June 1930”

Centre: “In memory of Dillon Hanbury Thomas 20 July 1846 – 7 Jan 1926”

Right: In memory of Francis Reginald Palmer, Lieut 6 Bn Dorset Regiment killed near Arras, France 23 April 1917 aged 23.

(v) **Plate on the organ:**

“To the Glory of God and as the Parochial Diamond Jubilee Memorial of Her Majesty Queen Victoria. This organ was placed in this church by subscription AD 1897”

Signed: F B Phillips MA Rector
M Toop Churchwarden
G Dunford “

(vi) **RECTORS OF OBORNE:**

- 1589 Charles BRAGGE died 1639
1650 John LILLES
1661 John SQUIRE
1661 Roger IVORE MA
1665 Samuel LOUNDS
1674 Andrew BOWERMAN
1693 John SHUTTLEWORTH MA Prebendary of Sarum
1750 Digby SHUTTLEWORTH
1789 Charles DIGBY
1811 John PARSONS MA (Fellow of Worcester Coll, Oxford)
1854 William Hector LYON MA Trinity College, Cambridge
1868 Frederick NEWMAN BA Trinity College, Cambridge
1871 Charles Mott ROGERS BA Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge
1883 Adrian Henry LUTMAN MA Trinity College, Dublin
1888 Octavius Arthur BENTHALL MA Hertford College, Oxford
1894 Frank Benet PHILLIPS MA King's College Cambridge & Wells
Theological College
1901 Samuel Edmund WALDEGRAVE Trinity College, Cambridge
1907 Abraham RUST Bishops College, Calcutta
1913 Walter CLAYTON a.m. Coll. Islington
1919 Arthur Heywood TREDENNICK MA Corpus Christi College,
Cambridge & Ridley Hall
1931 Alan WILLIAMS MA Christ's College, & Cambridge & Wells
Theological College
1936 Frederick CARPENTER a.m. Coll. Islington
1947 Stuart Miles MORGAN BA Oxford University and Cheshunt
1952 George William Henry MOULE MA Emmanuel College, Cambridge
1954 Douglas Samuel CURRY MA Wadham College, Oxford. Hon.
Canon of Jamaica [*Note: His name should be recorded as Douglas SANDFORD
Curry as this is how his father has recorded it on the 1911 census return; and how it
is shown in the General Register Office Index of Births.*]
1959 Geoffrey Michael LONGSDON MA Pembroke College, Cambridge
1963 Ewart Picton THOMAS BA., LTCL. St Michael Theological College,
Llandaff, University of Wales.
1967 David Charles Henry MICHELL LL.B Clifton Theological
College, Univ Manst?

PRIESTS IN CHARGE

- 1979 Canon Allan Edward Henry (Claude) RUTTER MA Queen's
College, Cambridge, Cranmer Hall, Durham

1997 **Andrew Jonathan Hugo EDWARDS BA** Exeter Univ 1978; B. Th Sarum & Wells Theological College 1993

2001 **Canon Henry PEARSON** *This name added from personal knowledge – not in fact inscribed yet on the displayed announcement.*

(vii) **No Heading:**

The Bell of St Cuthbert's Church (replacing the original) by resolution of the Parochial Church Council with the Rector and Wardens is dedicated to the Glory of God and in affectionate memory of **Stanley Charles Hunt** who died 27th August AD 1973. He was for twenty five years a Warden of this Church.

Note: this bell originated in the village of Tyneham when it was taken over by the Ministry of Defence in WWII; the village was never returned to the original inhabitants, and remains in a restricted area but open to visitors on selected days when tank exercises are not taking part. The church remains more or less intact, unlike all the houses, and now, together with the old school, houses a small museum and, as you will read below, the bell has been returned there when St Cuthbert's Osborne found it necessary to replace it for safety reasons.

(viii) **BRASS PLATE ON WESTERN WALL**

In grateful remembrance of him who died and of the men who fought for Liberty and Honour in the Great War Aug 4th 1914 to Nov 11th 1918

Wilfred Henry Smith, Cpl, MM., died in France 13th Oct 1918 aged 28

G. Chant (George)
T. Chant (Thomas)
A. E. Dyke (Albert Edward)
S. G. Dyke (Sydney George)
E. Hunt (Ernest)
R. Hunt (Robert) or (Ralph)
J. Ivey (James)
W. Ivey (William)
H. Lawrence (Herbert)
W. Lawrence (William)
L. Pearce (Lewis)
E. J. J. Penny (Ernest Jack James)
W. C. Pike
T. J. Tuck (Thomas John)

The names in parenthesis are the result of my attempt to trace other records of these men who, as there is no record of their grave at the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, probably returned to England at the end of the Great War. During the Remembrance Day services, other names are read out; these include names recorded elsewhere in the church, the three German airman who were shot down in Osborne Wood – more details to follow – and those who were killed in World War II, either who had family or personal links with Osborne, or, as in the

case of Frederick O'Callaghan, whose fatal crash in Osborne came to light as the result of my receiving an email.

The search for the identities of the men listed on this memorial included the census for 1911 and online databases of WWI records, including service records and medal rolls. Therefore, there can be no guarantee that I have found the right names in all cases as it has not always been possible using these sources to link the names to Osborne – or Castleton, because some properties whose residents regard themselves as in Osborne are in fact in the parish of Castleton. Also only some of the medal rolls are extant following damage caused by bombing in WWII, and, in very many of these cases, the names and bare initials are very common ones and one cannot assume that they all served in Dorset regiments! If any reader is able to provide more substantial corroborative evidence, or indeed evidence to show that I have got it wrong, I would be only too pleased to correct this record.

(ix) **The Inscriptions on the Candlesticks on the Altar at each Service:**

In memory of **Pte Wm Cheeseman** 17th Hussars who died at Cork Nov 16 1899

In memory of **Pte Ed Cheeseman** Imperial Yeomanry killed at Krugersdorp S.A. May 23 1901

(William Cheeseman appears on the 1891 census (RG12 Piece 1659 Folio 61 Page 1) as the 11 year old son of William Cheeseman (an agricultural labourer born in Osborne) and his wife Annie, together with his brother Edward, aged 8, and his sister Elsie Maud aged 2. I have found a probable birth index reference for a William George Cheeseman (Qu 2 Sherborne 5a 391) I have also found a reference to E. Cheeseman of the 7th Imperial Yeomanry to page 569 (GRO Natal & SW. African Forces Deaths (1899-1902))

Interesting comments about the Imperial Yeomanry can be found in Thomas Pakenham's "The Boer War" Weidenfeld & Nicolson, London, 1979: It seemed there was an urgent need to match Boer mobility with British mobility – "At present, their own infantry, even if superior in numbers, could hardly move more than eight miles from a railway line." Then: "the newspapers carried the announcement of the birth of the 'Imperial Yeomanry'. It was Wyndham's 'hunting and shooting' yeomanry in all its magnificent amateurishness...A committee of fox-hunting gentlemen was to organise it; two rich peers offered to pay part of the cost." A vehement protest was launched by Wolseley who protested officially that "to go 'into the highways and byways' and pick up civilians, 'quite regardless of whether they have learnt the rudiments of discipline', was a 'dangerous experiment.'" ... "the new Imperial Yeomanry caught the imagination of Press and public. In sporting circles, there was a rush to abandon the fox and pursue the Boer."

(x) I have **a small slip of paper** with the following written by hand:

A pair of chalices, and a Flagon presented to the parish by **G. D. Wingfield-Digby** in 1862. At the same time the old chalice was sold to the parish of Castleton (*Note: as mentioned in the section about the Old St Cuthbert's Chancel, the parish*

church until the new one was built, was in fact within the Castleton parish boundary.)
Chalice 7 1/8 in high, no hall marks (The old Chalice)

THE BELL – REPLACEMENT: with reference to item (vii) above,
this may be of interest:

St Cuthbert's Church – Osborne

Replacement of Tolling Bell August 2009

Summary of the events

October 2008

During routine repair work to pointing of the stonework on the bell tower, it was noticed that three of the four canons attaching the bell to the hanging gear were broken and the bell was in danger of falling to the ground. On further examination at ground level by a bell engineer it was discovered that the bell was also cracked across the crown.

Of the various possible remedial options, (weld repair, recast, purchase of new or redundant bell) the purchase of a suitable redundant bell was determined to be the most satisfactory and also the most economical.

November 2008 to October 2009

During this period quotations were sought from two local bell engineers, plans were put in place to raise funds to pay for the replacement of the bell and an application was made for a DAC Form 1 and then for a Faculty to give permission for the proposed work to be carried out.

A suitable replacement bell was obtained via the Keltek Trust and an order was placed on Nicholson Engineering of Bridport to adapt this bell for our use, to manufacture new hanging gear and to carry out the installation, test and handover of the new bell etc to the PCC. An order was also placed on Bryan C Cooper Builders to remove the old hanging gear and brackets and to make good the stonework.

The Faculty was granted on 4th June 2009. A work schedule was agreed with Nicholson Engineering to carry out a site survey on 20th July and to install the bell on 17th August. This was done and the installation was accepted on 17th August 2009. The bell was dedicated at the Harvest Festival service on Sunday 11th October 2009.

Notes

The “old” bell was found to have been installed at Tyneham Church before being used at Osborne. Rather than consign it to scrap it was offered to Tyneham who gratefully accepted it and it is now held in their “museum”.

The “new” bell history is not clear cut, but it was made in 1939 by Taylors in Peterborough and is considered by Mr Nicholson as an excellent example of modern bell making. Keltek Trust purchased it from a person in Dunstable who found it when clearing his mother’s house. It was probably acquired by his father but nothing further is known. Taylors say it was a stock bell and they have no record of where it was sold.

Costs

Keltek Trust for Bell	£745.41
Scaffolding Higher Hire Ltd	£747.50
Bryan C Cooper Ltd	£170.00
Nicholson Engineering	£2761.15
TOTAL	£4424.06

Attachments

Diocesan Advisory Certificate - Form 1 Dated 30 April 2009

Faculty Dated 4th June 2009.

Certificate of Completion Dated 22nd August 2009.

R J Twiggins
October 2009

A post script: As part of the fundraising appeal launched by **Revd. Canon Henry Pearson**, the Grange Hotel in Osborne generously organised a raffle which raised more than £800 towards the appeal. The prizes, all donated by the hotel included a meal for two at the hotel including a bottle of wine, a hamper (2nd prize) and a home-made dessert (3rd prize).

**OBORNE CHURCH. MEMORIALS TO
“FAITHFUL LIVES.” Three stained glass windows.
Dedicated by Archdeacon of Sherborne.**

From *The Western Gazette* May 1933:

The three stained glass windows which have been placed in the parish church to the memory of **Mrs Dillon Hanbury Thomas**, of Sherborne; **Mrs Clara Hannah Hunt**, wife of **Mr E. Hunt**, of Blackmarsh Farm, and **Lieut. F. R. Palmer**, were dedicated on Tuesday afternoon by the Archdeacon of Sherborne (**Right Rev. Bishop A. E. Joscelyne**).

The windows, which are in the apse, are of remarkably beautiful colouring and design. The centre one, "The Risen Christ" is in memory of Mr Dillon Thomas, who is buried in the Churchyard. It bears the inscription, "In memory of Dillon Hanbury Thomas, 20th July 1846, 7th January 1932." On the left is St. Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 686, which is in memory of the late Mrs Hunt, wife of Mr Ernest Hunt, of Blackmarsh Farm. The dedicatory inscription is "Clara Hannah Hunt, 26th May, 1860, 10th June 1930." On the right is S. Aldhelm, first Bishop of Sherborne, 709, which is in memory of Lieut Palmer, at one time organist of the church, with an inscription "In memory of Francis Regd. Palmer, Lieutenant, 6th Battalion, Dorset Regiment, killed near Arras, France, 23rd April, 1917, aged 23 years."

THE DEDICATION. The memorials were dedicated in the presence of a large congregation, which included the relatives of those whose memory has thus been perpetuated. The Rector (**Rev. Alan Williams**) conducted the service, and the short lesson was read by the **Rev. F. B. Phillips**, a former rector of the parish. The clergy also present were the Rural Dean (**Rev. Canon M. J. W. Morgan**), the Rector of Thornford (**Ven. Archdeacon Barnett**), and the **Rev. A. E. Fost**, of the Sherborne Abbey staff.

Lieut. Palmer was an Old Boy of Foster's School and some of the present boys formed the choir, with the organist of Sherborne Abbey (**Mr. W. Edward Wearden**) at the organ.

"FAITHFUL LIVES" The Archdeacon, having dedicated the windows, gave a short address, in which he said they could not help feeling grateful for the work so carefully planned by the Rector and so generously carried out in memory of faithful lives. The memory associated with the figure of St Cuthbert was that of a young Lieutenant who had been a boy at Foster's School and organist of Osborne Church, who went to Bristol University and joined the Officers' Training Corps there and went out and was killed near Arras. The central window, that of the Risen Christ, was to the memory of one who was an active church worker, both in the diocese of London and there in Sherborne. The third was to the memory of one who was a regular communicant in that church.

What more beautiful moment, what more beautiful day, said the Archdeacon, could they choose for setting aside those beautiful offerings than just within sight of the Ascension. He reminded them that Christ's return into glory meant His triumph, their Hope. The three separate accounts of the Ascension brought three messages, those of faith, love and hope. In this life they had to endure disappointments, anxiety, weakness, uncertainty, difficult times, and the real secret was to endure as seeing Him who is invisible. Those beautiful memorials to lives, young and old, called hence reminded them of the oneness of God's family, the fellowship of all God's people. In those days of constant restless change, when the world seemed to be growing old and the former things had passed away, there was the Ascension hope that they could not do without, helping them to understand something of the meaning of life's mysteries.

The OBORNE Peace Service:

A combined family remembrance service recognised the end of World War Two and the Fiftieth Anniversary of the foundation of the United Nations. We welcomed to our congregation visitors from Germany and the U.S.A. **Bill Chapman** opened our service outside the Church with the release of 50 white balloons, one for each year of the U.N. 's foundation, and the reading of the U.N. Charter.

In the church children helped light candles recognising each year that the Second World War had lasted, with a larger "Peace Candle" lit in the centre. This was followed by the singing of the U.N. hymn. Our readings and hymns continued the Love and Peace theme. After the Kohima Prayer and a two minutes' silence, **Bill Chapman** read the Laurence Binyon poem "For the Fallen" before giving his address.

The young people contributed prayers including the Lord's Prayer in German and the following poem by

Sarah Fry:—

Fifty years have wandered past.
White haired heroes of wars long gone.
Tattered limbs and golden medals are the only tokens of a struggle won.
Won for what? The ignorant youth of today who doesn't care?
Fifty years is too long to imagine for them.
But some remember only too well:
For me to speak of battles is to speak of the unknown.
I am simply, one girl of today.
But, in my ignorance, I'm not alone.

A moving and thought—provoking service. Thank you Bill.

Wind in the Willows?

Ian Crawford-Smith

Well, not quite but in the Holm Oaks yes!

After 100 years or so nature had its way with the Holm Oaks in our Church Yard blowing down one, some 20 meters high and revealing the other two which are of equal proportions to be in a dangerous state thanks to diseases called amongst others Ganoderma and Ustulina. With diseases like that no wonder they gave up the ghost!!

The fallen tree caused damage to a building next door and but for the help of its neighbouring Oak as a partial resting place it would have demolished the building completely. Fortunately nobody was hurt.

The result of all this mayhem has been to learn a great deal and to face the PCC with a bill of over £3000 for removing the fallen tree with the help of a crane and high cherry picker, felling one other and reducing the height of the third by well over 50%. This was not how we expected to spend our very small savings in the Parish and we are indebted to other parishes in the Benefice for their generous, very unexpected and immediate offers of donations to our

funds.

What we have learnt from all this might be of interest to other Parishes.

Perhaps not everybody realises that their insurance whilst meeting the costs of damage to surrounding property caused by a fallen tree does not pay anything towards the expenses of removing the tree itself that comes out of the pocket of the owner of the tree! The next point is that the same insurers have no interest in the cost of repair of the third party property unless it can be proved that the owner of the trees has been negligent in some way.

This leads directly on to a further point of interest . what might be construed as that negligence? In simple terms we are told this could mean being aware that the tree is dead and liable to fall but it seems that in all probability one would be on reasonably sound ground if the tree has good leaf and to the casual onlooker seems therefore to be growing naturally unaware as a lay person of any disease within the tree. In an extreme case, negligence could be far more serious and might fall into the category of “criminal negligence” when the owner does or should know that the tree will fall if somebody leans on it and in that event the owners insurers might have a case to repudiate a claim altogether.

In between these extremes there could be a grey area and there is a way to obviate the problems.

It recommended that say every five years or so the trees in our churchyards (or perhaps our own gardens) should be inspected by a competent person and any remedial work recommended carried out. Of course this will cost money but the long term expense avoided may be very well worth while. Osborne PCC speaks with feeling!!

EASTER IN OBORNE

At the end of the austerity of Lent, a goodly number of about forty pilgrims and a dog, met in St. Cuthbert's for a simple service before making their way with reverence and awe along the road and up the hill to the cross standing stark about the village. It was a beautiful evening and the readers at each of the stations could be heard clearly and distinctly, a very moving experience for the writer and (heard afterwards) by many others.

Sadly, some familiar faces were not with us, but I am sure they were with us in spirit and they were certainly in our thoughts and prayers, together with the first—timers who joined us in our witness.

Saturday, as in all the Churches of our faith, was filled with preparations for the festival; fresh drapes, arms full of flowers, carrying of water and merry chatter as diffident amateurs tried to reach the beauty of the creations by the more expert parishioners, but everyone showing to perfection to us all on Easter morn as we met with joyful 'Happy Easter' for a lovely service, during which **Mary Ireland's** grand—daughter **Alessandra Zwerger**, sang 'Panis Angelicus'. Alessandra has just completed her training at the London School of Music; a wonderful voice which, hopefully, we shall hear many times in the future.

An Easter to remember, CHRIST is risen indeed, Alleluia.

E.B.

QUEEN THORNE CHURCHES ON TV

BBC Television cameras came to Queen Thorne churches on Sunday 7 January to film a news item on the Bishop of Salisbury's vision for the Diocese relating to his call for 200 Local Non-Stipendiary Ministers. The objective was to show the Rector rushing from church to church and to interview one of the LNSM candidates to emphasise that, when each village has its own priest again, then the Sunday gallop will be a thing of the past and each church can have its service every Sunday at the optimum time for worship, which today is normally plus or minus 10 o'clock.

There was a most attractive shot of a distant view of SANDFORD ORCAS church and the Manor from the hillside across the stream; two excellent views of the interiors of OBORNE and TRENT churches, well— filled with their respective 10.00 am and 11.15 am congregations; the briefest of interviews with **Ian Woodward**, one of the LNSM candidates; whilst the Rector was portrayed 'scurrying' into Trent church in his cassock and carrying a familiar suitcase Perhaps the best picture of all was of **Eric Blackshaw** pulling the bell at Osborne.

Sadly, of some two hours of filming, a bare one minute of TV showing time resulted, so that the message hardly came across. The item appeared that evening at around 6.07 pm on BBC South, which is the channel that covers much of the Diocese, but unfortunately not Queen Thorne, most of us being beamed in to Bristol or Plymouth rather than Southampton. One exception is Norman and Sheila Dibben of Dairy Farm, Osborne, which is situated high enough to receive BBC South. Sheila has kindly videoed the programme and is willing to show it to anyone interested. (*Videos and tapes are now available at the Rectory*)

BBC Solent Radio (again out of our reception area) carried a longer piece from the sound track on the following day, Monday 8 January, and this included more of the interviews with Ian and the Rector. At the time of writing, we are informed that the material may be used nationally on the 'To—day' programme and 'Breakfast TV' on the morning of Monday 22nd January (*Shown on Breakfast TV at 8.20 am*)

Finally, a word of thanks to all those who co-operated in the filming. Despite the disappointments from our local angle, let us hope that the news item bears fruit somewhere along the line.

Claude Rutter

THE VICARS, RECTORS and PRIESTS IN CHARGE OF THE PARISH OF OBORNE

This section reveals what I have discovered to date about as many as possible of the vicars, rectors and priests in charge listed (or not, in some cases!) above, omitting, of course, information about those who are or may be still alive.

John DUNSTER

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database
(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

DUNSTER John (0-1545) (CCEd Person ID 54474)

Emden: "Poss. Vicar of Osborne, and Stalbridge is 2 to 3 miles away."

Stipendiary: Stalbridge 00/00/1545-00/00/1545

Johannes CHETMYLE

From the Clergy of the Church of England database

(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

CHETMYLE Johannes (1567-1567) (CCEd Person ID 65604)

Vicar: Osborne 09/06/1567-09/06/1567

James SAVAGE

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database

(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

SAVAGE James (1566-1588) (CCEd Person ID 104745)

Ordination: Deacon 02/06/1566 (Jewell, John/Salisbury 1560-1571)

Priest: 02/06/1566 (Jewell, John/Salisbury 1560-1571)

Vicar: Osborne 23/09/1570-31/10/1588

Curate: Osborne 09/05/1576-31/10/1588

Charles BRAGGE.

(i) This may or may not be about our man, but the dates and location, and the fact that he is recorded as a clerk, suggest it's possible: "Charles Bragge [Bragg], s. of Charles Bragge of Stalbridge, co. Dorset, clerk, app. to William Ledsham [1590 or Charles Bostock], 8 Oct. 1619"

From: 'The Common Paper: Subscription to the oath, 1613-28', Scriveners' company common paper 1357-1628: With a continuation to 1678 (1968), pp. 54-62. URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=35901> Date accessed: 12 July 2010.

(ii) From the Clergy of the Church of England database

(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

BRAGG Carolus (1589-1639) (CCEd Person ID 59548)

Vicar: Osborne 03/10/1589-16/07/1638

Curate: Osborne 00/07/1590-12/00/1593

Curate: Osborne, Castleton Chapel 19/09/1606-19/09/1606

Rector: Osborne, Castleton Chapel 12/06/1622-20/07/1625

Not given: Osborne 20/07/1625-20/07/1625

Vicar: Osborne, Castleton Chapel 14/07/1628-16/07/1638

Comment: Is he the same man as ID59551? (*Note – this is the website comment, not mine! MAF*)

ID 59551: Ordination events: Deacon 26/09/1568 (Jewell, John/Salisbury 1560-1571); Priest 26/09/1568 (Jewell, John/Salisbury 1560-1571)

David FORD

The earlier version of the Clergy of the Church of England database shows a David Ford (Foord) as a curate of Osborne, Castleton Chapel in 1635 and 1638 and 1641. This entry from the Oxford University Alumni, on ancestry.com appears as if it may be for the same man:

FORD (FOORD) David, of Somerset, pleb. Lincoln College, matric. 14 Nov., 1617, aged 17; B.A. 19 April, 1621, rector of Thaydon, Dorset, 1661. See Foster's *Index Eccl.*

Andrew BOWERMAN

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database
(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

BOWERMAN Andrew (0-1694) BA (CCEd Person ID 18457)
Ordination: Priest 24/09/1671
Curate: Hound 25/09/1671
Rector: Osborne 00/00/1674-09/02/1694
Curate: Sherrington 14/09/1674
Death: 09/02/1694 @ Woborne/Dorset

Christoferus DAVIDGE

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database
(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

DAVIDGE Christoferus (1593-1622) (CCEd ID 67655)
Curate: Osborne (12/00/1593-03/08/1603)
Curate: Osborne (30/07/1600)
Curate: Nether Compton (12/06/1622-12/06/1622)

Johannes RENDOLL

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database
(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

RENDOLL Johannes (1638-1638) (CCEd Person ID 101828)
Curate: Osborne 16/07/1638-16/07/1638

Samuel LOWNES

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database
(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

LOWNES Samuel (1665-1665) (CCEd Person ID 51167)
MA
Vicar: Osborne 20/04/1665

(ii) from Oxford University Alumni 1500-1714. Ancestry.com

LOWNES, Samuel, pleb. Magdalen Coll., matric. 1 April, 1656, chorister 1656, demy 1658-60, B.A. 2 June, 1659, M.A. 26 April, 1662. B.D. 26 June, 1673, usher of the college school 1660-2, fellow 1662-74, from Middlesex; vicar of Osborne, Dorset, 1665 until his death July, 1674; one of the same names vicar of Ingham, 15 Oct. 1675, and of Cameringham, co. Lincoln, 13 Feb 1676-7. See *Bloxham*, i.79, v.237; & Foster's *Index Eccl.*

Dr. Richard BRICKENDEN

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database
(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

BRICKENDEN Richard (1725-1779) (CCEd Person ID 260837)
MA. Oxford, Corpus Christi College
DD.

Among other appointments: Rector of Osborne 02/05/1737-04/10/1750 (*although "further detail" on the website seems to indicate that on these dates he was Rector of Inkpen*)

(ii) From Oxford University Alumni (1500-1886):

s. Colwell, of Chawton, Hants. Doctor. Corpus Christi Coll. Matric 25 Feb 1715-6 age 14; BA. 1719; MA. 1 Feb 1722-3; BD. 1730; DD. 1735

John SHUTTLEWORTH

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database

(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

SHUTTLEWORTH John (1693-1750) (CCEd Person ID 109578)

Venn: "MA from Corpus Christi, 1714. S. of John, of Wimbledon, Surrey. Matric (Magdalen Coll. Oxford) Dec 17 1686, aged 15; BA (Oxford) 1690; V of Osborne 1695-1750, & R of Lillington, Dorset 1695-1711, R of Fifield Bavant, Hants 1711-50, Canon of Sarum 1721-50 (recte preb) of Preston Wilts 1721-50, Died before June 13, 1750. Will. Cons. C. Sarum. Father of the next (**John Hawkins Shuttleworth** ID 48666). (Al Oxon)

BA Oxford Magdalen

MA

Ordination: Deacon 24/12/1693 (**Hough, John**/Oxford 1690-1699)

Priest 28/01/1694 (**Hough, John**/Oxford 1690-1699)

Rector: Osborne 09/02/1694-04/10/1750

Rector: Lillington 30/10/1694-13/03/1712

Rector: Fifield Bavant 22/19/1711-15/08/1750

Curate: Bower Chalke 15/06/1714-15/06/1714

Prebendary: Salisbury Cathedral, Prebend of Preston (05/10/1721-11/06/1750)

Death: 11/06/1750

(ii) From Register of Presidents, Fellows, Demies etc. of Saint Mary Magdalen College, Oxford. Vol 1 The Choristers 1853:

Shuttleworth, John. Res. 1690. ejected in 1687, and restored in 1688. Matr 17 Dec 1685, aet.15. Son of **John Shuttleworth**, of Wimbledon, Surrey, *paup*. Clerk, 1690-1694. B.A. 17 Nov 1690. Rector of Fifield Bavant, Wilts (by presentation of Thomas, Viscount Weymouth,) 1711-1750. Minister of Preston, Wilts, 1721-1750. Incorporated at Cambridge, 1714. Vicar of Osborne, Dorset. Rector of Pillington (*sic*), Dorset. Obiit 1750. He was author of *A Sermon on Ephes. v.19* 4to. 1700; *A Persuasive to Union, being an essay towards reconciling all parties, and in order to a comprehension, which may be for the honour of the Church, and the glory of God*. London, 8vo. 1716. (Magd. Libr.); *A Sermon on Romans xv 6*. 8vo. 1718

(iii) Cambridge University Alumni 1261-1900 (ancestry.co.uk)

College: Corpus Christi, 1714. S. of John, of Wimbledon, Surrey. Matric. (Magdalen College, Oxford) Dec 17, 1686, age 15; B.A. (Oxford) 1690. V. of Osborne, 1695-1750, and R. of Lillington, Dorset, 1695-1711. R. of

Fifield Bavant, Wilts., 1711-50. Canon of Sarum, 1721-50. R. of Preston, Wilts., 1721-50. Died before June 13, 1750. Will Cons. C. Sarum. Father of the next. (*Al. Oxon*).

My note: John Shuttleworth was the rector of Osborne during the period when the marriage register shows a number of weddings in Osborne where neither party was from the parish.

Digby SHUTTLEWORTH

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database

(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

SHUTTLEWORTH Digby (1732-1789) (CCEd Person ID 48664)

Foster: "s. of John, of Lillington, Dorset, Cler. Exeter College, matric. 10 July 1728 age 17; BA from Brasenose College 1732; Rector of Osborne & Minister of Castleton, Dorset 1736; died 1789.

BA: Oxford / Exeter College

Ordination: Deacon 04/06/1732 (**Potter, John**/Oxford 1715-

1737

Priest 22/09/1734 (**Wynne, John**/Bath & Wells

1727-1743)

Rector: Osborne 04/10/1750-09/03/1789

Perpetual Curate: Osborne, Castleton Chapel 04/10/1750

Rector: Nether Compton 27/10/1757-17/06/1779

Perpetual Curate: Castleton 09/03/1789-09/03/1789

Death: 09/03/1789

(ii) The International Genealogical Index (IGI) provides the following family information:

Marriage to **Ann Cook** on 27th February 1749 at Osborne, Dorset.

Charles DIGBY

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database

(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

DIGBY Charles (1766-1812) (CCEd Person ID 27001)

BA (Oxford/Christchurch)

MA

Ordination: Deacon 22/06/1766 (**John Hume**/Oxford 1758-

1766)

Priest 03/05/1767 (**John Hume**/Salisbury 1766-

1782)

Rector: Osborne (09/03/1789-11/11/1811)

Perpetual Curate: Castleton (09/03/1789-11/11/1811)

Other appointments held while rector of Osborne & perpetual curate of Castleton:

Rector: Kilmington 02/06/1767-27/12/1811

Vicar: Milton Clevedon 22/10/1773-25/10/1811

Prebendary Wells Cathedral (Prebend of Combe VI

13/12/1774-11/05/1799)

Curate: Maddington 23/07/1789-23/07/1789

Canon residentiary: Wells Cathedral 12/07/1794-29/10/1799

Prebendary: Wells Cathedral (Prebend of St Decumen
02/04/1799-08/11/1811)
Vicar: Bishop's Lydeard 13/04/1801-07/12/1802
Perpetual curate: Maddington 27/05/1812-27/05/1812
Death 25/10/1811

James Knight MOOR

(I have included James MOOR here although his record does not show him as a curate or rector at Osborne. However, he was the man who recorded and made available to us the census for 1801. Osborne is one of the few parishes in England which has a surviving copy of the census for that year. Also, by one of those strange coincidences that occur from time to time, he was married at Bradfield, Berkshire – another very small village, but with a public school, which was founded some 40 years after his death, which is where I was educated. Michael Fraser.)

(i) Cambridge University Alumni 1261-1900 (ancestry.co.uk)

College: Sidney. Entered: Michs 1784. Born July 15, 1767.
Died June 27, 1810. Adm at Sidney, June 19, 1784. Eldest s. of **the Rev. Christopher** (Queen's College, Oxford, 1751), V. of Lilbourne, Northants. B. [July 15, 1767], at Rugby. School, Rugby. Matric. Michs. 1784; B.A. 1788; M.A. 1791. Ord. deacon (London) Dec 20, 1789; C. of Sydling, Dorset. Assistant Master at Sherborne until 1807. R. of Sapcote, Leics., 1807-1810. Married, Sept. 2, 1794, at Bradfield, Berks., **Selina**, dau. And heiress of the **Rev. John Frewen**, M.A., and had issue. Gave assistance to Mr Gough in the re-publication of *The History of Dorset*, by Hutchins. Died June 27, 1810, at Hinckley, Leics.; buried at Rugby. (*Rugby Sch. Reg.*, which gives baptised July 15, 1767; *Northants. Clergy*; *G. Mag.*, 1810, 1.674.)

John PARSONS

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database
(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

PARSONS John (1802-1831) (CCEd Person ID 40204)

Foster: "s. of Francis, of Yeovil, Somerset. Cler: Worcester College, Matric 23 May 1798 aged 18; BA. 1802; MA. 1804, Fellow until 1814; Vicar of Osborne & Castleton, Dorset 1811-1854, Curate of Sherborne 1803-11; Vicar 1830, died 1854.

Ordination: Deacon 27/11/1802 (**Beadon, Richard**/Bath & Wells 1802-1824)

Priest 17/12/1803 (**Beadon, Richard**/Bath & Wells 1802-1824)

Rector: Osborne 11/11/1811

Perpetual Curate: Castleton 11/11/1811

Vicar: Sherborne 12/12/1830

Daniel EVANS

(i) From the Clergy of the Church of England database
(www.theclergydatabase.org.uk):

EVANS Daniel (1815-1834) (CCEd Person ID 42200)

Comments: Literate

Ordination: Priest 23/09/1815 (**Beadon, Richard**/Bath & Wells

1802-1824)

Stipendiary Curate: Osborne 07/07/1824

William Hector LYON

(i) Census entries:

1841: Age 13 living at King School, Sherborne with father **Rev Ralph Lyon**, mother **Elizabeth**, brother **Ralph** (12) and sister **Elizabeth** (8). Born in Dorset.

1851: Age 23. BA., Curate of Haydon. Born in Sherborne, Dorset. Living at Rectory House, Bishop's Caundle with father Rev **Ralph**, DD., Rector of Bishop's Caundle and Vicar of Haydon, mother **Elizabeth**, brother **Ralph** BA (22), sister **Elizabeth** (17), a niece, **Elizabeth Brown** (40) and 4 servants.

1861: Age 33. Rector of Osborne and Incumbent of Castleton, living at Rectory House, Osborne, with wife, **Julia C** (29, born in St Pancras, Middlesex), son **Herbert R** (10 months, born in Osborne); **Henrietta Handley**(?) (mother-in-law); **William C Murphy** (visitor, clerk in holy orders, born in Ireland) and 3 servants including **Mary Babstock**, a local woman aged 73 as cook.

1871: Age 43. Vicar of Sherborne, born in Sherborne, living in Church Yard, Sherborne, with wife, **Julia C** (39 and now shown as born in Bloomsbury) children: **Herbert R** (10 born in Osborne), **Claude W** (6, Osborne), **Hugh** (4, Osborne), **Ethel H** (2 Sherborne) and 4 servants.

1881: Age 53. Vicar of Sherborne and Castleton, born in Sherborne, living in the Vicarage, Sherborne with wife, **Julia C**, children: **Hugh** (14, Osborne), **Mildred** (6, Sherborne) and 4 servants.

1891: Age 63. Vicar of Sherborne. Partially blind. Living at Vicarage House, Church Yard, Sherborne with wife **Julia C**, children **Mildred B. C.** (16, Sherborne), **Ethel H. Norman** (now married, 22, Sherborne), grand-daughter **Elinor M Norman**(3months, Tiverton), 3 servants and a boarder (a governess (school))

1901: Age 73. Church of England clergyman. Living at The Vicarage, Abbey Close, Sherborne. Now a widower and living with his daughter, **Mildred B. C** (26) and 3 servants.

(ii) Ancestry.co.uk: Forge family tree: owner: nellbick1 (*Note – this entry has not been verified by sight of any source documents used by the tree owner for this information*)

1828. Born, Sherborne, Dorset. Parents: **Revd. Ralph Lyon & Elizabeth**.

Wife: **Julia Standen**; Children: **Herbert Ralph** 1860- ; **Florence Julia** (1862-1872); **Claude W** (1864-1942); **Hugh Fraser** (1867-); **Ethel Henrietta** (1869-); **Helena Mary T** (1872-1875); **Mildred Bessie C** (1874-)

(iii) Cambridge University Alumni 1261-1900 (ancestry.co.uk)

Trinity College. Entered Michs. 1846. Born 1827. Died 30 Aug 1911. pens. (age 18 at Trinity, Dec 19, 1845. S. of [the Rev.] **Ralph** (1814) B. [1827], at Sherborne, Dorset. School, Sherborne. Michs. 1846; B.A. 1850; M.A.

1853. Ord. deacon (Salisbury) 1850; priest, 1851; C. of Haydon, Dorset, 1850-1. C. of Milborne Port, Somerset, 1851-4. R. of Osborne, Dorset, 1854-68, and P.C. of Castleton, 1854-1908. Surrogate, dio. Of Salisbury, 1868. V. of Sherborne, 1868-1908. Rural Dean of Shaftesbury and Canon of Salisbury Cathedral, 1884-1908. Died Aug. 30 1911, aged 83 at Sherborne. Brother of **Ralph J** (1846). (*Sherborne Sch. Reg.*; Scott, *MSS.*; *Crockford*; *The Times*, Sep 1, 1911)

The Vicar of Sherborne, Canon Eric Woods, gave a lecture entitled "The Other Lyon: William Hector Lyon, Vicar of Sherborne 1868-1907" to the members of the Sherborne Historical Society on 21 January 2010 at which I was privileged to be present, and I possess a copy of the lecture should any person researching this subject wish to contact me via the website about it. Michael Fraser (parish clerk _ Yeohed & Castleton Parish Council)

(iv) from *Crockford's Clerical Directory* 1885.

LYON, William Hector, *Vicarage, Sherborne*. Trin. Coll. Cam. B.A. 1850, M.A. 1853. d: 1850, p: 1851 by Bp of Sarum. P.C. of Castleton, Dio. Sarum, 1854. (P: J.D.W.Digby Esq; Gross Inc. 81l; Pop. 81.) V. of Sherborne, Dio. Sarum, 1868. (P: G.D.W.Digby Esq; T.R.C. 200l; Net Inc. 400l and Ho; Pop. 5636.) S: Dio. Sarum 1868; Chap. Of Hosp. of SS Jo. Bapt. And Jo. Evang. Sherborne, 1868. Can. Of Torleton in Sarum Cathl. 1884. F: C. of Haydon 1850-51; Milborne Port 1851-54; R. of Osborne 1854-68.

Frederick NEWMAN

(i) Cambridge University Alumni 1261-1900 (ancestry.co.uk)

Trinity College. Entered Michs. 1848. Born Oct 26, 1829; Died Feb 10, 1894. Adm. Pens. At Trinity, Feb 15, 1848. [4th s. of John, of Brands House, Bucks. B. Oct. 26, 1829.] Matric. Michs. 1848; B.A. 1852. Ord. deacon (Gloucester) Dec. 19, 1852; priest, Dec. 18, 1853; C. of Corsham, Wilts., 1852-5. C. of Henstridge, Somerset, 1856-67., R. of Osborne, Dorset, 1868-71. R. of Bishopstrow, Wilts., 1871-83. Married, July 4, 1854, **Isabella Dorothea**, dau. Of the **Rev. David Tremlett**, R. of Rodney-Stoke, Somerset. Latterly of Bransomewood Road, Bournemouth. Died Feb 10, 1894 at Basingstoke. Doubtless brother of John (1841). (*Crockford*; *The Guardian*, Feb 14, 1894.)

(ii) The International Genealogical Index (IGI) provides the following family information:

Father: John Newman (13 Dec 1792 of Brands House, Buckinghamshire) married 19 Aug 1819 at Brill, Buckinghamshire to Anne Harper Turner (b.c. 1796) Frederick's siblings: Mary Anne (b 1823); Elizabeth (b 1827); Samuel (b 8 Jan 1825); John (b 24 Jun 1820 – d. 18 Aug 1841); William Henry (b 10 Nov 1821). Paternal grandparents John Newman (b.c. 1766, of Brands House, Buckinghamshire) and Elizabeth Lane (b.c. 1769 of London) marriage c. 1791 in London. His maternal grandparents: John Turner (b bef 1770 of Brill.) It also confirms Frederick's marriage as given in (i) above.

(iv) from *Crockford's Clerical Directory* 1885.

NEWMAN, Frederick, - *Clent-grove, Stourbridge*. Trin. Coll. Cam. B.A. 1852. d. 1852, p. 1858 G. and B. F: C. of Henstridge, Somerset; R. of Osborne, Dorset, 1868-71; R. of Bishopstrow, Wilts, 1871-88

Charles Mott ROGERS

(i) Census entries:

1851: Age 12. Born in Bedford. A scholar boarding at the St Lawrence Chapelry, Pudsey, Yorkshire. This at the time was a Moravian Community *see below*

1861: Age 22. Unmarried and a student at Gonville & Caius College, Cambridge. A visitor at the Moravian Settlement in Ockbrook, Derbyshire. The head of the household on census night was **Samuel Wilson** who was a Moravian Minister and a school director.

1871: Age 32. Incumbent of St Marks North (?). Boarding at the Chemist's shop in Portsea, Portsmouth, with family of **Elizabeth Burt**. Born in Bedfordshire.

1881: Age 42. Rector of Osborne. With his wife, **Anna M.** and children (all born in Osborne): **Arthur C** (8), **Wilfred** (6), **Herbert** (4) and 3 servants including **Elizabeth Chant** (see 1891 below)

1891: Age 52. Clerk in Holy Orders living at The Vicarage, Weston Zoyland, Somerset with wife, **Anna M** (54, Chichester) and son **Herbert E** (14 Osborne) and a Housemaid from Osborne – **Elizabeth Chant**, aged 30

(ii) BMD Certificate References:

Birth: Quarter 4 1838 Bedford 6 28

Marriage: Quarter 4 1871 Chichester 2b 651

(iii) Cambridge University Alumni 1261-1900 (ancestry.co.uk)

College: Caius. Entered Michs. 1859. Died Mar 14, 1928. Adm. Pens. At Caius, June 28, 1859. S. of John, of Bristol. B.[Sept.12], 1838 at Bedford School, Moravian, near Leeds. Matric. Michs. 1859; B.A. 1863; M.A. 1871. Ord. deacon (Salisbury) 1863; priest, 1864; C. of Osborne, Dorset, 1863-6. C. of St Helen's, Isle of Wight, 1866-7. C. of Tavistock, Devon, 1867. C. of St Paul's, New Wandsworth, 1867-70. C. of St John's, Battersea, 1869-71. R. of Osborne, Dorset, 1871-83. V. of Weston-Zoyland, Somerset, 1883-1928. Died, Mar 14, 1928. Father of Arthur C. (1891). (*The Times*, Mar 16, 1928; *Crockford; Venn*, II.345.)

(iv) from Crockford's Clerical Directory 1885.

ROGERS, Charles Mott, *Weston Zoyland Vicarage, Bridgwater*. G. and C. Coll. Cam. B.A. 1862, M.A. 1871. d: 1863, p: 1864 by Bp of Sarum. V. of West Hoyland, Bridgwater Union and Dio. B. and W. 1883. (P.; Bp of B. and W.; Gl. 76 a; T.R.C. 220l; Gross Inc. 460l, Net 278l and Ho; Pop. 668.) Formerly C. of Osborne 1863-66; Tavistock 1867; St Paul, New Wandsworth, 1868-70; R. of Osborne, Dorset 1871-88.

The Fulneck Moravian community some background notes

The Moravian Church originated in Bohemia in the 15th century. It quickly spread to Moravia from whence it takes its name.

The Church was revived in the 1720s under the inspired leadership of Count Zinzendorf of Saxony. As missionaries in the 1730s the Moravians came to know

Benjamin Ingham, a Church of England clergyman. On returning to England Ingham began to found religious societies to the west of Leeds, one being in Pudsey. In 1742 he gave most of these societies, including that in Pudsey, to the Moravians to care for. The next year he bought the 22 acre Falneck estate in Pudsey and leased it to the Moravians as a centre for their work in Yorkshire.

For more details see Wikipedia: Fulneck Moravian Church; and www.derbyshireuk.net/ockbrook.html; www.moravian.org.uk

LUTMAN Adrian Henry

(i) from Crockford's Clerical Directory 1885.

LUTMAN, Adrian Henry, *Oborne Rectory, Sherborne.* – T.C.D; B.A. and Div. Test. (1) 1853, M.A. 1857, d: 1853 Dub. p: 1854 Cork. V. of Osborne, Dio. Sarum 1883. (P: J. D. Wingfield Digby, Esq; Gl. 7 a, let for 15l; T.R.C. 165l; Fees 1l; Gross Inc. 181l, Net 134l and Ho; 650 a. A A 129; Pop 143) F: C. of Bloxwich 1856; St. Jo. Bapt. Pet. 1857-64; Yeovil 1864-67; V. of Hendford, Somerset, 1867-76; V. of Weston-Zoyland, Somerset, 1876-83

(ii) Census entries:

1861: Aged 33. Born in Guernsey. Curate of St John's Peterborough. Living with his first wife, Charlotte (bn. 1830 Ireland) and 2 sons: Charles A (1858, Bloxwich, Staffordshire) and John H S (8 months, Peterborough) and 2 servants.

1871: Aged 41, Widower, Vicar of Hendford, living at Hendford Hall, Yeovil with his son, Charles A and 2 servants.

1881: Aged 52 living at the Vicarage, Silverdale, Lancashire with his 2nd wife, Sophia Mary (1839, London) and 2 servants, one of whom, the cook, Jane Gaulter from Silverdale, was deaf and dumb.

1891: Aged 63, living at 15 Hartley Road, Littleham, Exmouth, Devon with Sophia M and 2 servants.

(iii) Other Records found online (ancestry.co.uk)

(a) "London Marriages and Banns 1754-1921": marriage to Sophia Mary Whetham on 21 August 1872 at St Pancras Church, Middlesex. Both persons are of full age. Adrian is shown as a Widower and a clerk in holy orders residing at Hendford, Yeovil and his father was John Adrian Lutman, late Major of 24th Regiment ...(?). Sophia Mary Whetham was a spinster residing at 52 Gordon Square, father Charles Whetham, a merchant. The marriage was conducted by licence, and the witnesses were Charles Whetham, E. M. Whetham and William ? Lutman.

(b) Marriage Index reference. Quarter 3 1872. Pancras 1b 174

(c) Clergy List 1896: LUTMAN, Adrian Hy. M.A. Dub. P.

1854: *The Haven, Teignmouth, Devon*

Octavius Arthur BENTHALL

(i) from Crockford's Clerical Directory 1885.

BENTHALL, Octavius Arthur, *Willen, Newport-Pagnell.* – Hertf. Coll. Ox. B.A. 1880, M.A. 1883. d: 1882, p 1883 by Bp of Ox. C. of Willen, Dio. Oxf. 1882.

(ii) From Oxford University Alumni 1500-1886:

BENTHALL, Rev. Octavius Arthur, 5s. Edward, of Sherborne, Dorset, arm. Hertford Coll, matric. 20 Jan, 1877, aged 17; B.A. 1880, M.A. 1883

(iii) BMD Certificate References:

Birth: Quarter 3 1859 Sherborne 5a 365

Marriage: Quarter 3 1888 Kingston, Surrey 2a 521 to **Annie Brassey Harrison**

Death: Quarter 3 1900 Sherborne 5a 185 (aged 41)

(iv) Census entries:

1861: Aged 1 living at Long Street, Sherborne with father **Edward** (aged 53, b 1808 in Totnes, Bengal Civil Service for 28 years), mother, **Clementina** (1818, Totnes) Siblings: **Clement E** (Unmarried, b.1842 At Sea, occ. Service in silk factory); **Ernest** (Unm. 1844 Peporn, Bengal); **Edith M** (1846 Peporn, Bengal); **Madeline A** (1848 Alliporn, Bengal); **Bertha M** (1851 Alliporn, Bengal); **Winfred** (1854 Wynbury, Cape of Good Hope SA); **Alfred E** (1857 Sherborne) a governess and 4 servants.

1871: Aged 11 living still in Long Street, Sherborne with father Edward, mother Clementina, and 3 brothers: Winfred, Alfred E and Charles F (1862 Sherborne); and 3 servants

1881: (*This is a best guess as no Octavius Benthall is recorded with that name.*) Aged 21 living at Wrottesley House, Montpelier Row, Lewisham, Kent in what appears to be a private boarding school run by Rev. **Robert Holme** (1828 York) and his wife Elizabeth (1834 Dorset). He appears as A. A. Benthall single aged 21 born in Dorset and a Teacher of Arts.

1891: Aged 31 living at Osborne where he is the rector with his wife Annie B (1848 Macclesfield, Cheshire) and 3 servants.

Frank Benet PHILLIPS

(i) BMD Certificate references:

Birth: Quarter 1 1865 Royston. 3a 244

Marriage: Quarter 3 1894 Blandford 5a 441 to Eleanor Fanny Smith

(ii) Census entries:

1871: Age 6. Born in Kelshall, Herts. Living at Golden Ball Street, Petersfield with his parents: **Revd. John Henry Phillips** 39, Curate of Petersfield, Hants, born Liskeard, Cornwall & **Priscilla**, 38, born in London; his sister **Clara P** (7, bn in Wickham, Suffolk; sister **Helena A** (3 Melksham, Wiltshire) and 3 servants.

1881: Age 16. Living at the Rectory Okeford Fitzpaine, with his father, now the Rector of Okeford Fitzpaine, his mother, the two sisters as in 1871, and brother **Charles Augustus** (9 Petersfield) and grandfather **Samuel Phillips** (86, Liskeard, Cornwall) and at least 2 servants.

1891: Age 26. Curate of St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol and on census night was with his mother, **Priscilla**, recorded as the head of the family and married, but no husband was present that night, together with siblings: **Clara**

E., Helena A., Charles A., and 1 servant. His sisters are unmarried and without recorded professions or occupations, while Charles, aged 19, is shown as a classical scholar.

1901: Age 36. a Church of England clergyman living at the Rectory, Osborne, with his wife, **Ellanor** (*sic*)F (30, South Australia), daughter **Gertrude M** (5 Osborne), son **Charles E V** (3 Osborne), son **Francis J** (1 Osborne) and daughter **Margaret E** (9 months, Osborne) and 3 servants.

1911: The family was now living at The Vicarage, Kersey, Ipswich with son Charles Edward and another son, **Harry Merwen**, born 1905

(iii) In Bristol City Archives:

March 17th 1889 – Copy licence for Frank Benet Phillips BA as stipendiary curate in church of St George, Brandon Hill (nominated by Revd. **Frederick Anthony Lefroy**, vicar of same) at stipend of £120. The record also contains a letter of acknowledgement from Diocesan Registry Office to churchwardens of St George dated April 5th 1889.

(iv) Cambridge University Alumni 1261-1900 (ancestry.co.uk)

King's College. Entered: Michs. 1884. Born 1865. Died July 20, 1948. Adm. At King's College, Oct 2, 1884. [Eldest s. of the Rev. **John Henry** (1849), R. of Okeford Fitzpaine, Dorset. B. 1865. School, Sherborne.] Matric. Michs. 1884. B.A. 1887; M.A. 1891. Ord. deacon (Glooucester and Bristol) 1889; priest, 1890; C. of St George's, Brandon Hill, Bristol, 1889-92. C. of St John-the-Evangelist, Weymouth, 1892-3. R. of Osborne, Dorset, 1894-1901. C. of Ringwood, Hants., 1901-3. V. of Burton, Hants., 1903-7. V. of Kersey, Suffolk, 1907-15. R. of Buckland, Herts., 1916-27. C. of Spettisbury with Charlton Marshall, Dorset, 1936-7. Subsequently, of 9, Madeira Road, Bournemouth, where he died July 20, 1948. Brother of Charles A. (1890). (*Sherborne Sch. Reg.*; Scott, MSS.; *King's Coll. Adm. Reg.*; *The Times*, July 23, 1948)

Samuel Edmund WALDEGRAVE

(See also: Item iii in section: "Notices and Other Information to be found on the Walls and in the Vestry")

(i) Census entries:

1871: Scholar aged 16 currently at Repton School. Birthplace: Barforth

1881: Age 24 Nephew of **John Deacon**, Banker and MA Oxon, and living with his family at Grantham House, Putney Heath, Putney, Wandsworth, London. His occupation is given as Civil Engineer, and birthplace: Wiltshire: Barford St Malton (*note: the spellings of his birthplace vary considerably between census returns – and sometimes are not always completely legible*)

1891: Age 34 Head of household living with his wife, **Alice**, two sons, **Samuel** age 3 and **George** age 2 and a servant. His occupation is given as manufacturing engineer, and the family are living at #4 "Brackholm", Elm Grove, Taunton. Birthplace, Barford St Martins, Wiltshire

1901: Age 45. Head of household living with his wife **Alice**, and two sons, **Frederick** aged 8 and **Edmund J** aged 1 and a servant. He is now a

Church of England clergyman – curate at Christ Church Eccleston, and living at “The Hollies”, Eccleston Park, Lancashire.

(ii) from Cambridge University Alumni 1261-1900:

Trinity College. Entered: Michaelmas 1875. Born 21 May 1856. Adm. Pens. At Trinity, May 25 1875. [Only] s. of the Hon. And Rev. Samuel (Balliol College, Oxford, 1835), deceased, Bishop of Carlisle (for whom *see D.N.B.*)(AND **Jane Ann**, dau of **Francis Pym**, of the Hasells, Beds.).B. May 21, 1856 at Barford, Wilts. School, Repton. Matric. Michs. 1875; B.A.1891. For some time a mechanical engineer. Ord. deacon (Liverpool) 1893; priest (1894); C of Eccleston, Lancs., 1893-1901. R. of Osborne, Dorset, 1901-7. Married, Jan 14, 1886, Alice, dau. Of **Charles D. Millett**, and had issue. Died Jan 6, 1907. (*Repton Sch. Reg.*; *Crockford*; *Burke, P. and B.*; *The Times*, Jan 8, 1907.)

Abraham RUST

(i) Crockford’s Clerical Directory 1908 (ancestry.co.uk)

RUST, Abraham – *Osborne Rectory, Sherborne, Dorset* – Bp’s Coll. Calc. d: 1873, p: 1874 Calc. R. of St. Cuthb. Osborne, Dio. Sarum, 1907. (P: **J. K. D. Wingfield Digby** Esq; T.R.C. 120*l*, av. 110*l* w 8 a of Gl. Val. 11*l*; Fees 1*l*; Gross Inc. 122*l*, Net 108*l* and Ho; Pop. 152.) F Port Chap. At Calc. 1873-78; Chap at Dunkirk 1878-89; V. of Sundon w Streatley 1889-1906; Sydling St. Nich. 1906-07.

(ii) Census Entries:

1841: aged 2 born 1839 in Middlesex living at Barnes Court, St James Clerkenwell, Finsbury, Middlesex with his parents, **Isaac** (1806 Middlesex) and **Ann** (1806) and siblings **Mary** (1827), **George** (1829 Middlesex), **Henry** (1831 Middlesex), **Susan** (1833 Middlesex), **Isaac** (1835 Middlesex), **Jas** (1837 Middlesex) together with another family – Beavitt – a mother and 5 children.

1851: aged 12 born in Clerkenwell living at 15 Canal Terrace, Islington, Finsbury, Middlesex with his parents Isaac (bn 1802 in Clerkenwell, an iron moulder) and Ann (1804 Lewes, Sussex) with siblings: **Henry** (1832, Clerkenwell, iron moulder), **Isaac** (1836, Clerkenwell, errand boy), **John** (1837, Clerkenwell), **Lucy** (1841, Clerkenwell), **Joseph** (1843, Clerkenwell), **Catherine** (1848, Islington)

1891: [*Note: no trace on censuses 1861, 1871 & 1881*] aged 52, Vicar of Sundon & Streatley, (bn 1839, London) living at the Vicarage, Lower Sundon, Sundon, Luton, Bedfordshire with his wife, **Elizabeth A** (1846, Cam, Cornwall) and children: **Harry W** (1876, Calcutta), **Lucy M** (1877, Liverpool), **Norah L** (1882, Dunkerque, France), **Charlie E** (1884, Dunkerque), **Mary** (1887, Dunkerque)

1901: aged 62 living still at The Vicarage, Lower Sundon, a Church of England clergyman and a widower, with 2 children: **Chas Ernest** (1884) and **Norah Louisa** (1882) and 1 servant (aged 15)

1911: Aged 72 living at The Rectory, Osborne with his new wife, **Rose Hannah** (bn 1867 at Steep, Hampshire) and married for 8 years, with two daughters: **Dorothy Ameg Ray** (1904, Sundon, Beds) and **Jane** (1905, Sundon) and 2 servants (looks like sisters aged 19 and 14)

(iii) Directories

Kelly's Directory 1914 shows him at Chislehurst, Woodland Road, Weston super Mare, Somerset, and his son, **Charles Ernest** is at 23 Clarence Road North, Weston super Mare.

Arthur Heywood TREDENNICK

(i) Crockford's Clerical Directory 1908 (ancestry.co.uk)

TREDENNICK, Arthur Heywood – *Christ Church Vicarage, Warley, Essex.* – C.C.C. Cam. B.A. 1888, M.A.1895. Ridley Hall, Cam. 1889. d. 1891 p 1892 Worc. V. of Ch. Ch. Warley, Dio. St. Alb. 1897 (Trustees; R. of Shenfield 7l; Fees 20l; Pew Rents 60l; Cottage Rents 20l; Endow. 59l; Q.A.B. 103l; Eccles. Comm. 33l; Gross Inc. 308l, Net 287l and Ho; Pop. 6136) C. of Ch. Ch. Sparkbrook, Birm. 1891-93; Ch. Ch. Clifton, 1894-97.

(ii) Census entries:

1871: aged 5 born in Ireland, living at Hazelwood Cottage, Applethwaite, Westmorland with his father, **John G Tredennick** (1829 Ireland), mother, **Emily D** (1834, Surrey), sister, **Sophia H** (1863, Surrey) and brothers **George N H** (1861, Surrey), **John M** (1865, Ireland); **Freirand (?) G** (1869, Ireland) and 3 servants.

1881: aged 15, living at Langrigge, Bowness, Windermere with his father **John G**, Lieutenant Colonel in the Militia, his mother **Emily D**, sister **Sophia H** and brothers **George N H** (undergraduate at Trinity College, Cambridge), **Freorand**, **Percival D.** (aged 8 born in Windermere), **Galbraith** (aged 6, Windermere) and **Charles I H** (4, Windermere) and 5 servants.

1891: Aged 25 (Preparing for Holy Orders) and living at 77 Grantham Road, Bordesley, Birmingham with his mother, **Emily D** (1834, Guildford, Surrey, now a widow living on her own means); brothers **Treoremd (?) G** (1869 Lay Reader), **Percival D** (1873, Windermere, Student), **Galbraith W** (1875, Windermere, Student) and **Charles I H** (1877, Windermere, Student) and 2 servants

1901: Aged 36, at The Vicarage, Brentwood Warley Road, Great Warley, Essex. Born in Donegal, a Church of England Clergyman with his wife, **Florence Elizabeth Sleeman** (marriage index ref Qu 3 1900 Bristol 6a 313) and 2 servants.

1911: Aged 45, at 201 Warley Road, Brentwood, Essex with **Florence E** and daughter **Mona F N** (1907, Warley, Essex) and 3 servants.

(iii) Death Index reference:

Quarter 2 1931 Hendon 2a 339

Alan WILLIAMS

(i) Crockford's Clerical Directory 1932 (ancestry.co.uk)

WILLIAMS, Alan – Ch. Coll. Cam. B.A. 1886, M.A. 1892. Wells Th. Coll. 1883. d 1886, p 1887 Worc. C. of St Nich. Warw. 1886-92; Chap. Mersey Miss. To Seamen and Tr. S. *Indefatigable* at Rock Ferry 1892-99; Actg. C.F.S. Afr. 1899-1900; Port Chap. Miss. To Seamen, Capetown, 1897-1906; C. of Vernham Dean 1906-07; V. of St. M. Warw. 1907-14; Perm. To Offic. Dio.

Sarum 1917-31; R. of Osborne, Dio. Sarum, from 1931. (P, Col. F.J.B. Wingfield-Digby; Q.A.B.. 154l; Eccles. Comm. 23l; Fees 1l; o.s.60l; Gross Inc. 238l, Net 210l and Ho; Pop. 110.) *Osborne Rectory, Sherborne*. (Tel. Sherborne 260.)

(ii) from *Western Gazette* July 6, 1936

FAREWELL TO OSBORNE RECTOR
PARISHIONERS' TOKEN OF GRATITUDE
"FAITHFUL MINISTRY & SERVICE" OF REV. ALAN WILLIAMS

"As a small token of their respect for and gratitude to their Rector, Rev. Alan Williams, for his faithful ministry and service amongst them, 1931-36," parishioners of Osborne presented a parting gift to Mr Williams at a crowded gathering in the School-room on Monday evening.

Mr Williams, who has retired from his position as Rector and taken up residence at Clatcombe, Sherborne, has earned the deep respect and esteem of the whole parish, and of a wider area, during his five years at Osborne, and the work and geniality both of himself and of his daughter, Miss M. V. Williams, have contributed much to the happiness of the community.

On Monday, Mrs Burnard, on behalf of the parishioners, presented a George III silver Corinthian column electric table lamp to Mr Williams and two books – "Somerset and Dorset" and "Highways and Byways" – to Miss Williams, the gifts being accompanied by a book in which the above words and the names of the contributors are inscribed in Old English lettering.

Among those present were the Rural Dean (Rev. W. M. Askwith), Mr C. W. Pike (rector's warden), Mr C. N. Chester (people's warden), and many others.

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE VILLAGE

Mr. Chester said they were all very sorry when they heard the Rector was going to resign, and it was the general desire that he should not go without an expression of their appreciation of him. He had been with them five years and they knew the amount of work that had been got through, the improvements in the church, the churchyard, the school and the hall, and in many other ways in the village. On behalf of the whole village, Mr Chester offered Mr Williams best wishes in his retirement, and many happy years, and said he was sure that when Mr. Williams had time to visit them there would be a welcome in all their homes for him.

(Applause.)

Miss Jerrim, who thanked the Rector and Miss Williams, especially on the children's behalf, said Mr. Williams had been one of the best friends the children could ever have. (Applause.) They had been particularly fortunate lately, because Miss Williams had come in and devoted her talent to them. The children, she knew, thoroughly appreciated the lessons Miss Williams gave them in painting, and for such an advantage that very few schools had they were very grateful indeed. (Applause.)

Mrs Burnard said the Rector's five years amongst them had gone much too quickly and had been much too short, but then good things always went very quickly and always did when a community was happy together. With the gift went their appreciation and gratitude for what the Rector had done for their church and village, and their best wishes that he might have many more years of rest, health and happiness. (Applause.)

Asking Miss Williams to accept the books with the parishioners' best wishes Mrs Burnard said the people of Osborne had not forgotten one who had thrown herself into the life of the village, especially amongst the children. (Applause.)

WORK IN VARIOUS SPHERES

The Rector, recalling his 50 years' ministry at Warwick, Liverpool, and South Africa, said he went, as he thought, to end his days in Sherborne in retirement, but in 1931 came the offer of Osborne. He thanked God for much help and inspiration in his various spheres. Warwick was a very delightful place. The dock of Liverpool was a roughish place, but he made many friends amongst seamen, and that led him to go to Capetown, to commence work amongst seamen in South Africa. His dear wife and he – she was only 26 – landed in Capetown with their luggage and a Missions to Seamen flag. Then came the South African War, and he away up country, up the coast, and he was able to leave behind him a Seamen's Institute, the first in the country. Having to leave there on doctor's orders, he went back to Warwick, to the wonderful St. Mary's Church, with the people he had known before, and he was able to marry children he had baptised, and to baptise their children, and also he conducted the last offices of many he had known. Then he came to Osborne. He had had disappointments, but he did hope he had tied to draw the village together. That had been his aim. Many people came from different parts to live in the village, and he felt the only thing to draw people together was the love of God as shown through His church, and he hoped he had been able to do something in that way.

They knew what his daughter had been ... [*this part of report missing*]

THE FUTURE

With regard to the future, Mr. Williams said, "An Excellent man is going to follow me. A far more experienced and in many ways a more able man than I am, who has done a great work in the world – and if you don't go to church when he comes I shall be very annoyed." (Laughter and applause.) Mr. Williams added thanks to the churchwardens, sidesmen and other workers.

Miss Williams, also returning thanks, said she had enjoyed living at Osborne. With regard to the reference to her work in connection to the school, she said she would not lose touch with the children, because she was continuing her Friday visits. (Applause.)

The Rural Dean said the parish had had in the past five years a man of very great experience and a type of man that a little village of that kind very seldom had the opportunity of having. He knew the parishioners were grateful and would not forget the work of Mr. Williams or Miss Williams. There was a consolation, that they were not going very far away, and he had no doubt that sometimes when Mr. Williams took his walks abroad he would find himself walking down the hill.

(iii) from *Western Gazette* November 1947:

DEATH OF **REV. ALAN WILLIAMS**. Residents heard with much regret of the death at Tuckton Nursing Home, Bournemouth, on Wednesday, of the **Rev. Alan Williams**, who resided for many years in the town and was for five years rector of Osborne. He was 86 and had been an invalid for a considerable period. Mr Williams, in his younger days, was devoted to the work of the Missions to Seamen. From 1892-6 he was chaplain to the Mersey Missions to Seamen and the Training Ship Indefatigable at Rock Ferry, and Port Chaplain at Capetown from 1897-1906. In the following year he became Vicar of Warwick, and on retiring settled in Sherborne, where he lived at Clatcombe House, which he

built. His kindly disposition won him friends in all walks of life, and when he decided to return to active ministry he was given a warm welcome at Osborne. He remained as rector for five years and then again came to Sherborne to live and stayed until the middle of the war when failing health caused him to move to Bournemouth. He was of great assistance to Vicars of Sherborne, frequently taking services at both the Abbey and Castleton. For six years he was chaplain to Masonic Lodge "Benevolence". Mr Williams is survived by one son, **Lieut-Col. Alan Williams**, and two daughters, **Mrs Griffin** who resides near Bournemouth, and **Mrs Bruce**, who is in Aden. His wife, who was as greatly loved in the town as he, and did fine work for the Red Cross, was buried at Castleton, as were also his daughter, **Mrs Hall**, and grandson, Pilot Officer **Douglas Alan Williams**, who was killed in 1941.

MEMORIAL SERVICE AT THE ABBEY. There was a large and representative congregation at the Abbey, on Tuesday, at the memorial service to the Rev. Alan Williams, formerly rector of Osborne, and for many years a resident of Sherborne, whose death at a Bournemouth Nursing Home was reported in last week's issue. The Vicar (the Rev. **Basil Wingfield Digby**) officiated, and other robed clergy included the **Rev. Arthur Field**, the **Rev J. H. Goodden** (rector of Glanvilles Wootton) and the **Rev. P. F. C. Lamb**. **Mr W. E. Wearden** was at the organ. The **Rev. Arthur Field**, who was a close friend of Mr Alan Williams, paid tribute to the value of his work, particularly in connection with the Missions to Seamen and as vicar of Warwick and rector of Osborne. He also spoke appreciatively of his activities at the Abbey and Castleton Church and of his kindness and warm-hearted friendship.

Members of the family present at the service included Lieut-Col, and Mrs A. C. Williams (son and daughter-in-law), **Major-General and Mrs J. A. A. Griffin** (son-in-law and daughter), **Lieut. Kenneth Alan Williams**, R.N. (grandson), Mrs **Grimley**, senr., and **Col. Grimley**.

Many clergy from parishes in the rural deanery were present, and the Missions to Seamen was represented by the **Rev. R. H. Redfern**. From the Urban Council, of which Mr Alan Williams was a former vice-chairman, **Mr J. Park** (chairman) attended with several members and **Lieut-Col W. D. Lidderdale** represented **Col. F. J. B. Wingfield Digby**. Churchwardens, members of the Parochial Councils and many parishioners were present, representing the Abbey and Castleton and Osborne churches. There was also a strong representation of Lodge "Benevolence" of Freemasons, of which Mr Williams was, for several years, chaplain.

Following cremation at Bournemouth, the casket containing the ashes was brought to Sherborne and interred in the grave of Mrs Williams at Castleton Churchyard. The Vicar conducted the service which was attended only by members of the family.

The funeral arrangements were carried out by Messrs. R. Eason & Sons.

OSBORNE – LATE REV. ALAN WILLIAMS. AN APPRECIATION. An Osborne correspondent writes: The death of the Rev. Alan Williams revives memories of his five years as rector of Osborne, 1931-1936. He was the ideal parish priest, having a close and personal contact with all his parishioners, a welcome and constant visitor to the sick and old people, ready always to join in the joys and sorrows that go to make up village life. Although getting on in years when he became Rector, he had a great capacity for work, and at once undertook the raising of funds and restoring of old St Cuthbert's Chancel. This he completed and it was re-opened by **Dr. G. B. Allen**, then Bishop of Sherborne. He also

commenced the annual service held there every Trinity Sunday and in June 1936, he celebrated Holy Communion in the Chancel, the first time for 75 years. He interested donors to give the three beautiful east end windows by the well-known artist, **Mr Christopher Webb**, in the parish church at Osborne. He further beautified the church by the altar ornaments and fittings, and his love and care for ancient things was shown by his having the 16th century bound and transcribed at the British Museum and obtaining a fire-proof safe to keep it in. It was largely through his efforts that the village school was retained when so many small schools were closed in Dorset. He had a great interest in all activities connected with the parish and many are grateful to have known him and shared his friendship.

(iv) from Cambridge University Alumni 1261-1900

Christ's College. Entered Michs. 1883. Born 1861. Died 12 Nov 1947. pens. At Christ's, Oct 6, 1883. S. of John (and **Eliza**, dau. of **Barnabas Sharp**, of Hurworth Grange, Sunderland). B.[July 9, 1861], at Clifton, Bristol. School, Manilla Hall. Michs. 1883; B.A. 1886; M.A. 1893. Ord. deacon (Worcester) 1886; priest, 1887; C. of St Nicholas, Warwick, 1886-92. Chaplain, Mersey Mission to Seamen and training ship *Indefatigable*, at Rock Ferry, 1892-6. Acting C.F. in South Africa, 1899-1900. Port Chaplain (Mission to Seamen) at Capetown, 1897-1906. C. of Vernham Dean, Hants., 1906-7. V. of Warwick, 1907-14. Perm to off., dio of Salisbury, 1917-31. R. of Osborne, Dorset, 1931-6. Perm. To off., dio of Salisbury, from 1936. Married, 1888, **Annie Isabel**, dau of **Charles Copland**, C.E., of Hull. Latterly of Clatcombe House, Sherborne. Died Nov. 12, 1947 at Bournemouth. (*Crockford*; Fox-Davies, *Armorial Families*; *The Times*, Nov. 14, 1947)

(v) Census entries:

1871: Aged 10, born in Bristol, living at Arlington Villa, St James & St Paul, Bristol with parents: **John Williams** (48, bn Stockton, Durham) H.M. Customs Examining Officer and **Eliza** (50, Sunderland) and brother **Charles** (20, Hartlepool) a wholesale warehouse apprentice, and one servant.

1881: Aged 19, Foreman at a cigar manufactory, living at 5 Sherborne Villas, Clifton, Bristol, still at home with father, now a Registrar of Customs Cs (Off) and mother, sister **Eliza M** (bn 1852 Hartlepool) Unmarried, and sister **Margaret S** (1854 Hartlepool) Unmarried and one servant.

1891: Aged 29. Married. Curate of St Nicholas Parish Church and living at 48, Coten End, Warwick, with **Annie** (1867, Sculcoates, Hull), son **Alan C** (1889, Warwick) and daughter **Marjorie A** (1890, Warwick) and 3 servants.

1911: Age 49, Married, clergyman of the Church of England, with **Annie Isabel**, daughters: **Marjorie Annie**, **Joyce Isabel** (age 19, bn Warwick) and **Mary Vernham** (age 4, Warwick) and 4 servants.

Frederick CARPENTER

(i) Crockford's Clerical Directory 1932 (ancestry.co.uk)

CARPENTER, Frederick – C.M Coll. Isl. 1898. d. 1901 Lon. P 1902 Jer. C.M.S. Miss Jaffs, 1901-04; Nablus 1904-06; Nazareth 1906-15 and 1919-26; C. of Heddington 1917-19; V. of H. Trin. Guernsey, Dio. Win. From 1926. (P,

Trustees; Eccles. Comm. 91l; Fees 12l; Pew Rents 80l; e.o. 40l; P 177l; Gross and Net inc. 400l and Ho; Pop. 3684) *Holy Trinity Vicarage, Guernsey.*

(ii) Western Gazette (3 items: 6, Nov 1936 - May 1947)

(a) THE NEW RECTOR

The new Rector of Osborne with Poyntington, the **Rev. F. Carpenter**, late Vicar of St. Clements, West Thurrock, with St. Stephen's, Purfleet, in the county of Essex and the Diocese of Chelmsford, is to be welcomed this month. He has had experience of running two parishes, very different from Osborne and Poyntington, for they contained 6,000 people.

(b) A NEW DORSET RECTOR. **Rev. F. Carpenter** Inducted at Osborne.

Poyntington Welcomed to Salisbury Diocese.

The **Rev. F. Carpenter**, late Vicar of St. Clement's, West Thurrock, with St. Stephen's, Purfleet, in the county of Essex and Diocese of Chelmsford, was inducted as rector of the united benefice of Osborne with Poyntington by **Bishop Joscelyn**, on Wednesday.

The induction service – with the pronouncement at the church door by the Archdeacon, while holding the Bishop's mandate, followed by the tolling of the bell by the new incumbent, the visit of the clergy and churchwardens to other points of the church, and all the impressive and significant ceremony – took place at Poyntington in the afternoon and at Osborne in the evening.

At the afternoon service, the Archdeacon and the **Rev. F. Carpenter** were accompanied by the Rural Dean, **Rev. W. M. Askwith** (vicar of Sherborne), and **Archdeacon Barnett**, and the former Rector (**Rev. Alan Williams**) and his daughter (**Miss Mary Williams**), were among the congregation. The churchwardens, who took part in the ceremony, were **Mr G. F. Sturgess** and **Mr F. E. Robinson** and **Miss Partridge** (Corton Denham) was at the organ.

At the Osborne service the churchwardens were **Mr C. Pike** and **Mr C. N. Chester**, and **Miss Hyde** was the organist.

Apologies for unavoidable absence were received from the **Rev. A. Portman** and the **Rev. E. Taylor** (Sandford Orcas).

In his address at Poyntington, Bishop Joscelyn said he was there partly to welcome the friends of the congregation and the parishioners of Poyntington into the Diocese of Salisbury with which they were now happily and hopefully associated, and he believed it would be a real joy to many of them, as they found themselves under the shadow of the old Cathedral of Salisbury under the guidance of the new Bishop of Salisbury, **Dr. Lovett**. They were also now members of the Archdeaconry of Sherborne and of the Rural Deanery of Sherborne, and their hope and prayer was that they might be able to help one another forward in the great things that mattered. He was a member of that Commission which sat there eight years ago, to consider possible union of the two benefices, and he thought they were quite unanimous in agreeing that it would be wise, and now, the previous day, by the institution of the Rector to the united benefice it had been achieved. So, the Archdeacon added, he made a point of coming within 24 hours to say a word of welcome to the congregation and an encouragement to him.

The Bishop pointed out that of course Poyntington still remained as before, a parish. They had the same privileges of a parish as of all time, with their own churchwardens, their own Church Council, and the individuality that belonged to

the old life of Poyntington, but the benefice had been united, and he believed it might be of great benefit and service to many of them.

Welcoming the new Rector, the Archdeacon said, "Your new Rector has had a fine experience. I look up to that experience with thankfulness and with a sense of awe when I remember that after having trained in London he has had something like 20 years' work out in the Holy Land, in charge of Christian congregations at Jaffa, Haifa and Nazareth, reading the records aloud of the life of Jesus, whose footsteps must have been in and out of those places for so long. It does one's heart good to feel that there is still a work for him to do in your midst, bringing home to you the message and uplift of the Saviour Himself."

(c) OBORNE'S TRIBUTE TO RECTOR. **Rev. F. Carpenter** Retiring. "Time to Give Way to a Younger Man."

Feeling that the time has come when he should give way to a younger man, the **Rev. Fred Carpenter**, Rector of Osborne and Poyntington for the past ten years, has decided to retire and will be leaving the district at the end of this month. The Rector has won the affection of the people of both parishes, and, on Wednesday week, residents of Osborne gathered at the Village Hall to show their appreciation of his work by a presentation.

The Rector received from **Mrs Pope**, who has recently come to live at The Grange, an album containing the names of all subscribers and a cheque for £41 12s, whilst **Mrs Carpenter** was presented with a bouquet. The inscription of the fly-leaf of the album, beautifully written in old English by **Mrs C. N. Chester**, read, "We, the parishioners, present this cheque to the Rector and Mrs Carpenter as a small token of our respect and gratitude for their many kindnesses and help during the past ten years and wish them peace and happiness in their retirement, May 1947."

Mr C. N. Chester (people's warden) who presided at the gathering, said during their ten years' stay the Rector and Mrs Carpenter had worked unstintingly. Those years had not been easy ones. When he arrived, Mr Carpenter had the task of being the first Rector to take over the united parishes of Osborne and Poyntington, but he carried out the necessary changes satisfactorily and from the start things worked well. Then came the years of the war when both the Rector and his wife found innumerable additional duties falling to their lot, including those of air raid warden and billeting officer respectively. Mrs Carpenter had been of the greatest help, particularly as voluntary organist and in connection with the Sunday and Day Schools and the Mothers' Union. Concluding, Mr Chester said the parishioners wished the Rector and Mrs Carpenter God-speed and hoped they would have very many happy years of retired life and would look back on their years at Osborne as a pleasant memory even if the flock had at times been a rather troublesome one.

Mrs Hover, on behalf of the schoolchildren, thanked the Rector and Mrs Carpenter for their help and great kindness.

In making the presentations, **Mrs Pope**, who, with her husband, was welcomed by **Mr Chester**, said none of them wanted to see the Rector and his wife go from their midst and the only bright spot was the fact that **Mr and Mrs Carpenter** had succeeded in securing a house which was quite an achievement in these days. All parishioners hoped that they would find time to pay visits to Osborne, where they would be certain of receiving the warmest possible welcome.

Responding, the Rector said he and his wife hoped to be able to visit parishioners before they left for their new house at Hockley, near Southend. It was very hard to express their thanks for the many kindnesses shown to them and for the gifts made that evening. They would always look back on their ten years in the parish with the warmest possible feelings. He was afraid that when he first arrived to take over the united parishes, the people of Poyntington were a little aggrieved that they were not to reside in the village, but the arrangements had been made for him, so that he could neither be blamed or praised for them. He had taken an equal interest in both parishes, and, in return, had received the greatest kindness of residents of both. He and his wife were getting older and they believed that the time had come for them to make way for younger and more vigorous people. It had been suggested that clergy ought to retire at 70, and as he had passed that age he considered it would be advantageous to all concerned for a change to be made. Times had changed enormously for clergy during the last 50 years. Then so many things were left to the Church, such as looking after the poor, but to-day it was the clergy who had become poor and the people who were invited to look after them. The need had been stressed for the people to realise that position of clergy to-day, whose incomes had gone down, whilst those of almost every other profession had risen. He did not speak from any personal point of view, but he did ask parishioners to appreciate the position. He hoped the parish would get a man with private means so that the Rectory might be kept up as it deserved.

Appreciation of **Mr Chester's** efforts in connection with the presentation and **Mrs Chester's** in compiling the album was expressed by **Mr S. Hover**.

Stuart Miles MORGAN

(i) from *The Western Gazette* September 1947:

INDUCTION AT OBORNE. Bishop on "Christianity Without Worship"

Addressing a large congregation at Osborne Church on Friday, on the occasion of the institution and induction of **Rev. S. M. Morgan** as Rector of Osborne and Poyntington in succession to **Rev. F. Carpenter**, the Bishop of Salisbury (**Dr. G. Lunt**) made reference to the growth of a generation which appeared to believe in Christianity without worship, a kind of religion without tears, and who regarded attendance at services as a voluntary extra which was all right for those who liked it. "You cannot play golf unless you are a golfer," he said, "and you cannot be Christian unless you are a worshipping Christian." Speaking of the Church Council, the Bishop said they should not be just a body which met once a quarter to discuss whether there should be electric light and to go through the accounts; they should be a kind of spiritual bodyguard. They should be men and women who understood the Rector's tasks and difficulties, but there were still too many of the laity who considered it was the parson's job to get on with the work of extending God's kingdom and were content to be as sheep. In this particular place there were two parishes which formerly had their own parsons and lived their own separate lives. They were now growing more and more into one unit and he prayed that under the new Rector fellowship and family spirit would be increasing all the time.

For the institution, **The Rev. S. M. Morgan** was presented to the Bishop by **Col. W. D. Lidderdale**, representing the Patron of the Living (**Col. F. J. B. Wingfield Digby**). The Bishop having delivered the mandate of induction to the

Archdeacon of Sherborne (**Ven. J. C. Chute**) a procession was formed consisting of the Acting Verger (**Mr. C. Smith**) with the key of the church, Messrs. **S. C. Hunt** and **A. Dowson** (Church councillors), **Canon A. Ross Wallace** (headmaster Sherborne School), the **Rev. C. C. Castley** (rector of Nether and Over Compton), the newly instituted priest, the Rural Dean (**Archdeacon J. C. Barnett**), the churchwardens (**Messrs. C. W. Pike** and **C. N. Chester** (Osborne) and **F. E. Robertson** and **Major J. Watson**, deputising for **Capt. Anthony** (Poyntington), and the Archdeacon. Laying the incumbent's hand upon the key of the door the Archdeacon read the mandate and the Rector then tolled the bell to signify that he had taken possession. **Mr C. N. Chester** welcomed the Rector on behalf of the churchwardens.

Miss Norcote of Sherborne was the organist and the collection was on behalf of the Bishop's Appeal Fund. After the service visiting clergy gathered at the Grange to meet the Bishop and Rector,

Douglas Sandford CURRY

(i) Census entries:

1901: Aged 1 (born 1900 Farnhill, Yorks) living at 39 Main Street, Kildwick, Farnhill, West Riding of Yorkshire with his parents: **William** (1866, nr Jedburgh, Northumberland, Primitive Methodist Minister) and **Clara M** (1867, Douglas IoM) and sister **Mona M** (1899 Kirby Moorsite, Yorks)

1911: Aged 11 living at 3 Langdon Road, Masons Hill, Bromley, Kent with his parents (married 14 years), **Mona Margaret**, brother **Eric Johnstone** (1902 Oldham, Lancs). Also present **William Curry's** sister-in-law, **Katie Ellen Keig** (1861 Douglas IoM)

(ii) BDM entries:

Birth: Quarter 1 1900 Skipton 9a 36

Geoffrey Michael LONGSDON

(i) Census entries:

1901: Shown as **Gregory Michael Longsdon**. Aged 1. Born in Southwark. Living in 85-87 Mint Street, Southwark with his father: **William H**, a clergyman (Church of England) age 41, born in Seacroft, Yorks; his mother, **Mary Ethel** aged 35 born in Norfolk (Deepdale Kingsley(?)) brother **Edward Henry** aged 5 born in Southwark and sister **Margaret Diamond** aged 3 (Southwark) and 1 servant.

1911: Aged 11 living at 19 Ayton Road, Stockwell, London with his parents: **William Hook**, born 1860 and step-mother **Euphemia Henrietta** (1861 Marylebone) [*a pedigree I have downloaded for him – see below – gives his mother's maiden name as Mary Ethel Kerlake.*] William & Euphemia state they have been married for 2½ years. Also there are his brother, **Edward Henry** (1896, Newington, London), sister **Margaret Diamond** (1898, Newington), a governess and 2 servants

(ii) BMD and related Entries:

Death. Quarter 1 1963. Sturminster Newton 7c 1165

Baptism (London Baptisms 1813-1906 ancestry.co.uk): 7th July 1899 at St Michael & All Angels, Southwark (Father: **William Hook**; Mother: **Mary Ethel**)

(iii) Ancestry.co.uk – Pedigree chart:

Paternal side: Father: **William Hook** (5 Jun 1859 Derbyshire – 11 Aug 1921; married (1) Dec 1893 Docking, Norfolk; grandparents: **Henry John** (11 Feb 1826-21/Dec 1899) & **Frances Dorothea Lace** (17 May 1829 -); Great-grandfather: **James** (1795-1871) & **Anne Oates**; Frances' parents: **Francis John Lace** 27 Apr 1804 & **Elizabeth Crofts**

Maternal side: Mother: **Mary Ethel Kerslake** (1866, Burnham Deepdale, Norfolk – Mar 1904, London); grandparents: **Edward Kerslake Blyth** (1836-1918) & **Mary Adelaide Lanchester** (1845-1917); great-grandparents: **Edward Gwyn Blyth** (1800-1855) & **Mary Susannah Kerslake** (1803-1873) and **Thomas W Lanchester** (1806-) & **Clarissa Baker** (1809-)

Ewart Picton THOMAS

(i) Census Entries:

1911: Aged 4 living at 31 Moy Road, Aberfan, Glamorgan, born 1907. Merthyr Tydfil with his father **Ioan**, aged 40, born 1871 Cwnllynfell, Camarthen, a colliery clerk and his wife of 4 years **Keturah** aged 29 born 1882 in Newport Pembroke. [*the duration of the marriage and the ages on the children at this census suggest this may be a second marriage, but, to date, I haven't found a first one that I am sure about.*] Also 2 sisters: **Susannah** (1898, Merthyr) and **Irene May** (1900, Merthyr)

(ii) BMD entries:

Birth: Quarter 2 1907 Merthyr Tydfil 11a 786

Marriage [*possible*]: Quarter 4 1937 Cardiff 11a 695 to **Edna M Yates**.

Death: Quarter 4 1966 Sturminster 7c 815

NOTES FROM OBORNE PCC MINUTE BOOKS

- 12/9/1950 Church finances weak; Church Field, Clatcombe: Fence repaired £5. Proposed to increase rent and discontinue payment for fencing; Issue of lighting church fires. (**Mr J. WOOLMINGTON** for 2/- per Sunday)
- 30/1/1951 a) Work on west wall completed £180-18-5
b) Rector to buy 50 A&M hymn books @ 5/- each
c) [Old St Cuthbert's still responsibility of the parish]
- 03/04/1951 a) Church Roll = 67
b) Death of **C W PIKE** in year. (Rector's warden for many years)
c) **REV C M MORGAN's** health problems, and possible near resignation

- 5/10/1951 a) New rent and fencing conditions for Church Field, Clatcombe
accepted by **Mr KENDALL**
b) **CYRIL BAILEY** caring for churchyard
- 7/3/1952 a) Fires. Now being undertaken by **Mr C BAILEY** @ 2/6 per Sunday
b) Cleaning: **Mrs F RIDWOOD** resigned after 23 years' service
Mrs C BAILEY taking over @ £2 per quarter
Mr C BAILEY would do brass cleaning & churchyard
@ £6 p.a.
- 9/4/1952 a) Church roll = 66
b) Church pew names - offer by **Mr C BAILEY** to renew them
c) Tidying the Rectory garden by voluntary labour starting on July 14th
d) Hymn board enlarged to take the psalm number
- 23/7/1952 a) Repairs to tiles etc. to south side of nave roof (by **Mr F G Abbott** of
Sherborne)
b) Agreed to pay half of the dilapidations on the Rectory (£30-15-1),
funds raised by annual fete or sale for Church funds.
c) **Miss D HIGGINS**, current organist, about to leave parish
- 19/11/1952 a) North side of nave & chancel roofs still to be cleaned
b) **Miss JUNE SMITH** appointed organist @ £12 p.a.
c) Extend electric lights to arch over churchyard gate, & light over
pulpit desk
d) Rural Dean pleased with the way the church has been cared for
- 7/8/1953 a) 2nd hand lawn mower purchased for £25
b) Estimate (£28) for moving the organ
c) **Mr POPE** to provide a shed for the lawn mower
d) Church heating apparatus in need of repair. (To obtain estimates for
installation of electric heating)
- 9/10/1953 a) Levelling of 5 graves & grave space markers to indicate location
(2/6 each)
b) Further discussions on upgrading church heating (SEB estimated
£160 + outside line and run costs of c. 2/6 per hour.
c) **Mr S HUNT** elected to Osborne School Managers
- 5/2/1954 a) **Mr C BAILEY** to level graves @ 1/- each; **Mr P DUNFORD**
(Odcombe) donation of £1-1-0 towards cost of lawn mower.
B) Church heating: to try a new stove in the vestry & extend chimney
pot by 6 feet. (a great deal of smoke after work done, also some of the
brickwork was defective). Estimate of £96-15-0 for electrical heating.
Matter taken no further.
- 19/3/1954 a) Church roll = 69
- 23/4/1954 a) More discussion on church heating

- 6/7/1954 a) More discussion on church heating
b) Leaking church roof
c) **Mrs POPE** wishing to present an Indian rug for the sanctuary
- 28/1/1955 a) **Mr ABBOTT** could repair worst roof leaks for £10
b) Church heating. Electric system far too expensive. Discussion of oil convector heaters
- 31/3/1955 a) Church roll = 72
Agreed to increase remuneration if possible of **Mr & Mrs BAILEY** and of organist (**Miss JUNE SMITH**)
- 31/1/1956 Church heating: loaned oil heaters not satisfactory & unsightly. Anthracite instead of coke in boiler had reduced smoke nuisance
Agreed to remove name cards from pews, except for church wardens
50% increase in **Miss JUNE SMITH's** remuneration
- 11/4/1956 Church roll = 74
- 19/10/1956 Gift of prayer and hymn books from Castleton church
£10 grant to assist with maintenance of school - annual review of grant agreed
Mr POPE donated a visitors' book
- 15/2/1957 Expenditure of £14 for felling 2 fir trees in churchyard. **Mr POPE** buying wood for £14
Mrs FRASER wanted choir affiliated to Royal School of Church Music. **Mrs POPE** paying affiliation fee of £2
Need to deal with gap in main door, and restore lettering on date of consecration stone (**Mr POPE** to pay for this)
- 11/4/1957 Church roll = 79 (but some names should be removed - left parish)
Churchwarden's wand made by **Mr ENGLAND**
Oak table for visitors' book given by **Mr POPE**
- 18/2/1958 6 large stone flower bowls donated by **Mr & Mrs HATCHER** of Bournemouth, **Mr & Mrs HUNT**, **Mr R. HUNT**
Repairs to ceiling plaster and wall whitewash to old chancel
Re-brassing of memorial plate on west wall to be considered - only needed rubbing down
- 25/3/1958 Church roll = 71
Mr & Mrs POPE to hold a fete in aid of the Fabric Fund
- 3/2/1959 **Mr HUNT** resigning as Treasurer. Disagreement with **Mr POPE** over procedures for paying in funds. **Mr TWINE** elected as Treasurer.
Grant of £12 to school
- 9/4/1959 Church roll = 70

Especial thanks to **Miss JUNE SMITH** for exemplary performance of duty

- 1/5/1959 Ministry of Works proposal to schedule Old St Cuthbert's as an ancient monument
- 8/12/1959 **Miss JUNE SMITH** elected secretary
Old St Cuthbert's now scheduled as an ancient monument
Mr ENGLAND made a second church warden's staff
- 2/2/1960 Roof on north side in dangerous condition
Trench should be dug around church to keep walls dryer
Mrs FRASER to be asked about re-forming a choir
- 15/3/1960 Electoral roll = 56
Church roof repairs likely to cost £800 (£340 already collected)
Choir outing to be arranged
- 19/7/1960 **Rev Longsdon** proposed to make more detailed grave plan
Further deterioration of church roof noted
Discussion about notice board outside Old St Cuthbert. **Mr POPE** to supply the metal for this
Discussion about moving organ to "its former position"
- 6/9/1960 St Cuthbert's no longer listed as an ancient monument as it was still used
Application for faculty to remove the stone from the roof of the nave of the church and replace with sand faced handmade tiles
Mr POPE donated a lawn mower
- 6/12/1960 Dorchester Building Guild appointed to repair church roof
Possibility of electrifying the organ
Mr POPE to donate Christmas tree to church
Choir entered for festival in Sherborne Abbey in July (**Mrs FRASER**)
- 16/2/1961 Agreed to increase dilapidation payment by £10 to £35-15-0
- 21/2/1961 Moving organ estimated to cost between £10 & £15
Sherborne School offered £30 for ridge type tiles taken from Church roof, but architect felt this was undervaluing them
Churchyard wall may need rebuilding in near future
Messrs C & R BAILEY to repair/replace tiles on church floor
Suggested the oil lamps should be removed
- 5/4/1961 Electoral roll = 56
Agreed to dispose of the old oil lamps from the church
Mr BAILEY to be paid 10/- p.a. for upkeep of graves for which money as received annually
- 21/11/1961 Old tiles sold for £45

- Mrs DURRANT** offered £10 for 10 of the church lamps. Accepted (11th lamp to go in vestry)
Church Commissioners to put Old Chancel on list of buildings of special architectural or historic interest
Discussion re electric heating of the church
Bradford Abbas has offered a replacement Bible
- 6/3/1962 SEB estimated £250 for overhead electrical heating system; another firm: £310 for below floor tubular type heating
C & R BAILEY elected as PCC reps on village hall committee
Mr POPE offered a rail for the pulpit
- 17/4/1962 Electoral roll = 52
To obtain 2nd estimate for oil heating
- 12/6/1962 To obtain 2 faculties: pulpit handrail for steps & improved heating system
To purchase a new lawn mower
Choir to be formed for St Cuthbert's centenary celebrations
- 2/8/1962 New mower purchased. Old mower repaired
Agreed to install a Waterbury heater in church @ £324 + building work
- 15/11/1962 As dilapidation expenses were now being paid by Diocese if not paid by PCC's, agreed to give £25 to Rector for heating and lighting - if exempt from tax
Mrs HIGGINS to be given a key to Old St Cuthberts
- 4/4/1963 (Death of **Rev Longsdon** marked)
- 12/12/1963 Draughts in Church - **Mrs HUNT** offered 2 curtains to hang behind main door
Stones over chancel need renewing in near future (c. £700). Leaded lights in west window to be repaired, and churchyard wall
- 9/4/1964 Rector proposed using wafer bread instead of ordinary bread at Communion. Opposed by **Mr TWINE**
Mr POPE offered to build a shed over the oil tank
- 2/12/1964 **Mrs PICTON THOMAS** new PCC secretary
Mrs S HUNT gave new mat for church porch
Mrs ENGLAND preparing a nativity play to be performed in church
Quota for St Aldhelm's School (£1.17.6 p.a. for 5 years)
Rev & Mrs THOMAS to give Christmas party for Osborne children
New purple frontal urgently needed
Mr POPE agreed to make a frontal chest
Chancel roof repairs to cost in region of £1,000. Surrounding wall needing attention
Main road wall of Old St Cuthberts in dangerous condition

[“The wall facing the main road at Old St Cuthbert’s said Mr Foot was dangerous and would have to be attended to” !!!]

Mrs PHILLIPS offered to provide a Christmas tree and lights for the church

- 16/3/1966 Mrs C CHESTER to be asked to make the frontal
Mrs PHILLIPS had presented altar cloth to church for blessings received by her and her mother, Mrs MILLER, from the church
Tiles on church floor to be repaired
- 21/4/1966 Mr FOOT resigning as warden, having taken on extra land. Some difficulty finding a replacement
Church porch sinking
- 9/11/1966 Mrs CHESTER of Crackmoor Farm made altar frontal & pulpit fall
- 6/10/1967 Complaint from Mrs TREDENNICK re state of churchyard. Rector to see Mr WHEADON about this
To mend broken seat in church porch
- 7/3/1968 Mr & Mrs WHEADON no longer looking after churchyard and church cleaning. Mr PITMAN engaged at £12 p.a. and Mrs FURLONG for church at £12 p.a.
Birds building nests in church roof
- 18/4/1968 Death of Mr POPE reported
Mrs CHESTER made 2 gold collection bags and a pulpit fall
- 22/11/1968 Churchyard wall needing repair
Old St Cuthbert’s - birds entering. Mr FOOT to be asked to deal
- 17/3/1969 Lawn mower repair (?) £36.6.0 & repairs to porch and windows (£58.10.9)
Down pipes blocked
- 10/4/1969 Mrs FOOT elected church warden over Mr DAVID ANDREWS (a newcomer!) - (On Rector’s persuasion!) in place of Mr TWINE who resigned due to ill health
Mr FOOT strongly disapproved of his wife being a warden and felt that it should be a man. Mr ANDREWS to be asked.
- 2/9/10/1969 To pay 5/- to organist
Rector refused to accept any further sum above the £25 being paid for the upkeep of the garden
- 23/3/1971 Oil tank may need de-rusting and painting
- 23/8/1971 Mr POPE replacing Mrs MARRIN as Treasurer (*Does this mean there were 2 Mr POPEs?*)

Possible “linking” to another parish. Osborne wished to remain a rural parish and not be linked to a town, but might be agreeable to link with Castleton. Or Sandford Orcas or Corton Denham.

- 20/3/1972 **Mr POPE & Mr SMITH** had recovered shed roof, stained vestry door & re-made gate opening from churchyard to Rectory garden
Water tank leaking
Sunday school (fortnightly) had average attendance of 11 children
- 21/7/1972 Tap & fitting of water tank needs replacing, otherwise in reasonable condition
Look for something more indestructible as cover for the lamp over the church gate
Mr PITMAN to have wage increased from £3 to £5 per quarter, and **Mrs FURLONG** from £3.50 to £4
- 27/2/1973 Old St Cuthbert’s - notice to say people entered at their own risk
To use plastic for light over church gate & to strengthen handrail at church door
- 24/4/1973 PCC against sending old Church records to Dorset RO
Unused Church plate, esp. silver flagon, to be deposited in Bank
- 16/7/1973 PCC approves proposal to transfer Old St Cuthbert’s chancel and churchyard to the Redundant Churches fund provided that:
Not torn down or put to secular use
Annual Trinity Sunday service continues
Building be restored by Fund and churchyard cared for
Reasonable public access allowed
- 19/4/1974 Before Redundant Churches Fund finally took over grounds of Old St Cuthbert’s agreed that some of £98.62 in Old St Cuthbert Preservation Fund could be used on keeping the grounds tidy.
- 27/9/1974 Financial position reported as serious (poss. Savings in only heating part of the Church (Oil gone up by £29)
Mrs PHILLIPS to try to arrange a stall at Sherborne Market
- 28/1/1975 Window near church door on right hand side was letting in damp
Mr ROBERT HUNT offered stones to repair churchyard wall on left of gate.
- 27/8/1975 PCC to make grant of £25 towards memorial to **Mr STANLEY HUNT** (family wish to contribute)
Quinquennial Report. Repairs to c £2,000 listed. Urgent work needed on chancel roof and spraying of interior against woodworm
- 2/2/1976 Estimate of £942 by **Mr BURTON** for work on roof accepted
Church bell cracked and unusable

(Old St Cuthbert taken over by Redundant Churches Fund on 23 July 1975 (& £124.36 in Preservation Fund transferred to Fabric Fund)

- 5/4/1976 Electoral roll= 24
[Note: Miss D G HUNT became churchwarden in place of Mr C BAILEY who had to decline election owing to business responsibilities.]
- 18/10/1976 Proposed new bell should be dedicated to memory of Mr STANLEY HUNT
Spraying interior of church against woodworm
Osborne could not undertake the Stewardship Scheme in view of very small congregation and possibility of Rector's imminent departure
- 31/3/1977 Electoral roll = 22
- 4/7/1977 Old registers to be sent to Dorset Record Office when living became vacant
- 20/10/1977 Discussion re impending interregnum. (Preference to remain as a country parish)
- 16/1/1978 Discussion of muddy surface of Church Lane. To approach Yeohead Parish Council
- 27/2/1978 Future for Osborne should living become vacant:
1) Offshoot of Sherborne Abbey
2) Join Queen Thorne Group
[Deanery had to reduce the number of parish priests by 2]
- 29/10/1978 Unanimously agreed to sale of Rectory
- 26/11/1978 £25 previously given to Rector for upkeep of garden should be added to BARBARA PITMAN'S salary
- 31/1/1979 Salary of church cleaning to be raised to £20 p.a. & £52 p.a. for churchyard upkeep.
To approach Yeohead Parish Council re contribution for upkeep of churchyard
- 10/5/1979 All old records not in current use to be deposited at Dorset Record Office
£3 to be contributed to Historic Churches Fund
- 9/6/1979 ? Purchase of 4 calor gas heaters for church, but it was felt that wall mounted heaters would be preferable
- 10/9/1979 Church heating - suggestion only chancel should be used with a dividing curtain and heating adjusted to heat only the chancel

- 27/3/1980 To approach Charity Commission to see whether funds in Pitman's charity (£108.73) & Parson's Charity (£111.72) - income 68p & 70 p respectively, could be more advantageously invested. Not paid out in 1978 or 1979, but could be added to 1980 Christmas payout.
Electoral roll = below 25
Rector and diocese totally opposed to closing the church at Osborne and would only do so if it was the decision of the PCC
- 21/4/1980 Idea of special services mooted: pets' service, Franciscans from Hifield - to try to involve more young people
Repairs to church wall and also to discover responsibility for Old St Cuthbert's wall
New prayer books needed - lot of current ones in poor condition
Discussion of location of churchwardens' staves
Some of churchyard trees are unsafe
- 3/6/1980 Quote for rebuilding church wall: £1,170 + VAT
Discussion re our contribution from sale of Rectory (but Archdeacon needs details of the repairs etc. to the church that we need to do.)
Charities - were transferred to official custodians on 22/6/1877 and interest policy is responsibility of Vicar and wardens. Felt money should be left in stocks
Permission to cut down unsafe tree, but must replace it with another evergreen oak (Mr SHOTTER offered a sapling)
Glebe Field, Clatcombe - Mr RENDLE wishes to terminate tenancy with immediate effect. Mr ROBERT HUNT offered to pay £100 for keep from May 1st to Oct 31st for 2 acres, which is without water.
- 23/10/1980 Only repair the parts of the church wall which had fallen down (Cost £40 - Mr R. HUNT donated sand and cement)
Charities. £16 available, not paid out for last 3 Christmases - spend on cost of starting a Sunday School
Old St Cuthbert - wall on A30 apparently belongs to Redundant Churches Fund and they are responsible for its upkeep
Another churchyard tree condemned as unsafe by local authority.
Quotation of £60 for felling it
Bill CHAPMAN offered to run Sunday School (children not attending Family Services)
£750 from Diocesan Pastoral a/c towards cost of repairs to church.
From sale of Rectory and added to previous grant of £250
Quinquennial report:
1) Need for tie rods to prevent roof arches pushing the walls out.
Increase Mrs PITMAN's wages by 20%
Agreed to have curtain to divide off the chancel (conservation of heat)
Mud in Church Lane problems. R. HUNT proposed gate & path in churchyard lower down

- 15/1/1981 County Surveyor offered to put down tarmac from church gate to entrance to playing fields. **R. HUNT** offered to put down gravel to provide a parking area
Redundant Churches Fund claim they are not responsible for the stone wall on A30. Matter referred to County Surveyor
Seeking a second hand oil tank
- 6/4/1981 Electoral Roll = about 28
- 28/9/1981 **Mrs HUNT** had made curtain - now awaiting the rail
Old Chancel Wall - responsibility of **Mr HALLETT** who rents the land
Mr BLACKSHAW & Mr HUNT will repair shed roof
Mr R HUNT suggested double gate in far end churchyard wall for lorry access
Agreed to install tie rods (Faculty applied for)
- 15/2/1982 To obtain 3 estimates for painting interior of church
Bill CHAPMAN suggested we turn Osborne into Jerusalem over Easter.
PCC in favour
More discussion on state of Church Lane
Work started on recovering kneelers (funded by **Cmdr & Mrs SYKES'** coffee morning)
Nativity Play held at Blackmarsh Farm
- 29/3/1982 Income from 2 charities again paid into Sunday School Fund
Electoral Roll = about 28
MAURICE BOARD's estimate for decorating church £450 labour and materials. Accepted.
Tie rods had cost £340
Original Easter plans submitted by **BILL CHAPMAN** not possible as many villagers will be away - so a "Stations of the Cross" procession to a cross erected on hill at Blackmarsh Farm
- 26/7/1982 **Mr McBean** worried about suitability of painting church interior as the lime in walls may come through. Further research to be done Church Lane. Rector made no headway with County Surveyor
BILL CHAPMAN offered to look at positioning and functioning of thermostat, esp. when curtain is in use.
Need to fell a holm oak in the churchyard
Mr LAMB repairing churchyard wall - cost estimated to be £700
- 8/11/1982 South roof of nave shows signs of sagging
Nativity Play again to be at Blackmarsh Farm
- 7/4/1983 Charities - must be used for old people in village, or Sunday School.
No Sunday School at present - income to be left in a Charity Fund
Electoral roll = 26
South roof sagging
"Flue take-off" from heater is cracked (cost £30 + VAT + fitting)

- Donation of flowering cherry tree in memory of Mrs PHILLIPS for churchyard
- 10/7/1983 Tiles slipping on south rise of nave roof. Nails have rusted as not galvanised. Roof had been tiled in 1961 and attempt to obtain compensation from Dorchester Building Guild who did the work
- 3/8/1983 J E KING of Milborne Port given the contract for south pitch of nave roof. Dorchester Building Guild currently going into liquidation. Agreed to do north pitch as well for total cost of £3,000. Therefore £1,000 will need to be raised
- 17/8/1983 Felt easier to raise £100 each from 10 people in parish than larger sums from a few. Money-raising events planned, including Dickensian evening in village hall
- 9/10/1983 Need to purchase a strimmer for churchyard
- 13/2/1984 Good Friday - evening service followed by a walk to cross on hill
Some misunderstanding in the village about the impending marriage of Miss Taylor
Village Hall deeds. Rector of Osborne & Gonville & Caius College signatories in original documents in 1931, but Rev Michell came off committee before he retired. Seems as if village hall no longer linked to church in any way 1983
Report of death of Mr DAVID PILGRIM
- 29/4/1984 Electoral roll = 27
Keystone over the door appears to be moving
Mrs PITMAN's wages increased by 5%
SEB offering a one-off lump sum way leave payment of £8.80 (as opposed to current 40p p.a.)
- 11/7/1984 Barn Dance profit of £402.46
Thanks letter to Mr NEWCOMBE for loan of his organ over many years
Rotary Club wants to use our church for a carol service
- 12/10/1984 Some churchyard crosses broken. Mrs PITMAN suggested they should be put round the wall, or alternative of pinning back on to stumps.
BILL CHAPMAN offered to make new map of churchyard
Estimate for electric blower for organ £400
Large crack noted over church door and in wall opposite the door. Mr McBean confirmed west gable had moved since 1980
- 21/3/1985 Electoral roll = 32
Agreed to move broken crosses to walls providing some marking was done to enable a later "re-unification" if that should be desired
Prefer to keep current marriage register (start date 1837) rather than submit to Dorset Record Office

- 22/4/1985 Only 1 objection to grave levelling had been received
- 9/10/1985 Quinquennial report - some small items: guttering, down pipes, small re-plastering, loose floor tiles. Crack in arch between nave and chancel needs watching. Porch roof needs attention. Remedial work on west gable end wall needed
- 10/3/1986 Electoral roll = 33
Curtain over door removed as it was rather unsightly
Portable organ purchased from **Mr NEWCOMBE**
Faculty needed should we wish to have a Garden of Remembrance
- 2/2/1987 More discussion of garden of remembrance
Electric organ blower - too expensive at £500+ to purchase at present
- 25/3/1987 Interior decorating to start soon (about £1,600)
- 20/5/1987 Donation of valuable books and other items by elderly lady in Sherborne for sale and proceeds to go to church re-decoration fund
Some damage to windows and gravestones by vandalism reported by **Mrs BARBARA PITMAN**
- 10/8/1987 Books donated by **MISS ROGERS** made £215 at auction
- 7/10/1987 Estimate of £550 from SEB for electrical wiring
BILL CHAPMAN prepared to donate a metal flagpole
"Good News" Bibles to be given to all children coming to a Family Service
- 3/2/1988 Church re-decoration - nave completed £946.70 & repair to windows £68.74 + VAT of £152.31
Wiring - estimates from £520 to £1,600: agreed to seek professional advice
- 23/3/1988 Electoral roll = 39
Antiques auction raised £940
Heating system discussed
- 1/6/1988 Down pipes blocked (estimate £280 + VAT)
Agreed to insure against vandalism
Not setting aside funds to enable Priest-in-charge to feed tramps calling at rectory
Further exploration of Garden of Remembrance
Agreed that all grave digging should be done by hand
- 26/9/1988 More discussion of Garden of Remembrance
Now insured against malicious damage and vandalism
Mr BILL CHAPMAN has now completed new graveyard plan
Lawn mower needs replacing

- 13/2/1989 Decided to use stretch of churchyard on left hand side of large field gate would be suitable for a Garden of Remembrance - decision next meeting
Estimates received for installing electric pump to organ
Woodworm noticed in choir stalls
- 10/3/1989 Electoral roll = 40
ERIC BLACKSHAW done work on painting in church & renovating pulpit cover
New mower purchased
- 31/5/1989 Garden of Remembrance: still awaiting a final decision
Preferred to use traditional candles rather than new type "oil-filled" cases
Decision to replace green drapes and have a carpet runner up the aisle (later the idea rejected)
- 6/9/1989 Established a rule for plaques for Garden of Remembrance
- 5/2/1990 Need to start a fund for replacing the boiler
Decided to try to raise £2,000 for renovating the organ
Dangerous tree in churchyard. Owner of the Grange offered to pay for its cutting down
- 6/4/1990 Electoral roll = 38
- 4/2/1991 Organ refurbishment: some dispute over quality of work of Mr Wynn, whose estimate was the lowest by over £500
GILLY FAZAKERLEY agreed to make drapes
Mower requires servicing
- 20/3/1991 Electoral roll = 37
Quinquennial report - no major work required
Boiler will soon need replacement
- 13/5/1991 Organ Fund reached target (£500 from Digby Estates Office & £179 from Sandford Orcas)
New lectern hanging to cost £30.50
Approaching retirement of **Canon RUTTER**
- 23/9/1991 Agreed to replace existing boiler
- 3/2/1992 New boiler working satisfactorily (at cost of approx £1,000)
Churchyard regulations - no more double side-by-side graves acceptable - limited space
Problem with churchyard wall adjoining old Rectory garden

Note – for family historians and others who may be looking to find references to specific people – I have worked on a list of names that occur in these pages, and then thought that, if I am posting this as a pdf file, it may be easier to find people using that system’s search facility. However, you can contact me on michael.fraser1@btinternet.com if you would like to see the list.

The following is an inventory which has been expanded to give some details of some of the contents of items. These are documents that were discovered in an old 1812 safe in the vestry and for which the key had, it seemed, been lost for many years. However, in about 2008 the key came to light. Some of these items have been deposited at the Dorset History Centre; the rest are back in the safe.

St Cuthbert’s, Osborne
Contents of the Old Safe (safe dated 1812)

1. Dorset Record Office – inventory of deposited archives.
2. Inventory of Church goods 1927.
 - a. 1st certificated entry 29.3/1932 (Rev Alan Williams)
 - b. last certificated entry: 24.3.1994 (Rev Canon A Rutter)Donors include:
 - Mr & Mrs Wilson
 - Deaconess Jane Lloyd (1983)
 - Mr Hunt, Mrs Foot, Mrs Phillips, Mrs Miller (1965)
 - Mrs Higgins (1965)
 - Mr & Mrs S. Hunt
 - Mr C. Pope (many entries)
 - Mr England (1959 and others)
 - Mr & Mrs Pike (1944)
 - Mr & Mrs C N Chester (1953)
 - Mrs Pope (1952)
 - Mrs O. Hanning
 - Mrs English
 - Mrs J. Phillips (1965)
- c. References in inventory include to:
 - 3 old churchwarden’s account books 1760, 1770, 1771
 - Old Parchment register dated 1567 (rebound at British Museum in 1935 + transcript made)
 - Mothers Union Banner (1902) displayed in sanctuary
 - Description of 3 stained glass windows in apse 1933 (replacing 1874 ones of no value)

 - small paten 1723 engraved “Osborne Church 1742”
 - 1 large paten ?before 1723
 - Flagon 1861 & 2 chalices given by G W Wingfield Digby on 25/6/1862 at consecration of church.
3. Book of blank burial certificates.
4. Envelope “Osborne Reading Room i.e. Village Hall” containing 3 smaller envelopes:

- a. “Carnegie Trust Grants / National Council of Social Service, Bristol / re Village Hall. contents: Correspondence 1953-4 between Gonville & Caius College, **C.M.Pope** & Dorset County Land Agent
 - b. “Village Hall. Caius College Agreement. Aug 1931 (Copy)
 - i. Copy of agreement 18 Aug 1931
 - ii. Correspondence 1954 – G&C College & **C.M.Pope**
 - iii. Correspondence 1955 – **C.M.Pope**; Dorset Constabulary; Ffooks & Grimley as to whether “Housy Housy” would be a legally acceptable method of fund-raising.
 - c. Osborne Reading Room
Correspondence re grants/loans for extension to village hall: Billiard room/ women’s lavatory & WC /water connections with a sink. Also refers to replacing floors & joists. (Clearly Mr Pope was not impressed by the bureaucracy, nor by the terms of the National Council of Social Service loan agreement!)
5. Worn envelope originally addressed to **Rev D C Michell**. Now named “Re Old Chancel. Copy of Order in Council” Contents:
- a. 21/8/1973 – Proposal to declare a church redundant (Diocese of Salisbury)
 - b. 25/7/1973 – Letter. Diocese to **Rev Michell** (also to **Mrs O Hanning Lee**, 4 South Street, Sherborne.
 - c. 18/12/1973. Order in Council – chancel declared redundant.
6. Envelope of blank baptism certificates.
7. Envelope: “Osborne Church Roof Repair 1960” with note: “copper nails not used necessitating a major repair 20 years after.” Specification of work (dated August 1960) by C W Pike (architect)
8. Envelope: “Osborne – Charities Act 1960”
- a. Parson’s & Pitman’s Charity
 - b. Registration papers 27 April 1962
 - c. **Rev. John Parsons** of Osborne 21 July 1851
 - d. **Mr John Pitman**, Osborne 7 December 1840
 - e. Forms of application for blankets
 - f. issued by Rev Alan Williams, Rector (**Mr C W Pike & Mr C N Chester** (Churchwardens) 1932)
 - g. Sundry other charity papers: Charities Commission documents; Copy of letters (31/12/1961) to Charities Commission by rector (unnamed in copy); Several signed receipts of donations from charity; Letter (6/114/1961) to “Incumbent” from Charities Commission re Charities Act 1960.
9. Hard back notebook: “St Cuthbert’s Osborne. Log Book”
- Entries only for 1961-62.
- Main points:
- 1961 Spring: complete re-roofing of nave with hand-made tiles
Village Hall extended by voluntary labour (+ brief finance summary)
 - 1962 Agreed to raise £65 (10/- per head) to extension of St Aldhelm’s CofE School
 - July 1 – Visit of Bp of Sherborne to mark centenary of church
Pulpit rail given by **Mr & Mrs Pope**
 - New heating system installed.

10. Marriage register stubs. 27/10/1916-4/10/1958 incomplete.
11. Envelope from Ecclesiastical Commission to **Rev Frederick Carpenter**. Letter re conversion of £5 p.c. stock (1944/64) dated 4 Apr 1944. Osborne with Poyntington: "Statement of annual amounts payable" by Ecclesiastical Commissioners. n.d. (total annual income: £136-0-4)
12. Sarum Diocesan Directory 1983
13. Envelope: "Misc"
 - a. Churchyard Grave Memorial 1945 (*memory of **Hugh William Smith** DSO Lt Col Queen's Royal Regiment 30 May 1873-21 June 1944*)
 - b. Pastoral Measure 1973
 - c. Archbishop's Congress Message 1963
 - d. Queen Anne's Bounty receipt (1902) (**Rev S E Waldegrave**)
 - e. Osborne. Return of parochial income 1966 (signed S A Hunt & Ira Twine)
 - f. County Records Office receipt 1974 for Osborne Tithe Apportionment and map 1838-9
 - g. 2 copies of Order in Council 12 Dec 1973 re Old St Cuthbert's Chancel.
14. Envelope. "Faculty"

Pulpit Rail (Wardens **S C Hunt & T R Foot**)
 Heating system (ditto)
 Bell (**Rev D C H Michell** and wardens: **Tom Stephens & Diana Gladys Hunt**)
15. Envelope. "Osborne Footpaths"
 MS dated 3 Oct 1933
16. Envelope: "Licence for removal of remains of German airmen from Osborne churchyard to German war grave cemetery, Cannock Chase, Stafford." dated 30 November 1942
17. Envelope: "Chancel. Old St Cuthbert's"
 - a. Letters 10/9/1959 & 15/8/1960 from Ministry of Works to **S C Hunt**, Sec Osborne PCC (1959 letter addressed to **S R Bartlett, Esq**, Grange Cottage, Osborne)
 - b. Letter 11/10/1961 Church Commissioners to **Rev G M Longsdon**. re Town & Country Planning Act 1947 sec 30
 - c. Church Commissioners 3/2/1975 to **Rev D C H Michell**: Draft redundancy scheme.
 - d. Letter (12/1/1969) **Rev G M Longsdon** to Salisbury Diocesan registrar. largely a description of the chancel and what happens in Osborne.
 - e. Letter (7/1/1960) Registrar to **G M Longsdon** about state & use of chancel.
 - f. Letter (18/12/1923) Dawson & Co., Lincoln's Inn to **Rev. A H Tredennick**. Release of the rent charge of £1-13-4 on Osborne Rectory
 - g. Correspondence 1959 Ministry of Works re Old Chancel, possibility of scheduling.
18. Binder (off red) containing 3 plans of proposed heating installation (F G Tolman Ltd., Beaminster). Oil Fuel Agreement 1962. & Correspondence related to this work between Rector, architect & installers.
19. Buff folder: "Osborne". Dorset Record Office – documents deposited 1979
20. Diocesan Handbook 1971

21. Envelope: "Salisbury Diocese Instructions to Incumbents & Scale of Fees. Osborne with Poyntington."
22. Envelope: "Delapidation Reports: Osborne Rectory."
- a. Copy of typescript. nd. Places described:
 - i. The chancel of the church
 - ii. Rectory house and offices
 - iii. Out offices
 - iv. Stabling and outbuildings
 - v. Glebe land & fences: Kit Mead (Pasture field on Milborne Port road); New Pasture on Clatcomb Rd; Little Mead near Pointington (sic)
 - b. Envelope addressed to **Rev G M Lansdon (sic)**
 - i. 2 green typescript copies: "Report on Quinquennial survey of dilapidation of (Benefice of Osborne with Poyntington) July 1962 by John G Stark, Diocesan Surveyor, Dorchester
 - ii. Rectory & Glebe Fields (Field containing old chancel & Glebe at Clatcombe Farm (let to a Mr Kendall)
 - iii. 2 letters (Diocesan Dilapidations Board to **Rev G M Langsdon (sic)** 1962; from **Rev Longsdon** to Mr Harris requesting estimate 1962.
 - c. Delapidations Order 15 Oct 1936 & related documents. Includes 1 ref to **Mr C W Pike**, Brynes, Osborne.
 - d. Similar docs to c dated 7 Nov 1941; 19 Dec 1971; 3 Oct 1967; 18 Jul 1962
23. Ledger "Osborne Parson's & Pitman's Charities."
- This lists the recipients of blankets year by year. Recipients include:
- Mrs Pike (1937-1943)
 - Mr Banger (1937-1943)
 - Mrs Card (1937-1963)
 - Mrs Ridewood (1937-1971)
 - Mrs F Tuck (1937)
 - Mrs A Smith (1937-1945)
 - Mrs May (1937-1962)
 - Mrs Woolmington (1937-1962)
 - Mrs E J Smith (1937)
 - Mrs Fuller (1938)
 - Mrs C Smith (1938-1958)
 - Mrs Swaffield (1938)
 - Mrs B Bailey (Mrs J James from 1958) (1938-1962)
 - Mrs Phillips (1938-1956)
 - Mrs Swain (1938)
 - Miss Jeans (1938-1963)
 - Mrs Miller (1938-1962)
 - Mrs Vaisey (1938-1957 (deceased January 1958)
 - Mrs Symes (1939-1943)
 - Mrs J Foxwell (1940-1968)
 - Mrs D Bailey 1941-1963)
 - Mrs C Bailey 1941-1973)
 - Mrs Burgess (1945-1974)
 - Mrs Edwards (1945-1947)

Mrs P Pike (1945-1951)
Mrs C W Pike (1945-1955)
Mrs Moore (1947-1949)
Mrs Holland (1949-1959)
Mrs Northam (1950-1956)
Mrs Drayton (1951-1963)
Mrs Cornelius (1953-1959)
Mrs D Day (1958)
Mrs Chandler (1959-1974)
Mrs G Brown (1960-1962)
Mrs Smith (1960-1962)
Mr James (1967-1974)
Mr & Mrs Meaker (1972-1974)

Comments & Notes. It seems that in the later years of the charities, the recipients received a donation annually, whereas for most of the years when the charities were of a high profile in the parish, recipients received their donations every other year usually.

From 1940 on “owing to war & difficulty of obtaining blankets, Rector & Churchwardens decided to give each recipient 10/-

From 1961 on either 10/- or £1 donated (appears to depend on whether husband was working).

From 1969 until the last entry in 1974, £1-10-0 (£1.50) was donated to Osborne School. Also, for many of the entries in the ledger, the Sunday School received an annual donation of money.