

1520 Thomas Burley parson of Ayston.

1520 Lansdown 991

1565 Mar 22 Thomas Marston, Rector of Ayston, admitted to a 4 month purg causa correct.

1566 Robert Marston, Rector of Ayston, aged 60 states that it has been reputed by the wife of one [blank] Pettysole that she dare not come to this deponent's house for that the said deponent would have his pleasure of her; with regard to the evil repute this deponent says he never heard of any until now of late.

1566 Mr Dr Bentham, for that he the said deponent came unto the house of one Knot, enjoined the said deponent to penance viz: to declare his ignorance in the church for going to the said house of Knot, and not otherwise. by me Thomas Marston

1570 Jun 20 The rood loft not pulled down; 4 great candlesticks standing on the altar's end and the church dug with hogs, the allay broken.

1570 Jun 20 To put matters right to Michaelmas.

1570 Thomas Marson, Rector.

1575 Jul 03 Margaret Styles : she is a common skold and a bitter banum.

1577 May 14 Griffin Bushopp [Bishop] got a woman with child at Weldon whom he refuses to marry.

1581 May Our youth are slack in coming to the Catechism; our schoolmaster is licensed by Doctor Deare.

1581/2 Jan 09 They want a tablecloth, a surplice and the books of Common Prayer.

1581/2 Jan 09 Mr John Brudenell is slack in coming to the church.

1583 Apr 08 Ditto

1583 Apr 08 The parson is not resident in his parsonage but dwelleth in a temporal house and lets his own lodgings to Mr Brudenell; also he does not catechise according to the Queen's injunctions.

1586 Mar 14 Robert Brudenell, gentleman, and Johanna his wife, claim the patronage of Ayston Church.

1587 Feb 02 Christopher Marston licensed as Curate.

1586/7 Feb 11 [The] Rector has two livings together; this and Hallaton, county Leicester.

1586/7 Feb 11 Mr Bruknall has not received the Communion these twelve months

1586/7 Feb 11 Thomas Shore similarly.

1587 Secundo die mensa Februarie Anno dno p'deto per venerabileum viricue magistrum Hickman legum doctorumvicarum etcconcessa fuit L Mr Christopher Marston diacon ad deseruriendam curam de Ayston ad beneplacitum tantum.

1587 [Institution of Christopher Marston as Rector of Ayston ?]

1588 Jun 05 Mr Marston exht bras ordinand, minister & presbyter - Visit Arched !!

1588	Jul 15	Thomas Shore refuseth to receive the holy Communion.
1588	Jul 15	Thomas Shore does refuse to receive the Holy Communion at their Minister's hands for that the said Thomas with the rest allege him to be no lawful Minister.
1588	Jul 15	William Mason similarly
1588	Jul 15	Agnes Shore similarly
1588	Jul 15	Alice Freeman similarly.
1588	Jul 26	Ditto. And so on till 24th September.
1589	Sep 02	Ellinora Weston (as above).
1589	Feb 10	Ellinora Weston as the fame goes, is unlawfully begotten with child by whom we know not.
1589	Feb 10	John Franklin also presented re E W.
1589	Jun 14	Thomas Stoner, alias Stonor, on being presented to Ayston, states -
1589	Jun 14	1, 2 & 3 That he has by long acquainted with his Patron Mr Robert Brudenell by the means of Mr Thomas Markham who married his sister's daughter at whose suit he bestowed the same freely without any condition upon him.
1589	Jun 14	4 That as yet he purposes to keep it himself and has not made any man of the same.
1589	Jun 14	5 He had not made any bond.
1589	Jun 14	6 That it is about £8 in the Queen's books, but he knows not wha it will be yearly worth to himself.
1589	Jun 14	7 - 13 Negative.
1589	Sep 17	Ditto.
1589		Thomas Marston, Rector ibim null grad admat per diun John Linc xxv Mai 1534; eccl val in lib presentiar ann viil xs.
1590	Jun 16	Ellinora Weston presented. She has not done her penance.
1591	Jul 26	Thomas Stoner, Rector.
1591	Jul 26	We have not our monthly sermons in our parish according to the 4th article (se. of Visitation) nor yet the homily read as is appointed.
1591	Jul 26	And that the parson is not resident upon his cure.
1591	Jul 26	Also the chancel windows are in decay.
1594		[?] Stone, Rector.
1598	Nov 29	The Will of Robert Hill per Edward Cant to be proved by December 20.
1610	May 09	Droughton [?] Nicholls for keeping company in his house tippling in prayer time.

1612	Oct 31	Jane Lockwood who [sojourneth ?] with one William Clarke of our parish for not coming to the Church on the Sundays or Holy Days at the time of divine service.
1613	Oct 01	Jane Lockwood not coming to Church these six months.
1614	Jun 03	Alice Wheatly for incontinence with George Philpot of Preston.
1618	Jan 08	Alice Blande (see Ridlington) confesses that the said Roade has committed fornication with her.
1618	Mar 09	Ditto.
1618	Feb 16	Robert Preston & Prudence Simpson upon fame of incontinence.
1618	Jan	H J Clopton & Giles Roberts Wardens, for sending no bill.
1618		Dorothy Tomson maid of Mr Stoner of Ayston, David Wheatley of Ayston and Henry Harris of Ayston.
1618		Richard Ruddle of Langham did upon a Sunday was seven night [ago] violently thrust Thomas Forster out of his seat and said that he should not sit there, and did violently hit him & thrust him.
1618/19	Jan 08	Wardens & Sidesmen asserted there is a common fame in Ayston that Mr Stoner the parson there has begotten his maid Dorothy Tomson] with child and sent her away to one David Wilson's house at Wardley whose wife is sister to the said Prudence Simpson and is the daughter of [blank] (see Wardley).
1618/19	Jan 22	Robert Preston late of Ayston and Prudence Simpson upon suspicion of incontinence.
1619	Apr 13	Dorothy Thomson, the wife of David Wheatley and Henry Harris (at supra).
1621	Mar 07	Tobias Harris has been twice drunk on the Sabbath day in the parish church of Ayston. When prayers was done he was not able to go forth of the church, but the clerk locked him into the church. (Thomas Barnet will certify - he was somewhat sick in the church and did there spew). And was of late drunk in Mr Haselrigg's house one of the churchwardens there.
1621	Mar 07	Tobias Harris together with Troughton Nicholls were at evening prayers time on the Sabbath day about Martinmas last in Richard Roose his house, an Alehouse (he was not at prayers)
1621	Mar 07	Richard Roose suffered the said parties to be in his house, being an alehouse.
1621	Apr 21	The surplice is too short & too little for the parson there, and not presented by Thomas Hasebrigge & David Wheatley.
1621/22	Feb 06	Thomas Barnard did thump the wife of Troughton [?] Nicolls so violently in the churchyard there that she fell down amongst the stones and was much pricked with them. TB admitted that he did violently thrust down the wife of the said Nicolls in the Churchyard.
1622	Apr 05	Exec Wm White.
1622	May 08	Tobias Harris to certify [pen ?].
1622	Oct 26	The churchyard is very foul and unseemly by reason of large increase of cattle there.

- 1622 Thomas Barnard for keeping of his beasts in the churchyard and not keeping the same decent. The said Barnard did about Michaelmas last violently shunt Troughton Nicolls his ['s ?] wife down in the churchyard, he contending with her about the churchyard [. . .] there and thrust her amongst the stones so that she was very [. . . .] with them.
- 1623 Nov 23 Giles Ride presented Tobias Harris.
- 1623 Oct 29 Edgar [?] Roberts for giving out slanderous speeches against the churchwardens in saying they gathered one Brief twice. E R admits he did speak the said words.
- 1624 Apr 29 Sewell : will.
- 1624 Apr 29 Troughton Nicolls : will
- 1626 Jun 03 Thomas Evans, Vicar of Nassington, presented Isaac Massey, Rector, dilapidate.
- 1626 Dec 15 Toby Harris of Ayston has carried away one of his maid servants to Lincolnshire or Cambridgeshire and she is suspected to be with child.
- 1626 Apr 26 presented Isaac Massey , Rector : dilapidated.
- 1627 Feb 01 T H admits sending Elizabeth Freeman one of his maid servants away, being with child by one William Rogers, into Huntingdonshire.
- 1627 May 10 Richard Marshall for striking of William Jackson & John Morris and drawing blood of their noses upon Easter Day last past in the Church porch of Ayston as the fame goes.
- 1627 May 10 Thomas Haselrigg senior, gent and Thomas Barnard yeoman for quarrelling and brawling in the church of Ayston upon a Sunday after evensong prayer so that the said Thomas Haselrigg gave the lie to the said Thomas Barnard in the church aforesaid and the said Thomas Barnard rubbed [?] or stirred with his elbow the said Thomas Haselrigg in the church aforesaid. And when they were in the street they violently buffeted each other with skin fists to the offence & scandal of their neighbours and the profaning of the Sabbath day.
- 1627 Oct 10 Tillywest [le ?] heard say that Tobias Harris & Elizabeth Freeman did lie together in [blank]. James Richings & his wife of Gt Casterton admit that they did lodge the said Harris & Freeman together in one chamber
- 1627 Oct 10 The fame is that Tobie Harris has cursed his own father whose name is Edward Harris and given him ill speeches as namely 'old knave' & 'sauce knave', 'a pox on you' 'the devil take you' and such like as the fame is.
- 1627 Oct 10 Toby Harris for departing out of the church in time of divine service & sermon without any urgent or reasonable cause.
- 1627 May 29 There is a common fame in the parish of Ayston that one William Hutchinson servant to Mr Jenkinson has committed fornication with one Mary Wright being his servant also in Mr Jenkinson's [Bill ?] house about midsummer last.
- 1628 Oct 11 Toby Harris of Ayston not paying synodals.
- 1628 Apr 29 Richard Stockwell ga [presented ?] Isaac Massey, Vicar of Ayston.

1628/29	Feb 05	Richard Hill for not certifying of the payment of the clerk's wages.
1628/29	Mar 13	R H says the churchwardens did present him with the knowledge of the clerk.
1629	Jul 02	Mr Massey, Rector, to show his letters of order
1629	Jul 02	Thomas White did about Lammas last past did carry the fold on the Sabbath day.
1629	Jul 02	Richard Royce for drivance [?] of sheep on the Sabbath day.
1629	Nov 04	William Hutchinson & his wife, ante nuptial fornication.
1629	May 29	Richard Harris for abusing the churchwardens of the parish and giving them ill words in calling them knaves & rascals & saying they spoke like knaves for doing of their office.
1629	Apr	presented Isaac Massey, Rector, for not paying fee towards Convocation clerk's expenses.
1630	Aug 04	I Massey, Rector, for not paying [pr . . ensations ?] to the Archdeacon.
1630	Aug 04	Noel Gibbons for setting of the boys [hogs ?] together by the ears at [. . ? . .] on the Sabbath day viz. 22 August 1630 , being forewarned by Thomas Barnard, churchwarden. Then was he challenged him to fight on the Sabbath day.
1630	Aug 04	Richard Royce for keeping company in his house on the Sabbath day in prayer time.
1630	Aug 04	Mary Royce for abusing of Thomas Barnard being a churchwarden on the Sabbath day bade him kiss the dog's tail.
1630	Oct 13	Thomas Barnard & John Wright of Uppingham to answer certain articles from [promised ?] by Francis Lamb, Rector of Wardley cum Belton.
1631	Nov 03	Isaac Massey, cl Rector, presents Thomas White : causa cocraet.
1631/32	Mar 01	H I Allin presented Isaac Massey cl Rector. And John Lamb presented Isaac Massey for not appearing when cited.
1632	Nov 22	The church & chancel awaiteth whitening& painting and not presented.
1633	Nov 29	Jane Lockwood not coming to church.
1635	Dec 01	John Waddington for not keeping his part of the churchyard wall in sufficient repair.
1635		John Ballinger & Elizabeth Wright incontinence.
1636	Jun 21	Jane Evekwood [Lockwood ?] standing excommunicated.
1636	Jun 21	Also Elizabeth Wright.
1637	Aug 02	John Tod & his wife ante nuptial fornication.
1637	May 25	Thomas Todd & his wife, ante nuptial fornication.
1637	Apr 26	John Massey did beat Anne Harbottle of Egleton with child
1638	May 10	Robert Lockwood not receiving the Holy Communion at Easter last and refusing the church.

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1638	Apr 26	John Massy did beget Alice Harbottle of Egleton with child as the fame goes.
1638	Apr 26	Alice Harbottle also cited . (Presented 1636 also).
1662		Bishop's Visitation. Mr Smith comperint & exht brasordin. Inst & Iridue and c. Non licential solution.
1774	May 07	John Rogers instituted by Samuel Smith, cl LLD.
1803	Mar 03	A small piece of glebe land (27 perches) lying to the south of the Rectory next to the Ridlington road, exchanged for 1 r 14 and lying towards the east in front of the Rectory and belonging to George Fludyer esq.

DRAMA