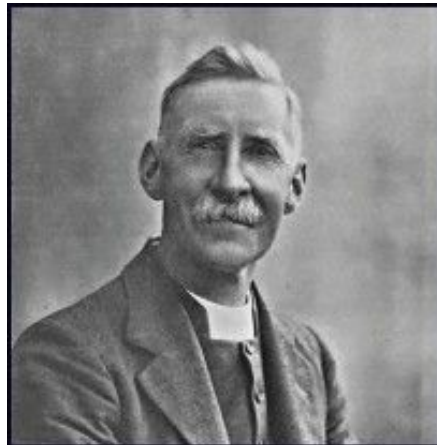


CANON WILIAM KITELEY WYLEY

BA MA

(1868-1952)



Born Admaston, Shropshire 11 May 1868

Died Malvern, Worcestershire 1952

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I. Introduction and Family

The Wyley family came from Castle Eaton in Staffordshire but had settled in Shropshire by 1841 when grand-father William Wyley (1801-1882), a land agent, was living in Wellington. His son, another William (1840-1908), was born in Wellington and farmed 180 acres at Wrockwardine. William Kiteley Wyley was born at Admaston, Shropshire and was baptised on the 11th May 1868 at St Peter's in Wrockwardine. An earlier William Wyley (1748-1826) was living at High Onn House, Church Eaton, Staffordshire, the family seat - note that '*High Onn House with about 258 acres of land came into the possession of the late Mr James Wyley who died 4th march 1880.*' (Staffordshire Historical Connections).



St Peter's Wrockwardine
Photo R. J. Higginson

William Kiteley Wyley was educated at Shrewsbury School and Trinity College, Cambridge (BA 1890, MA 1894). He married Annie Margaret Metcalfe, daughter of Dr Richard Metcalfe, at Leyburn in Yorkshire on the 17th March 1901. The couple had three children; Mary Margaret, William Bertram Metcalfe and Phyllis – the two daughters died unmarried, William Bertram Metcalf (1906-1986), also schooled at Shrewsbury, married Margaret Rutter in Bridgenorth. He was a director of Wyley's Limited Manufacturing Chemists and a Serving Brother of the Order of St Johns.

The Wyley Family Tree

William Wyley 1748-1826 <i>of High Onn House, Church Eaton Staffordshire</i>	m.	Ann Dean <i>Church Eaton</i> 25.08.1796 1785-1825
William Wyley 1801-1882 <i>Land agent, b. High Onn, Church Eaton, Staffs</i>	m.	Anne Wyley 20.08.1839 <i>Longdon Staffs</i> 1816- b. <i>Longdon, Staff</i>
William John Wyley 1840-1908 <i>Land agent, c. Wellington Salop</i>	m.	Ellen Anne Kiteley <i>Kidderminster</i> 24.01.1866 1838-1914 b. <i>Kidderminster</i>
William Kiteley Wyley 1868-1952 b <i>Admaston</i> 11.05.1868 ^c c. <i>Wrockwardine</i> 23.06.1868 d. <i>Malvern</i> 1952		7 others
m. Annie Margaret Metcalfe <i>Leyburn, Yorkshire</i> 17 March 1901 1867-1949 b. <i>Leytonstone Yorkshire</i> 20.09.1867		
Mary Margaret 1904-1973	William Bertram 1906-1986	Phyllis - 1907-1996

William Kiteley Wyley was ordained deacon (Durham) in 1891 and priest in 1892. He was curate at Wellington, Co. Durham 1891-1892 and rector at St Andrew's, Helions Bumpstead in Essex over the years 1901 to 1913 where the three children were born. He then took the living as vicar of Aysgarth, Yorkshire in 1913 becoming an honorary canon at Ripon (1930-1932) and a Rural Dean of Wensleydale (1931-1932). Canon Wyley then returned to Shropshire to a living in Bridgnorth before retiring to Malvern where he died in 1952.

There is little to be found regarding his various livings although the following notice brings about memories of his time at Aysgarth:

Aysgarth June 1917 "MY DEAR FRIENDS"

The Importance of exercising the strictest economy in the use of flour and other grain food has been brought to the country by the King's proclamation in terms which can scarcely be misunderstood. We are told that the clever devices, by which the enemy submarines can now fire torpedoes accurately without coming to the surface, has intensified and may prolong our danger of scarcity, and we must not be misled to think that the shorter lists of sunken shipping of the last fortnight gives us ground to disregard the appeal of the King. Or to think lightly to this new duty of self-denial to which we at home are called for the time being. Thousands of people are pledging themselves to a loyal response to the proclamation and there are cards issued which may be obtained through the War savings Committee and which I hope will be extensively taken and signed, promising to effect every economy possible in the use of wheaten and other grain food. ... W. K. WYLEY, Vicar.

2. The Canon Wyley Collection

In researching the above brief account of a clerical life only one item was listed as an interest; geology. But there was no indication of how this interest arose. It however it led to the gathering of a diverse collection of fossils all donated to the museum at Shrewsbury and now held at the Ludlow Museum Resource Centre.

The collection ranges from the Cambrian through to the Pleistocene and is too numerous to itemise here. The collection is currently being re-entered in to Adlib. One example is included in the Natural History Museum's Portal as shown below



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Hyolith sp. Ordovician Hyolith
Garnston
shyms g. 199.0189

Dr. J. A. Gosling
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