



Account of Purley on Thames

Chronicles 1660-1679

1660 - 12 Chas II

King Charles II was restored to the throne and Edward Hyde was his Chancellor.

1661 - 12/13 Chas II

Priscilla Flower, widow of Purley died

Magdalen Leach widow of Purley died

Francis Leach husbandman of Purley died

Daniel Reynor was instituted as Rector of Purley by the crown, although he had been appointed in 1659 before the end of the Commonwealth

1662 - 13/14 Chas II

The Cavalier Parliament passed the 'Act of Uniformity of Public Prayers etc' on July 29th. All clergy who had not been episcopally ordained or who did not assent to a public declaration of 'their unfeigned assent and consent to the Prayer Book of 1662' were deprived. They had until 24th August to conform and if they preached thereafter they were subject to three months imprisonment. Daniel Reynor who had been rector of Purley since 1659 was one of those ejected. He had first been appointed to a parish in 1656 at Buttermere and appears to have been a Congregationalist and so presumably not episcopally ordained

Thomas Blagrove was inducted as Rector of Purley on 16th December and restarted entries in the Parish Register

1663 - 14/15 Chas II

In his return for the Hearth Tax dated 28th October, the Parish Constable, George Draper, listed 20 householders of whom 8 were listed as 'poore', presumably because they had a house of lesser value than 20s per year and therefore nor liable to pay the tax of 2s per year

1664 - 15/16 Chas II

Elias Ashmole visited Purley on 13th March and recorded the epitaphs and inscriptions in the church which he published in 1666 He described the east window as containing some well executed stained glass depicting St John the Evangelist and St John the Baptist. It was originally given by Lord Grandison. It had lost both its heads by the mid 18th century and had been completely replaced by the early 19th century

1665 - 16/17 Chas II

1666 - 17/18 Chas II

1667 - 18/19 Chas II

1668 - 19/20 Chas II

1669 - 20/21 Chas II

George Higgs of Purley's will was proven

The will of Matthew Justice of Purley was proven

1670 - 21/22 Chas II

The will of Oliver Jordan, yeoman of Purley, was proven (ref 321-87/28)

Thomas Blagrove Sr died and was buried on 14th September. He was succeeded as Rector by his son also Thomas. His will proven in 1671 is preserved.

On November 18th there was a collection for the liberation of slaves in Turkey. £1-3-0 was raised in Purley

Thomas Bushnell, the churchwarden reported that there were no Meetings in the Parish (ie Dissenters) and factious people

1671 - 22/23 Chas II

Anthony Lybbe paid £6 as six years Guard Rent at Windsor Castle due to the King re the farm at Purley Malyns. This was acknowledged by the same William Taileir, possibly the son of Gabriel who had been Receiver for the Commonwealth in 1654

Thomas Blagrove's will was proven

1672 - 23/24 Chas II

The will of James Barefoot, husbandman of Purley, was proven

1673 - 24/25 Chas II

The will of John Wilder was proven

Sir Walter St John made a settlement of the Manor of Purley Magna

William Gostwicke was elected Master of Reading School on 13th Jan on the recommendation of the Bishop of Bath and Wells

1674 - 25/26 Chas II

1675 - 26/27 Chas II

Robert Hanscombe, yeoman of Purley, died. In his will he left 20s to Daniel Reynor, the former Rector, who had been ejected and gone to live at Egham.

1676 - 27/28 Chas II

1677 - 28/29 Chas II

John Gutteridge and Thomas Bushnell, the churchwardens, made a comprehensive report on the property of the church and reported that all was well to the best of their knowledge.

1678 - 29/30 Chas II

1679 - 30/31 Chas II

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