

ALL SAINTS', BRAMHAM

List of Incumbents of Bramham

There would be earlier ones than the following, of whom no record is known. The institution records of the dean and chapter of York, from which Torre¹ partly derived his catalogue of vicars, are not extant before the second quarter of the fourteenth century. One or two clergy associated with Bramham occur in documents of an earlier period; but they must be regarded only tentatively as incumbents of the benefice.

- 1) PETER the clerk of Bramham occurs as a land-holder in Bramham in documents dated between 1147 and 1195 (Farrer, *Early Yorks. Charters*, ii, 342-346; iii, 253).
- 2) HUGH the priest occurs in a quit-claim to the prior of St. Oswald's concerning a messuage and a croft in Bramham, 30 July, 1202 (*Yorks. Fines, Surtees Soc.*, xciv, 23).
- 3) WILLIAM the clerk of Bramham witnesses an inseximus and confirmation of a charter whereby Amabel, dau. of Peter de Ardyngton, late wife of Henry de Plesington... gave 10 acres to the canons of Healaugh Park priory, 14 Dec., 1310 (*Cal. Charter Rolls*, iii, 140).
- 1330
9 Oct. HUGH DE SPROTLEY,² priest, pres. by the Prior of St. Oswald's and Prebendary of Bramham (*Torre*).
- WILLIAM OF STUBBS. On 1 Dec., 1346, pardon for good service in the war of France was granted to "William de Stobbes,³ vicar of the church of Bramham" (*Cal. Pat. Rolls*, 1345-8, p. 511). In 1347 "William de Stubbes of Darthyngton,⁴ vicar of Bramham," occurs in a plea roll (*Y.A.S. Record Series*, xvii, 150).
- 1353-4. RICHARD DE WANDESFORD. Commission to the Archdn. of Richmond to institute Sir Richard de Wandesford to the vicarage of Bramham on the pres. of prior of St. Oswald of Nostell, 10 Feb., 1353 (*York Chapter Acts*, 1352-1426, f. 12b).
- 1376-7
24 Jan. WILLIAM SPENCER, pres. by the prior, etc. (*Torre*).
- 1433-4
12 March. ROBERT MORTAYN, chaplain, pres. by the same, on death of Wm. Spencer (*York Chapter Acts*, 1427-1504, f. 24a).
- 1480
22 Nov. JOHN WYGLESWORTH, priest, pres. by the same, on death of Robert Morton [*sic*] (*Ibid.*, 1427-1504, f. 171b). Complaint was made at a visitation in 1510 that "the vicar of Bramham hays beyne absent fro his benefys a yer and more."
- 1527
9 May. WILLIAM DAY, chaplain, pres. by the same, on resig. of John Wigglesworth (*Ibid.*, 1504-1543, fol. 144a). He witnessed wills, as vicar of Bramham, until 1543-4 and is named as incumbent in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus* of 1535.
- JOHN HUDSON. No institution recorded. He was doubtless presented by the Crown, at some date between 1544 and 1548. Witnessed the will of Chr. Powell, 1548, as "curate and vicar" (*Thoresby Soc.*, xix, 228), which seems to imply that he was then resident and personally served the cure.⁵

(1) James Torre, the antiquary (d. 1699, bur. at Normanton), to whom we owe the lists of incumbents derived from the institution records of the undivided diocese of York. His MSS. are in the Minster Library at York.

(2) Probably Sproatley in Holderness.

(3) Perhaps of Stubbs Walden, par. Womersley.

(4) Darrington.

(5) A John Hudson occurs as vicar of Doncaster in 1557 (*Y.A.S. Rec. Ser.*, lxxxv, 95) and is possibly identified with John Hudson, rec. of Warmsworth, d. 1691 (*Hunter's Yorks.*, i, 1828, p. 128).

- 1558
11 June. THOMAS RIDFALL, clk., pres. by the Dean & Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, on resig. of John Hudson (*York Chapter Acts*, 1543-58, fol. 68a).
- 1571
17 June. ROGER WETHERALL, clk., pres. by the same. No cause of vacancy given. Inst. by the Abp., but no reason given (*York Act Bk.*, iii, fo. 7b). "Roger Wetherall here Vicar is also pson of Addingham" (*York Visitation Book*, 1590); "he haith twoo benefices, Bramham and Addingham" (*Ibid.*; 1607). "Rogerus Wetherall vicarius de Bramham sepulte fuit xxix die Aprilis anno regis Jacobi nono quor aia ppeciatur deus. Amen" (*Bramham Register*).
- 1611
20 Aug. EDWARD WATKYN, M.A. (*Oxon.*), pres. by the same, on death of Roger Wetherall, clk. Inst. by the Abp., but no reason given (*York Act Book*, iii, fo. 411b).
- WILLIAM CLOUGH, B.A. (). Inst. vicar of Wighill 15 April, 1605. He had resigned by 18 April, 1608, when his successor, Henry Johnson, was instituted (*York Act Book*, iii, 370, 391b). In 1607 William Clough, clerk, of Wighill, was charged with "churching a woman within Mr. Wetherall's cure." On 4 March, 1607-8, Mr. Clough alleged that he had "right to be vicar of Bramham," although the matter was in suit and not yet determined (*York Visitation Book*). No institution record of William Clough to Bramham is known and his earliest recorded act there seems to be his signing a pew agreement dated 15 Nov., 1619 (*Reg.*). On 7 Feb., 1619-20, he had licence, as "rector [*sic*] of Bramham," to marry Elizabeth Hawkesworth of Bishopthorpe, at Bishopthorpe (*Y.A.J.*, xiv, 503). In 1620 he was accused by Edmund Troutbeck, surgeon, and witnesses, of irreverent and improper words, unseemly conduct in church, personal abuse of his parishioners, saying that the King's book on the Sabbath¹ was contrary to God's law, railing at the ceremonies of the church, &c. Another witness, Thomas Wetherall, of Hedley Hall (par. Bramham), declared that Clough said the King was a fool and fit for nothing but catching dotterels, that the Lord President was a fool, and only fit for gaming; that the north was governed by an old doting Bishop, &c., also that he would get leave to preach at Paul's Cross, and would expose the evils of the government. Richard Gascoigne, of Bramham Biggin, had heard the vicar say in the pulpit, that he was lately summoned through a plot of the Papists; that things are now turned upside down, for whereas Priests formerly ruled Kings, now Kings ruled Priests, &c. (*Cal. Domestic State Papers*, 1619-1623, pp. 128, 187, etc.). In 1621 Clough petitioned the Council to be heard before them on accusation of improper language, the Council of York, to which his case was referred, having kept him long in prison without examining his case; also to be released on bail for his appearance (*Ibid.*, p. 241). Wm. Clough was still vicar on 9 Oct. 1630, the date of the will of William Richardson, of Clifford, husbandman, who desired to be buried in Bramham churchyard, "at the discretion of our minister Mr. Clough and my executors" (*Reg. Test. Ebor.*, xli, f. 518).
- 1630
9 Nov. GEORGE HODGSON, clk., M.A. (). pres. by the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, on resig. of Wm. Clough (*York Chapter Acts*, 1535-1634, fol. 683b). In 1633 complaint was made against this vicar "for not reading praiers upon the Eues [Eves] of Sundayes & holydayes" and "for not reading

(1) *The Book of Sports*, published in 1617.

- prayers upon Wednesdays & Fridayes except in lent" (*York Visitation Book*). He seems to have been ejected about 1667—see *ante*, p. 5.
- THOMAS HARDCASTLE, B.A. (*Cantab.*). There in May, 1660. Son of John H., of Barwick-in-Elmet, yeoman. Bapt. there, 24 Feb. 1636-7. Arrested while preaching in Shadwell Chapel, August 1665 (see *Calamy Revised*, 1934, p. 247). Complaint was made against Thomas Hardcastle, vicar of Bramham, in 1662, "for not exhibiting his orders, &c." (*York Visitation Book*).
- 1664 JOHN BROWN, clk., B.A. (? *Cantab.*), pres. by the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford. Inst. by the Abp. (Richard Sterne). No reason given (*York Act Book*, vii, p. 8). Inducted by Abraham Thornton, rector of Kirk Deighton, 18 Oct. 1664. He was ordained deacon 5 April, and priest 14 June, 1663, by John (Bramhall), Bishop of Derry. Lic. to preach 27 Aug. 1662. Signed the declaration 6 Oct. 1664 (*York Visitation Exhibits*, 1667).
- 1668-9 THOMAS HILL, clk., pres. by the same, on death of John Brown, clk. Inst. by the Abp. No reason given (*York Act Book*, vii, p. 134). Ord. priest by Richard (Sterne), Abp. of York, 20 Dec. 1668. Signed the declaration same day. Mandate for induction 16 March 1668-9 (*York Visitation Exhibits*, 1674).
- 1682-3 JOHN GREENFIELD, clk., B.A. (*Cantab.*). Collated by the Dean and Chapter of York, by lapse, on cession of Thos. Hill (*York Chapter Acts*, 1634-1700, f. 157b); vicar of Tadcaster 1684-1703. Died 1703 (Venn: *Al. Cantab.*).
- 1684-5 TIMOTHY CARR, clk. (? B.A., *Cantab.*), pres. by the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, on cession of John Greenfield (*Ibid.*, f. 176b). Bur. 16 July 1687 (*Reg.*).
- 1687 WILLIAM JAMES, clk., M.A. (*Cantab.*), pres. by the same, on death of Timothy Carr (*York Chapter Acts*, 1634-1700, f. 204a); vicar of Burstwick 1691-1723; vicar of Paull 1701-1723. Endowed a hospital at Cawood. Died 1723 (Venn: *Al. Cantab.*).
- 1691 JOHN THEAKSTON, clk., B.A. (*Cantab.*), pres. by the same, on cession of William Baines¹ (*Ibid.*, 210a). Had dispensation for non-residence, same date, to 1 Oct. 1691 (*Ibid.*). Bur. 27 March 1717 (*Reg.*)².
- 1717 CHRISTOPHER SANDERSON, clk., literate,³ at the collation of the Abp. of York for this turn, by reason of lapse of time, on death of John Theakston (*York Act Book*, x, 45). Bur. 19 Dec. 1734 (*Reg.*). Grave cover in chancel.⁴
- 1735 HUMPHREY DICKINSON, clk., pres. by the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford, on death of Chr. Sanderson (*York Chapter Acts*, 1728-36). Bur. 7 Jan. 1735-6 (*Reg.*).
- 1736 JOHN HARRIS, clk., pres. by the same, on death on Humphrey Dickinson, clk. (*Ibid.*).
- 1738 ANDREW PERROT, clk., M.A. (*Cantab.*), pres. by the same, on cession of John Harris, clk. (*Ibid.*, 1737-47). He was the son of Thomas Perrot, of York, clk., M.A., and Anastasia, dau. of Geo. Plaxton, M.A., rector of Barwick-in-Elmet. See pedigree in Thoresby's *Duc. Leod.*, second edition, p. 72.

(1) Sic: but James in his institution record.

(2) A John Theakston was curate of Thorp Arch in 1712 (Skaife MSS., Y.A.S. MS. 222, fo. 14).

(3) *York Subscription Book*.

(4) A Chr. Sanderson was curate of Thorp Arch in 1716. Ord. deacon by Bp. of Chester, 20 Sept. 1713 (Skaife MSS., as above).

- 1750 THOMAS SWAINE, clk., B.A. (*Cantab.*), pres. by the same, on resig. of Andrew Perrot, clk. (*Ibid.*, 1747-56). He seems to have acted as "Minister" in the parish before becoming vicar and occurs as such in the register, 1747-1749.¹ Bur. 22 March 1765 (*Reg.*).
- 1765 THOMAS EGLIN, pres. by the same, on death of Thomas Swaine, clk. (*Ibid.*, 1756-1771). Apparently curate of Thorner in 1764 (*Drummond Visitation Return*). Resig. for vicarage of Riccall, 1768.
- 1768 WILLIAM SWAINE, clk., B.A. (*Cantab.*), pres. by the same, on resig. of T. Eglin (*Ibid.*). Vicar of Bardsey 1782-1792. "Died at Bramham, May 5th 1792, aged 49 years and was buried in the chancel of Bramham Church" (*Bardsey Reg.*).
- 1792 ROBERT BOWNAS, clk., pres. by the same, on death of W. Swaine, clk. (*Ibid.*, 1784-1807). Previously curate—see p. 37. Died 1 Dec. 1819, aged 61 (*Reg.*). Bur. in chancel (M.I. and Brass).
- 1820 HENRY BAKER TRISTRAM, clk., B.A. (*Oxon.*), pres. by the same, on the death of Robt. Bownas (*Ibid.*, 1807-30); vicar of Eglingham, Northumberland, 1821, until his death 30 May 1837 (Foster, *Al. Oxon.*).
- 1823 JOHN RADCLIFFE, clk., M.A. (*Oxon.*), pres. by the same, on cession of H. B. Tristram (*Ibid.*). Was previously Precentor of Christ Church and Vice-Principal of St. Mary's Hall, Oxford; also vicar of Radley (Berks.) and chaplain of Merton Coll., Oxford, 1835, until his death (Foster, *Al. Oxon.*). Bur. at Radley, M.I. under tower in Boston Spa Church.
- 1852 JOHN YOUNG SEAGRAVE, clk., M.A. (*Oxon.*), pres. by the same, on death of John Radcliffe (*York Act Book*, xxi, 318).
- 1862 WILLIAM SALMON MARE, clk., M.A. (*Cantab. & Dur.*), L.Th. (*Dur.*), pres. by the same, on cession of J. Y. Seagrave (*Ibid.*, xxii, p. 235). D. 5 Nov. 1898. Bur. in churchyard.
- 1899 EDWARD GUSTAVUS WADSON, clk., M.A. (*Cantab.*), pres. by the same, on death of W. S. Mare (*Ibid.*, xxvii, p. 279). Resig. 11 Oct. 1925.
- 1925 FRANCIS WILLIAM HICKS, clk., B.A. (*Cantab.*), pres. by George Richard Lane Fox, of Bramham Park, esq., M.P. [now Lord Bingley], on resig. of E. G. Wadson (*Ibid.*, xxxi).

(1) Perhaps Curate of Bardsey 1744-1747 (*Bardsey Reg.*).

List of Chaplains of the Chantry at the Altar of St. Peter in Bramham Church

Very little is known about these chaplains. They were presented by the prior and convent of Nostell and their institution records are quoted below from the *York Chapter Acts*.

Date of Institution	
	JOHN DARLYNG, chaplain. Apparently the first chaplain of this chantry and named in the will of John Weste of Roundhay Grange (to be bur. at Bramham) 3 March 1393 (<i>Thoresby Soc.</i> , ii, 99). Complaint was made at a Visitation in 1416 that "Sir John Derlyng, chaplain, is a public carter for labourers hired by various parishioners, even for rustic jobs (<i>opera ruralia</i>) contrary to the good esteem of the order of priesthood" (<i>Sturtees Soc.</i> , xxxv, 250). Robert Grimston, chaplain, of Kippax (to be bur. at Bramham) bequeathed "to John Derlyng a cloak of russet," October 1429 (<i>Thoresby Soc.</i> , xxii, 246).
1429	WILLIAM CONSTANTYNE, chaplain, on the death of John Durling (or Darling) (<i>York Chapter Acts</i> , 1427-1504, f. 12a).
29 Nov.	
1443	WILLIAM WEBSTER, chaplain, on the death of William Costyn (Constantyne?) (<i>Ibid.</i> , f. 51b).
3 Sept.	
1451	JOHN LEDDESTON, chaplain, on the death of William Webster (<i>Ibid.</i> , f. 70a).
20 May.	
1459	JOHN CLEWGH, on the resig. of John Ledeston (<i>Ibid.</i> , f. 107a).
18 Feb.	A rental of Nostell Priory, 1478, refers to John Clogh as a chantry chaplain at Bramham (<i>Y.A.S. Rec. Ser.</i> , lxi, 130, 131).
1473	HENRY WORDILL, priest, on the death of John Clewgh (<i>York Chapter Acts</i> , 1427-1504, f. 149a).
27 Nov.	
1491	JOHN RAYN, chaplain (<i>Torre</i>)
1 July.	
1528	JOHN RAYNALD, priest. No reason for vacancy given. (<i>York Chapter Acts</i> , 1504-1543, f. 149a).
23 Dec.	JOHN HEWETSON was incumbent of the Guild or Service (if that be identical with the chantry of St. Peter) in 1548—see <i>ante</i> , p. 12. He is possibly the "S ^r John the chauntre prest" to whom Thomas Wastyll, of Hedley (par. Bramham), gave "iij ^s to pray for my soull" in 1543-4 (<i>Thoresby Soc.</i> , xix, 96). But this might refer to his predecessor.

Assistant Clergy of Bramham

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During the middle ages there would not be wanting in Bramham priests ready to say mass in the parish church and otherwise to assist the vicar. Some of these may occur among those named in the Bramham wills printed by the Thoresby Society, and in other records: e.g., Adam de Hedeley, clk. (1363); Richard Grymston, chaplain (1429); Robert Symkyn (1505); Sir Edmonde Middilton, clerke, Robert Barker, John Robynson, chaplains (1525); S^r William Sandall (1543).

But by 1548 there was apparently only one such assistant—see *ante*, p. 12. From the last decade of the eighteenth century onwards it is possible to trace the following assistant-curates¹:

ROBERT BOWNAS, curate, occurs 27 May and 9 July 1792 (*Reg.*). He was ordained priest and licensed curate of Bardsey² 23 July 1786 (*York Act Book*, xvi, 69, 71). Instituted vicar of Bramham 4 Aug. 1792.

ROBERT RICHARDSON BALDERSTON³ curate of Bramham, occurs in Bardsey register 18 Jan. and 7 Feb. 1796.

WILLIAM HARRISON (OR HARRINSON), curate, occurs 1796-1799 (*Reg.*)

T. GAUNT, curate, occurs Dec. 1800-1802 (*Reg.*).

ROBERT THOMLINSON, curate, occ. Aug. 1803-1804 (*Reg.*).

FRANCIS WILKINSON, clk., B.A., lic. stipendiary cur. (£50) on nom. of Robert Bownas, vicar, 26 Apr. 1815 (*York Chapter Acts*, 1807-1830); vicar of Bardsey 1792-1825.

GEORGE ALMOND, curate, occ. Dec. 1820-June 1823 (*Reg.*). Lic. 9 Jan. 1821. Stip. £150, with the parsonage. To be resident (*York Act Book*, xix, 1). His vicar, Mr. Tristram, was also vicar of Eglingham, Northumb., from 1821.

THOMAS RADCLIFFE, literate, ord. deacon 3 Aug. 1823, lic. cur. of Bramham. Stip. £150. Ord. priest 18 July 1824 (*York Act Book*, xix, 92, 94, 125). Brother of John Radcliffe, vicar. Died suddenly 7 Feb. bur. at Bramham 17 Feb., 1841, aged 57 (*Reg.*).

JOHN FARLAM, curate, occ. July 1841-June 1844 (*Reg.*).

FREDERICK KENNEY, curate, occ. 28 Aug. 1844-1847 (*Reg.*).

W. S. HORNER, curate, occ. Oct. 1847-July 1849 (*Reg.*). Inc. of Boston Spa, 1849.

STEPHEN HENRY GAISFORD, clk., M.A. (*Dub.*), lic. 11 May 1850. Stip. £80 yearly, with Easter Dues and use of Glebe House, garden and offices—to reside in sd. Glebe House (*York Licences to Curacies*, 1848-62, No. 180). Vicar of Clifford 1861.⁴

SEBASTIAN ELIJAH NICHOLS, M.A. (*Oxon.*), curate, occ. 1891-2 (*Reg.*).

CHARLES ALFRED BARRY, M.A. (*Cantab.*), curate, occ. 1892-3 (*Reg.*). Lic. 26 April 1893. Stip. £140 (*Ibid.*, 1889-1897, No. 284); vicar of Clifford 1893.

REGINALD HENRY MAISTER, curate, occ. 1893-1897 (*Reg.*). Lic. 13 Feb. 1894 (*Ibid.*, No. 344).

THOMAS GUY MONKHOUSE, clk., B.A. (*Dur.*). Lic. stip. assist. cur., in place of R. H. Maister, clk. Stip. £150; to reside, 23 March 1898 (*Ibid.*, 1897-1913, No. 85).

(1) Francis Fawkes [Faulks], M.A., Cantab., occ. as "Minister" 1744-1746 (*Reg.*). He published *Bramham Park* anonymously in 1745. Was son of Jeremy Fawkes, rector of Warmsworth, and died in 1777 (see *Venn: Al. Cantab.*). Thomas Swaine, "Minister," occurs 1747-9 (*Reg.*).

(2) He "came originally from the parish of Tunstall, near Kirby Lonsdale in Westmoreland" (*Bardsey Reg.*).

(3) Perhaps s. of Richard Balderston, bapt. at Ingleton 23 April 1760 (*Reg.*); B.A. (*St. Cath., Camb.*) 1782; Ord. deacon (York) 23 Sept. 1793. Lic. cur. Granby (Notts.). Ord. priest (Carlisle) by letters dimissory 10 March 1794 (*York Act Book*, xvi, 274, 275, 282).

(4) See also Hiley (R. W.): *Memories of Half a Century* (1890), pp. 300 ff.