Durham Diocesan Records: Catalogue of records of archdeacons and archdeaconries

Date range of material: 1600-1997

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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:

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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.

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

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/EJCCA/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

Visitations 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
“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

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| 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
Ownership history: Formerly referenced as Stranks Papers 1

1956-1966
Blank visitation articles (various years) and printed summons to clergy and churchwardens (1966)

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

1964
Procedural note, list of clergy signatures, returns to articles

1965
Procedural notes, printed summons, returns to articles

1966
Procedural note

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

1968
Procedural note, list of clergy signatures, returns to articles

1970-1993
Visitation charges
1 folder

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

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)

1971
Manuscript. On getting to know his archdeaconry, churchyards, parsonage houses, clergy numbers and the electoral roll

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

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 Sheffield 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
“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

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

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

DDR/A/VPA/1 1942-1992
Visitations by the archdeacon of Auckland, chiefly churchwardens' returns to visitation articles and declarations.
7 boxes

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
Records of archdeacons and archdeaconries

Visitations by the archdeacon of Auckland

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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.

  Auckland St Andrew with St Anne
  Auckland St Helen
  Auckland St Peter
  Byers Green St Peter
  Coundon St James
  Eldon St Mark
  Escomb Saxon Church
  Etherley St Cuthbert
  Hamsterley St James
  Merrington St John the Evangelist
  New Shildon All Saints
  Shildon St John
  Spennymoor St Paul
  Tudhoe St David
  Tudhoe Grange St Andrew
  Whitworth
  Witton-le-Wear St Philip and St James
### Records of Archdeacons and Archdeaconries

Visitation by the Archdeacon of Auckland

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Coniscliffe St Edwin

Darlington Holy Trinity

Darlington St Columba

Darlington St Cuthbert

Darlington St Hilda and St Columba (formerly just St Hilda)

Darlington St James

Darlington St Mark with St Paul (formerly just St Mark). Includes letter to archdeacon from incumbent mainly re Women’s Fellowship, 18 September 1993.

Darlington St Luke

Darlington St Matthew and St Luke (formerly just St Matthew)

DDR/A/VPA/1/61 1970-1972
Darlington St Paul

Dinsdale St John the Baptist

East Darlington St John and St Herbert

Haughton-le-Skerne St Andrew

Heighington St Michael

Hurworth All Saints

Middleton St George St George

Sadberge St Andrew

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.
Elwick Hall

Greatham

Hart

Hartlepool Christ Church

Hartlepool Holy Trinity

Hartlepool St Aidan

Hartlepool St Hilda

Hartlepool St Luke

Hartlepool St Oswald

Hartlepool St Paul

Owton Manor

Seaton Carew

Stranton All Saints

Aycliffe St Andrew (Darlington deanery)

Bishop Middleham (Stockton deanery)

Cassop cum Quarrington (Easington deanery)

Chilton (Easington deanery)

Coxhoe (Easington deanery)
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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)

Newton Aycliffe St Clare (Darlington deanery)

Sedgefield (Stockton deanery)

DDR/A/VPA/1/93  1970-1978
Trimdon St Mary Magdalene (Easington deanery)

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

Sedgefield

DDR/A/VPA/1/104  1979-1992
Trimdon St Mary Magdalene

Trimdon Station St Alban and St Paul
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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
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  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.

  Billingham St Aidan and St Luke (formerly Billingham St Aidan)

  Billingham St Cuthbert

  Bishopton St Peter

  Egglescliffe St John the Baptist

  Elton St John

  Great Stainton All Saints

  Grindon St James

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

  Longnewton St Mary

  Norton St Mary the Virgin

  Norton St Michael and All Angels

  Preston All Saints

  Redmarshall St Cuthbert

  Stillington St John

  Stockton Holy Trinity (Yarm Lane)

  Stockton Holy Trinity Greenvale (Fairfield)

  Stockton St Chad
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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 miscellaneous
Chiefly relating to visitation arrangements and churchwardens' admittances

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