



The Enthronement of William Anderson as Bishop of Salsibury July 1949

William Louis Anderson, DSC

William Anderson was born on 11th February 1892 in Tezpur, Assam, India, the younger son of James Drummond and Frances Louisa Anderson . His father was a lecturer in Bengali at the University of Cambridge but at the time of Williams Birth his father was the Civilian Deputy Commissioner of Darrang. He was Baptised in the Assam Church Mission, Assam, Bengal on the 10th April 1892

William was educated at St. Paul's School in London and went on to graduate with a BA from Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. Six years later gaining his MA in 1920.

Possibly a unique attribute is that he served at different stages of his life in all three of the British Armed Services. Firstly during WWI with the 1st King Edward's Horse, then with the Royal Naval Air Service and finally with the Royal Air Force rising to the rank of Captain and being awarded the DSC.

After the end of the war William took Holy Orders at Ridley Hall, Cambridge and was ordained Deacon in 1920 and Priest in 1921. Also in 1921 he married Gwendoline V. M. Jones in the Meriden Registration District of Warwickshire. They went on to have two sons. During his early career as a clergyman William served as Chaplain at several Naval establishments.

In 1928 he was appointed the Vicar of Sparkhill, Birmingham, taking on the additional responsibility of Rural Dean of Bordesley and in 1932 he took up similar posts at Eastbourne. By 1937 he was Suffragan Bishop of Croydon and in late 1941 he was appointed Bishop of Portsmouth to succeed the recently deceased Frank Partridge. In July 1949 he was enthroned to the more senior position of Bishop of Salisbury, a position he was to hold until his retirement in 1962. He died ten years later on 5 March 1972. William had a great passion for the countryside and remained in the Salisbury area after his retirement up until his death.