

FENNY BENTLEY

BIOGRAPHIES

Ambulford, Simon

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1432 - 1443

Attlowe, Robert de

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1362 - 1374

Baggaley, Charles

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1925 - 1927

1908 Deacon of St. Philip's Dewsbury

1911 Moved to Barton on Humber

1915 Moved to Ratcliffe on Trent. Served as army chaplain in war

1919 - 1925 Newark

10 June 1925 Inducted as Rector of Fenny Bentley by Archdeacon Noakes.

Ballidon, Roger de

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1361 - 1362

Bamford, Nicholas

Rector of Fenny Bentley 12 Sept 1561 - Feb 1564

Deprived of the living Feb 1564

Barnes, Jeremiah M.A. Born 1808 Died 24 Feb 1883

Sometime Vicar of Tissington (1879 according to Kelly 1936 although this may be the date of the window to his wife); former Rural Dean of Leek

In 1834 Jeremiah Barnes, assistant curate at St. Edward's, Leek and master of the grammar school, started a monthly lecture at the school. It was so well attended that he began a lecture and service in the church every Sunday evening later the same year. A subscription was started in 1835 to meet the cost, including a stipend of £30 a year for the lecturer; in addition a special sermon was preached annually to raise funds. Barnes also started cottage lectures. The Sunday evening lecture continued at least until 1888. Attendances at the services on Census Sunday 1851 were 350 in the morning and 200 in the afternoon, besides Sunday school children, and 550 in the

Having been 'Rector designate' of Bentley, stood down in favour of Edward Hayton in 1877

Purchased Bank Top Farm in 1852 when the Irving and Jackson estate was broken up and converted the old farmhouse into Bentley Cottage (now The Bentley Brook Inn) as his 'occasional residence'. He had the present Bank Top Farm built.

He was a substantial benefactor to the Church and to the school.

He (or his wife and her sister) built the lych gate; in December 1881 for £200 he purchased the school house and garden from Miss FitzHerbert for use of a teacher; his wife, Harriet and her sister Maria van Tuyl paid for the Church spire to be built in 1861.

The north aisle of the Church was extended in his memory to form what subsequently became the Beresford Chapel.

The Church, the school and the Rector's stipend all benefitted substantially from Barnes family bequests.

From the dispersal sale after the death of Jeremiah Barnes John Bamford, an Ashbourne solicitor, purchased medieval stained glass from Bentley Church, thought to have originally come from Croxden Abbey . This glass was given to Ashbourne Church and is in the Boothby Chapel. Bamford also bought an Egyptian mummy but his wife would not have it in the house and it was taken back to Bentley and buried in the Churchyard.

Bennet, Abraham M.A. 1750 - 1799.

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1796 -1799

Abraham Bennet, though now largely forgotten, was in his day one of the foremost scientists in the country. He became Curate of Wirksworth at the age of 26 and remained so although he was also Rector of Fenny Bentley from 1796 to his death.

Bennet's interests lay in the emerging field of electricity and he was the inventor of the 'gold leaf electroscope'. Bennet's was a significant improvement on earlier instruments for measuring static electricity and many people will remember using one at school in the physics laboratory. He was elected a Fellow of the Royal Society in 1789 and among those who signed his certificate for election were Josiah Wedgwood, Erasmus Darwin, Matthew Boulton, Henry Cavendish, James Watt and Joseph Priestley.

He died at the age of 49 his potential as a world figure in the new science of electricity cut short. Bennet contributed four papers to the Royal Society and the first three were published together as a book entitled *New Experiments on Electricity*. Among the many subscribers to the publication were Matthew Boulton, Henry Cavendish, Samuel Crompton, Mrs. Darwin (probably the wife of Erasmus Darwin), Joseph Priestley, William Wilberforce, James Watt and, perhaps most notably of all, Professor Volta. Local subscribers included Sir Richard Arkwright, Sir Brooke Boothby, Sir William and Lady FitzHerbert, Thomas Gell and Mrs. Temperance Gell, Francis Hurt and Jedediah Strutt.

Bennet's book can be seen in the Local Studies Department of Derby Library.

He was Master of Wirksworth Grammar School.

The memorial to Abraham Bennet hanging in Wirksworth Church reads as follows:-

To the memory of the Rev. Abraham Bennet, FRS, who was XXIII years Curate of Wirksworth, Rector of Fenny Bentley; domestic Chaplain to His Grace The Duke of Devonshire, perpetual Curate of Woburn and Librarian to His Grace the Duke of Bedford. He was author of a work entitled 'New Experiments on Electricity' which established his reputation for science amongst the philosophers of all countries; he died at Wirksworth on VI day of May MDCCXCIX aged XLIX years

His portrait hangs in the vestry of Wirksworth Church.

As regards Fenny Bentley, Bennet will have received the living by the influence of one of his enlightened and wealthy patrons. It is doubtful if he ever lived in the village and to date no evidence has come to light that he personally carried out any pastoral duties. Examination of the parish registers shows that all baptisms, marriages and burials during Bennet's term were carried out by the curate, Fairfax Norcliffe.

Bennet's daughter, Elizabeth, married Francis Holliwell who, together with his brother William, set up on their own as clockmakers following their father's bankruptcy in 1806. William Holliwell senior had learned his craft from the clockmaker Whitehurst of Derby, himself a Fellow of the Royal Society.

Benson, W.M.



Curate under E.J. Hayton during 1888 (Hayton died on 31 Oct 1888) Described in the Church Registers in 1888 as 'Curate in Charge', presumably during the incapacity and after the death of the Rector. A home communion set was presented to him when he left the parish.. His great great granddaughter, Judy Wiesinger of Rickmansworth returned it to the Church in 2009. He moved from Derbyshire and became vicar of Deeping St. Nicholas, near Spalding, where he died in 1925.

Bentley, John de

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1375 - 1381

Betts, Anthony P. Born 1926

Vicar of Fenny Bentley, Kniveton, Tissington and Thorpe; Rural Dean of Ashbourne 1983 - 1992

Childhood spent in Woodford Green, Essex; educated at Bancroft's School.

1944 - 1948 Served with Royal Air Force as a Radar Fitter - Two years spent in North India.

1948 - 1952 London College of Divinity (now St. John's, Nottingham) under Dr. F.D. Coggan, later Archbishop of Canterbury.

1952 Awarded degree of Bachelor of Divinity

1952 - 1956 Curate of St. Saviour's, Guildford

1956 - 1959 Curate of St. George's, Hanworth, Middlesex

1959 - 1974 Vicar of St. Augustine's, Derby and Rural Dean of Derby

1974 - 1983 Vicar of All Saints, Bracebridge, Lincoln with responsibility for the development of a new Ecumenical Centre situated on a new housing estate

1991 Retired to Windley and is Bishop's Clergy Widows Officer

His first wife, Olive, died in 1989; in 1990 he was married to Enid Avis, a Bentley Churchwarden.

Beresford, James Died 1530

Son (generally considered to be the youngest) of Thomas Beresford of Fenny Bentley.

Vicar of Wirksworth in 1504, later Canon and Prebendary of Lichfield

He used the wealth obtained from a timber deal to found and perpetually endow the Chantry in Bentley Church together with a bede house (1512) and to enrich the Close at Lichfield with beautiful buildings.

He is best known for founding two Fellowships at St. John's College, Cambridge in 1521

Beresford, Thomas Born 1380 - 1400; died 1473

Married Agnes Hassall of Arclyd, Cheshire, who died in 1467. They had 16 sons and 5 daughters.

Thomas fought at Agincourt in 1415 and is reputed to have raised a troop of horse at Chesterfield from his sons and their retainers in the Lancastrian cause during the Wars of the Roses.

He was the first Beresford to settle in Fenny Bentley

Bolton, Richard Knott

Born 1 May 1831 in Ireland Died 13 April 1909

University Trinity College Dublin BA 1853 MA 1860

Ordained Deacon 1854, Priest 1855 at Lichfield.

1854 first curacy Brierley Hill

1856 Curacy of Ridgeway

1857 Rector of Newbold, Chesterfield

1889 Rector of Fenny Bentley

He was married to Josephine Ruth Susanna, born 12 August 1831 in Newcastle, Northumberland, died 11 June 1931.

They had two daughters: Mrs Barnes of Borris, Ireland and Mrs Morris, wife of the Vicar of Ashbourne.

His obituary in the Ashbourne News (16 April 1909) states that he was an accomplished Greek and Latin scholar, a poet (he had published privately two volumes of poetry) and practised Christianity of a very robust and definite type.

He was extremely active in the parish; among other things he held woodwork classes in the schoolroom (the School Log records the Master's complaints that the room was not adequately cleaned and tidied afterwards) and some of the work done can be seen in the Church.

He maintained a book in which he noted many things of interest in the parish and this is now kept at the County Record Office.

To mark his 50 years in the priesthood he, together with others, presented the Church with a Turkish carpet for the Chancel . (It was stolen in 1998 but subsequently recovered)

Bott, William ? - November 1701

Inducted as Rector of Fenny Bentley 10 April 1642

Served in the Royalist Army in the Civil War.

In 1650 Bott was deprived of his living and replaced by James Hollinshead, a puritan. Bott moved his family to Tissington where, under the protection of the Royalist FitzHerberts, he became curate. In 1660 Hollinshead was in turn dispossessed and Bott returned to Bentley. He had taken a vow that if he were to be restored he would repair and adorn the chancel and this work, together with the rebuilding of the rectory, which he found in a ruinous state was immediately put in hand.

Bott was presumably from a wealthy background. His first wife, Elizabeth, came from the Buxton family of Bradbourne. His second wife, also Elizabeth, was the daughter of Bartholomew Griffin, a previous rector. She was buried 4/4/1703.

His official entries in the parish register are supplemented by informative notes.

Bowness, John 1771 - 10 December 1823

Bowness was born in Milnthorpe, Westmoreland. He was sometime 'Perpetual Curate of Brassington'. He conducted many services in Bentley up to 12 months before his death age 52. He is buried in Bentley and the Register lists him as a resident.

Bride (or Wodehouse), Roger

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1446 - 1503

Brown, Jervase

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1821 - 1842. Listed as non resident in the 'Church in Derbyshire 1823' Vicar of Ilkeston 1802 -1842; vicar of Ashby Folville, Leics. 1823 - 1842; perpetual curate of Awsworth, Notts. 1812 - 1842. Brown escaped the canons regarding plurality as Awsworth was a perpetual curacy, which did not come under the plurality rules until 1838, while of the other three benefices only Ashby Folville was rated over £8 per annum in the *Liber Regis*. Brown would have required dispensation had more than one of his benefices been over £8 p.a.

In spite of being listed as non resident Brown the Parish Registers show that he was assiduous in his duties at Bentley and it is probable that his non-residency was at the beginning of his incumbancy while the Rectory was made habitable. (The Rectory in 1823 was said to be 'an indifferent house: like a tolerable farm house, said to consist of a parlour, kitchen and three bedchambers')

His wife Alice died age 52 in Ilkeston in 1822. She was buried in Bentley on 6 August

Brown, Victor

Vicar of Fenny Bentley 1992 - 1996

Born 1931; former telecommunications engineer; trained for the ministry on the Southwark Ordination Course and was ordained priest in 1972.

After curacies in the Exeter and Salisbury dioceses he became Rector of St. Hilda's, Old Trafford and Chaplain of Stretford Memorial Hospital. In 1883 he moved to Chelmsford as Rector of Chigwell Row, was Chaplain to and on the management committee of the local Cheshire Home.

On the retirement of Jack Cooper, the Vicar of Parwich the parishes were reorganised and he became Vicar of Fenny Bentley, Kniveton, Thorpe and Tissington. He moved from Fenny Bentley to Parwich Vicarage and the Vicarage at Fenny Bentley was sold.

He retired on 10 June 1996 and he and his wife Joan went to live in Dorset.

Buckley, Rev. Derek H. Born 1917; Died 21 Oct 1999

Instituted at Fenny Bentley 11 Dec 1959; Rector of Thorpe, Tissington and Fenny Bentley until late 1966 when he left to take charge of the united benefices of Boylestone and Scropton. Prior to Fenny Bentley he had been Assistant Curate at Bakewell for two years.

Born in Chaddesdon, an Old Bemrosian and hereditary freeman of Derby, he left school in 1934 and trained with British Celanese as an electrician. From 1938 to 1952 (except for four years war service with the R.A.F. during which he was engaged in code breaking at Bletchley Park) he was on the sales staff of the British Electrical Engineering Co. Ltd., Loughborough.

A server at Derby Cathedral for some years, he decided in 1952 to seek ordination and trained at Bishops' College, Chesham. He was ordained deacon in 1954 and priest a year later.

He was appointed to Bakewell in September 1957 after two years at the parish of St. James, Chapelthorpe, Wakefield.

He was a canon of the Cathedral, gave many years of service to the Scouts, he wrote guide books for a number of churches (including Bentley), led courses on local churches and carried out a great deal of voluntary work in the area. He was unmarried and, until his death from Parkinson's disease lived in the curate's house to St. Oswald's, Ashbourne.

Byng, John

Later Viscount Torrington. Nephew of Admiral Byng who was shot for cowardice on the deck of a ship at Portsmouth.

Byng was a traveller who kept a diary of his journeys. On June 10th 1790 he paused in Bentley Churchyard and made a sketch.

The original is in Manchester Central Library Ref. MS Q 942.5 TI

Bynney, Stephen Died 1561

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1530 - 1561

During Bynney's period the patron of the benefice, by leave of the Dean of Lincoln was Henry Bynney, husbandman. The *Valor Ecclesiasticus* 27 Hy VIII (1535) valued the benefice at £6-12-10

Chambers, Walter 17 Dec 1824 - 21 Dec 1881

Chambers was born at Mansfield, ordained by the Bishop of Lichfield in 1849 and became Curate to Rev. Garton Howard at Fenny Bentley. (Walter Chambers was licensed to Bentley and Kniveton

in May? 1850. *Derby Mercury* 5 June 1850)

In 1850 he went to Borneo to assist Bishop McDougal in the newly established Mission. He was the first missionary to the Dyaks; he acquired a good knowledge of the Iban language and translated Christian literature into the native language.

In 1868 he was appointed Archdeacon of Sarawak and on McDougal's resignation in 1870 he was made Bishop of Sarawak and the Straits Settlements.

He married Elizabeth Wooley in 1856. She died in 1875.

Chambers' reputation tends to suffer from comparison with his forceful, genial predecessor, McDougal. Many of his contemporaries saw him and Mrs Chambers as narrow minded, though both were tireless workers and enthusiastic evangelists who literally gave their health and finally their lives to their joint vocation.

Chambers was buried at Aberystwyth

Curry, Robert

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1443 - 1446

Degge, Sir Simon 1612 - 1704

Eldest son of Thomas Degge of Stramshall, Uttoxeter.

Royalist, imprisoned by the Long Parliament, released on promising to return to Staffordshire. Called to bar 1653; 1660 became judge of West Wales; 1661 recorder of Derby; 1662 steward of the manor court of Peverel and justice of the Welsh marches. Knighted 2 March 1669/70. 1673 High Sheriff of Derbyshire. 1676 published 'Parson's Counsellor and the Law of Tithes', a leading book on its subject for many years (the last edition was published in 1820). He was an historian of Staffordshire. He bequeathed the Manor of Fenny Bentley to his daughter, Margaret

There is reputed to be a footprint of Sir Simon drawn on the roof lead of Cherry Orchard dated 1680. Degge had presumably recently acquired the Hall and renovated it. Cherry Orchard passed out of the Degge family either in 1765 when the last male of that family died or before.

Ferne, William

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1508 – 1527. (of “Hognaston Parwich” – sauce Chart 4, Book of Beresfords

Married Joanna Beresford, youngest daughter of Thomas and Agnes. – Sauce Eileen Kremmel (nee Ferne) of San Mateo, California – EFitz@aol.com

FitzHerbert, Rev. Alleyne

Curate of Tissington 1840s

Living at Bentley Cottage (now Bentley Hall) in 1851. Not there in 1841 and probably not by 1861

Responsible, together with his father, Sir Henry FitzHerbert and his brother in law, Francis Wright of Osmaston for the restoration and enlargement of Fenny Bentley Church 1847 - 1850.

FitzHerbert, Sir Henry 1783 - 1858 3rd Baronet

Inherited large estates in West Indies and at Warsop in addition to the Tissington Estate and his uncle, Lord St. Helens' fortune.

Purchased the Beresford Estate in Bentley from Richard Beresford in the 1820s.

Built Bentley School

Together with his son, Rev. Alleyne FitzHerbert and son in law, Francis Wright of Osmaston Manor restored and enlarged Bentley Church 1847 -1850.

Fletcher, Thomas

Was to have been the first Chantry Priest at Bentley in 1512 but he died and it was given to Edward Hyll

Foljambe, James

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1432

The Foljambe family of Walton held lands at Tideswell and Aldwark. It is not known whether he was a member of that family.

Fowler, Richard

Curate under William Hardesty; Made 'nil' Papist Return for Fenny Bentley on 28/6/1705. (Church Warden was Henry Ferne)

Gordon, George

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1816 - 1824

Griffin, Bartholemew

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1604 - 1639. Reputedly descended from Ralph Griffin, Dean of Lincoln, who died in 1593.

Married 25/5/1604; he was buried 12/1/1638. His daughter Elizabeth was the second wife of William Bott.

Hall, John de

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1316 - 1318

Hall, John

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1639 - 1642

Hardesty, Charles

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1707 - 1747

Hardesty, William

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1702 - 1707

Harrison, Christopher Dennis

Vicar of Alsop, Fenny Bentley, Parwich, Thorpe and Tissington 1996 -

Born 17 Sept 1957

Educated 1969 - 76 Chesterfield School French, Latin, Greek, General Studies

1976 - 79 Clare Coll. Cambridge BA Economics (2i)

1984 - 87 Westcott House Theo. Coll. Cambridge

BA Theology & Religious Studies (2i)

Career 1979 - 84 Civil Servant (Administrator) H.M. Treasury, London

1987 Ordained Southwark Cathedral

July 87- Feb 92 Curate, St. George's, Camberwell

Feb. 92-Nov 96 Vicar, Christ Church and St. Paul's Church, Forest Hill

Nov 96 Vicar of Fenny Bentley, Thorpe, Tissington, Alsop and Parwich

Subsequently made Rural Dean, Chair of FitzHerbert School Governors, Diocesan Representative for the Third World, Chaplain to St Anselm's School Bakewell.

Wife, Dr. Isobel Coombs writes books, sets up Web sites, photographs churches for Diocesan records.

They have 2 sons.

He left the parish to become Priest in Charge of a large group of Churches in central Nottingham

Hasilbech, Richard de

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1318 - 1349

Hayton, Edward Josiah

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1877 - 1889

Married Sarah Penelope Granger, daughter and heir of Henry Granger, formerly of Henbury, Gloucester, but by 1882 living in Bradbourne.

Heathcote, Edward

Curate of Fenny Bentley under George Gordon 1816 - 1824, for whom he appears to have carried out all duties, and possibly under Jervase Brown (he officiated at a baptism and a burial in 1827) He appeared to be living in a property in Church St Ashbourne advertised to let in the Derby Mercury on 22nd April 1829. It was a large house, suitable for a genteel family, with 5 acres of land contiguous.

Howard, Garton Died March 1877 aged 62

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1842 – 1877

He was married to Elizabeth Isabella Hall of Harpaden Court in Oxfordshire on 14 August 1845 at Bentley, Hamps by his father, Rev Jno Garton Howard.

In January 1848 Howard's 10 month old daughter Agnes died and in July 1848 his 28 year old wife Elizabeth Isabella died, shortly followed by their 2 month old son Henry. Shortly after this Howard appears to have relinquished work in the parish, duties being carried out by C. W. Richards as 'officiating minister' except for a year (1850/51) when Walter Chambers, later to become Bishop of Sarawak, was curate. By October 1853 Howard had resumed full duties in Bentley.

Howell, Mrs. Victoria Caroline Granger (Oria) Born 10 March 1861

Daughter of Rev. Edward Josiah Hayton, Rector of Fenny Bentley 1887 - 1889.

Married Rev. Thomas Twiss Howell, Rector of Thorpe in 1882; moved from Yorkshire to Bentley Cottage (now the Bentley Brook Inn) after the death of her husband.

Hollinshead, James (also listed as John and Edward)

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1650 - 1660

Puritan who displaced the Royalist activist William Bott in 1650 and was himself displaced by Bott on the restoration of Charles II in 1660.

Little is known of him except that when Bott returned to the village the Rectory was in a ruinous condition. Whether this was by Hollinshead's actions or omissions is not known.

The Parliamentary Commissioners of 1650 record ' a parsonage worth £40 per year - Mr John Hollinshead, incumbent.

Hyll, Edward died 1539

First Chantry Priest at Bentley 1512. On his death he was succeeded by William Toples.

Ireland, Walter

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1527 - 1530

Jurdan, John

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1423 - 1432

Langley, William Rector of Fenny Bentley 1766 - 1795

Headmaster of Ashbourne Grammar School; friend of Dr. Johnson.

Sections of the minute book of the Governors of Ashbourne Grammar School have been summarised as follows:

Langley was appointed Headmaster on 31st. March 1752. He was a Master of Arts and took his degree at Oxford. On 22 February 1754 Mr. W. Wilson the Undermaster formally complained to the Governors of "Mr. Wm. Langley the Head Schoolmaster's various and frequent interruptions of his privileges as Under Master and particularly that of Tuesday last of Breaking a Table placed in the School for the improvement of the Scholars in Writing and accounts. . . . and of forcibly throwing it into the School passage belonging to the Under Master, and likewise for breaking down the fence between their respective gardens, and doing several other Trespasses of the like Nature;" for these misdemeanours Mr. Langley's salary was reduced by £10 a year, which sum was ordered to be paid to the Under Master "in augmentation of his wages as being careful and diligent and for the Damages and Depreciations committed by Mr. Langley." The trouble with the Under Master continued and on 25th November of the same year the Governors ordered that Mr. Langley "be deprived and removed out of his place as Schoolmaster" and that no more wages should be paid to him: on this occasion he was charged with "refusing to teach and instruct one or more boys, Children of the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashbourne tho' the same have been offered to him to be taught in the said school and others under the Under Master's care not anyways under the care of the said Mr. Langley" and with beating them "even out of school hours, in an inhumane manner." At the next meeting of the Governors in December the Vicar of the Parish was appointed Headmaster in his place. Mr. Langley however stayed on and continued to quarrel with successive Undermasters. In March next year another Usher or Undermaster was appointed but he only held the post 18 days. The next Usher stayed on until October and then resigned "wearied by the ill-usages of the Headmaster and his Family." The next Usher managed to stay on for over a year but he resigned at last, as the Headmaster, so he said "hath taken every method in his power to render the charge committed to me irksome and disagreeable to me." He still continued to neglect his duties and the Governors unable or unwilling to get rid of him appealed to the bishop of the diocese for help. At that time there was only one scholar and had been only two or three for many years past. The minute books do not record what action the Bishop took - but Langley remained Headmaster in spite of everybody and everything until his death at the end of 1795, having been in office 43 years, during 29 of which he also held the Rectory of Fenny Bentley.

The above account would make one believe that Langley was negligent in his duties. The parish records show, however, that as far as Bentley was concerned he was present to personally perform all duties required and did not leave matters to a curate as did many others of his period.

Leburn, Elsie

Elsie Leburn died aged 95 on 18 April 2004. She spent the last few months of her life in The Leys and had lived in sheltered accommodation at Town Head, Ashbourne.

She was born in Tissington, educated at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School and taught at St Oswald's School, Ashbourne. In 1939 she was trained by the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel and in 1941 sailed on a troopship to South Africa, where she became principal of the Good Shepherd School in Pretoria.

She was headmistress of Fenny Bentley School from 1953 to 1971 and lived in the School House from 1954 to around 1960.

She was a strong minded woman and was known to clash with the clergy and school managers, the first time being over the state of repair of the School House – she would not move in until it had been put into a reasonable condition. She got a bathroom but they never managed to cure the damp.

Miss Leburn considered that the school was educationally poor when she arrived and it was several years before scholarships to the Grammar School became a regular feature. She remained head teacher through the building of the new school in 1964 up to her retirement.

In retirement until recently she remained physically fit and mentally extremely alert although a slight stroke in 1997 slowed her down somewhat. Within the last year she has been regularly shopping unaccompanied in Ashbourne.

Lucas, John Fossick

Antiquary, associate of Thomas Bateman. Excavated Wigber Low, Kniveton.

Living at Bentley Hall in 1871

Churchwarden 1872

Hall for sale 1873

Malet, Robert

First known Rector of Fenny Bentley pre 1316

Maples, William

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1909 - 1925 Inducted May 1909

Born in Spalding 23 Jan 1839. Educated at Westminster School and Clare College, Cambridge.

First student at Salisbury Theological College on its opening in January 1861.

Ordained Deacon 16 March 1862; Priest 1 March 1863.

1863 - 1867 Curate of Corfe Castle, Dorset

1867 - 1868 Curate of St. Andrew's, Travis St., Ancoats

1868 - 1870 Curate of St. Peter's, Mansfield

1871 - 1883 Perpetual Curate (Titular Vicar) of St. Andrew's, Gt. Grimsby

1883 - 1909 Perpetual Curate (Titular Vicar) of St. John's Mansfield

1904 - 1909 Rural Dean of Mansfield

Mr. Maples retired in December 1924 Following a long deterioration in health. He had been very active in the parish and was for years chairman of the parish meeting. His failing eyesight is very evident from his later entries in the minute book.

On his retirement he and Miss Maples went to live in Ashbourne.

Mapulton, John de

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1382 – 1393

Martin, Mr died 1 April 1860

Mr Martin of Pool Close was a leading member of the Ashbourne Wesleyan Circuit. In early life he was bailiff to Mr Granville of Colwich but afterwards moved to Sandybrook. In 1832 he built Bentley Chapel, almost at his own expense, and remained its main supporter. For 10 to 12 years before his death he was incapable of active exertion having been lamed by a fall from a loft and shortly after completely crippled and confined to his house after being thrown from his cart.

Morgan

Williams,

Abraham

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1937 - 1959

Rev. Morgan Williams retired in April 1959 after the death of his wife Nellie (74) in February. He had purchased the Rectory and continued to live there, with his wife's sister, Miss Read, for some time. His wife was buried at Clevedon, Somerset.

Nedehame, R....

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1564 - 1604

Nedehame, Robert

Rector of Fenny Bentley 21 Feb 1564 -1606

Inducted on the deprivation of Nicholas Bamford

Newbygyng, Adam de

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1393 - 1423

Norcliffe, Faifax

Curate of Fenny Bentley during Abraham Bennet's term as Rector 1796 - 1799. He appears to have carried out all duties.

Pheasant, Frederick Charles M.A.

1927 – 1 Dec 1936

1899 MA Oxford. Ordained Deacon by Bishop of Oxford.

1890 Ordained Priest.

1899 - 1901 Senior Master at Culham College and Curate at Clifton Hampden.

1901 - 1905 Curacy of St. Andrew's, Peckham.

1905 - 1915 Organizing Secretary for Additional Curates Society for Dioceses of Chester, Lichfield, Liverpool, Sodor and Man and Southwell.

1915 - 1927 Rector of Shirland.

1923 - 1927 Rural Dean of Alfreton.

26 Nov. 1927 Rev. Pheasant was inducted as Rector of Fenny Bentley by Archdeacon Noakes. He was Diocesan Inspector for Church Schools in the Rural Deaneries of Ashbourne, Derby, Longford, Melbourne and Repton.

Pilkington, Matthew

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1747 - 1766

Richards, C.W.

Richards' name appears in the registers from December 1850 to January 1853 but no designation is given. In view of the time he was probably Curate. It was during this period that Garton Howard ceased to practise his duties following the death of his wife and two infant children. Howard resumed his duties in the summer of 1853.

Roe, George

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1799 - 1816

Shawe, Ralph

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1503 - 1508

Scharp, Henry

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1349 - 1361

Schepeston, William de

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1381 – 1382

Snaith, John

Died 2 Jan 1947 aged 79. Buried in Ashbourne cemetery.

Headmaster of Bentley School

Wife Ada Mellor Snaith – assistant teacher

Died 13 April 1955 aged 85. Buried in Ashbourne cemetery.

Spencer, Henry

Rector of Fenny Bentley 1374 - 1375

Toples

Chantry Priest; succeeded Edward Hyll in 1539

William**Tattersall, John Lincoln M.P.**

Owner of Woodeaves Mill. Born 16 April 1865. Died in Beaumaris 6 June 1942.

In 1886 Tattersall's father, Cornelius, a Manchester cotton man bought Woodeaves Mill for John to give him manufacturing experience.

Tattersall married Lizzie Harland in 1893 and they lived in Thorpe.

He took an interest in Bentley long after leaving the area and in 1939, in spite of coming from a family of non - conformists, funded alterations to the Church including moving the pulpit and paving the sanctuary in Hopton Wood stone. The Wooden lectern, a replica of the medieval one at York Minster was provided by him. He provided outings and parties for the village children and left a sum of money to enable this to continue after he had left.

He was an advocate of temperance and latterly President of the Manchester Band of Hope Union.

He was elected Liberal M.P. for Staleybridge and Hyde in 1923 but lost his seat 11 months later.

Usher, Rev. Thomas Gordon

Appointed to the united benefice of Thorpe, Tissington and Fenny Bentley in January 1967. Ordained deacon in 1936; priest in 1937 in the diocese of Newcastle following graduation at Durham in 1935. Curate of St. Anthony's, Newcastle 1936 - 1939 and St. George's, Cullercoats 1939 - 1941. Army chaplain during war and met his Dutch wife, Ans, while stationed in Holland.

He held the curacy of Newsham, Northumberland from 1946 to 1950 and was Vicar of St. Cross, Middleton, Leeds from 1950 to 1954. From 1954 to 1967 he was Vicar of St. Barnabas, Derby and was chapter clerk to Derby deanery and chaplain to Derby Sea Cadets.

He died in autumn 1989, having suffered from Alzheimer's disease.

Wainwright Thomas, 1876 - 1940, Old Chapel House (later Hillocky Cottage)

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He was a bachelor. Rupert Wilson remembers Tom Wainwright coming to Wilson's house (Chapel Cottage) every evening to get the Greenwich time signal and setting his watch exactly by it so that he could make adjustments to his clocks. He had a 'master' barometer by which he set all others he made. After he died Wilsons were asked if they would like to choose something to remember him by. They chose the barometer and today it hangs just inside the doorway.

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