

Pat. 4 Ed. VI.; lution of Religious Houses, when it came to the Crown. By King Edward VI. it was
 pars 4. granted to Sir William Herbert, afterwards created Earl of Pembroke, whose eldest son,
 Henry, second Earl, conveyed it on the 28th January, 1575, to Edward Wilson, who sold
 Clutterbuck; it four months later to Thomas Clarke, from whose family it passed successively into those of
 vol. ii. p. 442. Smith, Chester, and Leventhorpe, until it came into the possession of Joseph Bentham, then
 rector. He sold it on the 9th September, 1720, to Charles Baron, who sold it on the 8th
 March, 1725, to Nicholas Cholwell, of London, merchant, for the sum of £1650, by whose
 son, Nicholas, it was sold, in 1761, to William Baker, of Bayfordbury, Esquire, whose
 grandson, William Robert Baker, Esquire, sold it, in 1869, to John Allen, of Old Field
 Hall, Altrincham, Co. Chester, Esquire, in whom it is now vested. With the proceeds of
 the sale Mr. Baker rebuilt and endowed the church at Bayford, and obtained its separation
 from Essendon.

| RECTORS. | DATE OF INSTITUTION. | PATRONS. |
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| Nicholas Fitz-Simon | 1213 | Abbot and Convent of Westminster |
| William de Berkhamstead | 1241 | ditto |
| Adam de Boxgrave | 1255; on death of Wm. de Berkhamstead | ditto |
| Henry de Borham | | |
| Gerard de Standon | 15 Mar., 1276; on death of Henry de Borham | ditto |
| Richard de Gloucester | 5 Dec., 1314; on death of Gerard de Standon | ditto |
| John de Michaeldeane | 8 Jan., 1328; on death of Richard de Gloucester | ditto |
| Philip de Westone | 11 Jan., 1333; on death of John de Michaeldeane | ditto |
| Robert de Lee | 10 May, 1340; on resig. of Philip de Westone | ditto |
| Robert atte Brome | 2 Mar., 1350; on resig. of Robert de Lee | ditto |
| William Tankerville | 25 May, 1373; on resig. of Robert atte Brome | ditto |
| John Dyne | 23 April, 1382; on resig. of William Tankerville | ditto |
| John de Neuton | 23 Jan., 1393; on resig. of John Dyne | ditto |
| John de Belverge | 7 July, 1395; on resig. of John de Neuton | ditto |
| John Roland | 12 Feb., 1397; on resig. of John de Belverge | ditto |
| John Lawrence | 13 July, 1408; on resig. of John Roland | |
| William Brewster | | |
| John Pygge | 30 Aug., 1432; on resig. of William Brewster | ditto |
| Stephen Hellard | 3 July, 1472; on death of John Pygge | ditto |
| William Blackwall | 7 Sept., 1506; on death of Stephen Hellard | ditto |
| Thomas Offley | 5 July, 1520; on resig. of William Blackwall | ditto |
| Thomas Allen | | |
| Robert Patterson | | |
| William Pratt | 6 Dec., 1598 | Thomas Clarke |
| Richard Meredith | 27 Oct., 1629 | |
| Robert Chester | 19 Dec., 1629; on resig. of Richard Meredith | Exors. of Thos. Smith |
| Stafford Leventhorpe (Vicar of Shephall) | 12 May, 1664; on death of Robert Chester | Francis Flexmere and Alan Rede, of London |
| Richard Shoard | 14 Feb., 1678; on death of Stafford Leventhorpe | James Goulston, Esq. |
| Fulk Tudor | 5 April, 1680; on death of Richard Shoard | George Nodes, Esq. |
| Joseph Bentham | 29 Oct., 1680; on death of Fulk Tudor | Thomas Ducket, Esq. |
| Charles Baron | 23 Sept., 1723; on death of Joseph Bentham | Charles Baron, and others |
| Thomas Stamper | 11 Nov., 1725; on death of Charles Baron | Nicholas Cholwell |
| Robert Style | 20 Feb., 1734; on death of Thomas Stamper | ditto |
| Nicholas Cholwell | 4 Feb., 1738; on death of Robert Style | Anne Ingram, widow |