

## Churchwardens of Hessle

11 January 2018

*Sources:* For the years 1716–48, except where otherwise indicated in a footnote, the names are taken from the churchwardens' accounts book, in which the result of the elections at the Easter Vestry meeting is recorded for most years, although not all. From 1800 to 1907 the results of elections are recorded in the churchwardens' accounts and from 1907 to 1943 in separate Vestry meeting minutes books. There are no Vestry minutes for 1944 but the names of the churchwardens are found in the parish magazine. From 1945 to 1970 the result of the elections at the Vestry meeting is at the back of the PCC minute books. The churchwardens' accounts do not survive before 1716 or between 1749 and 1800. After 1970 the source is the church Log Book. Other sources are noted in the footnotes.

Elections were held at the annual Easter Vestry meeting, but up to the 19th century the wardens did not take office fully until July. The practice of the vicar nominating his warden ceased at Hessle in 1955, when at the Vestry meeting Vicar Stanley Hutton said that 'he would prefer both churchwardens to be elected from nominations by the meeting'.<sup>1</sup>

### *Year of election*

1641	W. W. and G. O. <sup>2</sup>
1716	Joel Riplingham and Wm Benson
1718	William Wann (also Waggon) and Thomas Brough
1719	Philip Spicer and John Smithson of Anlaby <sup>3</sup>
1720	John Smithson and Robert Brough <sup>4</sup>
1722	Mr Thomas [??] and Thomas Sissons, 'husbandmen'
1723	Thomas Sissons and John Ruston of Anlaby
1724	Robert Gedney and William Cherry
1725	Thomas Green and John Todd Jr
1726	Abraham Hall and Samuel Brocklesbank
1727	Robert Watson of Anlaby and Daniel Robinson
1728	John Grant and Luke Blackburn
1729	Thomas Sisson and John Grant
1730	John Brough of Hessle and William Newstead of Anlaby
1731	John Brough and William Newstead <sup>5</sup>
1732, 1733	Francis Brough and William Billton
1734	John Levett and George Baley of Anlaby
1735	Joel Riplingham and Thomas Moister, 'both of Hessle'
1736	Thomas Brough and Thomas Margison, 'both of Hessle'

<sup>1</sup> PCC Minutes Book 1937–60, at the East Riding Archives, ref. PE194/209 (the minutes of the annual Vestry meeting are included in the PCC Minutes Book).

<sup>2</sup> Inscribed on the Tenor bell.

<sup>3</sup> Until 1902 the township of Anlaby fell partly within the ecclesiastical parish of Hessle and partly within those of Kirk Ella, Cottingham and North Ferriby.

<sup>4</sup> The Terrier and Inventory for 1720 gives the names as Tho. Brough and Joshua [?] Stather.

<sup>5</sup> Hessle parish church briefs September 1731 and April 1732. There is no record of the 1731 election in the churchwardens' accounts. The briefs were orders from the Crown, read out in the church, for collections to be taken for the rebuilding of parish churches and for disaster relief, e.g. after major fires. The collection was taken either in church or from house to house. The churchwardens (who are named in the book) handed over the collection, usually in June or July, to a Crown officer. It is sometimes impossible to be certain whether the wardens named were those elected at the Easter Vestry meeting the previous year, or the 'new' wardens, who did not take over until July. Hessle parish church briefs 1731–77, at the East Riding Archives, ref. PC83/2/3/3.

1737	Edward Pinning and Thomas Brough
1738	Robert Fox and Edward Pinning
1739	Thomas Green and John Musgrave
1740	Thomas Green and William Thompson
1741	Robert Brough and John Thompson
1742	Edward Todd and Matthew Hutchinson
1743	Thomas Sissons and Robert Wetwang <sup>6</sup>
1744	William Riplingham and Wm Crosier
1745	Wm Riplingham and William Green
1746	John Todd and William Nicholson of Anlaby
1747	John Todd and John Baley
1748	Robert Levett and William Brocklebank
1749	Thomas Green Jnr and John Turner <sup>7</sup>
1750	Thomas Green Jnr and Robert Fishwick <sup>8</sup>
1751	Tho. Green Jr and Robt Fishwick <sup>9</sup>
1752	Abednego Fletcher and Timothy Fishwicke <sup>10</sup>
1753	Anthony Brough Snr and George Brocklesbank of Anlaby <sup>11</sup>
1754	Anthony Brough Snr and Thomas Turner <sup>12</sup>
1755	Anthony Brough Jnr and John Pickwood <sup>13</sup>
1756	Christopher Riplingham and Robert Wetwang <sup>14</sup>
1759	Robert Brough and Wm Nicholson <sup>15</sup>
1762	Marmaduke Wadman and Geo. Brocklebank, 'chosen Easter 1762' <sup>16</sup>
1763	John Green and Robert Fishwick the younger <sup>17</sup>
1764	John Green and Robert Fishwick, 'chosen Easter 1764' <sup>18</sup>
1765, 1766	Thomas Moister and Wm Nicholson, 'chosen Easter 1766' <sup>19</sup>
1767	Thomas Moister and John Todd <sup>20</sup>
1768	Thomas Green and John Musgrave of Anlaby, 'chosen Easter 1768' <sup>21</sup>
1769	Thomas Green and John Musgrave <sup>22</sup>
1770	Geo. Brocklebank and Robert ?Flander? [illegible] <sup>23</sup>
1771	Edward Todd of Hessle and William Brocklebank of Anlaby <sup>24</sup>
1772	Wm Brocklebank and Edw Todd <sup>25</sup>

<sup>6</sup> In Walker, P. C. and Ollard, S. L. (eds), *Archbishop Herring's Visitation Returns 1743*, Vol. II, published by the Yorkshire Archaeological Society, Record Series no. 72 (1929), at the East Riding Archives, ref. JL/127/72, the wardens' names are A. Sissons and Robert Wetwang.

<sup>7</sup> Hessle parish church briefs 1731–77.

<sup>8</sup> Hessle parish church briefs.

<sup>9</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for July 1751.

<sup>10</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for April 1752. When Abednego Fletcher's son was baptised in 1748, the occupation of the father was stated in the registers as miller. Register of baptisms, marriages and burials 1681–1759, at the East Riding Archives, ref. PE194/3.

<sup>11</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for May 1753.

<sup>12</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for May 1754.

<sup>13</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for May 1755.

<sup>14</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for June 1756. These are the names inscribed on bell no. 5.

<sup>15</sup> Hessle parish church briefs.

<sup>16</sup> Hessle parish church briefs.

<sup>17</sup> Hessle parish church briefs.

<sup>18</sup> Hessle parish church briefs.

<sup>19</sup> Hessle parish church briefs.

<sup>20</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for June 1767.

<sup>21</sup> Hessle parish church briefs.

<sup>22</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for June 1769.

<sup>23</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for August 1770.

<sup>24</sup> From an indenture for the lease of a cottage with Church Close, 19 July 1771, held at the East Riding Archives, ref. PE194/259/4.

1773	Anthony Brough and William Bilton Jr <sup>26</sup>
1774	Anthony Brough and William Bilton Jnr <sup>27</sup>
1775	Wm Green and Thos Garwood <sup>28</sup>
1776	John Robinson and Christopher Hobman <sup>29</sup>
1777	Robert Riplingham and John (?) Jackson <sup>30</sup>
1781	John Spicer and Robert Riplingham <sup>31</sup>

*Years of service*

1802–1807	George Brocklebank (Vicar's warden) and John Spicer
1807–10	Robert Levett (Vicar's warden) and John Spicer
1810–15	William Green (Vicar's warden) and John Spicer Son
1815–16	Robert Pinning (Vicar's warden) <sup>32</sup> and John Spicer
1816–17	Robert Pinning (Vicar's warden) and Robert Earnshaw <sup>33</sup>
1817–20	Daniel Robinson (Vicar's warden) and Robert Earnshaw
1820–21	Robert Levett (Vicar's warden) and Robert Earnshaw elected, but by June 1820 Levett had been replaced by Daniel Robinson
1821–22	Robert Levett (Vicar's warden) and Robert Earnshaw (a contested election)
1822–24	E. [Edmund] Garwood (Vicar's warden) <sup>34</sup> and J. [Joel] Riplingham
1824–28	E. Garwood (Vicar's warden) and John Spicer
1828–33	E. Garwood (Vicar's warden) and L. B. Earnshaw
1833–34	Thomas Wood (Vicar's warden) and L. B. Earnshaw
1834–38	Ralph Humble (Vicar's warden) and L. B. Earnshaw <sup>35</sup>
1838–39	Thomas Bentley Locke (Vicar's warden) and Mr Spicer (in January 1839, John Spicer had died and was succeeded by Mr John Spicer) <sup>36</sup>
1839–40	Thomas Bentley Locke (Vicar's warden) and Mr Appleton (a contested election, with 78 persons voting, of whom eight were ladies)
1840–41	Mr Humble (Vicar's warden) and Mr S. Appleton <sup>37</sup>
1841–1845	Ralph Humble (Vicar's warden) and L. B. Earnshaw (a contested election in 1844) <sup>38</sup>
1845–51	Ralph Humble (Vicar's warden) and Mr [John] Clark (a contested election in 1845) <sup>39</sup>
1851–53	George Samuel Hayes (Vicar's warden) and John Clark <sup>40</sup>

<sup>25</sup> Named in the parish church briefs for May 1772.

<sup>26</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for May 1773.

<sup>27</sup> Hessle parish church briefs for June 1774.

<sup>28</sup> Hessle parish Church briefs for May 1775.

<sup>29</sup> These were the churchwardens named in. the parish church briefs in April 1775.

<sup>30</sup> From the Terrier and Inventory 1777.

<sup>31</sup> Terrier and Inventory 1781.

<sup>32</sup> The occupation of one Robert Pinning is given as brewer when his daughter was baptized in 1812.

Register of baptisms and burials 1795–1812, at the East Riding Archives, ref. PE194/5.

<sup>33</sup> *Baines' Directory* of 1823 lists both Robert and L. B. Earnshaw as gentry.

<sup>34</sup> The son of the then Vicar.

<sup>35</sup> *White's General Directory of Kingston-upon-Hull* for 1846, for Hessle, lists R. Humble as a wine and spirit merchant and Leonard Brooks Earnshaw as a land agent and surveyor. There is also a Ralph Humble who was a farmer.

<sup>36</sup> John Spicer died in 1839 aged 68. There is memorial tablet lies at the very west end of the Centre Aisle. In 1835 he acquired the lease of the Hessle–Barton Ferry and had the coal business on the west side of the Haven. Another John Spicer was born c. 1806–1807. From the Hessle Local History Society website, <https://sites.google.com/site/hesslelocalhistorysociety/people/john-spicer>.

<sup>37</sup> According to *Baines' Directory* of 1823, a Simon Appleton was a maltster.

<sup>38</sup> An L. B. Earnshaw was buried in the churchyard on 26 December 1848, aged 56.

<sup>39</sup> The minutes of the Vestry meeting state that John Clark was a farmer.

1853–55	Joseph Robinson Pease (Vicar's warden) <sup>41</sup> and John Clark
1855–62	Stephen West (Vicar's warden) and John Clark (a contested election in 1861)
1862–66	Stephen West (Vicar's warden) and Anthony Bannister <sup>42</sup>

There is no record of the election in 1866 but the accounts for 1866/67 are in the names of Anthony Bannister and John Clark.

1867/68	Anthony Bannister (Vicar's warden) and Mr Clark
1868–78	Anthony Bannister (Vicar's warden) and Joseph Walker Pease <sup>43</sup> In August 1878, when Bannister died, W. Huffam became the vicar's warden. <sup>44</sup>
1878–80	W. Huffam (Vicar's warden) and Lt-Col Pease
1880–83	Thomas W. [Wilson] Clarke (Vicar's warden) and Lt-Col Pease. In 1881 Frank W. Pease was also elected churchwarden. When Col Pease died in December 1882, F. B. Grotrian was elected to replace him. <sup>45</sup>
1883–87	Thomas W. Clarke (Vicar's warden) and F. B. Grotrian <sup>46</sup>
1887–95	T. W. Clarke (Vicar's warden) and Francis R. Pease
1895–96	T. W. Clarke (Vicar's warden) and W. [William] Burwell
1896–99	G. L. Shackles (Vicar's warden) and W. Burwell
1899–1904	L. [Luther] Stromberg (Vicar's warden) and Dr [James] Molineux
1904–1907	L. Stromberg (Vicar's warden) and Wm Coulson
1907–1909	Algernon S. Ayre (Vicar's warden) and William Coulson
1909/18	William Burwell (Vicar's warden) and William Coulson
1918–23	John Guy Hewett (Vicar's warden) and William Coulson
1923–24	Guy Hamilton Acheson (Vicar's warden) <sup>47</sup> and William Coulson
1924–25	David Vaughan (Vicar's warden) <sup>48</sup> and William Coulson
1925–30	A. Clifford Smith (Vicar's warden) and William Coulson <sup>49</sup>
1930–37	A. Clifford Smith (Vicar's warden) and Alfred James Hole <sup>50</sup>

<sup>40</sup> The names of George Samuel Hayes and John Clark were inscribed on the weathervane in 1853 when it was first put up.

<sup>41</sup> Joseph Robinson Pease II (1789–1866) was a banker and one of the family at Hesslewood House. His journal, which is published as Hicks, J. D. (ed.), *The Journal of Joseph Robinson Pease, 1822–1865* (East Yorkshire Local History Society, 2000), is a useful source of much information about Hessle Church. See references to it in chapter 2. There is a memorial to him in the Sanctuary.

<sup>42</sup> Anthony Bannister JP (1817–1878) was sheriff of Hull in 1849 and 1850, lord mayor in 1851 and 1855, and a major in the East Yorkshire Rifle Volunteers. There is a memorial to him in the Tower area of the church.

<sup>43</sup> Joseph Walker Pease of Hesslewood (1820–82) was the son of Joseph Robinson Pease II. He was the lay impropriator of Hessle from 1867 and instrumental in the restoration and enlargement of the church in 1868–70.

<sup>44</sup> W. H. Huffam was the secretary of the Hull Dock Company and a Fellow of the Society of Antiquaries. He presented a report on the state of the church fabric in 1867. He died in 1880 or 1881. There is a memorial tablet to him and his family on the south wall of the South Aisle.

<sup>45</sup> Frederick Brent Grotrian, 1838–1905, lived at West Hill House and was a merchant, ship owner, journalist and owner/editor of the *Hull Daily Mail*, a JP and the Conservative MP for East Hull from 1886 to 1892. Clarke died in 1901; there is a window dedicated to him in the Library Corner.

<sup>46</sup> Grotrian resigned upon being elected to Parliament. *Hull Daily Mail*, 12 Apr. 1887, p. 4.

<sup>47</sup> Acheson moved to Brighton mid-year.

<sup>48</sup> A David Vaughan was the master of the National School 1886–1922 and at one time headmaster. From a booklet on the Church of England schools by Luther Stromberg, dated 1934 and pasted into the church Log Book, pp. 105–11. He moved away from Hessle and died in Richmond, Surrey, in 1933 (*Hull Daily Mail*, 30 August 1933, p. 8).

<sup>49</sup> Coulson retired as churchwarden in 1930 after 26 years, Hessle's longest-serving churchwarden.

1937–39	J. W. Andrews (Vicar's warden) and Alfred James Hole
1939–46	A. [Arthur] Dean (Vicar's warden) Alfred James Hole Dean died in June 1945, aged 59 <sup>51</sup> and J. C. Haselhurst was authorized to carry out the duties of churchwarden and treasurer (Dean was also treasurer)
1946–66	J. C. Haselhurst (Vicar's warden) and E. Tooley John Haselhurst died in April 1966, having been warden for 21 years: Wilfred Monks was elected to replace him at an extraordinary meeting of 4 May 1966
1966–68	Edward Tooley <sup>52</sup> and Wilfred Monks
1968–75	Wilfred Monks and Ken Mason
1975–Aug. 1976	Gordon Lingard and Derek Masson Lingard resigned upon moving to Patrington and Ian Nightingale was elected to replace him on 17 October 1976.
1976–80	Ian Nightingale and Derek Masson
1980–82	Ian Nightingale and Edward Watson
1982/83	Edward Watson and Colin Mather
1983–86	Colin Mather and Graham Marshall
Apr. 1986–Apr. 87	Colin Mather and Simon Gould elected. It was then found that Gould could not serve as he was under 21; Philip Wilbraham was elected in his place until Gould reached 21. <sup>53</sup>
1987–89	Ken Mason and Philip Wilbraham
1989–90	Ken Mason and Philip Wilbraham (the latter resigned on moving to Welton; Arthur Wiles elected as interim warden) <sup>54</sup>
1990–92	William Edward Hardy and Dennis Davis
1992–94	William Edward Hardy and Colin Mather
1994–97	Colin Mather and Sandra (Sandy) Richardson <sup>55</sup>
1997–98	Colin Mather and John Suddaby
1998–2001	Robert Brettell and John Suddaby
2001–2004	Robert Brettell and Graham Marshall
2004–2008	Barry Baxter and Robert Brettell
2008–2010	Barry Baxter and Eve Johansson
2010–14	William Edward Hardy and Eve Johansson
2014–16	William Edward Hardy and Anthony Francis Ryan
2016/17	Eve Johansson and Stuart Pictor
2017/18	Eve Johansson and Paul Hardy

<sup>50</sup> A deed of release of 1930 held at the East Riding Archives, ref. PE194/166/3, describes Arthur Clifford Smith as an average adjuster, and Alfred James Hole as a merchant tailor.

<sup>51</sup> *Hull Daily Mail*, 22 June 1945, p. 6.

<sup>52</sup> Charles Edward Tooley stepped down in 1968, having been churchwarden for 22 years. He was an architect who was responsible for the drawings on the development of the church building that are still in use, and took care of most of the work on the church fabric

<sup>53</sup> Stephen Gould was later accepted for pre-ordination training. PCC minutes, 11 August 1986.

<sup>54</sup> PCC minutes, 11 September 1989.

<sup>55</sup> Hessle's first lady churchwarden.