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## PREFACE.

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The earliest Register of the Parish of Boughton-under-Blean is a parchment volume, measuring  $18\frac{1}{2}$  inches by  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches and containing one hundred pages, fifty folios, of which forty-seven are covered with entries. The purchase of this book is recorded in the Churchwardens' Accounts for 1598 in the following terms: "Itc. for a Register book of parchment xiiis," and the accuracy of the transcripts of the entries up to that date is testified by the signatures of Wm. Place (Vicar of Boughton 17th March, 1589, to his death in 1637—buried April 7th) and Richard Rucke, one of the Churchwardens, and the mark of Thomas Hendman the other Churchwarden.

The Baptisms are recorded from 3rd April, 1558, to 20th June, 1624, with a hiatus from 9th January, 1572 to 23rd November, 1571; the Marriages from 14th June, 1558, to 15th May, 1626, with a hiatus from 28th December, 1570, to 9th June, 1572; and the Burials from 1st April, 1558, to 15th March, 1623, with a hiatus from 8th January, 1572, to 19th November, 1571.

The writing is for the most part legible, so that there are very few words which it has not been possible to decipher.

## RECTORS AND VICARS.

The principal Manor and Church of Boughton under the Blean ("Bocton subtus le Bleyn" as it is styled in the old Church Book dating from 1534) are among the most ancient possessions of the See of Canterbury, the Archbishop being mentioned in Domesday Book as holding the lands himself.

Before the year 1340 the Archbishop appointed the Rector of Boughton, and the Rector appointed a Vicar, as well as a Chaplain to the dependant Chapelry of Hernhill. But on 3 April 1340 the Rectorial Tithes and the Rectory House were exchanged by Archbishop Stratford with the Abbey of Faversham for other lands. At the Dissolution of Religious Houses in 1538 these Tithes, with the other revenues of Faversham Abbey, were seized by King Henry VIII, who by his dotation charter in 1541 settled them upon his newly-appointed Dean and Chapter Canterbury. In recent times these Tithes passed to the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, but have been re-transferred by them to the Dean and Chapter. As a part of Archbishop Stratford's transaction with Faversham Abbey, he retained for the Archiepiscopal See the patronage of the Vicarage of Boughton as well as the patronage of Hernhill, which was then constituted a Vicarage.

Date of Collation.	Rectors.	Vicars.
— June 1207.	Wulvinnus, "Clericus Comitum Flandriæ."	
31 Oct. 1228.	Ranulphus Brito (or le Breton) [Preb. of Cadington Major in St. Paul's Cath., 1228. Rector of Layham, Suffolk, 1228. Preb. ( <i>sic</i> ) of Charing, Kent, 1228. Rector of Bocton, Kent, 1228. Preb. of Sarum, —. Dean of Wimborne Minster, Dorset, elected 12 Oct. 1229. Died of an apoplexy, 1246. ("Novum Repertorium," by Hennessy, and Hutchins' "Hist. of Dorset.")	
8 Dec. 1270.	Egidius de Audenard. [Pat. 55 Henry III, m. 26.]	
—	Nicholas de Knovyle, presented William de Schoreham to Chapelry of Harenbulle 8 Id. Oct. 1283, and presented Rogerus <i>dictus</i> Dobbe to this Chapelry 13 Kal. Nov. 1285, and presented Johannes de Charleton to Vicarage of Bough-ton 13 Kal. Nov. 1285.	1285 Johannes de Charleton.
—	Gilbert de Sancto Leofardo. [Reg. Peckham, f. 37b.]	
5 Non. Jul. 1288.	William de Sardynia, juris civilis professor, per resig. G. de S.L. [Preb. of Welton Beckhall and Welton Brinkhall in Lincoln Cath. Preb. of Colwall in Hereford Cath. Preb. of Bitton in Salisbury Cath. Preb. of Timberbury in Romsey Abbey. Preb. of Ealdstreet in St. Paul's Cath., 1271—1303. Archdeacon of Oxford, 1297—	



<i>Date of Collation.</i>	<i>Rectors.</i>	<i>Vicars.</i>
	1299. Preb. of Islington in St. Paul's Cath., 1303. Vicar of Goodnestone, Kent, 29 July 1282. Rector of Gt. Chart, Kent, 1283. Rector of Chiddingstone, Kent, Nov. 1283. Canon of Wingham (Chilton), Feb. 1287. Rector of Boughton with Chapel of Hern Hill, July 1288. Official of the Arches Court. Died 5 Nov. 1303, at Sarden ( <i>sic</i> ), near Canterbury, where he was buried. When Archbishop Peckham, in Nov. 1282, went into Wales to try to arrange peace between Llewelyn and Edward I, William de Sardenia was one of those appointed to look after the rights of the Archbishop during his absence.	
31 Oct. 1311.	Henry de Derby. [Reg. Winchester, f. 50a].	
Non. Jan. 1313.	Thomas de Leycester, admitted on presentation of the King, <i>sede vacante</i> . Still in office in Nov. 1322.	7 Id. Mart. 1311 $\frac{1}{2}$ Thomas Edm. de Faversham [called Thomas Monde, Kent Fines, 8 Edward II.]
—	Jordan de Caunvyll, mentioned 6 Nov. 1325 [Close Roll, 19 Edward II, m. 24d] exchanged with Philip de Turvyll, 2 Jan. 1325 $\frac{1}{2}$ [Pat. 1 Edward III, pt. 3, m. 4].	
2 Jan. 1325 $\frac{1}{2}$ .	Philip de Turvyll. Richard Meopham? [Hasted].	

## VICARS.

- 4 Aug. 1349. John de Stony Stretford. [Pat. 23 Edward III, pt. 2, m. 16.]
- 11 Kal. Aug. 1353. Laurentius de Beklesfeld (or Bekenesfeld) apud Magdenestan [exchanged with Richard Andrewe, Vicar Capellae B.M. infra Castrum de Chilham].
- 8 Id. Aug. 1359. Richard Andrewe, per resig. L. de B. apud Otteford [exchanged with Robert Newman, Vicar of Folkestone].
- 6 Kal. Nov. 1360. Robert Newman, per resig. R.A. [exchanged with John Langwath, Rector of Streete, Cyc. (i.e., Chichester) Dioc].
- 17 Kal. Jan. 1363. John Langwath, per resig. R.N. [exchanged with John Langham, Rector of St. Mary Magdalen, Canterbury, 1382].
- 8 Nov. 1382. John Langham, per resig. J.L.
- 2 Oct. 1384. Richard Shene, by exchange with J.L.  
— John Bowyer [exchanged with John Whitman, Vicar of Sydyngborne, 1402].
- 22 June 1402. John Whitman, per resig. J.B. [exchanged with Lawrence Strengge, Rector of Otryndenn, (Otterden), 1410].
- 9 Feb. 1410. \* Lawrence Strengge, per resig. J.W.  
— Giles Cassell [Hasted].
- 1456. Peter Ellis [Hasted].  
— William Wayte.  
— Thomas Houghton [exchanged with Thomas Bateman, Rector of St. Margaret Pattens, London, 1479].
- 16 Sep. 1479. Thomas Bateman, per resig. T.H.  
— 1497. John Barber [Hasted].  
— John Benyngton.
- 10 Nov. 1501. John Belle, S.T.B., per mort. J.B.  
— 1506? Adam Browne [Hasted].  
— 1526? Edward Sponar, referred to in old Church Book as Vicar in 1536 [Rector of St. Swithin's, London, 1548-49. Died 1549. Nov. Rep.].
- 13 Jan. 1548. Edward Layton, S.T.P., per resig. E.S. [Qy. if Preb. of Westminster, 17 Dec. 1540 to 20 April 1547. Nov. Rep.]. 3rd stall.

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- 29 Nov. 1549. John Huntynghdon, per mort. E.L.  
 10 Oct. 1551. Roger Lynsey, per resig. J.H.  
 16 April 1554. Robert Thompson.  
 10 Nov. 1574. George Bassett, per resig. R.T. [Curate of  
 Whitstable. Rector of Swalecliffe in 1569].  
 20 Nov. 1576. Albert Bassett, per resig. G.B. [Curate of  
 Luddenham in 1569, Rector of Swaylecliffe,  
 1575-87. Rector of Luddenham, 1580-87].  
 17 May 1587. Thomas Taylor, per mort. A.B. [Deprived  
 for non-residence, 10 March 1589.]  
 17 March 1589. William Place.  
 1 June 1637. Samuel Smith, per mort. W.P. [Is referred  
 to as Vicar on 9 Feb. 1640-41, in list of  
 charges against him laid before the Committee  
 of Religion appointed by Parliament.]  
 — Richard Harding, appointed by Committee of  
 Parliament on sequestration of S.S.  
 24 July 1646. John Baker, per resign. R.H.  
 — 1650. Mr. Hercules Hill, minister ["Augmentation  
 of Church Lands"].  
 — 1655. Mr. Thomas Seyliard ["Augmentation of  
 Church Lands"]. [A Presbyterian, but  
 B.A. of Jesus Coll., Cambridge, ordained  
 Deacon by Bp. of Ely, 18 Dec. 1682.  
 Obtains letters of dismissal from Archbishop,  
 21 Dec. 1682, to be ordained Priest by  
 Bp. of Ely "the next solemn day of ordina-  
 tion," granted by fiat 21 Dec. 1682.]  
 9 Dec. 1657. John Dalton, Clerk, M.A., admitted upon  
 a presentment exhibited by William Ken-  
 wrick, Esq., the patron being at the same  
 time approved by the Commissioners for  
 approbation of public preachers. ["Aug-  
 mentation of Church Lands."]  
 — John Mackallar. (?)  
 11 Oct. 1660. Magister Philip Holland. [Son of Philip of  
 Macclesfield, Cheshire, sacerdotus. Brase-  
 nose Coll., matric. 9 Dec. 1631, æt, 18.  
 B.A., 13 Feb. 1633-34. Rector of Willey,  
 Warw., 1639, and perhaps Vicar of Boughton-