Curates of Hessle
4 November 2019

The entries in this list are partly based on lists pasted into the church Log Book (p. 18, a list of parochial chaplains covering the earliest years, 1219–1557; p. 50, covering 1758–1900; and pp. 211–214, covering 1900–1968). Up to 1959 they were compiled by A. S. Harvey, church Archivist from 1944 to 1962, when he died. Harvey does not state his sources except for the years up to 1557, when they are printed sources, but for the years 1754–1891 he consulted the signatures on the registers. The list on pp. 211–214 was completed up to 1968 by John Chignell who succeeded him as Archivist (1963–69); the sources for the years 1924–68 are clearly the copies of Hessle clergy licences at the East Riding Archives, ref. PE194/146.

Some additional information comes from archbishops’ visitation returns, signatures on the registers of baptisms and weddings, the Annual Parochial Vestry Meeting (APVM) and Parochial Church Council (PCC) minutes, and the parish magazine. Names and dates since 1968 are taken from the church Log Book. The information has also been supplemented from the Clergy of the Church of England Database (CCED), http://db.theclergydatabase.org.uk, which covers the years 1540–1835 but is not complete, and from the series of York Clergy Ordinations covering 1500–1849 published by the Borthwick Institute for Archives.1

It has not been possible to check the licensing records at the York Diocesan Archive.

Until Holy Trinity, Hull, became a parish in its own right, curates also served there, but they appear to have been licensed specifically to serve at Holy Trinity. Where this is the case they are omitted from this list.

Parochial chaplains
ante 1219 William and Nicholas2
1219 David3
c. 1300 Walter4
1363 John de Walcot5
1526 Philippus6
1547 Thomas Fugale7

1 At the East Riding Archives, refs JL/160/20, 24, 25, 28, 30, 31, 32, 33.
4 According to the list in the church Log Book, the source is BM Add. MS 19285. There is a photostat with a translation among the papers of K. MacMahon in the Hull History Centre, ref. U DDMM/32/3.
5 ‘Chaplain of Hessle Hermitage’ according to the list in the church Log Book. The source is stated as Black Prince’s Register vol. 4. The Register of Edward the Black Prince Preserved in the Public Record Office [1346–1348, 1351–1365] was published in four volumes in London, 1930–33.
Curates

1614  Toby Tomlinson
1683  Daniel Acklam
1743  No curate
1759–69 Francis Tong
1764  ‘a deacon named Thomas Norwich’
1769–79 Pearson Simpson
1779–91 John Watson
1787  John Watson Bowman
1808– James Simpson

7 Conjectural. Thomas Fugall is included in a list of the parochial chaplains in the church Log Book (p. 18) but this cannot be verified from the Clergy of the Church of England database (CCED) (http://db.theclergydatabase.org.uk/jsp/persons/index.jsp) or from the Victoria County History (Allison, K. J. (ed.), A History of the County of York East Riding, Vol. I, The City of Kingston upon Hull (Oxford: Oxford University Press for the Institute of Historical Research, 1969)).

8 According to Cross, C. (ed.), York Clergy Ordinations 1561–1642 (Borthwick Lists and Indexes 24, 2000), p. 67, Toby Thomlinson was ordained Curate to serve at Hessle on 18 December 1614. The CCED records a Tobias Thomlinson who was ordained Deacon in March 1614 but contains no mention of his serving at Hessle.

9 According to the CCED, Daniel Acklam was licensed to serve at Hessle on 23 December 1683.


11 Francis Tong signed the register of marriages between 20 November 1758 and 19 April 1769. The CCED records a William Tong appointed Curate to serve at Hessle on 29 September 1759, and, according to Usher, D., York Clergy Ordinations 1750–1799 (Borthwick Lists and Indexes 33, 2002), a Richard Tong was ordained Priest on 29 September 1759. Archbishop Drummond’s Visitation report of 1764 gives the name of the Hessle Curate as Richard Tong (Annesley, Cressida and Hoskin, Philippa, Archbishop Drummond’s Visitation Returns 1764, part II (Yorkshire H-R), Borthwick Texts and Calendars 23 (1998), at the East Riding Archives, ref. JL/156/23) and states ‘there is one publick school, endowed by Chamberlain, and Richard Tong is the master’. A Richard Tong was frequently a witness to marriages at Hessle at this time, but his signature is different from that of Francis Tong. According to the churchwardens’ accounts, on 7 April 1743 a Richard Tong was appointed schoolmaster.

12 The return of Archbishop Drummond’s visitation of 1764 records a Deacon called Thomas Norwich. He is not to be found in the CCED.

13 Pearson Simpson signed the Hessle marriage register between September 1769 and August 1779. According to the CCED, he was appointed Curate at Hessle on 9 August 1770.

14 According to Usher, York Clergy Ordinations 1750–1799, John Watson was ordained Deacon on 11 July 1779 and appointed to Hessle on the same date. He signed the Hessle marriage register between November 1779 and May 1791 and in 1782 he was petitioner for a faculty for a gallery. According to the CCED he was appointed Perpetual Curate at Coley, Halifax in July 1791. Signed the Terrier of July 1786.

15 John Watson Bowman was the son of Thomas Bowman, Vicar of Hessle 1757–99 and Rector of Brantingham 1755–68; Usher, York Clergy Ordinations 1750–1799, see also see also excerpts from the Brantingham registers at http://archive.org/stream/registersofparish12bran/registersofparish12bran_djvu.txt. He was ordained Deacon, to serve at Hessle, on 15 July 1787. According to Usher and the CCED, in 1788 he was ordained Priest to serve in a parish in the Diocese of Bristol, so it seems pure coincidence that a John Watson and a John Bowman were at Hessle at the same time.

16 James Simpson was ordained Deacon, to serve at Hessle, on 11 April 1808 (Slinn, S., York Clergy Ordinations 1800–1849, Borthwick Lists and Indexes 28, 2001). He signed the Hessle marriage register
1810–11  John Fearon
1811–12  Thomas Barton
1812–23 Richard Mawhood
1823–25 George Stringer Bull
1825–27 George Strochlin Weidemann
1827–29 Robert Vason Rogers
1830–31 John van Hennert
1831–39 Michael Dawson
1847–49 John Harrison

between May 1808 and December 1809. He was licensed as Curate at Brantingham on 16 February 1818 (CCED).

17 Licensed to Hessle 24 December 1809 (Slinn, York Clergy Ordinations 1800–1849). John Fearon signed the Hessle marriage register between May 1810 and July 1811 and, according to the CCED, was later Curate at Liverpool St Matthew (1814) and Liverpool St John (1818).

18 Licensed to Hessle 21 July 1811 (Slinn, York Clergy Ordinations 1800–1849). Thomas Barton signed the Hessle marriage register between August 1811 and November 1812.

19 Signed the Hessle marriage register between April 1813 and April 1821. He preached his farewell sermon at Hessle on 13 April 1823: ‘... a good and affecting discourse. He had been ten years curate to Mr Garwood, a most worthy, good man, sensible and well informed but altogether so nervous, shy and diffident that he was not well calculated for the office he filled. In the reading desk careless and inattentive and disregarding the propriety and devotion in the service and the pulpit, too doctrinal and abstruse. Too much regarded “faith” and not insisting sufficiently on the necessity of “good works”. The consequence was the Parish was neglected and the Methodists had got possession of all the children.’ Hicks, J. D. (ed.), The Journal of Joseph Robinson Pease, 1822–1865 (East Yorkshire Local History Society, 2000), p. 15.

In the Pease family correspondence at the Hull History Centre (ref. C DFP/981) there is a letter from Bull to Joseph Robinson Pease dated February 1824 about Bull’s salary and prospects. On taking the post he had accepted £50 a year for two years. He needed £100 a year at a minimum (he included a budget) and had threatened to resign. The Vicar, Garwood, had said the parishioners might contribute. Bull claimed that Methodist preachers got £200 a year and the Church of England clergy with ‘rust breeches and threadbare coats’ were objects of embarrassment. There is also a letter from the Vicar to Pease, dated 13 April 1824. Garwood was paying a curate out of the income of the Vicar’s farm, which was falling, and he had to reduce the salary. ‘Yet being sensible of the extra services in the Parish I incline to hope he will receive from some of the Parishioners who duly appreciate them an encouragement to continue them.’ At the Hull History Centre, ref. C DFP/1169.

20 Signed the Hessle marriage register between May 1823 and June 1825. Licensed to serve at Hessle on 21 March 1823 (Slinn, York Clergy Ordinations 1800–1849). Became Curate at Hanging Heaton Chapel in December 1825 (CCED). ‘... [S]eemed most judicious and praiseworthy. He is an intelligent, active and clever young man and likely to do much good if Hessle prejudice and opinionatedness do not counteract his good intentions.’ Hicks (ed.), The Journal of Joseph Robinson Pease, 1822–1865, p. 16.

21 Signed the Hessle marriage register between June 1825 and February 1827. Preached his farewell sermon on 15 April 1827. ‘He was a clever preacher but rather too bombastic in his style. He was not regular or punctual in his superintendence of schools etc and the consequence was that all the accounts were in arrears and confusion.’ Hicks (ed.), The Journal of Joseph Robinson Pease, 1822–1865, p. 40.

22 Licensed to serve at Hessle on 2 April 1827 (Slinn, York Clergy Ordinations 1800–1849). Signed the Hessle marriage register between October 1827 and June 1829. The middle name is spelled Vashon in the CCED entry.

23 Signed the Hessle marriage register between April 1830 and January 1831. According to the CCED he was appointed Curate at Frodingham, Lincs in August 1831.

24 Licensed to serve at Hessle on 5 June 1831 (Slinn, York Clergy Ordinations 1800–1849). Signed the Hessle marriage register between June 1831 and September 1837.

25 Signed the Hessle burials register in 1848 and 1849.
1852   Walter Field MA  
1853–58  Charles Voysey  
1855–58  William Prosser MA  
1864–69  Joseph Lewis Barnett MA  
1869–79  John Heneage Mandell MA  
1879–80  Edward Peters  
1880–84  Edmund Akenhead  
1881–Dec. 1882  Edgar Arthur Tugman  
1884–87  Sidney Smith MA  
1887–92  Henry Warren Forbes MA  
1892–96  Ben Lewis Parkin MA  
Nov.–Dec. 1895  Frederick Trevor Phillips Evershed MA  
1897–Nov. 1902  Harold Salisbury Glover MA  
1905  C. F. James  
Aug. 1905–July 1907  Aeland Frederick O’Neill Williams  

26 The Journal of Joseph Robinson Pease, 1822–1865 (p. 194) mentions that Field took on the collection for the church alterations in 1852. His departure is recorded in the Hull Packet, 2 July 1852, p. 5, which mentions his ‘exertions for the proposed re-pewing and enlargement of the church’.

27 Appointed incumbent of St Andrew’s, Craigton, Jamaica in 1858. In 1861, appointed Curate at St Mark’s, Whitechapel. Ejected from that post after preaching a sermon in which he denied the doctrine of eternal punishment. In 1863 he was recommended to the curacy of St Mark’s, Victoria Docks. Appointed Vicar of Healaugh near Tadcaster in 1864. Deprived of his living in 1871 for his heterodox views. Later founded the Theistic Church in London. Source: the Voysey Society. The architect Charles Francis Annesley Voysey was his son.

28 Signed the Hessle marriage register between August 1857 and March 1858.

29 Signed the Hessle marriage register between May 1864 and April 1865.


31 Signed the Hessle marriage register between September 1879 and September 1880.

32 Signed the Hessle marriage register between June 1881 and April 1884. Was also Parish Clerk 1882–83 according to the parish magazine. According to the churchwardens’ accounts, in July 1881 he organized a collection to liquidate the debt due to the bank following the restoration and enlargement of 1868–70. It raised £442 15 0d.

33 Signed the Hessle marriage register in July 1882. Listed in the parish magazine in November and December 1882. On his resignation, see Appendix I, ‘Vicars of Hessle’, biographical information on Vicar Henry Newmarch.

34 Signed the Hessle marriage register between May 1886 and October 1887. Went to Wheldrake, York, in 1887 (church Log Book, p. 51).

35 Signed the Hessle marriage register between January 1889 and December 1891.

36 Signed the Hessle marriage register between February 1892 and September 1896. Was also Parish Clerk. Left to go to Howden (parish magazine, November 1896).

37 Listed in the parish magazine for November–December 1895 but resigned in January 1896. He accepted the curacy in October 1895 according to the Hull Daily Mail for 16 October 1895 (p. 3).

38 There is no record of a Mr Cussons in the parish magazine, but on 15 January 1897 the Hull Daily Mail (p. 4) reported ‘The dismissal of the Curate (Mr Cussons) has naturally caused much speculation’.

39 Licensed to serve at Hessle on 29 April 1897. Signed the Hessle marriage register between June 1897 and January 1899.

40 Leaving the parish in August 1905 according to the parish magazine.

41 Curate of St John’s, Waterloo, Liverpool, 1903–05 (parish magazine, January 1906).
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<td>1905–May 1906</td>
<td>Frederick William Shepherd^2</td>
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<td>Apr.–July 1909</td>
<td>Ernest Arthur Ingham BA^5</td>
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<td>1910–12</td>
<td>Robert Hawley Sharpe BA</td>
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<td>1909–14</td>
<td>Edward Guy Betton Bright Betton MA^6</td>
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<td>1912–14</td>
<td>Gilbert David Barker MA^7</td>
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<td>1914–15</td>
<td>Ven. and Hon. Stephen Henry Phillimore MA</td>
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<td>1914–17</td>
<td>Hon. Charles Frederick Lyttleton MA^8</td>
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<td>1915–18</td>
<td>William Lawson Smith MA</td>
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<td>1917–18</td>
<td>J. S. Wimbush^49</td>
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<td>1918–22</td>
<td>Arthur Clarkson Birch MA^50</td>
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<td>1919–22</td>
<td>John Ambrose Shardlow MA</td>
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<td>John Grayson Hardwick MA^51</td>
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<td>1926–27</td>
<td>Rev. T. E. Johnson^52</td>
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<td>Fred Richards^53</td>
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<td>1927–32</td>
<td>Arthur Leslie Robins BA^54</td>
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<td>1932–35</td>
<td>Arthur James Meek^55</td>
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<td>1935</td>
<td>S. W. Golding^56</td>
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<td>1936–37</td>
<td>William Basil Norris^57</td>
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^3 Licensed to serve as the Curate for the St James’ Mission Chapel (parish magazine, November 1906).

^4 Came to Hessle from North Ormesby near Middlesbrough (parish magazine, August 1907).

^5 ’Pro tem.’ (list in the church Log Book, p. 211).

^6 Served as the Curate for the St James’ Mission Chapel (parish magazine, December 1909).

^7 The churchwardens’ accounts for 1912/13 include an entry for ‘Telephone for Rev. G. D. Barker £6’.

^8 Licensed to serve at Hessle on 16 June 1915 (Hull Daily Mail, 17 June 1915). According to the register of services, 22 April 1917 was his last Sunday at Hessle before going to France as C. F. [Chaplain] to the Guards Division.

^9 Attended PCC meetings in 1917; signed the register of services April 1917–February 1918. Not included in the church Log Book list, p. 212.

^10 Attended PCC meetings May 1918–September 1922.

^11 Licensed to serve at Hessle 5 October 1924 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives, ref. PE1/194/146).

^12 Signed the registers in October 1926. The July 1927 parish magazine shows him as the only curate.

^13 The PCC minutes for July 1927 state that Mr Richards was ‘to be asked to leave the parish’ as they could not afford to pay a second Curate.

^14 From the church Log Book list, p. 212 as starting in 1927. Licensed as Assistant Stipendiary Curate at Hessle 7 March 1929 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives). Started the Hessle Parish Church Football Club (Spire magazine, September 1984).

^15 Licensed as Assistant Stipendiary Curate at Hessle 9 November 1932 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives).

^16 Not included in the church Log Book list. The Hull Daily Mail reported on 20 July 1935, p. 3, that he was appointed to replace Meek, and he was welcomed to the PCC on 19 November 1935 (when the name is spelled Goulding in the minutes).

1936–38  Richard William David Dewing MA
Dec. 1938–June 1941  Reginald Henry Pache Orr MA
1941–June 1944  Thomas Clement Broadley Wilkes BA
Dec. 1944–June 1946  George Francis Griffiths
[1946–48 No curate]
Sep. 1948–Oct. 1949  George Henry Pattinson
[1949–late 1954  No curate]
Nov. 1954–1957  Peter Haynes MA
1956–59  Jeffrey Edwin Johnson BD
1959–62  Malcolm David Emmel
1960–Sep. 1963  Francis John Lindsay Dewar MA
Feb. 1964–Nov. 1965  Peter Henry Wrenn
Sep. 1964–Aug. 1968  Frederick Ross
June 1968–Oct. 1971  David Hammerton Reynolds BA

58 Licensed to serve at Hessle 7 June 1936 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives).
59 Licensed to serve at Hessle 21 December 1937 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives). According to the PCC minutes of 7 May 1940 he left to take up missionary work in South Africa.
60 Licensed to serve at Hessle 18 December 1938 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives).
61 Licensed to serve at Hessle 23 March 1942 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives). According to the list in the church Log Book, he started in 1941, and a letter by the organist, Philip Chignell, dated 16 September 1941, states that the ‘new curate . . . has now been in Hessle for about six weeks . . . He has a grand voice and his diction is charming. I listen to every word he preaches’. Chignell, Philip, From Our Home Correspondent: Letters from Hessle in the Second World War, ed. Marion Lace (Beverley: Highgate Publications Ltd, 1989). Curates sometimes took up their duties before licensing. Went to St John’s, Scarborough: Hull Daily Mail, 27 April 1944, p. 4.
62 Licensed to serve at Hessle 11 May 1945 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives). Went to be Vicar at St Matthew’s, Hull (parish magazine, May 1946).
63 Licensed to serve at Hessle 6 December 1948 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives). Pattinson lived in a flat at the top of the Vicarage and found the arrangement unsatisfactory. ‘The rooms at the Vicarage were never ideal as a flat . . . and now circumstances have arisen which have obliged him to leave the parish for one where there was a suitable house’ and he was due to leave Hessle at the end of July (parish magazine, June 1949). He was married when he moved to Hessle, so perhaps he and his wife were expecting a baby. In 1963 he was Vicar of Elloughton and was paid for taking services during a vacancy at Hessle (Sequestration papers, at the East Riding Archives, ref. PE194/169).
64 Licensed to serve at Hessle 26 November 1954 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives).
67 Licensed to serve at Hessle 12 June 1960 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives).
68 Licensed to serve at Hessle 20 February 1964 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives). Went to the Parish of Loscoe, Derbyshire.
69 Source: Spire magazine, August 1964. The PCC minutes state that he went to All Saints’, Marlpool, Derbs.
70 Licensed to serve at Hessle 13 June 1965 (Clergy Licences file, at the East Riding Archives).
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<td>June 1980–April 1983</td>
<td>Alan Sutherland</td>
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<td>July 1983–July 1986</td>
<td>Paul Kitching</td>
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<td>May 1987–Mar. 1989</td>
<td>Kenneth Forster</td>
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<td>June 1988–July 1991</td>
<td>Alan Craven</td>
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<td>July 1989–May 1993</td>
<td>Douglas Moore</td>
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<td>July 1993–May 1996</td>
<td>Howard Stoker</td>
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73 Was particularly active at the St James’ Mission Chapel. Went to be Priest in Charge at Flamborough: APCM minutes, 14 Apr. 1975.
83 Ordained Deacon to non-stipendiary ministry October 1987 (APCM minutes, 18 April 1988); listed in Spire magazine as part-time. Went to St John’s, Newington (church Log Book, p. 277).
84 Went to be Rector of Bishop Wilton with Full Sutton, Kirby Underdale and Bugthorpe (church Log Book, p. 279).
87 Went to be Curate of St Mary’s, Richmond, St Edmund’s, Marske and St Michael and All Angels, Downholme (church Log Book, p. 287).
Sep. 1999–Sep. 2002 Paul Copley
June 2003–July 2006 Kate Burgess
May 2006–Jan. 2009 Alison Amelia
2006–Mar. 2014 Eve Rose
July 2009–Sep. 2012 Andrew Simpson
June 2012–May 2016 Barbara Ryan
March 2013– Carol Tetley
July 2016–July 2019 Gemma Turner

88 Formerly Assistant Curate at St Peter and St Paul, Aylesford (church Log Book, p. 287). Left to become
Team Vicar at Upholland, Lancs (church Log Book, p. 289).
89 Ordained Deacon 4 July 1999 (church Log Book, p. 291). Went to be Team Vicar at St Andrew’s, Sutton
p. 301).
91 Formerly Assistant Curate at Nunthorpe St Mary (church Log Book, p. 301). Ordained Priest July 2006
(church Log Book, p. 303). Went to be Chaplain for the United Lincolnshire Hospitals NHS Trust.
92 Hon. Assistant Curate. Mental Health Chaplain in the Hull and East Riding Community Health NHS Trust.
93 Left All Saints’ to become Priest in Charge at St Augustine’s Church, Skirlaugh, and Vicar of the churches
of Catwick, Long Riston, Rise, Siggleshorne, Swine with Ellerby, Nunkeeling and Bewholme.
94 Self-sustaining Minister. formerly a Reader at St Nicholas, Hull. Moved to a curacy at St Michael’s, Sutton
in Holderness and St. Peter’s, Bilton.
95 Self-sustaining Minister. Licensed 28 April 2013 to serve at Hessle and as Chaplain to the Hull and East
Riding Hospitals Trust.