



RECTORS LIST

For the parish of Berwick St. John

YEAR	SURNAME	GIVEN NAMES	PATRON	NOTES
1305	de Ubiron	John		
1308	Hervey	Walter		
1314	de Tarrent	Mag. John		
1331	de Bluntesdon	Mag. Robert		
1334	Thormond	Nicholas		
1335	de Kirkeby	Richard		
1361	Eclaimslonde	John		
1386	Halewell	John		
1403	Woodhele	Roger		
?	Chitterne	John		
1407	Magott	William		
1409	Wisbeth	Thomas		
1410	Stone	Mag. John		LL.B.
1420	Morton	Mag. John		
?	Mere	Mag. Robert		
1431	Leyott	Mag. Richard		LL.D.
?	Conge	Mag. John		
1446	Swift	Mag. Thomas		
1460	Whitby	Mag. Richard		
1465	Audley	Edmund		
1480	Driffield	Mag. Robert		
1485	Willoughby	Edward		
1508	Martin	Thomas		
?	Wilton	John		
1579	Pinckney	Robert		
1635	Yard	Thomas		M.A.
?	South	Compton		B.D.
1662	Priaulx	John		D.D.

1674	Gane	John, sen.		M.A.
1738	Gane	John, Jun.		M.A.
1746	Lydiatt	Richard		M.A.
1755	Rolle	Edward		M.A.
1791	Boys	Thomas		M.A.
1817	Bingham	Peregrine		LL.B.
1826	Downes	Richard		M.A.
1855	Griffith	Charles		M.A.
1880	Kemble	Arthur		M.A.
1899	Goodchild	William		M.A.
1930	Harris	George		
1935	Poole	Archibald		
1917	Fowke	Roger		
1955	Godfrey	John		M.A., F.S.A.
1981	Stott	Antony (John)		
1988	Howard	Canon Robert		M.A.

NOTES. Throughout the fifteenth century the benefice appears to have been regarded as a preserve for academic or administrative clerics, who probably did not serve the parish personally but through curates. The prefix "mag" was the medieval title for a graduate (magister). Edmund Audley afterwards became bishop of Salisbury. Edward Willoughby was dean of Exeter as well as rector of Berwick St. John, and his sister Cecilia was abbess of Wilton; during his incumbency he rebuilt the church. Compton South afterwards was a nonconformist minister, first in Ringwood, then in Warminster. Edward Rolle was a member of a literary circle, which often met in Berwick St. John. Thomas Boys built the existing parsonage-house, and Richard Downes was founder of the school (closed 1964).

The church was taken down and rebuilt, in the old style, during the incumbency of Charles Griffith.



As from 1981 this parish became part of the benefice of Chalk Valley West.

Source: St. John's Church.