

REVEREND CANON ARTHUR TEMPERLEY MA

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RECTOR OF SOUTH WILLINGHAM 1900 -1926

Arthur Temperley was born on 2 May 1850 in Wallsend, Northumberland, the son of Thomas Cram Temperley and Louisa (Stocks) Temperley and brother to Walter Vazeille Temperley and Ernest Temperley.

A scholar of Sidney Sussex College Cambridge his graduation day was reported in the Sheffield Independent on Monday February 1 1875....” The conduct of the undergraduates in the Senate House on Saturday exceeded anything that had been previously experienced in the shape of ungentlemanly conduct. The Vice-Chancellor and proctors were groaned at. The last man in the mathematical tripos was insulted by being offered a piece of wood, instead of the traditional wooden spoon. A lady was nearly struck by it, and the vice-chair- man stopped the proceedings to obtain order. Afterwards the congregation concluded amidst renewed disturbances.”

In September 1875 he became a mathematical teacher at Hereford Cathedral Grammar School for the next 5 years.

On Wednesday January 3 1877 The Eddowes's Journal. General Advertiser For Shropshire, detailed Arthur Temperley BA's ordination at Hereford Cathedral, admitted to Holy Orders by the Bishop Of Hereford. Now, as a Deacon he was later licensed as Curate of St Nicholas, Hereford. On May 11 1878 the Cambridge Independent Press mentioned he was conferred a Master of Arts.

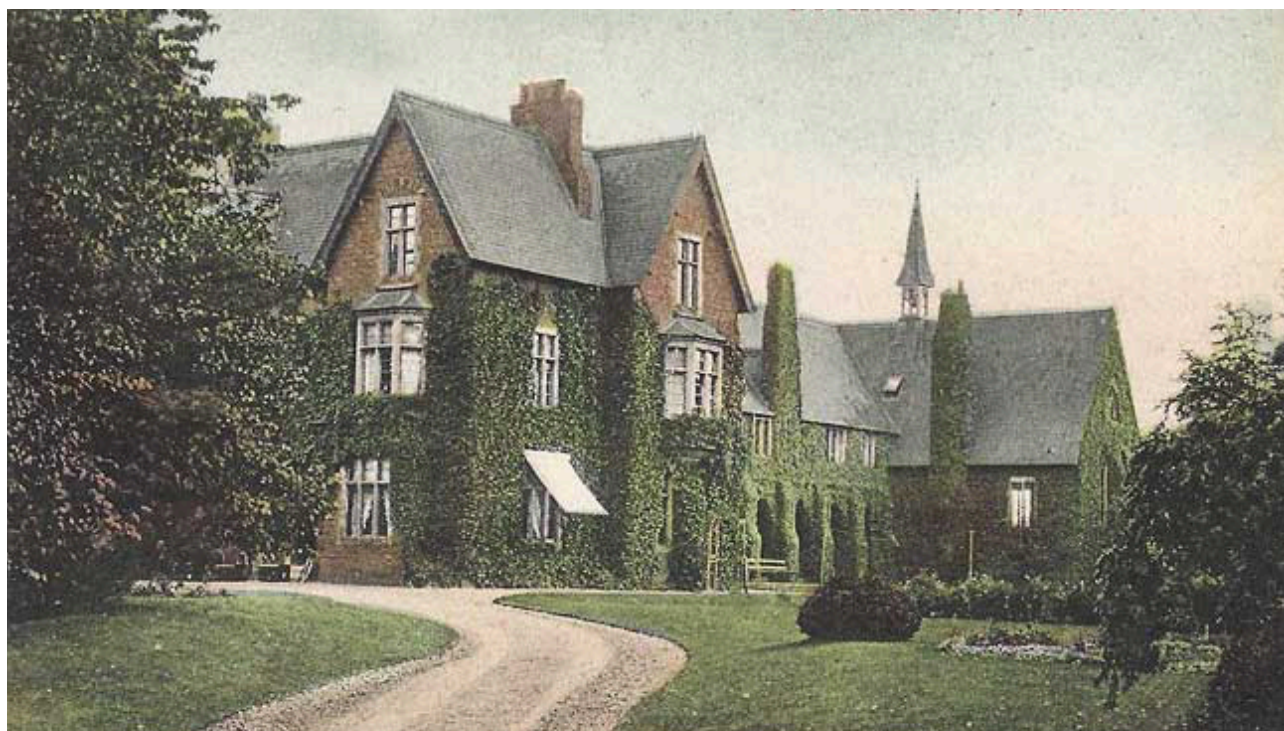
Possessed of a good singing voice, the Harlepool Northern Daily Mail mentioned him on January 8 1879 at the Elwick Hall Concert - " The Rev Arthur Temperley's clear tenor voice, came out to very great advantage in the song, " To Anthea," and was a great acquisition on several other occasions. He also sang the wellknown duet "All's Well".

Around 1880-81 he married Frances Georgiana Howard.

DE ASTON GRAMMAR SCHOOL

On September 4 1880, the Illustrated London News reported his appointment by the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln to the head mastership of the De Aston Grammar School, Market Rasen.

He appears to be the first head of De Aston who emerges as something of a distinct personality. There seems no doubt that Temperley was hard-working, but he never got the numbers above 40. They may have been affected by the agricultural depression which started around 1873; the school's finances were such that in 1892-4 Temperley took a reduction in basic salary from £150 to £100. In 1887-8 Temperley raised enough money to build a swimming pool (32 x 20 feet), and another fundraising drive in 1897-8 resulted in a chemistry laboratory costing £250.



At the 1883 Annual Speech & Prize day he said: "I am glad to inform friends of the school that our numbers our numbers are increasing. It is a somewhat uphill work, still I feel sure the school is doing good work and I hope it will increase still further, especially in an increase of pupils from this neighbourhood. It has increased especially in the number of boarders. When I was first appointed Headmaster at the end of the first year there were 6 boarders at the end of the second 8 at the end of my third year 17. I think this is a matter of congratulation and shows the school is getting more widely known. Of these 17 only 6 come from the county of Lincolnshire 6 from Newcastle, 1 from Hereford, 2 from Nottingham and 1 from Somerset." A series of adverts were placed in newspapers around the country throughout in headship – this one is from the Eastern Morning News January 20 1897:

De Aston School, Market Rasen, Lincolnshire:

Chairman: The Very Reverent Dean of Lincoln. A good boarding school on very moderate terms. Preparations for commerce and the professions. Gymnasium, swimming bath. Cricket and football fields. Thorough training for professional and commercial pursuits. Special attention to backward and delicate boys. Highest references. Next term begins January 1897.

While Head Teacher he also became involved in local affairs. The Lincolnshire Chronicle December 4 1885 has him presiding at the annual meeting of the Market Rasen auxiliary of the British & Foreign Bible Society. The Morning Post of July 19 1894 mentions his appointment as Treasurer for the Habitation Meeting of the Primrose League which met at Market Rasen Hall and member of the Executive Council. This may give us a clue to his political leanings. The Primrose League was an organisation for spreading Conservative principles in Great Britain. It was founded in 1883. Sir Winston Churchill, in his book on his father, Lord Randolph Churchill, published in 1906, stated that the Primrose League had one million paid up members "determined to promote the cause of Toryism". The Primrose League went into decline in 20th Century – particularly by World War Two. It was finally wound up in 2004.

The Stamford Mercury on December 27 1895 lists him as Chairman of the Market Rasen Association For The Prosecution of Felons. In the 18th and early 19th centuries, before the creation of a national police force, rural communities formed mutual subscription societies to prosecute criminals. These evolved out of resolutions passed at parish vestry meetings to prosecute felons out of the public purse. Printed handbills declaring the intentions of such bodies and offering rewards for information leading to an arrest are sometimes found in local record offices, and notices of the activities of such associations are reported in local newspapers.

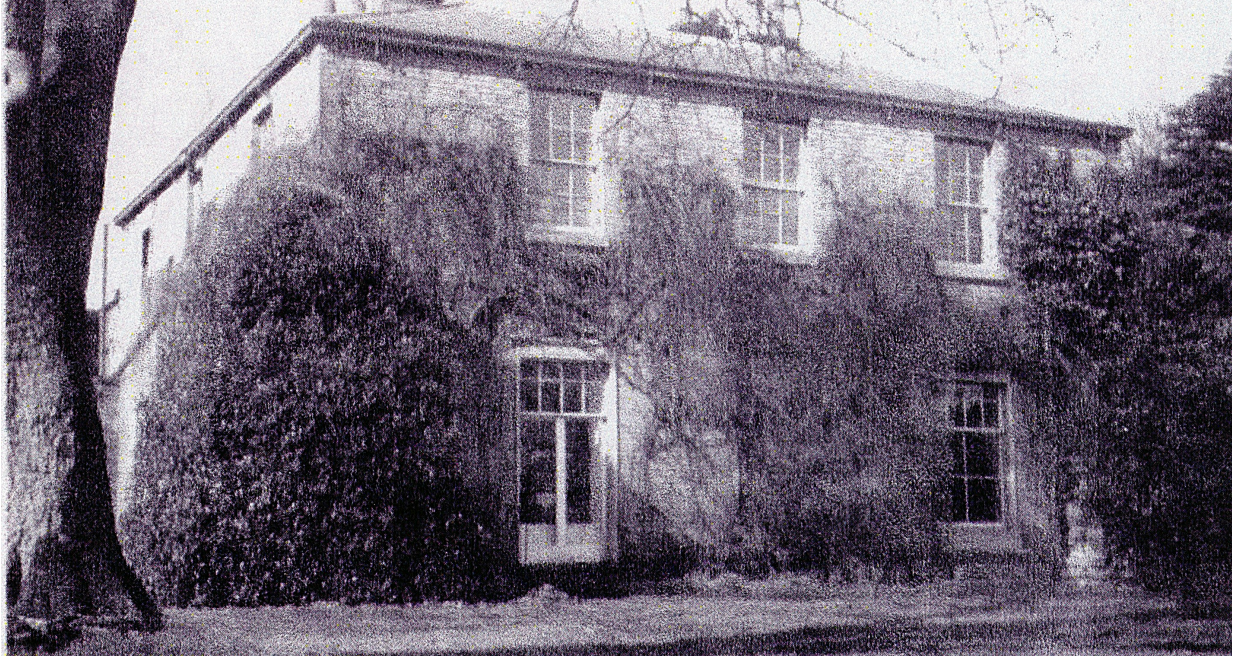
In the Lincolnshire Echo of April 21 1897 he is mentioned attending the Annual Vestry meeting in Market Rasen. The same year on June 4 the Stamford Mercury states he is re-elected to the Technical Education Committee– Urban District Council.

In January 1901 he was succeeded at Head Teacher at De Aston by Charles Elliot.

RECTOR OF SOUTH WILLINGHAM 1900 –1926

In 1900 at the age of 50 the Reverend Arthur Temperley came with his family to live at The Rectory in South Willingham next to St Martins Church. The 1901 census is frustratingly illegible for the household. However, he is listed along with his wife Frances Georgiana Howard aged 8 years younger than him at 42. Frances was born in Monmouthshire in Wales. A daughter, Phoebe is listed aged 14, Eustace, a son aged 11, and two further daughters: Margaret 5 and Olive 3 – all born in Market Rasen. Also listed is Agnes Cripp, 60 from Monmouthshire, "living on her own means" Temperley's Mother in Law. A boy is listed aged 10 – called Ambrose – the relationship or standing is unclear

- along with two servant girls. The 1911 census entry by Temperley states 18 rooms are inhabited at the Rectory. Eustace is a student aged 21 - Margaret and Olive are now 15 and 13 respectively and attending school. Phoebe has left South Willingham. Helping the household are: Annie Matthews 19 from Denton, Lancashire as Domestic Cook and Lily Hogg 16 from Horncastle as Domestic Housemaid



THE RECTORY AT SOUTH WILLINGHAM



AN EARLY VIEW OF THE INTERIOR OF ST MARTINS CHURCH WITH THE OLDER PEWS AND ORNATE LIGHTS

Parish churches and their incumbent clergy were supported by tithes, a form of local tax levied on the personal as well as agricultural output of the parish. Quite commonly, parishes that had a rector also had glebe lands attached to the parish. The rector was then responsible for the repair of the chancel of his church — the part dedicated to the sacred offices — while the rest of the building was the responsibility of the parish. Locally, South Willingham had church farms and land. Local parish duties would include holding religious services such as communal worship, marriages, funerals and christenings and providing the focal point of a parish, a localised religious community composed of parishioners. In South Willingham it must be remembered that, in addition and separate to the Church, the village once had two further chapels, both situated in Barkwith Road. South Willingham Wesleyan Methodist Chapel was built in 1834 and closed in 1972 and is now a private residence. It was part of the Louth Wesleyan Methodist Circuit 1834 - 1933 and Louth Methodist Circuit 1933 - 1972. South Willingham United Methodist Chapel was built in 1855 and closed in 1933. A private dwelling now stands on this site. The chapel was in the following circuits at the dates indicated: Louth Wesleyan Reform Union circuit - 1855 - 57; Louth United Methodist Free churches Circuit 1857 - 1907; Louth United Methodist Circuit 1907 - 33.



IN SOUTH WILLINGHAM, THE 1911 CORONATION FESTIVITIES BEGAN AT 7 AM BY THE RINGING OF A PEAL ON THE CHURCH BELLS. AT 9 AM THE COMMITTEE AND HELPERS MET AT W. BETTS 'S BARN, KINDLY LENT, TO PREPARE FOR THE MEAL. AT 11 AM DIVINE SERVICE WAS HELD AT THE CHURCH, WHEN A GOODLY NUMBER WERE PRESENT, SPECIAL PRAYERS BEING READ BY THE RECTOR, REV A TEMPERLEY WHO GAVE AN APPROPRIATE ADDRESS. SPECIAL HYMNS WERE SUNG AND THE SERVICE CONCLUDED WITH THE SINGING OF THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. MR HARRY PICKERING ABLY PRESIDING AT THE ORGAN. AT NOON THE COMMITTEE AND HELPERS HAD DINNER AND AT 1 PM THERE WAS A PUBLIC DINNER FOR ALL PARISHIONERS. AFTERWARDS, SPORTS WERE HELD FOR THE CHILDREN, CONSISTING OF RACING AND JUMPING, AND A QUOIT MATCH FOR ADULTS. THERE WAS TEA FOR ALL AT 4.30 AND AT 5 O CLOCK A GROUP WAS PHOTOGRAPHED BY MR STARBUCK OF MARKET RASEN. SPORTS FOR ADULTS COMMENCED AT 6 PM CONSISTING OF RACING, JUMPING, POLE JUMPING, EGG AND SPOON RACE, THREAD AND NEEDLE RACE ETC. AT 8 PM ALL CHILDREN UNDER 15 WERE PRESENTED WITH A CORONATION MUG AND A BUN ON THE RECTORY LAWN BY MRS TEMPERLEY. SUPPER TOOK PLACE AT 9 PM, THE REMAINDER OF THE EVENING BEING SPENT IN DANCING ON THE RECTORY LAWN BY INVITATION OF THE REV A TEMPERLEY, THE MUSIC BEING SUPPLIED BY MR F BEST. THE VILLAGERS BROKE UP WHAT WAS CONSIDERED TO BE THE BEST DAY THEY HAD SPENT TOGETHER BY SINGING THE NATIONAL ANTHEM.

During his time at South Willingham he continued his educational activities. For many years he was Secretary of the Diocesan Board of Education and a member of the Lindsey Education Authority and acted as an Examiner for the Local Examination Syndicate of Cambridge University.

His wife Frances Georgiana Howard died suddenly on Sunday October 4 1914 aged 56.

On August 16 1922 The Skegness Standard reported: "the internment of the first Baron Heneage took place on Monday in the churchyard of Hainton which is to the rear of Hainton Hall. ...there was a large presence of tenantry and public bodies at the graveside, the committal sentences being read by Rev Arthur Temperley, Rector of South Willingham."

PARISH HALL

Following a fire at Hainton Hall, a temporary kitchen building was erected there. In 1922 Baron Heneage gifted this to South Willingham for use as a Parish Hall and it was taken down from the Estate and re-erected on its present site. Reverend Temperley was instrumental in setting up the Parish Hall activities – many of which continue today.

A public meeting was held on August 28 1922 for managing the hall. Temperley was elected Chairman and proposed the following resolution which was carried unanimously: 'that this meeting of the people of South Willingham express their sincere sorrow at the death of the late Lord Heneage and sympathy with Lady Heneage and her family and also to record their deep gratitude to his Lordship for his generous gift of the Parish Hall'.



THE NEW PARISH HALL - NOTE THE HORSE AND CART AND RAILINGS

On September 6 1922 a constitution for the Parish Hall was adopted and on October 2 Temperley also formed an educational committee. He was re elected Chairman in 1923, 1924 and 1925-1926. Garden Fetes had traditionally been held at The Rectory notably to celebrate the King's Coronation in 1911 and these continued via the Parish Hall committee on June 30 1923 and June 21 1924. On May 23 1923 his daughter, Olive, joined the Parish Hall Committee. At a meeting on September 30 1925 the question of lectures to be delivered at the Parish Hall was considered - two were agreed for November and December - one of which was delivered by the Rector. On November 21 the letting of the building to outside parties was agreed along with arrangements for Whist nights and a fancy dress party for children to be held on New Years Day - children free and entry for adults 6d. Arthur Temperley provided the prizes at the next Whist Drive held on February 2 1926. March 3 1926 saw arrangements being made for an Easter Dance.

A Public Meeting of the Parish Hall of South Hillingham was held in the Parish Hall on Monday August 29th 1922, at 7 pm.

There was a good attendance.

The purpose of the meeting was to make arrangements for the management of the Hall & its proper carrying on.

The Rev. A. Temperley, Rector, was elected chairman of the meeting. He proposed the following Resolution which was carried unanimously:-

"That this meeting of the Parishioners of South Hillingham desires to express their sincere sorrow at the death of the late Lord Homeage, & their sympathy with Lady Homeage & the family, & also to record their deep gratitude to his Lordship for his generous gift of the Parish Hall.

The following were appointed to carry out the above objects:

Messrs W. G. Pickering, A. L. Johnson, H. Pickering, F. Fild, C. Hunt, E. Gray, A. White, M. Plumtree, G. Freeborough.

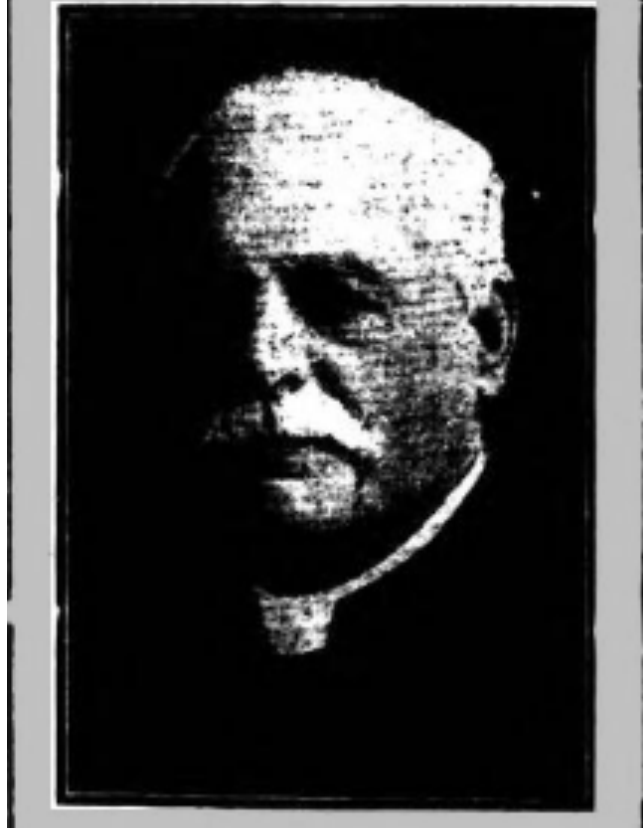
Mrs P. Temperley, Mrs. J. Hasle, Mr. Thawalt, Mr. H. Pickering, Mr. Green, Mrs. Plumtree, Mrs. E. Pickering.

TEMPERLEY'S OWN HANDWRITING TO BE FOUND IN THE PARISH HALL MINUTE BOOK FROM THE EARLY MEETINGS

Arthur Temperley
Chairman Sep 6. 1922.

HIS SIGNATURE AGREEING MINUTES AT A LATER MEETING

CANON TEMPERLEY TO RETIRE.



CANON OF LAFFORD AT LINCOLN CATHEDRAL

Temperley was now aged 75. The Sheffield Daily Telegraph announced on January 22 1925 that the Bishop of Lincoln had offered the Prebend or Canory of Lafford in Lincoln Cathedral (vacant by the death of Rev Cecil Edward Fisher) to the Rev Arthur Temperley, rector of South Willingham, who had accepted the offer. The Nottingham Journal February 25 1926 reported that "Canon Arthur Temperley MA, has decided to retire from the living at South Willingham, Lincolnshire, where he has been rector for over 25 years and will reside in Lincoln." The Skegness Standard following this up on March 3 1926 "The Rev Canon Arthur Temperley MA, Rector of South Willingham and a well known Lincolnshire Educationalist, has decided to retire from active parochial work and expects to take up residence in Lincoln in the next few months..... He hopes to be able to continue his educational activities but feels that in view of advancing years it will be necessary for him to give up parochial work. His departure from South Willingham will be much regretted."

In the Nottingham Evening Post March 18 1926 reported that the Rectory South Willingham, vacant by the resignation of Canon Arthur Temperley. who had held it since 1900, had been offered Lord Canon Bolam, Rector of St. Marys Magdalene, Lincoln, who had accepted it. Almost blind himself, he was secretary of the Lincoln and Lindsey Blind Society, and was doing a great deal for the benefit of the sightless and the deaf and dumb in the county. His wife was a daughter Mr. Chas. Wright, of North Willingham Hall.

On April 20 1926 Temperley attended his last Parish Hall Committee Meeting as Chairman and on August 18 Canon Bolam was elected Chair.

Reverend Canon Arthur Temperley died suddenly on February 20 1927 in Heighington, Lincolnshire aged 76. On February 21 at the South Willingham Parish Hall Committee Meeting news of his death was received. The Secretary was instructed to write a letter of sympathy to Miss Temperley and also that a wreath be purchased and sent from the Committee.

He would have never have owned any property – be it as a school teacher; headmaster at De Aston or The Rectory. Not withstanding this the Yorkshire Post and Leeds Intelligencer on May 27 1927 reported he left £3,943. This is equivalent to £217,618 today (2019).



CANON ARTHUR TEMPERLEY IS BURIED IN ST MARTINS CHURCH SOUTH WILLINGHAM, ALONG WITH HIS WIFE AND SUBSEQUENTLY HIS TWO DAUGHTERS PHOEBE AND OLIVE.

POSTSCRIPT

Monumental Inscriptions : Reference G9 Plan 1:

TO THE DEAR MEMORY OF FRANCES GEORGIANA HOWARD WIFE OF THE REV ARTHUR TEMPERLEY M.A. RECTOR WHO DIED SUDDENLY ON SUNDAY OCTOBER 4TH 1914, AGED 56 YEARS LOVING AND BELOVED "HER OWN WORKS PRAISE HER" NON SIBI VIXIT

ALSO OF THE REV. ARTHUR TEMPERLEY, M.A. CANON OF LINCOLN CATHEDRAL FOR 25 YEARS RECTOR OF THIS PARISH WHO DIED SUDDENLY ON SUNDAY FEBRUARY 20TH 1927 AGED 76 YEARS IN QUIETNESS AND IN CONFIDENCE SHALL BE YOUR STRENGTH "ANIMO ET FIDE"

ALSO OF PHOEBE LOUISA VAZEILLE TEMPERLEY BORN 1887, DIED 1967

OLIVE VAZEILLE HOLE BORN 1897 DIED 1976



IN ST MARTINS CHURCH NEAR THE ALTAR HIS TWO SONS AND FIVE DAUGHTERS ERECTED A PLAQUE