

Monumental Inscriptions

In

Purley on Thames Berkshire

Part 4

Attached Memorials at
St Mary's Church

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Introduction

The attached memorials at St Mary's Church fall into a number of different categories

- A Panels attached to walls which commemorate one or more persons
- B panels attached to other objects in the church
- C Former grave markers which have been reset as wall panels.
- E Memorials which once were recorded but which now have disappeared.

These memorials have never been given identification numbers so we extend the numbering of plots in the graveyard by creating a 4xx series for them. They are numbered in no particular order.

401 IWARDBY



Inscription

Iana filia et haeres Iohannes
IWARDBY Equis Aurati
Domini hujis Mannery de
Purley castissima Iohannis
SAINT IOHN Coniux
Pientissima demum vidua
vesata Eiusq duo ex
Nicholao SAINT IOHN
nepote pronepotes Michael
et Ricardus sub beatae
resurrectionis spe hic
requiescunt Sacrum hoc
memoriae pie posuit
Iohannis SAINT IOHN
Miles et Baronettus dictae
Ianne quartiis Haeres

Translation

Jane, daughter and heir of
Sir John IWARDBY knight,
Lord of this manor of
Purley, the most chaste and
pious wife and at length the
veiled widow of John ST.

JOHN Also two of her first
cousins, Michael and
Richard, sons of Nicholas
ST. JOHN rest here in hope
of a blessed resurrection.
To her sacred memory Sir
John ST. JOHN, knight and
baronet, fourth heir of the
said Jane, has piously
placed this.

Location

*An incised slate tablet on
south wall of tower.
originally on a monument on
the south wall of the chancel
(Ashmole 1664) The present
tablet appears to be only
part of the original
memorial.*

Notes

*By the time of her death she
had remarried Nicholas
SAUNDERS of Farley,
Hants and Ewell, Surrey*

402 HYDE (1632)



Inscription

Here lyes the body of Ann
the wife of Edward HYDE
of ye Middle Temple
London Esqr & daughter of
Sr George AYLIFFE of
Grittenham in the County
of Wilts knt who dyed on
the 2d day of Iuly in ye
yeare 1632 aged 20

Vale anima candidissima
vale mariti tui quem dolore
et luctu conficis aeternum
desiderium vale
faeminorum decus et
saeculi ornamentum.

Translation

(as given by Elias Ashmole)

Farewell thou soul most
fair, Farewell thou eternal
desire of thy husband
whom thou killest with
sorrow and grief, Farewell
of woman the glory and the
age's ornament

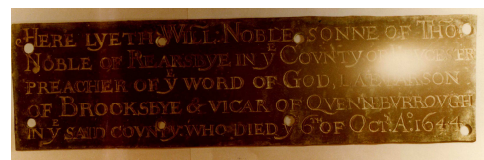
Location

*On south wall inside tower.
Recorded by Ashmole as 'on
the south side of the east
window' and 'above the
inscription are the arms of
Hyde and Ayliffe.
Underneath is the
decumbant portraiture of a
woman resting on a death's
head having the figure of a
child in swaddling clothes
lying before her bosom'*

Notes

*Edward HYDE later
became Earl of Clarendon
and his daughter by his
second wife (also Ann)
became Queen to King
James II. See also MI 452*

403 NOBLE (1644)



Inscription

Here lyeth Will NOBLE
sonne of Thos NOBLE of

Rearsbye in ye County
of Leycester. Preacher
of ye word of God, lae
parson of Brocksbye &
Vicar of
Quenneburrough in ye
said county. Who died y
6th of Oct Ao 1644.

Inscription on reverse

Here lieth Agnes
NORTON late wife to
George NORTON Esq
who departed the vth of
Iune 1601 in the
XXXVIIIth yeare of her
age. Who had issue by
the saide George tenn
sonnes & six daughters
where of were living at
the time of her decease 4
sonnes and 4 daughters.

Location

*Presently not mounted.
Formerly located in
stonework at the base of
the 14th century window
in old vestry. Mrs
Becker recorded it pre
1870 as 'N side of
chancel on a brass plate
fixed on a gravestone'.
Elias Ashmole recorded
it in a similar position in
1664*

Notes

*The wording recorded by
Ashmole in 1664 is quite
different from that extant
in 1983. William Noble
was the son-in-law of
Richard Watts - see MI
404*

404 WATTS (1659)

Inscription

Here lyeth the body of
Richard WATTS late
Rector of Purly in the
County of Berks, Master
of Arts in Trinity
Coledge in Cambridge.
He died the ***** anno
Domini, 16** Aged 78
Yeares.

Location

*No longer extant.
Recorded by Ashmole in
1664 and by Mrs Becker
pre 1870 as 'Upon a
gravestone at the
entrance into the
chancel'*

Notes

*Richard Watts was
rector of Purley from
1623 until 1659. His
daughter married
William Noble - see MI
403*

405 HIDE (1711)

Inscription

Here lyeth the body of Francis HIDE Esq who departed this life January ye 13th 1711/12 in ye 55th year of his age.

Location

No longer extant. Recorded in Additions to Ashmole as 'A marble gravestone in the church', alongside MI 452

406 BLAGRAVE(1740)

Inscription

Here lyeth Thomas BLAGRAVE Esq. Late justice of peace for the county of Berks, eldest son of Mr Geo BLAGRAVE of Tilehurst, son of Tho BLAGRAVE formerly rector of this parish. Descended from the antient family of DUCKETTS in Wiltshire. He died the 7th April 1740 age 63

Location

No longer extant. Recorded in Additions to Ashmole as ' A marble gravestone in the body of the church'

Notes

Thomas's grandfather, also Thomas, was rector of Purley from 1670 to 1684. see also MI 407

407 BLAGRAVE (1754)

Inscription

Near this place was also buried the above named George BLAGRAVE 1709 and Mary his wife. George buried June 1st 1709 aged 57, Mary buried August 6th 1717 age 53

Here also lyeth the body of Ann widow and relict of the above named Thos. BLAGRAVE esq who was eldest daughter of Anthony BARKER esq formerly of Sunning in this county. She died the 4th of June 1754 age 76 years

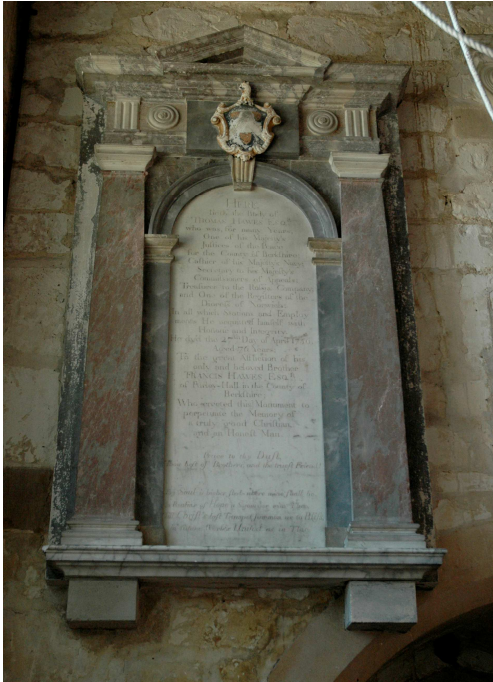
Location

No longer extant. Recorded in Additions to Ashmole as ' A marble gravestone in the body of the church'

Notes

See also MI 406

408 HAWES (1756)



Inscription

Here lies the body of Thomas HAWES esq who was for many years one of his Majesty's Justices of the Peace for the County of Berkshire, Cashier of his Majesty's navy, Secretary to his Majesty's Commissioners of Appeals, Treasurer to the Russia Company and one of the Registers of the Diocese of Norwich. In all which stations and employment he acquitted himself with honour and integrity.

He dy'd the 2th day of April 1756 aged 76 years to the great affliction of his only and beloved brother Francis HAWES Esqr of Purley Hall in the County of Berkshire who erected this monument to perpetuate the memory of a truly good Christian and an honest man. "Peace to thy dust, thou best of brothers and the truest friend!"

*Thy soul is higher fled
where mine shall be.*

*In realms of hope a
soujourner with thee.*

*Till Christ's last trumpet
summons us to bliss,*

*in future worlds united as in
this.*

Location

*A richly carved coloured
marble tablet ornamented
with pillars on the north wall
inside tower.*

409 LIEBENROOD (1772)



Inscription

In this vault are deposited the remains of Ann late the wife of John George LIEBENROOD of this parish Esq. who died August 25th 1772 aged 47 years.

With the noble virtues that elevate nature she possessed the softer talents that adorn it, being pious, humble, charitable, candid and sincere she fulfilled the duties of humanity and her heart was truly Christian.

After a long and painful illness she died calm and resigned to the dispensations of Heaven leaving her disconsolate husband and friends to deplore their loss and cherish the dear remembrance of that worth they honoured living and lament in death.

To the memory of the best of wives the best of friends, he for whom she had the most tender affection dedicates this monument.

Location

Recorded in Additions to Ashmole as "In the west end on the wall". Now on the west wall of nave adjoining MI 413

410 ALLEN (1757)

Inscription

Here lieth the body of John ALLEN Gent of this parish who departed this life Feb 22d 1757 in the 74th year of his age

And also here lieth the body of John ALLEN his son who departed this life 21st Dec 1746 in the 20th year of his age

And here also lyeth the body of Mrs Anne ALLEN wife of the above John ALLEN Gent who departed this life September the - 1775 aged 77 years.

Location

No longer extant. Recorded in Additions to Ashmole as 'A marble gravestone in the body of the church'

411 GLEICKMAN (1777)

Inscription

Under this stone is deposited the body of Theodore George GLEICKMAN Esqr, late merchant at Rotterdam, nephew to John George LIEBENROOD Esq of this parish. Who died at Purley the 8th of July 1777 aged 33

Location

Not extant 1983. Recorded by Mrs Baker pre 1870 and in Additions to Ashmole as 'A marble gravestone in the body of the church'

412 CHAMBERS (1780)

Inscription

In memory of the Reverend Charles Chambers MA who departed this life July 5th 1780 aged 32 years

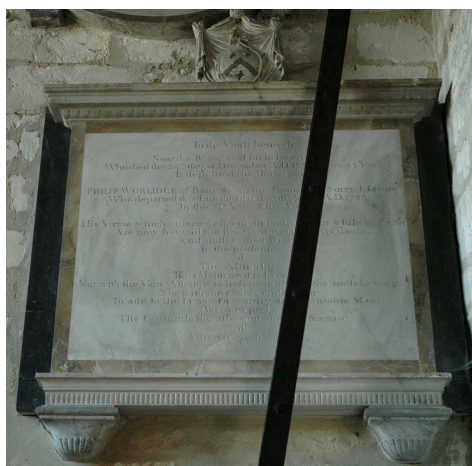
Location

No longer extant. Recorded in Additions to Ashmole as 'A marble gravestone in the body of the church'

Notes

He was the father of Elizabeth Sparrow - see MI 420

413 WORLIDGE (1772)



Inscription

In the vault beneath near the remains of his beloved wife who died the 24th day of December AD 1772 aged 54 years is deposited the mortal part of Philip WORLIDGE of Battersea in the County of Surry Esquire who departed this life the first day of April AD 1783 in the 71st Year of his age.

His virtue which attracted esteem and admiration while on earth are now beyond the reach of worldly applause and possess their reward in the presence of the Almighty.

This monument is erected not with the vain attempt to bestow praise on the undeserving nor with the useless endeavour to add to the fame of a worthy and amiable man, but to express the gratitude, affection and the sorrow of a surviving friend.

Location

*North wall inside tower.
Recorded in Additions to
Ashmole as adjoining MIs
416 and 418*

414 HALL (1798)

Inscription

Anna HALL daughter of the Revd Charles Henry HALL d August 4th 1798 aged 3 years.

*Of such is the kingdom of
heaven*

Location

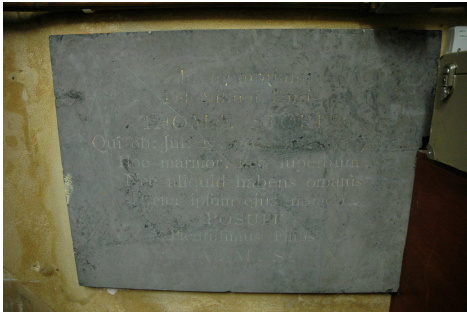
*North wall inside tower.
Originally on the south wall
in the body of the church.*

Notes

*Anna was not recorded as
having been buried at
Purley. The Reverend
Charles Henry Hall was*

Bampton Lecturer at Oxford at the time of his daughter's death. Later he became Regius Professor of Divinity at Oxford University (1807-1809) and Dean of Christchurch (1809-1824) see Dictionary of National Biography.

415 STORER (1793)



Inscription

In memoriam Dilectissimi Patris Thomae STORER Qui ob Juli 25 1793 aet suae 76. Hoc marmor nec superbum nec aliquid habens ornatus praeter ipsum ejus nomen posuit. Pientissimus filius A.M.S

Translation

In memory of a revered father Thomas STORER who died 25th July 1793 in the 76th year of his age.

This marble cannot honour him more than does his own fame

By his most pious son Anthony Morris Storer

Location

On north wall of old vestry, on the left hand wall as you ascend the stairs to the mezzanine.

Notes

See also MI 417

416 LIEBENROOD (1795)



Inscription

Within this vault lie the remains of JOHN GEORGE LIEBENROOD Esquire. A native of Ellrich in the County of Hohenstein in Saxony who died the 5 Jan: 1795. Aged 83 years.

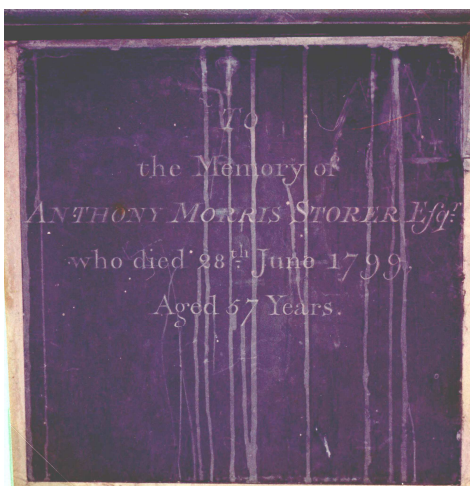
By his early & constant endeavours to fulfil the

duties of a man and a christian he obtained the blessing of God. His liberal contributions to public charities; his benefactions to the poor here & abroad and particularly to his numerous relations will ever be remembered with warmest gratitude and affection. But by none more than his adopted great nephew John Engelberts LIEBENROOD, formerly ZIEGENBEIN.

Location

Recorded in Additions to Ashmole as 'on south side towards west end'. Now on S wall of tower.

417 STORER (1799)



Inscription

To the memory of Anthony Morris STORER Esq who died 28th June 1799 Aged 57 years

Location

On South wall of mezanine above old vestry. An incised slate tablet.

Notes

AMS was the son of Thomas Storer (see MI 415) and uncle of Anthony Gilbert Storer (see MI 421) to whom he bequeathed Purley Park. See also MI 428

418 SOUTHBY (1807)



Inscription

Sacred to the memory of Richard SOUTHBY Esq. Who died April the 6th 1807. Aged 55 years

Location

*E wall of tower (upper left)
Oval tablet (755mm x
553mm) on rectangular base
(921mm x 762 mm),
Recorded in Additions to
Ashmole as 'On south side
towards west end' and
adjoining MI 413*

Notes

*Ann Sherwood was baptised
at Purley on 11th October
1767. She was the brother of
Richard Sherwood - see MI
426 - and married Richard
Southby - see MI 418*

Notes

*Richard was the husband of
Ann Southby - see MI 419 He
is buried in plot 111*

419 SOUTHBY (1816)



Inscription

Sacred to the memory of
Ann the wife of Richard
SOUTHBY esq who died
Oct. 13th 1816 aged 49
years.

Location

*E wall of tower (upper right).
Oval tablet (755mm x
553mm) on rectangular base
(921mm x 762 mm)*

420 SPARROW (1819)



Inscription

Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth, the wife of John SPARROW Esq. Youngest daughter of the late Revd. Charles Chambers MA obit June 5th 1819 aetatis 42 years. A tender and most affectionate wife, a sincere and anxious friend.

Possessing a superior mind she thro' many years illness borne with unsurpassing patience and resignation the greatest severity of suffering and the very great humility of her conduct evinced an entire hope of her enjoying eternal bliss.

Location

West wall of nave. Recorded pre 1870 as On the south wall of the nave.

Notes

Elizabeth Sparrow of London buried 12 June 1819 at Purley. John Sparrow of Brighton buried 4 November 1858 at Purley aged 80. See also MI 412.

421 STORER (1818)



Inscription

A G STORER Esq. obit June 15th 1818. Ann Katherine his wife obit May 7th 1854 aetat 69. Sincerely regretted by all her friends.

Sacred to the memory of Anthony Gilbert STORER esq of Purley Park in the County of Berks and of Belleisle and Frome in Jamaica by his widow

Ann K STORER who has likewise caused this monument to be placed here in affectionate remembrance of his many amiable and excellent qualities.

*What tho in distant climes
thy body lies,*

*Thou'rt here embalmed in all
our memories;*

*Thy widow, children, friends
the loss deplore,*

*Which fell on all when Storer
was no more:*

*Prized for that justice, intrest
could not bend,*

*That firmness freedom ever
gives her friend.*

*Whateer alloy thy gen'rous
nature knew,*

*Like dross that makes gold
hard and current too,*

*Served but to fit thee for this
coil of earth.*

*And into human sink
superior worth.*

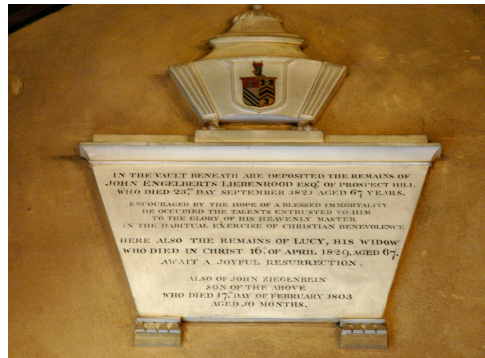
Location

On west wall of Nave.

Notes

*See also MI 417 for his uncle..
Pevsner attributed the poem to
Flaxman.*

422 LIEBENROOD (1829)



Inscription

In the vault beneath are deposited the remains of John Engelberts LIEBENROOD Esqr of Prospect Hill who died 23rd day September 1823 Aged 67 years.

Encouraged by the hope of a blessed immortality he occupied the talents entrusted to him. To the glory of his heavenly master in the habitual exercise of Christian benevolence.

Here also the remains of Lucy his widow who died in Christ 16th April 1829 aged 67

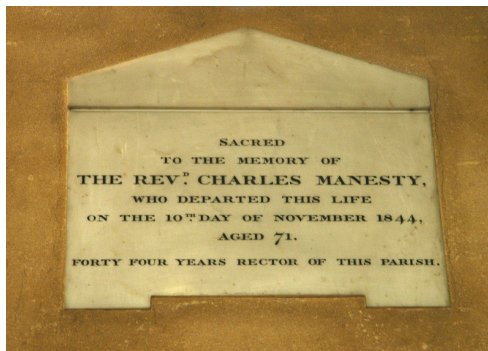
Await a joyful resurrection.

Also of John ZIEGENBEIN son of the above who died 17th day of February 1803 aged 10 months.

Location

West wall of nave. A trapezoidal marble tablet with black letters incised. Two feet and surmounted by funeral urn in marble bearing coat of arms.

423 MANESTY (1844)



Inscription

Sacred to the memory of the Revd Charles MANESTY who departed this life on the 10th day of November 1844 aged 71. Forty Four years rector of this parish

Location

North wall of chancel.

Notes

Buried in plot 68, Charles was rector of Purley from 1800 to 1844.

424 POWLEY (1904)



Inscription

In memoriam. The Rev Matthew POWLEY Canon of Gibraltar, 20 years rector of this parish 1884-1904. Died August 24th 1904.

Location

Brass plate on south wall of chancel.

Notes

Matthew is buried in plot 131. His son Alan was killed in the First World War see MIs 433 and 434.

425 WILLOUGHBY (1866)



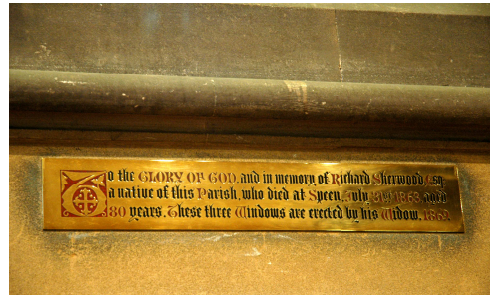
Inscription

This window dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of her beloved sister Agnes WILLOUGHBY by Cicely B STORER. Born Sept 28th 1833, died March 9 1866

Location

Incorporated into glasswork at bottom of east window of church

426 SHERWOOD (1863)



Inscription

To the glory of God and in memory of Richard SHERWOOD Esq a native of this parish who died at Speen July 31st 1863 aged 80 years. These three windows are erected by his widow 1869.

The three lancet windows are entitled as follows :

East SANCTUS LUCAS

Centre VADE ET TU FAC SIMLISER

West SANCTE IOANNES

Location

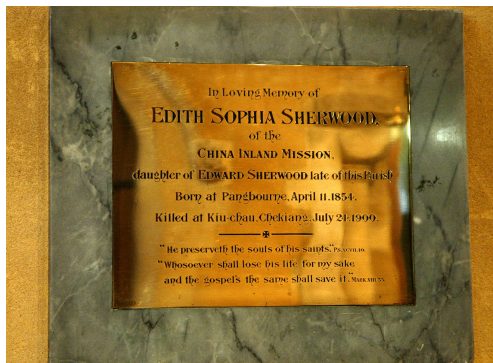
Brass plate affixed to south wall of chancel below the three lancet windows

Notes

Richard Sherwood was a surgeon. He was baptised at

Purley 8th May 1783 and married Elizabeth Stephens at Aldermaston 19th March 1807. He was the brother of Ann Southby (See MI 419) Richard and Elizabeth are buried in plot 95. See also MI 451

427 SHERWOOD (1900)



Inscription

In loving memory of Edith Sophia SHERWOOD of the China Inland Mission daughter of Edward SHERWOOD late of this parish. Born at Pangbourne April 11 1854 killed at Kiu-Chau Chekiang July 24 1900

He preserveth the souls of his saints Ps XCVII.16

Whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospels the same shall save it Mark VIII.35

Location

It was located before 1983 on the north wall of the north aisle. A brass plate on a marble tablet now located on the south wall of the chancel

Notes
Edith Sherwood was the daughter of Edward and Amelia Sherwood and was baptised at Purley 27th April 1854. She was killed in the Boxer Rising. Edward and Amelia are buried in plot 112.

428 STORER (1799)



Inscription

HSF Antonius Morris Storer
Vir temporis multo elegantissimus Et centum amator artium in plurimis facile princeps. A secretis

comitis de Carlisle
American visit legationis a
secretis ad Regem
Christianissimum missus
est. Dom senator hinc natus
interi, animi Fundatoris In
Collegium Henrici sexti id
omne quod ahi amico genio.
Haeredi largius est obit anno
aetatis suae LIV

Hoc marmor testamenti
curatores Feciunda iusterunt
Inscripsit Stephanus.

Translation

A man of his time, of great refinement and a lover of many of the Arts, and a master of many of them. A valued confidant of Carlisle on his American visit and legate to the Most Christian King.

He was motivated by the same spirit as the founders of the College of Henry VI and his own life carried on the traditions.

He died in the 54th year of his age

This marble is a testament to his works.

Inscribed by Stephen

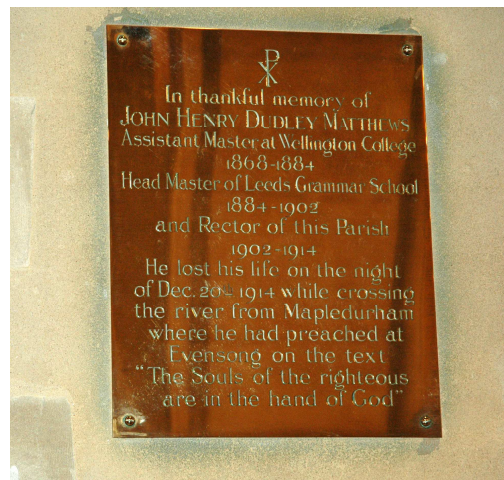
Location

West wall of Nave. Recorded in Additions to Ashmole as 'being on the south side of the east window'

Notes

See also MI 417 The reference to the Most Christian King refers to the King of France at whose court he was ambassador for a short while.. The College of Henry VI is Eton College at which Storer was a pupil. The Monument is by Nollekins

429 MATTHEWS (1914)



Inscription

In thankful memory of John
Henry Dudley
MATTHEWS Assistant
master at Wellington
College 1868-1884,

Headmaster of Leeds Grammar School 1884-1902 and rector of this parish 1902-1914. He lost his life on the night of December 20th. 1914 while crossing the river from Mapledurham where he had preached at Evensong on the text *'The souls of the righteous are in the hands of God'*

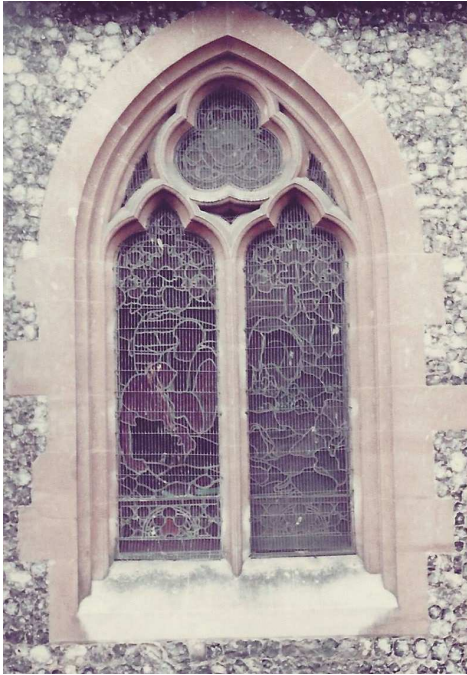
Location

South wall of chancel

Notes

John is buried in plot 129.

430 BOYLE



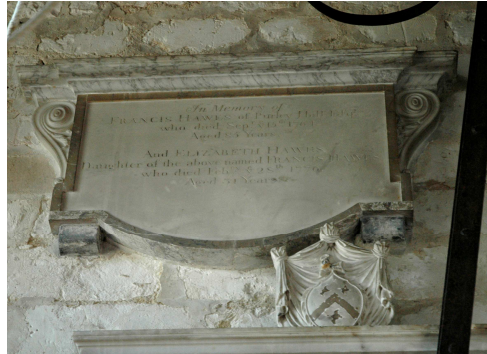
Inscription

To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Captain the Honb. R.F BOYLE R.N. and Elizabeth his wife of Purley Lodge

Location

Incorporated in glasswork at bottom of Good Samaritan window in S wall of nave.

431 HAWES (1761)



Inscription

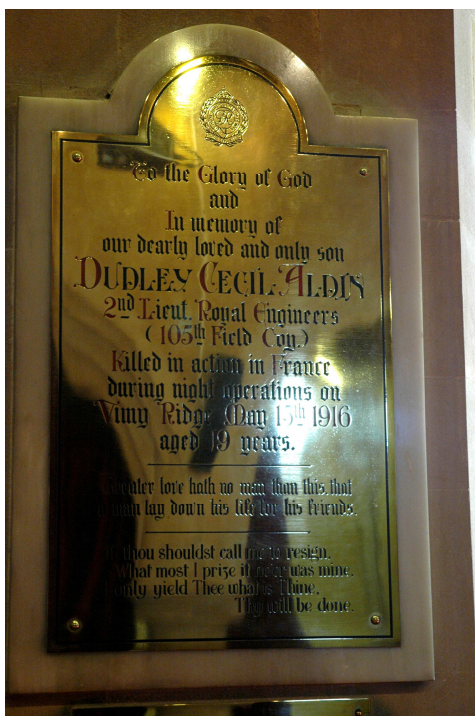
In memory of Francis HAWES of Purley Hall Esq who died Sepr ye 15th 1761 aged 85 years.

And Elizabeth HAWES daughter of the above named Francis Hawes who died Febry ye 28th 1776 aged 31 years

Location

On the south wall of the tower.. Mrs Becker recorded this pre 1870 as ' on S wall on inlaid marble tablet'

432 ALDIN (1919)



Inscription

To the glory of God and in memory of our dearly loved and only son Dudley Cecil ALDIN 2nd Lieut Royal Engineers (105th Field Coy) Killed in action in France during night operations on Vimy Ridge May 15th 1916 aged 19 years

Greater love hath no man than this that he lay down his life for his friends.

If thou should'st call me to resign What most I prize it

ne'er was mine I only yield thee what is Thine.'

Location

South wall of nave. Incised and enamelled brass plate. Notes

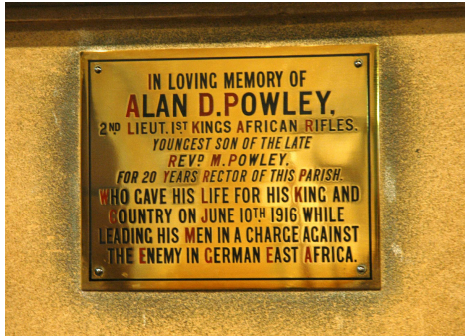
See also MI 434. Son of Cecil Aldin (see MI 439)

Buried at Ecoivres Military Cemetary, Mont St Eloy, France in Plot 1, Row L, Grave 2. His gravestone bears the following inscription beneath the badge of the Royal Engineers:-

Second Lieutenant D C
ALDIN ROYAL
ENGINEERS 15th May
1916

'I thank my God upon every remembrance of you' Phil
1,3

433 POWLEY (1916)



Inscription

In loving memory of Alan D POWLEY 2nd Lieut 1st King's African Rifles. Youngest son of the late Revd M POWLEY for 20 years Rector of this parish. Who gave his life for his King and Country on June 10th 1916 while leading his men in a charge against the enemy in German East Africa.

Location

Brass plate on south wall of chancel

Notes

Buried at Iringa Military Cemetary, East Africa. Plot 3, Row A, Grave 5. Aged 35

434 WORLD WAR ONE



Inscription

IHS

In loving and thankful remembrance of the men of Purley who fought and died for their country in the Great War 1914-1918

Harry JARMAN, Dudley Cecil ALDIN, Harry KIRK, Frederick MOTT, Robert J H NASH, William H NASH, Edgar G SHEPPARD, Charles E SHEPPARD, Albert CLARK.

Faithful unto death

Location

West wall of nave. A brown marble tablet with mosaic pattern surrounded in gold, turquoise and royal blue. The money for this memorial was raised by public subscription in the parish.

Notes

H Jarman - see also inscription on mother's grave (plot 86). Died of wounds 29th August 1915 aged 20. Commemorated on Helles Memorial, Gallipoli Turkey MR4 Panels 18 & 19 . He worked at SPP on the Oxford Road in Reading and is also commemorated on their war memorial now in Reading Museum.

D Aldin - see MI 432

F Mott - Buried Bancroft Military Cemetery, France Plot 3 Row M, Grave 14.

His grave bears the inscription:- 9390 Private F C MOTT, Royal Berkshire Regiment, 28th October 1916 aged 23.

Wait patiently for him from Mother, Dad, Sisters and Brothers

C Sheppard - Killed in action 7th October 1917 aged 35. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Passchendale, Belgium Panels 38-40.

E Sheppard - Killed in action 5th November 1917. Commemorated on Tyne Cot Memorial, Passchendale, Belgium. Panel 151.

H Kirk - Lost at sea during Battle of Jutland after his ship, HMS Black Prince, blew up on 31st May 1916. Aged 21 Commemorated on Naval Memorial, Portsmouth (MR3) Panel 18

R Nash - died as prisoner of the Turks 25th September 1916 aged 23. He had served with the Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire Light Infantry and was part of the contingent that had capitulated at Kut 29th April 1916. Buried in Baghdad, North Gate War Cemetery, Iraq in Plot 21, Row 10, grave 13. See 'The History of the 43rd and 52nd Regiments in the Great War', Vol 1 by J E H Neville, (1935)

W Nash - Killed in action 1st July 1916. Commemorated on Thiepval Memorial, France Pier 11 and Face D

435 FULLERTON (1919)



Inscription

The clock in this tower was erected to the memory of G F Downing FULLERTON and his wife Leila Minna Gertrude of Purley Park, Berkshire by their four children April 1919

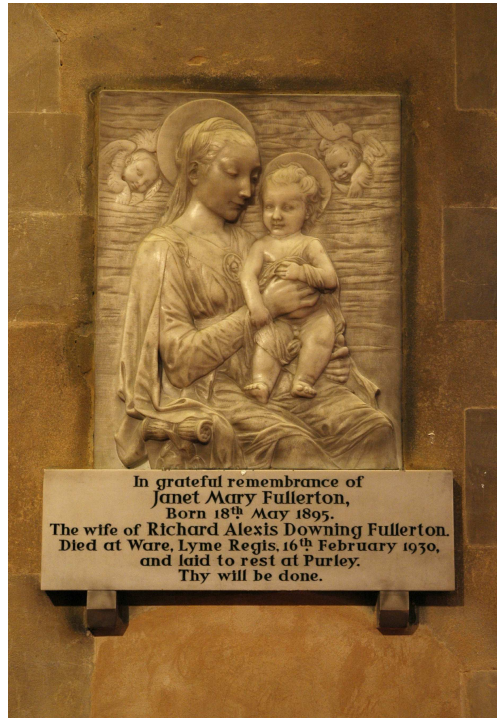
Location

Incised into wooded plaque on south wall of tower. The clock mechanism is on the second stage of the tower and the clock face on the outside South wall. The mechanism was made by Gillett and Johnson Ltd of Croydon Surrey.

Notes

Leila and George are buried in plot 154

436 FULLERTON (1930)



Inscription

In grateful remembrance of Janet Mary FULLERTON Born 18th May 1895, the wife of Richard Alexis Downing FULLERTON.

Died at Ware, Lyme Regis 16th February 1930 and laid to rest at Purley.

Thy will be done

Location

Alabaster carving of the virgin Mary holding the infant Jesus in her lap. Heads of winged cherabims at the top corners. Mounted on marble tablet on the south

wall of the nave. The carving is believed to be Italian.

Notes

She died in childbirth. Buried in plot 155. Richard was one of the children of Leila and George Downing Fullerton - see MI 435

437 TELFER (1934)

Inscription

In memory of William TELFER, Scholar and Saint, 1878-1934,

Thy word is truth

Location

Affixed to small bookcase.

Notes

Buried 20 March 1934 in plot 187, aged 56 See Purley Parish Magazine Jan 1935

438 FARRER (1934)



Inscription

In ever abiding memory of Edward Oliver FARRER, Mayor of Reading 1931-32 who fell asleep on 20th February 1934

As a memorial new heating was installed in this church by his widow

Location

S wall of nave to left of S door. Brass plate with incised letters

Other Memorial

There is a second memorial to him on the south wall of the nave of St Laurence's church in Reading. It reads:-

+ In loving memory of +
EDWARD OLIVER

FARRER JP Churchwarden of this parish for eighteen years. Mayor of this town 1931-32. Born 24th June 1853. Died 20th Feb 1934.

Their works do follow them

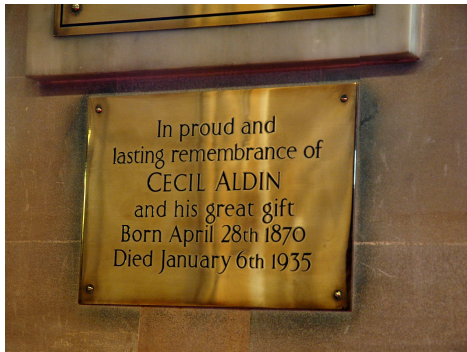
Notes

See Purley Parish Magazine November and December 1934 and January 1935. Buried 24/2/1934 in plot 186 aged 80. Lived at Clive Mount, Tilehurst.

see Purley Parish Magazine February and March 1935 and Roy Heron 'Cecil Aldin - A Sporting Artist'

Cecil Aldin was an artist and Master of the South Berks Hunt for many years; he lived at Belleisle Farm, then called 'The Kennels'. He was the father of Dudley Cecil Aldin see MI 432.

439 ALDIN (1935)



Inscription

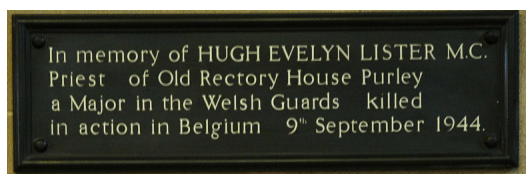
In proud and lasting remembrance of Cecil Aldin and his great gift. Born April 28th 1870, died January 6th 1935.

Location

S wall of nave to right of Good Samaritan window. Incised brass plate

Notes

440 LISTER (1944)



Inscription

In memory of Hugh Evelyn LISTER MC, Priest, of Old Rectory House, Purley. A major in the Welsh Guards killed in action in Belgium 9th September 1944

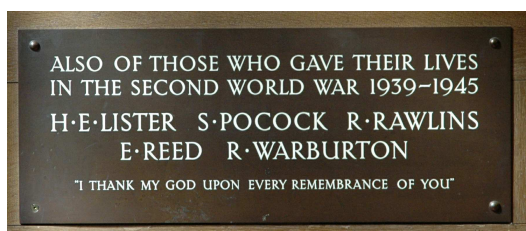
Location

N wall of chancel to right of door. Brass plate with raised rim. Letters faced in white.

Notes

Nephew of Lord Lister of antiseptic fame. See also MI 441

441 WORLD WAR TWO



Inscription

Also to those who gave their lives in the Second World War 1939-1945

H E LISTER, S POCOCK, R RAWLINS, E REED, R WARBURTON.

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you

Location

On west wall of nave. Prior to 1985 it was located below the First World War Memorial (MI 434) The brass was made by Gordon Spriggs.(see MI 445 and MI 453)

Notes

H Lister - see MI 440

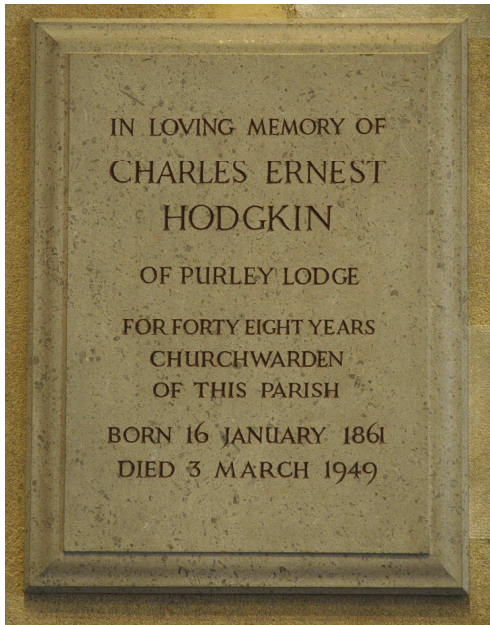
S Pocock - Killed by an explosion. Buried at Kingsclere. His gravestone bears the inscription:-

Volunteer S POCOCK 2nd Hampshire Bn Home Guard. 23rd December 1940 Age 25 Faithful unto Death. Loves greatest gift remembrance

R Rawlins Killed in action 29th March 1945 east of Rhine aged 21. See also MI 226

E Reed - Died in Siam 12th June 1943 as Prisoner of the Japanese aged 27. See also MI 206

442 HODGKIN (1949)



Inscription

In loving memory of Charles Ernest HODGKIN of Purley Lodge. For forty eight years churchwarden of this parish. Born 16 Jan 1861, died 3 March 1949

Location

E wall of nave on left hand side of arch. Marble tablet with bevelled and recessed edging. Letters incised and painted black.

Notes

Charles Hodgkin was chairman of Purley Parish Council from 1928-1946. He was Managing Director of Sigmund Pulsometer Pumps.

443 TIDBURY (1951)



Inscription

In loving memory of Herbert Arthur TIDBURY, born October 26th 1885, died August 22nd 1951. For 23 years churchwarden of this parish

I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord.'

Location

S wall of nave to left of S door. Marble tablet

Notes

Buried in plot 247

444 RABONE (1958)



Inscription

To the glory of God and in loving memory of Horace Michael RABONE 15th April 1958.

Location

On metal plaque attached to foot of lectern

445 COOPER (1970)



Inscription

In thankfulness to God for the memory of Nelson COOPER Organist and Choirmaster 1927-1970. Honorary Treasurer 1931-1970

Location

North wall of chancel to the left of door leading to old

vestry. Brass plate with white letters

Notes

Cremated 1974 aged 73. Lived at 133 School Road, Tilehurst. The brass plate was engraved by Gordon Spriggs, a former pupil of Nelson's who became organist of Greyfriars church in Reading.

446 DUNCAN (1981)



Inscription

To the glory of God and in loving memory of 'Hugh'. R F H DUNCAN 1886-1981

Location

Brass plate affixed to front of new portable altar

Notes

Hugh Duncan was the founder of Purley Park Trust and a former England Rugby International. Lived at 17 Long Lane. Duncan Gardens was named after him.

447 KINGHAM (1983)

Inscription

To the glory of God and in loving memory of George KINGHAM 1901-1983. This prayer desk and chair was given by his wife and dedicated 10 June 1984

Location

Brass plate affixed to surface of prayer desk

Notes

Cremated aged 82. Lived at Beechcroft, Beech Road.

Location

Brass plate affixed to altar lectern

449 SPONG (1972)



Inscription

Ernest George SPONG 1885-1972. Chorister and Churchwarden.

Faithful unto death

Location

A small brass plate affixed to the clergy pew on the north side of the choir.

Notes

Cremated 1972 aged 86. Lived at 1 Long Lane. Former landlord of Bedford Arms in Reading. Created Garden of Remembrance in churchyard in memory of his wife.

448 HAWKINS



Inscription

To the glory of God and in memory of the Reverend Harold HAWKINS, Rector of Purley 1961-1967. These candlesticks and altar lectern were given by his children and dedicated 10 June 1984.

450 BARNES (1969)

Inscription

Mains water was brought to the churchyard in loving memory of Thomas Lewis BARNES 1904-1969

Who loved this church and worshipped and served God in the congregation and choir for 22 years and as sexton for 5 years until the day of his death.

His cremation remains are buried in the garden of remembrance in this churchyard

'O Lord show thy mercy upon us and grant us thy salvation'

Location

Metal plaque which used to be affixed to the wall to the north of the Lych Gate. Removed 1988 and remounted on the north east wall of the new hall where the water tap was relocated.

451 SHERWOOD (1831)



Inscription

To the glory of God this gate was erected to the memory of John SHERWOOD and Harriot SHERWOOD his wife by their daughter C M SHERWOOD 1870

Location

Brass plate affixed to the inside of the Lych Gate.

Second Inscription

At St Mary-le-Butts in Reading, on right hand wall of entrance porch:-

Sacred to the memory of John Sherwood of this parish who died January 14th 1831 aged 53 but whose remains are deposited in the family vault in Purley churchyard.

Notes

John Sherwood was baptised at Purley 1 Aug 1777 and married

Harriot May at Burghfield 17 Nov 1814. She died 15th June 1858. Their daughter Catherine Matilda married the Reverend George Ashe Goddard, Rector of Clyffe Pypard, Wilts and died at Bath 13th April 1909 aged 90. Both John and Harriot are buried in plot 113

452 HYDE (1632)

Inscription

Here lyes buried under this stone Anne the wyfe of Edward HYDE of the Middle Temple London esq who dyed the 2d day of July in the yeare 1632 aged 20.

Location

No longer extant. Recorded in Additions to Ashmole as being 'on a fair gravestone in the chancel.'

Notes

See MI 402

453 CHOIR IN WW2

A large Prayer Book inscribed on the first page:

Presented to the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Purley Berks

In Memory of four members of the choir who died during the war of 1939-1945

STANLEY POCOCK -
through enemy action 1940

EDWARD REED - As prisoner
of war in Malaya June 1943

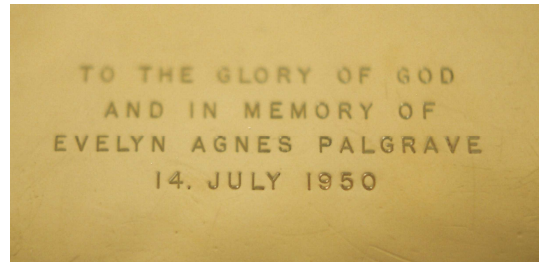
RONALD RAWLINS - Killed
east of the Rhine March 1945

VICTOR RAWLINS -
Accidentally killed 1942.

Notes

see MI441

454 PALGRAVE



Inscription

To the Glory of God and in memory of Evelyn Agnes PALGRAVE 14 July 1950

Location

inscribed on the underside of the Pyx in the communion set.

