



## ***Account of Purley on Thames***

### **Chronicles 1580-1599**

***1580 - 22/23 Eliz***

Bishop noted that Mapledurham Weir is owned by William Blunt and kept by Robert Byrde (ref 43-222)

***1581 - 23/24 Eliz***

The lease on the parsonage granted in 1560 to William Stoning was renewed for a further 21 years.

***1582 - 24/25 Eliz***

***1583 - 25/26 Eliz***

***1584 - 26/27 Eliz***

***1585 - 27/28 Eliz***

Bishop noted that Mapledurham Weir was owned by Michael Blunt and kept by Robert Blunt (ref 43-222)

Thomas Stoning, parson of Purley, died on 26th Jan. His goods were left to his widow Elizabeth and a list of his chattels was given probate on 3rd March. (ref 61)-

Thomas Stoning was succeeded as Rector of Purley by Randall Wright

***1586 - 28/29 Eliz***

***1587 - 29/30 Eliz***

***1588 - 30/31 Eliz***

Construction of Mapledurham House commenced. It was completed early in the 17th century. The manor of Mapledurham had been bought in 1581 by Sir Michael Blount who was later Lieutenant of the Tower of London, as his father had been before him (ref 10-7)

***1589 - 31/32 Eliz***

Nicholas St John died and the Lordship of the manor of Purley Magna passed to his son John. Nicholas had married Elizabeth Blount, daughter of Sir Richard Blount of Mapledurham. She had died in 1587 and like Nicholas was buried at Lydiard Tregose in Wiltshire. As well as John they had seven other children: Oliver, Richard, Elizabeth, Catherine, Eleanor, Dorothy and Jane. Oliver was knighted and became Viscount Grandison and died in 1630. Elizabeth married Richard St George who was Garter King of Arms.

***1590 - 32/33 Eliz***

***1591 - 33/34 Eliz***

***1592 - 34/35 Eliz***

### *1593 - 35/36 Eliz*

### *1594 - 38/39 Eliz*

John St John died and the Lordship of the manor of Purley Magna passed to his son Walter. He had married Lucy, daughter of Sir Walter Hungerford of Farley Castle. Both were married at Lydiard Tregose near Swindon. They had eleven children: John (d young) Oliver (d young) Walter (d aged 21) Sir John, Catherind (d1633), Anne, Jane, Eleanor, Barbara, Lucy and Martha ( d young). The house at Purley was left to Lucy for her life (ref inq PM ser 2 ccxxvii-208; 26-iii-419)

### *1595 - 37/38 Eliz*

There was a dispute over the right and title to the parsonage in Purley. It had been granted around 1581 to William Stoning for 21 years and another grant had been made to his sisters Elizabeth and Anne and to Thomas Stoning who later became rector of Purley. The suit was brought by Randolf Wright who had become rector in 1585 after Thomas had died but possession still seemed to be in the hands of Elizabeth and her husband Humphrey Higgins. A special commission was called which took evidence from a number of deponents (John Appleton, Thomas Cranage, John North, Edward Payne, Elizabeth Gardner, Thomas Hastlett, Edward Fuller, John Winbo, John Justice and Joan Justice, most of whom were residents of Purley. One deponent stated that 'there was a vicarage house in which certain poor men lived and paid their rent to the parson ' (ref 26-iii-422; 62; 262; 261; Exchq dep east 37 Eliz no 15)

### *1596 - 38/39 Eliz*

### *1597 - 39/40 Eliz*

Walter St John died and the lordship of the manor of Purley Magna passed to his brother John (inq pm ser 2 ccxlix 82; 26-iii-419)

### *1598 - 40/41 Eliz*

### *1599 - 41/42 Eliz*

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