



Parish Church News

Seend

1802

The Rev Dr Price has resigned the valuable living of Melksham, with the chapelry of Seend, &c annexed, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of Sarum. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 11 January 1802**

1826

The Rev N H Arthy has just quitted the Curacy of Seend, for a foreign appointment under Government. A short time previous to his leaving Seend, his richer neighbours expressed their opinion of his services by many valuable and costly presents, and an equally gratifying testimonial of general approbation was the following address, with a piece of plate of the value of £30.

“We, the parish officers, farmers and paymasters of the parish of Seend, are desirous of presenting some memorial to our Curate, the Rev N H Arthy. This tribute we offer him from the sincere respect we bear him as our Clergyman, and consider due to him for the valuable medical services he has rendered to every class of his parishioners during a residence of six years”. **Hampshire Chronicle Monday 27 February 1826**

1836

An elegant marble monument, in the Gothic style, was last week erected in Seend Church to perpetuate the memory of the late Mr Wragg. It was executed by Mr George Harrison, of Melksham, to whom great credit is due. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 17 October 1836**

1840

The Rev W G Sealy, having relinquished the curacy of the chapelry of Seend, his parishioners on Wednesday last presented to him a handsome silver inkstand, manufactured by Messrs Payne and Sons, of Bath, of the value of 25 guineas, and bearing the following inscription:-

“Presented to the Rev Wm Guidott Sealy, A.M., by the Inhabitants of the Chapelry of Seend, Wilts, in testimony of their respect and esteem for him as their officiating minister, during the period of fourteen years. AD 1840” **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 9 November 1840**

1841

Preferment. The Rev Henry Barne, MA, has succeeded Mr Sealey, in the important curacy of Seend.
Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 18 February 1841

1842

The arrangements for the erection of a new district church on Colden Common, near Winchester, have been completed. The committee have announced that the ceremony of laying the first stone of the edifice will take place on Easter Tuesday at two o'clock. The parsonage house is already roofed in, and will probably be completed in the course of the ensuing summer. - The Rev William Guidott Sealy, late Curate of Seend, is to be appointed to the above charge. **Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 17 March 1842**

On Sunday last, the Rev Mr Barne, Curate at Seend, preached at the Green church. In the midst of the service he was interrupted by talking, and other misconduct. He reproved the parties, and then proceeded with his sermon. The interruption being renewed, the Rev gentleman inquired whether either of the church wardens was in the church, and on their presenting themselves he requested them to conduct the disturbers from the church, which was accordingly done. **Salisbury and Winchester Journal Monday 27 June 1842**

On Saturday night last, or early on Sunday morning, the vestry at Seend Church was entered by some villains through one of the windows, and the chest, which no doubt they supposed contained the plate, was removed into a field adjacent, and there broken open.

Finding no booty, they left it with the parish papers it contained in the field, and returned and broke into the church, with the object it is presumed of stealing the black cloth hung round the pulpit and desk; but in this they were disappointed, as the cloth had been removed to the house of the clerk of the parish.

Devizes and Wiltshire Gazette Friday 15 July 1842