

The Ancient Library Photograph Collection

Anyone visiting the Ancient Library will notice the photographs of Vicars of St James and the first Bishops on the north wall. The earliest is of The Honourable E. Pellew, Vicar 1845-65, and others include Archdeacon George Hodges, Provost Orpen and Bishop Hodgson (1914-21).

The library has an extensive collection of photographs of clergy, the building in its many stages of development over the last 150 years and significant events in our history. There is a photograph of the choir in about 1870 with nearly all of its fifty members named, including Mr Fearnside the Organist. We have the Queen's visit in 1961, Archbishop Michael Ramsey laying the foundation stone of the new chancel in 1964 and Eric Browning, as a choir boy, holding Archbishop Cosmo Lang's train at the celebration of the coming of age of the diocese in 1935.

Other delights include Junior Church in the Cloister Hall; the Friends with an Archbishop in Spain; trumpeters and a smiley policeman; the Jubilee Cross on a tractor; the Aldeburgh lifeboat in the Abbey Gardens in 1906 and the Flower Festival in 1992.

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