

VICARS OF WYMESWOLD

Based on a modern document hanging in the south aisle of St Mary's Wymeswold.

In AD 1186, during the reign of Henry II, the Abbot and Convent of Beauchief near Sheffield held the Rectory of Wymeswold by gift of Robert Fitz-Radulph, confirmed by the Bishop of Lincoln, St Hugh of Avalon and by Pope Urban III, with the obligation to appoint a Vicar.

Between 1186 and 1154 there were four Bishops of Lincoln:

Hugh of Avalon (1186–99)

William of Blois (1203–6)

Hugh Wells (1209–35)

Robert Grosseteste (1235–54)

Vicars appointed by the Bishop of Lincoln

<i>KING</i>	<i>YEAR</i>	<i>NAME OF VICAR</i>
		†: died in office R: resigned
John	?	John
Henry III	1220?	Nicholas (chaplain)
	?	Walter de Warwyk
Edward I	1287	Brother Henry of Rotherham (canon of Beauchief) †
	1302	Brother John of Keworth (canon of Beauchief) †
	1303	Brother Richard of Derleye (canon of Beauchief) R
Edward II /	1340	Brother John of Norton (canon of Beauchief)
Edward III	1342	Brother John of Notyngam (canon of Beauchief) †
	1349	Brother William of Mannsfield (priest) † [this was the year of the Black Death]
	1349	Alexander of Barlowe (priest) R
	1356	Brother Richard of Rempston canon of Beauchief; priest) †

	1369	Brother William of Wymundewold (priest) R
Richard II	1388	Brother Robert of Barnburgh (brother of Beauchief; priest) R
	1392	Brother William of Wymundewold (priest) R
Henry IV/	1415	Brother John of Sheffield (Canon Regular of Beauchief)
Henry V/	1437	Dominus John Stevyn (chaplain presented by the
Henry VI		Bishop) †
Edward IV/	1465	Brother Stephen Power (canon of Beauchief) †
Edward V/ Richard III		
Henry VII	1491	Brother John Norton (canon of Beauchief; priest) R
	1494	Brother Richard Holingberge (canon of Welbeck)
Henry VIII	?	Dominus John Holte †
	1525	Dominus Leonard North (canon) R

After the Dissolution of the monasteries during the reign of Henry VIII the rector and advowson for Wymeswold were bestowed by the King on 24th December 1546 on the Masters, Fellows and Scholars of Trinity College, Cambridge.

Vicars presented by Trinity College

Elizabeth I	1561	Rev Thomas Woodcocke
	1564	Rev William Thorpe
	1570	Rev William Gibson
	1575	Rev Peter Rathbone
James I	1619	Rev Nicholas Fisher
Charles I	1637	Rev George Chamberlain
	1638	Rev Richard Palmer
		[driven out in 1646 by the Rebellion]
<i>Commonwealth</i>	1648	Rev Robert Blunt
	1656	Rev Savell Bradshaw
	1657	Rev John Seymour
	1663	Rev Edward Hathaway; re-instituted 1663

Charles II	1681	Rev John Orme
James II/ William and Mary		
	1701	Rev Edward Moises; re- instituted 1713 on accepting Wysall vicarage
Anne/ Georgel/ George II/ George II		
	1728	Rev Thomas Green (also held Walton Rectory 1758–76)
	1776	Rev Abraham Jobson (non-resident) Rev Joseph Dawson (curate 1775–93)
	1802	Rev Richard Sheepshanks (non-resident) Rev Thomas Whiteman (curate 1793–1812)
George IV	1825	Rev William Clerk (non-resident) Rev Benjamin Maddock (curate 1813–26)
	1826	Rev George Peacock Rev William M. Farish (curate 1826–35)
William IV	1835	Rev William Alford [afterwards Dean of Canterbury]

In 1837 the Leicester Archdeanery was transferred from the Diocese of Lincoln to the Diocese of Peterborough.

Vicars instituted by the Bishop of Peterborough

Victoria	1853	Rev R.P. Mate
	1865	Rev Robert Walker Rev J.F. Bateman (curate 1856– ?)
	1883	Rev Robert Charles Green
Edward VII/ George V		
	1914	Rev Claud Henry Edmunds
	1923	Rev A.W. Smyth
	1925	Rev Le Gendre Claude Bouchier

Vicars instituted by the Bishop of Leicester

Edward VIII/ George VI

1938 Rev Patrick Roger-Harvey

1946 Rev Charles George Powell

Elizabeth II 1955 Rev Lawrence Jackson

1959 Rev Samuel Bertram Bennett

1965 Rev Christopher Maurice Hubbard

1973 Rev Joseph Oliver Smart

1976 Rev John Castle †

1976 Rev Douglas William Pharaoh

1980 Rev Kenneth William Farmer

1986 Rev Leslie Robinson

1997 Rev Geoffrey Stewart Hopewell (Priest-in-Charge)

2004 Rev John Whittaker (Priest-in-Charge)

assisted by Rev William Robson (2004–2007);

Rev Mary Samuel (2008–*circa* 2016)