

1587

We present Marie Pilsworthe to be a fornicatrix but the crime was committed in Cropwell. Our curate doth refuse to wear the surplice and did not wear it at Easter last.

1596 May 7

They say that their parson, Robert Greene is a preacher and that their curate Robert Cambell is likewise a preacher of God's word and lawfully licensed, as they think.

They say that they had 12 sermons this last year made by their said parson and others whose name they they cannot now positively remember, and that they have had the communion administered thrice this last year.

They say that Marie Pilsworth ... hath stood excommunicate by the space of two years now last Easter and ... that she was so excommunicated for fornication.

1596/7 February 27

The churchwardens there do report that they find within their parish no delinquents against the articles whereof we are to enquire by virtue of such letters as lately came from the Lords of Her Majesty's most honourable privy council but all to the uttermost of their powers are due observers of the same.

1603

Robt Greene a Mr of Arte and a public preacher by God's word is our parson.

Robt Greene has another benefice, and the West Bridgford aforesaid in the King's books is £15 and the value of his other benefice in the King's books is £13 6s 8d.

The benefices of the said Robt Greene are distant one from another fifteen miles.

There are no recusants in the parish of West Bridgford.

There are about two hundred and twenty communicants within the parish ... and no non-communicants.

CHURCHWARDEN PRESENTMENTS

1641 May 11

We present John Gee and Mary Cowlingworthe for committing of fornication together.

1664 April 29

We present Prudence Pecke for not coming to her parish church nor receiving the sacrament at Easter last, and we present Mordecai Shephard for not receiving the sacrament at Easter last, and this is all we have to present.

1678 April 23

Present George Garton husbandman for not paying his church levy the sum of 1s 9d and Samuel Garton for the like the sum of 7s.

1693 April 26

Nothing to report save John Moore (gent) for not receiving the holy communion at Easter last.

1699 April 24

Our chancel out of repair.

1703 October 19

We present William Askew's late servant Sarah for lying under common fame of being with child by her said master and the said William Askew for lying under common fame of getting the said child by the said Sarah his servant and that we have nothing more to present.

1712 May 26

Present Richard Flinders, carpenter, for non payment of his church levy being the sum of two shillings and that we have nothing more to present.

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