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Amongst my earliest memories are those of gazing out of our home in Goldsmith Road and there, almost opposite, was the quiet churchyard of the old Leyton Parish Church. The side gate was never open in those days of the early fifties and you never saw a soul. My parents were married there in 1942 and I was christened and went to Sunday School there and also down the road at the old Vicarage. I have known it all my life and I cannot see its faults. Just how long others may have looked out onto the church we may never know.

It has been estimated that back before the Old Stone Age (Palaeolithic) the banks of the River Lea extended beyond the site of the current church. As the water levels receded, this perhaps allowed those 'Hunter Gatherers' to appear and set up their early camps. The tools of late Stone Age man have been found in Leyton which indicates that the land was now being occupied for residential purposes. Certainly, the Ancient Britons must have been living in Leyton when the Romans came, perhaps using a route to the City of London from the east down to the fording place to cross the River Lea. Interestingly a supposed Roman building was discovered in the grounds of what became the Grange and on which lands our church was built. When the present chancel was being extended in 1932 workmen discovered several coins of which two were Roman coins of the Emperor Vespasian Cæsar dating from around 70AD<sup>1</sup>.

The spread of Christianity began in 563AD following the lead set by St Columba. How many centuries did it take before the foundation of our own church, which could have stood on this site since Saxon times? Which is anything from the 6<sup>th</sup> to the 11<sup>th</sup> century. A piece of stone believed to be part of an old gravestone was found in the tiling of the kitchen floor of the old Vicarage (built 1677). This was dated to around 600 or 700AD<sup>2</sup>. Today it has been mounted into the wall of a cupboard of what is the small kitchen and leading to the John Strype vestry and the north door.

There is little doubt that the church stands on the highest point of the then village. Although there is some doubt if the site of the present church corresponds with

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Rev F H Smith *Parish Church of the Borough of Leyton, a Short Guide*, Privately Printed, Leyton, 1938, pp (4). These coins have since disappeared.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> M L Savell *Old Leyton Church*, Ramsgate, nd c1964, p16.

the footprint of any Saxon chapel or church. At the time of the Domesday Survey, amongst the population of 51 households there were numbered two priests, one of whom was attached to the manor of Leyton and the other to that of Ruckholt or possibly Cann Hall<sup>3</sup>. In about the year 1182 the manor and church at Leyton were gifted to the Abbot and Convent of Stratford Langthorne. Mary Savell is of the opinion that sometime between the twelfth century and the dissolution of the monasteries the church must by then have been on its current site, as any move would surely have been mentioned. The Abbey continued to own the property until the dissolution of the monasteries began in 1538.

The first named priest of the Parish of Leyton was Stephen de Sudbury who was possibly here from 1327 until 1371, and if the information is correct<sup>4</sup>, served for forty-four years. From here on in we have a complete list (see appendix).



Plan of Leyton Grange showing the Parish Church c1720/3

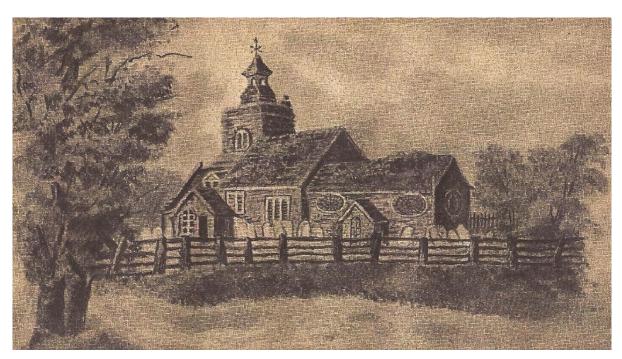
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Open Domesday website http://domesdaymap.co.uk/ reproduces Domesday Book, which for two Leyton landholdings lists a priest attached. Cann Hall was in Wanstead until the end of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Period covers the Black Death so his length of incumbency, if true, is all the more remarkable.

The illustration above is taken from an elevation of the grounds of The Grange, from a print made by T Schynvoet circa 1729. It is believed that this is how the church would have looked prior to the arrival of the Rev John Strype in 1669.

As we look at the outside of the church today the fabric is mainly early 19<sup>th</sup> century, although the tower and parts of the north wall are earlier. Flint boulders found beneath the foundations of the wall in the north-east corner have been confirmed as Saxon in origin<sup>5</sup>. The foundations to the east of the eastern-most pillar of the present Nave, which formed the 1693 Chancel, are very old and perhaps may be even Roman in origin.

There is a picture of the church which purports to be an earlier view and is dated "1690". This is in fact based on a print by S Woodburn published 28<sup>th</sup> March 1807. Therefore, it must date between 1794 and 1806, when the church clock was added.



**Low Layton Church "1690" (1807)** 

The Rev Robert Bren remarked that tradition suggests the present church dates from 1575, and is based on an inscription on a print held by the church. He could find no justification for this claim. The earliest date regarding the fabric of the church is when the small First or Upper Chancel was built in 1610 by Sir William

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> C H Crouch Short Account of Ancient Stones and Fragments of Monuments discovered during the recent restoration and now preserved in the Parish Church of the Borough of Leyton, June to November, 1932.

Ryder, Lord Mayor of London for 1600<sup>6</sup>. This would have been centred towards the east end of the present Nave. Beneath this was situated the Manor Vault.

A memorial to Sir Michael Hickes was created upon his death in 1612 and erected against the east end of the First or Upper Chancel.

The churchwardens were ordered to make repairs to the church in 1638. This included adding shingle to the steeple<sup>7</sup>.

The reasons behind rebuilding the church in the 19<sup>th</sup> century were due to lack of space for the ever-increasing population. In the middle of the 17<sup>th</sup> century the reason was more fundamental. At a meeting of parishioners held on 11<sup>th</sup> May 1656 it was:

Aggreed that the church shall be well & sufficiently repaired and also that in regard the oulde steple is verey much decayed and ready to fall that a newe steple of bricke shall be builte and also by reasson of wante of accomomodation of pewes, it is ressoulved at this metteinge that a newe ille on the north side of the church shal be also builte with bricke.<sup>8</sup>

At about the same time as the Tower was being rebuilt, which must have been finished before 1660<sup>9</sup>, a North Aisle running from the new tower to the chancel was also made, doubling the size of the church. Some of this Jacobean brickwork can still be seen today from the outside just below the window.

There was a reference to the church being whitewashed in 1659<sup>10</sup>. This seems to have been done on a more or less regular basis.

The most famous incumbent must be Rev John Strype, who held the living from 1669 to 1737. He was responsible for some of the later editions of John Stow's *Survey of London*, first published in 1598 and enlarged by Strype in 1720. Strype was born 1<sup>st</sup> November 1643 in Houndsditch, London. His father was John van Strype, who had travelled to England to avoid religious persecution on the continent when still a young man. Joining his uncle in the silk trade van Strype became the head of the family's business on the latter's death. He gained the Freedom of the City of London and held the position of Master of the Silk Throwsters or Throwers Company. His father died in 1647, when he was just

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Rev Robert Bren, *The Story of the Chancel of Low Layton Parish Church*, Essex Review, #165 Vol XIII, January 1933, p1.

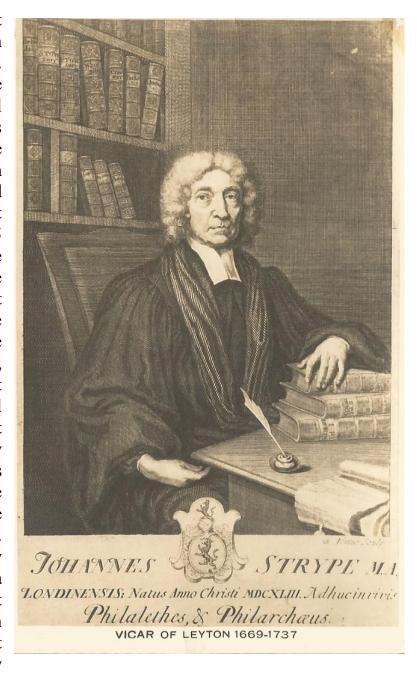
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Victoria County History Essex Vol VI, Reprinted by LBWF 1979, pp 44. The wording suggests to me that an original wooden church tower had in the past been itself rebuilt wholly or partly in stone.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p43.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Detail from tombstone of John Wood still in situ.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> John Kennedy A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p44.

four years of age, but Strype had already been destined for the clergy. The young John Strype attended St Paul's School and went up to Jesus Cambridge College, where he matriculated in 1662. He then graduated with a BA from St Catherine's Hall in 1665 and a MA in 1669. Strype was appointed to the perpetual curacy Theydon Bois and in the same year, 1669, became minister for St Mary's, Leyton, it is believed at the request of the local inhabitants. It appears that he was never formerly inducted (although this is now disputed) but as the stipend was so small, he was allowed to continue. In a letter dated 7<sup>th</sup> January 1719 he remarked to a recipient that the past Christmas was the fiftieth he had conducted at without anv Leyton



omission. Towards the end of his long life, when he had become increasingly infirm, he moved to Hackney to live out his days with his married granddaughter. He died 11<sup>th</sup> December 1737 and is buried in the Chancel<sup>11</sup>.

His literary work included a Memorial of Thomas Cranmer the Archbishop of Canterbury, Lives of Sir Thomas Smith, John Aylmer and Sir John Cheke. He also wrote about the lives of three Archbishops of Canterbury: Edmund Grindal, Matthew Parker and John Whitgift. However, it is his expanded version of John Stow's *Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster* for which he will be remembered.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Alfred Philip Wire *John Strype F.S.A.* District Times, 9<sup>th</sup> August 1901.

The roof of the Upper Chancel and the church porch were repaired in 1679, the cost of which was partly covered by the Rev Strype himself and from a collection. It seems that two arches:

were there being very defective, which being taken down, the rising piece also was found to be rotten. Two new pillars were erected, on which rested a new rising piece, for which pillars and raising piece were obtained three strong oaks out of Wallwood, a wood in this Parish which stood in the bounds of Waltham Forest, late belonging to the Crown, now felled and turned into arable and pasture land – the charge of which repairs, besides the timber, amounted to above £22<sup>12</sup>

By 1670 the population of Leyton was estimated to number 83 households, rising within one hundred years by as much as threefold. Inside the church the problem appears to be that the Chancel was now too narrow and not allowing the congregation to witness proceedings, with the minister having to deliver the sacraments to each of the pews. Work now began on 10<sup>th</sup> August 1693 on a new Chancel. In order to do this, it was first necessary to obtain permission from the Lord of the Manor of Ruckholt, Sir William Hickes, to remove his ancestors' monuments which occupied the whole length of the then existing Chancel. Work would then involve removing the East Wall and making a new Chancel to house a Communion Table with a pair of rails. Details taken from the Churchwarden's accounts show that 10500 bricks and 6500 tiles were used, and laid by two bricklayers, Barker and Sanders, with the aid of sixteen labourers. The total cost amounted to £90 16s 1d. It was completed by November 1693. A breakdown of the costs was recorded by Rev John Kennedy, although there was a slight disagreement over the final total<sup>13</sup>.

The east end of the Chancel contained an oval window on the north side along with two oval windows on the south side and one circular window at the east end, this thought to be twelfth century, as partly shown in the picture of Low Layton Church dated "1690" (1807). Inside the Chancel and beneath these windows were placed the Hickes monuments, with Sir Michael and Lady Hickes on the south wall and Sir William Hickes, the younger, and his parents on the north wall. These would eventually be moved to the Hickes Chapel at the west end in 1853.

It was agreed at a vestry meeting, in 1711, that a West Gallery be erected up against the belfry, this to replace an existing gallery. This was further enlarged sixteen years later. I seem to recall sitting there as a member of the Sunday School. Today this now holds the Organ.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p23.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Rev Robert Bren *The Story of the Chancel of Low Layton Parish Church*, Essex Review #165, January 1933.

Further repairs were carried out in 1735. These included replacing the oak frame surrounding the large window in the south wall and the communion table to be laid with Portland stone. In 1766 the Parish decided to obtain a fire engine, and two years later a Fire Engine House was constructed adjacent to the south west door. By 1771 the roof did require some repairs and again in 1779 it was necessary to erect a "great girder" in the middle of the church to support the roof.

In January 1791 an urgent vestry meeting was held to discuss the installation of a stove to supply heating to the church. There was some consternation that this would not work and it was decided not to pay until the job was completed running satisfactory.

The Cupola and Clock were added to the Tower in 1806.

The age-old problem of the lack of space began to become acute after many families were unable to attend services at all, and in 1811 it was agreed, once again, to enlarge the church. For the short term, a new gallery over the communion table was installed in 1817 to accommodate 100 boys from the Sunday School<sup>14</sup>. In all probability the old East Window was bricked up, which must have made the Sanctuary very gloomy. As very much an afterthought, alterations were made in turn to the staircase leading to the West Gallery which was modified to allow more space for the girls.

With parishioners now obliged to sit or stand in the aisles again the question arose concerning the proposed enlargements. In an impassioned plea from "an old parishioner" in a letter dated 21<sup>st</sup> March 1822, the writer pledged to contribute £1000 to the fund<sup>15</sup>. The designs for the rebuilding of the church were made apparently by John Shaw and the contractor was Thomas Cubitt<sup>16</sup>. In the Nave a south aisle was added, during which course the porch at the east end was removed, as was the porch at the west end where it was attached to the Fire Engine House (placed there in 1768). A new south-east porch and a small Vestry were included at the east end, known today as the Long Vestry, and a new south-west porch made. The East Wall was also rebuilt. The floor of the Lower Chancel was raised to that of the Upper Chancel<sup>17</sup>. The height of the Tower was increased by the addition of battlements. A pedal Organ was also installed. Its origin remains somewhat of a mystery. It was once thought to have come from the Zoological Gardens in Brighton, but these did not open until 1825. It is more likely to have been purchased in Brighton second-hand in 1822. It was originally built by

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Established in 1791.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup>John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p57. The "Old Parishioner" was identified as Captain Joseph Cotton, then living at Walnut Tree House.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>16</sup> Victoria County History Essex (extract) London Borough of Waltham Forest, 1979 p45.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Possibly many of the memorial slabs were moved at this time rather than 1853.

Messrs Flight & Robson, rebuilt in 1885 by Bishop & Son and again in 1967/8 when it was discovered that parts of the organ date back to c1760.

The old Box Pews were removed in 1853. The Hickes family monuments subsequently were removed from the Chancel and incorporated into the Hickes Chapel, or St Edward's Chapel, below the Tower. The shape of the old window, from its previous position, can still be seen in the memorial. A new East window was now inserted to bring in some more light.

The West Door was inserted in 1884 when the Baptistery was also constructed.

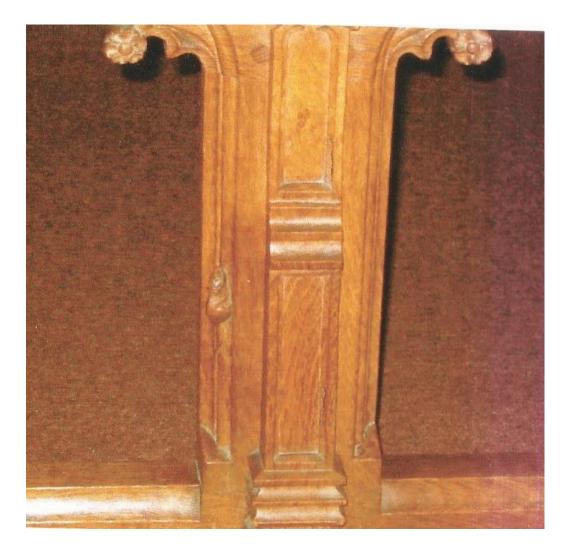
The Stained Glass in the East Window of the Chancel was inserted in 1889. The Communion Screen, along with a fine copy of Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*, was added in 1920 as a war memorial, the screen subsequently being moved to beneath the gallery at the west end in 1962/3.



Following the renovations of 1932

At the eastern end, the Chancel was lengthened in 1932, with the oval windows inserted in the new east wall and re-roofed. The new chancel was consecrated on 17<sup>th</sup> November 1932. A year later the western end of the Nave was heightened and re-roofed and the Clerestory was rebuilt in concrete and the existing iron pillars covered in concrete. Note the "masonic" symbols at the west end of the Nave for Alpha and Omega, "The Beginning and The End". All the remaining Victorian glass was now replaced. The South Aisle windows were replaced with

heraldic glass, although the oldest glass remaining in the church is up the tower staircase. Above the South West Door an Oriel Window was inserted to commemorate the Silver Jubilee of King George V and Queen Mary in 1935; unfortunately this was put in the wrong way round. The Tower was damaged during the blitz and rebuilt in 1951.



Detail showing the little mouse on the communion rail

In 1954 an estimate was obtained from Robert Thompson's of Kilburn, north Yorkshire for a communion rail to serve as a memorial to Revd. Canon Reginald Bertin. It was designed by John Stuart Syme of York and the estimated costs were £158. The communion rail features the firm's now familiar trade-mark of a small mouse running up one of the columns<sup>18</sup>.

Ten years later, in 1962, the floor was removed and parquet flooring laid. It was during this period that it was discovered that an earlier renovation had involved

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> Leyton & Leytonstone Historical Society Newsletter *Understone*, Issue #7, November 2006.

levelling the floor and filling in the earlier vaults. The stones from these vaults will be found all around the church so it is no longer possible to trace their original positions.

There were a few discoveries such as the vault of the Cooper family, including James Cooper who died in 1773. This was under the South Aisle, but as this did not exist before 1822, it must have lain in part of the churchyard.

During the alterations to the interior in 1994/5, the church was badly damaged by arson. The total cost of the renovations and making good the damage amounted to over half a million pounds.



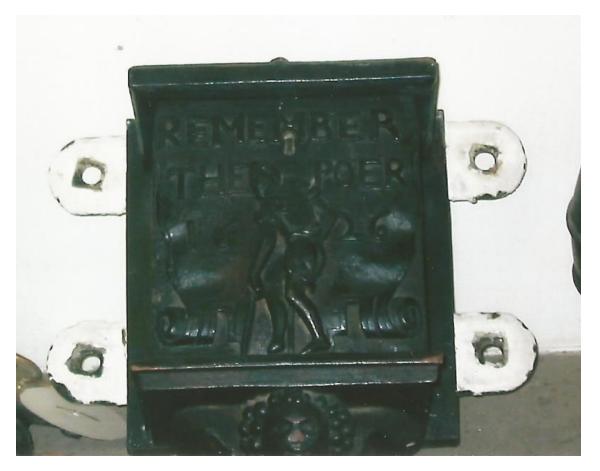
#### St Mary's Parish Church Modern View

#### Slab of John Strype **Slab of Henry Parvish Former site of Hicks Tomb** Hickes Chapel **NORTH AISLE** under Tower 0 lectern organ gallery **NAVE** (above) VESTRY south (gallery/above) west SOUTH AISLE porch font **Coffin of** Roman coins found here in 1932 **Thomas Thorpe**

Pillars dating from 15th Century

#### Tour of the Interior of the Church

Note: Memorials mentioned but no longer visible are enclosed in brackets [ ]. Many of the floor slabs are no longer in their original positions. Brass rubbings of the floor memorials are shown in the first part of a paper presented to the Leyton Antiquarian Society by Mrs Charles Hall Crouch in 1928, the remainder in 1931, copy in the Vestry House Museum.



The Poor Box

At one time a Poor (or "Alma" or "Lazarus") Box used to be mounted on the wall in the Porch. It is made of cast iron and dated 1626 and carries the legend REMEMBER THE POER. A picture does exist of the same box but also bearing the date of 1673. No one has discovered the significance of this. The box at present is in store but it is hoped that it could be reinstalled in its original position.

#### **Porch (formerly the Baptistery)**

Entering the church via the South West Door, on the left are the stairs leading to the Oriel Window. Immediately in front is a Bookcase made from old pews removed in 1853. On either side of the bookcase are brasses to Ursula Gasper and Lady Mary Kingston.

Ursula Gasper, maiden daughter of Luke Gasper.

URSULA sum LUCE sum GASPARIS unica gnata.
URSULA, virgineis me pia junge choris.
An. Dom. MCCCCLXXXXIIIo, xiii die Junii. (1493)<sup>19</sup>

#### Lady Mary Kingston, died 1548

If you will the Truythe have, Here lythe in this Grave, Directly under this Stone, Good Lady Mary Kyngestone: Who departed this world, the Truythe to say, In the Monthe of Augu[s]t, the XXV Day: And as I do well remember, Was buryed honourably the fourth Day of September. The Yere of our Lorde reckynyd truly, MVc fourty and eight varely. Whos yerly obyte and Anniversary, Is determynyd to be kept surely, At the Coste of her Sone Sir Henry Jerningham truly: Who was at this makyng, Of the Quenes Guard cheffe Capteyn.  $1557^{20}$ 

Mary Jerningham nee Scrope was the wife of Sir Willam Kingston, Constable of the Tower of London, and the sister-in-law of Lady Anne Grey. Mary Kingston attended Anne Boleyn at her execution in May 1536.

On the right is a Memorial Brass to Florence Holdgate, daughter of Robert Holdgate, Churchwarden. Florence became a missionary and went to Uganda in 1904. Tragically she died of a fever at Uganda on 30<sup>th</sup> October 1906.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Originally attached to a plain stone situated in the Chancel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Text as corrected by Rev Robert Bren in his 'grangerized' copy of John Kennedy's *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex* volume 1 pp 454 & 465. John Strype recalls that this was once on the south wall of the Chancel. It also bears the date it was erected, 1557.

#### **Swing Doors – West Door**



These were erected in 1963 in memory of William Cleverley, Churchwarden for many years, and of his wife.

The Sanctuary Door Knocker (outside the church), is said to have come from an "old church" in 1853.

The Beadle's Pew normally resides just inside the vestibule. The Staff was presented by Robert Holdgate, High Warden for 25 years. Dated 1824, but it is not known if this is the original staff<sup>21</sup>.

The War Memorial Screen was originally erected in 1920 to separate the Nave from the Chancel as a Memorial to those

parishioners killed in the Great War. It was re-erected here in 1963, and has the names of those who died in both World Wars which were originally on the screen but were transferred to a board in 1951.

Immediately to the south of the West Door lies a vault believed to be that of the Heathcote family. This was uncovered during the excavations in 1962. The Heathcote Vault was built in 1711 for Sir Gilbert Heathcote of Forest House. He was Lord Mayor of London and was said to be the richest commoner in the Kingdom. He was a Director of the East India Company and one of the founders of the Bank of England. He died in 1733 and was buried at Normanton, Rutland.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> Understone, Issue #28, April 2011.

#### West Wall

**Sir Edward Holmden**, Alderman of London, died 1616.

HERE LYETH BVRIED THE BODY OF S<sup>R</sup> EDWARD HOLMDEN KNIGHT SOMETIME CITIZEN AND ALDERMAN OF LONDON, WHO TOOKE TO WIFE DAME ELIZABETH AND HAD ISSUE BY HER FIVE SONNES VIZ THOMAS, THOMAS, EDWARD, GEORGE AND JOHN & FOVRE DAVGHTERS MARY, SVSAN, ELIZABETH & ELIZABETH W<sup>CH</sup> S<sup>R</sup> EDWARD DIED THE 4<sup>TH</sup> IVLY 1616 ÆTATE SVÆ 72

Edward Holmden was born c1544 and died at Leyton. He was a Director of the East India Company and a Master of the Grocers Company in 1596/7. His wife was Elizabeth Taylor of Hazleton Grange, Gloucestershire. He was knighted in 1603.

Brasses to:

Mary Ann Boger, died 1893.

In Loving memory
Mary Anne, wife of
Coryndon P. Boger
Captain Royal Navy
and daughter of the late
James Innes and Mary Anne
His wife formerly of this Parish
Born August 16<sup>th</sup> 1829
Interred into rest Jan 11<sup>th</sup> 1893

#### Robert Rampston, died 1585.

Robert Rampston late of Chingford in the county of Essex Gent. deceased, as he was careful in his Life-time to relieve the Pooer, so at his Ende by his Testament, he gave XXII£ yearly forever, to the Poore of diverse Parishes & Prysons whereof, to the Poore of this Parishe of Lowe Leighton he hath given yearly for ever XX sh to be paide, in the monethe of November He Departed this mortal Life the

#### Therd day of August MCCCCC LXXX fyve<sup>22</sup>

Robert Rampston was Yeoman of the Chamber to King Edward IV.

James Innes, died 1874, once of Warren Farm House.

To the beloved memory of James Innes Late of this Parish church Who entered into rest August 20<sup>th</sup> 1874 Aged 72

Memorials to:

Mary Ann Innes, died 1853.

TO THE MEMORY OF
MARY ANNE
THE MUCH LOVED AND AFFECTIONATE WIFE
OF JAMES INNES ESQ OF THIS PARISH
BORN 19<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1802
DIED 12<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1853

YEA THOUGH I WALK THROUGH THE VALLEY OF THE SHADOW OF DEATH, I WILL FEAR NO EVIL FOR YOU ARE WITH ME. YOUR ROD AND THY STAFF THEY COMFORT ME PSALM 23 VER 4

Window glass to the Girl Guides and another to the Boys Brigade.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> Brass rubbing held by the Ashmolean Museum, Oxford. There is a similar brass plaque in Enfield Church. During Rev Strype's time the brass was originally on the south wall of the old Chancel, beneath the monument to Sir Robert Beachcroft.

#### William Bosanquet died 1813.



Marble Monument of William Bosanquet

WILLIAM BOSANQUET ESQUIRE SECOND SON OF

SAMUEL BOSANQUET ESQUIRE, AND MARY HIS WIFE SOLE DAUGHTER AND HEIRESS OF WILLIAM DUNSTER ESQUIRE WAS BORN AT FOREST HOUSE IN THIS PARISH JULY THE  $26^{\mathrm{TH}}$  IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD MDCCXLVI AND DIED THERE,

MARCH THE 3<sup>D</sup> IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD MDCCCXIII

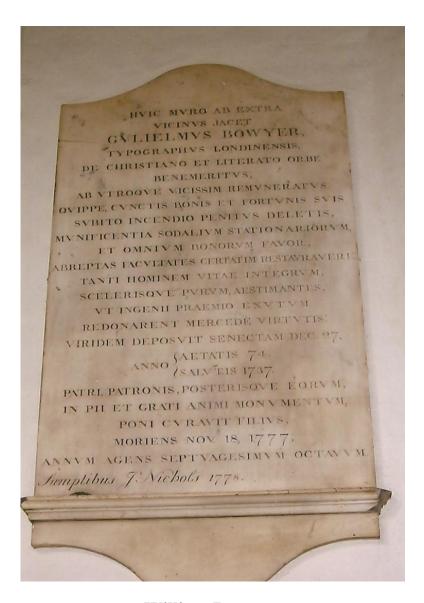
LO! WHERE SAMARIA'S SON WITH PITY GLOWS, BINDS UP THE STRANGER'S WOUNDS, AND SOOTHES HIS WOES, ASKS NOT HIS KINDRED, NOR FROM WHENCE HE CAME, BUT HEARS DISTRESS, AND HEARING OWNS IT'S CLAIM; THOUGH PRIEST AND LEVITE PASS UNHEEDING BY, CHRIST MARKS THE DEED, AND CALLS IT CHARITY. SUCH WERE HIS ACTIONS WHOM THIS STONE RECORDS, AND SUCH, O! DOUBT NOT, ARE THEIR HIGH REWARDS.

William Bosanquet, was a member of the Royal Exchange Assurance, becoming deputy governor in 1791, and was a director of the Levant Company. Monument believed to be carved by John Flaxman and representing *The Good Samaritan*. Alternatively the work of John Pasco.

Above small archway – Memorial to the London printer **William Bowyer**.

HVIC MVRO AB EXTRA VICINVS JACET **GVLIELMVS BOWYER** TYPOGRAPHVS LONDINENSIS DE CHRISTIANO ET LITERATO ORBE **BENEMERITVS** AB VTROQVE VICISSIM REMVNERATVS **QVIPPE CVNCTIS BONIS ET FORTVNIS SVIS** SVBITO INCENDIO PENITVS DELETIS MVNIFICENTIA SODALIVM STATION ARIORVM ET OMNIVM BONORVM FAVOR ABREPTAS FACVLTATES CERTATIM RESTAVRAVERE TANTI HOMINEM VITAE INTEGRVM SCELERISQVE PVRVM, AESTIMANTES. VT INGENII PRAEMIO EXVTVM REDONARENT MERCEDE VIRTVTIS VIRIDEM DEPOSVIT SENECTAM DEC 27 ANNO{AETATIS 74 {SALVTIS 1737 PATRI PATRONIS, POSTERISQVE EORVM IN PII ET GRATI ANIMI MONVMENTVM PONI CVRAVTT FILIVS **MORIENS NOV 18, 1777** ANNVM AGENS SEPTVAGESIMVM OCTAVVM

J: Nichols 1778



William Bowyer



The John Strype Vestry

On the floor, stones of the family of **Thomas Smith**, an Innkeeper, of Mile End Old Town. Buried 31<sup>st</sup> December 1756.

Still Born
and Mary Smith
Old Town
Middlesex
[Indistinct] To the Memory
THOMAS SMITH Father of ye
[Indistinct] departed this life the 26
September 1756 Aged 64 years<sup>23</sup>

Other fragments were uncovered during the excavations of 1934/5 and are now re-laid here<sup>24</sup>. Some are difficult to read. These are:

[Nancy Backhouse, daughter of James and Dorothy Backhouse, of the Parish of St. Mary's]. Buried 20<sup>th</sup> January 1765.<sup>25</sup>

Mary Harvey, died 1749, and husband John died January 1789.

[\_\_\_\_\_Wife of Captain John Hope, of the Parish of Shadwell]. He died 1781.

[John Knight of Hamlet of [unknown] Stepney, Vict[ualler], who died 20<sup>th</sup> April \_\_\_\_ aged 51 and his wife E Knight, of Spittlefields who died 13<sup>th</sup> \_\_\_\_ 1710]

[Nickalls]

John Read, died 1741

Interred the Body
Mr JOHN READ of [missing]
who Departed this Life [19<sup>th</sup>]
Day of November [1741]
Aged 64 years
1741<sup>26</sup>

[Richard]

 $^{\rm 23}$  Much of this stone is beneath the cupboard.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Based on Ancient Stones and Inscribed Fragments of Stones found during the recent restoration 1934-5 and now preserved in the Annexe to Rev John Strype's Vestry, George Wrigley.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Based on Ancient Stones and Inscribed Fragments of Stones found during the recent restoration 1934-5 and now preserved in the Annexe to Rev John Strype's Vestry, George Wrigley. The text was scarcely legible in 1934. <sup>26</sup> The date of 1741 is probably from the same stone despite having been broken away.

In a cupboard is a piece of stone said to have come from the floor of the kitchen of the Old Vicarage (built 1677) and believed to be part of an old gravestone, dating from 600-700 AD<sup>27</sup>.

Also below beneath this stone is the:

Tombstone of the renowned London printer Ichabod Dawkes, died 1731<sup>28</sup>.

ICABOD DAWKS died & buried February 27 [1731]
aged 70

SARAH, his wife, died June 6 1737 aged [missing]
WILLIAM BOWYER Senior
Died December 27 1737 Aged [missing]
DOROTHY, his wife sister of Ichabod Dawkes
Died December 20 1727 Aged [missing]
WILLIAM BOWYER Junior
Died November 18 1777 Aged 7[7]
ANNE his wife died October 17 [1731]
Aged 26
ELIZABETH his second wife
Died January 14 1771 aged 7[missing]

William Bowyer senior married the sister of Ichabod Dawkes and also became a London printer. His son, also William, continued the family business earning himself the title of "the Learned Printer".

#### St Edward's or Hickes Chapel<sup>29</sup>

The entrance is formed of a screen originally erected to the memory of Dr Orme, who died in 1922.

Originally situated lying north/south in the chancel at the east end of the church, the memorials were moved first to the south side of the chancel, with a window over it, in 1693 by Rev John Strype. Then to its current position here, beneath the Tower, in 1853 (not 1822). On left is the alabaster effigy of Sir Michael Hickes, died 1612, and his wife, Elizabeth, died 1635<sup>30</sup>. Elizabeth nee Colston was widow of Henry Parvish of Ruckholt Manor, and married Michael Hickes in 1597. Michael Hickes knighted in 1604, was secretary to Lord Burghley, Lord

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Based on Ancient Stones and Inscribed Fragments of Stones found during the recent restoration 1934-5 and now preserved in the Annexe to Rev John Strype's Vestry, George Wrigley.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> This was rediscovered during the restoration of 1934/5 buried upside down. Name spelt incorrectly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Formerly the Mortuary Chapel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> Thought to be sculptured by William Wright of Charing Cross.

Treasurer to Queen Elizabeth I, and later secretary to Robert Cecil. Although shown clad in armour, Sir Michael was never a soldier.

On the right is the recumbent figure of Sir William Hickes, 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet, and son of Sir Michael, died 1680. There are also two standing marble effigies<sup>31</sup> of his son, and grandson, of Sir Michael, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet Sir William Hickes, died 1702, and his wife, Lady Marthagnes, died 1723. This was erected during the lifetime of the second Sir William.





Upper figure: Lady Elizabeth Hickes Lower figure: Sir Michael Hickes

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>31</sup> Thought to be by Grinling Gibbons (1648-1721) whose work can be found in Westminster Abbey.

The blank plaster ovals show where the windows would have been in their old position in the chancel of 1693.



Above Sir Michael Hickes, on the South Wall, effigy:

IN OBITUM CLARISS VIRI
D. MICHAEL HICKES
EQVITIS AVRATI &C
QVÆ VOLVI IN VITA VIDI: DVLCISSIMA NVPER
PIGNORA. CONSORTEM CHARAM, SORTEMQ; BEATÆ
PROLIS; ERANT NATI GEMINI, NATA VNA PARENTI
OPTABA, CHRISTVM HINC MORTI SVCCVMBO, LVBENSQ;
CONSORTEM, SORTEM, NATOS, NATAMQ; RE[L]INQVO
AVSTI ANNO.

Above Lady Elizabeth Hickes on the South Wall, effigy:

ME TVA MORS VIDVAM FECIT TV IAM VIDVATVS, CONNVBIVM CHRISTI (NON VIDVANDVS) HABES AT IVNCTAM HOC TVMVLO ME SPONSAM RVRSVS HABEBIS SIC TVA SEMPER ERO QVÆ TVA NVPER ERAM.

#### Above **Sir William Hickes (I)** on the North Wall, effigy:

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### H.M. PIE UTI PAR EST. MEMORYS DICATOR I. D.GUILIELMI HICKES, Bar<sup>ti</sup>. fili unici ex ELIZABETHA COLSTONORUM

Stemmate prognata, MICHAELIS HICKES Equitis Aurati, Viri probi ac prudentis, D.

GULIELMO Baroni BURGHLÆO summo ANGLIÆ QuæFtori, quondam a Secretis. Qui vii

Idib. Octobr. Ano. Dom. MDCLXXX, obiit, cum Octogefsimum quartum complfset annum.

II. D. GUILIELMI HICKES, Equitis aurati & Bar<sup>ti</sup>. præfati D. GUILIELMI filii natu maximi

ac Hæredis. Qui poftquam Vicecomitis ESSEXIENS. munus splendidè ac fideliter obiisset,

Ecclefiæ, Patriæ, Principi, Suis conftanter studuifset, Annos LXXIII, plus minus honora

biliter vixifset, April. die XXII, Anno Domini MDCCIII, fato cessit.

III. D. Deniq, MARTHAGNETIS D. GUILIELMI HICKES
Conjugis lectifsimæ juxta ac pifsimæ D. HARREII CONYSBY de
North MIMS in Comitat. HERTFORDIEN. Equitis aurati ex antiqua
CONYSBÆORUM in Comi. HEREFORDIEN. Prosapia ornindi filiæ,
natu maximæ. A qua numerosam suscepit prolem, Octo
Scil. natos, natásq; quinque. E quibus HARREIUS,
& CAROLUS, MARIA ac MARGARETA
adhuc supersunt Illa degens annum
Suæ Ætatis Ocfogefsimum
ANN. DOM. MDCCXXIII ad supe
ros evasit.

Beneath Sir William Hickes (I) on the North Wall, effigy:

S<sup>r</sup> WILLIAM HICKES Bar<sup>t</sup>., Lieutenant of y<sup>e</sup> Forest of WALTHAM, one of y<sup>e</sup> Deputy Lieutenants of this

County of ESSEX & an antient Justice of the Peace for y<sup>e</sup> said County & who for his Loyalty to K CHARLES I

in y<sup>e</sup> Great Rebellion underwent much Trouble & Danger; Maried MARGARET Eldest Daughter of WILLIAM

L. PAGET, of BEAUDESERT: By whom he had Issue, (beside others ye died young) Sr WILLIAM HICKES

Kt. & Bar<sup>t</sup>. S<sup>r</sup> MICHAEL HICKES Kt. and Dame LÆTITA matched to ARTHUR, Earl of DONEGAL

in IRELAND. The said WILLIAM dying ful of Days & Honour, was buried with a Decency due to

his Quality, & lyeth in y<sup>e</sup> old Chancel: Having lived 28 years after y<sup>e</sup> Decease of his Lady, who

dying at WESTMINSTER was interred in ye Abbey Church there.



#### Sir William Hickes, 2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet

Flanking the recumbent figure of Sir William Hicks (I) are his son, Sir William Hicks (II), on the left and Marthagnes Hicks nee Coningsby, on the right.

Window - Boys Brigade - Old Boys of 5th South Essex Leyton Company

On the wall is a memorial to Sarah Jane Cranston, died 1943.

TO
THE GLORY OF GOD
AND IN THANKFUL AND LOVING
REMEMBRANCE OF
SARAH JANE CRANSTON
A GRACIOUS SERVANT OF JESUS CHRIST
WHO FOR FORTY SEVEN YEARS GAVE
DEVOTED SERVICE AS LADY WORKER

## IN THIS PARISH CALLED HOME 20<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 1943 IN HER 82<sup>ND</sup> YEAR "SURE AND STEDFAST"

Just outside the Hickes Chapel is a black marble floor slab for Catherine Moyer, died 4<sup>th</sup> February 1724, and daughter of Lawrence (or Laurence) Moyer.

Beneath the carpet the paving consists of stones to:

[John Lloyd, died 1667. Here is interred the Body of John Lloyd, second Son to Sir Charles Lloyd, Bart., by Elizabeth, his Lady, who died in the 27 Year of his Age, to the ineffable Grieft of all who knew him; he being his Age's Prodigie for Virtue, excelling most of his Qualitie, Age, and Sex in all Worth, but never was outvied by any in Justice, Temperance, and Urbanitie; he departed this Life, 8 Sept. 1667.]<sup>32</sup>

[John Wood, died 1670, Merchant of London, son of John Wood, died 1600.]<sup>33</sup>

[Lawrence Moyer, died 1685. Here lyeth the body of Lawrence Moyer Esq who dyed the 27<sup>th</sup> of August in the year of our Lord MDCLXXXV aged 77. Also Frances, his late wife, daughter of Nicholas Alvey, Citizen and Grocer of London; she dyed Jan 26 1686, aged 53.] He was a merchant in Old Jewry. Moyer House "the oldest in Leyton", stood in Hainault Road.<sup>34</sup>

[Also his nephew, Lawrence Moyer, died 1720. Here lyeth the body of Lawrence Moyer Esq, late of this Parish. who departed this life 14 January 1720. Aged 76 years.]<sup>35</sup> This Lawrence Moyer married Martha Boothby of Chingford.

[Robert Harvey, died 1695. Robert Harvey, Merchant, 26 Sept. 1695, aged 66; Rebecca, his wife, 30 Jan. 1691, aged 60; Robert, Thomas, Mary and Benjamin, their children; John their son, survived them.]<sup>36</sup>

[John Jackson 27<sup>th</sup> April 179]5], buried 4<sup>th</sup> May 1795.]<sup>37</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Originally buried in the north aisle it was moved in 1822, when it was cracked in two.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Originally buried in the north aisle it was moved in 1822, when it was broken in two. John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p39.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p27. Originally buried in the north aisle it was moved in 1853, when it was broken in two. Walnut Tree House was in fact much older.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Originally buried in the north aisle it was moved in 1853, when it too was broken in two.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p39. Originally buried in the north aisle it was moved in 1822, when it was broken in two.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> Bren's 'grangerized' copy of John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, held by the Vestry House Museum, Volume 1, p791.

#### **North Wall**

Monuments to:

Sir John Strange, died 1754.

Memoriæ sacrum
JOHANNIS STRANGE esquitis
qui
Laudem et Admirationem omnium,
Virtute publicâ,
Amorem privatâ sibi conciliavic
Desiderio sui omnes afflixit
Faralis Dies 18 Maiæ 1754
Ætaris suæ 59
Testimonium hoc flebile posuit
Amoris et Desiderii
Mærens et admirans Filius
Et nos horrifico cinefacum te prope Busto
Insatiabiliter deflebimus : æternumque
Nulla Dies nobis mærorem e Pectore ducet

John Strange born London c1696 and knighted 12<sup>th</sup> May 1740. He became Master of the Rolls, in 1750 until his death. He lived at Leyton Grange. The monument was sculpted by (Sir) Henry Cheere<sup>38</sup>. Nowhere to be seen, either here or on his tomb in the churchyard, is the oft quoted inscription: *Sir John Strange*. *Here lies an honest lawyer*. *And that is strange*.

#### Thomas Hawes died 1685.

Near this place lie the Bodies of THOMAS HAWES Efq<sup>r</sup> who died the 17<sup>th</sup> October 1685 in the 30<sup>th</sup> Year of his Age of ELIZABETH his only beloved Wife who died the 25<sup>th</sup> of February 1727
Aged 69 Years
And of ELIZABETH their Daughter died 28<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1704 in her 19<sup>th</sup> Year of NATHANIEL their eldeft Son died 19<sup>th</sup> Octo<sup>r</sup> 1712 in his 28<sup>th</sup> Year In memory of THOMAS HAWES Efq<sup>r</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> Sir Henry Cheere (1703-1781) apprentice to Willian Stanton. Appointed mason to Westminster Abbey.

their younger Son he died at Briftol the 14<sup>th</sup> of June 1743 in his 58 Year Here alfo lies buried the Body of M<sup>rs</sup> ANNE HAWES their only Surviving Ifsue Who died the 17<sup>th</sup> of May 1759 Aged 77 Years<sup>39</sup>

#### Samuel Bosanquet, of Forest House.



Sacred to the Memories of
SAMUEL BOSANQUET of Foreft Houfe in this
County Efq<sup>r</sup> who Died the Fourteenth Day of
January 1765 Aged 65 Years.

And of MARY his Wife (Daughter & Sole Heirefs of
WILLIAM DUNSTER late of this Parifh Esq<sup>r</sup>) who
Died the Fourth Day of Sep<sup>r</sup> 1765 Aged 53 Years

Leaving IfSUE Surviving them two Sons & two Daughters
SAMUEL, WILLIAM, ANNA MARIA and MARY.

Let me Die the Death of the Righteous and Let my last End
be Like his. Numb. XXIII. X.

The Bosanquets were originally of Huguenot descent. Samuel Bosanquet became a Director of the Royal Exchange and also of the South Sea Company. The younger Samuel, also a member of the Levant Company, became Director of the Bank of England in 1774. Owner of the Layton Plantation in Jamaica. His sister,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> Memorial attributed to either John or James Annis.

Mary, became an early Methodist, against local opposition, and finally moved to Yorkshire where she married John Fletcher, Vicar of Madeley.

Window glass to William Turner, died 1831. William Turner farmed Ruckholt Farm. Placed there by his daughter and Son-in-Law.

John Lane, of Leyton Grange, died 1852.

**SACRED** 

TO THE MEMORY OF

JOHN LANE, OF LEYTON GRANGE IN THIS COUNTY, ESQUIRE WHO DIED ON THE

SIXTEENTH OF JANUARY EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO AGED SIXTY-THREE YEARS

AND OF

FLORENCE, HIS BELOVED DAUGHTER WHO DIED ON THE

THIRTY - FIRST OF DECEMBER EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-ONE AGED EIGHTEEN YEARS.

ALSO OF ELIZABETH WIFE OF THE ABOVE JOHN LANE, ESQUIRE. WHO DIED SUDDENLY ON THE SEVENTEENTH OF JUNE EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND FIFTY-TWO AGED FORTY THREE-YEARS

The Lane family owned the largest plantation in Barbados. They were descended from Jane Lane who helped King Charles II escape in 1651 after the Battle of Worcester.

Sarah Sidney, died 1857.

IN MEMORY OF SARAH

THE BELOVED WIFE OF THOMAS SIDNEY ESQUIRE LATE OF LEYTON HOUSE IN THIS PARISH SHE DIED AT SUNBURY MIDDLESEX FEBRUARY  $27^{\text{TH}}$  1857 AGED 48 YEARS

She was the wife of Thomas Sidney, Alderman of London and at one time Conservative member of Parliament for Stafford. There is a vacant space on the memorial which was clearly intended for her husband who died in Southgate in 1889 and is buried at St Michael's-at-Bowes church.

#### Joseph Cotton, died 1825.

TO THE MEMORY OF
JOSEPH COTTON ESQ F R S
SECOND SON OF NATH: COTTON M D OF ST ALBANS
A DIRECTOR OF THE EAST INDIA COMPANY AND
FOR 21 YEARS DEPUTY-MASTER OF THE TRINITY HOUSE
DIED JAN 26<sup>TH</sup> 1825 IN THE 79<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HIS AGE
EMINENTLY DISTINGUISHED
BY ZEAL AND ABILITY IN PUBLIC DUTY
BY WARM AFFECTION AND ACTIVE BENEVOLENCE:
IN HUMBLE HOPE OF ACCEPTANCE WITH GOD
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST
ALSO TO THE MEMORY OF
SARAH, HIS BELOVED WIFE
WHO INTO THE SAME HOPE DEPARTED THIS LIFE
FEB 2<sup>ND</sup> 1818 IN THE 67<sup>TH</sup> YEAR OF HER AGE

Lived at Walnut Tree House (also known as Essex House). A director of the East India Company and Deputy Master of Trinity House. Also Sarah, his wife, died 1818.

Window Glass – Originally to the memory of Benjamin Cotton, died 1<sup>st</sup> January 1874. It was replaced with one in memory of Canon Charles Leonard Thornton-Duesbury, Vicar of Leyton 1908-1919.

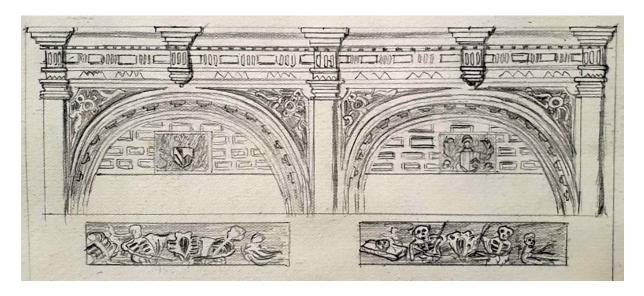
One reason for the insertion of this window was to provide more light as St Mary's had a reputation of being the darkest church in London.

Sir Richard Hopkins, died 1735.

in MEMORY of
S<sup>r</sup> RICHARD HOPKINS K<sup>T</sup>
and ALDERMAN of LONDON
who Died *Jan<sup>y</sup>* y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> 1735 Aged 59
His Experience in Trade
and many Eminent Virtues
Promoted him to Honours
and trusts of Importance
all which he Discharged
with justice and Applause
His widow 3<sup>r</sup> Daughter
Of Wm LETHUILLIER ESQ

in Affection to y<sup>e</sup> Best of Husband Erected this Monument Here alfo lieth his said Relict Dame ANNE HOPKINS; who Died Feb<sup>ry</sup> y<sup>e</sup> 18<sup>th</sup> 1759 Aged 72

A member of the Cutler's Company and later of the Fishmonger's Company. An Alderman of London and a Whig MP for the City in 1724-7. Also, a Director of the South Sea Company. They lived at Lea Hall, off Capworth Street.



Approximately where the monument to Sir Richard Hopkins is today there was once the centre of a Great Monument. The above drawing is of this Great Monument, 40 consisting of two Doric Arches, 41 and it contains a puzzle which gives clues to an ancient crypt, the entrance of which was sealed up well before Rev John Strype's time. The Rev Robert Bren tells of a local legend which suggests that passages from both The Great House and the Vicarage meet at the entrance to it. Robert Bren could find no substance to this legend. This may also be where many of the monuments were placed following the restoration of 1658/9. During the restoration of 1932 an unsuccessful search was made to trace the crypt. Though various vaults and brick foundations were found against the north and east walls none resembled an ancient sealed crypt.

In addition to the pencil drawing there is a photograph of the original watercolour. The drawing however gives a clearer depiction of what the monument may have looked like.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>40</sup> This sketch was gifted to Robert Bren by the Rev John Kennedy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>41</sup> Both the drawing and photograph of the watercolour are pasted into the Bren 'grangerized' copy of John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, held by the Vestry House Museum, Volume 1, p542.

A description of this monument was given by the Rev John Strype, witing in 1720:

In the upper Chancel, an ancient large Monument against the North Wall, with two Arches of the Doric Order of Architecture. It hath no Inscription, but Coats of Arms under each Arch, impaled Baron and Femme. Sable, a Bend Argent, charged with three Mullets Gules, between six Crosses Croslets of the Second. The other Coat impaled is defaced. The Crest is a Griffin's Head erazed Argent.

Under the other Arch, another Coat impaled: The Coat of the Femme is plain, which is, Gules, a Cheveron Ermine, between three Pelicans Or. Which is the Coat of Stone of Holme in Norfolk. The Crest the same as the other. This, I suppose, was his second Wife.

This is said to be the Monument of Sir William Rither, or Rider, Lord Maior of London, Anno 1600, and dyed An. 1611. And if so, then the Coat of the Baron impaled, which is now not discoverable, was, Azure, three Crescents Or. The Griffin's Head erazed is the Crest of Rither. This Sir William Rider (who was Lord of the Manour of Leyton Grange) was the third Son of Edward Rither of Leyton in Essex, and married Elizabeth Daughter of Richard Stone of Holme in Norfolk. By whom he had two Daughters, Mary and Susan, Coheirs. The latter married to Sir Thomas Cæsar, Kt. and Mary (the elder) married to Sir Thomas Lake, Kt. sometime one of the Principal Secretaries of State. To whom, by that Marriage, the Possession of the Manour of Low Leyton, or Leyton Grange, seems to have come.

But before this Family became Possessors here, Sir Rafe Fitz Warren bought this Manour and Advouson of the Church in the Year 1545, 37 H. 8. He was Sheriff of London 1528, and Maior 1536. His Coat of Arms, as it is in Stow, was, a Cheveron engrailed, charged with three Griffins Heads erazed, between as many Mascles. And therefore, perhaps, the Coat on the abovesaid old Monument in the upper Chancel or Chapel, now scarce visible, were the Griffins Heads, (the Crest being a Griffin's Head) the Warrens Arms. And he the first Erector of that Monument, with the Vault underneath: Built, undoubtedly, in the Popish Times, there being two Words on that Monument, viz. MERCY in one Place of it, and JESU in another, with Glories about each Word. Which stood there of later Times, tho' now conveyed away. And that Part of the Church was, very probably, a Chapel, or Chantery, (having a Place for a Bell upon the Roof, in my Remembrance) for the same Sir Rafe. He was Merchant of the Staple, and Merchant Adventurer, and twice L. Maior; and was buried (whether here or elsewhere) in great Splendor, July, 16, 1553, with a Standard, and five Penons of Arms, a Coat Armour, a Target, a Helmet, &c. 12 Dozen of Escutcheons: Three Heralds of Arms attending, the L.

Maior, and Swordbearer, and four Esquires, Mourners, and many Aldermen.<sup>42</sup>

According to Rev John Strype, the monument is said to be that of William Rither [Ryder] who was Lord Mayor of London in 1600. He was knighted in 1601. When he died in 1611, Sir William Ryder was intending to be buried in the 'newly built chapel', but he was actually buried in St Olave's Church, Hart Street. Strype also felt the memorial could have been to Sir Rafe FitzWarren<sup>43</sup>.

It was thought that the Great Monument had been completely removed in 1853, when the Bishop of London granted the reseating of the church and the insertion of the East Window [Thornton-Duesbury]<sup>44</sup>. However, during the alterations made in 1962 a portion of the inner facing of the North Wall, below that of the John Lane Memorial, was removed. Hidden beneath it were found to be traces of the arches still existing behind the plaster.

Mary Savell has speculated that if Rev John Strype was correct and this was the site of the early Chantry Chapel then the Ryder Memorial must have been moved to the new North Wall when the church was enlarged in 1658<sup>45</sup>.

The photograph of the great memorial shows the monument to Sir Richard Hopkins which was placed where the middle column is. This was probably done in 1853.

Window glass given in memory of Mary Cotton, died 1854, and Louisa Decima Cotton, died 1847, the daughters of Joseph Cotton.

[Wooden tablet in memory of Mr. Charles Goodfellow, Merchant, of Aleppo trading there for 14 years. Departed this life 22<sup>nd</sup> August 1686. Aged 31 having been a Benefactor to the Poor of this Parish of Low Leyton]<sup>46</sup>

Below Staffordshire panels of the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments and The Creed, given in 1854 by William Copeland of The Poplars, a china manufacturer.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>42</sup> A Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster, John Stow, expanded by John Strype, 1720 p114.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>44</sup> From a statement made by Rev Robert Bren and pasted into the Bren 'grangerized' copy of John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex,* held by the Vestry House Museum, Volume 1, pp 541.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>45</sup> M L Savell *Church of St Mary the Virgin, Leyton Discoveries made during alterations, 1962*, Leyton Public Libraries, 1963.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>46</sup> Mentioned by John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894, now missing. According to John Strype it was in the North Aisle, and Daniel Lysons on the North Wall.

Between window and chancel, above reading desk, marble memorial to **Charles Goring**, 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl of Norwich, died 1670, by William Stanton of Holborn<sup>47</sup>.

S
TO THE MEMORY
of the most accomplifhed CAVALIER
&

Right Valiant COMMANDER
CHARLES GORING
Baron of Hurst Perpoint
and Earle of Norwich
Who on the 3<sup>D</sup> of March 1670
in the 46 yeare of his AGE
Departed this LIFE.

Lived at Forest House. Charles Goring fought on the Royalist side during the English Civil War and was taken captive at Marston Moor in 1644 and imprisoned in the Tower. He became Earl of Norwich upon the death of his

TO THE MEMORY
of the most accomplished CAVALIER

CHARLES GORING
Baron of Hurst Perpoint
and Earle of Norwich
Who on the 3° of March 1670
in the 46° yeare of his AGE
Departed this LIFE.

This Christian Heroe having passed his youth
In those wild Mazes which fond Mortals tread,
Finding at length the peacful paths of Truth
Where Saint's accompany, and Martyrs lead
In those he walked, worthy, his second Birth
Till tird, Death layed him to Rest in Earth.

father in 1663. As a defeated Royalist he was impoverished until his marriage to a rich widow, Alice Barker nee Leman. His fortunes improved on the restoration of King Charles II. He died without issue.

The Reading Desk dates from 1822.

#### Floor of North Aisle

[Catherine Moyer, died 1724. Here lyes interred the Body of Mrs Catherine Moyer, once the dear daughter of Lawrence Moyer, Esq., and Mrs Martha Moyer, who departed this life the 4<sup>th</sup> of Febr 1724, aged 32 years]<sup>48</sup>

[John Tomson died 1700. Was for 27 years clerk of St Mary's Whitechapel. Died 14<sup>th</sup> April 1700 aged 66 years. Also, Mabel, his wife died 17<sup>th</sup> February 1707, aged 74 years.]<sup>49</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>47</sup> William Stanton (1639-1705) Mason of Holborn. Several monuments in Westminster Abbey.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>48</sup> John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 27. Miss Moyer never married

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>49</sup> John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 40.

#### William Davies, died 1678.

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF MR
WILLIAM DAVIS OF LONDON W [obscured]
MERCER WHO MARRIED ELIZABETH
MADDISON THE DAVGHTER OF ROB
ERT MADDISON ESQ. HE DEPARTED THIS
LIFE THE 2<sup>ND</sup> NOVEMBER 1678
IN THE 63 YEAR OF HIS AGE

William Davies was a mercer. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Robert Maddison. He met an untimely end and was described in the burial register as "found dead at ye side of a pond".<sup>50</sup>

Alexander Bence, died 1662.

HERE LYES THE BODY OF ALEXANDE[R]
BENCE ESQVIRE LATE ALDERMAN
OF LONDON WHO WAS BORN AT
ALDBVRGH IN SVFFOLKE FOR WHIC[H]
CORPORATION HE SERVED SOMETIM[E]
AS BVRGESS IN PARLIAMENT HE HA[D]
THREE WIVES ANN· ELIZABETH · A[ND]
RACHEL BY THE FIRST HE LEFT TW[O]
SONNS IOHN AND ALEXANDER BOTH
MARCHANTS IN LONDON HE DECEAS[ED]
THE 2<sup>D</sup> DAY OF OCTOBER 1662 IN T[HE]
70<sup>TH</sup> YEARE OF HIS AGE

An Alderman and member of the Grocer's Company and Master of Trinity House 1659-60. He was MP for Aldeburgh 1640-53, as was his son, John.

Thomas Gardner, died 1770.

Here lieth Interred the Body of MR THOMAS GARDNER

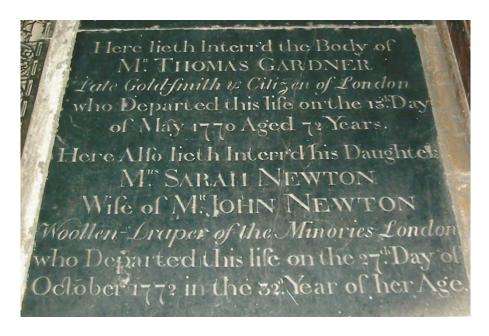
Late Goldsmith & Citizen of London who Departed this life on the 13th Day of May 1770 Aged 72 Years

Here Alfo lieth Interred his Daughter MRS SARAH NEWTON

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 50}$  John Kennedy A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p39.

Wife of M<sup>R</sup> JOHN NEWTON

Woollen Draper of the Minories London
who Departed this life on the 27<sup>th</sup> Day of
October 1772 in the 32<sup>d</sup> Year of her Age



Anne Hawes, died 17<sup>th</sup> May 1759.

MRS ANNE HAWES Spinfter
of Bentley Place in the County of Suffolk
and of Albemarle Street in the Parifh
Of St George Hanover Square London
where She died the 17th day of May 1759
In the 77th Year of Her Age:
Her body was interred here
near the remains (and the laft) of Her Family
She was the eldeft Daughter
Of THOMAS and ELIZABETH HAWES
mentioned on the Monument above.
This Stone was laid and the Infcription
On the Monument engraved
By MR THOMAS HAWES Her Executor.

As was the custom of the time unmarried women of a certain status were given the title of "Mrs".

John Wood, died 1660.

HERE VNDIR LYETH BVRYED Y° BODY OF
M° JOHN WOOD CITIZEN & MERCHANT OF
LONDON WHO IN HIS YOVNGER DAIES TRAVAYLED
& TO THE TIME OF HIS DEATH TRADED INTO
SEVERAIL PARTS OF EVROPE ASIA, AFRICA &
AMERICA AND BEING AN INHABITANT OF THIS
PARISH FREELY CONTRIBVTED TO THE RE=
BVLDING OF THIS CHVRCH ON THE 2D DAY
OF JANUARY AD DNI 1660 AND IN THE 63
YEARE OF HIS AGE HE DEPARTED THIS MORTALL
LIFE INTO YE STATE OF IMMORTALITY & NOW
RESTS FROM HIS LABOVRS

A Merchant of the Clothworkers Company.

Beneath the radiator is a stone with an incised skull and cross-bones. This is in memory of Susannah and Elizabeth Pewsee. Susannah, died 1650, and Elizabeth, died 1673, the infant children of Edward and Mary Pewsee.<sup>51</sup>

[Elizabeth Wood, Daughter of the said John Wood, first above mentioned, 12 Febr. 1659, aged 12.] <sup>52</sup>

Charles Gauden, died 1679.

M.S.

CHARLES GAUDEN Esq SON of JOHN GAUDEN DD Late L<sup>D</sup> Bishop of Worcester deceafed by Dame ELIZABETH his Wife Daughter of S<sup>r</sup> WILLIAM RUSSELL of Chippingham in y<sup>e</sup> County of Cambridge he married MARY eldest Daug hter of GEORGE BRETT of Hatherley in y<sup>e</sup> County of Gloucester Esq by whom he had ifsue four Children whereof y<sup>e</sup> three eldest lie here also Interred he died y

<sup>52</sup> John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p39. Possibly no longer in existence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>51</sup> Stone very badly worn and difficult to read. Originally found in embedded in the centre of the old East Wall of 1822.

second day of December 1679 and in ye 31 year of his age MARY his Widow deceafed the 27th day of June 1709 Aged 56 And was here Interred in his Grave July 1 enfueing Pié Matri Filia E. G. I. C.

He was a merchant and they lived at Mark House. Charles Gauden married Mary Brett and they had four children, the only surviving child, Elizabeth, married Charles Britt. John Gauden was also chaplain to King Charles II.

Charles Mariscoe (incomplete)<sup>53</sup>.

[CHARLES MARISCOE] MARCHANT WHO DIED THE 9<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER BVR =IED ONE THE 14<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEP **=TEMBER 1670 AGED 40 YEARES** ALSO CHARLES THE SONN OF MR CHARLES MARISCOE WHO DIED THE 6 OF MAY 1669 AND WAS BVRIED THE 11 OF THE SAME ALLSO MARY YE 4TH DAVGHTER OF M<sup>R</sup> CHARLES MARISCOE & LEONOR[E] HIS WIFE DIED Y<sup>E</sup> 12<sup>TH</sup> OF MAY 167[2] & WAS BVRIED YE 15TH OF YE SAME MONTH BEING 7 YEARS 5 MON & 3 DAYES OLD<sup>54</sup>

From a Huguenot family, Charles Marescoe was a merchant with interests in the East Indies and the Mediterranean and is believed to have lived at Leyton House.<sup>55</sup>

<sup>53</sup> At one time this slab may also have recorded the death of James Mariscoe in 1671. *A Short Account of Ancient Stones and Fragments discovered during the recent restoration and now preserved in the Parish Church*, C H Crouch, 1932. At the time of the Rev John Kennedy this stone was lost.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>54</sup> It is believed that two other children namely James and Elizabeth were once commemorated on this stone. James buried 12<sup>th</sup> April 1671. C H Crouch Short Account of Ancient Stones and Fragments of Monuments discovered during the recent restoration and now preserved in the Parish Church of the Borough of Leyton, June to November, 1932.

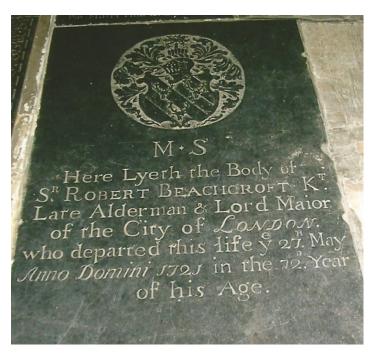
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>55</sup> John Kennedy in his *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex,* 1894 says that two further children were included on part of the stone, now missing, but I believe this to be incorrect.

**Sir Robert Beachcroft**, died 1721.

M . S
Here Lyeth the Body of
S<sup>R</sup> ROBERT BEACHCROFT K<sup>T</sup>
Late Alderman & Lord Maior
of the City of *LONDON*who departed this life y<sup>e</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>
May
Anno Domini 1721 in the 72<sup>d</sup>
Year
of his Age.<sup>56</sup>

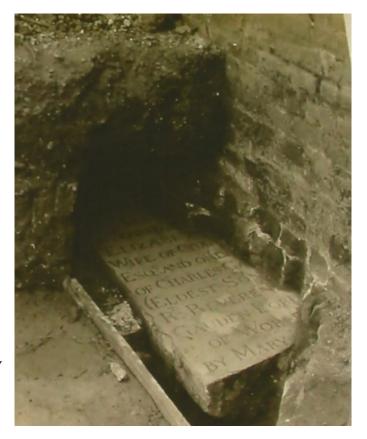
Master of the Clothworkers Company and knighted in 1700. Also an Alderman and a Director of the South Sea Company. He

became Lord Mayor of London for 1710/11. Lived at Lea Hall.



#### Elizabeth Britt died 1731.

HERE LIES INTERRED THE BODY OF **ELIZABETH BRITT** WIFE OF CHARLES BRITT ESQ AND ONLY DAUGHTER OF CHARLES GAUDEN ESQ **ELDEST SON OF THE** R<sup>T</sup> REVEREND JOHN GAUDEN LORD BISHOP OF WORCESTER BY MARY [HIS WIFE DAUGHTER OF GEORGE BRETT ESQ OF THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTERE SHE **DEPARTED THIS LIFE 18 NOV** 1731 AGED 52 AND LEFT 50*l* TO THE POOR OF THIS PARISH<sup>57</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>56</sup> Formerly on the south wall of chancel, removed in 1853.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>57</sup> The stone was rediscovered in 1932 buried beneath the East Wall at the North East corner of chancel [lower part missing].

#### William Biddle, died 1737.

Also Body [illegible] wife of S<sup>d</sup> W
Biddle [illegible]
Also Body of Daniel son of S<sup>d</sup> W
Biddle [illegible] 1734 [illegible]
Here also lythe the Body of
Wm BIDDLE [illegible] Citizen & Joyner
of London he died 30<sup>th</sup> day of Aug
1737 Aged 73 Years

Of St Paul's Shadwell, died 1737. Believed to also commemorate his wife, Elizabeth, died 1712 and son, Daniel, died 1734.<sup>58</sup>

Charles, Lord Goring, Earl of Norwich, died 1670.

HERE LYES INTERRED Y<sup>E</sup> BODY OF Y<sup>E</sup>
RIGHT N<sup>OBLE</sup> CHARLES EARLE OF NORWICH
LORD GORING BARON OF HVRST PERPOINT
IN SVSSEX WHO DEPARTED THIS LIFE Y<sup>E</sup>
THIRD DAY OF MARCH ANNO DNI: 1670
HE MARRYED ALICE ONE OF THE
DAVGHTERS & COHEIRES OF ROBERT
LEMAN OF BRIGHTWELL IN Y<sup>E</sup> COVNTY
OF SVFFOLK ESQ WHO SVRVIVED HIM

Charles Goring (1615-1670) married Alice Barker nee Leman of Forest House, later known as Goring House. He fought for the Royalists in the English Civil War.

#### William Saunders died 1790.

[Indistinct] Memory of MR WILLIAM SAUNDERS

[Indistinct]

[Indistinct]

[Indistinct] Late of Broad Street Bloomsbury [Indistinct] to his wife who departed this life April the 5<sup>th</sup> [Indistinct] 1790 in the [Indistinct] year of his life

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>58</sup> Stone now badly worn and incomplete. Also faces south

# Also Sarah HINCKS Niece of the above died Feb 21<sup>st</sup> 1807 [Indistinct]<sup>59</sup>

Under the east window is the memorial to Lady Marthagnes Hickes, wife of Sir William Hickes, she died 1723. They had thirteen children. Eldest daughter of Sir Harry Coningsby of North Mimms.

The Lady
MARTHAGNE[S]
HICKES Widow
Lyes Interred her[e]<sup>60</sup>

[Thomas Hopkins, died 1667. Thomas Hopkins, Son of Thomas Hopkins, of Aston in Warwickshire, 21 June, 1667, aged 63.]<sup>61</sup>

Thomas Hopkins was a member of the Cutler's Company and Alderman of London in 1658. They lived at Diggons Cross on Knotts Green.

[Philip Allen, died 1720. Philip Allen, of Walthamstow, Gent. Nephew to Dr. Pierce, Bishop of Bath and Wells<sup>62</sup>, 17 Oct 1720, aged 59.]<sup>63</sup>

#### Chancel

The East Window, three lights and tracery containing glass given by Mrs Emma Capper and her sister, Selina Copeland, in 1889.

Communion Rail – made in 1955 by Robert Thompson of Kilburn, North Yorkshire. Note trade-mark of Mousey Thompson. In memory of Canon Bertin, vicar 1940-1952.

Holy Table – given in 1889 in memory of Robert Graham by his daughters, Emma and Louisa. Behind the this is a fine reproduction of Leonardo da Vinci's *The Last Supper*; this was part of the war memorial [along with the oak screen].

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>59</sup> Stone now badly worn.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> An incomplete stone (lying sideways)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>61</sup> Mentioned by Daniel Lysons, but now missing, *The Environs of London: volume 4: Counties of Herts, Essex & Kent* (1796). Originally buried in the North Aisle.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>62</sup> Memorial to William Pearce in St Mary's Parish Church, Walthamstow.

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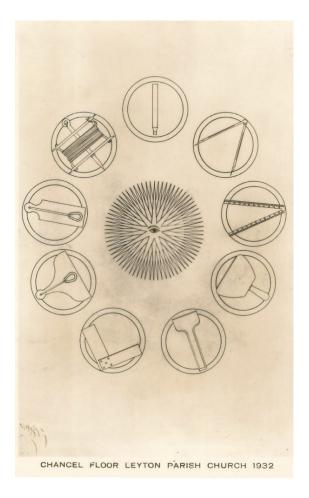


The Chancel in 1932

The stone pillars seen in the above picture on either side of the step are believed to be fifteenth century<sup>64</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>64</sup> C H Crouch Short Account of Ancient Stones and Fragments of Monuments discovered during the recent restoration and now preserved in the Parish Church of the Borough of Leyton, June to November, 1932.

In the north wall – Hour Glass with four glasses measuring  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 1 hour – made in Munich and dated 1693. Used by the preacher to time his sermons. This was probably the original site of the Hickes Memorials.





The 'Masonic' Floor beneath the carpet of the Chancel

The new 'Masonic' floor was lain down during the renovations of 1932.

Along south wall – is an ancient wooden bench believed to be the old communion bench, called a Housling Bench. It is resting on stone pillars dating from the fourteenth century, and which appear to have been parts of a window, and found buried in the East Wall in 1932.



**Housling Bench** 

When the chancel was extended in 1932 it incorporated the tomb-stones of the Want family, a local bricklayer. Right – **Thomas Want**, Parish bricklayer died 1785. He along with his son and grandson repaired the church in 1771, 1779 and 1794. Left – **Thomas Want**, **junior**, Parish bricklayer died 1789. These grave stone were originally in the churchyard.

In Memory
Mr. THOMAS WANT Sen.
Late of Laytonstone
In This Parish. Bricklayer
who departed this Life
February 1785 Aged 59 Years.

In Memory of
Mr. Thomas Want Junr.
late of Laytonstone in this Parish,
Bricklayer, who departed this Life
the 29th. of October 1789. Aged 35 Years
An Affectiobate Husband, fond Father
And a faithful Friend.
Also ANN Daughter of THOMAS & ELIZTH.
WANT, who departed this Life the 22nd of

April 1793. Aged 3 Years and 8 Months. Also HARRIOT Daughter of the above who departed this Life the 30th. of April 1793. Aged 5 Years and 6 Months. Also Mr. THOMAS WANT. Son of the above, who died the 28th. of Nov.r 1816 in the 31st Year of his Age.

The loss of the two children in April 1793 may have been as a result of contracting Diphtheria.

On the North Wall are Brasses to:

Benjamin Biggs, died 1912.

To commemorate a good man **BENJAMIN BIGGS** Born April 10<sup>th</sup> 1825. Died November 22<sup>nd</sup> 1912 of pious and noble character The faithful lover of wife and children For 22 years churchwarden of Leyton He was a man greatly beloved. He set religion and the joy of christian service before all things else and together with his devoted wife FRANCES MORTIMER BIGGS maintained a christian home for more than half a century in Leyton They left behind them an example of reverence for Gods Day, for His Book, and His House. and a generosity to the Mother Church and her daughters long to be remembered THE MEMORY OF THE JUST IS BLESSED This memorial tablet is set up by the parishoners and members of his family

# The Hibbert family

In affectionate remembrance of
Edward Hibbert

Who dyed March 13<sup>th</sup> 1876 Aged 68

Catherine
.... Dec<sup>r</sup> 16<sup>th</sup> 1877... 63
.... Sarah

March 4<sup>th</sup> 1884 . . 72

Eliza
. . . . May 16<sup>th</sup> 1886 . . 82

George
. . . . Oct 7<sup>th</sup> 1894 . . 78

They worshipped in this church
From their childhood to their death
"The Memory of the just is Blessed"

Edward Hibbert (1807-1876) was a City of London merchant. He along with his siblings lived in Mark House Lane. I do not believe any of them ever married.

William Green, died 1917.

IN MEMORY OF
WILLIAM GREEN
BORN 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1830
DIED 28<sup>TH</sup> MAY 1917
AGED 87
WORSHIPPED 31 YEARS IN THE CHURCH

William Green lived in Church Road.

Alfred Wheeler, died 1918.

IN MEMORY OF
ALFRED WHEELER
BORN 20<sup>TH</sup> DEC 1832
DIED 3<sup>RD</sup> FEB 1918
AGED 85
WORSHIPPED 46 YEARS IN THE CHURCH

Alfred Wheeler lived in Thornhill Road.

On the South Wall, a plaque to **John Bullen**, died 1937, and of his son Herbert Guy Bullen who was killed in an air-crash in the Sudan in 1937.

IN GREATFUL MEMORY OF
JOHN BULLEN
ONE-TIME LOW WARDEN OF THIS CHURCH
DIED 25<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1937
HIS BODY RESTS AT STRADBROKE, SUFFOLK
AND OF HIS YOUNGER SON

## HERBERT GUY BULLEN M. C., M. A.

MISSIONARY IN NIGERIA 1926-1935
ASSISTANT BISHOP IN EGYPT AND THE
SUDAN 1935 KILLED IN AN AIR CRASH
NEAR JUBA 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 1937. HIS
BODY RESTS AT LUI IN THE SUDAN
"HIS SERVANTS SHALL SERVE HIM
THEY SHALL SEE HIS FACE
HIS NAME SHALL BE IN THEIR FOREHEADS"

A Gift left to Leyton Parish Church by John Bullen led to fourteen hundred pounds being added to the endowment of the Benefice in June 1938

Marble monument to Edward Jones Brewster,

In Loving Rembrance of
EDWARD JONES BREWSTER M. A. LL. D.
OF VILLA FLORA EASTBOURNE
LATE VICAR AND PATRON OF THIS PARISH AND NEPHEW OF THE LATE
RIGHT HON<sup>ABL</sup> ABRAHAM BREWSTER LORD CHANCELLOR OF
IRELAND

BORN IN DUBLIN  $3^{\rm RD}$  OCTOBER 1812 FELL ASLEEP AT CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA  $17^{\rm TH}$  MARCH 1898 AGED 85 YEARS

TRINITY COLEGE DUBLIN B. A. 1835 M. A. 1842 ST MARY HALL OXFORD B.A. 1849 M.A. 1852 LL. B. & LL. D. DUBLIN 1882 BARRISTER AT LAW

FIRST CHAIRMAN OF QUARTER SESSIONS AT MELBOURNE AND MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL NEW SOUTH WALES ORDAINED DEACON 1853 & PRIEST 1854 DIO WINCHESTER AND FOR FORTY FOUR YEARS A FAITHFUL AMBASSADOR OF CHRIST IN ENGLAND THIS MEMORIAL IS ERECTED BY AUGUSTA HIS WIFE DAUGHTER OF THE LATE EVAN LEIGE C. E. OF MANCHESTER AS A TRIBUTE OF HER DEEP AND NEVER FADING LOVE<sup>65</sup>

Vicar of Leyton 1873-1880.

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 65}$  Sculptured by Thomas or Edward Gaffin of Regent Street.

[John Fern, died 1747.]<sup>66</sup>

[Ann Brooks, died 9<sup>th</sup> November 1751]<sup>67</sup> Daughter of Robert and Ann Brooks.

[James Scott, died 31st October 1783]<sup>68</sup>

[Cox family, 18th century]

[Mrs Eleanor Trenham]<sup>69</sup>

[Here under this Stone lyeth the Body of Henry Archer, late of Layghton, Esq. who deceased the 4<sup>th</sup> Day of October, in the Year of our Lord God 1585, being of the Age of fifty nine years.]<sup>70</sup>

Henry Archer may have been an attendant to the Earl of Leicester, when Lord Lieutenant in the Low Countries.

Two oak chairs in memory of Dr William Minty Badenoch, died 1948, and Maude Mary Biggs, died 1947, daughter of Benjamin Biggs.

In front of Chancel – Pew of the Mayor of Leyton, made in 1933 from an oak beam taken from the roof of 1693 chancel.

## **Pulpit**

The Pulpit is situated just to the south of the Nave and dates from 1798. The brass Lectern in the shape of an eagle was a memorial to RAF Pilot Flying Officer Richard Griffith Pace who was killed on 20<sup>th</sup> July 1927 at Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

Above Pulpit - Newdigate Owsley, died 1714

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Near this place is interrd NEWDIGATE OWSLEY Esq (Late of London Merch<sup>t</sup>) Who Departed this Life October the 23<sup>d</sup> 1714 Ætatis fuæ 54

<sup>69</sup> Originally in the churchyard. Buried 21<sup>st</sup> January 1770.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>66</sup> A Short Account of Ancient Stones and Fragments discovered during the recent restoration and now preserved in the Parish Church, C H Crouch, 1932. Originally in the churchyard.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>67</sup> Lying just outside the Priest's door, previously found in the churchyard.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>68</sup> Originally in the churchyard.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>70</sup> A Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster, John Stow, expanded by John Strype, 1720

Also three of his children viz
CATHERINE who died feb<sup>r</sup>y 13<sup>th</sup>
1709
NEWDIGATE who died Novem'
The 13<sup>th</sup> 1714
And ELIZABETH who died
July ye 18<sup>th</sup> 1721
Nicholl fecit

Marble memorial by Samuel Tufnell to Newdigate Owsley. His father had been a Russian Merchant and Paymaster General. He and his first wife, Elizabeth Jones, had ten children. He lived at Leytonstone House.

#### **Central Aisle of Nave**



View down the Nave c1934. Note the War Memorial Screen then in place.

Just below the Communion Rail Steps, and beneath the carpet, lies the Tomb slab of **John Strype**, died 1737.

[HESTER once the dear Daughter of IOHN STRYPE Vicar of this Parifh was here Interred Febr 24 MDCCXI

Aged XXIII

Here Lieth the Body of

Mrs SUSANNA STRYPE

wife of IOHN STRYPE

Vicar of this Parifh

who died may 16th 1732 Aged

68

Also the Revd IOHN STRYPE

Vicar of this Parifh died 11th dec 1737

Aged 94 Years one Month x ten da]

The tomb-stone was lost for many years and remained so until 1932 when it was rediscovered by the Rev Robert Bren. John Strype was responsible for several versions of John Stow's *Survey of London*, and in the 6<sup>th</sup> edition mention is made of Strype's own tomb-stone. It was also noted by Daniel Lysons as having been on the floor of the

Hester once the dear Daughter of Iohn Strype Vicar of this Parish was here Interred Febr 24 MDCCXI Aged XXIII

Here Lieth the Body of Mrs Susanna Strype wife of Iohn Strype Vicar of this Parish who died may 16th 1732 Agod

Also the Revalohn Strype Vicar of this Parish died 11th dec 1737 Aged 94 Years one Month x ten da

Chancel in 1796. When the Hickes Chapel was moved in 1853 and the level of the flooring was raised, the Strype slab was also buried. During the enlargement of the church in 1932, when the Rev Robert Bren began his search, they also discovered the unbroken slab of Henry Parvysh of 1593. Also found were the Wood brasses. Strype's slab was found 11 feet from the east wall and buried about one foot below the surface. A few months later further research discovered the human remains of an aged male and thought to be a burial of a priest. The remains were subsequently re-interred as those of John Strype.

[On floor, slab of "Henry Parvysh, 4 of August 1593"] <sup>71</sup>. What may be the actual wording is taken from *A Cotswold Family* by Mrs William Hicks-Beach. "He was an eminent merchant of London. Owner of the Manor of Ruckholt in this Parish: His widow matched to MICHAEL HICKS Esq: afterwards Kt. And of her son GABRIEL PARVISH was the Manor of Ruckholts purchased by her son SIR WILLIAM HICKES"<sup>72</sup>.

During the excavations of 1932 the coffin of Thomas Thorpe, died 1743, was uncovered. The name plate was removed to the vestry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>71</sup> Buried beneath the Communion Steps and rediscovered in 1932.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Mrs William Hicks-Beach, A Cotswold Family: Hicks and Hicks Beach, London, William Heinemann, 1909, p190.

[Toby or **Tobias Wood**] Died circa 1620. Married Elizabeth Barker. Rediscovered in 1932.

# Vestry

Next to door, Marble tablet to Rev Charles Henry Laprimaudaye, died 1848.

TO THE MEMORY OF
THE REV<sup>D</sup> CHARLES HENRY LAPRIMAUDAYE
DURING 48 YEARS VICAR OF THIS PARISH
WHO DIED ON THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF MARCH 1848
AGED 83 YEARS
ALSO OF
JANE LAPRIMAUDAYE
RELICT OF THE ABOVE
WHO DIED ON THE 4<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1849
AGED 70 YEARS

Vicar of Leyton 1800-1848.

Below is a brass, to **Elizabeth Wood**, died 1626, wife of Toby Wood, and mother of twelve children, all of whom are pictured to have reached adulthood, although only two outlived her and one was still-born.

#### PLÆ MEMORIÆ:

ELIZA WOOD DILECTISSMÆ CONIVGIS TOBIE WOOD ARMIGERI QVÆ DVODENA PROLE SVSCEPTA SEPTIMA SVPERSTITE DECIMAQ TERTIA IN VTERO MATRIS IN TVMVLATA QVOTQVOT ILLIAM NOSSE CONTIGI TRISTE SVI DESIDERIUM RELIQUIT POSVI

Wayle not my Wood, thy treef vntyimely fall:
They weare but leavef v Autumn's blast could fpoil:
The bark bound up, & fome fayre fruite with all,
Tranfplanted onely fhee Exchang'd her foyle,
Shee is not dead, shee did but fall to rise,
And leave the Woods to live in paradife.
INSVPER ET CARO MEA REQVIESCET IN SPE Psal. 164[].

[Rebecca Bull 1818]<sup>73</sup>

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>73</sup> Buried 1<sup>st</sup> March 1818.

[David Lewis 1760]<sup>74</sup> [Sacred to the memory of David Lewis, Esq. who died the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April 1760, aged 77 years; a great favourite of the muses, as his many excellent pieces in poetry sufficiently testify]<sup>75</sup>

David Lewis (c1683-1760), a Welshman and poet, friend to Alexander Pope. His tomb stone is believed to have said that he was married to Mary, the daughter of a Leyton merchant. She was also buried alongside him.<sup>76</sup>

In the Vestry is the wall stone to *John Strype, Vicar 1696*<sup>77</sup>.





The Masonic Door Knocker was originally in the Priests Door in the East Wall. It was moved by Rev Robert Bren to the Vestry.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>74</sup> In a cupboard. Buried 15<sup>th</sup> April 1760.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> Daniel Lysons, The Environs of London: volume 4: Counties of Herts, Essex & Kent (1796)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>76</sup> Oxford Dictionary of National Biography.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>77</sup> It is believed to have once been lain on the chancel floor. *Essex Review* #23, vol VIII, October 1899, p196.

#### **South East Porch**

Inserted in 1933. [Small window of frosted glass contains fragments of mediaeval glass.]

#### **South Wall**

Memorials to:

Andrew Redich, died 1603.

NEAR TO THIS MONUMENT LYETH
THE BODIE OF ANDREW REDICH Y°
SECOND SONNE TO RAPHE REDICH
OF MOTTRAM IN LONG DENDALL
IN THE COVNTY OF CHEST<sup>S</sup> GENT
WHO HAD TO WIFE MARGARET
FLETCHER DAUGHTER TO RALPE
FLETCHER OF PRESCOT WITHIN
THE COVNTIE OF LANCASTER
GENTLEMAN: WHICH ANDREW DECE
SED THE XIIII OF MARCH ANO 1603
BEING OF Y° AGE OF 45 YEARES<sup>78</sup>

Masonic Window – Leyton Lodge #2626, Leyton St Mary's Lodge #4036, Leyton St John's Lodge #4860 & Wallwood Lodge #5143.

Sir Robert Beachcroft, died 1721. Monument possibly by John Nost<sup>79</sup>.

#### MS

Near this place resteth the body of
Sir ROBERT BEACHCROFT, Kt. late Alderman
& Lord Mayor of ye City of London, Son of
DANIEL BEACHCROFT, of ye Town of
Derby, Gent. He was pious towards God
Loyal to his Prince, True to ye Religion
Established, Firm to the Protestant
Interest, a Useful Member of
that City: Kind to his Relations
Beneficent and Liberal to ye Poor
in his life time, as well as at

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>78</sup> Originally in the Chancel.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>79</sup> Attributed to John Nost the Younger, died 1729.

his Death, & particularly to ye
Hospitals of Christ's Church
St Thomas & ye Workhouse in
Bishopsgate Street, As also to ye Poor
Of several Parishes where he resided
Who after a Long Sickness of ye Palsey
patient & submissive under GOD'S Hand
departed hence May ye 27th Anno Domini 1721
in ye 72nd Year of his age

Master of the Clothworkers Company. Knighted in 1700 on becoming Sheriff of London. Alderman and Lord Mayor of London and a director of the South Sea Company. He lived at Lea Hall, Capworth Street.

Window to the memory of Rev Henry Alfred Bren, died 3<sup>rd</sup> January 1930, and his son, Lieutenant Henry Alfred Hogarth Bren, of the West Leinsters who fell storming Cinchy & Guillemont on 9<sup>th</sup> September 1916 at the Battle of the Somme. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

John Story, died 1786.

John Story died the 27 of March 1786 Aged 78 Benevolent humane and Upright in his Principals He lived Respected, belov<sup>e</sup>d Univerfally lamented he Calmly refignd his breath with Pious belief and **Anxious Expectation** of a Joyful Immortality This figure is defigned as an emblem of his fair fame & goodly character to hold forth good example to fraternity<sup>80</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>80</sup> Mentioned by Daniel Lysons as being on the West Wall, *The Environs of London: volume 4: Counties of Herts, Essex & Kent* (1796). Sculpted by the Irishman John Hickley of London (1751–1795).

Lived at Leyton House.

Window in memory of William Minty Badenoch and John Badenoch.

Captain William Minty Badenoch served with Royal Army Medical Corp. He was born 20<sup>th</sup> September 1883 in Portsoy, Banff, and had a general practice in Leyton at 8 Grange Park Road. He died 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1948. His brother, John Badenoch, was also a member of RAMC, but died at Basra in Mesopotamia, on 11<sup>th</sup> July 1917.

#### John Hillersdon, died 1807.

TO THE MEMORY OF JOHN HILLERSDON **ESQ** SON OF THE LATE **EDWARD HILLERSDON ESQ** OF STEWARDSTONE IN THIS COUNTY WHO DIED 27<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1807 AGED 60 YEARS HIS TWO BROTHERS **EDWARD HARCOURT** HILLERSDON **BORN 15 FEBRUARY 1742** AND WILLIAM BARD **HILLERSDON** BORN 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 1744 BOTH OF WHOM DIED **INFANTS** AND ALSO OF HIS **SISTER** CHARLOTTE ANN HILLERSDON WHO WAS BORN 5<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 1716, AND DIED 17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 1781<sup>81</sup>



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>81</sup> Sculptured by John Flaxman, RA (1755-1826) and considered by many to be the finest in the church. A Yorkshireman who learnt his trade under the potter Josiah Wedgwood. His work can be seen in Gloucester Cathedral and Westminster Abbey.

#### Anne Tench, died 1696.

#### M.S.

Nor far from this Place, in Hope of a blessed Resurrection lyeth interred the Body of ANNE the sole surviving Daughter and Heir of WILL<sup>M</sup> FISHER, Esq; late of London Alderman; And the late dear Wife of NATHANIEL TENCH of London, Esq; with whom she lived in holy Wedlock most piously and chastly 29 Years and 9 Months: And had Issue by him 11Children, Viz. 8 Sons and 3 Daughters. Three only of wch survived her. viz. One Son, FISHER & Two Daughters, ANNE & ELIZABETH She departed this Life ye 25th of April, 1696 and in y<sup>e</sup> 51<sup>st</sup> Year of her Age. To whose dear Memory her sorrowful Husband hath erected this Monument.

And in the same Grave, by his particular Direction, lyeth Interred the Body of the said NATH<sup>IL</sup> TENCH. that, as in Life, so in Death, they might be united in the two ftates of Life and Death he departed this Life the Second Day of April 1710, and in the Seventy ninth Year of his Age.

It was their son, Sir Fisher Tench, who built the Great House.

Window in memory of William James Smitten. He lived in Windsor Road and died in 1929.

#### William Church, died 1723.

Near this place lieth interred the body of WILLIAM CHURCH of Philly Brook in this Parish Gent who departed this life the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of January 1723 Aged 68 years
Also here lieth the body of M: MARY the wife of ye faid M: WILLIAM CHURCH daughter of M<sup>r</sup> JOHN TOD of Walthamstow by whom he

had four fons and five daughters, she departed this life ye 25th day of March 1707 aged 33 years.

Two Sons and one daughter died infants Mr JOHN CHURCH ye Elder son departed this life the eleventh day of March 1718 aged 23 years Mrs SARAH the wife of Mr JAMES BALL of Hoxton Marcht departed this life ye 13th day of November 1722 aged 27 years Mr JAMES CHURCH ye youngeft son departed this life the 10th day of August 1723 aged 20 years Also here lieth ye body of Mr ABRAHAM CHURCH Brother of ye Above Mr WILLIAM CHURCH Who died ye 19th of December 1733 Aged 74 years

The Church family lived at Phillebrook House.

#### Floor of South Aisle

Beneath the floor are the foundations of the south corner of the Nave of 1807. Some Roman coins were discovered against the wall.

Floor slabs to:

**Sir Edward Holmden**, died 1616. The brass has been removed and placed on the West Wall.

Unknown burial

[Indistinct] of M [Indistinct] [Indistinct] vicar of [Indistinct] [Indistinct] she dyed [Indistinct] [Indistinct] the 74 year [Indistinct] [Indistinct] in the year [Indistinct]

This could be the memorial to Michael Hunt, Vicar of St Mary's, who died in 1624 and also of his wife Mary, died 1621. He was known to have been buried in the church.

# Harriet Cooper

In memory of

Mrs Harriet Cooper who departed this life the \_\_\_\_ of \_\_ April 178\_ Aged \_\_\_ years

John Peppercorne, died 1804.

Here lythe the Body of Hester Peppercorne daughter of Jane Peppercorne of Borough of [indistinct] Stepney January 1797 Aged 18 years Also Jane Peppercorne wife of John Peppercorne Who departed this life the 4<sup>th</sup> of February 1797 Aged 48 years Also John Peppercorne Son of the above Jane Peppercorne Who departed this life the 25<sup>th</sup> of April 1797 Aged [indistinct] 5 years Also Mr John Peppercorne [indistinct] Who died 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 1804 Aged 65 years Also Mary Ann Peppercorne died 10<sup>th</sup> June 1816 Aged 9 months Also M<sup>r</sup> William Crippen [indistinct] Dec 1820 Aged 54 years

**Mary Cooper**, wife of James Cooper, died 1749. James Cooper, died 1773, and his second wife Elizabeth Cooper, died 1782.

Here lyeth the remains of

MRS MARY COOPER wife of

MR JAMES COOPER of this Parish

who departed this Life 3rd September

1749 Aged 47 years

Also of the above

MR JAMES COOPER Gent

who died 17th of July 1773

Aged 76 years

Also the Body of Mrs ELIZH COOPER

Widow of the above MR JAMES COOPER

who died the 19th January 1782

Aged 39 years

Benevolence (like that of her husband) was conftant and diffifive and so happily experienced to her Several dependents as to afford an example of Imitation

Let us not be weary in well doing

James Cooper was Churchwarden 1753/5.

**AM** 1828

A M 1828

'A M' is unknown.

**James King**, died 1795, of Street, London.

[indistinct] of
MR JAMES KING
[indistinct] of Old Street London
[indistinct] April the 1795
In the 46 Year of his Age
put though thy trust in the Lord
and by doing good
so shall thee dewell in the [indistinct]
[indistinct] thou shall be [indistinct]<sup>82</sup>

Mr H Cooper.

[indistinct]
Who departed this life May
\_\_\_\_\_1791 Aged \_\_\_\_ years
Also MARY \_\_\_\_\_ his wife
Who departed this life
November \_\_\_\_
Aged 6\_\_ years
of those

William Cross, died 1703, and his wife Mary, died 1725.

Here lyeth the Body of WILLIAM CROSS of this Parish who departed

<sup>82</sup> The marble slab is known to have been in the chancel until 1822.

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this life the 16th November 1703 Aged 57 years Also MARY his Wife who Departed this life April the 1[missing] 1725 Aged 84 years And 3 Grand-Children Also the Body of JOHN PEPPERCORNE Accomptent General to the East India Company who Departed this life the 7<sup>th</sup> of December 1779 In the 68<sup>th</sup> Year of his Age Also the Body of HESTER PEPPERCORNE *Wife of the Above* JOHN PEPPERCORNE who departed this life the 17<sup>th</sup> of December 1796 aged 81 years

The following were originally in the churchyard.

[Henry Poulton, died 22<sup>nd</sup> December 1769]<sup>83</sup> Married Mary Evans in 1761.

[John Tompson died 1700. John Tompson, who was 27 Years Clerk of St Mary White-Chapel, and died, 14 April, 1700, aged 66; Mabel, his wife, 17 Febr. 1707, aged 78.]<sup>84</sup>

[Frances Goddard, an Infant, 12 Aug. 1680]<sup>85</sup>

[Frances Harris, daughter of Thomas and Susanna Harris. James Strype Harris, Infants 1737.]<sup>86</sup>

The Font is believed to date from the 15<sup>th</sup> Century and is placed on top of a more modern pedestal, which was presented in 1827 by William Cotton of Wallwood House. The Font was moved to its present position in "living memory", but no one can remember when.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>83</sup> This stone was broken by workmen during the construction of the foundations of the new chancel, even then a piece was missing. A Short Account of Ancient Stones and Fragments discovered during the recent restoration and now preserved in the Parish Church, C H Crouch, 1932.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>84</sup> John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 40 & 131. Alternative spelling Tomson.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>85</sup> John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p40.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>86</sup> John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 p39.

# West Gallery

A small window in the staircase is the only surviving ancient glass in the church.

During the 1934 excavations several fragments of earlier burials were found. The whereabouts of the following are no longer precisely known.

[Walter Bull died 1769]<sup>87</sup>

[Mary Coles, buried 7<sup>th</sup> February 1771 and the wife of William Coles, died 1772.]

[George Dowsett buried 1st June 1794]

[William Gamble alias Bowyer, late of Leytonstone, married Katherine, daughter of Sir Marmaduke Roydon, Co Hereford, and Dame Elizabeth his wife. They had eight sons and five daughters]<sup>88</sup>. Born 2<sup>nd</sup> January 1613 in London, married Katherine Roydon or Rawdon in 1647 and died 22<sup>nd</sup> September 1658. Sir Marmaduke Roydon was a plantation owner in Barbados and a Royalist Army Officer.

## Ceiling

Note the initials "RB" carved into the wooden beam, at the west end of the Nave. These are the initials of the Rev Robert Bren.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>87</sup> Fragments imbedded in floor.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>88</sup> From notes taken from the Bren Kennedy volume 1, p485.

# Tower



The Tower is substantially red brick and dates from 1658 with the clock turret being late 18<sup>th</sup> century<sup>89</sup>. It contains a peal of eight bells, the oldest dates from c1400, cast by William Dawe. It bears an inscription, in Latin, O, *Lord, hear my prayer, and let my cry come unto thee*. Another is dated *Phillipvs Wightman me fecit 1694*. Two more were re-cast by the Whitechapel Bell Foundry in 1906 using the metal from an old bell dated *Iojanes Clifton made me 1694*, which had been cracked and unusable for some time. The latest bell bears the inscription *A.D. 1906. In Memory of John Strype, Vicar of Leyton, 1669-1737*. There is a ninth bell in the cupola which serves to chime the clock, and is said to have been the Priest's Bell.

The Clock was built in 1768 by William Addis, a London clock maker, and was originally erected with the cupola on the Great House, which stood in Leyton High Road, opposite the cricket ground. Both the cupola and clock were removed to the church in 1806, when they were presented to the vicar, the Reverend Charles Henry Laprimaudye by John Theophilus Dabuz.

The clock's mechanism was automated in 1981. The cupola was extensively repaired during the nineteen twenties and restored again at the turn of the century.

In 1961 an old bottle was found in the tower which had presumably been used for oil for the clock. It is now housed in the V&A and dates from late 16<sup>th</sup>/early 17<sup>th</sup> century.

#### Legends

Finally, before leaving the church, did you notice two ghostly figures dressed in grey kneeling as in prayer in the front pews of the Nave? This apparition was seen by the Rev Robert Bren during his stewardship. He also recalled hearing of another visitation that had taken place some seventy years earlier of a young cavalier, dressed in a cape, with a sword tucked under his arm, and carrying a hat with a large feather, who had appeared and walked down through the middle of the pews of the North Aisle before disappearing into the wall by the Reading Desk. It was claimed that members of the congregation were too afraid to venture into the building after dark<sup>90</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>89</sup> Daniel Lysons, The Environs of London: volume 4: Counties of Herts, Essex & Kent (1796)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>90</sup> Laying the Leyton Church Ghosts Rev Robert Bren, The Stratford Express, 12 January 1935.

# **Outside above the South East Door**

Sundial with the inscription: Are there not twelve hours in the day / the night cometh, when no man can work (John 9:4). It is dated 1932.



# Vicars of St Mary's Parish Church

12 <sup>th</sup> October 1327 - 1371 <sup>91</sup>	Stephen de Sudbury
9 <sup>th</sup> September 1371 - 1385 (Died)	William Hobekyns
7 <sup>th</sup> September 1385 - 1386	William Ayleston
21 <sup>st</sup> August 1386 - 1390	William Leyton
16 <sup>th</sup> February 1390 - 1399	William Machon
1st April 1399 - 1401	Robert Samborne
23 <sup>rd</sup> September 1401 - ?	
	Thomas Walsingham
	John Swayne
29 <sup>th</sup> August 1410 - 1410	John Topscroft
24 <sup>th</sup> November 1410 - ?	William Crosse
? - 1418	John Godin
4th August 1418 - 1420	John Wych
4 <sup>th</sup> July 1420 - 1430 (Died)	John Bennet
20 <sup>th</sup> March 1430 - 1453	John Germeyn
29 <sup>th</sup> January 1453 - 1458	Laurence Martyn
2 <sup>nd</sup> January 1458 -1460	Nicholas Wilkokson
14 <sup>th</sup> May 1460 - 1461	John Tendall
5 <sup>th</sup> March 1461 - 1480	John Glover
6 <sup>th</sup> February 1480 - 1482	William Leghe
6 <sup>th</sup> May 1482- 1484	John Baker
5 <sup>th</sup> November 1484 - 1493 (Died)	Richard Pernell
23 <sup>rd</sup> December 1493 - 1494 (Died)	Richard Lytton
30 <sup>th</sup> July 1494 - ?	John Hill
? - 1505	Gregory Fermory
19 <sup>th</sup> September 1505 - 1506	Henry Baxter
16 <sup>th</sup> February 1506 - ?	Robert Eglesfield
? - 1514	George Skipworth
27 <sup>th</sup> November 1514 – 1531 (Died)	Robert Farnell
29 <sup>th</sup> April 1531 - 1561	Richard Wolley
30 <sup>th</sup> April 1561 - 1564	John Lythall
24 <sup>th</sup> March 1564 - 1575	George Johnson <sup>92</sup>
5 <sup>th</sup> May 1575 - 1583	James Ballard
10 <sup>th</sup> June 1583 - 1588	George Ailmer
1588 - 1617 (Died)	Robert Godfrey
11 <sup>th</sup> November 1617 – 1624 (Died <sup>93</sup> )	•
1625 - 1628	Benjamin Stone
1628 - 1630	John Hasler

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 91}$  Believed to be complete, but possibility of further priests may have been inducted.

 <sup>92</sup> Also held the living of St Mary's, Walthamstow.
 93 Buried at St Mary's Church 21st September 1624.

1630 - 1638 (Died <sup>94</sup> )	Robert Domvile
2 <sup>nd</sup> November 1638 - 1639	Thomas Lake
1639 - 1644	Samuel Kem or Keene <sup>95</sup>
1644 - ?	Samuel Foxey
? - 1647	Samuel Fletcher
1647 - 1650	Hugo Williams <sup>96</sup>
1650 - 1651	Jeremiah Levet
20 <sup>th</sup> June 1651 -1662	Philip Anderton <sup>97</sup>
1662 - 1669	John Cox
1669 - 1737	John Strype
21 <sup>st</sup> January 1737 - 1754	John Dubordieu
13 <sup>th</sup> July 1754 - 1797	Thomas Keighley
26 <sup>th</sup> May 1797 - 1800	Thomas Hector Spurrier
22 <sup>nd</sup> March 1800 - 1848	Charles Henry Laprimaudaye
1848 - 1873	John Pardoe
1873 - 1880	Edward Jones Brewster
1880 - 1892	James Lunt
1892 - 1899	William Thomas Henry Wilson
September 1899 – August 1900	Edward Batcheler Russell
1900 - 1908	James Theodore Inskip <sup>98</sup>
1908 - 1919	Charles Leonard Thornton-Duesbury
1919 - 1928	James Glass <sup>99</sup>
1928 - 1940	Robert Bren
1940 - 1952	Reginald Brackstone Bertin
1952 - 1960	Frank Herbert Food
1960 - 1964	Geoffrey Franklin Earl
1964 - 1973	Laurence Denny
1973 - 1991	Norman Bingham
1991 - 2002	David S Ainge
2005 - 2010	Tim A Davis
10 <sup>th</sup> November 2011 - 2017	Christine Mary Rablen
28 <sup>th</sup> October 2019 -	Alexander Strathearn Gordon

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>94</sup> Buried at St Mary's Church 18<sup>th</sup> June 1638.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>95</sup> A captain in the Parliamentary army, he Is said to have preached his lusty sermons armed and clad in great coat beneath his gown. He left his curate in charge when he went off to fight for the Roundheads against the King in the English Civil War. It is unlikely he was ever inducted.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>96</sup> Ejected when the Puritans came to power.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>97</sup> A Puritan who was ejected in 1662 when the Church of England was restored under the Act of Uniformity.

<sup>98</sup> Bishop of Barking 1919-1948.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>99</sup> The Rev James Glass was summoned for the burial of a parishioner in an unrelated family plot.



"Leyton Parish Church, 100 Years ago". This would date the view at around 1810. The Moyer tomb can be seen in the churchyard on the far Left.

# A list of those remembered on interior memorials in St Mary's Parish Church, Leyton

(compiled from David Ian Chapman's text by David Boote)

			page number	died	other surnames	notes
Allen	Philip		40	1720	Surremes	
Archer	Henry		48	1585		
Backhouse	Nancy		20	1765		
Badenoch	William	Dr	48, 55	1948		
Dadenoch		DI	40, 33	1940		
D - 1 1	Minty		5.5			
Badenoch	John	C.	55	1701		
Beachcroft	Robert	Sir	39, 53	1721		
Bence	Alexander	~	35	1662		
Bertin	Reginald	Canon	9, 41			vicar 1940-
						1952
Biddle	William		40	1737		
Biddle	Daniel		40	1734		
Biddle	Elizabeth		40	1712		
Biggs	Benjamin		45	1912		
Frances	Biggs		45			
Mortimer						
Biggs	Maude		48	1947		
88	Mary		-			
Boger	Mary Anne		15	1893		
Bosanquet	William		17-18	1813		
Bosanquet	Samuel		28	1765		
Bosanquet	Mary		28	1765	Dunster	
Bowyer	William		18	1777	Dunster	
•	William	ania.	21			
Bowyer		senior		1737	D 1	
Bowyer	Dorothy		21	1727	Dawkes	1: 1 1 7
Bowyer	William		21	1777		died aged 7
Bren	Henry	Rev	54	1930		
	Alfred					
Bren	Alfred	Lieuten	54	1916		
21011	Hogarth	ant		1,710		
	Hogurin	Henry				
Bren	Robert	Rev	3, 31, 50,			
Dicii	Robert	ICV	52, 54,			
Duarratan	Edward		61, 63	1000		Vicence
Brewster	Edward		47	1898		Vicar of
	Jones					Leyton 1873-
						1880
Britt	Elizabeth		38	1731	Gauden	
Brooks	Ann		48	1751	2	
Bull	Rebecca		51	1818		
Bull	Walter		61	1769		
Bullen	John		46			
Dunen	JOHH		40	1937		

			page	died	other	notes
			number		surnames	
Bullen	Herbert		46	1935		
	Guy					
Capper	Emma		41			
Church	William		57	1723		
Church	Mary		57	1707	Tod	
Church	John		57	1718		
Church	James		57	1723		
Church	Abraham		57	1733		
Cleverley	William		14			
Coles	Mary		61	1771		
Coles	William		61	1772		
Cooper	James		10, 58-59	1773		
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Cooper	Harriet		57 58 50	178x		
Cooper	Mary		58-59	1749		
Cooper	Elizabeth		58-59	1782		
Copeland	William		33			
Copeland	Selina		41	1025		
Cotton	Joseph		30	1825		
Cotton	Sarah		30	1818		
Cotton	Benjamin		30	1874		
Cotton	Mary		33	1854		
Cotton	Louisa		33	1847		
C 44	Decima		60			
Cotton	William		60	1042		
Cranston	Sarah Jane		25-26	1943		
Crippen	William		58	1820		
Cross	William		59-60	1703		
Cross	Mary		59-60	1725		
Davies	William		35	1678		
Dawkes	Ichabod		21	1731		
Dawkes	Sarah		21	1737		
Dowsett	George		61	1794		
Fern	John		48	1747		
Fitzwarren	Ralph		33	1553		
Gardner	Thomas		35	1770		
Gasper	Ursula		13	1493		
Gauden	Charles		37	1679		
Goddard	Frances		60	1680		
Goodfellow	Charles		33	1686		
Goring	Charles	Lord	34, 40	1670		
		(Earl of Norwich)				
Graham	Robert	,	41			
Green	William		46	1917		
Harris	Frances		60			
Harvey	Mary		20	1749		
Harvey	John		20	1789?		
Harvey	Robert		26	1695		
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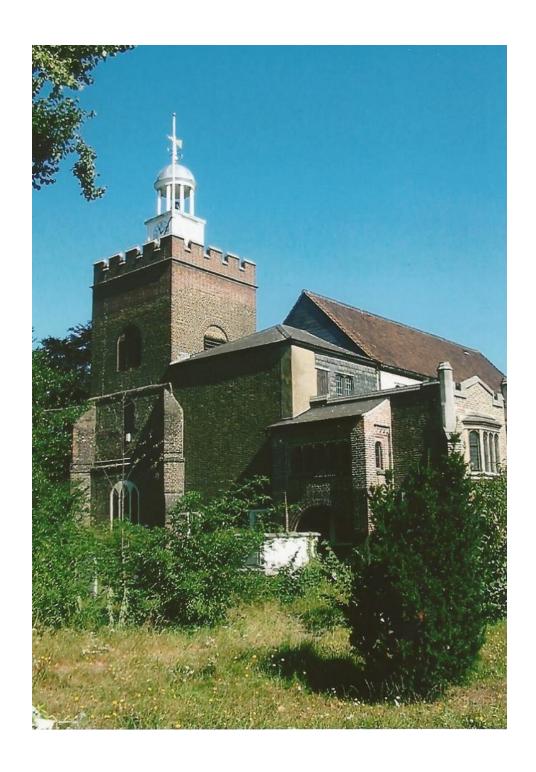
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Hawes Hawes	Thomas Anne		27 28, 36	1743 1759		
Hibbert Hickes (Hicks)	Edward Michael	Sir	45-46 4, 6, 22, 23, 25, 50	1876 1612		
Hickes (Hicks)	William	Sir (1st Bart.)	6, 21, 24, 50	1680		
Hickes (Hicks)	Elizabeth	Lady	21.23	1635	Parvish	
Hickes (Hicks)	William	Sir (2nd Bart.)	22-23	1702		
Hickes	Marthagnes	Lady	22, 41	1723		
(Hicks) Hillersdon	John		55	1807		
Hillersdon	Charlotte Ann		55	1781		
Hincks	Sarah		41	180x		
Holdgate Holmden	Florence Edward	Sir	13 15	1906 1616		
Holmden	Edward	Sir	57	1616		
Hope	John	Captain	20	1781		
Hopkins	Richard	Sir	30	1735		
Hopkins	Anne	Lady	31	1759		
Hopkins	Thomas		41	1667		
Innes	James		16	1874		
Innes Jackson	Mary Ann John		16 26	1853 1795		
Jerningham	Henry		13	1/93		reference in
Jennigham	Tiem y		13			text only
King	James	T - 1	59	1795	1	
Kingston	Mary	Lady	12-13	1548	born Scrope, later Jerningham	
Knight	John		20		<i>G</i> <b>-11</b>	
Knight	E		20			
Lane	John		29	1852		
Lane	Florence		29	1851		
Lane	Elizabeth		29	1852		

Laprimaudaye	Charles	Rev	page number 51	<i>died</i> 1848	other surnames	notes Vicar of
Laprimaudaye Lewis Lloyd Mariscoe	Henry  Jane David John Charles		51 53 26 38	1849 1760 1667 1669/ 70		Leyton 1800- 1848
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Strype	Hester		49-50	1711		
Strype	Susanna		49-50	1737		
Tench	Anne		56	1696		
Tench	Nathaniel		56	1710		
Thomson	John		34	1700		
Thomson	Mabel		34	1707		
Thomson	John		60	1700		
Thomson	Mabel		60	1707		
Thornton-	Charles Leonar	Canon	30			
Duesbury	d					
Trenham	Eleanor		47			
Turner	William		29	1831		
Want	Thomas		44	1785		
Want	Thomas		44	1789		
Want	Ann		44	1793		
Want	Harriot		44-45	1793		
	(Harriet)					
Want	Thomas		44-45	1816		
Wheeler	Alfred		46	1918		
Wood	John		26	1670		
Wood	John		36-37	1660		
Wood	John		36	1670		
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