

We now have quite a lot more information about our past curates thanks to Christine Buckley's research using Crockfords clerical directory and information derived from church magazines in Dudley Archives.

Thanks as well to Jenny Lavender, Dorothy Inett and Joyce Withers' recollections. Also, Chris Williams has consulted past baptism registers - and Martin consulted Crockfords too.

Alas, detailed information only seems to be available in Crockfords since 1964; curates prior to that date are difficult to trace. However Dudley Archives have All Saints' parish registers prior to 1964 and old diocesan directories that will help to fill in the gaps.

It appears in the past we have had two, and occasionally three curates serving in the parish at the same time, which accounts for some dates of tenure overlapping.

Two more curates' names have been suggested: **Onions & Wilson**. No, there weren't not a law firm! Anyone who remembers them and when they served, please [contact us](#) .

1910s

William Cadogan Jones - arrived 1919.

1930s

G W H Alcock had arrived by November 1927, and left in May 1931.

1933-34 (approx) **Ralph Lumley**

<http://boards.ancestry.co.uk/surnames.lumbley/14/mb.ashx>

1940s



Revd Bateman - from a wartime photo.

G H A Bateman arrived in or around August 1939, and was still here in 1940. He went to Kinnersley in Hereford diocese in 1948, which might have been when he left Sedgley.

By January 1944, **J. W. Wilson** had arrived. He'd been in Sedgley two and a half years when he left shortly after the March 1944 edition of the church magazine.

Jeffrey Dickenson - no information available

1950s



(Donald) Brian Skelding, 1950s

David Chapman, 1954-57 No information available as yet.



Roland Oliver, 1959-62.

1960s



Adelbert Andrew Collins 1961-1977. Born 1915. When John Linford was vicar of All Saints' in the 70s Andrew Collins was curate (Andrew was also a teacher), but Kevin Smith recalls Andrew being around in the 60s too. It would appear that unpaid curates could remain in the parish for longer than three years so he was with us much longer than other curates. He was Priest in charge at Enville (1977-81) and again in 1986-88. He was Rector there from 1981-86 and curate at Kinver and Enville 1988-90. He retired in 1990. He still lives in Enville.

Christine Buckley adds: Andrew Collins came back during interregnums and holidays into his 90s, especially at St Andrew's (he specially liked celebrating St Andrew's Day there, as he has always been known as Andrew rather than Adelbert).

Michael Norton, 1959-63. He later went to Tong and then Tipton.



Michael Clarke, 1963-4. Sadly, Michael died in office.

Michael Bromfield, 1962-64 - information courtesy Sheila Kendrick. [Also, Jenny Lavender has found his name in a parish magazine in July 1964.] Michael's son Jim emailed the website (5/6/13) with the following information: "I think he was at All Saints' until about 1964 when he moved to North Staffordshire. Now retired, but still taking services, he's living in Newcastle-under-Lyme."

Note: IT IS AT THIS POINT THAT CROCKFORDS BEGINS TO CARRY DETAILED INFORMATION.

John Howe, 1964-66. [However Jenny Lavender has found that he was listed as 'Senior Curate' on a parish magazine in May 1963]. John was later vicar at Ocker Hill (1966-73); Gnosall (1973-79); Priest in charge at Hoar Cross (1979-82); and Prebendary at Lichfield Cathedral (1983-88); Residential Canon at Lichfield Cathedral 1988-96; Master at Lichfield Hospital 1996-2000. He retired in 2000 and now lives in Tamworth.



Ian Keith Chisholm, 1966-69. Now a Canon. Born 1936. Ian was curate at St Chad's Lichfield 1963-66; and curate at All Saints' 1966-69. He was then vicar at Rough Hills 1969-77, then Harrow Weald 1977-88. After 1988 he served in Wiltshire, becoming Canon and Prebendary at Sarum Cathedral 2000-2001; he retired in 2001. He now lives in Salisbury.



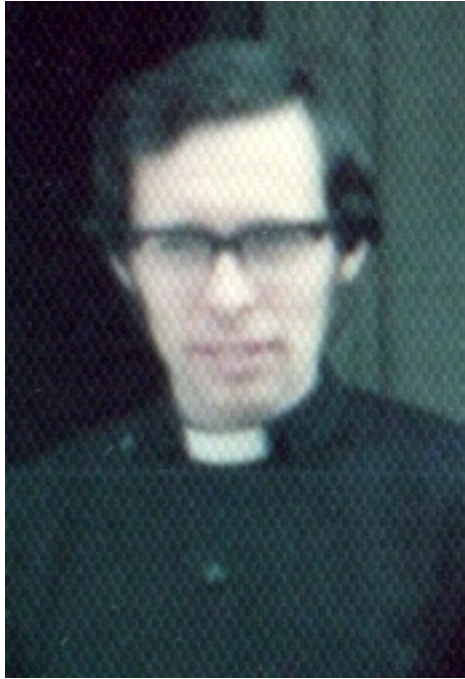
Paul Tongue (now Canon Paul Tongue) 1969-70. Born 1941. [Jenny Lavender has found a listing for him in the parish magazine in June 1970.] Paul was vicar at Holy Trinity Amblecote 1970-71; Chaplain to Dudley Group of Hospitals and an honorary canon at Worcester Cathedral 1993-2007. He retired in 2007 and now lives in Worcester.

1970s

John Durston Curtis, 1971-74. No further information available.



David Howard Martin, 1971-75. Born 1947. David was with All Saints' from 1971-75; he was diocesan youth chaplain (1975-81); Priest in charge at Worcester St Andrew and All Saints' (1975-81), Rector at Newland, Gualford and Madresfield (1981-91) and Rector of Alvechurch from 1991, where he is to this day.



David John Howard (1975-77) came from Benchill Manchester. He was curate at St Andrew's, The Straits and lived in the curate's house in Browning Road, The Straits. He married Chris and Liz Williams in 1976. He went to Manchester (1977-85); vicar at Little Hulton 1985-88; Perm to Offic (1990-91) Sandwell (1991-92); Curate at Costock 1991-92; Priest in charge Bilborough with Strelley 1994-98; Chaplain at at YOI 1998-2003; prison chaplain at HM Prison Drake Hall in 2003 - present (2012) .

Eric Joseph Tomlinson, 1977-79 was curate at St Andrew's, The Straits. He went to Holy Trinity Ettingshall (1979-84).

1980s

Kenneth Maclean, 1981-85. Kenneth became vicar of Shareshill in Cannock (1985-90); he retired in 1996. Kenneth owned the curate's house in the Priory; it was bought by the Diocese for use by subsequent curates, then sold after Eric Petrie left.

Revd David I Standen BD AKC, 1984-88 David trained at King's College, London and on completion of his studies spent two years working at Westminster Hospital and the DHSS. He completed his studies at St Stephen's House, Oxford and served his title at St Francis', Friar Park, Wednesbury; he came to St Andrew's between 1984 and 1988.

On the announcement of the ordination of women he left the Church of England to become a Priest in the Roman Catholic Church, firstly at Brewood and now in Birmingham Diocese.

Editor: Googling reveals that David is now Priest at **St Patrick's Catholic.**

Church, in Stafford.

Dennis Smith, 1985-89 was curate in Bernard Harris' time and lived at the curate's house in the Priory. He left in 1988 and moved to the parish of Acton Trussell, near Penkridge and then to a parish in Oakengates. We have learnt that he has since died. ***Christine Buckley comments:*** Dennis Smith was here until around April 1989 (confirmed by Crockfords).

Edwin Myatt 1988-93. Born 1954. Vicar at Trent Vale 1993-94. He now lives in Kingswinford.

1990s



Phillip Hughes, 1989-93 was curate for 4 years - (staying an extra year because of the Interregnum created when Bernard Harris retired). Known as the 'Rocking Rev' he ran discos, instigated a Poetry Book (contributions from members of the

congregation) and revived the Mince Pie Competition. He also started a group for parishioners who were 30+. He rode around the parish on a push bike. Phillip moved to Boscoppa in Cornwall where he was vicar (1994-96), then to be Chaplain at Gatwick Airport and to Sussex Police (1996-2002). We had a trip from All Saints' to see him there and had a short service in the airport chapel. He was then Chaplain at Heathrow 2002-2007. Vicar at Seghill, Crimlington in Northumberland 2007 - present (2012).

Christine Buckley comments: Philip Hughes left, strictly, in early January 1994 (I think his last service was 2 January 1994).



Eric Petrie, 1995-1998. Born 1953. Eric Petrie was curate in Peter Ashby's time. His wife Heather was a member of the Mothers' Union, who used to hold their evening meetings at their house. Eric designed the MU Advent Banners which were made by a small working party (Heather Petrie, Rosemary Moss, Dorothy Inett, Liz Williams, Judith Dunning). Eric had a motor bike and was popular with

the young people of the parish. He was an artist and made and worked with puppets which he used with our young church. Eric went to Salwarpe and Hindlip, Droitwich (1998-2008) and was also Chaplain to West Mercia Police.

There was a gap of 5 years after Eric Petrie left until Susan Renshaw arrived.

2000s



Susan Renshaw, 2002-2005 (All Saints') and 2005-2006 (Gornal and Sedgley). Born 1955. Vicar at Holy Trinity, Eckington near Pershore 2006-present (2012). She became Rural Dean in 2011. Before ordination Susan was a Reader, and she spent 3 years as curate at All Saints'.

There was a gap of three years until Rob Parker-McGee arrived.

2010s



Rob Parker-McGee, 2009-2013. Rob studied at Mirfield and graduated from Leeds University in 2010. He was ordained at Worcester Cathedral as a deacon in 2010 and as a priest in 2011. He is now **Vicar of Geddington** in Northamptonshire.

Dates and career information obtained from Crockfords Clerical Directory. Other information from the personal recollections of parishioners.

PLEASE NOTE: This is very much a 'work in progress'. Any new information is much appreciated. Contact Martin Jones: mmjones29@blueyonder.co.uk