

Turvey Rectory Archive

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January 2023

1. Parish Newsletters

2. Documents

Baptism Card – Francis Edward Bailey – 5 May 1929

Baptism Card – Gertrude Ada White – 27 May 1900

Wall Chart - Turvey Almanack – 1916

Mordaunt Papers containing

- Mr Mordaunt's Warrant – Copy of warrant making John Mordaunt Baron and Viscount. Original dated 8 July 1659, in British Museum. Copy dated 22 April 1905
- Handwritten note – Description of tomb of Lord Peterborough's daughter buried in the Gordon Chapel in Elgin Cathedral, died 11 October 1760
- Handwritten note – abbreviated family tree of the Mordaunts from John, 1st Viscount to Charles Henry, 5th Earl
- Handwritten note – Rubbing from the Halsall token, commemorating the turning of the first sod of the Leeds to Liverpool canal on 5 November 1770 by Col. Charles Lewis Mordaunt
- Letter from A Colin Cole, Windsor Herald of Arms at The College of Arms describing the Mordaunt arms, and a photocopy.
- Handwritten page – John, the 1st Earl of Peterborough – copied from Bridges' History of Northamptonshire 1791
- Handwritten page – Charles, 3rd Earl of Peterborough – copied from Bridges' History of Northamptonshire 1791
- Typewritten sheets – Turvey & the Mordaunts – Description of a visit to Turvey by the Architectural Excursions Club, date unknown
- Notebook (re-used examination paper) – handwritten notes about the history of the Mordaunts, written post 1937.
- Notebook – handwritten notes on the history of Turvey church
- Envelope from Trinity College Dublin addressed to Mr K Littler, postmarked 15 November 1991 – contains a letter answering an enquiry about the tomb of Sir John Mordaunt in Turvey church with a photograph of the tomb.

Extract from A Bedfordshire Armorial by FW Kuhlicke – xxxviii Mordaunt of Turvey, a brief history of the Mordaunts, undated

Plastic wallet containing 11 letters to Rev Munby asking for information about Turvey families, dated 1888-1899

Printed sheets – The Last Will and Testament of the Reverend Legh Richmond 1827

Handwritten letter (and envelope with seal) from Charles Longuet Higgins to Thomas Charles Higgins asking for funds for a Sunday School tea, 23 February 1859

The Turvey Parish Almanack, 1854

Handwritten pages – Notes on the Hermit of Turvey Bridge, KW Littler, 10 July 1989, also notes about the flood of 1823 and the subsequent removal of the causeway.

Photocopy of a letter from Elizabeth Wallbridge to Legh Richmond, undated

Typewritten pages – Memories of Turvey, 1900 - , Dorothy Stewart Humphry, 9 May 1980

Order of Service – In loving memory of Joscelyne Marion Nash, All Saints Church, 17 April 1999

Order of Service – Service for the Licensing of the Reverend Josephine Spray, All Saints Church, 24 June 2002

Flysheet – An Evening at Turvey House, 16 July, year unknown

Order of Service – Funeral of Prunella Kathleen Charlotte Hanbury, All Saints' Church, 2 February 2004

Letter addressed to The Squire, Turvey House postmarked 8 March 1920 containing

- Handwritten note – Mementoes of life at Turvey, long cherished by the late AM Vibert who was for several years Governess to the daughters of Mr and Mrs (Thos. Charles) Higgins of Turvey House
- Pen drawing of Rev Mr Munby
- Brass rubbing from the tomb of John Richardson 1612
- Organist's instructions for the Services on 20 May 1860
- Organist's instructions for the Services at All Saints' Church on 15 July 1877

Small box containing unused bus tickets, FL Bailey and F & C Bailey, Turvey

3. Newspaper Cuttings

The Universe newspaper from 11th July 1980 – Contains an article 'Recusant house to be twin monastery' about the Olivetan Benedictines moving to Turvey Abbey

Newspaper cuttings about the widening of Turvey bridge in 1933

Newspaper Cuttings – Letters and articles about the statue of Jonah and his partner by Turvey Bridge, a history of the statues and some pictures, 1893 – 1953

4. Church History

Envelope – Notes from CL Higgins about Modifications to Turvey Church – containing

- Hand-stitched notebook – Memorandum about the restoration of the church, in the handwriting of Mr CL Higgins
- 2 computer printed copies of a transcript of the above.
- Typewritten page – Notes re Turvey Church before the Restoration 1852-4
- Handwritten notes on the back of an envelope – copied from Harvey (?) about the pews and organ.

Booklet - Turvey Church and its Monuments – A paper read at a General Meeting of the Bedfordshire Architectural and Archaeological Society by Charles Longuet Higgins of Turvey Abbey – undated

Booklet - Turvey's Belfry – The Bells of All Saints' Church – 3 original copies and 1 photocopy – price 15p – undated, but post 1977

Booklet - All Saints', Turvey – Church Guide – price 1s3d – undated – 3 copies

Booklet - All Saints, Turvey's Parish Church – undated, but post 1980 – 5 copies

Typewritten sheets – All Saints Church Turvey – Centenary of Rededication after Restoration 10 October 1854 – A talk given at evensong on 10 October 1954 about the restoration

Handwritten note – Turvey Church, Cost of Restoration, January 1875

Printed cut-and-paste booklet – All Saints Church Turvey – A celebration for All Saints and a Thanksgiving for the Restoration of the Nave Roof – Order of Service, 30 October 2005

Printed booklet – Service of Thanksgiving – Millenium(sic) 981-1981 All Saints Turvey, 21 June 1981 – Order of Service (two copies – one slightly damaged)

Handwritten page – Note re Turvey Church before the restoration 1852-4, KWL(ittler), September 1990

5. Village Events

Programme – Turvey Mysteries Presents The Passion, 23/24 March 2007

Programme – Turvey Village Jubilee Fete, 3 September 1977

Plastic wallet – Printed and handwritten notes from Mothers' Union meetings 2002

Programme – Celebration of Local Arts, Crafts and Skills, Turvey Village Hall, 2 November 1991

6. Photographs and Sketches

5 photographs of All Saints Church – undated

Five sketches regarding the Mordaunt Arms

Black photographic bag – Photos NSPCC Teddy Bear Event 13 June 1990

Plastic wallet containing

- Programme from the Midsummer Music festival, 21st June 2003 (water damaged)
- Reproductions of four early postcards with views of the village – Nell's Well, High Street (Central Stores), Bridge Street (Three Fishes), The Abbey
- Photograph of a painting by Joan Partridge of Turvey Lower School
- Ten photographs of various ages showing village events and school children

Photograph – Rev Peter Jeffery with the choir, date unknown

3 photographic reproductions – Drawing by Dean Burgon of Turvey Church West End, 1841

Envelope containing 8 photographs of portraits of Legh Richmond and members of his family, of his bible, diary and other books and letters

Plastic wallet containing

- Two photographs of Turvey church interior, one dated 1910
- Sepia print of the rectory, undated
- Picture of the memorial tablet to John Newton of Olney, in St Mary Woolnoth church in the City of London

Engraving of the monument of Louis Lord Mordaunt in the North Chancel of Turvey Church, 19 September 1823

Wallet – Collection of photographs from various events, probably early 2000s

Wallet – Collection of photographs of the flower festival in All Saints Church celebrating the church's millennium in 1981

Photograph album – 22 photographs of the All Saints Millennium flower display and exhibition 20-21 June 1981

7. Books and Booklets

Booklet - Mordanto / Too Witty for a General – Charles Mordaunt, Earl of Peterborough & Monmouth (1658-1735), and More Light on Mordanto, a supplement published in 1996. A biography, author unknown

Turvey Scrapbook – Brown velvet covered boards embroidered in gold thread containing

- A black and white photograph of the church interior, unknown date
- Parish Church Warming Fund – an extract from The Turvey Parish Magazine of April 1892 describing improvements to the church heating and listing subscribers to the fund.
- Pedigree of Higgins of Turvey – A family tree dated January 1880.
- Extract from the Beds Times of 11 February 1927 about Charles Longuet Higgins
- Three Photographs of Rev G F W Munby, Rector of Turvey 1869 – 1905, printed as postcards
- Book Plate – Charles Longuet Higgins MA, Turvey Abbey, AD 1874
- Small sheet of paper (11 x 18cm) with handwritten notes, possibly a plan for a book
- Newspaper article – Charles Longuet Higgins – In Memoriam – 23 January 1897
- Newspaper article – The Steward Passes – The Law of Property Act supersedes the role of the Court Baron, unknown date (probably January 1926 when the act came into force).

- Flysheet – The Manor of Turvey, notice to hold the View of Frankpledge and Court Baron on 25 November 1887
- Extract from booklet – substantial repairs needed to the church, January 1899
- Booklet – Turvey Church, Bedfordshire – Its History and Its Monuments - GFW Munby, October 1900
- Booklet – Parish Church, Turvey – An appeal for funds to repair the roof of St Mary’s chapel, GFW Munby, December 1899
- Handwritten Leaflet – Quinquagesima Sunday 15 February 1863 – Instructions for the church organist
- Handwritten page – Women selected for gift clothing at Christmas 1884 – the last one written by Charles Longuet Higgins
- Half Page – Ecclesiastical Charities, year ending 25 March 1912 – List of expenditure, left hand side of page missing.
- Leaflet – Parish Church, Turvey, Restoration of the Roof of St Mary’s Chapel – concluding account of funds raised, unknown date probably 1900
- Leaflet – Parish Church, Turvey – Accounts for the completion of the organ restoration, GFW Munby, 7 September 1904
- Leaflet – Parish Church, Turvey – The Turvey Organ – appeal for funds for the repair of the organ, GFW Munby, May 1903
- Leaflet – Parish of Turvey – Receipts and Expenditure of the Churchwardens for the year ending Easter 1904
- Booklet – Special Forms of Service in commemoration of Her Late Majesty Queen Victoria, 1901
- Handwritten note – Contents of the Mordaunt vault in Turvey Church – Joseph Wooding, Parish Clerk, 1835-1858
- Booklet – Parish of Turvey – Receipts and Expenditure of Churchwardens for the year ending Easter 1910 – CB Hulton (Rector)
- Newspaper cutting – Clerk-Baronet – LCC Official Succeeds to Ancient Title – Henry John Mordaunt becomes 12th baronet on the death of his father, 1934
- Handwritten extract from the Turvey Parish Register, the will of the 1st Lord Mordaunt, died 1560, concerning repairs to the bridge
- Newspaper cutting – Legh Richmond – Centenary commemoration service at Turvey – Beds Times, 13 May 1927
- Newspaper cutting – Douglas Richmond, grandson of Legh Richmond dies 3 April 1930 – Beds Times, 18 April 1930
- Newspaper cutting – linking Legh Richmond and John Bunyan – unknown newspaper, unknown date (around 1927)
- Leaflet – Turvey Church Choir – Ye watchers and ye holy ones – music and words from the English Hymnal. This hymn was sung at the centenary commemoration of Legh Richmond, and the leaflet may date from this time
- Handwritten copy of a letter by Legh Richmond asking for support for a school and school house at Turvey in 1812
- Leaflet – To the Parishioners of Turvey – New Year message from GFW Munby, 1 January 1905
- Leaflet – To the Parishioners of Turvey – New Year message from Campbell B Hulton, 1 January 1910
- Leaflet – To the Parishioners of Turvey – New Year message from Campbell B Hulton, 25 December 1910

- Handwritten copy of a manuscript relating to Turvey Bridge – Court cases of 24 February 1731 and 3 July 1738
- Booklet – Unveiling and Dedication of the Turvey War Memorial – Order of service, 27 December 1919
- Leaflet – The South Door in Turvey Church – Turvey Church Monthly Magazine, May 1890
- Handwritten note – For the burial of Capt. Sidmouth Howell Skipwith of Woodside House Turvey – statement of account, 19 September 1872, said to be written by Richard Wooding, first sexton of the cemetery
- Brass rubbing – from the tomb of John Richardson, died 1612
- Stitched foolscap pages (3 sets) containing handwritten notes on the history of Turvey Church, the Manor of Turvey, the Rectory and other smaller estates, with some attached inserts giving further information. A very detailed description of the church and of the history of the Mordaunt family

Minutes Book – National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children – Ladies' Committee Book – Turvey Bedfordshire, 1948 – 1961, Contains minutes of NSPCC meetings, list of charitable trusts in Bedfordshire, and accounts from the centenary appeal of 1992

Small booklet – A Short History of Turvey School for Turvey People, CB Hulton (Rector)

Small booklet – Turvey Benedictines – Year in Review 2011

Turvey News, March 2012

Booklet – The Order for Evensong with the hymns for a District Festival of Parish Choirs, Turvey 1872

Book – Former Days at Turvey by Rev GFW Munby, James Nisbet & Co, 1908

Book – Jonah's Portrait by Thomas Jones, LB Seeley & Son, 1823

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4. Church History

- Ring binder containing extensive notes about the history and building of the church compiled by Len Savage (1921-2009).

5. Village Events

6. Photographs and Sketches

7. Books and Booklets

- Harvey W M, History of Willey Hundred – First section of part 3 – Turvey
- The Church Missionary Gleaner 1898
- Turvey Non-Ecclesiastical Charities 1929 – 2002 – Lists of recipients and minutes of meetings.
- Turvey Non-Ecclesiastical Charities 1937 – 2003 – Accounts.
- Home Words for Heart and Hearth 1893 – Includes bound copies of Turvey Parish Magazine for 12 months of 1893.
- Home Words for Heart and Hearth 1895 – Includes bound copies of Turvey Parish Magazine for 12 months of 1895.
- Three books presented to the Rev G F W Munby on his appointment to the Rectory of Turvey – Richmond L, Annals of the Poor 1868 – Richmond L, Domestic Portraiture 1861 – Grimshawe TS – A Memoir of Legh Richmond 1853.
- Richmond L, Annals of the Poor 1828.
- Richmond L, Annals of the Poor 1976.
- Richmond L, Annals of the Poor 1983.

- Bedfordshire Churches in the Nineteenth Century, Part III Parishes S to Y, published by Bedfordshire Historical Record Society 2000.
- Grimshawe T S, A Memoir of the Rev Legh Richmond 1828.
- Turvey Parish Registers 1602 – 1812, Bedfordshire County Record Office 1979.
- Turvey Now, the 1980s and beyond – Turvey Appraisal Committee.
- The Ecclesiastical and Architectural Topography of England – Bedfordshire 1848
- The Ecclesiastical and Architectural Topography of England – Buckinghamshire 1849
- Kuypers C T – Thorndon: Its History and Associations – 1930.
- Dom Edmund Jones – A Celebration of his Life and Work – Cockfosters Parish Magazine (Focus) June 1985.
- Not Another Guide Book – Cameo Studies of North Bedfordshire Book 1 – The North Bedfordshire Preservation Society 1970s.
- Theology – A Monthly Review – December 1942.

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1. Parish Newsletters

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- Plastic wallet containing
 - letter from Robert Pratt of Little Gaddesden about the removal of Jonah from Ashridge dated 06/06/1895.
 - handwritten note by Helen Higgins copied from the abbey scrapbook about the removal of Jonah dated March 1892.
 - handwritten copy from Dugdale's History of England and Wales about Ashridge.
- Letter addressed to Rev Peter Jeffery containing a transcript from the Parliamentary Gazetteer of 1843-44 about Turvey and the Willey hundred.- undated, unsigned.
- Printed page from a book – 'The County of Bedford' no information about Turvey, undated.
- Printed pages from a publication – obituary of Charles Longuet Higgins by John William Burgon, undated.
- The Gazetteer and New Daily Advertiser 5 March 1788 – containing an advertisement for the sale of Lodge and Hall Farms and the advowson in Turvey.
- Two letters from Rev Eric Kingston to Mrs Pollitt dated 1982 and 1984 about the pulpit that was removed from Turvey church in 1852, now in Annahilt church, Co. Down, with 5 photographs
- Letter from Percy Wright to Rev Peter Jeffrey about the history of the Sargent family, 11 July 1993, 6 handwritten pages attached.
- Handwritten note about stone brought from the Old Hall, Easton Maudit to Turvey Abbey and Laws House following its demolition in 1801, unknown author, unknown date.
- Handwritten note by KWL (Ken Littler) about the Chantry chapel, 28 April 1989.
- Four handwritten pages of notes about the life of Legh Richmond, unknown author, undated.
- Handwritten page of notes about buildings in Turvey, unknown author, undated.
- Handwritten page of notes about the Mordaunts, unknown author, undated.
- Two handwritten pages of extracts from the Exchequer records in 1294 in the reign of Edward I. Valuation of stock in the farms of Turvey and Barford, unknown author, undated.
- Handwritten note giving page references TO Turvey in Graham's History of St. Neots, unknown author, undated.
- Handwritten notes referring to Fountains Abbey, unknow author, undated.
- Envelope addressed to the Rector of Turvey from GB (Guy Beech) enclosing documents for the Turvey archives, September 1943.

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- The Parishes of Bedfordshire XXII Turvey, Beds Standard, 17 February 1911.
- Our Towns and Villages No 56 Turvey, Northampton Mercury and Herald, 1954.
- Death of Sir Charles Mordaunt, 1890s.
- The Tinker of Turvey, Bedfordians Diary, January 1954.
- Turvey of a Century ago Recalled, October 1954.
- Roman Turvey, 1953.

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- Handwritten notebook from the latter part of the 19th century containing a history of Turvey, the church, the manor and the Mordaunts – unknown author.
- Bedford in the Olden Times, author unknown, undated probably late 1830s.
- Gray's Book Bulletin, Local Series No 1, Bedfordshire. A bookseller's list late 19th century.
- Exercise Book – Turvey and its Church – handwritten, author unknown, 1910s.

8. Artefacts

- Needle case with an image of Turvey Church.