

## PLAQUES ETC INSIDE ST MARY'S CHURCH

The first plaque on the right as one enters the church reads:-

### AMOUNT OF GIFTS AND LEGACIES TO THE CHAPELRY OF WHEATLEY

FROM

THO<sup>S</sup> SIMS ESQ.

FOR BUILDING AND COMPLETING THIS CHAPEL	2485 - 5 - 6
AS A FUND FOR REPAIRS OF THE SAME	511 - 14 - 6
FOR INCREASING THE PERPETUAL CURACY	<u>1000 - 00 - 00</u>
TOTAL	<u>1000 - 00 - 00</u> sic.

FROM THE RIGHT REV<sup>D</sup> THE LORDS BISHOPS OF OXFORD

D<sup>R</sup> CHA<sup>S</sup> MOSS, LAID OUT IN THE PURCHASE  
AND ALTERATIONS OF THE NATIONAL  
SCHOOLS AND PREMISES. ABOUT

475 - 00 - 00

D<sup>R</sup> EDWARD LEGGE, FOR THE SAME

50 - 00 - 00

D<sup>R</sup> CHAS MOSS FOR THE ENDOWMENT OF THE SCHOOLS  
1500 3 <sup>per</sup> CENT CONSOLS

D<sup>R</sup> W<sup>M</sup> JACKSON £166 - 13s - 4d, 5 <sup>per</sup> CENT CONSOLS THE  
INTEREST (£5 <sup>per</sup> AN<sup>N</sup>) TO BE GIVEN TO POOR PERSONS  
AT WHEATLEY, BY THE MINISTER CHOSEN BY HIM  
VIZ: BY THE MINISTER FOR EVER

At the East End of the South Aisle is the Lady Chapel with two stained glass  
windows inscribed:-

Halford Halford-Adcock, Priest ministered here and was laid to rest in this  
churchyard on 26<sup>th</sup> January 1922

Next is the Chancel.

On the Chancel wall contains a brass cross under with an inscription to Herbert  
Gresley Elton, Priest,

"Who was faithful to Him who appointed him" Heb. 3 2

On the same wall is a metal plaque:-

Ad Dei gloriam  
In Memoriam SUORUM  
Simon et Decimus Sturges  
(OB 1889 - 1892)  
NOS CANCELLOS POSUIT  
ARTURUS FRATER

Another plaque is to Albert East a chorister for fifty-three years.

A stained glass window behind the choir stalls is inscribed:-

SHE IS NOT DEAD BUT SLEEPETH ST LUKE C8 52

To the Glory of God & to the pious memory of Georgina Cooper  
Born Sep 15 1843 Died Apr.15 1859

Another, further along on the same wall is:-

To the glory of God and in affectionate remembrance of John Elton of  
Red Hill Wrington in the County of Somerset  
Born July 5<sup>th</sup> 1784 Died 5<sup>th</sup> August 1856

Under this is a plaque depicting the Last Supper

To the right of the altar is a table inscribed:-

In affectionate Memory of  
Dorothy Wheeler  
10<sup>th</sup> October 1970

The reredos is      In Memory of Arthur Sheldon died 18 Oct 1947  
for 17 years organist of this church

Behind the altar is a stained window by Fouracre of Plymouth consisting of three lights with seven medallions (three in the centre light and two in each of the side lights) depicting the Birth, Baptism, Last Supper, Agony, Crucifixion and Resurrection and Ascension of our Lord.

Behind the choir stalls to the North of the Chancel is a plaque:-

IN MEMORY OF  
REES LEYSHON  
HEADMASTER  
OF WHEATLEY SCHOOL  
ORGANIST & CHOIRMASTER  
IN THIS CHURCH  
FROM 1891 - 1925

At East End of the North aisle is the Bishop King Chapel, consecrated on 21<sup>st</sup> June 1971 by David G. Loveday, Bishop of Dorchester in memory of Edward King.

In the window on the north wall is a photograph of Edward King as Bishop of Lincoln with writing underneath saying:-

Curate of Wheatley	1854 - 1858
Bishop of Lincoln	1882 - 1910

With it is a Prayer Book which he gave to his Clerk and servant James White.

The Altar Cross and Candlesticks in this chapel were given to commemorate the Reverend Arthur Sturges.

Continuing round to the West there is an oval plaque:-

In remembrance  
Of  
WILFRED CHARLES SHELDON  
B 1886 D 1972  
CHOIRBOY CHOIRMAN BELL RINGER  
SIDESMAN PARISH CLERK  
FOR FORTY ONE YEARS CHURCHWARDEN  
OF THIS PARISH  
Beloved by all who met him  
Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers but  
as the servants of Christ, doing the will  
of God from the heart  
Eph VI.6

Under this is a rectangular plaque:-

SACRED TO THE MEMORY OF  
JAMES ALGERNON BROWN  
AND OF MARGARET HIS WIFE  
WORSHIPPERS OF GOD IN THIS  
PARISH CHURCH OF WHEATLEY  
IN THE COUNTY OF OXFORD

1911 - 1939

Such as are gentle, then shall he learn His way

To the left of these plaques are another pair.  
The top (oval) one is inscribed:-

The  
Church of this Parish  
BUILT BY THOMAS SIMS ESQ.  
OF DENTON, ON THE SITE OF ONE STILL  
OLDER, HAVING BEEN PULLED DOWN.  
THIS BUILDING AND BURIAL GROUND WERE  
CONSECRATED BY SAMUEL  
LORD BISHOP OF OXFORD JUNE 10<sup>TH</sup> 1857  
SPIRE COMPLETED 1868. PARSONAGE HOUSE BUILT  
1850. ENLARGED 1865. VILLAGE STREET IMPROVE-  
MENT UNDER LOCAL BOARD ACT - 1858  
NATIONAL SCHOOL BUILT - 1858  
EDWARD ELTON INCUMBENT  
1849

Below this is a rectangular plaque:-

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TO THE GLORY OF GOD  
AND IN LOVING MEMORY OF HIS SERVANT  
EDWARD ELTON M.A.  
BALLIOL COLLEGE, OXFORD  
VICAR OF THIS PARISH 1849 - 1884  
RECTOR OF SHERINGTON, BUCKS 1884 - 1898  
THROUGH WHOSE LABOURS WERE BUILT THIS CHURCH 1857  
THE VICARAGE 1850, AND THE SCHOOLS 1858  
  
AFTER HE HAD SERVED HIS OWN GENERATION  
By THE WILL OF GOD HE FELL ON SLEEP

As one leaves the church, on the stone archway on the left is written:-

Let every man give as he is disposed in his heart not grudgingly or of  
necessity for GOD loveth a cheerful giver

Over the lichgate is carved:-

In Memory of the Rev. Arthur Sturges M.A. Vicar 1889 - 1907