

## RECTORY of HIGH LITTLETON

At one time all parish Churches had Rectors but over the centuries cathedrals or monasteries managed to get hold of the advowson (right to give the living to anyone they chose). They then took away and kept the whole of the Rector's income, which arose from the great tithes of the Parish and the glebe land and instead appointed a vicar to minister to the spiritual needs of the Parish. The vicar had to make do with the small tithes of the parish.

One of the first rectors of High Littleton to be named was William in 1266:

June 10 1266 Licence to William, rector of the church of Littleton, to let his church for three years to a fitting person to be approved by the official. [*Register of Bishop GIFFORD SRS Vol.13*].

Rev. R.G. BARTELOT, writing in the 1930s, said that Gilbert AUWCERY (AUMERY intended), having rebuilt the Church, became the Patron of the Rectory. [*The writer has been unable to verify this.*]

The advowson of the Church of High Littleton was given to the Abbey of Keynsham by Gilbert AUMERY on 15 July 1310 [*Cal. Pat. 1307-13 p.268*].

The Abbey of Keynsham was founded as a house of Austin Friars soon after 1166 by William Earl of Gloucester, traditionally at the request of his dying son. Some time before 1183 William, Earl of Gloucester made a grant to Keynsham Abbey of Holy Sepulchre and St. John the Baptist churches, Burford, with the chapel of Fulbrook (Oxon), the churches of Pimperne (Dorset), **Littleton**, St. Werburgh (Bristol) and the chapel of St. Peter, Soulbury (? Bucks.) [*Wm. Dugdale – Monasticon Anglicanum*]

The appropriation of the Rectory and tithes of High Littleton by the Abbey was sanctioned by Bishop DROKENSFORD in 1322, to make up for the losses which the Abbey had sustained in Ireland and Wales as well as its loss of the tithes of Chew Stoke.

Wells 16 Kal. May 1322 Folio 159b. Bishop, after consultation with his Chapters, and in pity to losses (Tithes of Chewstoke lost on award, damage to Irish and Welsh property by raids and murrain) falling on Keynsham Abbey, appropriate to it the Rectory of High Littleton, now in Abbey patronage. Abbot to be inducted after next avoidance, saving Bishop's right to award Vicarial endowment, and to institute vicars, and saving to the Bishops and Cathedrals their "Pontificale" and "Cathedrale", and all Archdeacon's rights. [*Register of Bishop John de DROKENSFORD SRS Vol. 1 p.178*].

There is a similar record in a cartulary of Bath Priory:

643 Confirmation by Robert, Prior, etc. of a charter by John, Bishop of Bath and Wells, of the appropriation of the church of Heighur Littleton to Nicholas, Abbot of Keynsham, and the Convent there, on account of the poverty and losses of the same Abbot and Convent.  
Dated at Wells the 16<sup>th</sup> Kl. May 1322. Dated of Confirmation 3 Id. May 1322. [*Two Cartularies of Bath Priory SRS Vol. 7 p.123.*]

Dec 13 1322 Fo. 195a. Bishop to Jo. de ETON, Rector of H. Littleton, Pr. Licence to lease his Rectory for four years to Abbot of Keynsham (The Abbot was to succeed by appropriation to the perpetual Rectory), who may hold it free of Episcopal inspection, spiritual duties being provided for. [*Register of Bishop John de DROKENSFORD SRS Vol. 1 p. 211*].

Wells 6 Non. March 1324-5 Fo. 236b. – [*Almost a repeat of Folio 159b*] but it is here proclaimed by the two chapters, and defines the Procurations due to the Archd. At 10s. and the Pension due to Wells Chapter for loss of vacancies at 5s. per ann. [*Register of Bishop John de DROKENSFORD SRS Vol. 1 p.242*].

The Royal Licence approving the transfer was dated 1328.

? date - To all the sons of the holy mother church, to whose notice this writing shall come, Nicholas, Abbot of Keynsham and the convent of the same place, Greeting in the Lord everlasting. The Reverend Father Ralph, Bishop of Bath and Wells, turning the eyes of favour to us, and especially in obtaining the church of Heighelutleton appropriated to us; by the tenour of these presents we bind ourselves for ever to say one Collect with convenient prayers every day in the mass of the Blessed Mary for the healthy state of the said bishop whilst he shall live and for his soul when he shall be taken away from this life.

[Register of Bishop Ralph of Tewkesbury].

Having been ordained a Vicarage in 1322, John de ETON was appointed the first vicar. For the next 200 years vicars of High Littleton were presented by the Abbot of Keynsham.

Following the Act of Supremacy King Henry VIII ordered, in March 1536, the dissolution of all monasteries with an annual income of less than £200. Buildings and estates were confiscated by the Crown and the inmates were pensioned off. The larger monasteries were similarly dissolved over the next four years.

In 1534 John STAUNTON, the last Abbot of Keynsham, together with William HERNE, the prior, John GIVEN the sub-prior, John ARNOLD and 12 other canons subscribed to the Act of Supremacy. [*SRS Vol. 19 p.27*]. The Valor of 1535 showed that the abbey had a gross income of £450.13. 6, pensions and dues etc. £30.13. 1¾, to give a clear yearly value of £419.10. 4¼. The spiritualia at that time consisted of the churches of Brislington, Publow, Newton St. Loe, Cloford, High Littleton, and a pension out of the church of Norton Malreward, West Harptree, St. Mary le Port and St. Werburgh in Bristol and Burford.

On 23 January 1539 the Abbot and 10 monks surrendered the abbey to the King. The Abbey did not remain standing very long and within the next 3 or 4 years it was dismantled and anything that could be sold was sold and the stone reused for building materials.

A few years later the Abbey's land holdings and other assets were sold.

In 1544 a Grant in Fee was made to William ROWSWELL of Dunkerton, Somerset, of lands (specified and tenants named) in Compton Dando (including the chief messuage and grange of Compton Dando) and the Rectory and Advowson of the Parish Church of Lytelton.

[*Keynsham, Westminster, 5th June 36 Henry VIII [1544]. Del. Westminster 20th June. - P. S. Pat. p.18, m.18.*] [*Letters and Papers Foreign and Domestic, Henry VIII Vol. XIX pt. 1 1544*]

William ROSEWELL was born around 1499 the son of Richard ROSEWELL of Bradford, near Taunton and his wife Alice SEELEY of North Curry. He married firstly Joan FONTNEYS and secondly Agnes TILLEY. William had several children including Thomas ROSEWELL, born c.1532.

By Deed Poll dated 24th June 4 & 5 Philip and Mary [1558], William ROSEWELL granted to the use of himself for life, with remainder to the heirs male of Thomas ROSEWELL his son, with other remainders over, a capital messuage called The Grange and lands etc. in Compton Dando and the Rectory and Church of Littleton and all lands, glebes, tythes etc. thereto belonging.

A Deed dated 5th September 9 Elizabeth [1567], indented and inrolled, recites that William ROSEWELL was seized for his life in the Lordships of Farrington Gurney, Compton Dando, Littleton and the Rectory of Littleton, and surrenders the same to his son Thomas. William ROSEWELL also held the Manor of Stanton Prior, which he purchased in 1553 from Gerard ERINGTON, together with the Advowson of that Church.

William ROSEWELL only presented one vicar to the living of High Littleton, namely Miles BECKERDYKE [or BICKERDICK] in 1560. After making his Will on 8th January 10 Elizabeth [1567/8], William ROSEWELL of Dunkerton died and his Will was proved on 10th November 1568 by his son Thomas. An extract of his Will notes that:

William left to his son John £40, to William and Alexander, sons of Thomas, £100 each, to Johane £20, Agnes and Mary, daughters of Thomas, £40 each, to his daughter Margaret RICHEMAN 40/-, to his son in law John ALLYN £6 13s.4d., to William ALLYN 20 sheep, to John ALLYN 20 nobles and the residue of his estate to his son Thomas ROSEWELL, who was appointed Executor. Appointed Overseers of his Will were William ROSEWELL (*sic*) his brother, William SEELEY and Alexander ROSEWELL.

Thomas ROSEWELL of Dunkerton married Mary ATWOOD of Doynton and had several children including William born c.1561. Having inherited the Advowson and Rectory of High Littleton on his father's death, Thomas presented only one vicar, namely Henry BEENIE in 1590.

The ROSEWELLS sold the Advowson and Rectory of High Littleton in 1591.

A Deed of Bargain and Sale, dated 18th June 33 Elizabeth [1591], indented and inrolled, from Thomas ROSEWELL and William ROSEWELL, his son and heir apparent, grants to the use of Thomas MILWARD alias HODGES, his heirs and assigns for ever, all Rents due to the Crown excepted, the Rectory and Church of Littleton alias High Littleton, thentofore belonging to the Monastery of Keynsham and the Advowson and all messuages, lands, rents and hereditaments and all, and all manner of Tythes

etc. in as full and ample manner as the same were held by and under the Letters Patent of Henry 8th, dated 20th June in the 36th year of his reign [1544].

In 1593 Thomas MILWARD alias HODGES presented Edward HILL to the vicarage.

The Rectory and Advowson remained in the HODGES family until the death of George HODGES in 1761 but they did not present anyone to the vicarage after Simon COTTON in 1639. Under his Will, dated 19 Aug 1759, George HODGES devised the Rectory to trustees for the benefit of his daughter Sarah's children. Sarah, who married Jacob MOGG in 1756, provided George with his only grandchildren. George was also survived by a son John, who did not marry and had another married daughter, Ann HARDING (later TOWNSON), who did not have any children.

John HODGES, the unmarried son, was left only an income of £50 per annum under his father's Will and he wrote in 1761 to Martha, George's widow and the executors, Slade BAKER a linen draper of Bristol and John HOOPER a haberdasher of Bristol, pointing out that his great grandfather Thomas HODGES, by deed of 3 Oct 1665, had conveyed all his property to trustees for the use of his son Thomas and then his heirs and that his late father George was therefore only tenant in tail and had no right to devise the property to Sarah's children. However, the dispute ended when John died in 1765.

After a gap of some 98 years without a vicar, Jacob MOGG applied for a grant from Queen Anne's Bounty, to augment the vicar's income and then petitioned the Lord Chancellor in 1782, to appoint Slade BAKER the younger, clerk of Westbury, to the living.

In 1786 Jacob presented his third son Thomas MOGG (aged 25) to the living and he was vicar until his death in 1803. Thomas was succeeded as vicar by his youngest brother Henry Hodges MOGG (aged 33), who remained for 40 years, before taking over the vicarage of Chewton Mendip in 1844, relinquishing High Littleton in favour of his elder son, also called Henry Hodges MOGG. Henry Hodges MOGG junior, who inherited the rectory, was the last MOGG to be vicar of High Littleton and he retired in 1855.

Henry Hodges MOGG presented his last vicar in 1867. He subsequently transferred the Rectory and Advowson to the HYNDMAN trustees and they presented their first vicar in 1891.

## VICARS of HIGH LITTLETON

The following list was checked at The Diocesan Registry, Wells with the Registers and was attached to a letter dated 30<sup>th</sup> March 1939 sent to the vicar, Rev. TUNSTALL. This was in connection with a Faculty for erecting a board, showing the vicars' names inside High Littleton Church.

\*James SYSTERMAN, appointed in 1536, was omitted from the list and therefore the Board in the Church.

Some of these appointments have been checked with the Register of the Bishop concerned. The "quotes" from the Register and other relevant information are shown in italics under the name of the Vicar appointed,

The prefix "Sir" was generally applied to incumbents during the 15th century and does not indicate that the person concerned was titled.

**Date of Institution Incumbent**

**How vacated**

**Patron**

1322 15 Kal. May John de ETON

1348 17 Kal. June John de CROMHALE

1349 3 Kal April John BALLE

*(1349 3 April Bishop Ralph to John BALLE, priest; We admit and institute you to the Vicarage of the Parish Church of Lutleton, to which you are presented by the Abbot and Convent of Keynsham; the assignment of the portions of which Vicarage has lawfully devolved on us, on account of the negligence or default of the said Abbot and Convent, which said vicarage we ordain to consist in the portions accustomed and from ancient time ordained, and also beyond those portions, in all tithes of yards or cartilages.)* [Bishop Ralph's Register].

1425 22 September (Sir) William HARRY

Abbot & Convent of Keynsham

*(1426 Sep 24 Bath Priory, He instituted Sir William HARRY, chaplain, in the vicarage of the parish church of High lytelton, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of St. Mary's, Keynsham.)* [Bishop STAFFORD's Register 1425-1443 SRS 31]

1426 24 May (Sir) Robert AVELE

Resignation of HARRY

*(1426 May 24 His inn at Wells, He instituted Sir Robert AVELE, priest, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Hygh lytelton, vacant by the resignation of Sir William HARRY, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Kaynesham.)* [Bishop STAFFORD's Register 1425-1443 SRS 31]

John BERNARD

*( .... John BERNARD also held several livings in Somersetshire. ... In 1421 he was appointed to Kelston and in 1439 resigned High Littleton.)* [Muchelney Memoranda SRS 42]

1439 28 December William WOTTON

Resign'n of BERNARD Abbot & Convent of Keynsham

*(1439 Dec 28 Dogmersfeld manor, The bishop instituted Sir William WOTTON, priest, in the person of Henry WOTTON his proctor, as perpetual vicar of the parish church of Hye Lytelton, vacant by the resignation of Master John BERNARD, at the presentation of the abbot and convent of Kaynesham.)* [Bishop STAFFORD's Register 1425-1443 SRS 32]

No reason was given for the vacancy at the appointment of WILMOTT sixty years late. It is possible that a Vicar's name has been omitted or perhaps the church was served by chaplains for part of the period. The following may be relevant:

*(The names of the chaplains and places of the archdeaconry of Bath. 1468 Sir John WARRE, chaplain of Litolton.)* [Register of Robert STILLINGTON SRS 52]

1499 27 June John WILMOT

Abbot & Convent of Keynsham

*(1499 [? 1494] 27 June Institution by the vicar general at Keynsham of Sir John WILMOTT, chaplain, to the vicarage of Litolton, on the presentation of Philip, abbot of Keynesham and the convent of that place.)* [Registers of Oliver KING SRS 54]

1536 19 May \*James SYSTERMAN

*(1536 19 May [Institution of] James SYSTERMAN in the vicarage of Highe Litolton.)* [Bishops' Registers 1518-1559 SRS 55]

1560 1 March	Miles BICKERDICK	Death of previous vicar	William ROWSWELL, gent.
	John GILFORD als. PAINTER ( <i>See Wills Section for Will of John GILFORD alias PAYNTER, which was proved at Wells on 31 Jan 1588/9</i> )		
1589 30 April	Richard THOMAS	Death of GILFORD	William JONES LL.D. of Wells & Thomas HIPPESELEY of Chewton, gent.
1590 18 July	Henry BEENIE		Thomas ROSEWELL of Dunkerton, gent.
1593 5 July	Edward HILLE	Succession of BEENIE	Thomas HODGES
1597 27 September	Thomas JONES	Resignation of HILLE	Thomas HODGES
1639 18 May	Simon COTTON A.B.	Death of JONES	Thomas HODGES
	There was an hiatus during the Commonwealth period before COTTON resumed his office. ( <i>See Wills Section for extract of Will of Simon COTTON, Vicar of High Littleton, proved at Wells 6 May 1684.</i> )		
1684 to 1782 living vacant.			
1782 8 June	Slade BAKER B.L.	Death of [blank]	King George III by virtue of lapse of time
1786 29 September	Thomas MOGG B.A.	Resignation of BAKER	John HOOPER of Bath
	<i>(See Wills Section for Will of Thomas MOGG, who died 10 Sept 1803.)</i>		
1804 19 July	Henry Hodges MOGG M.A.	Death of T. MOGG	The Rev'd William Brudenell BARTER & Martha Hodges BARTER, his wife (for this turn)
1844 17 June	Henry Hodges MOGG the Younger, M.A.	Resig'n of H.H. MOGG	The said Henry Hodges MOGG the Younger
1855 20 February	Edward GILLSON M.A.	Resig'n of H.H. MOGG	The said H.H. MOGG
1856 25 October	George Tilladam HYATT M.A.	Resign'n of GILLSON	The said H.H. MOGG
1863 28 January	George Richard TAYLOR, M.A.	Resignation of HYATT	The said H.H. MOGG
1867 14 February	Edmund Crane STREETEN, M.A.	Cession of TAYLOR	The said H.H. MOGG
1891 7 April	Ambrose Millett FOSTER, M.A.	Death of STREETEN	The Rev'd William CADMAN, Philip Vernon SMITH, Robert James SNAPER & The Ven. John RICHARDSON, Archdeacon of Sothwark
1909 12 February	Charles Henry BRADBURN	Cession of FOSTER	Philip Vernon SMITH LL.D. Sir Willim Mackworth YOUNG, K.C.S.I., The Rev'd Edward Alexander STUART, The Rev'd Edward Grose HODGE & The Rev'd Frank Theodore WOODS

1915 13 July	George Henry LAWRENCE M.A.	Cession of BRADBURN	The Worshipful Philip Vernon SMITH K.C.S.I., Rev'd Edward Alexander STUART, Rev'd Edward Grose HODGE & Rev'd Frank Theodore WOODS
1923 6 October	Thomas Henry FITZPATRICK, M.A.	Resig'n of LAWRENCE	The Rev'd E.G. HODGE, The Rev'd H. GOULDSMITH, William Clare LEES Esq., Sir John Lulham POUND Bt. & Rev'd Edward Sydney WOODS
1934 5 June	Bertie Ward SCREECH	Res'n of FITZPATRICK	Sir John Lulham POUND Bt., The Bishop of Croydon, The Rev'd J.C. BANHAM, M.G. DASHWOOD Esq. & George Frederick SAYWELL, Rector of Holy Trinity, Marylebone in Co. of London
1938 18 October	James Edward Edmund TUNSTALL	Death of SCREECH	The Rev'd J.G. BANHAM, Montague George DASHWOOD Esq, Rev'd G.F. SAYWELL, The Rev'd C.L. CRESSWELL, & the Hon. I.L. JOHNSTON

## QUEEN ANNE'S BOUNTY

Queen Anne's Bounty was a fund set up in 1704 to use the annates (first year's revenues from an ecclesiastical benefice) and other ecclesiastical dues received by the reigning monarch, to supplement the incomes of poor clergy. Henry VII had annexed these dues to himself in 1534, when he split with Rome and successive monarchs - until Anne - enjoyed the benefit of them. The fund was made responsible for collection of tithe rent-charges under the 1925 Tithe Act until they were abolished under the 1936 Tithe Act. In 1948 Queen Anne's Bounty and the Ecclesiastical Commission were merged to form the Church Commission.

Following the death of Simon COTTON, the vicar, in 1684 the living of High Littleton fell vacant and in due course lapsed to the crown. The living of High Littleton was so poor that it proved impossible to find a vicar, who was willing to accept the office. Philip WHITAKER was appointed curate in 1737 to provide the spiritual needs of the parish and served until 1760 on an annual stipend paid by George HODGES. From 1754 onwards WHITAKER regularly signed his name in the parish Marriage Register as vicar, which he was not. His long serving successor John HAMMETT, who served as curate until 1779 had no such pretensions.

In 1782 Jacob MOGG sought and obtained an augmentation of the living of High Littleton from Queen Anne's Bounty, as witnessed by the following petition:

Extract of Jacob MOGG's petition to the Lord Chancellor

He is the husband of Sarah, daughter of George HODGES dec'd, by whom he has nine children. George HODGES was seized of the rectory and by his will devised the same to trustees for his daughter's children.

The living of High Littleton being of very small value, George HODGES did not present a clerk thereto, consenting to provide a curate for the church at an annual stipend of £20 out of his own pocket. Since George HODGES' death in 1761, Jacob MOGG has provided a curate at the same annual stipend, home to the present time; consequently the living is now & for many years past lapsed to the crown; but Jacob MOGG has lately advanced £100 and by means thereof, having procured an augmentation from Queen Anne's Bounty in consequence of it being a family living, of which his children will have the advantage, recommends Slade BAKER the younger of Westbury, clerk, to the living of High Littleton.

[SRO DD/MGG 3].

After a period of nearly 100 years without a vicar Slade BAKER was instituted to the living of High Littleton on 8 June 1782 on presentation of King George III, "by virtue of lapse of time".

## GLEBE TERRIERS

In 1571 bishops ordered Glebe Terriers (from the latin word for land) to be drawn up, listing the land and other benefices, including tithes, belonging to the incumbent of the parish. Updated Terriers were prepared at infrequent intervals thereafter. Where they exist they show just how little the vicar had to live on.

### **HIGH LITTLETON - A terrier taken the seventh day of August in A.D. 1606 of the vicarage of High Littleton, exhibited into the office of the right reverend father in God, the Lord Bishop of Bath & Wells.**

Imprimus - One dwelling house with a little stall belonging unto it.

Item - One backside containing very near half an acre.

Item - A little orchard and a garden.

Item - The Church yard with all the comodities and trees therein, excepting six elms adjoining to the bounds of the farmer his barton.

Item - All the oblations at easter worth 2d. of every communicant.

Item - Mortuaries when any death happens.

Item - The benefit of christenings, weddings and burials.

Item - A pension of £14 by the year to be paid quarterly by even portions, by the parson proprietary his heirs and assigns.

(signed) Thomas JONES, vicar of this place

X (mark) Thomas AXFORD, X William COLLIER - wardens

X John DANDO, X Robert SMITH - posts

X John HILL, X Hugh BLANDON – two honest and sufficient men of the said parish

### **A true Account of the profits of the Vicarage of High Littleton in the Deanery of Bedminster & Diocese of Bath & Wells, Exhibited to the Commission appoynted for Estimating the value of the Living of that Deanery, Oct 15 1707.**

Glebe or Demanes	2.10. 0
Easter offering	10. 0
An Annuall Stipend	<u>14. 0. 0</u>
Sum Totall	<u>17. 0. 0</u>
From w'ch sum the following particulars are craved to be allowed:	
Procura'cons	10. 0
Tenths	<u>14. 0</u> <u>1. 4. 0</u>
The which yearly value	<u>15.16. 0</u>

Witnesses - Thomas HODGES, Jonathan PARSONS non jurat.

Approved by us - J.L. BRIDGES

Jo. STRACHEY

Wm. JONES

Will. EAREY

Charles SYDNEY

Rob't SADLER

Samuel CATHERALL

Tho. KENT

Rich. COX

Hugh WATERMAN



A terrier of 1934 shows a very different situation, although the living can hardly be described as generous.

**Diocese of Bath and Wells, Archdeaconry of Bath, Parish of High Littleton**

**TERRIER and INVENTORY 1934**

*It appears that the copy of this terrier has been updated for future use. It is not always certain which answers refer to 1934 and which are later. Only those questions where a response was given has been transcribed hereunder.*

1. The Glebe House and Out-buildings may be found on Number 6 of the Tithe Commutation Map, or on Number 361 of the Ordnance Survey Map.

The House is built of stone, roofed with slate and comprises:

On the ground floor

Study, Dining Room, Drawing Room, Passage Hall, W.C. & Lavatory & china pantry, Kitchen, Servants' Hall, Pantry, Larder, Scullery.

On the first floor

Six Bedrooms and two dressing rooms & W.C.

Above

Attic or boxroom

In the house yard

Coal shed & W.C.

Coach-house & Stable with 3 stalls [*altered later to 1 stall & loose Box with tallet or loft above*] under one roof, built of stone & roofed with slate.

The Garden & shrubberies contain 1a. 2 r. 8 p. acc'g to Tithe map.

The East Wall of Stable yard belongs to Churchyard. The East & South Walls of the Kitchen garden are party walls, & belong to the Vicar & the Owner of High Littleton Hose property, jointly.

4. The Incumbent is entitled

To the following fixed payments:

From Ecclesiastical Commission	£40. 0. 0
Queen Anne's Bounty	£59.15. 8
Annual Endowed Sum, as agreed & Confirmed by Tithe Commissioners Aug. 28 <sup>th</sup> 1839	£13. 6. 8
Ecclesiastical Commissioners – London Gazette March 5 <sup>th</sup> 1909	£29. 0. 0
Do. July 23 <sup>rd</sup> 1909	£50. 0. 0
Do. 1921	£99. 0. 0

To the following customary Fees:

Customary Fees – Marriage	6. 6
Extra Parochial Burials	£1. 1. 0
Erection of Tombstone	(graded) £1. 1. 0

A Table of fees exists 14/3/24

[New table of fees approved in 1948].

6. The Parish Church consists of Chancel, Nave, North & South Aisle, N.E. Chancel Aisle, Organ Chamber & Vestry, Tower & North Porch.

Dedicated to the "Holy Trinity". Walls built of cut stone, roof of pitchpine, covered with slate.

Presumably the Parishioners being members of the Church of England are liable for repairs.

7. There are also in the Parish a Church House, with Side rooms, wall of pennant stone, roof of pitchpine covered with slate, erected on a plot of land measuring 12½ perches or thereabouts, also a plot of land adjoining the Church House measuring 8 perches or thereabouts.

[*in different writing*] Iron room belonging to the Church Council;

[*in different writing*] the plot at Hallatrow (enclosed for Church).

8. The Churchyard contains 1r. 24p. according to the Tithe Map, in which it is numbered 1. In the Ordnance Survey it is numbered 362 & contains 0.384 acre.

It is bounded on the North by the public Road; on the East & South by the Garden & Yard of High Littleton House & on the West by the Vicarage yard. The Churchyard is higher than the ground around it & the Churchwardens are presumably responsible for maintaining the retaining walls. The Churchyard is not used but it has never been legally closed.

9. A New Churchyard containing half an acre, and being part of Upper Common East, No. 222 in Tithe map, bounded on the South by the public road, was consecrated on May 19<sup>th</sup> 1893. It is all consecrated & held on the same trust as the old Churchyard. It is fenced on all sides with stone walls & is entered by a Lych Gate. It is about 70 yards from the old Churchyard gate, on the other side of the road, to westward,  
*[In different writing]* Additional Extension (not yet used).

#### 11. Schedule of Registers.

- Vol 1 From 1658 to 1727 Baptisms, 1634 to 1714 Marriages, 1633 to 1666 Burials. In one book of Parchment 11 in. x 5½ in. much worn & defective, re-bound in cloth Aug. 1906.
- 2 From 1727 to 1812 Bapt., 1737 to 1753 Marriages, 1720 to 1812 Burials. In one Vol. bound in calf's leather, one clasp, one gone, Binding strengthened 1906; size 16 in. x 6 in.; a few family group's of Baptisms from 1690.
- 3 From 1813 to 1863 Bapt. f'cap bound in parchment, fair condition.
- 4 From 1863 to 1901 Bapt. f'cap bound in parchment, 2 clasps, good condition.
- 5 From 1901 in use Bapt. f'cap ditto, good condition.
- 6 From 1754 to 1812 Banns & Marriages, f'cap ditto, good.
- 7 From 1813 to 1837 Marriages, ditto, fair.
- 8 From 1837 in use Marriages Duplicates, cloth & leather, long f'cap.
- 9 From 1904 in use Banns.
- 10 From 1813 to 1908 Burials, f'cap bound in parchm't, fair condition.
- 11 From 1908 in use Burials.
- 12 From 1823 to 1904 Banns.

All in a [*heavy iron box deleted*] Fire Proof Safe by George PRICE, Wolverhampton, not built into wall. In the Vestry.

#### 12. Schedule of Church Plate

- i. Chalice, Old & thin Bowl, Bell-shaped, Silver, height 7¼ in. Diameter of bowl 3½ in, of foot 4 in. Weight 7¾ oz. (N.B. Weighed with ordinary letter weights!! No Troy Weights available), Inscription None.
- ii. Chalice, Bowl Egg shaped, Silver gilt inside, Height 7<sup>13</sup>/<sub>16</sub>, Diameter of Bowl 3<sup>2</sup>/<sub>3</sub> in, of Foot 3<sup>5</sup>/<sub>6</sub>, Weight 12¼ oz. Inscription "Deo Triuni In usum Altaris Ecclesiae de High Littleton Hoc Munusculum Sara MOGG DDD 1807."
- iii. Paten Old & thin with foot, Silver, Diameter 5<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, of foot 2½, Height 1¼, Weight 3 oz. Inscription None.
- iv. Paten, Silver, upper surface gilt, Diam. 8<sup>2</sup>/<sub>5</sub> in, Weight 14½ oz, Inscription "Deo Triuni In usum Altaris Ecclesiae de High Littleton Hoc Munusculum Sara MOGG DDD 1807."
- v. Paten, Silver, upper surface gilt, Diam. 7¼, Weight 11 oz., Inscription "Deo Triuni In usum Altaris Ecclesiae de High Littleton Hoc Munusculum Sara MOGG DDD 1807."
- vi. Flagon, Silver, gilt inside Height of lip 9<sup>7</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, of handle 11<sup>5</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, Diameter of base 4<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, Weight 27 oz. Inscription "Deo Triuni In usum Altaris Ecclesiae de High Littleton Hoc Munusculum Sara MOGG DDD 1807."
- vii. Spoon, perforated for straining out, Silver, Length 5¼ in, Weight ¼ oz.
- viii. Alms Bason, Brass, Diameter 16 inches Inscription "In Memoriam C.W. R.-M [*REES-MOGG*]. Dec'r 7<sup>th</sup> 1893."
- ix. Paten with foot, Pewter, Diam. 6¾, of foot 3<sup>3</sup>/<sub>8</sub>, Height 2¾, Weight 14 oz.

All in a Wooden Box kept in the Vicarage.

#### 13. Font

Old font recovered from Stable Yard in 1910, now in church. Octagonal, of fine grained hard white stone, Diam. 2 ft., carved on step, total height 3 ft. 8 in., lead lined.

Inscription "To the Glory of God. In memoriam Elizabeth STREETEN".

Oak cover with recumbent cross, Brass plate with Inscription, properly drained.

#### INVENTORY

In Vestry Old oak Table 2 ft. x 4 ft. x 2 ft. 4 in. high. Said to have been originally the Holy Table in the unrestored Church.

Painted Wood Chest 1 ft. 8 in. x 4 ft. 6 in. x 2 ft. 4 in. high, containing old service books, plans of Church, map of Parish etc.

[Iron Chest deleted] Fire Proof Safe [*added later*] for Registers.

- Iron Chest [*added later*].  
 Rush bottom Chair [*added later*].  
 (Brass Alms Dish, 16 in. Diam., Inscrip. on back "In memoriam C.W. R.M [REES-MOGG]. Dec'r 7<sup>th</sup> 1893.") [*bracket added later, presumably to indicate that this item was also recorded with Church Plate*].
- In Chancel Credence Table & 2 Glastonbury Chairs in oak.  
 Pair of brass candlesticks.  
 Ten Woolwork mats for Sanctuary.  
 Brass Cross, height 1 ft. 6 in. [*added later*].  
 Pitch Pine[*Oak deleted*] Holy Table with one worked cover, & necessary set of fair linen.  
 4 Brass Vases, height 5 in.  
 Brass Lectern on Holy Table.  
 Organ with 2 manuals & pedals & 15 stops & couplers.  
 Candleabra with 6 branches. [*added later*].  
 2 Brass Vases, height 9 in. [*added later*].
- In Church Oak lectern, desk pattern, on pedestal.  
 Large Bible & Prayer Book.  
 Banns Book.  
 Two old Coffin stools, oak, 2 ft. high.  
 Two oak Frames for Nos. of Hymns.  
 7 Bracket lamps.  
 12 hanging lamps.  
 1 Brass Font Ewer.
- In Tower Six Bells:  
 i Diam. 1 ft. 11 in. Note G, 3 cwt 0 qr. 2 lb., Inscript'n "Deo Triuni. John TAYLOR & Co., Loughborough, 1905."  
 ii do. 2 ft. 1 in., F, 3 cwt 0 qr. 24 lb. "Deo Triuni. John TAYLOR & Co., Loughborough, 1905."  
 iii do, 2 ft 3 in. E flat, 4 cwt 0 qr. 0 lb. "Deo Triuni. John TAYLOR & Co., Loughborough, 1905."  
 iv do. 2 ft. 4½ in. D, 4 cwt 1qr. 6 lb. [*Inscript.*] "1591 E WP [William PURDUE] 1591".  
 v do. 2 ft. 5½ in. C, 4 cwt 1 qr. 10 lb. "Sancta Anna Ova pro nobis." [*Bristol Foundry 2<sup>nd</sup> half of 15<sup>th</sup> century*].  
 vi do. 2 ft. 10½ in. B flat, 6 cwt 3 qr. 19 lb. "Joseph BRODRIBB, Thomas LANSDOWN, Churchwardens. Wm. BILBIE fecit 1776."  
 Choir Surplices  
 Choir Cassocks in Vestry entirely renewed 1940. [*added later*]  
 "Special Forms of Service" Approved book. Placed in safe 28.8.48. [*added later*]

In Testimony of the truth of the before-mentioned particulars, and of every of them, we, the Minister, Churchwardens, and principal Inhabitants, have set our hands [*date left blank*].  
 Ambrose M. FOSTER, Vicar. C.A. KEMBLE, Arthur COX, Churchwardens. Richard LAWRENCE, Inhabitant.

