



CHURCH OF ST. MARY  
BRADING : ISLE OF WIGHT



Next we desire the Vicar to receive tithes of sheep, calves, cheese, and milk, geese, pigs, doves, coles, fruits, honey, leeks, also of flax and hemp, of gardens and of crafts which are not dug nor plowed, also tithes of boats, nets, mills and hay, of all Blackpanne meadow. Also we desire the Vicar to have 3 acres of Churchland, as near the Church as conveniently may be to him assigned, whereon the Prior and Convent of Breamore (near Salisbury), at their own expense are to build for the Vicar a dwelling fitting for such a benefice.

P.T.O.

Quoted from ETHEL C. HARGREAVES' Wanderings in the Isle of Wight 1915.  
About the year 1255, the Rectory was handed over to a religious body who would appoint a Vicar to reside and take spiritual charge for the Priory of Wenlock in Shropshire.  
After a time (1301) it passed on to the Priory of Braemore, near Salisbury, and a regular "vicarage" was set up. In 1304 Thomas de Sutton was presbyter and the text of the arrangement as to the Vicarage of Brading was drawn up in the same year (translated into English by the Revd Edgar Sumners) :- "Be it hereby known that we John by divine permission Bishop of Winchester with the unanimous consent by the Prior and Convent of Breamore and of Thomas Sutton, Vicar of Brading Church, appropriated of old time to the said monks, do ordain and arrange that Vicarage as follows.  
1. We order that the Vicar and his successors for the time being shall have all offerings and gifts accruing in whatever way to the altar of that Church."  
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BRADING'S CHURCH

Oh, Brading's Church is very old;  
And Brading's Church is grey;  
And Brading's Church is beautiful  
On any kind of day.

When rain-clouds whip across the sky,  
And hailstones patter down,  
The jaunty little Church stands high  
Above the storm-drenched town.

Oh, Brading's Church is wonderful;  
And Brading's Church is fine;  
And Brading's Church does much to-day  
For your Faith—and for mine.

For man must love and worship God,  
And praise Him every day —  
While young men work, and old men nod  
And children run and play.

Oh, Brading's Church is ancient now;  
And Brading's Church is worn;  
And Brading's Church was standing there  
Before \*Canute was born.

So, let us enter through the door  
And kneel upon our knees,  
And see the sunlight on the floor,  
And hear upon the breeze:—

"Oh, Brading's Church was built for God;  
And Brading's Church gives praise;  
And Brading's Church lifts up her heart  
Through all the length of days." S.W. 1955.

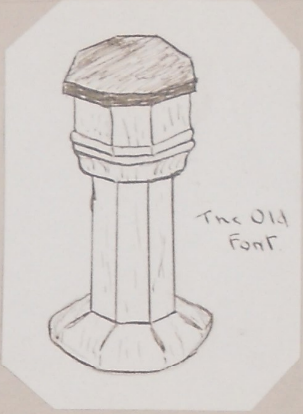
\*Canute was born 994, died in Dorset 1035.



Drawn & Engr'd by G. Bevanon, Water, Isle of Wight.

Painted by the Engineer April 9 1882.

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 Also the Vicar being contented with what has been allowed  
 him for his own portion is to bear the whole of the Episcopal  
 and Archidiaconal burdens and the extraordinary in  
 proportion to his share and the repairs of the Church for  
 which Rector or Vicar is liable, save the chancel which will  
 be the affare of the monks.  
 In witness whereof we have attached our seal to this writing  
 which is made as an autograph given at Wolvesey the Thursday  
 after St Bartholemew's Day, 1504.

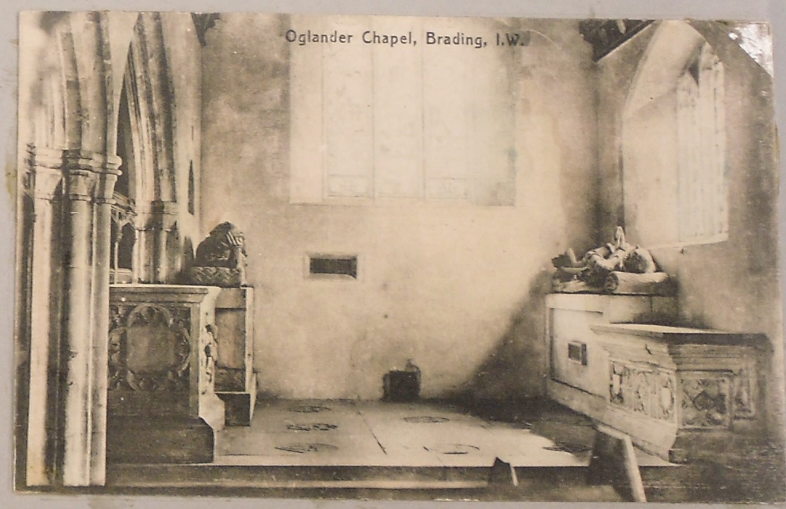


The Old Font.

12<sup>TH</sup> CENTURY PISCINA  
 (South wall of Chancel)  
 Probably made by Island  
 mason who copied it from  
 the work of a monk at  
 St Helen's Priory or Quarr  
 Abbey.



Interior of Church showing oil-lamps and lectern in centre of aisle.



The Oglander Chapel sometime before 1421.

BENEFICED CLERGY OF BRADING  
RECTORS

- 1247. Johannes Demarisco.
- HUGO de Rupibus  
 (Archdeacon of Winchester)
- 1253. GUIDO (Episcopal Treasurer)
- 1282. CIORDANO (Cardinal Deacon)

VICARS.

- 1304. Thomas de Sutron.
- 1324. Johannes Belraven.
- 1328. Simon de Jare.
- 1348. Robertus at Cafe.
- 1361 Walker Smyth.
- 1395 William Dacombe  
 Simon of Beverley  
 Matthew Tollarde

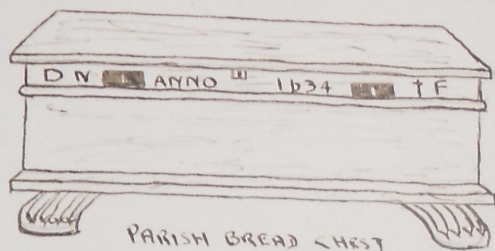


A rare sight at Brading.

An Inscription near the entrance porch commemorates one Robert Stacie, 20<sup>th</sup> sept: 1449 and another near the Chancel wall, Peter Bryers, butler, and Mr Tobbye Kemp, clerk, to Sir John Oglander of Nunwell, knight, 1637. Sir John Oglander writes of the latter in his memoirs :- 1627. July 16<sup>th</sup>. I gave Tobbye ye command of Sanham Castell in Buckes absence and he is to have 2s. a daye for his entertainment and paynes.

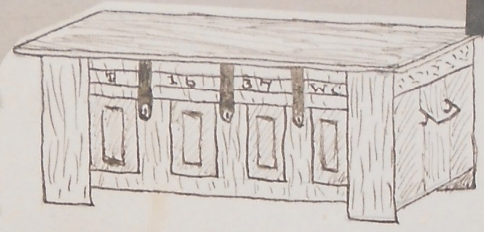
VICARS (cont.)

- 1453. Robert Thyrske.
- Richard Lake.
- 1474. William Ponter.
- 1519. William Holybury.
- Nicolas Mainwaring.
- 1537. William Stockwith.
- 1564. Radnor Rawlin.
- 1598. Edward Gilbarde.
- 1609. William Greaves.
- 1624. William Cooke.
- 1632. John Yonge.
- 1654. William Johnson.
- 1666. Richard Pittis.
- 1670. Edmund Thory.
- 1692. Charles Browne.
- 1697. John Edmunds.



PARISH BREAD CHEST  
1634.

The Vicarage was re-built in 1707 by the Rev<sup>d</sup> Joshua Strother, at the cost of £160.



BRADING PARISH CHEST  
with separate locks for the Vicar  
and Churchwardens.

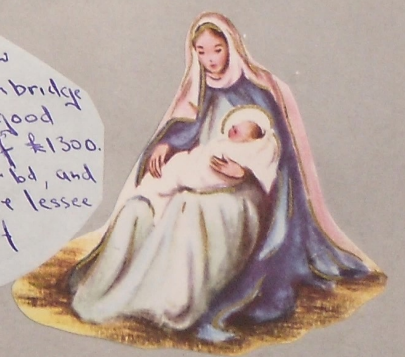


THIS OLD PRINT SHOWS THE VICARAGEHOUSE (Printed 1852) which was occupied by the Rev<sup>d</sup> LEIGH RICHMOND from 1797 - 1805 when he was Curate-in-charge. A new house was built in 1848 and used as the Vicar's residence until 1953, when it was held to be too large and expensive to run, so at that time another house was purchased in Mall Road for the present Vicar's use, which is now known as "the Vicarage" and the old building as the "Old Vicarage," (in Wall Lane).



THE SUNDIAL: The stone pillar is inscribed 1714, but the brass dial bears the date 1815, J. JAMES, G. HEARN, CHURCHWARDENS.  
HORA PARS VITAE.

Brading Vicarage, valued in K.B. at £18"18"9d. and now at £340 (1859) is in the patronage of Trinity College, Cambridge and incumbency of Rev<sup>d</sup> Dunbar Isadore Heath, M.B. who has a good Vicarage House, built by the patrons in 1848, at the cost of £1300. The tithes were commuted in 1842, the vicarial for £331"12"6d, and the rectorial for £1289"3"6d. Sir W.G. Stirling, Bart. is the lessee of the latter under Trinity College, and also the owner of Bordwood estate. (Quote from an old Directory of Hampshire and the Isle of Wight)



The advowson of Brading, which had been a fruitful subject for legal disputes among various monastic bodies, was granted at the Dissolution to Henry Courtney, Marquis of Exeter, on whose attainder it was given by Henry VIII to his new foundation of Trinity College, Cambridge, to whom it still belongs. The present incumbent is the Rev<sup>d</sup> Dunbar L. Heath, of considerable repute as a student of Egyptian antiquities and decipherer of papyri. (Quote from Miss Hargreaves)

The Rev<sup>d</sup> Leigh Richmond's chair is kept in the Chancel. He installed the organ, and also started an Orchestra in Brading, and was it's Conductor. He used to teach the poor children in the Churchyard and Vicarage garden during the summer, and in the old Town Hall in the bad weather.

Copy

"WE George, Bishop of Winchester hereby Licence you Miles Popple, Clerk Vicar of Brading, in the Isle of Wight in the County of Southampton within our Diocese and Jurisdiction; to be absent from your said Benefice until the 31<sup>st</sup> day of December 1828 on account of the insufficiency of the vicarage house to hold your family - the living being of small value and of your serving as a stipendiary Curate at Welton in Yorkshire duly licensed thereto (you keeping in repair your said Vicarage House and Buildings there to belonging and the Duties of your said Parish being performed by a resident and licensed Curate to our satisfaction)

GIVEN under our Hand, this unith - day of December in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Twenty six .//

(Signed) G. Winchester

The Smith family of Languard Manor paid tithes to Brading Church, and the front pew under the pulpit was the Languard pew. They drove over every Sunday, up Morton Shute and the Mall to Church. The horses were stabled at Parsonage Farm opposite

EARLY 1900's



- VICARS (continued)
- 1705. Joshua Strother.
  - 1709. Gilbert Granger.
  - 1722. Marriott Jordan.
  - 1726. Richard Palmer.
  - 1763. Thomas Waterworth.
  - 1790. Miles Popple.
  - 1847. Isadore Dunbar Heath.
  - 1862. John Glover.
  - 1884. Edgar Summers. (Rural Dean of East Wight)
  - 1900. C. Wilfred Bleakem. (Rural Dean of East Wight)
  - 1915. C.W. HARTON Weekes. (Rural Dean of East Wight) (Archdeacon of Isle of Wight)
  - 1949. Edward Roberts. (Archdeacon of Isle of Wight)
  - 1955. Michael C. Daubuz.

THE REV. MILES POPPLE. Although Vicar for 57 years, he apparently spent only 7 years actually at Brading. The remaining time he lived as Curate-in-Charge at Welton in Yorkshire, by special license of the Bishop of Winchester, as seen by this letter. The license had to be renewed every two years, and letters dating from 1808 to 1851 will be kept with this scrap book.

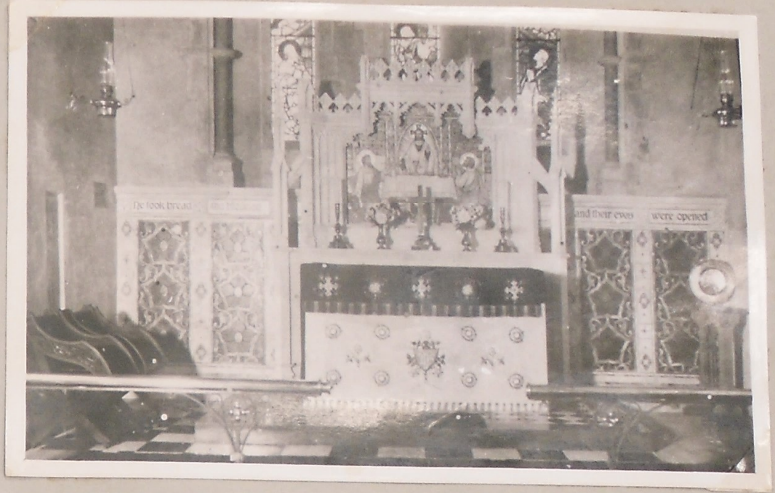
The Church and Town-Hall, Brading, I.W.





At Braiding Church. 1904

THE REREDOS erected by Lord Rollo in memory of his wife ANNES BRUCE, THE LADY ROLLO. Easter 1104.



The marble figure in the left-hand photo is the lifelike image of the baby daughter of Lord and Lady Rollo. ELIZABETH THERESE ANNES ROLLO, Born June 23<sup>rd</sup> 1874. Died Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> 1875. Rests in Braiding Churchyard.

LITTLE JANE'S EPITAPH.  
"Ye who the power of God delight to trace,  
And mark with joy each monument of grace,  
Tread lightly o'er this grave, as ye explore  
The short and simple 'Annals of the Poor.'  
A child reposes underneath this sod,  
A child to memory dear, and dear to God.  
Rejoice, but shed the sympathetic tear;  
Jane, 'The Young Cottager,' lies buried here."

Another epitaph on a child's grave, attributed to Mr Gill, sometime curate of Neuchurch:  
"This lovely bud so young and fair,  
Called hence by early doom,  
Just came to show how sweet  
a flower  
In Paradise would bloom."

There are other famous epitaphs in the Churchyard, as the celebrated one on Mrs Anne Barry's headstone composed by Mrs Steele at St John's, Ryde, on September 24<sup>th</sup> 1794.  
"Forgive, blest shade, the tributary tear,  
That mourns thy exit from a world like this;  
Forgive the wish that would have kept thee here,  
And stayed thy progress to the seats of bliss.  
No more confined to grov'ling scenes of night,  
No more a tenant pent in mortal clay,  
We rather now should hail thy glorious flight,  
And trace thy journey to the realms of day."



QUAY LANE (Now Wall Lane) is reputed to be part of an old CORNISH TIR FRACK in use 4000 years ago.

IN MEMORY of  
Four beloved daughters  
of James and Kezia Harvey  
who died of the croup  
MARINA ANN died May 28<sup>th</sup> 1848. Aged 4 yrs 7 months  
PATIENCE. died June 1<sup>st</sup> 1848 Aged by year 1 month  
KEZIA. died June 1<sup>st</sup> 1848 Aged 2 yrs 9 months  
MARY. died June 7<sup>th</sup> 1848 Aged 1 yr 3 months  
"They were lovely and pleasant in their lives and in their death they were not divided."

On an adjoining stone is this inscription —  
"It must be so — our father Adam's fall  
And disobedience brought this lot on all,  
All die in him; but hopeless should we be,  
Blest revelation! were it not for thee.  
Hail, glorious Gospel, heavenly light! whereby  
We live in comfort, and with comfort die;  
And view beyond this gloomy scene, the tomb,  
A life of endless happiness to come."

FREDERICK WILLIAM BENCH, Postman, and Sexton of St Mary's for 28 years. His tombstone in the Church yard, states that he "died April 29<sup>th</sup> 1916. Aged 59 years. This stone was erected by his sister and parishioners and friends, as a mark of esteem and friendship." The stone next to his commemorates his father Frederick Octavius BENCH, also for many years Sexton of the Parish. Died MAY 9<sup>th</sup> 1888. Aged 55 years. (PHOTO ABOUT 1910)

Churchyard  
At this time of year when so many of the ornamental trees, cherries, lilacs, laburnums, etc., are in flower, may I bring before you a desire I have had for some time, which is to see many such trees in the churchyard. Would anyone like to give a tree in memory of a loved one?  
EXTRACT FROM REV. M. C. DAWSON'S NOTES in a Parish Magazine

ST. MARY'S - BRADING

THE BEETLE IS IN THE OLD CHURCH ROOF

The Beetle is in the old church roof:  
Vicar and Wardens have certain proof.  
This dreadful pest was brought to light  
When it was suggested (and quite right)  
That we inspect the candelabra wire,  
Which weighy thing hung o'er the choir.  
High in the roof, to our dismay,  
We found the Beetle and much decay.

The architect was at once consulted,  
And he to the P.C.C. reported—  
"The plates are badly eaten through;  
The rafter ends and collar-ties too,  
Iron stays on rafters you must fix  
To help to take the weight;  
Renew the damaged collar-ties;  
Replace the powdered plate."

With great concern the report was read.  
The Finance Committee, "No rest," they said,  
An appeal to the parish must be put in hand.  
Perhaps you, vicar, will draft a letter,  
We cannot think of anything better."

Round the parish the letters went,  
By vicar and wardens signed and sent.  
And now, we know, they've been opened and read,  
For some much-needed cash has been collected.  
Carol-singers, they went round,  
And gathered in about five pounds.  
For whist drives, too, there has been a proposal,  
To add to the funds for Death Watch disposal.

And while all this was going on,  
And the money being found,  
Some woomy oak has been replaced  
By English oak most sound.

And now, my friends, 'tis good to see  
The chancel from ladders and scaffolding free,  
But bear in mind, we must keep an eye  
On chancel roof and Death Watch fly.  
And year by year, this pest must kill  
With lashings of fluid called Rentokil.

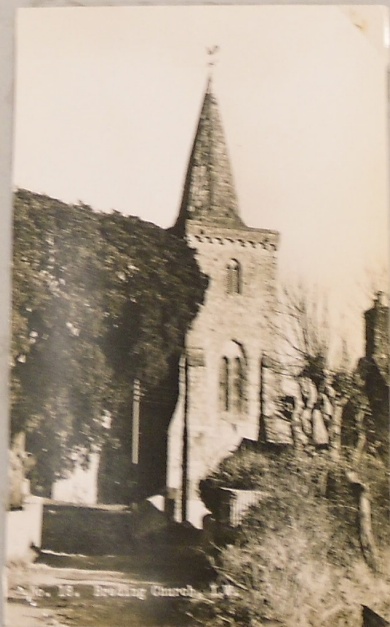
So now, our thanks to one and all,  
Who readily answered the urgent call:  
For fifty pounds, anonymous gift; for humble sixpence,  
Which would have been missed.  
And in our prayers, let us thank GOD  
For every pound and every bob.  
Thank Him humbly we have a Church  
In which to pray, for which to work.

E.J.B.

The lovely old brass candelabra, see in the picture on the right, hanging in the chancel, is of Dutch workmanship and dated 1768. It was taken down during the repair work in 1885 and remains over the centre aisle near the West door.



Another view of the interior of the church. The de Hala chapel is in the left and the Oglander chapel on the right of the picture.



The West Side of St. Mary's. The lovely old tree in the corner of the Churchyard was found to be in a dangerous condition and was cut down in 1882.

BRADING 1892

Our parish records have been enriched, owing to a kind gift of the Revd. Gilbert Summers, a son of the Revd. Edgar Summers, who was vicar of Brading 1884-1906, by bound copies of the Parish Magazine for the years 1888-1908.

In view of the Fabric report, I thought the following extracts might be of interest.

January, 1892: "At the time of the restoration, the roof of the south aisle, so much exposed to the weather, was placed at so slight a slope, that the rain has always, more or less, penetrated the church, and it becomes a question what is the best thing to do? ... with the present slope recourse must be had apparently to either slates or lead. Neither will be as picturesque as the weather-worn tiles, but a dry roof is the first consideration."

August, 1893: "Worshippers at our church will have noticed that the roof of the south aisle of the nave increasingly fails to keep out the wet, when the rain is at all heavy." A meeting of Vicar, Wardens and parishioners to discuss the matter was called for August 8th.

April, 1894: "The condition of the roof of the south aisle and the restoration of the weathercock are having the attention of the vicar and churchwardens ... an appeal will shortly be made for funds."

In February, 1895, an architect's report was received and plans for raising money made. In April a Faculty was applied for. In May the appeal was circulated. By this time it was known that the Tower was in need of much repair. In August the new weather cock was placed in position, and the spire repaired ... total cost £68 8s. 6d.

In April, 1896 it was announced that "there had been expended for Roof of South Aisle £131 18s. 6d." and that there was a balance in hand of £37 2s. 6d. towards the repair to the Tower.

THE PARISH CHURCH,  
BRADING, ISLE OF WIGHT  
Bellringers' Guild Constitution  
and Rules.

THE BELLS

The oldest bell is the Tenor. 1594  
 No. 1 Tenor No. 5. Cast by Thomas 1604  
 No. 2 Treble No. 6. Cast by Thomas 1604  
 No. 3 Tenor No. 7. 1622 J.S. TO. R.B.  
 No. 4 - - 8. See below.

These four bells were re-cast in 1887 and rebung with the four new bells.

- No. 1. IN TERRA PAX.  
If you will ring I'll sweetly sing
- No. 2. GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO  
E. SUMMERS VICAR.  
CHURCH WARDENS
- No. 3. GOD BLESS BRADING. 1887
- No. 4. GOD SAVE OUR QUEEN  
JUBILEE YEAR  
1887.

No.	Dimensions	Wt. cwt.	Year
No. 1	24" dia.	6	2. 0. 1604
No. 2	24" dia.	7	2. 0. 1709
No. 3	24" dia.	9	1. 0. 1622
No. 4	24" dia.	11	1. 0. 1594

No.	Wt. cwt.	Note
No. 1.	3. 2. 1.	G
No. 2.	3. 3. 7	A
No. 3.	4. 1. 22.	B
No. 4.	4. 3. 23.	C
No. 5.	5. 3. 1.	D
No. 6.	7. 2. 0.	E
No. 7.	7. 2. 25.	F
No. 8.	9. 3. 19.	G

cut. 46 = 2 = 18

SERVICE  
FOR THE  
RE-OPENING OF THE BELLS  
OF  
BRADING CHURCH,  
June 18th. 1887, at 11.30 a.m.

HYMN 166.—"All people that on earth do dwell,"  
 The Archdeacon will deliver an Address.  
 Our Father, &c. Amen.  
 V. Sing we merrily unto God our Strength.  
 R. Make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.  
 V. O God, make speed to save us.  
 R. O Lord make haste to help us.  
 V. Glory be to the FATHER, and to the SON, and to the HOLY GHOST.  
 R. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.  
 V. Praise ye the LORD.  
 R. The Lord's name be praised.

PSALM CL.  
 V. Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass,  
 R. Brought the Lord's offering.  
 V. They offered them before the LORD,  
 R. Therefore they are hallowed.  
 V. Our help is in the name of the LORD;  
 R. Who hath made Heaven and earth.  
 V. Blessed be the Name of the LORD,  
 R. Who hath made Heaven and earth.



THE CHURCH CLOCK  
 is modern, it was  
 presented by Sir Walter  
 Stribling in 1864.

CHURCH WARDENS.

REVEREND VICAR  
 SIR WILLIAM GOSWOLD  
 MICHAEL KNIGHT  
 EDWARD GOSWOLD  
 THOMAS UREY  
 RICHARD RIDER

BRADING OR BRADING

PARADISE THE LORD 1594.

ER WO MK ED TRL RR PR 12 TE QRD 1594

AW IB B TG  
 W8 I C

A ROUGH COPY OF A RUBBING TAKEN FROM THE TENOR BELL. RUBBINGS FROM THE FOUR OLDEST BELLS ARE TO BE KEPT WITH THIS BOOK.

ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BRADING  
ISLE OF WIGHT



# ORDER OF SERVICE

TO BE BROADCAST  
ON  
THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT  
February 16th, 1950

(West Regional Service of the B.B.C.—7.45 p.m.)

THEME—"The Prayer Book and our Private Prayers"

The Choirs of Brading and Yaverland will sing at the Service  
under the direction of Miss E. G. Black, L.R.A.M., A.R.C.O.

Please turn over these pages as quietly as you can during the Broadcast  
You are welcome to keep this Order of Service if you wish

*It appears that many of the usual congregation  
stayed at home this Sunday evening in order to  
"listen-in" to the Service!*



THE CHURCH 1920



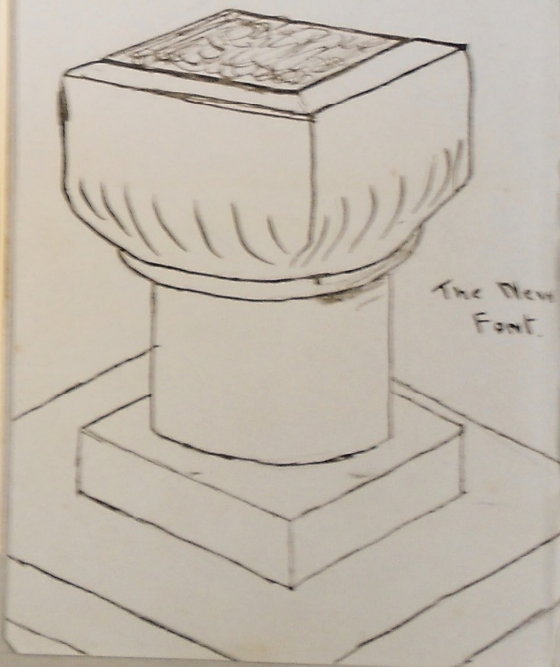
BRADING CHURCH, I.O.W.

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The West Door and Old Town Hall  
1458

### FONT COVER

May 22nd, 1893. The Artisans' Exhibition was opened at Sandown. The Vicar exhibited the Font Cover just carved by the Revd. Conway Walter for our (Brading) church: (the border has a rose—the Brading emblem—at each corner with leaves between; in the centre is a Dove, the emblem of the Holy Spirit, and outside there are four cherubs).



*The New  
Font.*



These charming photos of the Old Vicarage are included in our book by kind permission of Commander W.R. Cartwright, R.N., the present owner, who took the original pictures.  
The lower window of the west wing, was the study window of the late Archdeacon Hampton Weekes, and the bottom photo shows the view he never tired of, as seen from that window.



When walking down the New Road on August 31<sup>st</sup> 1948, during his usual evening stroll, Archdeacon Weekes was knocked down by a bicyclist and fatally injured. He died in Ryde Hospital on September 4<sup>th</sup> 1948, aged 67.

THE MEMORIAL TABLET on the wall of the Chancel behind the seat of the Vicar.  
CHRISTIAN WILLIAM HAMPTON WEEKES  
VICAR of BRADING 1913-1948  
Archdeacon of the Isle of Wight  
IN GRATITUDE FOR HIS MINISTRY parishioners and friends restored the Church Organ, established a Prize for the School children and erected this Memorial.  
DEO DANTE DEDI.



EXTRACT FROM THE BISHOP OF PORTSMOUTH'S LETTER IN THE PARISH MAGAZINE OCTOBER 1948.  
MY DEAR FRIENDS,  
THE ARCHDEACON OF THE ISLE OF WIGHT.  
The diocese has suffered few greater losses than that which befall it on August 31<sup>st</sup>, when the Archdeacon was so suddenly and tragically taken from us. Apart from a curacy of 5 years at Hale, his whole ministry was spent on the Island he loved so well, first as Rector of Tisbury then as Vicar of Brading, and since 1920 as Incumbent of the two parishes combined. It is not given to many men to labour for 52 years in one place and retain their freshness to the end, yet the Christmas communicants at Brading last year constituted a Christmas record, and the splendid response of Brading and Tisbury to the Appeal are further evidence of the leadership which the Archdeacon showed. His influence was felt, however, far beyond the borders of his Parish, in the Councils of the Diocese etc. is not the least in the Schools of the Island, where he was a welcome visitor.



The Vicarage Brading 211

(LEFT) A frontal view of the old Vicarage as it was in Hampton Weekes time. The piece of garden on the right of the photo was always a mass of daffodils and narcissi in the spring, and it was there that the Archdeacon's tortoises were often found sunning themselves (RIGHT).  
Another favourite view of the old Vicarage and the Church of Archdeacon Weekes. He had a water-colour of this view and it can now be seen in the Old Town Hall along with all the other interesting old prints that belonged to him.



... DING, 1880

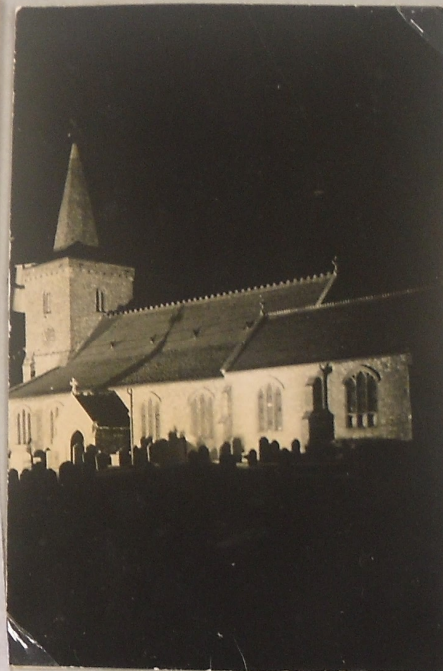
ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BRADING  
ISLE OF WIGHT



EIGHT HUNDREDTH  
ANNIVERSARY

1150 - 1950

SUNDAY JULY 16th, 1950



*The Church flooded for the 800<sup>th</sup>  
Anniversary celebrations!  
It has also been flooded for the  
coronations of GEORGE VI and of Queen  
ELIZABETH II and also during the  
festivities after the 1939-45 War.*

*Brading Parish Church 1150-1950*

*Combined Eight Hundredth Birthday  
Celebrations & Sportsmen's Service*

*The Vicar and Churchwardens cordially invite you to the  
Evening Service on July 16th at 6.45 p.m.*

*Preacher, The Bishop of Portsmouth.*

*The Parochial Church Council hope you will join them  
forward at the Town Hall, Brading, to meet the Bishop.*

*The Church Collection will be in aid of the Parish Church  
Fabric Fund — Extensive repairs have now to be undertaken.*

*AN EXTRACT FROM THE ... of  
Henry VIII*

*The Oglander Chapel 1957*





**BRADING KING'S MESSAGERS**

A whist drive held on Thursday at Brading in aid of the Senior King's Messengers — a church group of young members who work in support of missions — raised £6 12s. 6d for headquarters funds. The girls provided and served all the refreshments themselves. Prize-winners: Mesdames Long, Jolliffe, Arnold, Chambers, Sparks, Burgess, Warren, Miss Lewis and Mr. Carter; competitions, Mrs. Wright, the Misses Lewis and Buckett. The M.C. was Mrs. Booker.



CHRISTMAS 1955.  
The Vicar and Sister B. Taylor staged a series of Tableaux depicting the story of Christ's Nativity. Those taking part were from the Choir, Sunday School, King's Messengers, Mother's Union and other members of the Congregation.



Ma. E. Barton (portraying Joseph) and members of the Mothers Union enact the scene where Joseph and Mary are told there is no room for them at the Inn.



THE POUND.  
ANY STRAY ANIMALS FOUND WANDERING HAD TO BE SHUT IN THE POUND UNTIL THEIR OWNERS CLAIMED THEM AND PAID THE NECESSARY FINE.



View taken in 1935 from where Lower Furlongs road is today.

1958 View



Yaveland.

EVERHARD is the name shown in the Domesday Book. The original Manor was built in 1200 by de Aude, a Norman family. In the 13<sup>th</sup> century, in the reign of Edward I, William Russell, who had married into the de Aude family, became lord of Yaveland. He it was who built the highway to Yat. bridge and so made a much shorter road to Boving. Germain Roberts, who lived in Boving and had a great house there, bought the Manor in the first year of Queen Mary's reign, when it is said "He lived honestly and died well, leaving three sons and five daughters". The family remained there for about two centuries. During that interval, in 1420 the east & west wings were added, then in 1426 the Main Hall was rebuilt.



Yaveland Manor prior to alterations made in 1921.

The Manor and the advowson of Yaveland church were subsequently purchased by Admiral Sir Graham Eden Hambro, of Keston Lodge, near Freshwater.

The present owner is Commander Monk who is in residence there.



The Manor to day.

Even to this day there is much beautiful carving, in Jacobean style, to be seen on doors and the staircase. In 1921 kitchen accomodation was made out of the old bakehouse & brewery.





The old pulpit in Yaverland church.



Yaverland church  
1816.





A funeral never crosses the stream in West Street, this local superstition continues today.

A headless horseman is supposed to be seen at Knighton, and sweet music heard on New Year's Eve.



LEGENDS.

Bloodstone Well, rises in the boundary of Nunwell and Ashey Manors, and deserves mention from the uncommon incrustation on the pebbles and flints which lie in its bed, and which are partially covered by a thin coating of a colour when wet exactly resembling large spots of blood. This incrustation is of a vegetable nature, probably nearly allied either to 'Byssus purpureus' or 'iolithus'. The tradition explains this appearance as the sanguinary result of the battle between Danes and Saxons, fought in the vicinity.

Nunwell said to be so named because the Nuns of Ashey resorted to its clean waters.

Languard Manor is reputed to have a ghost, a woman carrying a child, seen in a passage which had a window at the end.

In 1913 Miss Hargrove writes of her visit to Alverstone Station to talk to Mrs Young, who was the Station Master. She had held the position for over 12 years. Mrs Young was reputed to say "I love my work and I have always found it to be quite suitable in every way. I do not see why other women should not take it up, and it is certainly more full of interest and variety than most other occupations."



Birds are said never to sing in St. Urians Copse



Alfredstone Manor and Hamlet are mentioned in the Domesday Book. The Manor is said to have been assessed for 1 hide and the Stout Mill is shown as being let for Forty pence. All of these places are part of the vast possessions of William Fitz-Stut.

The mill was working until recently.



The Van at Alverstone.

Alverstone gave the title assumed by the Late Lord Chief Justice of England when he was raised to the Peerage. He owned the land there & would not allow a Public House in Alverstone

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BRADING CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH.

BRADING Congregationalism was *en fete* on Monday last, and a very good show its adherents made. The day was damp and dull, but about half-past two the trains brought in a good compliment of visitors, and others drove into the village. All wended their way to the Congregational Church—some distance from the station. The writer entered early and rested. The building is not very large but it is lofty. Very narrow windows pierce the unadorned walls, but behind the pulpit there is a glint of coloured glass. The evergreens round the outside walls seem to peep into the church and help to darken a not very light edifice. Facing the plain desk of the minister is a small gallery, which is not much used, and to his right is a brass rail with crimson curtain, hiding the steps or, as the minister called it, the *Via Dolorosa*, which leads down to the newly made vestry. In front of the desk stands a powerful harmonium, carefully played by Mrs. Perkins, and to his left are the choir seats, filled with young ladies, who sang out bravely. The Sunday choir, we are told, numbers forty, and, like many other good things, political, educational, and religious, is under the care of Mr. Samuel Bulley.

The Brading Church was erected in 1847 and is now free from debt. A little while ago a good sized castellated house with abundant lawn and garden was bought for a manse, and the vigorous effort of a Bazaar a few months back has reduced the net balance owing, to £200, on which 4 per cent. is paid. Eleven months ago the Rev. J. Chamberlain became the pastor of the church, and his thoughtful preaching and earnest work have steadily and largely increased the congregation until now, especially in the evening, the building is well filled. The affairs of the church are managed by a Committee of six: Messrs. J. Woods, J. Cutler, and Cassé, of Ryde, and Messrs. J. Sims, H. Redstone, and S. Bulley, of Brading.



Congregational Church and The British School.



Taken behind the Manse in 1888. Possibly not long after the Rev. & Mrs. Chamberlain came.

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*congregational church*

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**P.S.A.s, BROTHERHOODS, &C.**  
**4<sup>th</sup> Oct. — 1927.**  
**BRADING.**  
 W.O.S. — The first meeting for the season was held on Tuesday, when the Rev. W. F. Clarkson, B.A., presided and the Rev. A. F. Thorpe, M.A., gave an eloquent address on "The Fatherhood of God." Mrs. Porecek read the lesson and Miss Ambrey Toolestone was the vocalist, Mrs. F. Simmonds presiding at the piano.



*The Funeral of Rev. W. F. Clarkson, AGED 96. HE CAME TO BRADING IN 1912. TO 1936 DIED SEPTEMBER 9<sup>th</sup> 1935*



# Brading Congregational Church

(N.E. Wight Group)

Ministers—  
 Rev. P. D. ANNETTS,  
 71 Upton Road,  
 Ryde.

Secretary and Treasurer:—  
 W. R. TOMS,  
 "Greenlane," Morton Road,  
 Brading.

## Centenary Celebrations 1947

### Sunday, June 1st

at 11 and 6  
 Services conducted by the Rev. Leslie ARTINGSTALL,  
 B.A., of Eastbourne.

### Wednesday, June 4th

3.30. Service conducted by the Rev. Maxwell JANES,  
 B.A., B.D., Moderator of the Southern Province.

4.45. Tea.

6.15. Public Meeting.  
 Chairman:— W. Jeffrey, Esq. (Chairman of the  
 Southern District, Hampshire Congregational  
 Union).  
 Speaker:— Rev. Harold I. FRITH, M.A., B.D.  
 (Secretary, Hampshire Congregational Union).  
 Soloist: Miss Edith Marriott, L.R.A.M.,  
 A.R.C.M. (Violin).

ments.—(Photo, G. and H. Archer, near  
down)

*The Rev. D. G. Whelan is the present minister. He came May 19 53.*



The Congregational Church also showing part of the British School.

Sewing Meetings began in 1895 as the Dorcas Society. In 1915 it became The Working Party and to-day in 1959 work is still carried on as The Ladies' Sewing Guild.



Sisterhood "outing" 1921.

The Sisterhood was started in 1910. Several women of the church canvassed round the village three times with very good results. The room was full for the 1st meeting. In 1959 it is still very active.



Pilot's Badge  
This organisation is run for the children at the church.

In 1904 Mr. & Mrs. Roadbright gave a gift of china to the church. All pieces had a picture of the Congregational Church upon it, making it quite unique. Having been most carefully cared for it is still used upon Anniversary and other important occasions and is greatly admired. (Mr. Morgan photographed the china)