

# St Anne's Church Baslow

## Tablets on the Walls inside the Church And including the War Memorial

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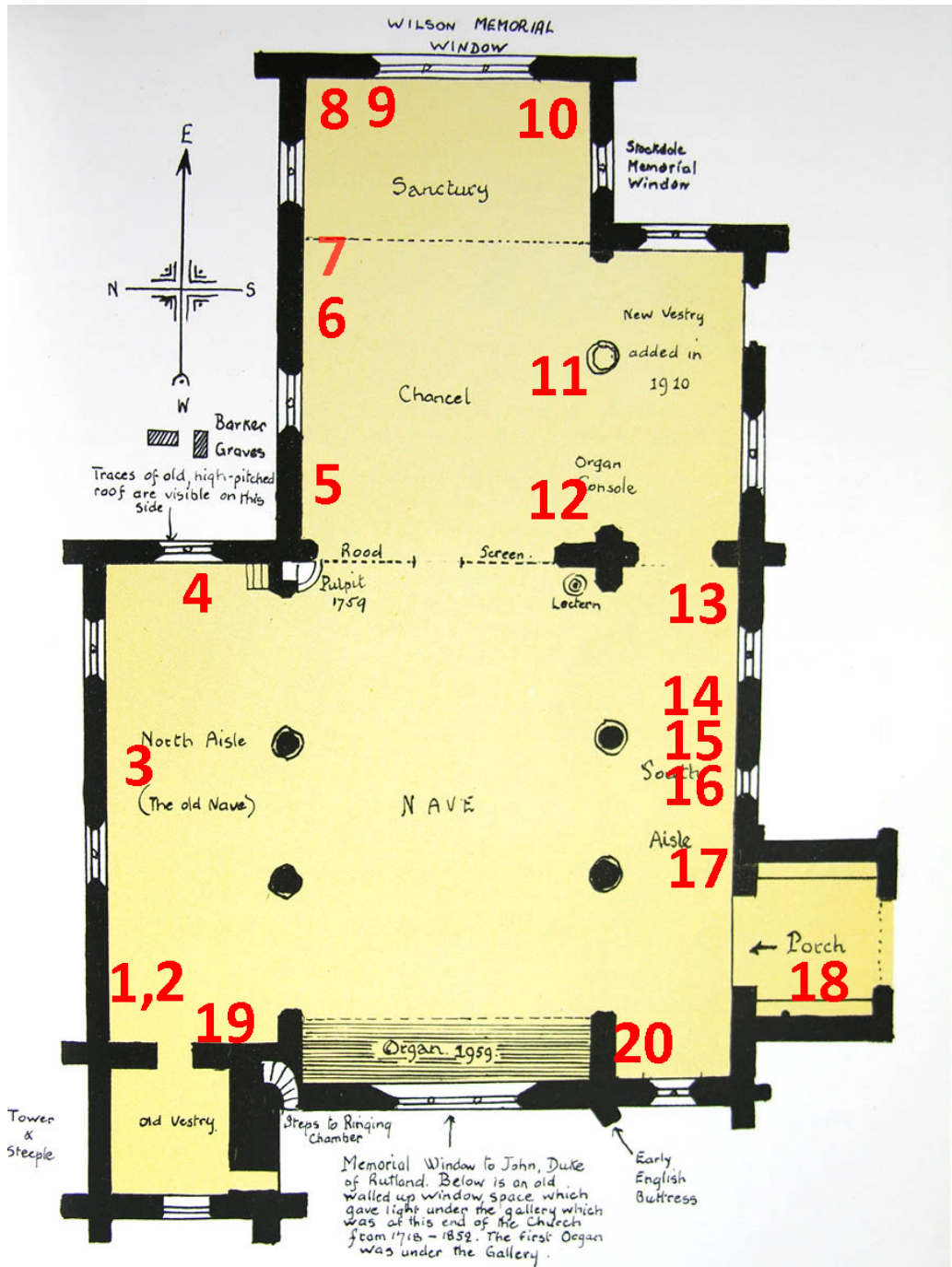
This pamphlet records all the plaques, or hanging tablets, in Baslow Church. I have photographed them and, as they can be difficult to read, have added a copy of the text. The brief description comes from a survey of the church furnishings made in 1990 by The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS) and kindly provided by the Parochial Church Council.

Many are centuries old and add to our knowledge of the village. Using additional resources, I have tried to bring them to life by adding a little background and interest to each of them.

I have included the war memorial in the churchyard, listing the names inscribed on it.

PLAN OF CHURCH

This diagram was drawn in the 1930s by Mr C R Allsop, then headmaster of St Anne's School.



Note

The numbers in red refer to the plaques described in the text below  
 Note all the photographs were taken by me in 2013



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## 01 Thomas Marples



*Headed iron tablet in a wooden frame.  
In the arched head is a stylised angel.  
The lettering is Italic and Roman  
Ht 44cm w 34 cm*

*Underneath here was interr'd ye  
Body of Tho: Marple son to John &  
Eliz : Marple of this Town who Departed  
this Life August 6th A:D 1742  
O youth consider And be Wise  
Lest Sudden death do you surprise  
was my time as it Appears  
I not Exceeding 16 years  
my friends I Desired to cease there Tears  
I shall arise when Crst appears*

*near to this Place lyeth ye Body  
Of Hellen Marple Grandmother to Tho:*

Charles Cook Schulsit

This first plaque is immediately opposite the main door of the church. It is beautifully written, but the poor light and flowery calligraphy makes it very difficult to read.

The transcript reveals the thoughts and anguish of a family grieving over the loss of a son. Their house cannot be identified with confidence, but could well have been a predecessor of “Avant Garde” just across the main road from the lych-gate entrance to the churchyard and opposite the Rutland Arms.

The family can be recognised from the parish records of births, marriages and deaths, which also state the fact that **John** was killed in an accident. The maiden name of the grandmother **Helen** was Dobb. The Dobb family lived in Bubnell Cliff Farm and have a large tomb close the Church porch.

The mere fact that the accident was recorded on an expensive plaque in church suggests a caring family, relatively well off and likely to have been prominent in the community.

Judging by the English, the poem may have been written by the family themselves. Interestingly, the grandmother **Helen** had her name added at the end – perhaps a matriarch who may also have paid for the memorial.

Charles Cook Schulsit was either the man who engraved the tablet or alternatively wrote the text.

### The Marple(s) Family

The first record of the Marple in Baslow was 1591 when Robert son of George was christened. The family thrived, becoming one of the commonest names in the village second only to the Marsdens. Many were craftsmen, tailors, blacksmiths, cordwainers (shoemakers) and the like. Others were publicans and farmers.

## 02 Elizabeth Marple



*Rectangular brass tablet with an incised black border with rounded corners and black Lombardic lettering with rubricated capitals  
Ht 25cm w 38cm*

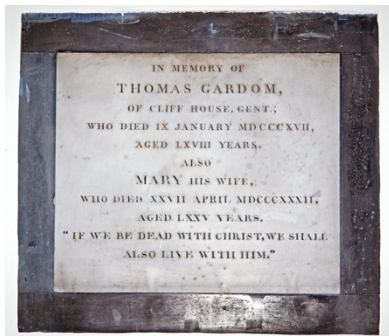
In Affectionate Remembrance of  
Elizabeth (Calton) Marple,  
to whom under God I owe inestimable blessings.  
who died Jan 6th 1821, Aged 71 Years.  
And of her first born my Father, George Marple.  
who died Nov 3rd, 1846, Aged 78 Years.  
And of my Mother, Margaret (Orr) Marple,  
Of Litton, who died June 3rd, 1799, Aged 26 Years.  
this Tablet is affixed in the Church near which their  
remains repose, by the first born of my parents,  
David Marples, of Liverpool.  
May 18th 1876

This branch of the Marples family were farmers at Nether End. As **David** was only three when his **mother** died, he may have been brought up by his **grandmother**.

An earlier branch of the family had moved to Sheffield, and had become established in manufacturing there. **George** joined them and became a member of the Guild of Skinners (leather crafted onto the handles of cutlery). The Marples firm, under a different name, is still in business in Sheffield today.

The farm, which was near the Golden Gates entrance to Chatsworth, was sold to the Duke of Devonshire when he extended the Park in 1824. **George** maintained his other house in School Lane until his death in 1846.

## 03 Thomas Gardom



*A slate tablet with a marbled cornice and supported by two brackets. Roman lettering in gilt.  
Ht 100cm w 56cm*

In Memory of  
THOMAS GARDOM  
Of Cliff House, Gent. ;  
Who died 9<sup>th</sup> January 1817  
Aged 68 years  
Also  
MARY his wife,  
Who died 28<sup>th</sup> April 1832  
Aged 75 years  
"If we be dead with Christ, we shall  
also live with him."

Yeld Farm at Far End in Baslow was the family home of the Gardoms, farmed by them from the early 1600s to the 1920s. A younger brother of the farmer at the time married in 1709 Elizabeth Broomhead of Bubnell and established a branch of the family in Bubnell Hall.

**Thomas Gardom** was the eldest son of John Gardom of Bubnell Hall who built Calver Mill in the 1780s. He moved across the valley to Cliff House in Curbar when he married. After he had died and his family had left the area, the house was bequeathed to the Methodists to become today's Cliff College.

## 04 Re- Pewing



*Benefaction Board A red cast-iron plaque with gilt Roman lettering in relief  
Ht 52cm w 60 cm*

*A Grant of £55 towards the  
RE-PEWING  
of this church was made by the  
Incorporated Society for Promoting  
the Enlargement, Building, and Repair  
-ing of Churches and Chapels, on the  
express and acknowledged condition  
that 277 Seats should be reserved  
for the use of the Poorer Inhabitants  
of this Parish for ever; such Seats  
being distinguished by the numbers  
1 to 50 both inclusive*

There has been a church in Baslow – originally a chapel - since the late 1200s. The oldest part of the present building is the tower and the north aisle which was probably the original the knave. Within 100 years, it had been extended with the addition of the present south aisle and nave.

There have been regular restorations and additions since then, notably in 1853/4 when the chancel was rebuilt, and a further restoration in 1894. The chancel roof was repaired and the present vestry added in 1911.

There were few seats in early churches. Over the years parishioners built their own, which could then be inherited or sold. A churchwardens notebook dated 1800 records 400 seats; about two thirds were owned by the Duke of Rutland (the Lord of the Manor) and allocated to his tenants, the rest were in private hands.

The abolition of private seating was noted in the parish records dated 1853

Baslow was originally a chapelry in the parish of Bakewell, and included the hamlets of Bubnell, Curbar and Froggatt. In 1869, Baslow and Bubnell became a full parish in its own right and a church was built in Curbar for the new parish of Curbar and Froggatt.



05 Mary Grundy



*A slate tablet under a marble cornice and supported by two brackets, The left one bearing a gilt roundel. Roman lettering in gilt. Ht 100cm w 56cm*

In Memory of  
Mary Grundy  
Daughter of  
John & Elizabeth Grundy  
of Baslow  
Who died March 10th 1784  
Aged 27 years

*The pale consumption gave the silent blow,  
The stroke was fatal, but the effect came slow;  
With pain and sickness wasted to the bone,  
Long time to gracious heav'n she made her moan,  
Till God at length to her complaint gave ear,  
And sent kind death to ease her grief and care,  
With pain and grief, death found her sore oppress  
Pitied her sighs, and kindly gave her rest.*

Also of  
JOHN their son,  
Who died Dec 30th 1790;  
Aged 31years

This could not be put better today. The pain and distress of a terminal illness can be terrifying to patient and relatives alike. Modern treatments can help but the underlying fear and suffering remain the same. Read the poem carefully and one really feels for the family

George Grundy arrived in Baslow in the mid 1600s. The 1672 hearth tax records that he had 4 hearths, more than anyone else in Baslow, so he and the family must have had substantial assets.

06 Elizabeth Gardom



*White marble tablet on a veined marble border, resting on a narrow shelf.  
The lettering is Roman.  
Ht 134cm w 65cm*

Elizabeth  
Wife of  
George Gardom,  
of Bubnell gent.  
And Daughter of  
The Rev. Robert Barker A.M.  
Rector of St. Ann's Manchester;  
Who died January 27. 1797;  
Aged 27 years.  
A woman of uncommon mental  
endowments,  
And exemplary in every relation  
in life.

The Gardoms of Bubnell were a wealthy family with interests in the cotton industry. George's father built Calver Mill. **George** himself was a younger son, but his social status allowed him to call himself "Gent", and to marry **Elizabeth**, daughter of the prominent rector of the main church in a vibrant industrial Manchester.

07 John Sheldon



*Grey marble tablet with veined border.  
The inscription is in Roman lettering  
Ht 61 cm w 58cm*

Remember in gratitude  
JOHN SHELDON  
1906-1977  
Headmaster of St. Anne's  
School, Secretary of  
the Parochial Church  
Council, Chorister  
and Parish Councillor.  
He served Baslow well

**John Sheldon**, known as Jack, was born in Baslow and lived in the same house up Bar Road all his life. At school he stayed on as a pupil teacher before going to Chester College for his teacher training. After a short spell in Bakewell, he returned to Baslow as head master where he served until his retirement in 1967. He was a man of many talents and interests, one of which was the history of the village.

He is remembered today by the hundreds of pupils who learned from him, and for his book on The History of Baslow, which was published after his death by Dr W M Evans.

08 Rev John Barker



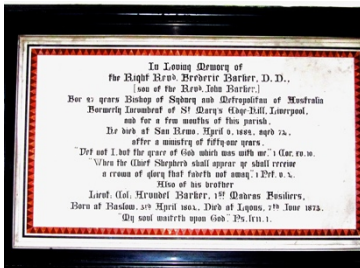
White marble tablet with arched head on a black marble base, resting on two brackets.  
The inscription, and the maker's name are in black Roman letters.  
Ht 160cm w 99cm

In Memory of  
The Revd John Barker, M.A.  
For thirty years / Incumbent of this  
Chapelry  
He died June 6, 1824, / Aged 63 years  
ALSO OF  
His eldest son  
The Revd  
ANTHONY AURIOL BARKER M.A.  
Who succeeded his father;  
And after an equal period / Of useful  
labour,  
During the last years of which  
He was permitted to effect  
The restoration of this church,  
He entered into his rest  
December 21, 1853,  
Aged 54 years.

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"I have planted, Apollos watered;  
but GOD gave the increase."

I Cor. III. 6.

09 Rev Frederick Barker



White marble tablet in a black marble base. An outer band of black marble, and an inner band of triangles alternating in plain and red marble surround an inscription in Lombardic lettering.

In Loving Memory of the  
Right Revd. Frederic Barker, D.D.,  
[son of the Revd. John Barker.]  
For 27 years Bishop of Sydney and Metropolitan of Australia  
Formerly Incumbent of St Mary's Edge-hill, Liverpool,  
And for a few months of this parish,  
He died at San Remo, April 6, 1882, Aged 72,  
After a ministry of fifty one years  
"Yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me." 1 Cor.  
xv. 10.

"When the Chief Shepherd shall appear ye shall receive  
a crown of glory that fadeth not away" 1 Pet. v. 4

Also his brother

Lieut: Col: Arundel Barker, 1st Madras Fusiliers,  
Born at Baslow, 3rd April 1802, Died at Lyons,  
7th June 1872

"My soul waiteth upon God." Ps. lxii. 1

**John Barker** was the first to be titled an incumbent rather than a curate. He was well educated with a university degree. During his time the vicarage was rebuilt (1797) with money was raised by public subscription to which he contributed £50.

Three of his sons are noted. His eldest, **Auriol** succeeded him on his death and presided over a major restoration of the church, which was barely completed before his sudden death in 1854. His second son **Frederick** had been Incumbent in Liverpool before taking over here in Baslow in 1855. After a few months he left to become the distinguished Bishop then Metropolitan Bishop of Melbourne Australia. A third son **Arundel** reached a senior rank in the army

Ministers with memorials in church

It is a tradition for the names of ministers to be recorded for posterity in their churches. Little more is known (to me) about most of them. There are memorials to the following. The initial figure is the date of inauguration.

1747 John Swift (1705-1766)	1824 Auriol Barker (1799-1893)
1767 John Farrer (1732-1794)	1854 Frederick Barker (1810-1907)
1794 John Barker (1762-1824)	1859 Jeremiah Stockdale (1829-1907)

The plaque for the Barkers and Stockdale are in the sanctuary, while those of Farrer and Swift can be seen with difficulty high on the south wall of the Chancel.

10 Elizabeth Stockdale



*Architectural tablet in two colours of marble, white on a black base.. Black gothic lettering starts in the tympanum and continues between the columns. Ht 147cm w 89cm*

SACRED  
 To the Memory  
 Of  
 ELIZABETH STOCKDALE,  
 The dearly beloved wife of  
 The Revd J. Stockdale. M.A.  
 Vicar of Baslow.  
 Born June 16th 1819.  
 Died April 19th 1892  
 "The Memory of the Just is Blessed".  
 Prov,X, 7.  
 Also to the Memory of  
 THE Revd. J. STOCKDALE. M.A.  
 48 Years Vicar of this Parish  
 Rural Dean of Eyam.  
 Born Octr 21st 1829  
 Died Octr 24th 1907

—————  
 This tablet has been erected  
 by Loving Friends and Parishioners.

**Jeremiah Stockdale** was a vicar with an outstanding personality just remembered by older villagers when I came to the village in 1966. He was appointed in 1859; he oversaw the division of the old Baslow chapelry to two full parishes in 1869 when Curbar church was built, and supervised a restoration of the church in 1894. Despite a stern exterior, he must have had a stable family life, as he employed the same three servants for over 30 years.

Much happened to the village during his tenure. In 1859 Baslow was a farming community but well supplied with tradesmen and shops but without industry. By 1907 it had developed into a thriving tourist destination backed by the huge Hydropathic hotel, and the building of new large houses for both villagers and commuters. Rev Stockdale build the grandest new house, Baslow Hall, with money left by his deceased wife **Elizabeth**, but died before he could move into it.

## 11 Rev John Farrer



*Rectangular black marble slab in a lighter base. Supporting the tablet which is incised with Roman lettering is a narrow shelf, also in black marble.  
Ht 66cm w58cm*

In Memory of  
The Rev. JOHN FARRER  
Twenty seven years  
Minister of this place.  
Who died august 31. 1794.  
Aged 62 years.  
This tribute of filial affection  
Was erected by his eldest son  
Robert Farrer

**The Rev John Farrer** was born in 1732, came to Baslow in 1767 and was buried in the churchyard. His grave can be seen near the old bridge. His eldest son **Robert**, who erected this plaque, later became master at the Charity School at Stanton Ford. John is buried in the churchyard, down by the river near the old ford.

## 12 Tablet – Rev John Swift

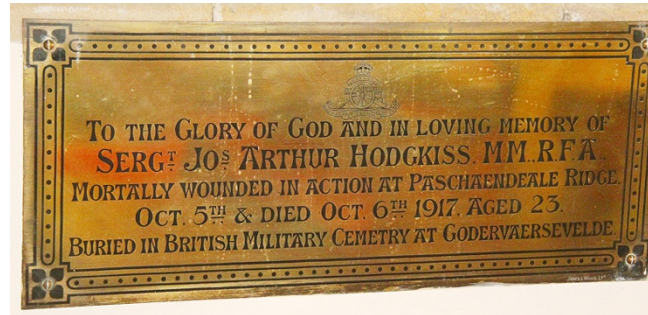


*A simple black marble tablet mounted on a lighter base and supported on a narrow shelf. The gilt lettering is in Roman and Italic  
Ht 55cm w 36cm*

Beneath  
Lie interred the remains of  
The Rev. JOHN SWIFT  
Many years  
Minister of this place  
Who died Nov 4 1766  
Aged 51 years  
Also  
Of ANN his WIFE  
Who died June 23 1793  
Aged 73 years.

**The Rev John Swift**, took up his appointment in 1747 at the age of 31 years. Parish records show he had 5 children 1753 to 1761 so he must have married his wife Ann after his arrival in Baslow. He died young at he age of 51. There is no further record of him or his family.

### 13 Joseph A Hodgkiss



To the Glory of God and in loving memory of  
 SERGT JO<sup>S</sup> ARTHUR HODGKISS. M.M., R.F.A.  
 Mortally wounded in action at Paschaendeale Ridge.  
 Oct 5<sup>th</sup> & died Oct 6<sup>th</sup> 1917 aged 23.  
 Buried in British Military Cemetery at Godervaersevelde.

*Rectangular brass tablet with black inlaid border, and corners decorated with incised quatrefoils. The inscription in Roman lettering and the regimental badge of the royal Field Artillery are in black  
 Ht 25cms W 61cms*

The **Hodgkiss** family lived at Hawthorne Dene opposite the Cavendish Hotel. Arthur's father was a mining engineer, and **Arthur** worked for him as an apprentice until the war broke out. He enlisted and joined the with the Royal Field Artillery.

### 14 Elizabeth Frost



*Oval black marble tablet on a lighter base. The whole stands on two brackets. The gilt lettering is in Roman  
 Ht 117cm W 65cm*

To  
 The Memory of  
 ELIZABETH FROST,  
 Wife of Matthew Frost  
 Of Hassop, formerly of Calver,  
 Who died the 7<sup>th</sup> day of January  
 1791;  
 Aged 34 Years.  
 She was the second daughter  
 Of Richard and Mary Oddy, of Bubnell Hall  
 Also of the above named  
 MATTHEW FROST,  
 who died May 26<sup>th</sup> 1835;  
 Aged 80 years.

The **Frosts** were a prominent local family with connections in Baslow, Calver and Hassop. Matthew was the Barmaster for the area, a senior official appointed by the lead miners themselves and responsible for supervising and policing the industry. Other family members were also surveyors. The size of his tomb outside the church suggests that he was well off, and the number of memorials elsewhere hints that he was an influential member of the community.

15 Richard Oddy



*Brass tablet on a wooden Mount. Above the inscription, which is in Roman and script lettering, is a skull and crossbones and coffin lid containing the letters R.O.  
Ht 18cm w 21cm*

Near this Place lieth the Body  
Of RICH<sup>d</sup> ODDY of Bubnell , Gate-  
Smith who departed this Life  
May 21 1753 aged 74  
Upright he was and Faithful to his Friends  
Religious too and so he took his End

**Richard Oddy** is described as a “Gatesmith”. He started as a blacksmith working on prestigious projects in London including Buckingham House before coming to Chatsworth. Once here he worked with John Gardom a local blacksmith: after the latter’s early death he married John’s widow. He settled down in Bubnell House, a substantial dwelling with a large farm attached. Later the family moved into Bubnell Hall.

16 Frederick Stanton



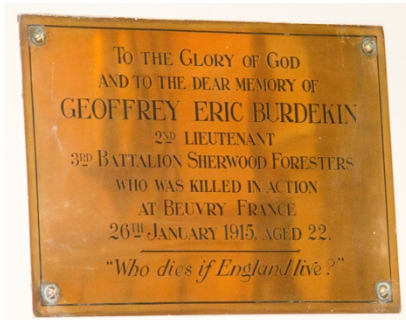
*Rectangular brass tablet with an incised border. Gothic and Lombardic lettering with rusticated capitals.  
Ht 30cm w 62cm*

In Memory of  
FREDERICK STANTON of the Cottage Baslow  
Born Oct 5th 1849 Died November 26th 1910  
This Tablet was erected by few of his friends  
And fellow worshippers.

**Frederick Stanton** had been a judge who retired to “The Cottage” in School Lane. He must have contributed well to the church for this memorial to have been erected.

The house had been built in the 1830s by Nicholas Broomhead, farmer and innkeeper of the Peacock (now the Cavendish Hotel). For years it was the most prestigious house in Baslow, second only to Bubnell Hall which itself had been occupied by Broomheads in the late 1600s. He must have had a sense of humour to have called it the Cottage. The name unfortunately was changed many years ago.

17 Eric B Burdekin



Rectangular brass tablet with black incised Roman and italic letters.  
Ht 35cm w 36cm

To the Glory of God  
And to the dear memory of  
GEOFFREY ERIC BURDEKIN  
2nd Lieutenant  
3rd Battalion Sherwood Foresters  
who was killed in action  
at Beuvry France  
26th January 1915 aged 22

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"Who dies if England live?"

**Erik Burdekin** was living at home and learning to be a solicitor like his father when the war broke out. He had been educated at Rugby and Woolwich, and had already spent two years in the army before resigning for health reasons. He volunteered again and had no difficulty in getting a commission in the Sherwood Foresters

18 Tablet In Porch



Lead tablet within a wooden frame.

JOHN FARRER Minister  
JOHN GRUNDY - Church  
THOMAS BROOMHEAD - Wardens.  
N BROOMHEAD Plumber  
1785

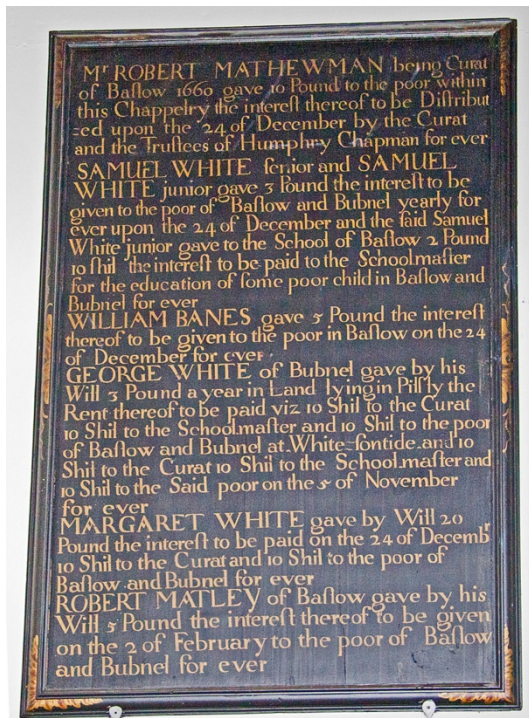
This unusual plaque is in the porch, on the left when entering the church. It is inscribed on lead.

Lead mining was a major industry in the White Peak west of the river Derwent. Much of the lead smelting was done on the hills east of the river, especially in parishes near to Baslow. Several Baslow families profited from the industry, including the Froggatts, the Broomheads, and possibly also the Grundys.

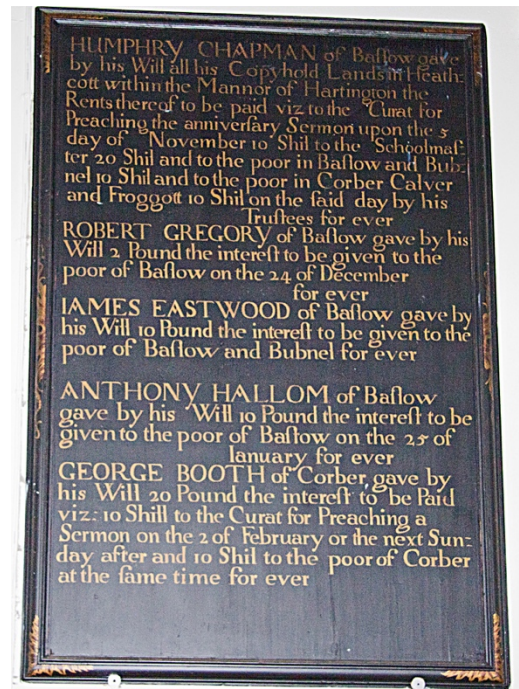
Nicholas Broomhead later became publican at the Peacock Hotel (now the Cavendish).



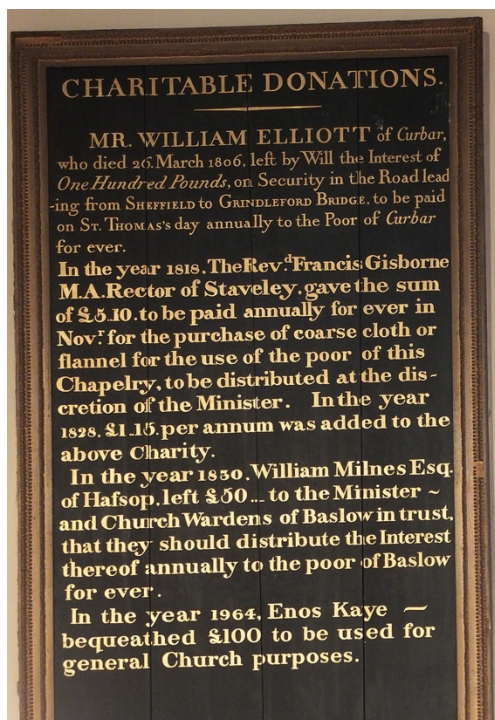
19 The Charity Boards



Benefaction Board of black painted wood with gilt lettering  
Ht 160 cm w 115cm



Benefaction Board of black painted wood with gilt lettering  
Ht 160 cm w 115cm



Benefaction Board of black painted wood with gilt lettering  
Ht 230 cm w 100cm

These Charity Boards, are in the dark corner at the rear of the church opposite the entrance. The top two were erected in 1720 at a cost of 5 shillings.

The text described donations, sometimes in land, made to the Curate, the Poor and the School (the Charity School at Stanton Ford)

Some of the funds, including the early ones, have survived as "The Baslow Charities". The Trustees still meet annually to distribute money to the Baslow and Curbar Schools, and the other original recipients.

20 List of Ministers

CURATES		
R. TYNMOUTH		1565
R. ALLSOP		1568
J. ELSWIGGER		1581
R. ROWLEY		1582
J. BANKS		1602
G. LONGDEN		1606
R. SMITH		1610
J. BOLLER		1615
J. DAKIN		1620
R. MOWER		1630
CIVIL WAR and COMMONWEALTH		
DATES OF APPOINTMENTS UNKNOWN		
BARLOW		
HEWITT		
PRIME		
JACKSON		
RAYNES		
R. MATTHEWMAN		
J. CANTRELL		1662
W. FIRN		1668
W. WALKER		1677
J. FERNE		1678
J. NICHOLS		1681
J. LOMAS		1721
J. BRADLEY		1723
J. MAISTERSON		1729
J. SWIFT		1747
J. FARRER		1767
AS A SEPARATE PARISH		
INCUMBENTS		
J. BARKER	M. A.	1794
A. BARKER	M. A.	1824
F. BARKER	M. A.	1854
<i>(who became BISHOP of SYDNEY &amp; METROPOLITAN of AUSTRALIA.)</i>		
R. COPE	M. A.	1854
J. STOCKDALE	M. A.	1859
J. SMITH	M. A.	1908
A. E. DREW	M. A.	1928
H. H. DOBINSON	M. C., L. Th.	1947
J. WHITE		1962
E. J. WALSER	M. A.	1965
MARTIN LEIGH		1982
CANON R. ORCHARD	M. A.	1992
A. MONTGOMERIE		2006~2012

This large board close to the main door is self explanatory. It is not known when it was installed but is obviously kept up to date.

**21 War Memorial**

Lets us also remember those who fell in the two World Wars, as recorded on the War Memorial, which is in the churchyard bordering the main road

*(the armistice was in 1918, the peace treaty was in 1919)*

**1914-1919  
West face**

T.R. ATKIN. Corpl.	1st K.O.Y.L.I.
E. BRIGHTMORE. Pte.	D.of Well.Rt.
G.E. BURDEKIN. Lieut	3. Sher. Forst.
I.E. EADES. Lc. Corpl.	9. Sher. Forst.
B.Z. deFERRANTI. M.C.:	Major R.G.A.
A.J. FROGGATT. Gnr.	R.G.A
W.F. HEATHCOTE. Pte.	1 Beds. Rt.
J.F. HODGKINSON.	Lieut. R.A.N.
A. HODGISS. M.M:	Sergt. R.F.A.
R.B. BATES. Pte.	Northum. Fus.

**1914-1919  
East Face**

R. W. HOLLIS. Corpl.	1.Worc.Rgt.
A SHELDON. Pte.	15.D.L.J.
F. SHELDON. Pte.	R.A.S.C. M.T.
S. SHELDON. Pte.	12. Yk. & Lc. Rgt..
G. SIDDALL. MM: Pte.	10 Sher. For.
H. G. STROYAN. Pte.	Seaforth Hds.
F. THORPE. Pte.	16 Lancs. Fus.
C. TOMLINSON.	L. Corpl. R. E.
F.H. VICK. Dmr.	9 Sher. Fors.
W. WHITE. Pte.	1-6. Sher. Fors.
I. I. WOOTTON.	Rflmn K.R. R.

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B. W. DREW. Lt. S.F.	6 <sup>th</sup> Airborne
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G. GILBERT. Tel.	R.N.
E. GREGORY. O/Tel.	R.N.
C.R. Hobbs. Cpl.	2/4 <sup>th</sup> K.O.Y.L.I
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J.C.D.LANGLEY. Flt/Lieut.	R.A.F.
W. OLLIVANT. Gunner.	R.A.
R.W. PLOWRIGHT. Capt.	O.O.Y.D.
D.M. ROBERTS. Sgt.	R.A.F.
R. HOWARTH. Cpl.	R. Warwick Regt
A.E.TROTT L/Cpl.	1 <sup>st</sup> Royal Berks.
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