

Account of Purley on Thames

Archdeacons

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The Archdeaconary of Berkshire was founded by Bishop Richard le Poore in 1220, although the style of Archdeacon of Berkshire had been in use previously. The area of the Archdeaconary was co-terminous with that of the ancient County and has so remained despite changes in administrative county boundaries.

A list up to 1836 (when Berkshire became part of the Diocese of Oxford) is published in John le Nève's 'Fasti Ecclesie Anglicanae' and the list below is mainly taken from that. For later years the Year Books of the Diocese of Oxford provide the information

	Roger
1175-1180	Geoffrey
1213-1214	A
1222	Geoffrey
1224-1232	William de Merton
1239-1254	Giles de Wocumb
1255	Giles de Bridport
1262	Simon de Bridport
1267	Walter Scammell
1280	Thomas Bek
1287-1307	William de Berges
1312	Richard de Bello
1314	Tydo de Vareiso
1317-	Gilbert de Stapleton
1329-1331	Tydo de Vareiso

1331-1334	Robert de Aylleston
1337	Thomas de Holland
1339-1364	Edmund de la Beche
1366	John Harewell
1374	William St Steven
1378	Agrifolio
1384-	William
1389	Thomas Yokflete
1395 Sept	John Southam
1395 Sept	Walter Cook
1395 Oct	Ralph de Repyngton
1395	John Wynwyck
1403-1404	Simon Sydenham
1404-	Thomas Southam
1404-	Walter Medeford
1427-1431	Thomas Browne
1431	John Castell
1432	Alexander Sparrow
1433-1461	John Norton (d 1461)
1462-1464	Richard Owen (d 1463/4)
1464-1465	Robert Stillington
1466-1476	John Russel
1476-1478	John Morton
1478-1482	Richard Martyn
1487-1492	Oliver King
1493-1507	Steven Brereworth
1507-	Christopher Twineleyc

1510-1522	William Grey
1522-1545	Robert Audley
1545	John Crayford
1545-1553	William Pye
1557-1588	Thomas White
1588-1605	Martin Culpepper
1605-1630	Lionel Sharp
1630-1634	Edward Davenant
1634-1665	John Ryves (d 1665)
1665-1672	Peter Mewes
1673-1689	John Sharp
1689-1698	William Richards (d 1712)
1698-1710	Jonas Provast
1710-1716	Richard West
1717-1720	Edward Talbot
1721-1734	Martin Benson
1735-1746	Samuel Knight
1747-1763	John Spry
1763-1785	William Dodwell
1785-1817	Arthur Onslow
1817-1832	John Fisher
1832-	Edward Berens
1922-1942	R W Legg
1942-1955	Arthur Groom Parham (Bp Reading 1942-54)
1955-1968	Eric Henry Knell (Bp Reading 1954-72)
1968-1974	Eric Wild (Bp Reading 1972-82)

1974-1978	W R Birt
1978-1987	John E Brown (Bp Cyprus 1987-)
1987-1992	David Griffith
1992-1998	Michael Hill (Bp Buckingham 1998-)
1998-	Norman Russell

