

APPENDIX TWO: VICARS OF CROXALL

The names of the Pre-Reformation patrons are the Priors of Repton:

William Mangepayne	1236
William de Repyndone	1349
Henry de Bakewell	1377
Ralph de Herteshorne	1399 – 1413
Laurence de Sutton, Canon of Repton	1429
Thomas Clyfton	--
Robert Burton, Canon of Repton	1443
Richard Furbour	1443
John Basset, Canon of Repton	1451
Thomas Sutton, Prior of Repton	1472
William Aston, Canon of Repton	1476
Edmund Alcock	1490 – 1509
Richard Standynought	1538
Revd George Higgess	up to 1616
Revd John Bentley	1616 – 1637
Revd Samuel Willes	1637 – 1650
Revd John Hough	1650 – 1690
Revd John Daniel	1690 – 1728
Revd Obadiah Bourne	1728 – 1763
Revd Thomas Vaughan	1715 (curate)
(Rector of Edingale and curate of Croxall)	1717 – 1748
Revd Samuel Pipe	1763 – 1779
Revd John Batteridge Pearson	1779 – 1808
Revd Samuel Holworthy	1809 – 1839
Revd James Gisborne	1832 – 1838 (curate)
	1838 – 1872 (vicar)
Revd William Warde Fowler	1837 (curate)
Revd R F Watson	1860 (curate)
Revd G Hope Dixon	1864 (curate)
Revd James Burdekin	1866 – 1876
Bishop Thomas Nettleship Staley	1872 – 1898 (Bishop and vicar of Croxall)
Revd William Thomas Norton	1899 – 1918
Revd Thomas Robert Pelham Thornman	1918 – 1937 (vicar of Edingale and Croxall)
Revd Thomas Daniel	1936 – 1939 (vicar of Edingale and Croxall)
Revd James David Rowland Morgan	1940 – 1955 (vicar of Edingale and Croxall)

After 1956 Croxall came under the parish of Walton

Revd Philip Cuthbert Wells	1956 – 1975
Revd Geoffrey Wellburn Dickinson	1975 – 1983
Revd John Thorpe	1984 – 1994
Revd E J Thompson	1995 – 2000
Revd Lesley Anne De Pomerai	2002 –

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Ralph Herteshorn (1399 – 1413)

He is mentioned in deeds concerning the Horton family (of Catton) in 1399, 1400, 1412 and 1413. He is described as vicar of Croxall.

Edmund Alcock (1490 - 1509)

He is also mentioned in deeds concerning the Horton family from 1490 until 1509. He is described as vicar of Croxall.

John Bentley (1616 – 1640)

Revd Bentley was married to Margaret and they had seven children at Croxall: John (1618), Anna (1620), Elizabeth (1625), Edward (1629), Jana (1631), William (1634) and Anna (1637).

Samuel Willes (1640 – 1653)

He was married to Eleanor and they had two children at Croxall: Samuel and Martha.

John Hough (1653 – 1690)

He arrived at Croxall and married Dorothy Agard in 1653. She died in childbirth in April 1655. Their son was entered in the parish register, "*Johannes filius Johannis and Dorotheae Hough natus decimo renatus est vicessimo quarto die Aprilis.*" Then, tragically, his son John died in April 1656. Revd Hough died in April 1690.

John Daniel (1690 – 1728)

He was described in the Croxall register as being "*of Newall and Edingale.*" He was married to Margaret and they had ten children at Croxall: Thomas (1698), Elizabeth (1699), Franchesca (1700-1701), John (1701), Charles (1702), Margaret (1703), Petrus and Anna (twins died in 1706), Anna (1708) and Franchesca (1709). Margaret, his wife, died in 1711 and John died in 1728. Their son, Charles, however, remained in Croxall. He married Roberta and they had two children: Samuel (1729) and Elizabeth in 1733, who lived two days. Charles died in 1770.

Thomas Vaughan (1715 – 1747)

Was married to Maria and was described as "*clerici de Oakeley in parochial de Croxall.*" By 1717, he was vicar of Edingale, following the retirement of his father, Revd Griffith Vaughan. He seems to have carried on duties at both Croxall and Edingale. In the Edingale parish registers, he describes himself as curate of Croxall when he conducted

services for Croxall parishioners in Edingale church. By 1747, he described himself as “*lecturer of Croxall.*”

Thomas and Maria had four children at Croxall: Edmund (1715), Maria (1717), Griffith (1719) and Thomas (1720). He had two son baptised at Edingale, indicating when he moved there: Richard (1731) and Cadwallader (1734).

Although Revd Vaughan appears in the Croxall parish registers officiating at ceremonies, Obadiah Bourne is listed as vicar from 1738 – 1763 in Rev Richard Ussher’s book *Historical Sketch of the Parish of Croxall in the County of Derby.*

John Batteridge Pearson LLB (1779 – 1808)

Revd Pearson’s daughter, Mary, was born in 1801 but, unfortunately, he died on the 14th August 1808. He had served 29 years as vicar of Croxall. His wife, Elizabeth, died in 1856, aged 93. The monument in Croxall church reads:

“Sacred to the memory of the Revd John Batteridge Pearson, LLB, Vicar of this Parish during twenty-nine years, and Prebendary of the Cathedral church of Lichfield. He died August 14th, 1808, in the 58th year of his age. He married Elizabeth, eldest daughter of the Rev James Falconer, DD, Archdeacon of Derby. Also James, his second son, who died of a decline, at sea off the Island of Ascension on the 27th of September, 1821, in the 27th year of his age; also, John, his third son, who died on the 1st December 1855, in the 58th year of his age; also Elizabeth, relict of the above Rev John Batteridge Pearson, who died on the 8th December 1856 in the 93rd year of her age.”

Samuel Holworthy (1810 – 1838)

Revd Holworthy was the son of Captain Samuel Holworthy and his wife Deborah. He served 28 years as vicar of Croxall and was married to Diana. They had a son, Charles, who died in 1816, aged eight months, but they went on to have Edward (1816), Sophia (1820) and Frances (1821). He died in Bath on the 5th March 1838, aged 53. Revd Holworthy’s mother was buried in Croxall in 1832, aged 87. His wife, Diana, died on Good Friday 1861, aged 77. There is an inscription for their son, Edward, who was a Major in the 14th Regiment, lost at sea on 13th January 1864, aged 48.

James Gisborne (1832 – 1872)

Revd Gisborne served ten years as curate and 30 years as rector of Croxall. The Croxall school logbook records his regular visits up until his death. On the church building, *White’s Directory of Derbyshire 1857* records: “... thoroughly restored and beautified, a handsome stained glass window put up at the east end of the chancel and a new south porch was also added about six years ago at the expense of the vicar”.

His death was recorded in the log book. *“8th February 1873 – a holiday is given to attend the funeral of Revd James Gisborne (former vicar of Croxall) with the Mistress and pupil teacher.”* He was aged 80 and was officiating up until two years before his death.

James Burdekin (1866 – 1876)

Revd Burdekin was curate and secretary and general manager of the Croxall school and the school logbook records that he visited every week to give scripture lessons and was involved in many aspects of the school’s activities.

Bishop Thomas Nettleship Staley DD (1872 – 1898)

Bishop Staley was Bishop of Honolulu from 1861 until 1872, after which he came to Croxall. His own son, Francis, was buried at Croxall on the 6th May 1879, aged 18. He became secretary and general manager of the Croxall School after Revd Burdekin had left. One entry in the school logbook says: *“27th February 1874 – Bishop Staley promised to examine the school once a fortnight in secular subjects.”* It records the death of Bishop Staley. *“4th November 1898 There was a holiday due to the death of Bishop Staley.”* His descendants from Canada visited the parish until relatively recently.

William Thomas Norton (1899 – 1918)

Revd Norton again became very involved with the Croxall school and his death was recorded in the school logbook. *“18th February 1918 Holiday in the afternoon on account of the funeral of Revd W Norton, vicar of Croxall.”*

Thomas Robert Pelham-Thornman (1918 – 1937)

Revd Pelham-Thornman was the son of Revd Thomas Pelham-Thornman, who was vicar of Harlaston from 1904 to 1928. His brother, Frederick, was also a clergyman. Their father went on missions for two years at a time and his son, Frederick, would cover his post for him. At times, there would be father and son working at Harlaston and Edingale and at others, there would be the two brothers. Thomas junior had worked as a vicar in Western Australia – at Kookynie and Kanowna - before coming to Edingale. His wife was Australian and they had six sons.

He continued his connections with Australia as he took six months leave of absence in October 1933 to visit that country. He left Edingale in May 1936 and returned with his family to Western Australia to work in Katanning.