

PEVINGTON AND ITS RECTORS.

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At Pevington, formerly a hamlet of Pluckley, now only a farmhouse, there was anciently a church dedicated to the "Blessed Mary." A church existed at the time of Domesday, and Rectors were collated thereto independently of Pluckley until a union was effected by Archbishop Whitgift in 1584, the church at Pevington having become dilapidated. What remained of the fabric was demolished toward the end of the eighteenth century. A dispute in regard to the tithes of Pevington is mentioned in the State Papers, 1636 (16 February, 447), when Sir Edward Dering, in a letter to Archbishop Laud, prays His Grace to admit one Mr. Craige.

JOSEPH DE GODWYRESTON, resigned.

1316. WILLIAM DE MOLESSCHE was instituted to the Church of Pevington June 16, 1316, by Archbishop Reynolds, it being vacant by the resignation of Joseph de Godwyreston, the last Rector (Reynolds, 16 *b*).

WILLIAM WYGHETON, died.

1361. THOMAS DOTE was admitted October 27, 1361, the Church of Pevington being vacant by the death of William Wygheton (Islip, 290 *b*).

THOMAS BARBOUR, exchanged.

1372. RICHARD FFAIRFORD was admitted at Charing, January 12, 1372, the last Rector, Thomas Barbour, having exchanged for the Vicarage of Stone (Wittlesey, 92 *b*, 93 *a*).

RICHARD FFYEYFORD, died.

1405. RICHARD FFELD admitted May 4, 1405, vacant through the death of Richard Ffeyrford, last Rector (Arundel, 303 *a*).

1407. ROBERT LEYCEBY admitted July 4, 1407, vacant by the resignation of Richard Ffeld (Arundel, 315 *b*).

ALAN ELFER, died (Chicheley, i., 212 *b*).

1449. NICHOLAS REDE admitted April 2, 1449, vacant by the death of Alan Elfer (Stafford, 104 *a*).

1453. WILLIAM DE MONERCUE admitted December 4, 1453, upon the resignation of Nicholas Rede (Kemp, 326 *a*).

THOMAS BRENT, L.D., resigned.

1480. WILLIAM PAR admitted June 13, 1480, upon the resignation of Thomas Brent, L.D.

THOMAS WARE, died (Bourchier, f. 125 *a*).

1494. THOMAS SYDRAK was admitted at Lambeth July 7, 1494, upon the death of Thomas Ware (Morton, 158 *b*).

THOMAS BODE, died.

1519. THOMAS GUMELL, B.A., admitted at Otford, September 15, 1519, upon the death of Thomas Bode (Wareham, 369 *a*).

1523. JOHN ARCHER admitted July 4, 1523, on the resignation of Thomas Gumell (Wareham, 378 *a*).

1527. ALEXANDER FFROTYNGHAM was admitted February 24, 1527, John Archer having exchanged for Chingford (Wareham, 395 *a*).

1530. RICHARD WYLSON was admitted February 17, 1530, upon the death of Alexander Ffrothyngham (Wareham, 405 *b*). Ric'us Wylson is mentioned in *Valor Ecclesiasticus*, Hen. VIII. (i., 96).

1584. Unio Eccliar. de Pevington & de Pluckley Cant. Diac. Dat. apud Lambeth 28 Die Mensis January A.D. 1584 (Whitgift, 459 *a, b*).

1584. JOHN HYNE Institutio Mag. Jo'his Hyne ad Eccl. poch' de Pevington, jam legitime vacantem (Whitgift, 454 *b*).

PEVINGTON: RECTORIA.

ORDO PER D'M ARCHIEPUM.

Die Martis prox. post quinque septim anas Paschæ Anno 16 Jacobi regis Ordinatum est Jurator extrahatur et quod causa referatur d'no Archiep'o Cantuar de assensu partiam ad ordinand. inter partes prædictas.

Ffirst I hold the union to be good as being made in the 36 Yeare of King Henry the 8, and but only declared or ratified by the Lord Archbishop Whitgift in the year 1584.

Secondly S^r Anthony Deering shall pay for the tithes received from the 3 of July last & to be received till the third of July next, the summe of Twelve poundes, noe other Costes being to be paid unto M^r Copley in respect of the charges of y^e suit.

Thirdly M^r Copley shall from the third of July next receive the tithes in kind for one yeare that it may be indifferently judged what the value of them is.

Fourthly M^r Copley shall lett to S^r Anthony Deeringe for three yeares after the tithes att some reasonable rate as they two shall agree upon. Wherein I doe wish & order that S^r Anthony Deering have a favourable bargaine, and if they cannott agree upon the rate, then the Archbishop of Canterbury to determine the difference of rent or price betweene them.

Fifthly that all former Controversies should be remitted and forgotten, and they to live peaceably, quietly, and christianly together.

Maii 16, 1618.

G. CANT.
(Abbot, 60.)