

## Chapter 15 Church and Quakers in Giggleswick Parish

Langcliffe Township lies within the Parish of Giggleswick along with several other townships and so St Alkelda's in Giggleswick is the church attended by Langcliffe residents prior to 1851 when St John's was built in Langcliffe. People were expected to attend church and seats were allocated to a house, rather than a person.

*Thomas Kar, vicar of Santon (will, July 5, 1509) ... Ecclesiae de Gigleswick unum calicem arg. ut oretur pro anima mea, et parentum meorum diebus Dominus...*

*(Surtees Soc. Testamentum Ebor. vol. 5 The will of James Carr 1884 part II vol. 79, 1884 CLXX)*

### Arrangement of Seats in Giggleswick Church, 1677, with Later Amendments (NYCRO)

[Deletions underlined, insertions *italicised*]

A Note Concerning the Ordering of the Seats in the parish Church of Gigleswicke and to whom every respective seat belong sett downe once it was repayred by the workemen other parishioners and the Churchwardens for this present year viz: Wm Wildman Lawrence Knowles Thomas Armitstead and Thomas Settell this fifth day of May Ano Dom 1677

#### *Seats*

1. In the first seat below Mr Watson's pew next the Alley Oliver Stackhouse *Henry Newhouse* next Thomas Armitstead smith in Stainforth next William Paley of the same next Mr Dawson Knt Stainforth 2 seats *Richard Lawson* *Mr Lister*
2. In the second *???* *Edmund Saunders* first Richard Iveson next Mr Dawson Knt Stainforth 2 next Wm Foster of Lanclife next *Willm Dawson Esq.*
3. In the third Robert Chamberlaine first *???* Stainforth *Martin Richardson* *Settle* next Jeffray Fish next Arthur Caterall next Mr Rich: Pooley for Paleygreene next
4. In the fourth Christopher Browne of Stainforth first Richard Foster of same all the next
5. Mr Anthony Lister first Thomas Armitstead of Winscall next Thomas Clapham of the same next Nicholas Bullock of the same next Richard Preston of Mearbecke next
6. Anthony Armitstead of Lanclife first Lawrence Swainson of the same next Thomas Settell of Swainstead next Thomas Carr of the same next Richard Franckland of Closehouse next
7. Anthony Armitstead of Lanclife first Stephen Robinson next Isack Atkinson of Settle next Josias Dawson of Lanclife *Willm Dawson Esq* next Lawrence Swainson of same next
8. Anne Coulton widow first John Walker of Hungerill next John Taylor for Routster next Thomas Carr de Well next John Carr vicar next

9. Thomas Brayshaw younger first John Armitstead of Stainforth next Christopher Innman Timothy Peacocke next Thomas Clapham of Winscall Edmund ??? next Christopher Browne of Stainforth next Thomas Stackhouse
10. Thomas Carr sone of Roger first Thomas Clapham of Stackhouse next James Atkinson of Roome Thomas Redmayne next Henry Foster of Rathmell next Thomas Clapham of Stackhouse next
11. Thomas Carr sone of Roger first Elizabeth Browne of Rathmell next John Armitstead of Rathmell next William Houghton of Rathmell next John Duckett of Capleside next 1687
12. Hughe Stackhouse first Jeffray Fish James of Stainforth next John Brayshaw of Cowside Christopher Innman Henry Paley ?
13. Thomas Brayshaw junr of Gigleswicke first Isack Atkinson Thomas Clapham of the same Christopher Innman
14. Thomas Armitstead Chr. Metcalfe of Stainforth elder Robert Windsor of Settle Thomas King for Stackhouse Gilbert Farbridge of Stainforth Mr Arthur Caterall of Gigl:
15. Isabell Anderson of Gigle Agnes Altham of Settle John Kidd of Settle clothier William Browne of Stackhouse Richard Armitstead of Stainforth
16. Francis Reade of Gigleswicke first James David of Stainforth ? of same Mr William Briggs
17. Mr Richard Pooley for Paleygreene first Thomas Clapham of Stackhouse William Swainson for Stainforth William Paley of Gigleswicke Ric. Ellershaw Henry Paley of the same
18. John Foster of Fieldgeat first Richard Armitstead Senr Anne Beetham of Gigleswicke Alice Foster of Armitstead 2 seats
19. William Paley of Stainforth 2 first Thomas Carr of Stackhouse Wm Browne of the same
20. Hugh Hall of Settle and Mr William Baines for Settell equally betwixt them

***Seats Below Back Church Door***

1. Next the Alley Antony Nicholson *In ye Possession of Mr John Lister* Robert Kidson of Stainforth Thomas Craven of same Adam Carr
2. Richard Lawson of Lanclife first Thomas Carr of Settle Wm Hall Draper John Paley of Lanclife Thomas Armitstead of Winscall
3. John Ellershaw per Crenerigg first Richard Brayshaw of Stainforth Richard Wright per Crenerigg Thomas Lawkland of Stainforth
4. Margaret Sidgeswicke Willi: Dawson Esq and Anthony Armitstead
5. Anne Beetham of Gigleswicke first Thomas Bradley neare Equith Wm Knight of Cocklebancke Arthur Tempest of Gigleswicke
6. Mr John Kellit Henry Paley
7. Thomas Stackhouse of Limethwaite first Leonard Carr of Lanclife Hugh Corte
8. Hugh Stackhouse first Tho: Brayshey senior Thomas Browne of Lumm Margaret Peart
9. Mr William Briggs Mr Francis Read of Gigleswicke Chr Ashton

### *Seats Next Mid alley*

1. Mr Tennant for Nealsing 5 seats next midalley Anthony Prockter of Settle next Richard Carr of Grainehouse next
2. Leonard Carr of Lanclife Mr Tho: Wildman of Gigleswicke John Foster of Rathmell *Stephen Carr* Anthony Hall of Settle John Tennant of same William Foster for Settle *Wm Carr Lanclife* John Carr vicar
3. Robert Claphamson first Wm Foster for Stainforth Thomas Ayrton of same William Taylor for Gigleswicke John Armitstead for Settell Roger Craven of same Richard Armitstead shoemaker
4. Thomas Clapham of Winscall first Richard Armitstead of Stainforth ??? *Edmund Saunders* of same Thomas Clapham of Stackhouse Hugh Stackhouse *Christo Lawson of Lodge* Bryan Cookeson of Settle
5. John Brayshaw of Cowside *Tho Procter* *Chris Innman* first Agnes Foster *Thomas Stackhouse* Richard Armitstead of Rathmell Thomas Geldard of Lanclife Thomas Armitstead of Knight Stainforth John Foster of Fieldyeat Richard Armitstead *Mr John Lister* of Lanclife
6. Christo Ridgely of Lanclife John Robinson *Wm Dawson Esq* of same Wm Paley of Stainforth Thomas Carr of Well Christo Tatham for Rathmell James David of Stainforth *Christopher ??? for James David*
7. Wm Taylor of Settle first Adam Lawson of same Hugh Hall of same Mr Anthy Lister Jane Oatson of Lanclife Richard Lawson of same Thomas Paley of same John Coate of Gigleswicke
8. George Carr of Settell Wm Foster *Thomas Twisleton was second* for Settell Wm Armitstead of Gigleswicke John Greenwood of Settell Jane Browne of same Richard Armitstead elder of Settell John Lawson of Lodge
9. Mr Richard Preston of Settell Thomas Carr of Roome Wm Swainson Richard Clapham of Feizar Francis Lupton of same
10. Bryan Cookeson of Settell Wm Armitstead of Gigleswicke Thomas Armitstead of Knt Stainforth Agnes Foster Widdow Henry Claphamson 2 seats Wm Bancke for Huggonhouse
11. Rowland Greenwood Christo Ridgely of Lanclife John Robinson of same Thomas Carr Thomas Settell Robert Twisleton John ??? *Mr John Lister*
12. John Paley of Lanclife Wm Taylor of Settle Thomas Carr of Settell Richard Armitstead *Mr John Lister* of Lanclife ??? *Thomas Stackhouse ???* Robert Iveson ??? ??? Paley of same Hugh Cort *William Iveson ???*
13. Anthony Nicholson of Gigleswicke *???* *William Carr Setle senr Draper* Thomas Brayshaw *???* *senr* Thomas Carr of Well Wm Foster of Feizar Francis Lupton of same John Lawson of Lodge
14. Mr Richard Preston John Carr vicar Henry Foster Thomas Geldard Richard Armitstead Settell *John Thompson Barber Settle* John Tennant of same John Taylor of Routster
15. George Carr of Settle Robert Cookeson of Settell 2 Joseph Dawson of Knt Stainforth *Martin Richardson Settle* Robert Kidd of Settle William Bradley per Settell Thomas Wilson of Tipperthwaite *Mr Anthony Lister*
16. John Cookeson 2 Francis Duckett *Stephen Carr* Mr Robert Bancks Mr Wm Briggs Wm Taylor for Gigleswicke Hugh Wildman Settell *Chr. Ashton's*
17. Catherine Howson widow Robert Chamberlaine of Settell Wm Prockter of same Mr Henry Marsden for Settell Wm Armitstead of Stainforth *Edward Cooke* Roger Armitstead of Settell

18. Mr Richard Preston of Settell Francis Catterson for Settell *now John Batty's sone Mr Chamberlaine Settle* Christo Lawson of Lodge Richard Armitstead shoemaker Roger Armitstead *Wm Hall Draper* Settell Anthony Prockter Mr John Walker Wm Armitstead of Settell shoemaker John Carr vicar
19. Mr John Carr Settell 4 seats Wm Foster of Stainforth Thomas Bradley neare Equith Thomas Geldard of Lanclife
20. Wm Wiglesworth of Gigleswicke Hugh Wiglesworth Thomas Lawson of Stainforth John Thorneber of Settell John Chester of Lanclife James Foster 2 seats
21. Mr Wm Briggs Margaret Wildman of Settell Hugh Lawson *Mr Chamberlain Settle* James Houghton of Rathmell Elizabeth Browne of Rathmell James Carr of same Thomas Knowles of same
22. Richard Franckland of Closehouse Wm Tennant *Hugh Skirrow* of Settell Richard Carr of Grainehouse Thos Carr of Stackhouse Richard Pooley Hugh Stackhouse of Gigles:
23. Thomas Settell of Swainstead Arthur Tempest of Gigles Wm Carr Settell John Elershaw Wm Preston senr of Settell 2 for the parish
24. John Armitstead of Gigles: James Sailberry *James Geldard* of Settell Adam Carr *Wm Hall Draper* of Settell Anthony Armitstead of Lanclife Wm Foster ???Stainforth Robert Kidson of same Thomas ??? of same
25. ??? *Mr Chamberlain* of Settell Christo Armitstead *John ???* of same Adam Lawson *Mr Chamberlain* Hugh Hall of same Margaret Sidgeswicke Willi: Dawson Esq of Lanclife Robert Windsor for the parish
26. Wm Preston elder of Settell Roger Armitstead of same Christo Armitstead of same Richard Duckett ??? of same Roger Armitstead James Armitstead of same Thomas Batty *Adam Carr's for Hagletree* of Settell Wm Carr of Settell
27. Thomas Carr of Well Hugh Cort of Lanclife Leonard Carr of the same
28. Thomas Brayshaw of Gigleswicke younger Agnes Foster for Gorthropp

***In the Sun Middalley next the alley***

1. Henry Wilkinson of Gigles *Purchased by Henry Brown of Stackhouse* Wm Browne of Stackhouse Mr Wm Baines 3 seats Margaret Wildman Mr Greene for Sandforthhall
2. Robert Cookeson of Settell Roger Armitstead *Wm Hall Draper* of same Thomas Downham of Lanclife Mr Anthony Lister John Gibson of Stainforth James Houghton of Rathmell Henry Foster of Rathmell
3. Thomas Armitstead of Winscall Nicholas Bullock of the same James Carr of Rathmell Wm Ash of Rathmell John Armitstead of the same Wm Paley of Stainforth Wm Foster for Armitstead
4. John Swainson *James Proctor* of Rathmell senr John Preston of Mearebecke John Cookeson of Settell Wm Foster of Feizar Richard Foster of Stainforth Wm Bradley for Settell Hugh Hall of same Jeffray Fish
5. John Richardson of Settell John Browne *Thompson* of same Francis Duckett *Stephen Carr* for Rathmell Elizabeth Browne of same Hugh Stackhouse of Gigles for ??? Thomas Lawson of Stainforth Henry Paley of Gigles: Lawrence Lawson of ???

6. Thomas King *John Law* for Settell Wm Lupton of same James Sailsbery for James Geldard William Holgate
7. Wm Newhouse of Settell Thomas Settell of Swainstead Roger Carr of Rathmell Mr William Briggs Thomas Overend of Gigleswicke John Sidgeswicke of Settell Robert Windsor of same
8. Mr Christo Dawson of Knt Stainforth Francis Catterson for Settell *now Leonard Bolland* John Sidgswicke Settell Robert Kidd of same Rowland Greenwood of same Mr Robert Bancks
9. Mrs Elizabeth Nowell of Capleside Wm Bancke for Huggonhouse Mr Charles Nowell *Christopher Dawson* Thomas Carr of Well for Settell Mr Richard Preston *Willi: Dawson Esq* of same Roger Came of same Mrs Eliz: Nowell *Mr Claphamson is to have ye seat where his name is and Richard Birkett to have ye next which is without any name*
10. Richard Berry of Stackhouse Thomas Lawson of Stainforth Christopher Dawson of Knt Stainforth Jeffray Fish Wm Paley of Stainforth for hunga(?hill) John Richardson of Settell William Bancks of Green
11. Thomas Carr of Stackhouse Thomas Harrison of Paleygreene John Gregson Mr Richard Franckland *Mr Charles Harris for Brownes* Mrs Claphamson of Gigles: Widdow Bland
12. Lawrence Swainson Wm Foster of Lanclife *William Dawson Esq* Wm Foster of Stainforth Robert Morehouse of Settell Wm Lupton of Settell Willm Foster of Lanclife *Will: Dawson Esq* Wm Foster *Thomas Twisleton was ???* of Settell
13. Robert Parkinson of Settle Leonard Carr of Lanclife Mr Robert Banc(?ks) of Gigl Lawrence Lawson of same James Newhouse of same Richard Armitstead *now Tho Proctor* of Rathmell Thomas Sorry *Mr John Lister mercer* of Gigl:
14. Thomas Clapham of Stackhouse John Foster of Rathmell *Stephen Carr* Josias Dawson of Lanclife *Willm Dawson Esq* Anthony Armitstead of same John Sidgeswicke of Settell Christopher Browne of Stainforth Barnabas Fodington *Stephen Carr*
15. Richard Lawson of Lanclife Lawrence Swainson of same
16. Joseph Dawson of Stainforth Mr Charles Nowell James Fawcett of Gigleswicke John Paley of Lanclife for Closehouse Wm Haleway of Gige:
17. James Fawcett of Gigleswicke
18. Rowland Greenwood of Settle the rest John Taylor of Routster
19. Thomas Harrison of Paleygreene Agnes Altham of Settell John Sorry of Gige Wm Browne of Equith Wm Carr of Lancliffe Oliver Bradley John Cook of Milldame
20. Thomas Armitstead *John Armitstead slater* of Winscall for Stainforth John Armitstead *Mr Richd Foster* of Stainforth Thomas Armitstead and Richard Armitstead both of Stainforth for ??? Henry Towler of Settle Mr Henry Clarke of Rathmell Stephen Robinson ??? Lanclife John Gibson of Stainforth
21. James Foster of Stainforth Josias Dawson of Lanclife *Willm Dawson Esq* 2 seats Thomas Down(ham) of Lanclife Henry Paley of Gige for Burtons 2 seats and a halfe ye ?p(ar)ish
22. James Armitstead of Settle younger James Bancks of same Roger Craven of same *Roger Preston* Wm Foster of Stainforth John Greenwood of Settle 2 seats for ye p(ar)ish

23. Richard Driver *John Lawson Taylor* of Settle Anthony Hall of same  
Richard Kidd of same Christo: Browne of Rathmell John Coate of Gige  
Christo Kellett for Settell one seat for the p(ar)ish
24. James Carr of Rathmell John Foster of Fieldyeat John Swainson ???*James Proctor* of Rathmell Wm Carr of Lanclife Wm Paley of Gigleswicke *now John Li* ??? Margaret Peart of same Thomas Brayshaw Leonard Carr
25. Richard Roome of Gigl: Thomas Moorehouse of Stainforth John Iveson of same

***Seats in Sun Alley next Alley***

1. Gilbert Farbridge *James Foster* of Stainforth Wm Foster of same Richard Franckland Hugh Stackhouse the rest of pew
2. Thomas Carr for Paleygreene Thomas Sorry *Mr John Lister grocer* Allan Carr Mr Richard Franckland 2 seats *Mr Charles Harris for Brownes* Mr Henry Clarke 2 seats *Edward Eglin* ??? *John* ??? of Settle ??? for Capleside *Tho: Tindall* now ???
3. Christo Browne of Rathmell Christo Kellit John Lawson of Lodge Thomas Browne of Rathmell
4. John Armitstead of Gigl: Wm Bancks de Greene James Wilson of Tipperthwaite *Mr Anthony Lister* Wm Paley of Gigl
5. Mr Charles Nowell Mr John Kellit
6. Alice Foster of Armitstead Barnabas Fodington *Stephen Carr* Stephen Robinson Thomas Brayshaw senr
7. Wm Armitstead *James Sidgwick* of Settle Leonard Carr of Lanclife Robert Howson of Settell Henry Towler of same
8. Thomas Walkinson of Giges Thomas Brayshaw junr ??? Banks of Gig James Armitstead of Settle junr
9. Wm Curer of Rathmell Wm Bancks for Huggonhouse James Carr of Rathmell
10. William Willson of Brackenber Thomas Knowles of Rathmell Robert Carr of Gigleswicke
11. Margery Preston of Gigleswick Oliver Stackhouse *Mr Lister* of the same Wm Paley of Stainforth Thomas Walkinson of Giges
12. Wm Curer of Rathmell Wm Bancks of Huggonhouse Richard Roome of Gigl Allan Carr of Gigl:
13. Richard Robinson *Thomas Procter* of Settell Mr John Walker per Settell Eliza Falthrop widow of Gigl Christo Holmes of Settell *Mary Harrison John Law* Settle
14. Mr Thomas Wildman of Gigl Wm Newhouse of Settell Mr Anthony Lister James Carr of Rathmell
15. Henry Wilkinson of Gigl: 2 seats Mr Anthony Lister *vicarage* 2 seats

***In pew below great Church Doore next the alley which was made new by the P(ar)ish as E contra there are sould out as under***

In higher same of Settell Robert  
Thomas Lawson of Stainforth on the other side John Paley of the  
next alley James Sailsbery on the other side John Richardson junr  
next Alley John Armitstead of Crackemoore on the other side  
Sumerscall of Settle  
next alley James Fawcett on the other side Wm Browne of Lum

Att Bottom of higer pew next Alley

Atkinson of  
Thomas Carr of Roome Thomas Bradley neare Equith Robert  
Little Banckes  
Richard Kidd of Settell next aley

June ye 9<sup>th</sup> 1692

Memorand that the one halfe of that Seat or pew at ye head of the  
Midd alley on the Sunn Side next ye Ally entred in this Book in the  
name of Henry Wilkinson deceased being purchased by Henry  
Brown of Stackhouse of John Kellet of Preston in Lancashire Genm  
is now quietly possessed by ye said Henry Brown

Witness our hands  
Richard Ellershaw Vicar  
Thomas Brayshaw  
John Wildman  
Tho: Carr Church

Warden

Stephen Carr

April 9<sup>th</sup> 1694

Mem. That this day Chr. Ashton of Settle laid claim to one  
womans seat in ye North Mid-Alley next to ye end on ye North  
which was used formerly by Willm Wildman and we find it belongs  
to ye said Chr. Ashton`s house late Arthur ???Townson`s in Settle,

Witness our hands  
Richard Ellershaw Vicar itm Wm

Carr

John Paley  
Willm Shackleton John Lakeland

### **Giggleswick Rectory**

*See [www.NorthCravenHeritage.org.uk](http://www.NorthCravenHeritage.org.uk), 'The early clergy of Giggleswick church',  
Michael Slater, NCHTJ2007, p14*

Very early documents refer to the early vicars. TNA E 310/4/32 and 33 and 34 is a  
collection of 93 documents in Latin being records of rectory affairs concerning  
Richard Somerscales, Roger Cook and Thomas Middleton but the details have not  
been located in these papers.

*Calendar Rolls of Particulars for Leases in the Augmentation Office vol. II, Yorkshire*

*Roll 11, fol. 1; Roll 14, fol. 67; Roll 34, fol. 29 for the period 1509-1625.*

### **Langcliffe Church**

Like its three sister churches of Settle, Rathmell and Stainforth, Langcliffe church, dedicated to St John the Evangelist, was created out of the ancient parish of Giggleswick. They were part of the mid-nineteenth century period of church building, and were all built between 1836 and 1851. Langcliffe is the youngest of the daughter churches, built on the site of the old tannery by money donated by John Green Paley of Harrogate, whose family had been connected with Langcliffe for more than three centuries, and with Giggleswick twice as long, and aided by a grant from the Ripon Diocesan Church Building Society. It had its foundation stone laid on the 27th December 1850, and the building was consecrated by the Bishop of Ripon, Dr Longley, on the 29th September 1851. Standing at the apex of the picturesque village green, it provides a pleasant backdrop to the village.

It is a single aisled building in the Neo-Gothic style of architecture and comprises nave and porch, chancel and sanctuary, with a vestry off the chancel, and another off the nave, both on the north side of the building, which is built of stone, and its roof covered in grey slate. It is believed that the village of Langcliffe in Norman times stood a little to the north of its present site, in a field on the left of the lane leading to the old quarry and Winskill. The parish as we know it today had its roots in the Industrial Revolution at the end of the 18th century. The mill dates from 1770, and the terraced cottages dating from around the same time provided accommodation for the mill operatives and their families; the operatives having direct access to the mill through Low Fold, and down the narrow walled footpath, crossing over the Settle to Carlisle railway line by footbridge. The nation's increase in population motivated action in the middle of the 19th century. It was known as the "Oxford Movement", whose leaders were people like Keble, Pusey, and Newman. This together with the suppression of the Irish Bishopsrics, and the Acts 1 and 2 Victoria, led to forbidding the holding of livings in plurality by the clergy. This all contributed to increased religious activity throughout the land, and created a greater awareness by the Church of England of its responsibilities to the people.

### ***Stained Glass***

Much religious symbolism and religious teaching is contained in our stained glass; it replaces wall paintings which would have decorated all our ancient churches like Giggleswick and Horton-in-Ribblesdale at one time, and spoke to the majority of the parishioners who were illiterate. Stained glass has been around now for nearly a thousand years. It is almost certain that the earliest examples of stained glass were purely decorative, but they were soon telling the stories of Jesus, his mother and saints, as well as depicting many other biblical scenes. The stained glass in Langcliffe Church is no different; it is all either 19th or 20th century glass, and came from two London firms, Lavers, Barratt and West, and Powell's.

The East Window has three lights: the left light, The Adoration of the Magi; the centre light, The Descent from the Cross; and the right-hand light, The Ascension. This window, and the two windows at the west end (filled with floral and geometric patterns), were given by Mrs and Miss Paley of London.

On the north side of the sanctuary, the window represents The Appearance of the Angel at the Sepulchre to the Women, with the words, "*He is not here. He is risen.*" Above is the figure of Our Lord in Glory. The Window bears the inscription Maria Burrows Stackhouse. Obit 4th September 1872, Aetat 26.

The window on the south side of the sanctuary contains a picture of the raising of Jairus's daughter with the inscription, "*The maid is not dead, but sleepeth.*" It bears the dedication: 'To the glory of God, and in memory of Mary Elizabeth Christie who died 6th July 1869, aged 16 years'. Her mother, who bore the same name, wife of Lorenzo Christie, died the previous



year on 14th May, aged 37 years, is commemorated in the next window on the south side of the chancel; the window depicts Saint Maria in the left light and Saint Joannes in the right. Above them are fragments of Christ on the Cross, but the central figure of Christ is missing. Within seven years of the Christie's arriving in Langcliffe, (when they brought people from north, south, east and west to work at the mill), they were struck by death. As a result, the father, Lorenzo Christie soon handed over the reigns to his son Hector, who did much to build up the community spirit in Langcliffe, also the neighbouring area. He was chairman of the committee which closed Giggleswick Church for a complete restoration. In 1906 he was responsible for building the organ here at St John's.

Only one window on the south wall of the nave is filled with stained glass, it is the two light window nearest the lectern. The left light depicts the Nativity of Our Lord; the right, Christ holding a stave and the young John the Baptist dressed in camel hair clothing, with the wording, "The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us". The Latin inscription reads, "Desideratissimis Frates Superstites." Its dedication reads,

*"To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Kathleen Phillimore (only daughter of George Robinson of Overdale, Skipton-in-Craven, and wife of Commander V.E.B. Phillimore DSO, RN. Born 3rd November 1875), and of Francis Bertram Robinson (third son of George Robinson of Overdale, Skipton-in-Craven. Born 13th March 1880. Died at the Harbour Works at Para Brazil 28th September 1910)"*

This window was dedicated by their surviving brothers. There are two windows on the north side of the nave, each with two lights. The window nearest the west-end of the church portrays in its left-hand light, the Baptism of Our Lord, and in the right, Christ is calling the children, with the inscription, "Suffer the children to come unto me." Above the two lights are the words "Of such is the Kingdom of Heaven." The window nearest the pulpit depicts the appearance of Our Lord to St Mary Magdelene, with the words, "Mary Rabboni." Its dedication, "To the Glory of God and in memory of Travers McIntire, Vicar of this parish from 1864 to 1879. Died 5th September 1912; also his wife Sarah Anne. Died 24th June 1913.

The two windows in the west wall are filled with floral and geometric patterns. In the sanctuary, the carved oak reredos has five canopies, the two left-hand panels contain "The Creed" and "The Lord's Prayer", the two right-hand panels, "The Ten Commandments"; all are framed in oak. The sanctuary furniture comprises two Sanctuary Chairs, Communion and Credence Tables, two Coffin Stools, and Altar Rail; all made of oak, as are the Choir Stalls and Priest's Stall. The oak lectern, carved as an eagle, (signifying the word of God flying closest to the Kingdom of Heaven), stands at the chancel steps; the chancel arch bears the words,

*"Let all the people praise thee O God, let all the people praise thee."*

The organ, on the north side of the chancel was erected in 1906. It has two manuals, cased in oak, and built by J.J. Binns of Leeds. Dedicated in 1906 by the Bishop of Ripon. The pulpit, with three arcades in stone, is handsomely carved with diaper work. Standing to the west of the south door is the grey stone font with oak canopy, it is octagonal and bears the four emblems of the Gospels; the winged man for Matthew, the winged lion for Mark, the winged ox for Luke, and the eagle for John. The inscription above the base reads,

*"Aede quinta Parochia instructa Vicarius de Giggleswick Deo Gratias 1851"*

The words "aede quinta" alluding to the fact that this church makes the fifth house of prayer in Giggleswick. The church has an open timbered roof and two bells in the turret, which are open to the elements.

The painting on the north wall (much in need of restoration) is painted in oils; it is a copy of the central panel of a triptych by the artist Pietro Perugino (1446-1524), which hangs in the National Gallery, London. It was placed there in memory of Jane Elizabeth Dawson. Born 1925, died in Amman 1954. Younger daughter of Geoffrey and Cecilia Dawson. There are two mural monuments on the south wall, one to Geoffrey Dawson, editor of *The Times* for twenty five years, and his wife Margaret Cecilia. The other is to Margaret Jane Dawson and her sister Katherine Elizabeth Perfect. A simple plaque, also on the south wall, reads, Annie Bradley, 1902-1988, benefactress of this church.

The Priest's Board, which hangs on the north wall near the vestry door, lists the fifteen priests who have served this parish from 1851 to the present day. The Churchyard, much enhanced by the many beautiful trees that have lived and matured there over the years, gives a fine setting for the church, which like the building itself offers parishioners and visitors alike peace and tranquility, as well as the opportunity for private prayer. At the rear of the church, on the north side, is a War Grave of the First World War, and at the east end of the building is the grave of John Green Paley, the benefactor of the church.

*Val Leigh*

### **Langcliffe Church: notes from Shuffrey**

*The Churches of the deanery of North Craven, 1914. W.A.Shuffrey, publ. Whitehead and Son, Leeds*

Leeds Intelligencer Saturday 4th January 1851

*Yesterday week, 27th December, the foundation-stone of a new church - to be called S. John the Evangelist - was laid (by the Rev. Rowland Ingram, vicar of Giggleswick) at Langcliffe, near Settle. This good work is due to the pious liberality of John Green Paley, Esq., of Oatlands, Harrogate, who, besides providing the endowment, has contributed the funds necessary for its erection, aided by a grant from the Ripon Diocesan Church Building Society. The church, which will afford accommodation for 200 persons, is to be built in a simple and appropriate style of village church architecture, under the superintendence of Messrs. Mallinson and Healey, architects, of Bradford.*

*Stained glass windows by Mr Powell of London, and Messrs. Lavers, Barrant and Westlake, London.*

*All the daughter churches were erected during the incumbency of Mr Ingram.*

*Organ donated by Hector Christie and made by J.J.Binns, Leeds.*

*The living of Langcliffe does not possess a vicarage, but the incumbents have been allowed to live for many years in a suitable house, which is the property of Mr Paley, at a nominal rent.*

## **Quakers**

### **Notes from A collection of the Sufferings of the People called Quakers**

*Joseph Besse*

*Printed Luke Hinde, London 1753 Two volumes.*

*Copy in YAS, Leeds Index of names in volume II*

Vol. II page 97 1658

Also Samuel Watson of Knight Stainforth, being concerned to speak in the Steeple-house at Gigglesworth, was pulled down, had his Head broke against the Seats, and was afterward haled out and thrown upon the Ice. The said Samuel Watson, for speaking in the Steeple-house at Leeds, was imprisoned eight Days in a little close Place, without any Thing to lie on.

Vol. II page 99 1659

Samuel Watson, of Stainforth, being at a Meeting at Burton in Bishop's-Dale, a Constable with many Rude People came thither, and sore abused those that were met. Among others, one wicked Fellow, with a great Staff and a Pistol, threatened to lodge a Brace of Bullets in Samuel's Belly, and with his Staff struck him several Blows, and knockt him down, so that it was thought he was killed. So soon as he came to himself, they hurried him to the Stocks, whence after some Time, they drove him and others out of the Town to a River's Side, and threw one of them into the River.

Vol. II page 102 1660

Samuel Watson was committed to prison for refusing to take the oath (along with 229 other persons, including Richard Wilson of Langcliffe).

Vol. II page 150 1682

Samuel Watson was committed to prison for refusing to take the Oath of Allegiance. (West Riding Quarter Sessions at Wakefield).

Vol. II page 162 1684

Address to the King signed by Samuel Watson and many others 'on behalf of the rest of our fellow prisoners'.

Vol. II page 102 1660

Richard Wilson: Committed to prison for refusing to take the oath (along with 229 other persons, including Samuel Watson).

Vol. II page 120 1668

Richard Wilson of Gridale: goods worth £3 confiscated. (Could be Garsdale?).

Vol. II page 137 1672

Richard Wilson discharged from York gaol. (No mention of Langcliffe)

Vol. II page 176 1690

Richard Wilson of Longcliffe (*sic*) fined £0-3-6 Account of tithes taken in kind from 1683-1690.

Vol. II page 140 1675

Matthew Wildman, of Celside in the Parish of Horton in Craven, was prosecuted in the Ecclesiastical Court, at the suit of Thomas Watson, Impropiator for Tithes, and by a Writ de Ex communicato capiendo was committed to prison on the 12th of the Third month.

*Brotherton Library, Leeds University*

*Quaker Special Collection: Settle MM Sufferings D9 1654-1693*

1683

Corn taken from John Robinson of Settle by .... for the use of Josias and Christopher Dawson

1685

Richard Wilson of Langcliffe had corn taken from him by Francis Read to the value of 3s 6d.

1671

Richard Wilson and Ann his wife of Langcliffe in the parish of Giggleswick committed to prison 1671 because they could not conform to ye Nationall forme of mariag, though married in a publicke assembly of said people and continued pisoners about a yeare and released amongst sdeverall others by the King's proclamation in the yeare 1672. (*Brayshaw, Local Notes and Brayshaw and Robinson, 1932*).

### **The will of Richard Wilson 1695/6**

Borthwick mf 1701

**In the name of God Amen** the fifth day of September in the year of our Lord 1695 I Richard Wilson of Langcliffe in the county of York felmonger being infirm in body but of sound and perfect memory praised be God for the same do make this my last will and testament in manner and form following. That is to say believing my salvation in Jesus Christ my redeemer and in hopes of a joyful resurrection and I commit my body to the ground to be buried at the discretion of my executrix hereafter named. And for the disposal of my worldly goods and estate, wherewith it has pleased God to bless me of the same I do dispose as follows. Imprimis I will that my funeral expenses and just debts be well and truly paid and discharged by my executrix. Item I give and bequeath unto Anne Wilson my wife all that parcel of ground called Round Close and one cattlegate and calf gate in upon and throughout a stinted pasture commonly called Farr Moore with the appurtenances lying and being within the township of Selside in the said county of York, which said premises I lately purchased of Edmond Typlady of the said Selside. **To have and to hold** the said Round Close calf gate and cattlegate with the appurtenances unto the said Anne Wilson her heirs and assigns for ever according to the ancient and laudable custom of tenant-right had, used, and established within the Manor or Lordship of Newby. **Item** I give and devise unto the said Anne Wilson my wife all my leases for years of certain lands lying and being within the said Langcliffe together with all and singular houses, gardens and appurtenances whatsoever to them appertaining. To have and to hold the said leases for years and premises with the appurtenances unto the said Anne Wilson

her executors administrators and assigns for and during such term as yet is unspent in the premises. **Item** I give and bequeath unto the said Anne Wilson my wife all and singular other my goods, chattels, and personal estate. And lastly hereby revoking and absolutely disanulling all and every will and wills by me heretofore made, if any such were, I do of this my last will and testament nominate and constitute the said Anne Wilson my dear wife sole executrix. In witness whereof I the said Richard Wilson have hereunto set my hand and seal the day and year first above written.

Sealed signed and published to be the last will and testament of the said Richard Wilson in the sight of us

Henry Ellin his mark Christopher Johnson R. Atkinson Richard Wilson his mark

Obligation

January 9th 1695/6

An inventory of the goods and chattels which did belong and appertain to Richard Wilson of Langcliffe within the parish of Giggleswick lately deceased, as follows.

	£	s	d
Inpr. his purse & apparel	01	10	00
Item his houses & lands in Langcliffe	40	00	00
Ite one horse & one mare	03	00	00
Item foure cowes	10	00	00
Ite one why one stirke & one calfe	03	00	00
Ite one longe chist	00	06	08
Ite four other small chists	00	13	04
Ite three paire of bedstocks with bedding belonging	02	00	00
Item one cupboard	00	06	08
Ite two little tables	00	10	00
Item in brasse & pewther	01	10	00
Ite in wood vessell	00	10	00
Item chaires, and stooles	00	05	00
Ite in iron furniture	00	05	00
Item in meale, malt, beefe, & bacon	00	13	00
Ite two carts, & two paire of wheelles	01	00	00
Ite for other husbandry stuffe	00	06	08
Ite for goods in his shopp	03	00	00
Ite for corne & hay	03	00	00
Ite in lent money	20	00	00
Ite in several sumes in his debt booke	15	00	00

	£	s	d
summa tot	106	16	4

Apprizers names  
 Christopher Johnson  
 Matthew Frankland  
 Thomas Redshey his mark  
 John Armitstead

**West Riding QS1/21/4/8/9**

List of dissenters April 1682

Rich Wilson & Anna uxores Langcliffe