

John Westhus 1554 - 1574 presented by Sir Wm Cecill - also held another benefice.

1570 omnia bene [Everything well]

likewise lawsuit Bp [Bishop] # Rector [Rector] to which attention will be drawn presently.

1570 Jun 1 Tinwell Tuesday 1 June in the parlour called the grene parler within the palace. The office of his lordship against Mr John Westhous Rector of Tynwell.

He is well known as a papist and a supporter of the popish religion wherefore his lordship examined him regarding two articles, which are usually set before those who are examined of which the registrar also keeps a record and he questioned him separately regarding each of these articles. He answered that he conscientiously believed them and each one of them to be true and subscribed to them: and next his lordship appointed the same to interpret that portion of the third chapter of the gospel according to Matthew which says after this fashion ' Then Jesus went up from Galilee to Jordan to John to be baptised ###' and appointed the same to give a discourse thereon in the parish church of St Martin this side Stamford Bridge on the Lord's Day a fortnight hence and a fortnight after at Wadenhoe on that portion of the apostle Paul to the Hebrews in the thirteenth chapter where he speaks of 'marriage being honourable among all men' and there to deal with and explain his conscientious belief in each passage regarding the sacraments. In presence of the court and Mr Westhous being present the latter stated that he was so weak, sick and infirm that he could not give satisfaction on the subjects assigned on the days and places appointed without great bodily danger. Wherefore he desired a prorogation of the days appointed. His lordship put off the consideration of this request until his lordship should be informed through skilled physicians and surgeons regarding this weakness of health and should moreover receive information and warned Mr Westhous to send in certificates as soon as convenient within ten days by a properly signed declaration or by personal assurance of a physician or surgeons and for his satisfaction be done Mr #rtrum dwelling at Morcot to visit him on his behalf who should be present along with others who may be chosen

*Observe Elizabethan method 1st Laying the trap
2nd the diplomacy (/) of the victim*

John Westhous lived four years longer and died Rector of Tynwell