

RECTORS AND CURATES OF STOKE ST MARY

- 1531 – **Nicholas Bassely**
- 1532 **Sir William Salmon**
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- 1534 **John Stotte**
- Jones, John** (1579 - 1583)
Appointment
Stipendiary Curate : [Taunton St Mary Magdalene, Thurlbear chapel](#)
(08/01/1579 - 05/01/1583)
- Jones, Meric** (1579 - 1583)
Appointment
Stipendiary Curate : [Cheddon Fitzpaine](#) (08/01/1579 - 08/01/1579)
Curate : [Taunton St Mary Magdalene, Thurlbear chapel](#) (28/05/1583)
- 1602 **Charles Holwey**
- 1603 **Gifford, William** (1603 - 1606)
Appointment
Curate : [Taunton St Mary Magdalene, Thurlbear chapel](#) (29/08/1603)
Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (29/08/1603)
- 1606 **William Jennings**
Jennings, William (1604 - 1606)
Appointment
Curate : [Taunton St Mary Magdalene, Thurlbear chapel](#) (12/09/1604 -
26/07/1606)
- 1607 **Thomas Pickering**
Pickering, Thomas (1605 - 1606)
Appointment
Curate : [Wellington, West Buckland chapelry](#) (03/04/1605
- 1609 **Wilmott, Richard** (1609 - 1620)
Ordination
priest : 11/06/1609 (Cotton, William/Exeter 1598-1621)
Appointment
Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (25/09/1617 - 26/07/1620)
Curate : [Corfe](#) (02/11/1620 - 26/07/1620)
- 1622 **George Blanchflower**

- 1623 **Osmund Hart**
Hart, Osmund [1602 -] of Somerset, pleb.
Education
Exeter College, Oxford BA 1620
- 1627 **William Cutler** at least until 1641
Cutler, William of Somerset, pleb.[1603 -]
Education
Magdalen College, Oxford
BA 1622
- 1663 **John Palmer** at least until 1679
Palmer, John (1662 - 1669)
Education
BA
Appointment
Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (03/09/1662 - 00/00/1669)
- 1687 **John Kent** at 1689
- 1698 **William Chettle**, A.M.
Chettle, William (1690 - 1723)
Education
BA : Oxford / Magdalen
MA : Oxford / Magdalen
Ordination
deacon : 25/06/1690 (Hough, John/Oxford 1690-1699)
priest : 20/12/1691 (Hough, John/Oxford 1690-1699)
Appointment
Rector : [Orchard Portman](#) (18/02/1695 - 23/01/1723)
Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (05/09/1695 - 00/00/1698)
Preacher : [Stoke St Mary](#) (05/09/1695)
Rector : [Staple Fitzpaine with Bickenhall](#) (11/08/1704 -
24/01/1723)
Preacher : [Staple Fitzpaine with Bickenhall](#) (11/08/1704)
Prebendary : [Wells Cathedral, Prebend of Combe IX](#) (11/08/1716
- 18/06/1723)
- 1705-17 **Edmund Archer**, DD, STP
Archdeacon of Taunton, later of Wells
Archer, Edmund (1695 - 1740)
Education
BA : Oxford / St. John's
MA, BD, DD
Ordination
deacon : 22/09/1695 (Hough, John/Oxford 1690-1699)
Appointment

Perpetual Vicar : [Creech St Michael](#) (11/05/1704 - 11/05/1704)
Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (11/08/1704)
Rector : [Aisholt](#) (23/04/1706 - 09/06/1707)
Prebendary : [Wells Cathedral, Prebend of Milverton I](#) (25/07/1712 - 05/08/1716)
Archdeacon : [Archdeacon of Taunton](#) (25/07/1712 - 08/12/1726)
Prebendary : [Wells Cathedral, Prebend of Combe IX](#) (04/09/1713 - 04/09/1713)
Vicar : [North Petherton](#) (30/06/1715 - 18/02/1740)
Canon : [Wells Cathedral, Canon residentiary](#) (16/05/1716 - 03/01/1727)
Archdeacon : [Archdeacon of Wells](#) (07/12/1726 - 26/11/1739)

1720-23 **Robert Bryant**

Bryant, Robert (1720 - 1758)

Education

BA

Appointment

Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (02/08/1720)

Rector : [Puckington](#) (19/04/1723 - 22/09/1758)

Death

Death (22/09/1758)

1723 **John Brice**, Rector? At 1747

1750-54 **Thomas Haydon**, Rector

Haydon, Thomas (1749 - 1751)

Education

MA

Appointment

Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (13/12/1749)

1755 **Fitch, Henry** (1730 - 1768)

Education

BA

MA

LLB

Appointment

Rector : [Lydeard St Lawrence](#) (02/12/1730 - 25/05/1768)

Prebendary : [Wells Cathedral, Prebend of Wedmore II](#) (13/06/1739 - 26/08/1768)

Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (13/02/1755)

Rector : [Thurloxtton](#) (11/08/1756 - 24/05/1768)

Death

Death (24/05/1768)

1754-57 **Chettle Farnham**

Farnham, Chettle, [1725 -] s. Thomas, of Staple Fitzpayne, cler

Education
Queens College, Oxford
BA 1746, MA 1749

1758 **Robert Addams Hikes**
Hikes, Robert Adams, [1735 -] s. John of Bath, Somerset
Education
St Johns College Oxford, BA 1756
St Johns College Oxford MA 1763

1758-59 **Abraham Gapper**
Gapper, Abraham (1747 - 1787) s. of Henry of Pitminster
Education
BA : Oxford / Oriel College 1744
MA : Oxford / Oriel College 1746
Ordination
deacon : 19/07/1747 (Willes, Edward/Bath & Wells 1743-1773)
priest : 21/05/1749 (Willes, Edward/Bath & Wells 1743-1773)
Appointment
Curate : [Buckland St Mary](#) (22/05/1749)
Rector : [Orchard Portman](#) (19/08/1756 - 05/09/1758)
Rector : [Puckington](#) (22/09/1758 - 21/12/1787)
domestic chaplain : [Arundell, John, 4th baron Arundell of
Tresice \(1701-1768\)](#) (31/07/1764)
Vicar : [Pitminster](#) (18/08/1764 - 30/03/1787)
Death
Death (30/03/1787)

1759-63 **George Townsend**
Townsend, George (1758 - 1760)
Education
BA : Oxford / Oriel College
Ordination
deacon : 24/09/1758 (Willes, Edward/Bath & Wells 1743-1773)
priest : 01/06/1760 (Willes, Edward/Bath & Wells 1743-1773)
Appointment
Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (25/09/1758)

1763=68 **Chettle Farnham** again

- 1768-1833 **Charles Russell**, absentee Rector
 Russell, Charles (1764 - 1833)
 Education
 BA : Oxford / New College
 Ordination
 deacon : 17/06/1764 (Hume, John/Oxford 1758-1766)
 priest : 22/06/1766 (Hume, John/Oxford 1758-1766)
 Appointment
 Rector : [Thurloxton](#) (24/05/1768 - 26/02/1833)
 Rector : [Lydeard St Lawrence](#) (25/05/1768 - 21/03/1833)
 Perpetual Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (23/09/1768)
 Death
 Death (26/02/1833)
- 1769-72 **Thomas Wyndham Goodwyn**
 Goodwin, Windham (1714 - 1744) s. John of Ilton, Somerset, pleb
 Education
 Wadham College, matric, 1732
 Ordination Events
 deacon : **17/06/1739** (Wynne, John/Bath & Wells 1727-1743)
 priest : **22/03/1740** (Wynne, John/Bath & Wells 1727-1743)
 Appointment
 Vicar : [Ilton](#) (01/05/1740 - 02/07/1744)
 Death
 Death (02/07/1744)
- 1773-86 **John Newcomen**
 Newcomen, John (1735 - 1791)
 Education
 BA : Oxford / Pembroke College
 Ordination
 deacon : 01/06/1735 (Wynne, John/Bath & Wells 1727-1743)
 priest : 06/03/1737 (Wynne, John/Bath & Wells 1727-1743)
 Appointment
 Rector : [Easthams](#) (07/03/1737 - 02/08/1791)
 Rector : [Thorn Falcon](#) (10/03/1740 - 22/02/1791)
 domestic chaplain : [Rolle, Henry, 1st Baron Rolle \(1708-1750\)](#)
 (20/03/1748)
 Death
 Death (22/02/1791)
- 1786-99 **William Prowse**
- 1800-33 **John Cabbell** – Grandson of William Burrige of Stoke Court
 Cabbell, John (1794 - 1826)
 Education
 LLS : Oxford / Exeter College
 Ordination

deacon : 20/09/1794 (Moss, Charles/Bath & Wells 1774-1802)

priest : 19/09/1795 (Moss, Charles/Bath & Wells 1774-1802)

Appointment

Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (19/12/1803)

Perpetual Curate : [Cudworth](#) (25/07/1808)

Stipendiary Curate : [Taunton St Mary Magdalene, Thurlbear chapel](#)

(25/07/1826)

Stipendiary Curate : [Stoke St Mary](#) (25/07/1826)

1833-59 **Henry Vyvyan Luke**, Rector

Luke , Henry Vyvyan

Education

BA : Cambridge / Jesus

Ordination

deacon : 24/12/1826 (Howley, William/London 1813-1828)

priest : 23/12/1827 (Howley, William/London 1813-1828)

Appointment

Stipendiary Curate : [Shenfield](#) (24/12/1826)

Rector : [Thurloxton](#) (26/02/1833)

1857-59 **William Shaw** [see separate note]

(1860-850) **Hon FB Portman**, Rector – resident at Staple Fitzpaine

1860-65 **William H Lance** [see separate note]

1885-1924 Henry F B Portman, Rector

1925-40 W W Singleton, Rector

1941-43 William A Tucker, Rector

1945 W Jenkins Davies, Rector

1945-46 H Brady Cameron, Rector

1947-50 John W Salter, Rector

1951-60 Robert S Jones, Rector

1961-66 Peter H Howell, Rector

1967-73 Arthur J Stevens, Rector

1973-79 David J Hunt, Rector

1980-86 Michael M Robinson, Priest in Charge

1986-89 Keith Ellwood, Rector

1989-96	Geoffrey Cooke, Rector
1997-2005	J. Keith L. Powell, Rector
2006-	Paul A. Reynolds

John Brice

College: ST JOHN'S

Entered: 1731

M.A. from ST JOHN'S, 1741. S. of John, of Asholt, Somerset, clerk. [Matric.](#)

More (from Exeter College, Oxford) Apr. 1, 1731, age 19; B.A. (St Mary Hall,

Information: Oxford) 1734. Probably R. of Greinton, Somerset, 1739-85. (*Scott-Mayor*, III. 521; *Al. Oxon.*)

Charles.

Russell

College: EMMANUEL

Entered: June 10, 1761

B.A. 1773, incorp. from Oxford; M.A. 1773. [Adm.](#) pens. at EMMANUEL,

June 10, 1773. [S. of the Rev. William, of Wimborne, Dorset. Bapt. Dec. 12,

More

Information: 1741. Scholar of Winchester, 1757. [Matric.](#) from New College, Oxford, June 10, 1761, age 19; B.A. (Oxford) 1765. R. of Thurloxton and Lydiard St

Lawrence, Somerset. (*Al. Oxon.*; *Winchester Scholars.*)

Henry Vyvyan.

Luke

College: JESUS

Died: 14 Apr 1859

[Adm.](#) pens. (age 19) at JESUS, July 6, 1821. [3rd] s. of Stephen (1810). B. at Falmouth, Cornwall. School, Cheam. [Matric](#) Michs. 1821; B.A. 1825. Ord.

deacon (London) Dec. 24, 1826; priest, Dec. 23, 1827. R. of Thurloxton,

Somerset, 1833-59. R. of Thurlbear, 1854-59. R. of Stoke St Mary, 1854-9.

More

Information: Married Caroline Elizabeth, dau. of Gilbert Harvey West, and had issue. Died Apr. 14, 1859. Brother of Francis V. (1812). (*Boase, Coll. Cornub.*, 516;

Clergy List.)