

Barford St Martine Protestation Return of 1641/42

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The Protestation Returns relate to the years 1641/42, around the start of the Civil War. It was an Oath of loyalty to the King.

The incumbent of each parish was to read the protestation to his parishioners and all men over the age of 18 had to sign the oath but the women were not usually asked to sign.

The Protestation itself runs in the following terms :—

"I (A. B.) doe, in the presence of Almighty God, promise, vow, and protest to maintaine and defend, so farre as lawfullie I may, with my Hfe, power, and estate, the trne Reformed Protestant Religion expressed in the Doctrine of the Church of England, against all Poperie and Popish Innovations within this Realme contrarie to the same Doctrine and according to the dutie of my Allegiance [to] his Ma'ties Royall person, honor, and estate. As also the Power and Privileges of Parliament, the lawfull rights and Liberties of the subject, and every person that maketh this Protestation in whatsoever hee shall doe in the lawfull pursuence of ye same. And to my power, and as farre as lawfullie I may, I will oppose, and by all good waies and meanes indeavor to bring to condigne punishment all such as shall either by Force, Practise, Counsells, Plotts, Conspiracies, or otherwise do anie thing in this present Protestation contained. And further, that I shall in all Just and honorable waies endeavor to preserve ye Vnion and Peace between the three Kingdomes of England, Scotland, and heland. And neither for hope, feare, nor other respect, reliquish this promise, vow, and Protestation."

Robt. Tiitt, *Rector*
Steven Hebbert, *Churchwarden*
David Lavves, *Churchwarden*
John Greene, *Ouseer*
Edward Chalke, *Ouseer*
Thom. Dennett, *gent*,
Phillipp Bevelyn
John Minard
Freeman Walker
Robert Chalke
Osmond Tanner
Thom. Lilly
Ambrose Coborne
Wm. Greete
Henry Rowdon
John Atkins
Jesse Fulstone
John Collins
John Bull
Robert Bull
John Hudgis

Henry Walker
John Sharpe
Thom. Lewis
John Mills.
Richard Morris
Anthony Adams
Walter Luke
Thom. Weekes
Christofer Tanner
James Trowberidge
Thom. Tanner
John Tanner
Thom. Tanner
George Norris
John Scovell
Wm. Good
Willm. Pressie
Thom. Norris
Giles Greene
Walter Morris
Thom. Want

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John Lillie	Christofer Crouch
Thom. Stevens, sen.	John Carpenter
John Stevens	Wm. Hartford
Thom. Stevens, jun.	Robert Hartford
George Tanner	John Good
Walter Stride	Robt. Rowdon
Nycholas Tanner	Lawrence Morgan
John Chalke	Austin Haytfeild
Henrey Austines	Walter Cowdrey
Walter Lane	Leonard Tanner
Anthony Hayter	John Cowdrey
Nicholas Hayter	Henry Morgan
George Butler	Willm. Peirce
Moyses Mills	John Hayter
John Oliver	Wm. Carpenter
John Meyctt	George Page
Christofer Harrold	Ralfe Steele
John Gosney	Wm. Browninge
Wm. Huntley	Robt. Hollowaie
Walter Catcott	Isaacke Hibbert

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