

VICARS OF ST. MICHAEL'S, SOUTH BRENT

On the wall of the room at the base of the tower are photographs of fourteen of the more modern Rectors, starting with Joseph Ditcher (1841 – 1876) and ending with Frederick Costeloe (1975 – 1976). The only missing picture in the sequence is that of the Revd. Augustus Chisholme Scholfield (1923 – 1947), who refused to be photographed, due to the fact that as a child he had suffered from infantile paralysis, which had left him with disfigurements, including a withered arm. Today we would have admired his courage, for he was an active vicar, promoting the cause, amongst other things, of a village hall, which is still referred to as the Parish Hall, partly because the church has no hall of its own, but, to a larger degree, in memory of his advocacy. These photographs were in the Vestry before renovations took place in both of these rooms.

On the church fact sheet referenced earlier, it mentions a “*list of rectors from 1106 and vicars from 1436.*” Unfortunately, any trace of the list of rectors appears to be unavailable now, but the date given for the first rector may well indicate when the first church was completed here. 1106 is just forty years after the Norman invasion and that date fits well with the original architectural style of the south entrance. A list of vicars does still exist, on a pillar in the nave of the church. In most cases this list is identical to that edited by the Revd. Frederick W. Weaver in his “*Somerset Incumbents*” in 1889. That list was derived from the Hugo Manuscripts in the British Library (30, 279-80), but stops short in the eighteenth century.

Sometimes one list will present a name in English whilst the other utilises a Latin version. Frequently the spelling differs, either because the name may well have been spelt in varied ways by the vicar himself, but at other times it may be because of a transcription error. Both are given here as they currently appear. Sorting out the correct original names would be a major research project and has not been attempted. Some entries do appear in one list but not in the other. Presumably this is caused by an oversight, or by differing sources having only partial detail.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Weaver</u>	<u>Listing in nave</u>
1310	Elias de Coleshull	
1325	Will, De Lodelawe	
1332	Will. De Dudmartene	

1350	Nic, De Fladebury Edw. Myldenhall (presumably the date is unknown here)	
1436	Will. Stevenes Ludovicus ap Jean ap David	Gulien Stevens Ludovic Joly
1468	Rob. Vobs	Robtus Vole
1471	Ric. Holden	Ricard Holden
1472	Walter Gould Joh. Gubbe Joh. Bostock	Walter Gould Johannes Cubbe
1486	Joh. Anderton	Johannes Anderton
1507	Joh, Goodfellowe	Johannes Goodfellow
1514	Walter Paret	Walter Paret
1521	Joh. Gye	Johannes Gye
1529		Johannes Pennande
	Walt. Cretyng	Walter Creyling
1557	Geo. Ilkins	Georgius Ilkins
1574	Christiernus Petersen	Christopherus Peterson
1576	Tho. Presse Ric, Todd	
1611	Hen. Allen	Henricus Allen
1621	Sam. Wilmot Henr. Crisp (missing date, possibly 1662)	Samuel Wilmot
1663	Rob. Edwards	Robertus Edwardes
1668	Joh. Russell	Johannes Russel
1671	Benoni Hill	Benoni Hill
1699	Barbar Bevans	Barbar Bevans
1722	Allen Law	Allen Law
1753		Baptist Isaac
1757		William Huddleston
1766		Willaim Clements
1799		Charles Johnson
1841		Joseph Ditcher
1876		Augustus Otway Fitzgerald
1898		Edwin Arthur Salmon
1900		George Eden Frederick Peake
1901		Gilbert Edward Smith
1907		Peter Whitfield Brancker
1919		Richard Titley Gardner
1923		Augustus Chisholme Schofield
1947		Theophilus Wingfield Heale
1953		Colin Marr
1960		Paul Gliddon
1964		Harold Eric Roscoe Everett
1965		Stanley Milne Collier
1971		Benjamin Joseph Wesley Turnock
1975		Frederick John Costeloe
1982		Jeremy Stephen Wells
2000		Martin Paul Lee
2010		Simon Lewis
2019		Kevin J. Wright