A Guide to the Interior Memorials in the The Parish Church of St Mary's, Leyton

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Amongst my most 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 (Paleolithic) 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 two Roman coins of the Emperor Vespasian Cæsar dating from around $70AD^1$.

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 6th to the 11th 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 700AD². 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. At the time of the Domesday Survey, amongst the population of 51

¹ 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.

² M L Savell *Old Leyton Church*, Ramsgate, nd c1964, pp 16. The current location of the stone is not known.

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 Hall³. At around the begining of the 13th century the Manor of Leyton Grange was given to the Cistercian Abbey of Stratford Langthorne by Richard I, the Lionheart, or possibly in the reign of King John. 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 Subury who was possibly here until 1371 and if the information is correct, served for forty four years. From here on in we have a complete list (see appendix).

As we look at the outside of the church today the fabric is mainly early 19th 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 origin⁴. 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.



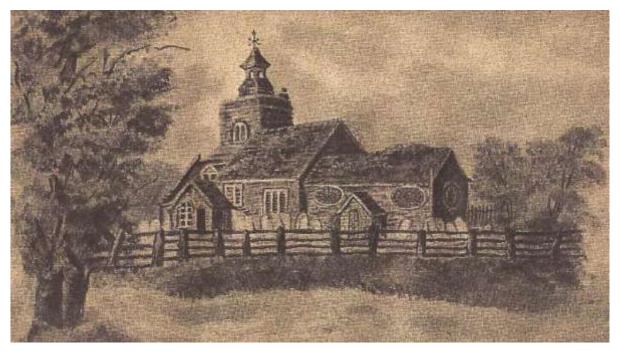
Plan of Leyton Grange showing the Parish Church c1720/3

³ 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 19th century. ⁴ 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.

The illustration opposite is taken from an elevation of the grounds of The Grange. It is believed that this is how the church would have looked prior to the arrival of the Rev John Strype in 1669.

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 28th March 1807. Therefore it must date between 1794 and 1806, when the church clock was added.



Low Layton Church "1690" (1807)

The earliest date regarding the fabric of the church is when the small First or Upper Chancel was built in 1610 by Sir William Ryder, Lord Mayor of London for 1600⁵. 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 steeple⁶.

⁵ Rev Robert Bren, *The Story of the Chancel of Low Layton Parish Church*, Essex Review, #165 Vol XIII, January 1933, pp 1.

⁶ 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.

The reasons behind rebuilding the church in the 19^{th} century were due to lack of space for the ever increasing population. In the middle of the 17^{th} century the reason was more fundamental. At a meeting of parishioners held on 11^{th} May 1658 it was:

Aggreed that the church shall be well & sufficiently repaired and alsoe that in regard the oulde steple is verey much decayed and ready to fall that a newe steple of bricke shall be builte and alsoe by reasson of wante of accomomodation of pewes, it is ressoulved at this metteinge that a newe ille one the north side of the church shal be alsoe builte with bricke.⁷

At about the same time as the Tower was being rebuilt, which must have been finished before 1660^8 , 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 1659⁹. This seems to have been done on more or less a regular basis.

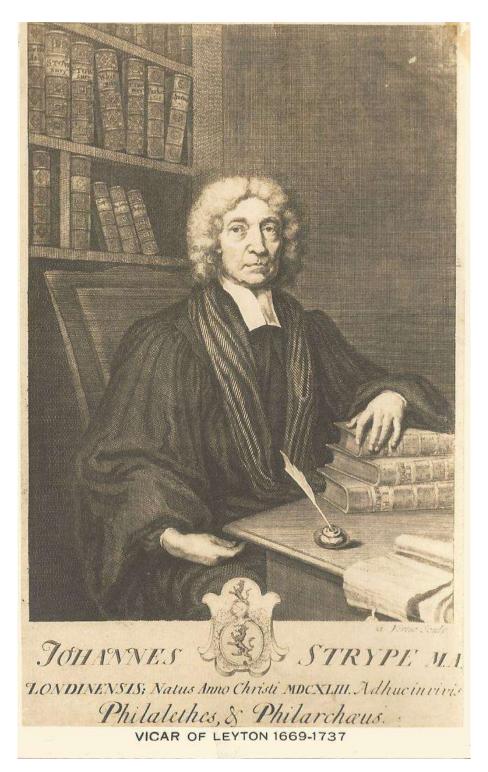
The most famous incumbent must be Rev John Strype, who held the living from 1669 to 1737. He was responsible for some of the later editions of John Stow's Survey of London, first published in 1598 and enlarged by Strype in 1720. Strype was born 1st November 1643 in Houndsditch, London. His father was 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 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 College, Cambridge 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 at 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 7th January 1719 he remarked to a recipient that the past Christmas was the fiftieth he had conducted at Leyton without any omission. Towards the end of his long life, when he had become increasingly infirm, he moved to Hackney to

⁷ John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 43.

⁸ Detail from tombstone of John Wood still in situ.

⁹ John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 44.

live out his days with his married granddaughter. He died 11th December 1737 and is buried in the Chancel¹⁰.



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

¹⁰ Alfred Philip Wire *John Strype F.S.A.* District Times, 9th August 1901.

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.

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 $\pounds 22^{11}$

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. So on 10th August 1693 work began 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 amounting to £90 16s 1d, and completed by November 1693. A breakdown of the costs was recorded by John Kennedy, although there was a slight disagreement over the final total¹².

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

¹¹ John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 23.

¹² Rev Robert Bren *The Story of the Chancel of Low Layton Parish Church*, Essex Review #165, January 1933..

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 ten years later. I seem to recall sitting there as a member of the Sunday School. Today this now holds the Organ.

Further repairs were carried out in 1735. These included replacing the oak frame surounding the large window in the south wall and the communion table to be laid with Portland stone. 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 School¹³. 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 21st March 1822, the writer pledged to contribute £1000 to the fund¹⁴. The designs for the rebuilding of the church were made apparently by John Shaw and the contractor was Thomas Cubitt¹⁵. 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 height of the Tower was increased by the

¹³ Established in 1791.

¹⁴John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 57. The "Old Parishioner" was identified as Captain Joseph Cotton, then living at Walnut Tree House.

¹⁵ Victoria County History Essex (extract) London Borough of Waltham Forest, 1979 pp 45.

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 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 south window, from its previous position, can still be seen in the memorial.

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 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.

The Chancel was lengthened in 1932, with the oval windows inserted in the new east wall. 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.

In 1954 an estimate was obtained from Robert Thompsons' 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 columns¹⁶.

¹⁶ Leyton & Leytonstone Historical Society Newsletter *Understone*, Issue #7, November 2006.



Detail showing the little mouse on the communion rail

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 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.

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.



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)¹⁷

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 Septeber. 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^{18}

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 sent to Uganda in 1904. Tragically she died of a fever at Iganda on 30th October 1906.

Swing Doors – West Door

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

¹⁷ Originally attached to a plain stone situated in the Chancel.

¹⁸ 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 Stow recalls that this was once on the south wall of the Chancel. It also bears the date it was erected, 1557.



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 staff¹⁹.

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 the names of those who died in both World Wars and which were originally

on the screen but 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 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.

¹⁹ Understone, Issue #28, April 2011.

West Wall

Sir Edward Holmden, Alderman of London, died 1616.

HERE LYETH BVRIED THE BODY OF S^R 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^{CH} S^R EDWARD DIED THE 4TH 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 D. Boger Captain Royal Navy and daughter of the late James Innes and Mary Anne His wife formerly of this Parish Born August 16th 1829 Interred into rest Jan 11th 1893

Robert Rampton, died 1585.

Robert Rampton 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 fyve²⁰

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 20th 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 19TH MARCH 1802 DIED 12TH 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

²⁰ 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 momument 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 26TH IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD MDCCXLVI AND DIED THERE, MARCH THE 3^D 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;

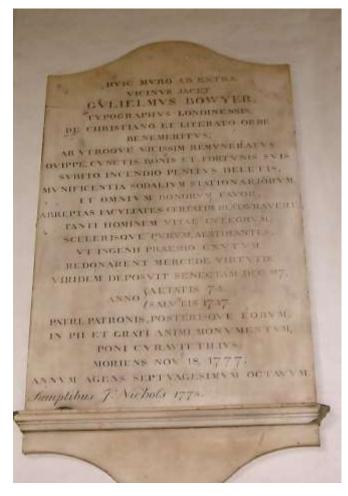
THOUGH PRIEST AND LEVITE PASS UNHEEDING BY, CHRIST MARKS THE DEED, AND CALLS IT CHARITY. SUCH WERE HIS ACTIONS WHOM THIS STONE RECORDS, AND SUCH, O! DOUBT NOT, ARE THEIR HIGH REWARDS.

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

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 **OVIPPE 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, POSTERISOVE 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** of Mile End Old Town.

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 years²¹

Other fragments were uncovered during the excavations of 1934/5 and are now relaid here²². Some are difficult to read. These are:

[Nancy Backhouse, daughter of James and Dorothy Backhouse, buried 20th January 1765]

Mary Harvey, died 1749, and husband John probably died 1789

[Wife of Captain John Hope, of the Parish of Shadwell, he died 1781]

[John Knight of Stepney, who died 20^{th} April _____ aged 51 and his wife E Knight, of Spittlefields who died 13^{th} _____ 1710]

[Nickalls]

John Read, died 1741

Interred the Body M^r JOHN READ of [missing] who Departed this Life [missing] Day of November [missing] Aged 64 years 1741²³

[Richard]

²¹ Much of this stone is beneath the cupboard.

²² 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.

²³ The date of 1741 is probably from the same stone despite having been broken away.

In cupboard, 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.

Also below this stone is the:

Tombstone of the renowned London printer Ichabod Dawkes, died 1731²⁴.

Ichabod Dawkes died February 27 [missing] 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 Died November 18 1777 Aged 7[missing] 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

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

Originally situated at the east end of the church, the memorials were moved here, beneath the Tower, in 1853. On left is the alabaster effigy of Sir Michael Hickes, died 1612, and his wife, Elizabeth, died 1635. Elizabeth 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 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, 1st Baronet, and son of Sir Michael, died 1680. There are also two standing marble effigies of his

²⁴ This was rediscovered during the restoration of 1934/5 buried upside down.

son, and grandson, of Sir Michael, the 2nd Baronet Sir William Hickes, died 1702, and his wife, Lady Marthagnes, died 1723. This was erected during the lifetime of the second Sir William.

The blank plaster oval shows where the window would have been in its 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 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 on the North Wall, effigy:

S. H.M. PIE UTI PAR EST. MEMORYS DICATOR I. D.GUILIELMI HICKES, Bar^{ti}. 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^{ti}. 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 on the North Wall, effigy:

S^r WILLIAM HICKES Bar^t., Lieutenant of y^e Forest of WALTHAM, one of y^e Deputy Lieutenants of this County of ESSEX & an antient Justice of the Peace for y^e said County & who for his Loyalty to K CHARLES I in y^e Great Rebellion underwent much Trouble & Danger; Maried MARGARET Eldest Daughter of WILLIAM L. PAGET, of BEAUDESERT: By whom he had Issue, (beside others y^e died young) S^r WILLIAM HICKES Kt. & Bar^t. S^r 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^e old Chancel: Having lived 28 years after y^e Decease of his Lady, who dying at WESTMINSTER was interred in y^e Abbey Church there.



Sir William Hickes, 2nd Baronet

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 20TH JANUARY 1943 IN HER 82ND YEAR "SURE AND STEDFAST" Just outside the Hickes Chapel is a black marble floor slab for Catherine Moyer, died 1724, and daughter of Lawrence Moyer.

Beneath the carpet the paving consists of stones of:

[John Wood, died 1670, Merchant of London, son of John Wood, died 1600.]²⁵

[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.]²⁶

[Lawrence Moyer, died 1685. Here lyeth the body of Lawrence Moyer Esq who dyed the 27th 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. Moyer House "the oldest in Leyton", stood in Hainault Road.]²⁷

[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.]²⁸

[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.]²⁹

 $[John Jackson 27^{th} April 179_, buried 4^{th} May 1795.]^{30}$

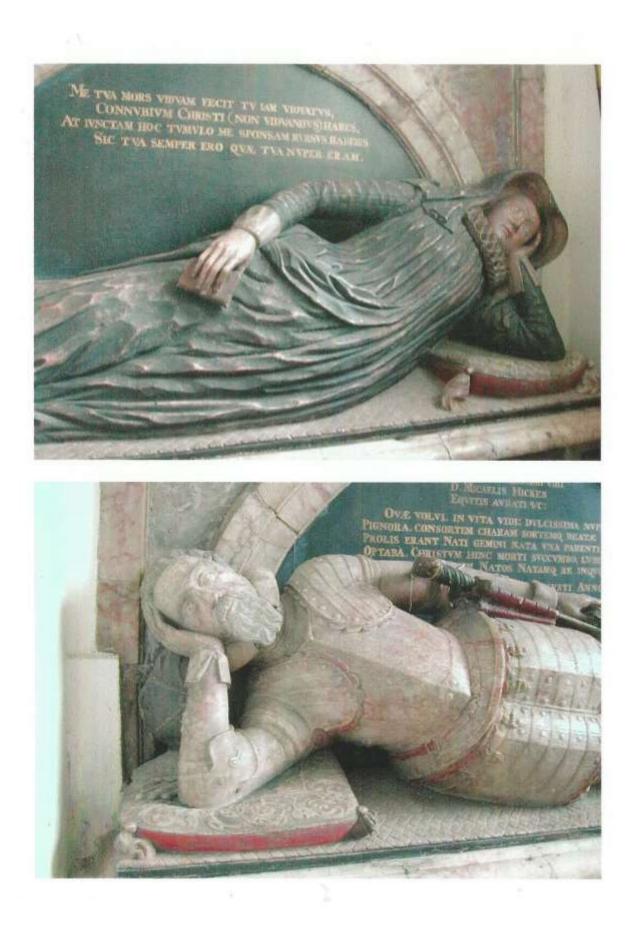
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 ²⁷ John Kennedy A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 27. Originally buried in the north aisle it was moved in 1853, when it was broken in two. Walnut Tree House was in fact much older.
²⁸ Originally buried in the north aisle it was moved in 1853, when it too was broken in two.

²⁹ John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 39. Originally buried in the north aisle it was moved in 1822, when it was broken in two.

³⁰ Bren's 'grangerized' copy of John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex,* held by the Vestry House Museum, Volume 1, pp 791.



Upper figure: Lady Hickes Lower figure: Sir Michael Hickes

North Wall

Monuments to:

Sir John Strange, died 1754.

Memorium sacrum JOHANNIS STRANGE esquire 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

Master of the Rolls, who lived at Leyton Grange. The monument was sculpted by (Sir) Henry Cheere. 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^r who died the 17th October 1685 in the 30th Year of his Age of ELIZABETH his only beloved Wife who died the 25th of February 1727 Aged 69 Years And of ELIZABETH their Daughter died 28th Octo^r 1704 in her 19th Year of NATHANIEL their eldeft Son died 19th Octo^r 1712 in his 28th Year In memory of THOMAS HAWES Efq^r their younger Son he died at Briftol the 14th of June 1743 in his 58 Year Here alfo lies buried the Body of M^{rs} ANNE HAWES their only Surviving Ifsue Who died the 17th of May 1759 Aged 77 Years

Memorial attributed to either John or James Annis.

Samuel Bosanquet, of Forest House.

Sacred to the Memories of SAMUEL BOSANQUET of Foreft Houfe in this County Efq^r 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^r) who Died the Fourth Day of Sep^r 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. His sister, 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.

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 FIFTYTWO AGED SIXTY THREE YREARS 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 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 27TH 1857 AGED 48 YEARS

She was the wife of Thomas Sidney, Alderman of London and at one time Conservative member of Parliament for Stafford. The vacant space on the memorial was clearly intended for her husband who died in Southgate in 1889.

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 THE TRINITY HOUSE DIED JAN 26^{TH} 1825 IN THE 79^{TH} 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^{ND} 1818 IN THE 67^{TH} YEAR OF HER AGE

Lived at Walnut Tree House (or 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 1st January 1874. It was replaced with one in memory of Canon Charles Leonard Thornton-Duesbury, Vicar of Leyton 1908-1919.

Sir Richard Hopkins, died 1735.

in MEMORY of S^r RICHARD HOPKINS K^T and ALDERMAN of LONDON who Died Jan^y y^e 2^d 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^r Daughter Of Wm LETHUILLIER ESQ in Affection to y^e Best of Husband Erected this Monument Here alfo lieth his said Relict Dame ANNE HOPKINS; who Died Feb^{ry} y^e 18th 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. There exists a drawing of this Great Monument,³¹ consisting of two Doric Arches,³² 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. This may also be where many of the monuments were placed following the restoration of 1658/9. During the restoration of 1932 an unsucessful 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.

³¹ This sketch was gifted to Robert Bren by the Rev John Kennedy.

³² 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 542.

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.³³

It was thought that the Great Monument had been completely removed in 1853³⁴. 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 1658³⁵.

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, a Benefactor to the Poor of Leyton, who died 22^{nd} August 1686, aged 31]³⁶

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.

Between window and chancel, above reading desk, marble memorial to **Charles Goring**, 2nd Earl of Norwich, died 1670.

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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^D of March 1670 in the 46 yeare of his AGE Departed this LIFE

³³ A Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster, John Stow, expanded by John Strype, 1720

³⁴ Bren 'grangerized' copy of John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex,* held by the Vestry House Museum, Volume 1, pp 541.

³⁵ M L Savell *Church of St Mary the Virgin, Leyton Discoveries made during alterations, 1962*, Leyton Public Libraries, 1963.

³⁶ Mentioned by John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894, now missing.

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 father in 1663. As a defeated Royalist he was impoverished until his marriage to a rich widow, Alice Leman. His fortunes improved on the restoration of King Charles II.

[It had been the intention of Sir William Ryder to be buried in the vault constructed below the new chancel which he had built for this particular purpose in 1610. However, on his death in 1611 he was actually buried in St Olave's in Hart Street in the City of London. The memorial was thought to have been destroyed, but part was re-discovered during work of 1962.]

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 4th of Febr 1724, aged 32 years]³⁷

[John Thomson died 1700. Was for 27 years clerk of St Mary's Whitechapel. Died 14th April 1700 aged 66 years. Also Mabel, his wife died 17th February 1707, aged 74 years.]³⁸

William Davies, died 1678, who was described in the burial register as "found dead at ye side of a pond".³⁹

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 2ND NOVEMBER 1678 IN THE 63 YEAR OF HIS AGE

³⁷ John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 27.

³⁸ John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 40.

³⁹ John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 39.

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 MERCHANTS IN LONDON HE DECEAS[ED] THE 2^D DAY OF OCTOBER 1662 IN T[HE] 70TH 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 Interr^ed the Body of M^R THOMAS GARDNER Late Goldsmith & Citizen of London who Departed this life on the 13th Day of May 1770 Aged 72 Years Here Alfo lieth Interr^ed his Daughter M^{RS} SARAH NEWTON Wife of M^R JOHN NEWTON Wife of M^R JOHN NEWTON Woollen Draper of the Minories London who Departed this life on the 27th Day of October 1772 in the 32^d Year of her Age

Anne Hawes, died 17th May 1759.

M^{RS} ANNE HAWES Spinfter of Bentley Place in the County of Suffolk and of Albemarle Street in the Parifh Of S^t 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 M^R 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.

M. S.

HERE VNDIR LYETH BVRYED Y^e BODY OF M^r JOHN WOOD CITIZEN & MERCHANT OF LONDON WHO IN HIS YOVNGER DAIES TRAVAYLE^D & 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 2^D DAY OF JANUARY A^O DNI 1660 AND IN THE 63 YEARE OF HIS AGE HE DEPARTED THIS MORTA^{LL} 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.⁴⁰

[John Wood, of London, Merchant, son of John Wood, before mentioned, 25 Maij. 1670, aged 30.]⁴¹

[Elizabeth Wood, Daughter of the said John Wood, first above mentioned, 12 Febr. 1659, aged 12.]⁴²

⁴⁰ Stone very badly worn and difficult to read.

⁴¹ John Kennedy A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 39.

⁴² John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex*, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 39.

Charles Gauden, died 1679.

M. S.

CHARLES GAUDEN Esq SON of JOHN GAUDEN DD Late L^D Bishop of Worcester deceafed by Dame ELIZABETH his Wife Daughter of S^r WILLIAM **RUSSELL** of Chippingham in y^e County of Cambridge he married MARY eldest Daug hter of GEORGE BRETT of Hatherley in y^e County of Gloucester Esq by whom he had ifsue four Children whereof y^e three eldest lie here also Interred he died y second day of December 1679 and in y^e 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.

They lived at Mark House.

Charles Mariscoe (incomplete) originally recorded his death in 1670^{43} .

[CHARLES MASICOE] MARCHANT WHO DIED THE 9TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER BVR =IED ONE THE 14TH DAY OF SEP =TEMBER 1670 AGED 40 YEARES ALSO CHARLES THE SONN OF M^R CHARLES MARISCOE WHO DIED THE 6 OF MAY 1669 AND WAS BVRIED

⁴³ 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 John Kennedy this stone was lost.

THE 11 OF THE SAME ALLSO MARY Y^E 4TH DAVGHTER OF M^R CHARLES MARISCOE & LEONOR[E] HIS WIFE DIED Y^E 12TH OF MAY 167[2] & WAS BVRIED Y^E 15TH OF YE SAME MONTH BEING 7 YEARS 5 MON & 3 DAYES OLD⁴⁴

From a Huguenot family, Charles Marescoe was a merchant with interests in the East Indies and the Mediterranean and believed to have lived at Leyton House.⁴⁵

Sir Robert Beachcroft, died 1721.

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

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. Formerly on the south wall of chancel, removed in 1853.

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^T REVEREND JOHN GUUDEN LORD BISHOP OF WORCESTER BY MARY [HIS WIFE

 ⁴⁴ It is believed that two other children namely James and Elizabeth were once commemorated on this stone.
⁴⁵ John Kennedy in his A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex, 1894 says thast two further children were included on part of the stone, now missing, but I believe this to be incorrect.

DAUGHTER OF GEORGE BRITT ESQ OF THE COUNTY OF GLOUCESTERE SHE DEPARTED THIS LIFE 18 NOV 1731 AGED 52 AND LEFT 50*l* TO THE POOR OF THIS PARISH⁴⁶

William Biddle, died 1737.

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

Of St Paul's Shadwell, died 1737. Believed to commemorate his wife, Elizabeth, died 1712 and son, Daniel, died 1734.⁴⁷

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

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

Lived at Forest House.

William Saunders died 1790.

[Indistinct] Memory of MR WILLIAM SAUNDERS [Indistinct] [Indistinct] [Indistinct] [Indistinct] Late of Broad Street Bloomsbury [Indistinct] to his wife who departed

⁴⁶ The stone was rediscovered in 1932 buried beneath the East Wall at the North East corner of chancel.

⁴⁷ Stone now badly worn and incomplete. Also faces south

this life April the 5th [Indistinct] 1790 in the [Indistinct] year of his life Also Sarah HINCKS Niece of the above died Feb 21st 180_ [Indistinct]⁴⁸

Under the east window is the memorial to Lady Marthagnes Hickes, wife of Sir William Hickes, died 1723.

The Lady MARTHAGNE[S] HICKES Widow Lyes Interred her[e]⁴⁹

[Thomas Hopkins, died 1667. Thomas Hopkins, Son of Thomas Hopkins, of Aston in Warwickshire, 21 June, 1667, aged 63.]⁵⁰

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, 17 Oct 1720, aged 59.]⁵¹

⁴⁸ Stone now badly worn.

⁴⁹ An incomplete stone (lying sideways)

⁵⁰ 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.

⁵¹ Mentioned by Daniel Lysons, but now missing, *The Environs of London: volume 4: Counties of Herts, Essex & Kent* (1796)

Chancel



The Chancel in 1932

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.

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

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 Tomb.

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. 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 10th 1825. Died November 22nd 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^{th} 1876 Aged 68 Catherine ______ Dec^r 16^{th} 1877 .. 63 Sarah _____ March 4^{th} 1884 .. 72 Eliza _____ May 16^{th} 1886 .. 82 George _____ Oct 7^{th} 1894 .. 78 They worshipped in this church From their childhood to their death "The Memory of the just is Blessed"

Edward Hibbert was a City of London merchant. He along with his siblings lived in Mark House Lane.

William Green, died 1917.

IN MEMORY OF WILLIAM GREEN BORN 16TH MARCH 1830 DIED 28TH 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 20TH DEC 1832 DIED 3RD 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, his son Herbert Guy Bullen 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 25TH 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 7TH 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^{ABL} ABRAHAM BREWSTER LORD CHANCELLOR OF IRELAND BORN IN DUBLIN 3RD OCTOBER 1812 FELL ASLEEP AT CAPE TOWN SOUTH AFRICA 17TH 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

Vicar of Leyton 1873-1880. Sculptured by Thomas or Edward Gaffin of Regent Street.

[John Fern, died 1747.]⁵²

[On floor, slab of "Henry Parvysh, 4 of August 1593", London Merchant of Ruckholt Manor. His widow married Sir Michael Hickes and can be seen lying on the south side of the Hickes Chapel⁵³

[Ann Brooks, died 9th November 1751]⁵⁴

[James Scott, died 31st October 1783]⁵⁵

[Cox family]

[Eleanor Trenham]⁵⁶

[Here under this Stone lyeth the Body of Henry Archer, late of Layghton, Esq. who deceased the 4th Day of October, in the Year of our Lord God 1585, being of the Age of fifty nine years.]⁵⁷

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.

⁵² 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. ⁵³ Buried beneath the Communion Steps and rediscovered in 1932.

⁵⁴ Lying just outside the Priest's door, previously found in the churchyard.

⁵⁵ Originally in the churchyard.

⁵⁶ Originally in the churchyard.

⁵⁷ A Survey of the Cities of London and Westminster, John Stow, expanded by John Strype, 1720

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 20th July 1927 at Holbeach, Lincolnshire.

Above Pulpit - Newdigate Owsley, died 1714

M S Near this place is interrd NEWDIGATE OWSLEY Esq (Late of London Merch^t) Who Departed this Life October the 23^d 1714 Ætatis fuæ 54 Also three of his children viz CATHERINE who died feb^ry 13th 1709 NEWDIGATE who died Novem' The 13th 1714 And ELIZABETH who died July y^e 18th 1721 Nicholl fecit

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

Central Aisle of Nave



View down the Nave c1934. Note the War Memorial Screen 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 M^{rs} SUSANNA STRYPE wife of IOHN STRYPE Vicar of this Parifh who died may 16th 1737 Aged 68 Also the Rev^d 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 6th 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 Chancel in 1796. When the Hickes Chapel was moved in 1853 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.

Vestry

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

TO THE MEMORY OF THE REV^D CHARLES HENRY LAPRIMAUDAYE DURING 48 YEARS VICAR OF THIS PARISH WHO DIED ON THE 25TH OF MARCH 1848 AGED 83 YEARS ALSO OF JANE LAPRIMAUDAYE RELICT OF THE ABOVE WHO DIED ON THE 4TH 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[].

In the Vestry is the wall stone to John Strype, Vicar 1696.



[Rebecca Bull 1818]

[David Lewis 1760]⁵⁸

David Lewis, a Welshman and poet, friend to Alexander Pope.

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^e SECOND SONNE TO RAPHE REDICH OF MOTTRAM IN LONG DENDALL IN THE COVNTY OF CHEST^S GENT WHO HAD TO WIFE MARGARET

⁵⁸ In a cupboard.

FLETCHER DAUGHTER TO RALPE FLETCHER OF PRESCOT WITHIN THE COVNTIE OF LANCASTER GENTLEMAN: WHICH ANDREW DECE SED THE XIIII OF MARCH AN^O 1603 BEING OF Y^e AGE OF 45 YEARES⁵⁹

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.

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Near this place resteth the body of Sir ROBERT BEACHCROFT, Kt. late Alderman & Lord Mayor of y^e City of London, Son of DANIEL BEACHCROFT, of y^e Town of Derby, Gent. He was pious towards God Loyal to his Prince, True to y^e Religion Established, Firm to the Protestant Interest, a Useful Member of that City: Kind to his Relations Beneficent and Liberal to v^e Poor in his life time, as well as at his Death, & particularly to y^e Hospitals of Christ's Church St Thomas & y^e Workhouse in Bishopsgate Street, As also to y^e Poor Of several Parishes where he resided Who after a Long Sickness of y^e Palsey patient & submissive under GOD'S Hand departed hence May ye 27th Anno Domini 1721 in $y^e 72^{nd}$ 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 1930, and his son, Lieutenant Henry Alfred Hogarth Bren, killed 1916 at the Battle of the Somme. Commemorated on the Thiepval Memorial.

⁵⁹ Originally in the Chancel.

John Story, died 1786.

John Story died the 27 of March 1786 Aged 78 Benevolent humane and Upright in his Principals He liv^ed Respected, belov^ed 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

Lived at Leyton House. Sculpted by William Hickley of London.⁶⁰

Window in memory of William Minty Badenoch and John Badenoch.

⁶⁰ Mentioned by Daniel Lysons as being on the West Wall, *The Environs of London: volume 4: Counties of Herts, Essex & Kent* (1796)

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 27TH JUNE 1807 AGED 60 YEARS HIS TWO BROTHERS EDWARD HARCOURT HILLERSDON BORN 15 FEBRUARY 1742

AND WILLIAM BARD HILLERSDON BORN 11TH MARCH 1744 BOTH OF WHOM DIED INFANTS AND ALSO OF HIS SISTER CHARLOTTE ANN HILLERSDON WHO WAS BORN 5TH JUNE 1716, AND DIED 17TH APRIL 1781

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^M 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 & ELIZA^{BETH} She departed this Life y^e 25th of April, 1696 and in y^e 51st 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^{IL} 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

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 22nd day of January 1723 Aged 68 years Also here lieth the body of M: MARY the wife of y^e faid M: WILLIAM CHURCH daughter of M^r JOHN TOD of Walthamstow by whom he had four fons and five daughters, she departed this life y^e 25th day of March 1707 aged 33 years. Two Sons and one daughter died infants M^r JOHN CHURCH y^e Elder son departed this life the eleventh day of March 1718 aged 23 years M^{rs} SARAH the wife of M^r JAMES BALL of Hoxton March^t departed this life y^e13th day of November 1722 aged 27 years M^r JAMES CHURCH y^e youngeft son departed this life the 10th day of August 1723 aged 20 years Also here lieth y^e body of M^r ABRAHAM CHURCH Brother of y^e Above M^r WILLIAM CHURCH Who died y^e 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]

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 4th of February 1797 Aged 48 years Also John Peppercorne Son of the above Jane Peppercorne Who departed this life the 25th of April 1797 Aged [indistinct]5 years Also Mr John Peppercorne [indistinct] Who died 17th Dec 1804 Aged 65 years Also Mary Ann Peppercorne died 10th June 1816 Aged 9 months Also M^r 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 M^{RS} MARY COOPER wife of M^R JAMES COOPER of this Parish who departed this Life 3rd September 1749 Aged 47 years Also of the above M^R JAMES COOPER Gent who died 17th of July 1773 Aged 76 years Also the Body of M^{rs} ELIZ^H COOPER Widow of the above M^R 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

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]⁶¹

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

⁶¹ The marble slab is known to have been in the chancel until 1822.

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

Here lyeth the Body of WILLIAM CROSS of this Parish who departed 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 7th of December 1779 In the 68th Year of his Age Also the Body of HESTER PEPPERCORNE *Wife of the Above* JOHN PEPPERCORNE who departed this life the 17th of December 1796 aged 81 years

These were originally in the churchyard.

[John Tomson died 1700. John Tomson, 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.]⁶²

[Frances Goddard, an Infant, 12 Aug. 1680]⁶³

[Frances Harris, daughter of Thomas and Susanna Harris. James Strype Harris, Infants 1737.]⁶⁴

The Font is believed to date from the 15th 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.

⁶² John Kennedy A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 40.

⁶³ John Kennedy A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex, Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 40.

⁶⁴ John Kennedy *A History of the Parish of Leyton, Essex,* Phelps Bros, Leyton 1894 pp 39.

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]⁶⁵

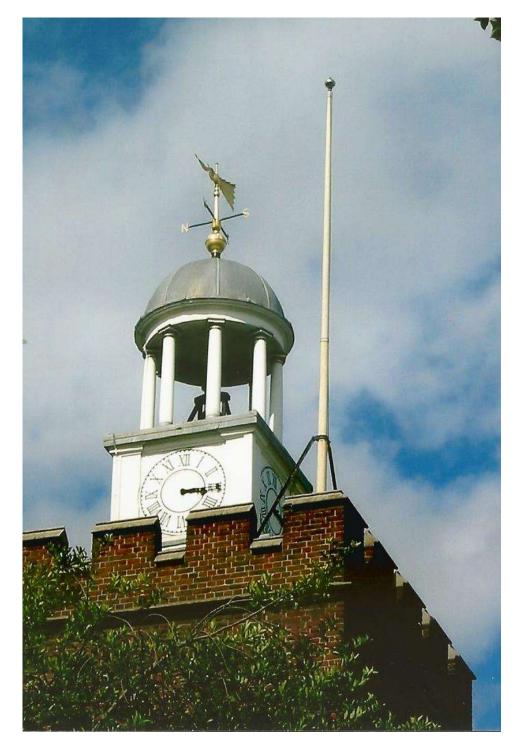
[Mary Coles, buried 7th February 1771 and the wife of William Coles, died 1772.]

[George Dowsett buried 1st June 1794]

⁶⁵ Fragments imbedded in floor.

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.



Tower

The Tower is substantially red brick and dates from 1658 with the clock turret being late 18th century⁶⁶. 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. 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. Both the cupola and clock were removed to the church in 1806.

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^{th} /early 17^{th} 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 Desk⁶⁷.

⁶⁶ Daniel Lysons, *The Environs of London: volume 4: Counties of Herts, Essex & Kent* (1796)

⁶⁷ 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

12th October 1327 - 1371⁶⁸ 9th September 1371 - 1385 (Died) 7th September 1385 - 1386 21st August 1386 - 1390 16th February 1390 - 1399 1st April 1399 - 1401 23rd September 1401 - ? - 1410 (Died) ? 29th August 1410 - 1410 24th November 1410 - ? ? - 1418 4th August 1418 - 1420 4th July 1420 - 1430 (Died) 20th March 1430 - 1453 29th January 1453 - 1458 2nd January 1458 -1460 14th May 1460 - 1461 5th March 1461 - 1480 6th February 1480 - 1482 6th May 1482- 1484 5th November 1484 - 1493 (Died) 23rd December 1493 - 1494 (Died) 30th July 1494 - ? ? - 1505 19th September 1505 - 1506 16th February 1506 - ? ? - 1514 27th November 1514 – 1531 (Died) 29th April 1531 - 1561 30th April 1561 - 1564 24th March 1564 - 1575 5th May 1575 - 1583 10th June 1583 - 1588 1588 - 1617 (Died) 11^{th} November 1617 - 1624 (Died⁷⁰) 1625 - 1628 1628 - 1630

Stephen de Sudbury William Hobekyns William Ayleston William Leyton William Machon Robert Samborne Thomas Walsingham John Swayne John Topscroft William Crosse John Godin John Wych John Bennet John Germeyn Laurence Martyn Nicholas Wilkokson John Tendall John Glover William Leghe John Baker **Richard Pernell Richard Lytton** John Hill **Gregory Fermory** Henry Baxter Robert Eglesfield George Skipworth **Robert Farnell Richard Wolley** John Lythall George Johnson⁶⁹ James Ballard George Ailmer **Robert Godfrey** Michael Hunt **Benjamin Stone** John Hasler

⁶⁸ Believed to be complete, but possibility of further priests may have been inducted.

⁶⁹ Also held the living of St Mary's, Walthamstow.

⁷⁰ Buried at St Mary's Church 21st September 1624.

1630 - 1638 (Died⁷¹) 2nd November 1638 - 1639 1639 - 1644 1644 - ?? - 16471647 - 1650 1650 - 1651 20th June 1651 -1662 1662 - 1669 1669 - 1737 21st January 1737 - 1754 13th July 1754 - 1797 26th May 1797 - 1800 22nd March 1800 - 1848 1848 - 1873 1873 - 1880 1880 - 1892 1892 - 1899 September 1899 – August 1900 1900 - 1908 1908 - 1919 1919 - 1928 1928 - 1940 1940 - 1952 1952 - 1960 1960 - 1964 1964 - 1973 1973 - 1991 1991 - 2002 2005 - 2010 10th November 2011 -

Robert Domvile Thomas Lake Samuel Kem or Keene⁷² Samuel Toxey or Foxey Samuel Fletcher Hugo Williams⁷³ Jeremiah Levet Philip Anderton⁷⁴ John Cox John Strype John Dubordieu Thomas Keighley **Thomas Hector Spurrier** Charles Henry Laprimaudaye John Pardoe Edward Jones Brewster James Lunt William Thomas Henry Wilson Edward Batcheler Russell James Theodore Inskip⁷⁵ Charles Leonard Thornton-Duesbury James Glass **Robert Bren Reginald Brackstone Bertin** Frank Herbert Food Geoffrey Franklin Earl Laurence Denny Norman Bingham David S Ainge Tim A Davis Christine Mary Rablen

⁷¹ Buried at St Mary's Church 18th June 1638.

⁷² A captain in the Parlimentary 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.

⁷³ Ejected when the Puritans came to power.

⁷⁴ A Puritan who was ejected in 1662 when the Church of England was restored under the Act of Uniformity.

⁷⁵ Bishop of Barking 1919-1948.



"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

			page number	died	other surnames	notes
Allen	Philip		37	1720	samames	
Archer	Henry		43	1585		
Backhouse	Nancy		18	1765		
Badenoch	William	Dr	43, 49	1948		
Dudenoen	Minty	DI	13, 12	1710		
Badenoch	John		49			
Beachcroft	Robert	Sir	35, 48	1721		
Bence	Alexander	SII	32	1662		
Bertin	Reginald	Canon	8, 38	1002		vicar 1940-
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Biddle	William		36	1737		1702
Biddle	Daniel		36	1734		
Biddle	Elizabeth		36	1712		
Biggs	Benjamin		40	1912		
Biggs	Maude		43	1947		
21883	Mary					
Boger	Mary Anne		13	1893		
Bosanquet	William		15-16	1813		
Bosanquet	Samuel		26	1765		
Bosanquet	Mary		26	1765	Dunster	
Bowyer	William		16	1777	2 0115001	
Bowyer	William	senior	19	1737		
Bowyer	Dorothy		19	1727	Dawkes	
Bowyer	William		19	1777		died aged 7
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Bren	Henry	Rev	48	1930		
	Alfred					
Bren	Alfred	Lieuten	48	1916		
	Hogarth	ant				
		Henry				
Bren	Robert	Rev	57			
Brewster	Edward		42-43	1898		Vicar of
	Jones					Leyton 1873-
						1880
Britt	Elizabeth		35	1731	Gauden	
Brooks	Ann		43	1751	Gauden	
Bull	Rebecca		47	1818		
Bull	Walter		56	1769		
Bullen	John		42	1937		
Bullen	Herbert		42	1935		
2 011011	Guy		• 2	1755		
Capper	Emma		38			
Church	William		52	1723		
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(compiled from David Ian Chapman's text by David Boote)

			page	died	other	notes
			number		surnames	
Church	Mary		52	1707	Tod	
Church	John		52	1718		
Church	James		52	1723		
Church	Abraham		52	1733		
Cleverley	William		11			
Coles	Mary		56	1771		
Coles	William		56	1772		
Cooper	James		9, 53-54	1773		
Cooper	Harriet		53	178x		
Cooper	Mary		53-54	1749		
Cooper	Elizabeth		53-54	1782		
Copeland	William		30			
Copeland	Selina		38			
Cotton	Joseph		27	1825		
Cotton	Sarah		27	1818		
Cotton	Benjamin		27-28	1874		
Cotton	Mary		30	1854		
Cotton	Louisa		30	1847		
	Decima					
Cranston	Sarah Jane		22	1943		
Crippen	William		53	1820		
Cross	William		55	1703		
Cross	Mary		55	1725		
Davies	William		31	1678		
Dawkes	Ichabod		19	1731		
Dawkes	Sarah		19	1737		
Dowsett	George		56	1794		
Fern	John		43	1747		
Fitzwarren	Ralph		28	1553		
Gardner	Thomas		32	1770		
Gasper	Ursula		10-11	1493		
Gauden	Charles		34	1679		
Goddard	Frances		55	1680		
Goodfellow	Charles		30	1686		
Goring	Charles	Lord	30, 36	1670		
Gornig	Charles	(Earl of Norwich)	50, 50	1070		
Graham	Robert	1,01,01011)	38			
Green	William		41	1917		
Harris	Frances		55	1717		
Harvey	Mary		18	1749		
Harvey	John		18	1789?		
Harvey	Robert		22	1695		
Harvey	Rebecca		22	1691		
Hawes	Thomas		22	1691		
Hawes	Elizabeth		25 25	1727		
Hawes	Elizabeth		25 25	1704		
Hawes	Nathaniel		23 25	1704		
Hawes			23	1/14		

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Hawes Hawes	Thomas Anne		25 25-26, 32	1743 1759		
Hibbert Hickes	Edward Michael	Sir	41 3, 19, 20	1876 1612		
(Hicks) Hickes (Hicks)	William	Sir (1st Bart.)	6, 19	1680		
Hickes (Hicks)	Elizabeth	Lady	19.20	1635	Parvish	
Hickes (Hicks)	William	Sir (2nd Bart.)	19-22	1702		
Hickes (Hicks)	Marthagnes	Lady	19-21, 37	1723		
Hillersdon Hillersdon	John Charlotte		50-51 50-51	1807 1781		
	Ann					
Hincks	Sarah		37	180x		
Hodgate Holmden	Florence Edward	Sir	11 13	1906 1616		
Holmden	Edward	Sir	13 52	1616		
Hope	John	Captain	18	1781		
Hopkins	Richard	Sir	28	1735		
Hopkins	Anne	Lady	28	1759		
Hopkins	Thomas	Ludy	37	1667		
Innes	James		14	1874		
Innes	Mary Ann		14	1853		
Jackson	John		22	1795		
Jerningham	Henry		11			reference in text only
King	James		54	1795		
Kingstone	Mary	Lady	10-11	1548	born	
					Scrope,	
					later	
					Jerningham	
Knight	John		18			
Knight	E		18			
Lane	John		26	1852		
Lane	Florence		26	1851		
Lane	Elizabeth	Л	26-27	1852		N <i>T</i>
Laprimaudaye	Charles Henry	Rev	46	1848		Vicar of Leyton 1800- 1848
Laprimaudaye	Jane		46	1849		
Lewis	David		47	1760		
Lloyd	John		22	1667		
Mariscoe	Charles		34	1670		
Mariscoe	Charles		34-35	1669		

Moyer Moyer Moyer Moyer Newton Orme Owsley Owsley Owsley	Catherine Lawrence Frances Lawrence Martha Sarah Newdigate Catherine Newdigate	Dr	page number 22, 31 22 22 22 31 32 19 44 44 44	<i>died</i> 1724 1685 1686 1720 1724 1772 1714 1709 1714	other surnames Alvey Gardner	notes son of the Newdigate Owsley who died earlier in the same year
Owsley	Elizabeth		44	1721		
Pace	Richard		44	1927		
Domush	Griffith		12 16	1502		
Parvysh	Henry John		43, 46 53	1593 1804		
Peppercorne			53			
Peppercorne	Hester			1797		
Peppercorne	Jane John		53 53	1797		
Peppercorne	John		55 55	1804		
Peppercorne	Hester		55 55	1779 1796		
Peppercorne	John		55 55	1790		
Peppercorne Pewsee	Elizabeth		33	1673		
Pewsee	Susannah		33	1673		
Rampton	Robert		13-14	1585		
Read	John		13-14	1741		
Redich	Andrew		47-48	1603		
Ryder	William	Sir	2, 3, 28,	1005		
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Saunders	William		36	1790		
Scott	James		43	1783		
Sidney	Sarah		27	1857		
Smith	Thomas		18	1756		
Smitten	William		52			
	James					
Story	John		49	1786		
Strange	John	Sir	25	1754		
Strype	John	Rev	4-6, 17,	1737		
Strung	Uastan		45, 47	1711		
Strype	Hester		45 45	1711		
Strype Tench	Susanna Anne		45 51	1737 1696		
Tench	Nathaniel		51 51	1710		
Thomson	John		31 31	1710		
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Thomson	Mabel		31	1707		
Thomson	John		55	1700		
Thomson	Mabel		55	1707		
Thornton-	Charles	Canon	28			
Duesbury	Leonard					
Trenham	Eleanor		43			
Turner	William		26	1831		
Want	Thomas		39	1785		
Want	Thomas		39	1789		
Want	Ann		40	1793		
Want	Harriot		40	1793		
	(Harriet)					
Want	Thomas		40	1816		
Wheeler	Alfred		41	1918		
Wood	John		22	1670		
Wood	John		33	1660		
Wood	John		33	1670		
Wood	Elizabeth		33	1659		
Wood	Elizabeth		46-47	1626		