

# St Margaret Mapledurham: A Timeline 1900–2015

<b>RED LETTER DAYS</b>	<p><b>1947</b> Joined St Margaret's. Church was full with an average of 50 people</p>	<p><b>1962</b> My days in the choir continuing</p> <p><b>1962 &amp; 1964</b> Baptisms of my sons</p>	<p><b>1975</b> Marriage of my sons</p> <p><b>1977</b> Baptism of my son Neil</p>	<p><b>1980</b> Baptism of my son Laurence</p> <p><b>1989</b> Blessing of Adrian and my marriage</p>	<p><b>1999</b> Wedding of Richard and Natalie Barnett</p>
	<b>1900</b>	<b>1960</b>	<b>1970</b>	<b>1980</b>	<b>1990</b>
<b>BLUE DAYS</b>					

<b>RED LETTER DAYS</b>	<p><b>2006</b> Bells refurbished and rehung and dedicated by the bishop</p> <p><b>2006</b> Sailing down the Thames to dedicate the bells</p> <p>Picnic after St Margaret's patronal festival in the churchyard</p>	<p><b>2010</b> Christmas morning service. Church full of joy and lots of people</p> <p><b>2013</b> When Mary Westley volunteered to be our organist and we got a robed choir going again with a grant from the church</p>	<p><b>2013</b> My grandson's wedding</p> <p><b>2015</b> Working with Mike and Rachel to go through my confirmation.</p>	<p><b>2010</b> E gable of cross roof repaired</p> <p><b>2014</b> New hope. New rector who cares and comes to St Margaret's</p> <p><b>2015</b> Roofing grant. National Lottery Heritage Fund Listed Places Of Worship</p>	<p>inclusive and relevant church through their vision and steering</p> <p>Many thousands of houses need to be built in the middle of the Thames Valley as a matter of great urgency. Within 50 years, the southern part of Mapledurham Estate, at least, will be an extension of Caversham and St Margaret's will be at its heart</p>
	<b>2000</b>	<b>2010</b>		<b>Hope</b> for the future	
<b>BLUE DAYS</b>	<p><b>2000</b> The sad funeral of my dear mother Evelyn Inwards</p> <p><b>2005</b> My dear father's funeral - Tom Inwards</p> <p>Conflict over future leadership of the church - told it had to come from within the congregation</p>	<p><b>2010</b> When we were told we were on our own at St Margaret's when we didn't get too much assistance from the rector</p> <p><b>2011</b> Feeling of abandonment. Lack of support for providing priests for services</p>	<p><b>2012</b> Putting my wedding ring back on the altar when my marriage was over</p> <p><b>2014-15</b> PCC vacancy not filled</p> <p><b>2015</b> Hearing about the break-up of a marriage which had taken place around 10 years ago</p> <p><b>2015</b> Sad that our congregation is so small</p>	<p><b>2015</b> Bell ringing team very loyal and committed and attempting ever more difficult methods</p> <p><b>2015</b> Hope that St Margaret's can continue</p> <p><b>2015</b> Mike, Rachel, Marion and John moving us into a modern,</p>	<p>See a full church at times of Christmas and Easter and our patronal festival</p> <p>Feeling of unity when a problem arises or there is work to be done. No-one stands on the side lines, i.e. cleaning the church, Burns supper, harvest festival</p>



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## A Chronology 1154–2015

- 1500 and would die in 1539.
- 1549** *The first Book of Common Prayer is published with the daily and Sunday forms of worship published in English.*
- 1558** *Accession of Elizabeth I.* Richard Bruarne is vicar but resigns the following year.
- 1559** *Elizabethan Act of Uniformity and Religious Settlement.*
- c1599** The Savill Flagon is presented to the church by Lady Margaret Savill (now held at Eton College).
- 1603** *Death of Elizabeth 1 and the end of Tudor England.*
- 1623** The first of the present bells is hung while Thomas Matthew is vicar. He would die in 1630.
- 1627** The Mapledurham Register of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials begins.
- 1636** Daniel Collins is presented to the living. He is later appointed chaplain to King Charles I.
- 1642** *The outbreak of the English Civil War.*
- 1649** *On 30th January, Charles I, King and Martyr, is executed.*
- 1653** *Oliver Cromwell declares himself Lord Protector.*
- 1660** *Restoration of the monarchy under Charles II.*
- 1662** A new, revised Book of Common Prayer is published.
- 1664** The second of the present bells is hung.
- 1690** *The year of the Glorious Revolution and the defeat of James II by William III at the Battle of the Boyne.* The third of the present bells is hung.
- 1708** The first churchwardens' book is begun. On the first page is written, 'Churchwardens be shore to be cheratable to the por and be kind to the widow and fatherless and then god almighty will you bless.'
- 1716** Stephen Weston is instituted as vicar. He had been Usher (Lower Master) at Eton and later Vice-Provost. In 1724 he was appointed Bishop of Exeter. His monument is in the South Choir aisle of Exeter Cathedral.
- 1726** Edward Littleton is instituted as vicar. He was appointed chaplain to King George II in 1730. His widow married the next vicar, John Burton, who had been Vice-Provost of Eton.
- 1764** The present tenor bell was hung while John Burton was still vicar.
- 1787** The treble bell is recast while Thomas Barnard is vicar. He had previously been Minister of St. Michael's church in Bridgetown, Barbados and had married a rich lady there who bore him six children. His brother, Edward, had been Provost of Eton.
- 1818** Institution of John Bird Sumner as vicar. He, subsequently, was appointed Bishop of Chester in 1828 and was translated as the ninety-first Archbishop of Canterbury in 1848. His effigy is in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral.
- 1829** On the elevation of John Bird Sumner (see above) Lord Augustus FitzClarence, a natural son of William IV (then Duke of Clarence) by the actress, Mrs Dorothea Jordan, is instituted. He is the only son of a British monarch to have been ordained in the Church of England. In 1831 he presented to the church a magnificent service of plate (now on loan to the Victoria & Albert Museum). William IV presented the clock in the tower (hence the letters W R – *Williamus Rex* – on its face). Roman Catholic Relief Act given the Royal Assent six days after Lord Augustus was instituted.
- 1830** The new church school is opened. William IV gave a donation of £100.00 towards its completion.
- 1854** Edward Craven Hawtrey is instituted. He had been Head Master And Provost of Eton. He was the last person to be buried in the chapel at Eton.
- 1862** Edward Coleridge, a nephew of the poet STC Coleridge, is instituted. He had been Lower Master of Eton. He appointed the Tractarian architect, William Butterfield, to completely restore the church. The work far exceeded the faculty granted.
- 1864** The restored church reopens for worship. Services were conducted at Lilley Farm while the work was in progress. Sir Francis Chantrey's statue of a mother and her children, commissioned by William IV, had now been removed from the back of the church. (it is on display in the Picture Gallery at Buckingham Palace).
- 1883** Francis St. John Thackery is instituted. He died in 1919 and was the last vicar of Mapledurham to be buried in the churchyard.
- 1920** Alfred Hands Cooke is instituted. He had been Headmaster of Aldenham School and had previously had a distinguished scholastic career at Kings College, Cambridge.
- 1935** Ernest Livingstone Macassy is instituted. He took legal proceedings against the academic and broadcaster, C.E.M. Joad while vicar. As a result, Joad's publishers, Faber & Faber, had to pulp a book written by him and give an ex gratia gift of £300 to the church. Joad was later found guilty of avoiding paying a railway fare and his career was, subsequently, destroyed. Mr Macassy was the first vicar of Mapledurham to be awarded a Lambeth D.D. He founded the parish magazine and raised funds to install electric light and heating in the church.
- 1948.** Charles Purvis Sherwood is instituted. He is the first graduate of an Australian university to be vicar of Mapledurham. He had been an RAFVR chaplain during the War.
- 1954** William Francis Coles is instituted. He had been the Oxford Diocesan Inspector of Schools from 1930 to 1936.
- 1966.** Mapledurham ceases to be an independent parish after nearly nine hundred years and joins the parish of Caversham with John Grimwade as Rector. The vicarage is sold by the diocese. A new era begins.
- 1983** Richard Kingsbury is installed as Rector
- 2008** Dan Tyndall is installed as Rector. The new Parish of Caversham Thameside and Mapledurham is formed, incorporating the church of St John the Baptist.
- 2014** Mike Smith is installed as Rector