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**Durham Diocesan Records: Catalogue of
records of archdeacons and archdeaconries**

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Preface

Creation of catalogue

Created by AG from information within former Summary Guide to the Durham Diocesan Records (ddrguide.xml), incorporating additional visitation etc records from Auckland Castle Episcopal Records (AUC).

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Introduction

Collection title: Records of archdeacons and archdeaconries

Reference code: GB-0033-DDR/A

Dates of creation: 1600-1997

Extent: 6 metres

Repository: Durham University Library, Archives and Special Collections

Creator: Records created by archdeacons serving within the diocese of Durham

Language of material: English and Latin

Contents

Records of archdeacons and archdeaconries of the diocese of Durham, 1600-1997, chiefly consisting of records relating to archidiaconal visitations, admittances of churchwardens and inductions of the clergy.

Of especial interest among the archidiaconal visitation records are the visitation correction books, and the various articles of enquiry and surveys relating to church fabrics and furnishings. Recent visitation articles concentrate more on pastoral concerns. Among the visitation material there are also examples of some charges delivered by archdeacons and a significant run of material relating to the appointments of churchwardens.

Archdeaconries within the Diocese of Durham

Background essays on the administration of the diocese of Durham generally, and on the classes of records covered within this catalogue, are in the separate guide, Administrative Histories for the Durham Diocesan Records. General bibliographies are also within the same guide, and omitted from this catalogue except for editions of specific records.

Accession details

Earlier items have been deposited by the Diocesan Registry, with more recent items (chiefly visitation records) being deposited by the offices of the archdeacons themselves. A few items have been deposited by the Bishop's chaplain or secretary (based in the Bishop's Office). Full accession information will be added to the internal version of the detailed catalogue.

Conditions of access

Items under 30 years old may only be produced if a reader has obtained permission to see them from the depositor (most often the Durham Diocesan Registrar or her/his representative), except for items in the public domain which are made available with no closure period. Longer closure periods apply for certain classes of documents, e.g. personal files are closed for up to 100 years from the date of the latest item in the file. Details are given within this catalogue: unless otherwise stated, a 30 year closure applies.

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Accruals

Small amounts of material are typically received every 2-3 years from the archdeacons' offices.

Related material (held by Durham University Library)

Other sections of the Durham Diocesan Records with archidiaconal material are as follows:

DDR/BP/DIO/4/1-3	Annual conference of bishop, archdeacons and rural deans at Auckland Castle, 1883-1939
DDR/BP/DIO/6	Senior staff meetings, 1968-2001
DDR/EV/RET/2/1-4	Clergy episcopal visitation returns, bound in with an incomplete set of archidiaconal and officialty visitation returns for 1791-1792

Clavering of Greencroft MSS (CLV)

CLV 462: visitation injunctions from Samuel Dickens, archdeacon of Durham, to the churchwardens of Durham St Giles, 23 July 1763

CLV 465, 467, 469: parochial correspondence of John Sharp, archdeacon of Northumberland, 1773/1775

Durham Cathedral Archives (DCD) especially for medieval material relating to archdeacons
DCD/D/SJA: Archidiaconal jurisdiction, 1572 - 1705

Thorp Correspondence (THO)

The Library's printed book collections include examples of archdeacons' published visitation charges, among which are copies of the charges issued by Charles Thorp at his joint visitations of the archdeaconry of Durham and the officialty of the dean and chapter of Durham in 1832, 1833 and 1834, as well as charges by other archdeacons, including that delivered by H.W. Watkins, archdeacon of Durham, in 1883, "Our churches and our schools" (Durham, 1884), excerpts from which were printed in the *Durham Diocesan Magazine*, October 1884.

Related material (elsewhere)

Durham Cathedral Library: The Library's printed book collections include examples of archdeacons' published visitation charges. Items within the manuscript collections include:

Hunter MS 80:2: survey of Northumberland by Archdeacon Basire, 1663; thought by Shuler (see bibliography within Administrative Histories guide) to perhaps refer to an episcopal rather than an archidiaconal visitation

Hunter MS 137: journal of Isaac Basire, archdeacon of Northumberland, 1664-1666

Raine MS 81: archdeacon of Durham's visitation book

Northumberland Archives: Hodgson and Woodman collections include two autograph copies of a volume of church notes etc by Archdeacon Singleton of Northumberland, ca. 1826-1828, with additions, ca. 1841; a microfilm of the copy of the Woodman MSS version of this book (M16 B13) is available in Special Collections, reference XM/Film Misc.213. Woodman also includes a copy of Basire's 1663 survey of Northumberland (as Durham Cathedral Library above), printed in *Archaeologia Aeliana*, 2nd series, 17 (1895), 244-262

Newcastle City Library: visitation articles of Isaac Basire, archdeacon of Northumberland, 1662, bound with Basire's 1663 survey of Northumberland (as Durham Cathedral Library above)

Newcastle University Library: Robert White MSS include a book of acts of and visitation presentments made before Archdeacon Turner of Northumberland, c.1681-1684

Durham County Record Office: Aycliffe parish records include an archdeacon of Durham's register of visitations for 1775-1799.

Offler, H.S., "The early archdeacons in the diocese of Durham", in *Transactions of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Derham and Northumberland* (vol. 11, 1958-1965, parts 3-4)

Act and visitation correction books of archdeacon of Durham

DDR/A/ACD/1

5 volumes

Related material in other DUL collections: Act books of archdeacons of Durham are also held among the Durham Cathedral archives at DCD/D/SJA, for 1572-1576 and 1660-1705 (with gaps).

Related material elsewhere: Durham County Record Office holds a visitation book of the archdeacon of Durham (Samuel Dickens then Benjamin Pye) or his commissary, 1775-1799 [found with the Aycliffe, County Durham parish records]. It contains chiefly lists of clergy and churchwardens but also details of some presentments and comperta. A bound set of photocopies of this book is held in the Palace Green library search room (see catalogue entry for shelfmark).

DDR/A/ACD/1/1 March 1600-September 1619

Marked "Acts ex Offic." Includes visitations.

Ownership history: Formerly referenced DDR vols/VIII/1*Access restrictions:* Fragile - unfit for production until repaired

G. Ornsby (ed), *The remains of Dean Granville, D.D., dean and archdeacon of Durham ...* (Surtees Society, number 47, 1865) , including (p.213-248) text of a book detailing all the cases pending in the court of the archdeacon of Durham in alphabetical order of parish, July 1673-September 1677. In 1865 the manuscript of this archdeacon's act book was in the possession of James Raine of York, and might perhaps have been included in the 1899 sale of his papers, but its present whereabouts has not yet been traced.

Microfilm available for copying, ref 5TC 130

DDR/A/ACD/1/2 November 1903 - March 1919

Ownership history: Formerly referenced DDR vols 1975/xxiii

DDR/A/ACD/1/3 March 1919 - July 1929

Ownership history: Formerly referenced DDR vols 1975/xxiv

DDR/A/ACD/1/4 July 1929 - August 1959

Ownership history: Formerly referenced DDR vols 1975/xxv

DDR/A/ACD/1/5 September 1959 - March 1964

Ownership history: Formerly referenced DDR vols 1975/xxvi

Act and visitation books of the archdeacon of Northumberland

DDR/A/ACN/1 1619-1624

The volumes cover separate deaneries as outlined below. Within each deanery section the entries are arranged by parish and chapelry. For most parishes/chapelries, the record begins in October 1619, the latest date varies considerably.

The original of this archdeacon's notebook may be the notebook of Archdeacon Thorp, said by Craster in 1912 to have been formerly in the possession of the late George Neasham, [Durham University sub-librarian], but the present whereabouts of neither the original notebook nor the copy made by Raine have yet been traced.

2 volumes

Ownership history: Formerly referenced as DDR/vols. VIII/2-3

Fawcett, J.W., "Archdeacon Thorpe's visitation of Northumberland in 1792-3", *Proceedings of the Society of Antiquaries of Newcastle-upon-Tyne*, 4th series, 2 (1925-1926), 162-168, including (162-168) a transcript of copy made by James Raine the elder (1791-1858) from a notebook of Archdeacon Robert Thorp re his visitation of archdeaconry (but not officialty) parishes in Northumberland, ca.1792-1793

A microfilm containing both volumes is available for copying, ref 5TC 131

DDR/A/ACN/1/1 1619-1624

Marked "Acts ex. Offic. 1619 to 1620". The first book covers the following deaneries:

- f.1: Newcastle deanery
- f.66: Corbridge deanery
- f.126: Morpeth deanery
- f.180: Alnwick deanery (part)

Loose at f.202 is an entry relating to Bingfield [in Hexhamshire, a detached part of the diocese of York], September 1611.

DDR/A/ACN/1/2

Marked "Acts ex. Offic. 1619 to 1622". The second book includes the following acts:

- f.1-9, 13-23, 67-83: Alnwick deanery (continued)
- f.11-12, 84-107: Bamburgh deanery
- f.10: [Consistory court] acts 'ex officio', most of them promoted cases, undated
- f.24-26: [Consistory court or Officialty] acts, 1621 (all parishes mentioned were in the Officialty of the Dean and Chapter of Durham)
- f.27-59: Acts of the Officialty of the Dean and Chapter of Durham
- f.60-66: Visitation by a commissary of the Officialty of the Dean and Chapter of Durham

A stray folio from this volume relating to Whittingham in Alnwick deanery, 1621, is now in DDR/EJ/CCA/2/7B, consistory court act book "ex officio", 1609-1618 at f.399.

Access restrictions: This volume is fragile, and unfit for production until repaired

Act books of the archdeacon of Auckland

DDR/A/ACA 1906-1964

An earlier volume appears to have been lost, as these three volumes are marked on their front covers "No 2", "No 3" and "No 4".

3 volumes

Ownership history: Formerly referenced DDR vols 1975/xxvii-xxix

DDR/A/ACA/1/1 October 1906 - October 1925

DDR/A/ACA/1/2 October 1925 - January 1960

DDR/A/ACA/1/3 December 1960 - April 1964

Visitations by the archdeacon of Northumberland

DDR/A/VPN/1 undated and 1710-1882

Visitation papers

16 folders

DDR/A/VPN/1/1 undated [18th cent.]

List of incumbents (with parishes), Morpeth and Alnwick deaneries

DDR/A/VPN/1/2 [after 16 May] 1710

Draft injunction to vicar and churchwardens of Longhoughton to provide items for church

DDR/A/VPN/1/3 25 August 1714

Draft injunction to vicar and churchwardens of Ponteland to repair church and provide items

DDR/A/VPN/1/4 Easter 1718

Account of fees received from churchwardens

DDR/A/VPN/1/5 1719

Draft blank commission for others to conduct visitation

DDR/A/VPN/1/6 Easter 1720

Account of procurations due from churchwardens

DDR/A/VPN/1/7 July 1761

List of parishes and clergy (incumbents and curates), arranged by deanery

DDR/A/VPN/1/8 November 1761

List of parishes and churchwardens, arranged by deanery

DDR/A/VPN/1/9 1830

Returns to articles for Longbenton, Newburn, Thorneyburn, Kirkhaugh, Haydon, Halton and Mitford

DDR/A/VPN/1/10 1836

Return to articles for Earsdon

DDR/A/VPN/1/11 1837

Returns to articles for Newcastle St Andrew, Newbrough, Corbridge, Chollerton, Bolam, Shilbottle and Beadnell

DDR/A/VPN/1/12 1841

Return to articles for Bothal

DDR/A/VPN/1/13 1847

Receipt book for parish fees (chiefly for parish registers and prayer [books]), with index

DDR/A/VPN/1/14 [September] 1849

Returns to articles for St John Lee (St Oswald chapelry), Alston (Garrigill chapelry) and Kirkwhelpington

DDR/A/VPN/1/15 1854

Return to articles for Benwell St James

DDR/A/VPN/1/16 22 April 1882

Return to articles for Greystead

DDR/A/VPN/2/1 1723-ca.1742

“An account of the parochial churches and chappels within the archdeaconry of Northumberland” by Thomas Sharp, archdeacon of Northumberland, based on his visitation in 1723, with later additions to ca.1742

1 volume

Ownership history: Previously retained within the Bishops' Office and referenced under accession number AUC/1/169

Microfilm available for copying (ref 5TC 118)

Related material elsewhere: Two other copies of this book are held by local libraries, both with later 18th-century additions which are not in the DDR volume. They are:

Durham Cathedral Library, Hunter MS 6A (with later additions by John Sharp, archdeacon of Northumberland 1762-1792)

Northumberland Archives, Hodgson MSS (abridged copy, with later additions by John Sharp)

Visitations by the archdeacon of Lindisfarne

DDR/A/VPL/1 1845, 1874

Visitation papers

2 folders

DDR/A/VPL/1/1 1845

Returns to articles, Berwick upon Tweed

DDR/A/VPL/1/2-3 19 July 1874

Churchwarden's declaration, Rothbury, with envelope

DDR/A/VPL/2/1 1867

Visitation charge by George Hans Hamilton, as printed library catalogue

Visitations by the archdeacon of Durham

DDR/A/VPD/1 1724-1992 (listed up to 1968 only)

Visitation papers, chiefly churchwardens' returns to visitation articles and declarations. Except as stated, files consist of returns to articles for all parishes within the archdeaconry, arranged alphabetically by deanery.

8 boxes

Related material elsewhere: Durham County Record Office holds visitation articles re archdeacon of Durham's visitation (photocopies), 1813

A book of visitations for 1697 is in Durham Cathedral Library at Raine MS 81.

DDR/A/VPD/1/1 October 1724

Names of churchwardens

DDR/A/VPD/1/2 May 1761

Names of clergy and churchwardens

DDR/A/VPD/1/3 October 1773

Returns to articles, Sadberge only (no presentments)

DDR/A/VPD/1/4 June 1775

Printed summons

DDR/A/VPD/1/5 1837

Returns to articles, Sunderland St John only

DDR/A/VPD/1/6 1846

Returns to articles, Staindrop only

DDR/A/VPD/1/7 1847

Receipt books for parish fees, Easington, Chester, Darlington and Stockton deaneries

DDR/A/VPD/1/8 1853

Returns to articles, Jarrow only

DDR/A/VPD/1/9 1871

Churchwarden's declaration, Witton-le-Wear only

DDR/A/VPD/1/10 1900

Returns to articles, Greenside and West Pelton only

DDR/A/VPD/1/11 1904

Returns to articles, Lumley only

DDR/A/VPD/1/12 1942

DDR/A/VPD/1/13 1943

DDR/A/VPD/1/14 1944

DDR/A/VPD/1/15 1946

DDR/A/VPD/1/16-19 1949

Returns to articles, together with copies of 1948 parochial accounts

4 files

DDR/A/VPD/1/19A 1952, 1954-1955, 1959

Returns to articles, Beamish only

DDR/A/VPD/1/20 1953

Procedural note

DDR/A/VPD/1/21 1956

Summons to Blackhill churchwardens

Ownership history: Formerly referenced as Stranks Papers 1

DDR/A/VPD/1/21A 1956-1966

Blank visitation articles (various years) and printed summons to clergy and churchwardens (1966)

DDR/A/VPD/1/21B 1959-1963

Returns to articles from Birtley (1959), Jarrow Grange (1960) and Whickham (1963) only

DDR/A/VPD/1/22 1964

Procedural note, list of clergy signatures, returns to articles

DDR/A/VPD/1/23 1965

Procedural notes, printed summons, returns to articles

DDR/A/VPD/1/24 1966

Procedural note

DDR/A/VPD/1/25 1967

Procedural note, list of clergy signatures, returns to articles from Chopwell, Brancepeth, Durham St Giles, Shincliffe, Witton Gilbert, Easington Colliery, Trimdon Grange, Dalton-le-Dale, Bishopwearmouth Christ Church and Bishopwearmouth St Mary with St Peter only

DDR/A/VPD/1/26 1968

Procedural note, list of clergy signatures, returns to articles

DDR/A/VPD/2 1970-1993

Visitation charges

1 folder

Access restrictions: This material is available for access without any closure period.

DDR/A/VPD/2/1 1970

Manuscript. On the role of the archdeacon in formulating policy and helping its administration, on the duties of churchwardens, and on the 1960s and 1970s (mentioning *Honest to God*)

DDR/A/VPD/2/2 1971

Manuscript. On getting to know his archdeaconry, churchyards, parsonage houses, clergy numbers and the electoral roll

DDR/A/VPD/2/3-4 1972

Typescript, with published summary (from ? *The Bishoprick*). Delivered in Houghton-le-Sprint church, to parishes of Houghton deanery. On tensions between the old and the new

DDR/A/VPD/2/5 1973

Manuscript. On the family of the church, the crises of belief, spirituality and history in the church (mentioning Trevor Beeson, *The Church of England in crisis*), and the crises of clergy, money and buildings

DDR/A/VPD/2/6 1974

Manuscript. On changes in visitation arrangements since 1930s, on PCC finances and on ministry

DDR/A/VPD/2/7 1975

Manuscript. On changes to arrangements for returns to visitation articles, fire insurance, quinquennial surveys of churches, the church inventory, parish life and a parish evangelistic policy, and the Sheffied Report (on clergy numbers)

DDR/A/VPD/2/8-9 1976

Manuscript. Delivered in cathedral, mentioning his trip to New Zealand. On the Church of England nationally, the archbishops' *Call to the Nation*, diocesan study courses, ministry and training (clergy and lay), dying churches and synodical government. With prayer card issued by archbishop of Canterbury in relation to national economy and its spiritual condition

DDR/A/VPD/2/10-12 1977

Manuscript, with typescript copy (with covering letter) and printed edition (apparently from Winlaton parish magazine). On diocesan and national support for the parson, church building, christian education, specialist ministries and the parish quota

DDR/A/VPD/2/13-14 1978

Manuscript, with typescript copy. On parish log books, electoral rolls, the Parochial Registers and Records Measure, parish expenses, building repairs and upgrades, churchyards and notice boards

DDR/A/VPD/2/15 1979

Manuscript. On finances, quota by potential and stewardship, synodical government (mentioning ordination of women), rural deaneries, faculties and the DAC (mentioning state aid for repairs), and clergy numbers (mentioning non-stipendiary ministry and the Sheffield formula)

DDR/A/VPD/2/16 1980

Manuscript. On liturgical changes and the Alternative Service Book

DDR/A/VPD/2/17 1981

Typescript. On commitment, money and costs of stipends, parsonage repairs etc

DDR/A/VPD/2/18 1982

Typescript, with covering letter. On the ongoing review of faculty jurisdiction, with description of those involved and of faculty procedures

DDR/A/VPD/2/19 1983

Manuscript entitled, *The way ahead*. On diocesan support for church growth, St Cuthbert, national movements, a study course on prayer and a festival eucharist planned for June 2015

DDR/A/VPD/2/20 1985

Manuscript. With reference to controversy [over statements by Bishop David Jenkins], and on the nature of the church

DDR/A/VPD/2/21 1986

Manuscript. On the visitation articles, how they are compiled and why the questions are asked, with particular reference to questions about the Data Protection Act, inventory and insurance, and the Swanwick conference for diocesan clergy and accredited lay workers

DDR/A/VPD/2/22 7 June 1986

Manuscript. Charge for deaneries of Durham and Easington. On falling numbers of clergy and congregations, extra-parochial ministry, ecumenism, non-stipendiary ministry, women's ministry and lay ministry

DDR/A/VPD/2/23-24 1987

Manuscript and printed. On patronage, parochial expenses and faculty jurisdiction

DDR/A/VPD/2/25 27 June 1987

Short typescript address for Churchwardens' Day, Lanchester and Gateshead West deaneries. On vocation and ministry

DDR/A/VPD/2/26 1989

Manuscript, with printed copies of cartoons (apparently used as slides). On operation of the new Patronage (Benefices) Measure (with group exercises)

DDR/A/VPD/2/27 1990

Manuscript. On Continuing Ministerial Education, vocation and ministry (with reference to Peter Baelz, *Call to Order* and ACCM), faculties and the ecclesiastical exemption from Listed Building Consent

DDR/A/VPD/2/28 13 May 1990

Short manuscript address for churchwardens' training day, Gateshead West and Lanchester deaneries, at Rowlands Gill St Barnabas. On Christian service

DDR/A/VPD/2/29 10 June 1990

Short manuscript address for churchwardens' training day, Gateshead and Jarrow deaneries, at East Boldon St George. On different ministries

DDR/A/VPD/2/30 1991

Manuscript. On the visitation articles, whom they are formally addressed to, presentments, insurances, the pending Care of Churches and Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction Measure in relation to the terrier, inventory and churchwardens' annual report, proposals for a new archdeaconry of Jarrow, expected decrease in clergy numbers and increase in quota in 1992, and the Decade of Evangelism

DDR/A/VPD/2/31 17 May 1992

Short manuscript address for Churchwardens' Day, Wearmouth and Easington deaneries, at Grangetown St Aidan. On falling clergy numbers and lay ministry.

DDR/A/VPD/2/32-33 1992

Two printed copies. On reduced funding for clergy stipends, reduced clergy numbers under the Sheffield formula (abandoning plans for new archdeaconry), and lay ministry

DDR/A/VPD/2/34 22 May 1993

Printed visitation charge by Chancellor Rupert Bursell, at cathedral. On the role and duties of churchwardens

DDR/A/VPD/3

Additional reports on the archdeaconry

DDR/A/VPD/3/1 1824

“Report of church accommodation in the diocese of Durham”, compiled for the bishop of Durham by Charles Thorp, official [or deputy] to the archdeacon of Durham. Includes population and church accommodation figures, plus remarks on some parishes, arranged by deanery. Loose inside the notebook is a covering letter from Charles Thorp to the bishop of Durham, dated 4 February 1825.

1 notebook (boxed)

Ownership history: Previously retained within the Bishops' Office and referenced under accession number AUC/1/179

Related material elsewhere: Durham Cathedral Library, Add MSS 82-85: four volumes of church plans drawn to accompany this report

DDR/A/VPD/3/2 ca.1861

Volume akin to a diocese book (giving particulars of livings, see DDR/EV/VIS/7 for others) for the archdeaconry of Durham and the officialty of the dean and chapter of Durham, compiled by [Charles Thorp, archdeacon of Durham and official of the officialty]. Includes index to benefices (arranged by deanery) at front.

The entries take the form of answers to nine questions, viz:

1. name of parish
2. number of townships/villages
3. acreage
4. population in 1851
5. present population, whether grouped or scattered, distance from church
6. church accommodation
7. whether any school rooms are available for services
8. number of clergy and how paid/supported
9. value (gross and net of curates' stipends)

1 volume

Ownership history: Previously retained within the Bishops' Office and referenced as accession number AUC/1/177

DDR/A/VPD/3/3 September 1988

Analysis of replies to archdeacons' visitation questionnaire on Christian Stewardship, with summary conclusions by Diocesan Stewardship Officer

1 item (boxed)

Visitations by the archdeacon of Auckland

DDR/A/VPA/1 1942-1992

Visitation papers, chiefly churchwardens' returns to visitation articles and declarations.
7 boxes

DDR/A/VPA/1/1-18 1942-1949, 1964-1969 and 1974

Except as stated, these files include returns to articles for all parishes within the archdeaconry, arranged alphabetically by deanery.

DDR/A/VPA/1/1 1942

DDR/A/VPA/1/2 1943

DDR/A/VPA/1/3 1944

DDR/A/VPA/1/4 1945

DDR/A/VPA/1/5 1946

Procedural note and returns to articles

DDR/A/VPA/1/6 1947

DDR/A/VPA/1/7 1948

A few returns include tables of parochial fees.

DDR/A/VPA/1/8-10 1949

Returns to articles, together with copies of 1948 parochial accounts
3 files

DDR/A/VPA/1/11 1958

One blank return only

Ownership history: Formerly referenced as Stranks Papers 2/110

DDR/A/VPA/1/12 1964

Procedural note, list of clergy signatures and returns to articles. Return from West Hartlepool St Aidan includes copy of correspondence with Ecclesiastical Insurance Office

DDR/A/VPA/1/13 1965

Procedural note and returns to articles

DDR/A/VPA/1/14 1966

Procedural note, list of clergy signatures and returns to articles

DDR/A/VPA/1/15 April-June 1967

Procedural note and returns to articles

Ownership history: Most formerly referenced as Stranks Papers 2/1-109

DDR/A/VPA/1/16 1968

Procedural note, list of clergy signatures and returns to articles

DDR/A/VPA/1/17 1969

DDR/A/VPA/1/18 1974

Returns to a visitation held by rural deans under authority of bishop of Durham, during vacancy in archdeaconry of Auckland

DDR/A/VPA/1/19-37 1970-1988 (with gaps)

Auckland deanery

½ box

Related material in other DUL collections: For 1974 visitation returns, see file DDR/A/VPA/1/18. For returns from Fir Tree (Howden-le-Wear), Hunwick, Sunnybrow and Willington (transferred into Stanhope deanery 1995), see under DDR/A/VPA/1/104-120. For returns from Croxdale (then in Durham archdeaconry, but transferred into Auckland archdeaconry about 1993), see under DDR/A/VPD/1.

DDR/A/VPA/1/19 1970-1972, 1975-1988

Auckland St Andrew with St Anne

DDR/A/VPA/1/20 1970, 1972, 1975-1978, 1980, 1982-1986

Auckland St Helen

DDR/A/VPA/1/21 1970-1972, 1975-1984, 1986-1988

Auckland St Peter

DDR/A/VPA/1/22 1970, 1972, 1975-1978, 1980-1984, 1986-1988

Byers Green St Peter

DDR/A/VPA/1/23 1970-1972, 1975-1979, 1981-1988

Coundon St James

DDR/A/VPA/1/24 1970-1972, 1975-1988

Eldon St Mark

DDR/A/VPA/1/25 1970-1972, 1975-1984, 1986-1988

Escomb Saxon Church

DDR/A/VPA/1/26 1970-1972, 1975-1988

Etherley St Cuthbert

DDR/A/VPA/1/27 1970-1972, 1975-1985, 1986-1988

Hamsterley St James

DDR/A/VPA/1/28 1970-1972, 1975-1988

Merrington St John the Evangelist

DDR/A/VPA/1/29 1970-1972, 1975-1984, 1986-1988

New Shildon All Saints

DDR/A/VPA/1/30 1970-1972, 1975-1981, 1983-1984, 1986-1988

Shildon St John

DDR/A/VPA/1/31 1970-1972, 1975-1976, 1978-1988

Spennymoor St Paul

DDR/A/VPA/1/32 1970-1972, 1975-1984, 1986-1988

Tudhoe St David

DDR/A/VPA/1/33 1970-1972, 1975-1988

Tudhoe Grange St Andrew

DDR/A/VPA/1/34 1970-1972, 1975-1982, 1986-1988

Whitworth

DDR/A/VPA/1/35 1970-1972, 1975-1980, 1982, 1984-1985

Witton-le-Wear St Philip and St James

DDR/A/VPA/1/36 1970-1972, 1975-1984, 1986-1988
Witton Park St Paul

DDR/A/VPA/1/37 1985-1988
Woodhouse Close Conventional District

DDR/A/VPA/1/38-50 1970-1988 (with gaps)
Barnard Castle deanery
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Related material in other DUL collections: For 1974 visitation returns, see file
DDR/A/VPA/1/18.

DDR/A/VPA/1/38 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Barnard Castle St Mary

DDR/A/VPA/1/39 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Cockfield St Mary

DDR/A/VPA/1/40 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Denton St Mary

DDR/A/VPA/1/41 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Eggleston Holy Trinity

DDR/A/VPA/1/42 1970-1972, 1976-1988
Evenwood St Paul

DDR/A/VPA/1/43 1970-1972, 1975-1982, 1984-1988
Forest and Frith St James the Less

DDR/A/VPA/1/44 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Gainford St Mary

DDR/A/VPA/1/45 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Ingleton St John the Evangelist

DDR/A/VPA/1/46 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Lynesack St John the Evangelist

DDR/A/VPA/1/47 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Middleton in Teesdale St Mary

DDR/A/VPA/1/48 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Staindrop St Mary

DDR/A/VPA/1/49 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Whorlton St Mary

DDR/A/VPA/1/50 1970-1972, 1975-1988
Winston St Andrew

DDR/A/VPA/1/51-69 1970-1988 (with gaps)
Darlington deanery

Related material in other DUL collections: For 1974 visitation returns, see file
DDR/A/VPA/1/18.

DDR/A/VPA/1/51 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Cockerton St Mary

- DDR/A/VPA/1/52 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Coniscliffe St Edwin
- DDR/A/VPA/1/53 1970, 1972, 1975-1976 and 1978-1988
Darlington Holy Trinity
- DDR/A/VPA/1/54 1980-1981 and 1983-1984
Darlington St Columba
- DDR/A/VPA/1/55 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Darlington St Cuthbert
- DDR/A/VPA/1/56 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Darlington St Hilda and St Columba (formerly just St Hilda)
- DDR/A/VPA/1/57 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Darlington St James
- DDR/A/VPA/1/58 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Darlington St Mark with St Paul (formerly just St Mark). Includes letter to archdeacon from incumbent mainly re Women's Fellowship, 18 September 1993.
- DDR/A/VPA/1/59 1970-1972 and 1975-1978
Darlington St Luke
- DDR/A/VPA/1/60 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Darlington St Matthew and St Luke (formerly just St Matthew)
- DDR/A/VPA/1/61 1970-1972
Darlington St Paul
- DDR/A/VPA/1/62 1970, 1972 and 1975-1988
Dinsdale St John the Baptist
- DDR/A/VPA/1/63 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
East Darlington St John and St Herbert
- DDR/A/VPA/1/64 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Haughton-le-Skerne St Andrew
- DDR/A/VPA/1/65 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Heighington St Michael
- DDR/A/VPA/1/66 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Hurworth All Saints
- DDR/A/VPA/1/67 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Middleton St George St George
- DDR/A/VPA/1/68 1970-1972, 1976 and 1978-1988
Sadberge St Andrew
- DDR/A/VPA/1/69 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Sockburn Girsby All Saints
- DDR/A/VPA/1/70-82 1970-1992 (with gaps)
Hartlepool deanery
Related material in other DUL collections: For 1974 visitation returns, see file DDR/A/VPA/1/18.

DDR/A/VPA/1/70 1970-1972 and 1975-1992
Elwick Hall

DDR/A/VPA/1/71 1970-1972, 1975-1989 and 1991-1992
Greatham

DDR/A/VPA/1/72 1970-1972 and 1975-1992
Hart

DDR/A/VPA/1/73 1970-1972
Hartlepool Christ Church

DDR/A/VPA/1/74 1970, 1972, 1975 and 1977-1992
Hartlepool Holy Trinity

DDR/A/VPA/1/75 1970-1972 and 1975-1992
Hartlepool St Aidan

DDR/A/VPA/1/76 1970-1972 and 1975-1992
Hartlepool St Hilda

DDR/A/VPA/1/77 1970-1972 and 1975-1992
Hartlepool St Luke

DDR/A/VPA/1/78 1970, 1972 and 1975-1992
Hartlepool St Oswald

DDR/A/VPA/1/79 1970-1972 and 1975-1992
Hartlepool St Paul

DDR/A/VPA/1/80 1970-1972 and 1975-1992
Owton Manor

DDR/A/VPA/1/81 1970-1972 and 1976-1992
Seaton Carew

DDR/A/VPA/1/82 1970-1972 and 1975-1992
Stranton All Saints

DDR/A/VPA/1/83-94 1970-1978 (with gaps)
Parishes from various deaneries (all transferred into Sedgefield deanery in 1979)
Related material in other DUL collections: For 1974 visitation returns, see file
DDR/A/VPA/1/18.

DDR/A/VPA/1/83 1970-1972 and 1975-1978
Aycliffe St Andrew (Darlington deanery)

DDR/A/VPA/1/84 1970-1972 and 1975-1978
Bishop Middleham (Stockton deanery)

DDR/A/VPA/1/85 1970-1978
Cassop cum Quarrington (Easington deanery)

DDR/A/VPA/1/86 1970-1978
Chilton (Easington deanery)

DDR/A/VPA/1/87 1970-1978
Coxhoe (Easington deanery)

- DDR/A/VPA/1/88 1970-1977
Deaf Hill cum Langdale (Easington deanery)
- DDR/A/VPA/1/89 1970-1978
Ferryhill (Easington deanery)
- DDR/A/VPA/1/90 1970-1978
Kelloe (Easington deanery)
- DDR/A/VPA/1/91 1970-1972 and 1975-1978
Newton Aycliffe St Clare (Darlington deanery)
- DDR/A/VPA/1/92 1970-1972 and 1975-1978
Sedgefield (Stockton deanery)
- DDR/A/VPA/1/93 1970-1978
Trimdon St Mary Magdalene (Easington deanery)
- DDR/A/VPA/1/94 1970-1975 and 1977-1978
Trimdon Station St Alban and St Paul, formerly Trimdon Grange St Alban
(Easington deanery)
- DDR/A/VPA/1/95-105 1979-1992 (with gaps)
Sedgefield deanery (formed 1979)
- DDR/A/VPA/1/95 1979 and 1982-1992
Aycliffe St Andrew
- DDR/A/VPA/1/96 1979-1992
Bishop Middleham
- DDR/A/VPA/1/97 1979-1992
Cassop cum Quarrington
- DDR/A/VPA/1/98 1979-1992
Chilton
- DDR/A/VPA/1/99 1979-1992
Coxhoe
- DDR/A/VPA/1/100 1979-1992
Ferryhill
- DDR/A/VPA/1/101 1979-1992
Kelloe
- DDR/A/VPA/1/102 1979-1992
Newton Aycliffe St Clare
- DDR/A/VPA/1/103 1979-1989 and 1991-1992
Sedgefield
- DDR/A/VPA/1/104 1979-1992
Trimdon St Mary Magdalene
- DDR/A/VPA/1/105 1979-1986 and 1988-1992
Trimdon Station St Alban and St Paul

DDR/A/VPA/1/106-122 1970-1988 (with gaps)

Stanhope deanery

Includes returns from the following churches, which were at the time within the deanery of Auckland (transferred into Stanhope deanery in 1995): Fir Tree St Mary the Virgin (Howden-le-Wear), Hunwick St Paul, Sunnybrow St John and Willington St Stephen. For returns from Edmundbyers and Muggleswick (then in Stanhope deanery, but transferred into Lanchester deanery within Durham archdeaconry in 1982, and into Newcastle diocese in 1990), see DDR/A/VPA/1/148-149.

Related material in other DUL collections: For 1974 visitation returns, see file DDR/A/VPA/1/18.

DDR/A/VPA/1/106 1970-1972 and 1975-1988

Crook St Catherine

DDR/A/VPA/1/107 1970-1972 and 1975-1988

Eastgate All Saints

DDR/A/VPA/1/108 1970, 1972, 1975, 1977-1978, 1981-1983, 1985 and 1987-1988

Fir Tree St Mary the Virgin

DDR/A/VPA/1/109 1970, 1972 and 1975-1988

Frosterley St Michael and All Angels

DDR/A/VPA/1/110 1970-1972 and 1975-1988

Heatherycleugh St Thomas

DDR/A/VPA/1/111 1970, 1972, 1975-1984 and 1986-1988

Hunwick St Paul

DDR/A/VPA/1/112 1970-1972 and 1975-1988

Rookhope St John the Evangelist

DDR/A/VPA/1/113 1970-1972 and 1975-1988

St John's Chapel St John the Baptist

DDR/A/VPA/1/114 1970-1972 and 1975-1988

Satley St Cuthbert

DDR/A/VPA/1/115 1970-1971 and 1975-1988

Stanhope St Thomas

DDR/A/VPA/1/116 1970-1972 and 1975-1988

Stanley St Thomas

DDR/A/VPA/1/117 1970 and 1972

Sunnybrow St John

DDR/A/VPA/1/118 1970-1972, 1975-1980 and 1982-1988

Thornley St Bartholomew (Wolsingham)

DDR/A/VPA/1/119 1970-1972 and 1975-1988

Tow Law St Philip and St James

DDR/A/VPA/1/120 1970, 1972, 1975-1985 and 1987-1988

Westgate St Andrew

DDR/A/VPA/1/121 1970-1972 and 1975-1988

Willington St Stephen

DDR/A/VPA/1/122 1970, 1972 and 1975-1988
Wolsingham St Mary and St Stephen

DDR/A/VPA/1/123-147 1970-1988 (with gaps)
Stockton deanery

Related material in other DUL collections: For 1974 visitation returns, see file
DDR/A/VPA/1/18.

DDR/A/VPA/1/123 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Billingham St Aidan and St Luke (formerly Billingham St Aidan)

DDR/A/VPA/1/124 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Billingham St Cuthbert

DDR/A/VPA/1/125 1970-1972, 1975 and 1977-1987
Bishopton St Peter

DDR/A/VPA/1/126 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Egglescliffe St John the Baptist

DDR/A/VPA/1/127 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Elton St John

DDR/A/VPA/1/128 1970-1972, 1975-1977 and 1979-1988
Great Stainton All Saints

DDR/A/VPA/1/129 1970-1972, 1975, 1977 and 1979-1988
Grindon St James

DDR/A/VPA/1/130 1970-1972
Haverton Hill

DDR/A/VPA/1/131 1970-1972, 1975-1978 and 1980-1988
Longnewton St Mary

DDR/A/VPA/1/132 1970-1972, 1975-1978 and 1980-1988
Norton St Mary the Virgin

DDR/A/VPA/1/133 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Norton St Michael and All Angels

DDR/A/VPA/1/134 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Preston All Saints

DDR/A/VPA/1/135 1970-1972, 1975-1982 and 1984-1988
Redmarshall St Cuthbert

DDR/A/VPA/1/136 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Stillington St John

DDR/A/VPA/1/137 1970-1972 and 1975-1982
Stockton Holy Trinity (Yarm Lane)

DDR/A/VPA/1/138 1983-1988
Stockton Holy Trinity Greenvale (Fairfield)

DDR/A/VPA/1/139 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Stockton St Chad

DDR/A/VPA/1/140 1970-1972, 1976-1978 and 1980-1988
Stockton St James

DDR/A/VPA/1/141 1970-1972 and 1975-1978
Stockton St John the Baptist (Alma Street)

DDR/A/VPA/1/142 1979-1988
Stockton St John the Baptist (Durham Road)

DDR/A/VPA/1/143 1971-1972, 1975-1985 and 1987-1988
Stockton St Mark

DDR/A/VPA/1/144 1970-1972, 1975-1980 and 1982-1988
Stockton St Paul

DDR/A/VPA/1/145 1970-1972, 1975-1977, 1979-1982 and 1984-1988
Stockton St Peter

DDR/A/VPA/1/146 1970-1972, 1976-1977 and 1979-1988
Stockton St Thomas

DDR/A/VPA/1/147 1970-1972 and 1975-1988
Wolviston St Peter

DDR/A/VPA/1/148-149 1970-1982 (with gaps)
Edmundbyers and Muggleswick (Stanhope deanery). These two parishes were transferred into Lanchester deanery (Durham archdeaconry) in 1982, and thence into Newcastle diocese in 1990.

Related material in other DUL collections: For 1974 visitation returns, see file DDR/A/VPA/1/18. For other visitation returns from Stanhope deanery, see DDR/A/VPA/1/106-122.

DDR/A/VPA/1/148 1970-1972, 1975-1982
Edmundbyers

DDR/A/VPA/1/149 1970-1972, 1975-1982
Muggleswick

DDR/A/VPA/2/1 1996
Visitation charge

DDR/A/VPA/3/1 1995-1996
Report on questionnaire about visitation arrangements and on issues raised at churchwardens' evenings with archdeacon

Visitations by the archdeacon of Sunderland

DDR/A/VPS 1993-2007

DDR/A/VPG

This reference was previously allotted to archidiaconal visitation papers that did not belong to a single archdeaconry. The only item included within this series is now listed above under DDR/A/VPD/2.

Churchwardens' elections and admittances

Dates of creation: 1916-1989

DDR/A/CHW/1 1916 and 1936

Certificates of churchwardens' elections, archdeaconries of Durham and Auckland

Most are numbered (in a separate sequence for each year). Not yet sorted within years.

1 box

DDR/A/CHW/2 1933-1989

Registers of admittances (churchwardens' call books), archdeaconry of Durham

4 volumes

DDR/A/CHW/2/1 1933-1943 (none for 1936)

DDR/A/CHW/2/2 1944-1959

DDR/A/CHW/2/3 1960-1978

DDR/A/CHW/2/4 1979-1989

Includes (loose in volume) typescript list of instructions for admission of churchwardens

DDR/A/CHW/3 1925-1984

Registers of admittances (churchwardens' call books), archdeaconry of Auckland

4 volumes

DDR/A/CHW/3/1 1925-1937 (none for 1936)

DDR/A/CHW/3/2 1938-1947

DDR/A/CHW/3/3 1948-1968

DDR/A/CHW/3/4 1969-1984

Includes (loose in volume) typescript list of instructions for admission of churchwardens

Correspondence, papers and miscellanea

Chiefly relating to visitation arrangements and churchwardens' admittances

DDR/A/COR/1/1 1932-1941

Copy out-letter book of archdeacons' registrar, archdeaconries of Durham and Auckland.

With index to correspondents at front.

1 volume

Ownership history: Formerly referenced as DDR vols 1975/xix

DDR/A/COR/2 1948-1987

Correspondence files, archdeaconry of Durham

ca.2 boxes

DDR/A/COR/3 1948-1997

Correspondence files, archdeaconry of Auckland

ca.2 boxes

DDR/A/COR/4 1978-1997

General correspondence, papers and miscellanea relating to the archdeaconries of both Durham and Auckland, together with a copy of the archdeacon of Blackburn's visitation articles, 1954

Registers of Inductions

DDR/A/IND/1 1903-1964

Registers, numbered 2-5, containing copies of induction mandates received by the archdeacon of Durham and of the certifications of their execution

4 volumes

DDR/A/IND/2 1906-1964

Registers, numbered 2-4, containing copies of similar material relating to the archdeacon of Auckland

3 volumes