

Clarence Bicknell in the Archives of All Saints' Church, Bordighera

Note by Graham Avery, April 2017

The archives of All Saints' Church, Bordighera (photo today, right), of which Clarence Bicknell was Chaplain in 1878-79, are kept in London's Metropolitan Archives (LMA). The archives of the Anglican Diocese of Gibraltar, which included Bordighera, were initially held in London's Guildhall and later transferred to LMA, which I visited in September 2016 and February 2017.

In this note I describe the archives that I consulted, reproduce a number of extracts, and comment on them. None of the documents has been published previously¹.



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1. Relevant documents

Clarence Bicknell is mentioned in the following groups of documents (London Metropolitan Archives, City of London, from the archives of the Diocese of London) described in the catalogue as:

¹ They were mentioned briefly in footnotes at pages 49 & 57 of Mario Marcenaro's article in 'Clarence Bicknell: La Vita e le Opere, Atti del Convegno di Studi, Bordighera 1998' (Istituto Internazionale di Studi Liguri, Bordighera, 2003).

- Records of All Saints Anglican Church, Bordighera, Italy, including registers of baptisms and marriages; register of services; financial accounts; and correspondence. 1868-1982. For Bicknell, the relevant documents in this group are Volumes 1 & 2 of the registers of services, whose reference code is CLC/326/MS22397/001 and /002.
- Copies of papers relating to the consecration of the church, including petition, sentence, and certificate. Added is a translation of the agreement. June 1883. For Bicknell, the relevant document is the petition at DL/E/D/009/MS19230/012.

2. Registers of services

This series is incomplete: although the Chaplaincy was founded in 1863, the registers of services begin in 1868, and there is a gap between 1882 and 1899. LMA has Vol 1 (1868-1882), Vol 2 (1899-1921), Vol 3 (1921-1927), Vol 4 (1927-1940), Vol 5 (1948-1982).

Volume 1 (1868-1882)

This bound volume has pasted on its front cover a label with 'Chaplain's Book Nov 1868 to Oct 1882' in manuscript. The book has 47 double pages (not numbered) with printed columns. On the left-hand pages the columns are headed 'Sunday, Attendance, Number of Communicants, Collections' and on the right-hand pages 'Remarks'. At the head of each double page are printed rows for the name of the Chaplaincy, the period concerned, and the name of the Chaplain.

The volume has been completed by successive Chaplains who described themselves as:

1868-89	J. Lacy Herbert B.A. Incumbent of Ixworth, Suffolk, England
1869-70	Frederic Jarvis Vicar of All Saints, Mile End New Town, London E
1870-71	J .S. Neumann M.A. late Rector of Hockliffe, Bedfordshire
1871-72	J. Hart Burgess D.D. Vicar of Bishop Ryder's, Birmingham
1872-73	John F S Crampton Rector of Aughtim, Prebendary of Kilteskill, Diocese of Clonfert & R.D.
1873-74	Alexander Shaw Page B.A. [Vicar of All Saints, Selsley, Gloucestershire]
1874-75	Arthur Allen (W.A. Allen)
1875-76	John Richard Brougham A.M. Rector & Vicar of Timolin, Canon of Christ Church, Dublin
1876	Henry Ruck Keene
1876-77	Charles Cubitt M.A.
1877-78	Philip Cameron Wodehouse M.A. Chaplain of Hampton Court Palace
1878-79	C. Bicknell M.A.
1879-80	Philip Cameron Wodehouse M.A. Chaplain of Hampton Court Palace
1880-82	C.E.F. Stafford M.A
1882-	Canon Scarth (half a page from October 15 to November 26 1882)

The period of each Chaplaincy (from the Chaplain's first entry in the book to his last entry) was normally 6 or 7 months², beginning on or before 1 November (All Saints Day) and continuing over Easter until April or May. That was the season when most English visitors came to Bordighera. Bicknell was Chaplain for 7 months from All Saints Day (1 November 1878) to Whit Sunday (1 June 1879). No-one was Chaplain for more than one season until Wodehouse, who returned after Bicknell for a second season, and Stafford who was Chaplain for two seasons.

Selection of remarks in the period before Bicknell's Chaplaincy

I have selected passages in the register of services that give information on church activities. Names difficult to read are followed by a question mark [?]. In Annex are notes on the persons mentioned in the register, including Chaplains, visiting preachers, and local people.

At first, Anglican services in Bordighera were held in a Chapel lent by the owner of the Hotel d'Angleterre, until the Church of All Saints was built in 1873 by Mrs Fanshawe Walker. This building was her private property until 1883, when its ownership was transferred to the Bishop of London and it was officially consecrated as a Church.

1868 November 1: 'There being only five visitors in the Hotel there was only one service in the Chapel & the evening service was held in the Hotel for the accommodation of a sick lady'

1869 February 10 Ash Wednesday: 'The Lord Bishop of Gibraltar present. Evening Prayer & Sermon by the Bishop' March 7: 'The Dean of Canterbury read Prayers'. March 14: 'Second service in Mrs Boyce's room by Rev L. Burgess of Chelsea 5 p.m.'

1870 January 6 Epiphany: 'The intended service was not held owing to a Religious Meeting at Mentone which several of the Congregation attended'. February 13: 'Both sermons were presented by Bishop Nixon, late of Tasmania'. February 27: 'Morning Service at 11.00 by Rev T.M. Raven'. March 27: 'Morning Service at 11.0 by Rev F.V. Thornton'. November 6: 'As there were no English at Bordighera, with the exception of the Chaplain & his family, the service in the chapel was not held'. November 13: 'Ditto'. November 20: 'The Chaplain regrets that he has to add another ditto'. November 27: 'Still no English in the hotel, or in Bordighera, consequently no services in the chapel'³

1871 November 26 & December 23: 'Service performed by Revd J. Henning Wright from Mentone'

1872 March 31 Easter Day: 'Many went to the 1st Communion at the Italian Protestant Chapel'. December 1: 'Service in Hotel – Day very severe – Storm & rain'

² Exceptionally, after Brougham's unexpected departure, Keene took over for 3 months in February 1876.

³ According to the *Journal de Bordighera* (1900) Mr Neuman finally gave up his post and went away; his Chaplaincy was during the Franco-Prussian War, which made it difficult for the English to travel to Bordighera.

1873 February 23: 'Rev R. Kenyon preached in the Evening'. November 1 All Saints Day: 'Opening Services in the Church of All Saints. Sermon by Revd G.S. Fenton'. Note signed by A.S. Page B.A. Chaplain, Casa Rossa: 'Up to this date the Services had been held in a Chapel kindly lent by M. Lozeron of the Hotel d'Angleterre. But the Church of All Saints having been built by a family resident in Bordighera, the Church having been opened on All Saints Day 1873, the services were thenceforth held in the Church. The Colonial and Continental Church Society withdrew from the management of the Chaplaincy leaving the appointment in the hands of the builder of the Church'.

1874 March 25: 'Sermon preached by the Bishop of Gibraltar on his first Visitation'. April 2: 'Service taken by Revd E.L. Ward M.A.'

1875 November 1 All Saints Day: 'Holy Communion celebrated by Rev. E. Lilley'

1876 January 9: 'Preacher R. Corbett' January 30: 'Reader R. Corbett & J.R. Brougham'. February 2: 'The Lord Bishop of Gibraltar officiated at Holy Communion'. April 14: 'The Offertory was devoted to Mrs Boyce's Orphanage & Industrial School'. Pasted into the Register is a receipt from Louisa Boyce, Bella Vista, for the sum of 80 francs in aid of the industrial schools at the 'Asile Evangelico di Vallecrosia'. December 25 Christmas Day: 'Celebrant Rev C.V. Adams'

1877 March 31: the preacher in the afternoon was J. J. D. Dent Vicar of Hunsingore Yorks. April 14: the preacher in the afternoon was Charles Chartres [?] Sapperton [?]. May 18: 'Preacher & Celebrant Revd F.H. Vivian'

Selection of remarks made by Bicknell during his Chaplaincy

See the section of the register relating to his Chaplaincy (1 November 1878 to 1 May 1879)
14 pages reproduced on pages 1-14 of

http://clarencebicknell.com/images/downloads_news/all_saints_archives_images_april2017.pdf

As already mentioned, the church was the private property of its owner until 1883, so strictly speaking in 1878-79 it was still a chapel, and Bicknell refers to it as such.

In completing the first page of his Chaplaincy in November 1878, Bicknell began by crossing out words that his predecessor had written at the head of the page ('Bordighera ... From April 28 1878... Philip Cameron Wodehouse...'). Presumably Wodehouse, whose last entry on the preceding page was for Sunday April 21, expected to be present on April 28 and prepared a new page accordingly, and then either left unexpectedly or omitted to complete the register.

In place of the crossed-out words Bicknell wrote 'Private Chapel - Bordighera - Villa Rosa. Opened for the season 1878-79 by Holy Communion (according to the rites of the Church of England) on Nov 1st 1878. C. Bicknell M.A.'. On subsequent pages he wrote at the head of the page 'Private Chapel Bordighera. Officiant C. Bicknell M.A.'.

1878 November 1 All Saints Day: 'The chapel rather cold, & various complaints made'. November 17: 'The stoves in good working order today & all comfortable'. December 22: 'No afternoon sermon as I was too unwell to preach'. December 25: 'The offertory on Xmas Day was for the poor & was sent by me to Signor Carlo Rabassino, to be distributed according to his discretion'. This page from the Chaplain's Book, including Christmas Day 1878 when Bicknell officiated, is reproduced below.

Private Chapel Register		Attendance		Number of Communicants	Collections			REMARKS
SUNDAY		Morning	Evening		Chaplain's Fund	Other	Special	
25 th	Christmas Day 8-30am			11	20-	35-	70-	The offertory on Xmas Day was for the Poor, & was sent by me to Signor Carlo Rabassino, to be distributed according to his discretion.
	10-30			24	11-	60-	31-	
26 th	S. Stephen 8-30			3				
27 th	S. John "			3				
28 th	S. Innocent "			5				
29 th	1 st S. aft. Christmas 10-30			11	3-60	18-30		S. Luke ii - 12 S. Matt i - 21
1 st	New Year's Day 8-30			6				
	10-30			17	9-25	13-50		S. Luke ii - 21
5 th	2 ^d S. after Xmas			18	11-25	24-50		Mattheus, des. m. & S. C. today at 10.30. Chapel nearly full today. The 1 st day of really brilliant weather - calm & cloudless. of scales brilliant weather - calm & cloudless.
6 th	S. Epiphany 8-30			5				S. Matt. iv. 19.
	10-30			8				S. Matt. ii. 1-2
8 th	8-30			4				
12 th	1 st S. after Epiphany 8-30			5	1-20	15-		
	10-30				25-30	19-		S. Luke ii. 49 S. Luke ii. 28-32
19 th	2 ^d S. after Epiphany 10-30			28	13-25	27-50		S. Matt. xi. 23-30 S. John ii. 9-11.
				Total 60-17 132-00				
				72-154-82. Can. 72-367-00				

1879 January 3: 'Chapel nearly full today. The 1st day of really brilliant weather - calm & cloudless'. 'The Revd Alfred Gurney celebrated H.C. at 8.30 today'. February 26: 'The offertory today was for some special cases of sickness and distress in Bordighera'. March 6: 'The whole Chapel was 1st opened on Wednesday March 5 - very warm & pleasant'. March 9: 'Very full today, Chairs brought in from the house' April 13 Easter Day: 'Sermon by Revd R. W. Corbet' in afternoon. April 27: 'Sermon by R. W. Corbet' in afternoon. May 11: 'Holy Communion today in Chapel for Mrs Adams & others. Bishop of Gibraltar came'. May 14: 'The Offertory & offerings today of 400 lire were for the Hospital Fund'. May 22 Ascension Day: 'For the Hospital Fund'. June 1 Whitsunday: '61 lire sent to the Parrocho today for the poor & for the Hospital Fund'

Selection of remarks in the register after Bicknell's Chaplaincy

1879 November 30: 'Preacher J.S. Blunt, Master of St Katherine's Hospital'. The same person was Preacher in the afternoon on December 7, 14, 21, and 29.

1880 January 25: ‘Preacher C.G. Wodehouse, Rector of Mongewell, Oxon’. The same person was Preacher on February 8 and 22. March 22: ‘Celebrant J.B. Wilkinson, Incumbent of Church of Ascension, Lavender Hill’. March 28 Easter Day: ‘Celebrant 8 a.m. Rev A.M. Hunt, Vicar of Tipton, Devon.

1881 March 13: Morning Service by Bishop Courtenay late of Jamaica’. ‘A course of sermons was preached on Sunday afternoons in Lent by Revd John Scarth, Vicar of Gravesend, Canon of Rochester’ (Scarth became Chaplain at Bordighera in 1882).

Volume 2 (1899-1921)

This bound volume of about 100 pages has ‘All Saints’ Bordighera – Register of Services’ embossed in gilt on its front cover, and inside a label ‘Bemrose & Sons, Account Book Manufacturers, London and Derby’. It is much bigger than Volume 1, and the printed columns are arranged differently. Entries in it were made by Arthur T. Barnett (Chaplain 1889-1911) and Herbert C. Muriel (Chaplain 1911-21). Since this volume concerns a period much later than Bicknell’s Chaplaincy, it does not require detailed examination here. However, it includes some remarks worth mentioning:

1900 March 17: ‘Private celebration for Mrs Berry & Mrs F. Walker, Casa Fanshawe, 9.30’. Easter Day: ‘Rev Canon Campbell’. May 22: ‘Mrs Berry played the harmonium at 10.30’

1902 25 December: ‘W.R. Inge Fellow of Hertford College, Oxford’

1906 1 January: ‘The ashes of Dr George MacDonald, late of Casa Coraggio, who died in England and who was cremated, were at 9.30 today buried by me in the grave of his wife in the English Cemetery’

The volume also includes two documents pasted into the register which provide information on the history of the church.

- A press cutting entitled ‘The History of All Saints’ Church, Bordighera’ from the *Journal de Bordighera* of Dec 13 1900. It includes the following: ‘Mr Clarence Bicknell, the⁴ made his first appearance in these parts in the autumn of 1878, when he arrived as Chaplain for the season. We notice that on All Saints’ Day “various complaints were made” as the chapel was rather cold, but three weeks later he remarks that “the stoves were in good working order today, and all comfortable.” (Evidently it is no new thing for the church to be cold, but *can* it have been as cold in November 1878 as it is at Xmas 1900?)’. At the end someone has added in manuscript the attendance statistics for the period 1900 to 1929.

See 7 pages reproduced on pages 15-21 of

http://clarencebicknell.com/images/downloads_news/all_saints_archives_images_april2017.pdf

⁴ The word ‘the’ may be a printer’s error for ‘then’ (there are many other printer’s errors in the article).

- A leaflet of four pages entitled ‘Bordighera: All Saints Church’, reprinted from *The Anglican Church Magazine* Jan.-Febr. 1911. It gives a list of Chaplains from 1863 including ‘1878-9 the Rev C. Bicknell’ (sic) and mentions the enlargement of the church in the winter of 1878-79.

See 4 pages reproduced at pages 22-25 of

http://clarencebicknell.com/images/downloads_news/all_saints_archives_images_april2017.pdf

The register also has a plan of the land belonging to the church in 1899, including an adjacent plot of land labelled ‘Mr Bicknell’, and a plan of the church in 1900 showing the phases of enlargement since 1883.

3. Petition (1883)

The papers in this series include a petition to the Bishop of Gibraltar dated 3 August 1883 relating to the consecration of the church (the document held by LMA is a photocopy, not the original). It was signed by John Scarth (Villa Giulia), Charles Lowe (Casa Rossa), M. B. Buddicom (Villa Capella), and Clarence Bicknell (Villa Rosa).

The petition reads ‘Whereas at the request of the English Residents and others engaged in providing the Church of All Saints at Bordighera in the Kingdom of Italy for the celebration of Divine Service therein according to the rites and ceremonies of the Church of England, [the Bishop of London] has consented to accept a Conveyance of the said Church... We the undersigned Residents at Bordighera do hereby undertake that [the Bishop of London] shall be indemnified by the Trustees and the Congregation... against all expenses to which he may be liable as owner of the said Church’

4. Commentary

Appointment of Chaplains

From 1873 onwards ‘the appointment was in the hands of the builder of the church’ i.e. Mrs Rosa Fanshawe-Walker of Villa Rosa. As patron, she did not need to obtain approval of the Church of England authorities for the appointment, though she may well have consulted the diocesan Bishop (the Bishop of Gibraltar) or other Anglicans that she knew.

It is difficult to identify a pattern in the appointment of the six Chaplains who preceded Bicknell in the period 1873 to 1877. Most of the Chaplains in this period held appointments in the Church of England *in absentia* while serving in Bordighera. For example, Bicknell’s predecessor Wodehouse (1837-83) was Chaplain at Hampton Court Palace from 1866 to 1882. Bicknell’s predecessors do not seem to have been adherents of the ‘High Church’ or ‘Anglo-Catholic’ movement, as were Bicknell and later Stafford. Anglo-Catholics did not want take the Church of England into the Church of Rome (though individually some of them did ‘go over’ to Rome) but to restore ancient Catholic practices to the Church of England.

However, we do have a significant clue to her decision to appoint Bicknell. The Revd Rowland Corbet, a High Church man who founded the Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit which Bicknell joined in 1873, visited the Italian Riviera in 1874 and again in the winter of 1876, when he was welcomed in Bordighera by the English community and in particular by Mrs Fanshawe-Walker⁵. This visit may have led Corbet to recommend Bicknell to her, or to recommend the Bordighera chaplaincy to him. Corbet returned to Bordighera in 1879, during Bicknell's Chaplaincy, and gave sermons in the church.

It can hardly be a coincidence that one of Bicknell's successors, Charles Egerton Fiennes Stafford (Chaplain 1880-82), had not only been a curate at St. Paul's Walworth at the same time as Bicknell but also a member of the Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit. A visiting preacher during Stafford's Chaplaincy was the Anglo-Catholic priest J.B. Wilkinson, a member of the Society of the Holy Cross.

It is possible that Stafford was recommended to Mrs Fanshawe-Walker by Bicknell, or by Corbet, or that he visited Bordighera during Bicknell's Chaplaincy. At any rate, the fact that he, like Bicknell, had a High Church background suggests that this was no obstacle for the Anglican community in Bordighera.

Bicknell's Chaplaincy

The entries for 1878-79, when Bicknell was Chaplain, occupy six double pages of the register, whereas his predecessors used only two or three double pages for their Chaplaincies. The greater length is mainly due to the fact that Bicknell added an entry for Communion at 8.00 on most Sundays, and some weekdays, while his predecessors made entries only for Sunday morning and evening services, with occasional Sunday Communion. Evidently Bicknell wished to emphasise the role of the sacrament, in accordance with High Church practice.

What he wrote at the head of his first page in the register is also significant: 'Private Chapel - Bordighera - Villa Rosa. Opened for the season 1878-79 by Holy Communion (according the rites of the Church of England)'. This underlines the importance of the sacrament in the life of the church, and its conformity with Anglican doctrine. He also wrote 'Private Chapel Bordighera. Officiant C. Bicknell M.A.'. To describe it as a 'private chapel', rather than a 'church', was technically correct, since the building was not consecrated until 1883, but it's unclear why Bicknell, unlike his predecessors and successors, wished to make such a distinction. To describe himself as 'officiant' ('a person who performs a religious service') was also correct, but it's unclear why he preferred this to 'chaplain' ('a member of the clergy attached to a private chapel'). Finally, it's noticeable that in these entries, unlike most of his predecessors, he makes no mention of other positions held by him in the Church of England.

⁵ Source: Rolland Hein, George MacDonald: Victorian Mythmaker, 2014, p. 356.

Another feature of the entries during Bicknell's Chaplaincy was the insertion of columns giving the biblical references of the lessons read on Sunday mornings and afternoons - a meticulous addition to what had previously been entered in the register.

Enlargement of the church and size of the congregation

We know from the history of All Saints that 'during the winter of 1878-79 the first addition to the church was made, consisting of an elongation of the nave, and affording accommodation for about thirty more people'. This explains the entry in the register in 1879 saying that 'The whole Chapel was 1st opened on Wednesday March 5'. Although Bicknell was probably not responsible for raising the finance for this improvement - a fund for the enlargement of the church had already been started in 1873 - he did oversee its implementation.

A few days later on March 9 the church was 'Very full today, Chairs brought in from the house'. The register records that on Christmas Day 1878 the number of communicants was 35, more than in preceding years (24 in 1875, 26 in 1876, 16 in 1877) but less than in succeeding years (51 in 1879, 52 in 1880, 100 in 1881). The number of communicants on Easter Day 1879 was 44.

End of Bicknell's Chaplaincy

It has been suggested that Bicknell left the Bordighera Chaplaincy, and the Anglican Church, in 1879 because of a dispute with the Anglican community in Bordighera which disapproved of his fraternisation with the Roman Catholic community and its priest.

However, the fact that Bicknell left the Chaplaincy after one season was quite normal (all his predecessors had done so) and he did not leave prematurely (he served for 7 months, while his immediate predecessor served for 6½ months). The register shows that on various occasions during his Chaplaincy the offertory was 'for the poor', 'for some special cases of sickness and distress in Bordighera', 'for the Hospital Fund' and 'for the poor & for the Hospital Fund'. In the last case, the money was given to the Parrocho (the Roman Catholic parish priest). It may well be true that his association with the local priest provoked criticism, but there is no trace of it in the register of Church services (indeed, it would be surprising to find it there).

The story that the congregation of All Saints' Church rose up in protest when Bicknell devoted the Sunday service on 14 May 1879 to celebrating the feast of St Ampelio, Bordighera's patron saint, seems improbable. In fact the feast of St Ampelio (14 May) fell on a Wednesday in 1879. However, on that day a communion service was held in the church at 8.00, and Bicknell noted in the register that it was the feast of S Ampelio. Elsewhere in the register he recorded the feast days of major saints (SS Mark, Philip & James, Mathias, John, Stephen, and Thomas) but this was his only mention of the feast day of a minor saint.

It is more likely that Bicknell became disillusioned with the church than that the church rejected him. Apparently he considered becoming Chaplain at Bordighera on a permanent basis; in November 1879 he wrote to his friend Louisa MacDonald 'I feel pretty sure, after last winter, I should not be acceptable as regular chaplain. They said some of them I taught heresies, etc. that I taught and said many wrong, or at least very partially true & very many foolish things, I have no doubt, but to myself my gospel seemed truer and better than what I had originally learnt of men'⁶. In a letter to another friend⁷ he wrote 'I fear I have become rather narrow about all church things, having become convinced that the churches do more harm than good & hinder human progress, & look upon the pope, the clergy & the doctrines as a fraud, though not an intentional one'.

Bicknell's later involvement in the church

After his Chaplaincy in 1878-79, Bicknell continued to live in Bordighera until his death in 1918; in fact, he bought Villa Rosa, immediately next to the church, from Mrs Fanshawe-Walker. There is no evidence that he took any further part in the church's activities. The register for 1899-1921 makes no mention of him (except for his name on a plan that mentions his plot of land) and his death is not mentioned in the church's archives. Nor is there any mention of Alice Campbell, the supposed companion of his later years. However, the fact that Bicknell put his name (alongside that of the Chaplain) to the petition of 1883 relating to the consecration of All Saints, shows that he cooperated with it, and was accepted as a supporter of its work. Later, there are references in the register in 1900 to the involvement in the church of Mrs Berry, the wife of Bicknell's nephew Edward Berry.

⁶ Letter dated 28 November (probably 1879) in the George MacDonald Collection at Yale University.

⁷ Cited by Peter Bicknell (Clarence Bicknell's great-nephew) in *Clarence Bicknell (1842-1918): Essentially Victorian*, a lecture given at the Museo Bicknell, Bordighera, on 23 September 1988

Annex

Notes on persons mentioned

1. Chaplains of All Saints, Bordighera

Clarence Bicknell (1842-1918). A son of Elhanan Bicknell, London merchant and art-collector, he studied at Trinity College, Cambridge, in 1862-65, was ordained as an Anglican priest, and became a curate at St Paul, Walworth, London; he then joined the Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit, before going as Chaplain at Bordighera, where he lived for the rest of his life, pursuing his interests in botany, archaeology, and Esperant.



Charles Cubitt (1842-91). A son of Thomas Cubitt, the London builder, he studied at Trinity College, Cambridge 1859-64 (at the same time as Corbet and Bicknell), and was vicar of Great Bourton, Oxfordshire 1872-73.

John Scarth (1826-?). After studying at King's College, London, Scarth was a merchant in China for twelve years, then became Vicar of churches in Kent, and Canon of Rochester. He was also Chaplain at Venice and Port Said. In *Who Was Who* his recreations were listed as 'Missionary voyages in Asia, Africa, and Europe, also to fishing fleets and lightships'. In a pastoral letter in 1883 the Bishop of Gibraltar wrote 'The satisfactory settlement of the difficulties connected with the legal position and future destiny of this church [at Bordighera] is mainly due to the judgment and perseverance of Canon Scarth... who being again obliged to go abroad for his health, acted as Chaplain last winter at Bordighera, and has accepted the permanent Chaplaincy now established there'.

Charles Egerton Fiennes Stafford (1853-?) Son of the Revd James Charles Stafford (vicar of Dinton, Wiltshire), he studied at New College, Oxford, was curate of Dinton 1886-88, curate of St Paul, Walworth 1888-89 (where Bicknell was a curate 1886-73) and joined the Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit, Stoke-on-Tern.

Philip Cameron Wodehouse (1837-83) studied at Exeter College, Oxford, 1856-62, was chaplain at Hampton Court Palace 1866-82, curate of Teddington, Middlesex, 1861-8, and vicar 1882-83. The author P.G. Wodehouse (1881-1975) was a distant relative.

2. Visiting Preachers

J.S. Blunt appointed Master of St Katherine's Hospital by Queen Victoria in 1878. St Katherine's Hospital was a religious community, founded next to the Tower of London by Queen Matilda in 1147, for the care of sick poor persons. When St Katherine's Dock was constructed, the Hospital was transferred to Regent's Park where it functioned as an almshouse from 1823 to 1948.

Canon Campbell is interesting since 'Alice Campbell' (otherwise unidentified) is mentioned in some sources as the supposed companion of Bicknell in his later years. It is tempting to

identify him as Canon R. J. Campbell (1867-1956), a popular preacher who was Minister of the City Temple, London from 1903 to 1915 and later Canon of Chichester Cathedral (see below for links to biographical details). But it can hardly be him, since he did not become a Canon until 1930.

Rowland William Corbet (1839-1919) knew Bicknell since they both studied at Trinity College, Cambridge. He became a Fellow of St. John's College, Oxford, and was from 1868 Rector of Stoke-on-Tern, Shropshire, where in 1869 he created the Anglo-Catholic Brotherhood of the Holy Spirit, which Bicknell joined in 1873 (it was disbanded in 1879). In 1874 and 1876 Corbet visited the Italian Riviera, and in Bordighera was welcomed by the English community including Mrs Fanshawe-Walker; he preached in All Saints Church in January 1876, and in April 1879. For more on him, see the link below.



L. Burgess may be an error for Richard Burgess (1797-1881) Rector of Upper Chelsea

Joseph Jonathan Dent: educated at Eton College & Trinity College, Cambridge, Vicar of Hunsingore Yorkshire, Rural Dean, Canon

Alfred Gurney (1843–1898), studied at Exeter College, Oxford, and in 1879 became Vicar of St Barnabas, Pimlico, where he formed a ‘Catholic-minded community’. Friend of Christina Rossetti, Dante Gabriel Rossetti’s sister. Travelled in 1889 to Bayreuth for Wagner’s Parsifal with his aunt Emilia Russell Gurney. She was a prominent member of the ‘Cowper-Temple’ circle and went to their Broadlands conferences, which were attended also by Corbet, Gurney (in 1876) and Bicknell (in 1878).

William Ralph Inge (1860-1954) was Fellow and Tutor of Hertford College, Oxford, from 1888 to 1904, and Dean of St Paul’s Cathedral, London, from 1911. He was a figure of national importance (see below for links to biographical details) not only as a churchman but as an author and journalist.

E. Lilley Minister of St. Chrysostom's Church, Peckham, London, from 1833 to 1865

Francis Russell Nixon (1803-1879) studied at St John's College, Oxford, was Chaplain at Naples, Bishop of Tasmania 1842-63, went to live near Lake Maggiore where he died.

Thomas Milville Raven (1827-96) Rector of Crakehall, Yorkshire, from about 1872. He was an early photographer, using waxed paper and collodion. His ‘Account of a Photographic Tour from Jersey to the Pyrenees’ was published in 1858. Member of the Photographic Society of Scotland from 1856, and of London from 1864. A photograph of him taken in the 1860s is in the National Portrait Gallery, London (see link below)

F.V. Thornton Rector of Brown Candover with Chilton Candover, Hampshire

F.H. Vivian Curate of St. Bartholomew's, Bethnal Green, London. This church was built in about 1840, one of ten new churches in the densely populated parish of Bethnal Green, for the improvement of moral and social conditions. Its first curate in 1841 was the Anglo-Catholic Nathaniel Woodard, who became an influential educationalist. The church was converted into flats in the 1980s.

E.L. Ward Chaplain of the Anglican Church, Lyon, France, from 1853

John Bourdieu Wilkinson was the first Parish Priest of The Ascension, Lavender Hill, Battersea, London. This Anglo-Catholic church, financed by wealthy supporters, was built in the 1870's to a gothic revival design, and is still in use. Father Wilkinson was a member of the S.S.C. (Societas Sanctae Crucis - Society of the Holy Cross) a congregation of Anglican priests under a common Rule. Founded in London in 1855, it is still active, see link below.

C.G. Wodehouse Rector of Mongewell, Oxfordshire, elder brother of P.C. Wodehouse who was Chaplain of Bordighera.

Not otherwise identified C. V. Adams, Charles Chartres (of Sapperton), G.S. Fenton, A.M. Hunt (Vicar of Tipton), R. Kenyon, J. Henning Wright (from Mentone).

3. Residents of Bordighera

M. B. Buddicom may be related to **Harry William Buddicom** (1859-25) educated at Wellington College, assistant managing director of Blaina Iron and Tinplate Works, South Wales. His brother W. H. Buddicom (1859-93) purchased Villa Capella in Bordighera. Harry W. Buddicom and Sophia Buddicom appear in Clarence Bicknell's Visitors Book in 1910.

Charles Henry Lowe (1828-1909) made a fortune in international trade, lived in Wiltshire, and from 1876 onwards spent the winter in Bordighera. He made donations to good causes in Bordighera, where he created Italy's first Tennis Club. For more on him see link below

George MacDonald (1824-1905) Scottish author, poet, and Christian minister

Rosa Fanshawe-Walker (1834-1913) daughter of the Revd. Charles Fanshawe (1806-73) who had been in charge of parishes in Hampshire but as a 'martyr to asthma' retired to Bordighera with his wife and daughter. Rosa married Dr Sanderson William Matthew Walker at the British Consulate in Turin in 1870; it was in memory of their baby, who died in 1871, that she gave the land on which the church was built; Dr Walker died in 1876.

Links to further information

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