**RECTORS OF ST MARY THE VIRGIN, GREAT BRADLEY, SUFFOLK**

The list of Rectors, the dates they served and the Patrons are listed for over 700 years, from 1311.

The information is contained on two framed scrolls at the back of the nave, either side of the Organ.

The names are shown below, complete with the variations in spelling that appear on the original scrolls

More details on the rectors from 1541 to 1835 can be found at Clergy of the Church of England Database. Click here

The names of the Rectors is followed by their patron where relevant

2 May 1311, Robert Buteturt, Presented by the Sequestrator on the resignation of Ludswick the last rector

13 November, 1316, Magister Roger Buteturt, John Buteturt, Knt.3

7 April, 1318, Johannes De Norton, John Buteturt, Knt.

9 February 1332, Johannes De Paynton, Lady Joan De Botetourt

10 January, 1344, Ricardus Le Morter (or le Mercer) De Berningham, John De Butetourt Knt. Lord of Woleye

23 October 1350, Thomas Gerond De Stratford. On Mercer's resignation, an exchange with Everdon, Lincoln Diocese

29 October 1361, Ricardus De Gretyngdon,

1 September 1391, Johannes Hercos

4 October 1400, Johannes Pacewode, John De Hyde

10 September 1404, Tomas Philip on Pacewode's resignation, Augustin Burnell, Knt. Lord of Holyot and Woely

25 February 1422, Thomas Rydell, presbyter on Philip's resignation an exchange with Paston, Lincoln Diocese, John Beauchamp, Lord of Bergavnny

10 March 1437, Dominus Johannes Laceby, presbyter on Thetford's resignation, an exchange with Coxton, Ely Diocese, Bartholemew Brokesby Esq, Lord of Bradley

29 January 1459, Thomas Gardener, presbyter, John Brokesby Esq

5 September 1494, Dominus Johannes Baldwin, Collated by the Bishop

15 March 1494, Williemus Villers, presbyter

13 December 1498, Ricardus Brokisby, clericus on Viller's death, Bartholemew Brokisby Esq.

13 July 1513, Dominus Johannes Bancrofte, capellanus

26 October 1515, Thomas Lobley. On Bancrofte's death, Bartholemew Brokisby Esq. of Bradley Magna

24 September 1541, Thomas Asheton S.T.B.4, on Lobley's death, Simon Heynes S.T.P 4. and Thomas Hadweye, by grant from Bartho Brokisby Esq.

October 1558, Robertus Williamson presbyter on Asheton's death, Bartholemew Brokisby Esq.

22 June 1576, Oliverus Phillippes. M.A.5 on the death of the last Rector, Robert Peyton of Iselham, Cambridge Esq.

1 October 1623, Bartholomew Adrian.M.A. Lady Alice Peyton, widow

We were pleased to receive this information in 2011 from Alan Boswell: Your list of rectors in the nave of St Mary's includes my 6-great grandfather Bartholomew Adrian MA. His patron is shown as the Lady Alice Peyton. In 1623 Lady Alice was the widow of Sir John Peyton Bt., MP for Cambridgeshire. But there is a family connection through Bartholomew's wife, also called Alice, the daughter of John and Jane Welby. Lady Alice Peyton and Jane Welby were sisters, daughters of Sir Edward Osborne, Lord Mayor of London 1575-76 and his wife Ann. Bartholomew Adrian and Alice Welby were married in 1623, the same year as his appointment at St Mary's. So Lady Alice Peyton appointed her young niece's husband Bartholomew Adrian as Rector of Great Bradley. Bartholomew and Alice had a son, Richard, 1630-1715, who became Vicar of Naseby.

8 September 1674, Robert Billingsley M.A, on resignation of last rector, Penelope Dynham, widow

14 May 1675, Thomas Cox's M.A. ON Billingsley's death, William Soame Esq.

22 December 1679, William Cyffard M.A. on Cox's death, Cervas Elwes Bart. Bartholemew Soames Esq.

11 March 1679, William Cyffard M.A., apparently a second institution, The King, by lapse

22 July 1690, Ichabod (sic) Tipping, clerk on Gyffard's deprived, Bartholemew Soames Esq.

14 April 1692, John Cooper, clerk on cession of last Rector, Bartholemew Soames of Thurlow Parva Esq.

24 March 1728, William Nash M.A. on Cooper's death, Stamp Brooksbank Esq.

14 August 1783, Spencer Madan M.A. on Nash's death, John Harrison of Norton Place,c.o.Lincoln, pursuant to the will of Thos. Brand Esq. late of Hoo.c.o Herts

9 May 1785, Spencer Madan M.A. on his own resignation, Robert Archbishop of Dublin Thos.Brand Hollis of Braton St. Berkeley Sq. Middx. As trustees on the nomination of Thos.Brand Esq.

8 June 1786, Thomas Wythe M.A. on S Madan's resignation united with Eye Suffolk same day

17 November 1835, William Samuel Parr Wilder

6 May 1864, S.Botry Pigott, Exors. Of the Rev W.S.P.Wilder

March 1869, J.T.Wilder M.A. on Pigott's resignation

September 1870, McM.Charles.G.Wilder.LLB on JT Wilder's resignation

January 1881, J.T.Wilder M.A. on death of last Rector

August 1892, W.B.C.Wilder M.A. on the death of the last Rector, Trustees of the late Rev J.McM.Wilder

1932-1942, P.H.E.Wilder B.A. on the death of the last Rector, Lieut.Col.B.L.Wilder Lieut.Col.J.McM.Wilder

1942 – 1952, ES Barrington Barnes, Lt Col BL Wilder & Lt Col JC McM Wilder

1952 – 1961, L E West ALCD, on resignation of last rector, Diocesan Board of Patrons

1961 – 1962, Interregnum

1962 – 1965, Rev Ian Charnock, on his departure, Great Bradley Rectory sold

1965 – 1974, Rev Alfred Johnson

1974 – 1978, Rev Derek Hill, Priest in Charge

1978 – 1982, Rev Dr Lesllie Francis

1982 – 1983 Interregnum

1983 – 1987 Rev Alan Beardsmore

1987 – 1990 Rev John Wardle

1990 – 1995 Rev Edmund Betts, Haverhill Team Vicar

1995 – 1997 Rev John Williams

Great Bradley became part of The Stourhead Benfice

1997 – 1998 Interregnum

1998 – 2010, Rev John Eley

2011 – 2018, Rev Derek Hollis

2018 -2020 Interregnum

27 January 2020 Revd Christopher John Giles