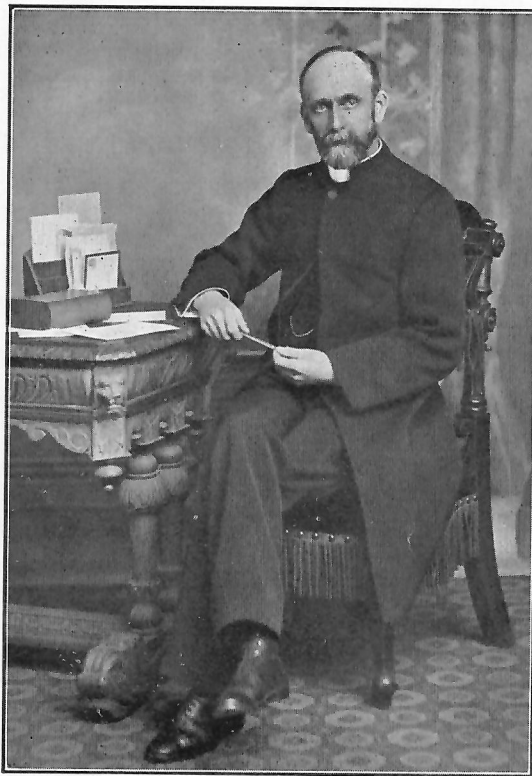


The fifth instance was in September, 1902, when a gale partly dislodged, and threw out of position, the top stone and the weather-cock. Repairs were undertaken at once, and the tower and spire re-pointed at the same time.

A List, with dates, of alterations, restorations, improvements, or additions to the Church, &c., so far as any record of the same can be found.

There is nothing to show at what dates restorations, alterations, or repairs were done to the church for the first five hundred years of its existence, but there must, of course, have been much done in that long period, as will be seen from the notes of Mr. William Creaser (Page 31).

- A.D. 1641. The second bell was placed in the tower, bearing the inscription "Sola Dei Gloria," and "Vicar, I.S. (John Starr), G.A., M.A., J.P., Churchwardens." [The first bell is of pre-Reformation date, but bearing no legible inscription.]
- A.D. 1698. Bell frames and brasses new, made by John Hodgson, of Wintringham, and Ralph, his son, carpenters. Cost £23.
- A.D. 1699. New seats in the church.
- A.D. 1703. The church was beautified by John Welbanke at a cost £4 2s. 6d., and 10/- a year to keep it in repair for seven years.
- A.D. 1820. New roof, ceiling, new pews, and the walls of the church repaired. The money for this work was chiefly raised by a rate of 2/- in the pound, there being eight large subscribers ranging from £21 to £1. The work cost £229 5s. 0d. A quaint note with regard to these alterations appears as follows:—"The work was urged on by Parson Green, who was bent on having an under-drawn roof, as he was very subject to cold in his head."
- A.D. 1860. The churchyard was enlarged by the addition of Oa. 2r. 38p. This was done at the cost of £680, viz., for the purchase of the land and the defraying the expenses



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ments. The church roof, lead work and tower, thoroughly repaired; and the wall of the church two feet upwards from foundation pointed. Ventilators put in on south side to counteract the tendency to dry-rot in floor. The church was provided with prayer books and hymn books for clergy, choir, and congregation at a cost of £8 11s. 0d.

- A.D. 1894. The Patron, A. J. Cholmley, Esq., gave 50 Austrian pines to be planted in the churchyard.
- A.D. 1894. Oak eagle lectern, by subscription of the parishioners, given in memory of the Rev. Wm. MacDowall, Vicar of Rillington, 1864-1889.
- A.D. 1895. Handsome brass cross and altar candlesticks, presented by Mrs. Harland, wife of the Vicar, in memory of her father. New oak reredos carved by Rev. Harold S. Glover, and bearing the text "Verbum caro factum est" (S. John 1, 14), *i.e.*, "The word is made flesh."
- A.D. 1895. A new Bible for the lectern given by the Rev. G. A. Grenside, Rural Dean, bearing the following inscription:—"In friendly and grateful acknowledgment of the work done by the Rev. Harry Stanley Carpenter for this church and its services during the five years (1889-1894) he was Vicar. I give this book to the glory of God, and for use in the Parish Church, Rillington."—GEORGE A. GRENSIDE, Rural Dean, March, 1895.
- A.D. 1898. New positive organ, as a memorial of the Diamond Jubilee of H. M. Queen Victoria. Total cost £100, raised by subscriptions. Dedicated by Ven. Archdeacon Mackarness, Eve of St. Thomas, 1898.
- A.D. 1899. Beautiful white altar frontal, presented by Mrs. Hawson, Miss Hawson, and Miss Bertha Garland. Oak hymn-board given by Mr. G. W. Hawson.
- A.D. 1900. Painting exterior of church and colouring interior, and with scrolls painted over the east window, "Holy, Holy, Holy," and over the chancel arch, "The House of God," "The Gate of Heaven." Cost about £15.
- A.D. 1902. Green altar frontal, made and presented to the church by Mrs. Stratford, wife of the Vicar. The reredos painted and gilded at the Vicar's expense.

- A.D. 1902. The church tower and spire repaired after damage by gale in September, (the top stone and weathercock having been partly dislodged). The weathercock was taken out, cleaned, and re-set, and the tower and spire re-pointed from top to bottom at a cost of £25, covered by subscriptions. The work done by Messrs. Tattersall & Sons, Middlesboro'.
- A.D. 1905. A stained-glass east window erected. Subjects:—Centre light, A Resurrection Figure of our Blessed Lord, with S. Andrew and S. Peter, in the right and left lights; the smaller lights above containing figures of the four Evangelists. £135 was raised by subscriptions of parishioners and friends, the proceeds of a bazaar (£63 5s. 0d.), &c. The total cost of the window with the expenses in connection, faculty fee, &c., amounted to £117 15s. 6d. New Prayer books and hymn books, 150 of each, were provided for the congregation with the surplus, and there remained a balance of £5 8s. 5d., which was eventually made the nucleus of a fund for the erection of a church clock. The east window was dedicated by the Lord Bishop of Hull on January 31st, 1905. The artist and designer of the window was Mr. H. Victor Milner, of London.
- A.D. 1908. An additional burial ground was consecrated by the Lord Bishop of Hull on March 24th. One acre of land was given by Wilfred H. Hudleston, Esq. The cost of fencing, preparing of ground, conveyancing, and incidental expenses, amounted to £80 2s. 5d., which was covered by voluntary subscriptions from the parishioners of Rillington and Scampston.
- A.D. 1908. A church clock, made by Messrs Potts and Sons, of Leeds, having faces N., S., and E., was erected and dedicated by Ven. Archdeacon Mackarness, on July 2nd, 1908. The cost of the clock was £130, and with incidental work £156 16s. 10d. £216 10s 5d. was raised, *viz.*, £75 10s. 5d. by a bazaar, and the remainder by subscriptions, &c. A balance in hand remained of £59 13s. 7d., with which it was decided to start a fund for the repair of the bells and frames, and, if possible, to obtain a third bell.

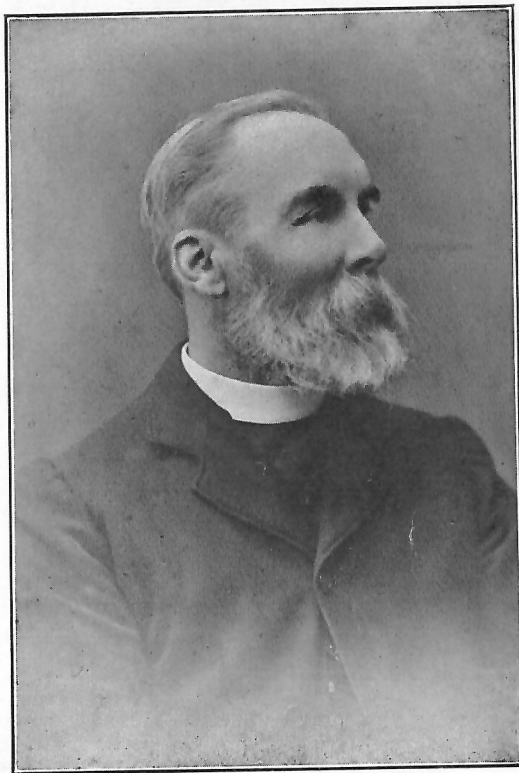
A.D. 1909. On October 7th, the day of the Harvest Thanksgiving, a new bell, making a ring of three, and bearing the inscription "Sola Salus Servire Deo," together with the names of the Vicar and Churchwardens—Wm. Heseltine and T. Hodgson—was dedicated at a special service in the afternoon by Ven. Archdeacon Mackarness. At the same time, the belfry had been fitted with entirely new iron frames and fittings, and of the older two bells, one was re-cast, and the other quarter-turned. The total cost was £147 17s. 8d., which was covered by the balance from the clock fund and one other subscription; the remainder, upwards of £90, being the generous gift of one donor, a native of Rillington, now living in South America, Mr. Mark Sutton, of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, as a gift to the Church, upon the baptism of his son, Walter, in Rillington Church on August 2nd, 1909.

A.D. 1910 The interior of the church distempered, wood-work repaired, all the seats and church doors painted and varnished, chancel carpets and hangings dyed and renovated, new crimson matting for aisle and vestry, new hassocks for kneeling, one new lamp, and the churchyard path (south side) asphalted. Total cost £30.

A.D. 1910. An engrossed and illuminated list of the Rectors and Vicars of Rillington from A.D. 1230, framed and placed in the church, the gift of the Vicar.

From the above statistics it will be seen that during the past 25 years (1885 to 1910) £1,424 odd has been spent upon the church in various restorations, alterations, and improvements. In addition to this (as will also be seen) there have been many valuable gifts to the church, the cost of which is not mentioned. The list moreover does not include several gifts of smaller value and importance during the period.

Work still necessary to be done is,—(1) to repair with new stone in places, and re-point the external walls of the church, and the window mouldings. (2) The panneling and decorating of the chancel walls, according to the architect's design.



The REV. WM. THOS. STRATFORD, Vicar of Rillington. 1902 —

Lines written by the Rev. Edward Collett, of Retford, on the new bell of Rillington Church, dedicated October 7th. 1909. The motto "*Sola salus servire Deo*" signifies "*Our only safety is in serving God.*"

THE BELL'S SOLILOQUY.

High in the belfry, out of sight

I hang in my iron frame,

A faithful priest that day and night

Still chanteth ever the same.

Through summer calms my accents steal,

Or sweep on wintry blasts far round —

A prayer for all the common weal

Fills the wide welkin when I sound : —

ORA PRO NOBIS, evermo'.

SOLA SALUS SERVIRE DEO.

Ever and often with plaintive tone,

I count the hours of day,

And mark the midnight watches lone,

And ring at Curfew gray.

The bride doth smile to hear me ring,

And o'er her hopes my blessing say ;

The mourner sighs as slow I swing,

Warning that all must pass away : —

ORA PRO NOBIS, evermo'.

SOLA SALUS SERVIRE DEO.

And still I chant, with changeless note,

Amid all changing time,

And calm and true my accents float,

In knell, and ring, and chime ;

Till youth to ancient days hath passed

My welcome note knows no decay : —

Type of the joys, and bright foretaste

Of those sweet tones that last for aye —

ORA PRO NOBIS, evermo'.

SOLA SALUS SEVIRE DEO.

THE SACRAMENTAL PLATE is of silver ; THE CHALICE bearing marks Fleur de lys and K.B. is thus interpreted— "K"=the date letter 1570 ; "B"=the date letter 1684 (but this in shield) ; "Fleur de lys" and leopard's head crowned, dimidiated in circular stamps=York, prior to 1701. THE PATEN bearing mark Q=London, date letter 1713, (from March, 1696, to June 1720). Britannia and Lion's head erased in silver, substituted for leopard's head crowned and lion