

**Historical records on the
Alvingham and North Cockerington churches**

Extract taken from appendix 2 of
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APPENDIX 2.

The following list has been taken from the information displayed in St. Adelwold's Church, and updated with information provided by the Church Wardens.

The Church of St. Athelwold

Hamelin, rector of Alvingham	c1155
German, chaplain of Alvingham	c1160
Richard, chaplain of Alvingham	c1195

The Vicarage of the Church of St. Athelwold, Alvingham, and the Church of St. Mary, North Cockerington.

The Churches of Alvingham and North Cockerington were appropriated to the Nuns of the newly founded Gilbertine Priory of Alvingham about 1155. These two Churches stood in one churchyard within the boundaries of the Priory, and were at first served by a Priest and a Canon of the Priory. About 1215, Hugh of Wells, Bishop of Lincoln, ordained a perpetual Vicarage in the two Churches so that one Vicar should serve the cure of souls in the two Parishes. The value of the Vicarage was then six marks a year. The Prior and Convent Of Alvingham were Patrons of the Benefice.

Vicars

Adam of Keddington	c1215
William of Grainthorpe	1261 - 1265
William of Neuby	1265 -
William of Richmond	- 1267
Alan of Dalton	1267 - 1272
Thomas of Grainthorpe	1272 - 1298
Simon of Anderby	1298 - 1333
Robert le Fissher of Cawthorpe	1333 - 1349
William of Barnby	- 1349
William of Tydd	1385 -
John Goddard	- 1432
John Clerk of Thoresby	1432 - 1434
John Burton of Harpswell	1434 -
Richard Fowler	- 1446
Brother Richard Grosse	1446 -
John Curkgarth	- 1448
John Clerke	1448 - 1449
Nicolas Cawthorpe	1449 - 1455
Thomas Golesby	1455 - 1456
John Wrenne	1456 -

After this time the Benefice of Alvingham and North Cockerington was described as the Perpetual Curacy of Alvingham and North Cockerington.

Perpetual Curates, and Curates.

So far as they are known with the dates as they occur.

John Bolton	1555
John Pryche	1562
Edward Webster	1563
John Harte	1573
William Rowthe	1576
Robert Briane	1579
Thomas Mumby	1581 - 1583
Thomas Reade	1585
Thomas Brookes	1588 - 1596
Thomas Barrett	1597 - 1610
John Brigge	1617 - 1618
Mathew Wympray	1619
John Shepsea M.A.	1619
William Bennett	1620 - 1621
Danial Greycroft	1622
William Featherstone	1622 - 1641
John Huddleston	1646 - 1648
Ambrose Dawson	1655
James West	1668 - 1669
James Brooke	1672
John Jaffray	1673 - 1679
George Tupholme	1680 - 1681
Ralph Townrow	1681 - 1685
Thomas Raven	1690 - 1692
Henry Marshall	1692 - 1699
Henry Bransby	1700 - 1721
Thomas Wilkinson	1723 - 1741
Joseph L'Oste	1742 - 1779
W. Stopford	1779 - 1785
Myles Myers	1786 - 1790
William Myers	1790 - 1801
D. Benson	1801 - 1812

Perpetual Curates.

Patron and Benefice - The Bishop of Lincoln.

Samual Partridge M.A.	1782 - 1797
Thomas Brand M.A.	1797 - 1814
Richard Townsend Andrews	1814 - 1820
John Emerrs B.D.	1820 - 1831
Morgan Richards Davys	1831 - 1846
Henry Howard, B.A.	1846 - 1857
Arthur Scrivenor, M.A.	1857 - 1872
William Linington Childs, B.A.	1872 - 1879
Benjaamin Curtes	1879 - 1915
Joseph Arthur Buneh	1915 - 1924
Arthur Buckner Peirce	1924 - 1930
James Douglas Smart	1930 - 1931

The United Benefice of the Perpetual Curacy of Alvingham and North Cockerington, and the Vicaracy of South Cockerington. United by Order of Council 19th May 1931.

Incumbents

James Douglas Smart	1931 - 1953
Rev. Basil Forde	1954 - 1955
Rev. George Stanley Hoar	1956 - 1960
Rev. James D. Alexander	1961 - 1965
Rev. Alfred E. Unwin	1966 - 1968
Rev. Edwin Esling	1970 - 1973
Rev. Keith Leonard Yates	1976 - 1980
Rev. Ross Buckman	1981 - 1989
Rev. Peter Faulkner	1989 - 1998
Rev. Brian Dixon	1998 -



The redundant churches plaque beside the entrance to St. Mary's Church. (Photo: the author, 1999)



The remains of a small Saxon window on the north wall of St. Mary's Church. (Photo: the author, 2000).



The gargoyle on the east face of St. Adelwold's church tower. (Photo: The author, August 2000).



Markings on a quoin on the east wall of St. Adelwold's church porch. Could this be a masons marks, or is it just a piece of ancient graffiti? (Photo: the author, November 2000).