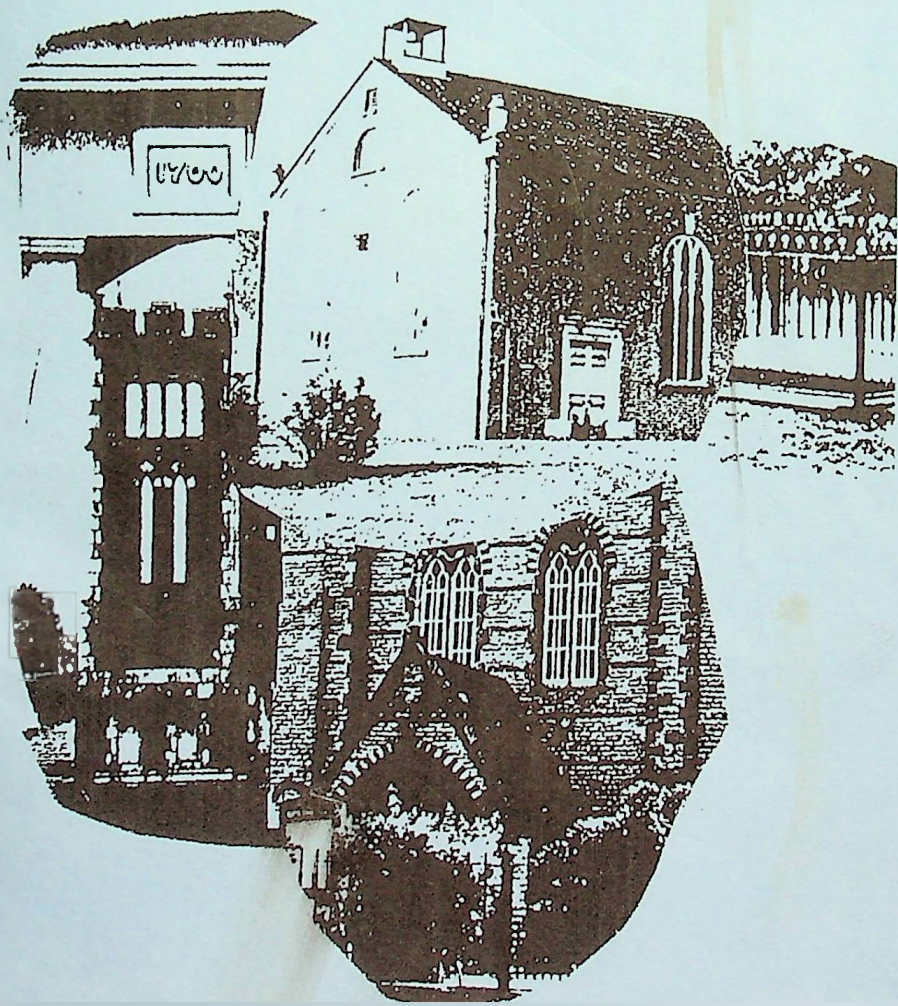


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Introduction

I have transcribed these monumental inscriptions of five Hindley chapel graveyards -- All Saints' Anglican Chapel, Bridge Croft Congregationalist Chapel, Bridge St. St Benedict's Catholic Chapel, Market St. St Paul's Congregationalist Chapel, Chapel St. and the Unitarian Chapel, Presbyterian Fold -- to preserve this information against the ravages of erosion and vandalism and to make it more readily available: paper may be more durable, as well as more convenient, than stone.

Hindley was originally a township of the parish of Wigan, and the graveyard of Wigan parish church (All Saints') served the dead of the whole parish. However, in 1641 a chapel of ease, now the parish church of All Saints', Hindley, was erected with a graveyard to serve the township. No sooner was this chapel built than the outbreak of the Civil War and the victory of the Puritan Parliamentary party meant that it, like all other English churches became temporarily Presbyterian, that is it abandoned the episcopal government and the Prayer Book liturgy of the Church of England for Presbyterian government and liturgy and Calvinist theology. After the Restoration of the monarchy in 1660 Hindley chapel was restored to the Church of England in 1690. The graveyard of Hindley chapel, therefore, served the Anglican majority, and continues to serve its own parishioners.¹

In 1700 the ejected Presbyterians built their own chapel with its own little graveyard. English Presbyterianism became increasingly Unitarian, that is it rejected traditional Trinitarian theology, although not until 1833 was Unitarianism triumphant in Hindley.²

A small Catholic minority worshipped at Lowe Hall until 1727, and was served from Standish Hall until 1758, when a chapel was opened at Strangeways Hall. In 1789 a new

chapel, St Benedict's, with its own graveyard, was opened in Market St. This chapel was rebuilt in 1869.³

As the Presbyterians abandoned Calvinism for Unitarianism, the Congregationalists, who accepted Calvinism but rejected Presbyterian government, emerged in Hindley in 1794. They opened St Paul's chapel, with its own little graveyard, in 1815. The chapel was rebuilt in 1910 and closed in 1954. The building has been rescued from neglect, vandalism, and possible demolition by housing the North West Angling Centre, not inappropriately as Jesus said to his disciples 'Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men'.⁴

In 1830 the Rev. William Turner resigned as minister of St Paul's, and established a new Congregationalist community at Bridge Croft, opening a new chapel there in 1838. This chapel closed in 1954, and was subsequently demolished. As a result of the redevelopment of the area, the few graves left here have been surrounded by a fine new wrought-iron fence.⁵

Meanwhile the Industrial Revolution with the development of coal mining and of cotton factories in the town led to a rapid increase in population from 7,000 in 1851 to over 14,000 in 1881. The existing graveyards could no longer cope with these increased numbers, and the public cemetery was opened on Castle Hill in 1880. As a result, apart from All Saints', the small chapel graveyards fell into disuse.⁶

Their monumental inscriptions not only record biographical details, the dates of births and deaths, and relationships, but also throw light on a vanished way of life and death, that local Christianity which once flourished in over a dozen churches and chapels. All Saints' contains the graves of Hindley's great and good: the Eckersleys, Leylands, and Penningtons, who once dominated the township. Bridge Croft's few tombstones quote scripture. St Benedict's inscriptions enshrine the Catholics' peculiar eschatology, their belief that, whilst the

wicked might go to Hell and the heroically virtuous direct to Heaven, the ordinary Christian had to go to Heaven by way of Purgatory, and needed the help of prayers to expedite this process: 'Pray for the soul of...'. St Paul's inscriptions provide striking evidence of the high incidence of infant mortality in the mid-nineteenth century. The Unitarian inscriptions range from resigned acceptance for adults ('They have done what they could') to sentimental sadness for children ('Sweet on earth, happy in heaven'). In the Unitarian churchyard there is also a tombstone of a farm labourer erected at the expense of one of the local Catholic squires, demonstrating respect across the divides of rank and religion.

I have only recorded the inscriptions of graveyard tombstones; I have not recorded monumental inscriptions in the interior of these chapels. If I have made any errors in transcribing, if I have missed any inscriptions or, indeed, have neglected any graveyards, I would be grateful to have my errors and omissions made know to me.

Editorial matter is placed within square brackets. I have given each inscription two numbers: the first number denotes the row and the second the grave; I have described the arrangement of the graveyard at the start of each section. Illegible inscriptions are denoted by a row of points, doubtful reading by question marks, and unusual spellings by *sic*. Numbers in superscript refer to end-notes, which supply supplementary information and/or cite sources.

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All Saints' Anglican Chapel

[A new graveyard, still in use, lies to the liturgical east of the chapel. I have not transcribed the inscriptions in this new graveyard. The old graveyard surrounds the liturgical north, south, and west of the chapel. The gravestones lie in groups, and I have numbered the inscriptions, working clockwise from (liturgical) west through north to south.]

[1.1] John Leyland died February 1811, aged 84 years.
 Alice his wife died 1817
 William Leyland died August 9th 1830, aged 56 years.
 Catherine his wife died July 10th 1847, aged 72 years.
 Sarah their daughter died January 4th 1825, aged 14 years.
 Matthew Seddon died March 3rd 1804 aged 70 years.
 Isabel his wife died Dec 29th 1804, aged 68 years.
 Elizabeth their daughter died Jan 22nd 1837 aged 65 years.

[1.2] John Leyland born 24th June 1813 died 28th June 1883.
 A generous benefactor to Hindley.

[1.3] In loving memory of Sarah the beloved wife of Henry Molyneux who died May 6th 1900, aged 52 years.
 Also the above Henry Molyneux, who died September 19th 1905, aged 56 years.
 Also Alice daughter of the above who died March 4th 1877, aged 3 years.
 Also William Henry son of the above who died March 10th 1877 aged 7 years.

[2.1] Sacred to the memory of Giles son of Henry and Jane Hayes of Ince who departed this life on the 26th day of November 1853 aged 11 years.

Also of Margaret their daughter who departed this life on the 1st day of December 1853 aged 15 years.

Also of Charles their son who departed this life on the 2nd day of December 1853 aged 16 years.

Also of Henry Hayes father of the above who departed this life on the 29th day of May 1866 aged 56 years.

Lord, who can all Thy wanderings know.

Or watch where guilt begins;

Then let Thy grace our hearts renew.

And cleanse us from secret sins.

Also of Jane Hayes wife of the above Henry Hayes who departed this life on the 3rd day of May 1887 aged 67 years.

A mother so true

There are but few

And very rare to find

And the so just and fit to trust

There's few that's left behind.

Also of Henry Hayes, son of the above who departed this life September 27, 1890 aged 5[?]3 years.

Hen [...] and J[...] July 18[...]

[3.1] In loving memory of Joseph Ingram JP of Brooklands near Manchester and formerly of Wigan died June 28th 1882 aged 63 years.

'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God'

Also Rebecca Ann widow of the above who died 18th March 1913 aged 82 years.

"Unto Thy hands O God"

[4.1] In memory of the late William Mather who departed this life on the 16th day of June 1863 aged 63 years.

Also Martha Mather widow of the above who departed this life on the 25th day of April 1885 aged 85 years.

Also John Mather son of the above who departed this life August 10th 1883 aged 46 years.

Also Richard Mather son of the above who departed this life February 6th 1902 aged 74 years.

[3.2] In loving memory of Jane, daughter of James & Hannah Law died July 10th 1871 aged 10 years and the above James, the beloved husband of Hannah Law, died Aug 18th 1894, aged 69 years

Also the above Hannah Law died Feb'y 22nd 1908 aged 75 years

Also Emma, daughter of the above, died Oct 2nd 1921, aged 50 years

Peace Perfect Peace

[4.1] In memory of James son of Evan and Rachel Makinson of Hindley died Nov 7th 1860 aged 3 years

Also Rachel daughter of the above died September 18th 1868 aged 9 months

Also Rachel the beloved wife of Evan Makinson who died June 25th 1872 aged 46 years

Also the above Evan Makinson who died August 4th 1889 aged 65 years

[4.2] In memory of Thomas Hardman who was killed at Worthington Mills March 8th 1873 aged 54 years

Also of Catherine Hardman, who departed this life April 4th 1889 aged 68 years

Also of Jane their daughter who died December 22nd 1896, aged 49 years

[5.1] Sacred to the memory of Jeffrey Smith who departed this life October 28th 1852 aged 67 years

Also of Mary Smith wife of the above who died at Southport June 27th 1889 aged 85 years

Faithful unto death

[5.2] Susanna Dorning who died Oct 27 1837 aged 29 years

Also of Elizabeth Dorning who departed this life on the 6th of August 1868 aged 79 years

[5.3] In memory of Thomas Gaskell of Hindley who departed this life April 8th 1870 aged 86 years

Also of Mary Jane Elliott wife of James Elliott who departed this life February 4th 1885 aged 40 years.

Also of the above James Elliott who departed this life December 6th 1886 aged 44 years.

Also Victor Elliott, 7th son of the above who departed this life August 28th 1891 aged 13 years.

Also Robert Elliott 2nd son of the above who departed this life January 25th 1893 aged 26 years.

Also Abraham Hurst Elliott 3rd son of the above who departed this life February 20th 1893 aged 24 years.

Also Alfred Elliott 5th son of the above died February 28th 1895 aged 21 years.

Also Elizabeth Jane Elliott who died December 7th 1898 aged 18 years.

[5.3] Sacred to the memory of Alexander Johnson died November 25th 1888 aged 64 years.

"Blessed is that servant, whom his lord, when he cometh will find watching."

Also of Margaret Johnson third daughter of the above died May 17th 1892 aged 38 years.

Also Margaret widow of the above died June 11th 1905 aged 75 years.

[6.1] In loving memory of Robert Ellison the beloved husband of Annie Smith who died August 30th 1914 aged 32 years.

Also George Ellison-Smith son of the above who died July 17th 1919, aged 9 years.

Also Thomas Herbert the beloved son of Thomas de H. Simpson who died September 25th 1923 aged 9 years.

Also Annie Simpson who died August 15 1977 aged 94 years.

[6.2] In loving remembrance of Martha for 52 years within 1 day the faithful and affectionate wife of William Unsworth of Lord St Hindley who died September 9th 1885 in her 78th year.

"For her God's will was suffering, just waiting, lying still."

Also of the above named William Unsworth who died March 16th 1889 aged 76 years.

Opening Stone'

[6.3] In loving remembrance of Frederick the beloved son of William and Mary Twist of Hindley who died January 18th 1880 aged 8 years.

Also of the above William Twist who died June 18th 1888 aged 41 years.

Also of Mary Shellcross who died July 4th 1922 aged 72 years.

Also Ellen Twist who died March 22nd 1936 aged 66 years.
Opening stone.

[6.4] In memory of Johanne daughter of T. H. Whittam who died Dec 26th 1879 aged 4 years

Whose soul is with Jesus and Mary.

Also of Margaret the beloved wife of Thomas H. Whittam who departed this life Oct 8th 1897 aged 55 years.

R.I.P. Ora pro nobis ¹¹¹

Also of Thomas H. Whittam beloved husband of the above who died May 13th 1918 aged 68 years R.I.P.

Also of Mary Alice Whittam daughter of the above who died April 24th 1954 R.I.P.

Also Caroline Whittam daughter of the above who died Dec 30th 1961 aged 72 years. R.I.P.

[7.1] In memory of Mary Ainscough wife of James Ainscough daughter of Edward and Elizabeth Grime who died June 1st 1880 aged 34 years.

Also of Alice Kearsley who died December 4th 1903 aged 85 years.

[7.2] In memory of Isabella Grime who died December 18th 1866 aged 81 years.

Also Edward Grime son of the above who died October 4th 1880 aged 63 years.

Also of Elizabeth Grime who died Oct 5th 1883 aged 60 years.

Also Margaret the beloved daughter of William and Jane Ellen Grime born April 23rd 1875 died January 25th 1904.

Look upon me, ye know that for a little time labour and sorrow were mine but at the last I have found comfort.

Also the above William the beloved husband of Jane Ellen Grime born February 3rd 1852 died July 8th 1910.

Peace, perfect peace.

Also Jane Ellen Grime wife of the above born November 21st 1855 died June 20th 1928

In loving memory of Edward Grime eldest son of Jane and William Grime 29-12-45 interred at Brighton.

Also in memory of Helen Dom daughter of William and Jane Ellen Grime born September 1889 died March 1968.

[8.1] Sacred to the memory of Ellen daughter of George and Margaret Mort who departed this life June 16th 1846 aged 32 years.

Also of George son of John and Ellen Mort who departed this life in November 1849 aged 4 years.

Also of George Mort who departed this life in March 1852 aged 66 years.

Also of Margaret Mort who departed this life in August 1854 aged 70 years.

Also of John Mort who departed this life April 12th 1873 aged 60 years.

Also of the above Ellen Mort who died June 3rd 1891 aged 79 years.

[9.1] In memory of Henry Parr of Hindley who died 13th Feb 1863 aged 72 years.

Also of Jane Parr widow of the above who died 22nd April 1863 aged 67 years.

Also of Henry Parr son of the above who died April 3rd 1895 aged 59 years.

Also of Alice Parr beloved wife of the above who died April 7th 1909 aged 69 years.

[9.2] to my dear husband.

[9.3] Sacred to the memory of Mary wife of James Gregory of Hindley who departed this life [...]

[9.4] [...]

[10.1] Thy will be done
William Whittle who died May 8th 1885 aged 56 years
Also Anne widow of the above who died Sept 10th 1895.

[10.2] In memory of Mary wife of Henry Walls who departed this life March 22nd [...]
Also of [...] son who died Nov 6th 1849 aged one[?] month.
Also Elizabeth Walls who died Nov 29th 1851 aged 20 years.

[10.2] Sacred to the memory of Barbara wife of Robert Walls who departed this life Nov 3rd 1845 aged 28 years
Also of Joseph Walls who died June 13th [...] aged 37 years.

[10.4] In loving remembrance of Thomas the beloved husband of Mary Ann Hampson who departed this life Nov 29th 1899 aged 52 years
Also of Mary Ann wife of the above who departed this life May 25th 1902 aged 65 years.
Rest in peace.

[10.5] In loving remembrance of Richard the beloved husband of Mary Westhead who departed this life February 22nd 1904 aged 66 years.
Peace. perfect peace.
Also Mary wife of the above who died Feb 9th 1912 aged 74 years.
Also Ellen Parry who died November 7th 1891 aged 47 years.
Also Margaret Helen Welsby grandchild who died May 16th 1917 aged 5 years. At rest.
Richard Westhead's vault.

[10.6] Sacred to the memory of William Whitehead who died March 8th 1859 aged 8 years.

Also of James Molyncux grandfather of the above who died
15th November 1863 aged 76 years.

[10.7] In loving memory of John Harrison Baldwin who died
Nov 22nd 1857 aged 14 weeks.

Also Margaret Baldwin who died Oct 9th 1873 aged 4 years.
Also Richard Baldwin father of the above who died May 13th
1900 aged 60 years.

Also Rebecca Baldwin wife of the above who died Feb 9th
1907 aged 74 years.

[10.8] In remembrance of Joseph Eckersley who died 2nd
October 1861 aged 65 years.

[10.9] Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth [...].

[10.10] Elizabeth Ann daughter of Mary Brown died January
18th [...] aged 11 years and 9 months.

Also Hannah the daughter who died 25th December 1870 aged
4 years

[...] Peter Brown died March 22nd 1903 aged 68 years.

[11.1] In loving memory of William Hurst the beloved brother
of John Hurst who died November 28th 1908 aged 74 years.

He was beloved and respected by all who knew him.

Also the above John Hurst who died April 9th 1911 aged 74
years.

May they rest in peace.

Also Lydia Hurst wife of the above John Hurst who died June
12th 1913 aged 76 years.

[11.2] In loving memory of Esther daughter of Richard and
Ann Laithwaite died October 4th 1867 aged 6 months.

Elizabeth their daughter Oct 21st 1879 aged 23 years.

‘Not lost but gone before’

Richard Laithwaite father of the above died July 16th 1882
aged 58 years.

Also of the above Ann Laithwaite who died March 11th 1892.

'Her end was peace'

[12.1] Here lie interred the mortal remains of Tabitha the wife of John Hargreaves of Hart Common and daughter of Thomas and Hannah Duckitt [sic] of Bradford who died March 6th 1847 aged 65 years

Also of James Hargreaves son of John and Tabitha Hargreaves who died May 21st 1809 aged 10 months.

Also of Charles Duckitt son of John and Tabitha Hargreaves who died April 16th 1818 aged 5 weeks.

Also of Elizabeth daughter of John and Tabitha Hargreaves who died June 12th 1834 aged 24 years

Also of John Hargreaves of Hart Common the husband of the above Tabitha Hargreaves who died July 10th 1860 aged 82 years

[12.2] Here lie interred the remains of John Pennington¹¹ of Hindley who died at Liverpool August 4th 1850 aged 82 years.

Also of his son Alfred Pennington of Hindley who died at Southport February 18th 1871 aged 55 years.

Also in memory of Elizabeth Hargreaves wife of the above John Pennington who died at Bootle December 20th 1853 aged 76 years.

[12.3] [...] Etough [sic] interred [...] the 28th day of Feb 1757.

Robert Eatcock [sic] 2B¹²

Edward Prescott died October 7th 1791 aged 58.

Mary wife of Edward Prescott died Jan 28th 1793 aged 59.

Jas & Nancy Prescott 3B

[12.4] 1B

John Smith died Dec 17th 1830 aged 7[...] years.

John Smith Junior died June 17th 1843 aged 42 years.

[12.5] In memory of Ann wife of Thomas Smith who departed this life February 20th 1847 aged 72 years.

Also of Thomas Smith husband of the above departed this life
June 7th 184[...] aged 80 years.

Also of Mary Smith daughter of the above departed this life
November 4th 1871 aged 71 years.

[12.6] 2B

James Harrison

[12.7] [...]

[12.8] Underneath lie interred the remains of Richard Barlow
gentleman late of Carr common who departed this life
September 19th 1829 aged 65 years.

Also Hannah wife of the above Richard Barlow who departed
this life 6th Nov 1833 aged 48 years.

Also Alice their daughter who departed this life September 9th
aged 22 years

Also Susanna their daughter who departed this life September
29th 1842 aged 20 years.

[12.1] Here rest they [sic] Bodies of

Martha Dangr [sic]

John Son } of John Southworth

And Ann Wife }

Interred

Mar:a 2nd of Feb 1744

John 16th May 1749

Ann 31st July 1749

[13.1] Thomas Harrison. In memory of Thomas son of
Thomas & Margaret Harrison who departed this life April 1st
1831 aged 1[...] 8 months.

Also Thomas the 4th son died July 31st 1836 aged 1 years [sic]
& 6 months.

Also Margaret their daughter died August 9th 1810 aged 2
years & 6 months.

Also Margaret daughter of William and Elizabeth Harrison
died November 13th 1848 aged 18 months.

[13.2] Sacred to the Memory of Margaret Stephen wife of Henry Stephen who departed this life on the 11th day of July 1859 aged 42 years.

Also of Henry son of Henry and Elizth Stephen who departed this life the 19th of August 1864 aged 2 years and 4 months.

[13.3] Thomas Barlow.

Elizabeth Ann daughter of Thomas and Ann Barlow departed this life May 20th 1846 aged 4 years

Also John son of the above departed this life Febraury 8th 1849 aged 4 years.

Also in remembrance of the late Thomas Barlow who departed this life on the 19th day of Decem. 1868 aged 58 years.

[14.4] Thomas Leigh No 57

Samuel son of Thomas Leigh died March 26th 1811 aged 2 years.

John Leigh No 58

Amanda Rigby 1B [upside down]

[14.5] In Memory of William Harrison who departed this life February 2nd 1894 aged 67 years.

Also of Elizabeth Harrison wife of the above who departed this life September 1st 1857 aged 33 years.

[14.6] In memory of Joseph [...]

John Holcroft died October [...] 1830 aged [...]

Also Betty Blundell [...]

Also of the above named John Holcroft who departed this life 5th November 1851 aged 72 years.

Also of Thomas Holcroft their son who departed this life November [...] 1864 aged 38 years.

Also Joseph Holcroft junior who departed this life 5th January 1871 aged 56 years.

[14.7] Also in memory of Martha Croudson daughter of William Croudson & granddaughter of the above Revd. John Croudson¹³ who died February 2nd 1881 aged 59 years.

[14.8] Sacred to the memory of Thomas Taylor who departed this life December 13th 1841 aged 54 years.

Also William son of the above who died August 13th 1842 aged 26 years.

Also Margaret wife of the above Thomas Taylor who departed this life April 30th 1847 aged 74 years.

[14.9] In affectionate remembrance of Mary Holcroft who departed this life June 1st 1888 aged 73 years.

Ellen Holcroft who departed this life November 19th 1874 aged 23 years.

"Thy will be done"

[14.10] John Ollerton of Hindley departed this life 29th March 1861 aged 88 years

Also of Ellen wife of John Ollerton departed this life Aug 26th 1847 aged 82 years

[14.11] Here lies the body of John Irlam who departed this life July 6th 1839 aged 84 years.

Also of Ann widow of the above John Irlam departed this life March 24th 1845 aged 77 years.

[14.12] Sacred to the memory of James Harrison who departed this life the [...]5th day of June 1851 aged 24 years.

Esther Harrison 1B.

[15.1] [Blank]

[15.2] Mary wife of Nathaniel Eckersley¹⁴ died March 9th.
James their son died Dec 30th 1847 aged 65.

[15.3] James Eckersley died February 5th 1850 aged 68
Elizabeth his wife died Dec 30th 1847 aged 65

James Eckersley eldest son of James and Elizabeth Eckersley
died 20th August 1856 aged 47.

[16.1] [Bronze tablet on church wall] In hopes of glorious
resurrection in this vault are deposited the remains of the late
Rev. Jn Croudson 22 years minister of this chapelry [...]
Mary his wife [...]
Martha [...]
William [...]

[16.2] Sacred to the memory of William Croudson of Wigan
eldest son of the Rev John Croudson who died 15th January
185[...] aged 70 years
Also of Mary Ann his second wife who died 9th January
182[...] aged 28 years and of their only son William Mellor
who died 17th May 1840 aged 16 years.
Also of Elizabeth Harding sister of Mary Ann Croudson who
died 1st September 1859 aged 73 years.
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

[17.1] [...] Also Margret [sic] his wife died October 13th 1858
76 years.
Here resteth the body
Sarah [...] departed this life September | |

[18.1] Here resteth the body of Ellen Gerrard the wife of
James Gerrard who departed this life November 10th 1801
aged 48 years.
Richard Gerrard [...]

[19.1] [...] 1823 aged [...] years.
Also Mary wife of Jonathan Gorse died January 11th 1833
aged 70 years.

[19.2] William Gidlow

[19.3] [...] died December [...] 1858 aged 61 years.
Hannah wife of the above died July 26th 1849 aged 48 years.

[19.4] In memory of William Ellison late of Ince who died on the 11th day of July 1843 aged 70 years.

Also of Ellen Ellison widow of the above who died on the 25th day of March 1853 aged 80 years.

Also of Alice daughter of the above who died on the 5th day of April 1815 aged [...]

[...] died on the [...] 1854 aged 51 years.

Elizabeth Ellison wife of the above William Ellison who died on the 2nd November 1870 aged 76 years.

Also Ellen daughter [...]

[19.5] 1B

Wm Sargent

[19.6] [...] 1823 aged 70 years.

Also Mary wife of Jonathan Gorse who died January 11th 1833 aged 70 years.

[19.7] [...] Phillip Mort died 20th April [...] aged 72 years.

II

Bridge Croft Congregational Chapel

[This graveyard consists of four horizontal stones]

[1.1] In memory of Robert, son of Robert and Elizabeth Elliott, who died March 5th 1850 aged 12 months.

Also of John their son who died March 15th 1850 aged 3 years.

Also of Mary Ann Elliott their daughter who died June 13th 1858 aged 12 months.

Also of John E[...] their 4th son who died July 8th 1872 aged 21 years.

[1.2] [Blank]

[1.3] Sacred to the memory of Mary wife of John Platt of Hindley who died March 24th 1885 aged 75 years.

Also of John Platt who fell asleep in Jesus Nov. 28th 1884 in the 90th year of his age.

For 85 years connected with Congregationalism in Hindley as scholar, teacher, deacon, and preacher of the Gospel.

"The memory of the just is blessed".

[1.4] To the memory of Betty the wife of Oliver Ormrod of Hindley who departed this life September 13th 1843, aged 38 years.

Also of Edward Snelson [sic] Ormrod son of Oliver and Ellen Ormrod who died 3rd February 1851 aged 2 years

Also James Lewis Ormrod their son who died December 15th 1863 aged 3 years.

Also of the above named Oliver Ormrod who died at King's March Cheshire January 5th 1879 aged 67 years.

"With Christ which is far better".

III St Benedict's Roman Catholic Chapel

[This graveyard is at the liturgical east end of the chapel. It consists of eight rows, each containing from one to three graves. There is also a stone near the wall, apparently not marking a grave, inscribed 'ME (?) ... ANIO (?) INSTITUTIO 1813']

[1.1] Hic Requiescit Revd Dom Rich Aug Marsh O.S.B. qui dormivit in Domino die 14 Dec 1856 anno C.A.P.D.¹⁵

[1.2] IHS[†]

Of your charity pray for the souls of Margaret wife of Thos Atherton who departed this life Dec 6th 1854 aged 68 years
Also Thomas Atherton who departed this life Dec 8th 1854 aged 72 years

[1.3] In memory of William Dennett who died May 5th 1861 aged 53 years

Eternal rest give unto him O Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him O Lord hear my prayer and let my cry come unto Thee. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

[2.1] IHS

Of your charity pray for the souls of Mary Smith who died March 1st 1851 aged 11 years Ann Corlett who died 8th January 1854 aged 10 years
Also William Corlett who died on 29th March 1854 aged 11 years
RIP[†]

[2.2] IHS

James [...] departed this life November [...] Rest in peace
Also Ellen wife of John Crank who departed this life 23rd April 1851 aged 63 years

Requiescant in pace
Amen

[3.1] INRI¹⁸

Alice wife of Joseph Wood died October 23rd [?] 1837 aged
40 years

Also Catharine Wood died June 2[?] 1838 aged 16 years

Also Joseph Wood died May 11th 1843 aged 47 years

Requiescant in pace Amen

[4.1] In remembrance of William son of Thomas and Mary
Tyrer who departed this life August 11th 1856 aged 10 years

Also the above Mary Tyrer who [] [] Aged 23 years

[5.1] Of your charity pray for the soul of Mrs Ellen
Brandwood who died March 25th 1859 aged 41 years
RIP

[5.2] [...]

[6.1] Remember in your good prayers Isaac Pickton who died
October 1st 1836 aged 29 years

[6.2] John Dunn who died Sep 12 1865 aged 17 years

[7.1] Signo vinces¹⁹ IHS

RIP [inscribed upside down]

[7.2] Of your charity pray for the soul of Margaret Seddon
who died February 20th 1847 [?] aged 22 years

Also of Mary Seddon who died May 26th 1851 aged 64 years
RIP

[8.1] [...]

IV

St Paul's Congregationalist Chapel

[This graveyard is at the liturgical west end of the chapel. It consists of two rows, one directly in front of the west door, and the other along the wall at right-angles to it']

[1.1] Sacred to the memory of Lydia Howe who died [...] Also of Edward Wall [...] of the above Rev Wm Howe²⁰ who died 12th July 1853 aged 28 years
Because I live ye shall live also

[1.2] [...] Ellen May [...] departed this life November [...] 18 [...] aged 61 years

[1.3] 1B²¹
[...] Mary P[]mer William son of the above died May 30th
[...] aged [...] 1 day
Also [...] daughter April 7th 1843 [...]

[1.4] 1B
James & Mary Ann Hodskinson Monks James Hodskinson
Monks died November 13th 1866 aged 59 years
Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord
Also Eleanor H Monk daughter of Enoch & Mary H Monks
of Wigan who died August 14th 1871 aged 15 years

[2.1] [...]

[2.2] John and [...] |
Gregory

[2.3] 1B
James & Elizabeth Ormrod Peter son of the above died 21st
Oct 1851 aged 7 days

[2.4] 1B

William Prescot Ellen daughter of William & Fanny Prescot
died October 13th 1837 aged 2 years

[2.5] Sacred to the Memory of Peter Bibby [...]

[2.6] 1 Breadth

John Hart [...] John Hart the son of John and Sarah (?) Hart
of Hindley who departed this life February 21st 1826 aged 20
days Esther Hart died October 31st 1830 aged 4 months

[2.7] 1B

Joseph & Alice Rigby Sacred to the memory of Elizabeth
Rigby who died March 18th 1837 aged 2 years & 9 months
Also Henry Rigby who died September 18th 1837 aged 11
months
Also Elizabeth 2nd died February 10th 1837 aged 15 months
Also Elizabeth 3rd died December 27th 1841 aged 1{...}
months
Also [...]

[2.8] 1-B Richard Shuttlesworth [sic] Edward son of the
above died November 29th 1839 aged 5 years
Also Hugh son of the above died Sept 16th 1849 aged 20
years
Also John son of the above died Sept 19th 1849 aged 32
years

[2.9] In affectionate remembrance of Thomas Marsden late of
May Mill Pemberton who died February 18th 1879 in his 73rd
year

He givith [sic] to his beloved rest
Also Thomas Marsden Cook son of John & Elizabeth Cook
who died Feburay 3rd 1856 aged 3 years
Also Emma Cook who died June 25th 1864 aged 7 years

Also of Margaret their daughter who departed this life on the 1st day of December 1853 aged 15 years.
 Also of Charles their son who departed this life on the 2nd day of December 1853 aged 16 years.
 Also of Henry Hayes father of the above who departed this life on the 29th day of May 1866 aged 56 years.
 Lord, who can all Thy wanderings know,
 Or watch where guilt begins;
 Then let Thy grace our hearts renew,
 And cleanse us from secret sins.
 Also of Jane Hayes wife of the above Henry Hayes who departed this life on the 3rd day of May 1887 aged 67 years.
 A mother so true
 There are but few
 And very rare to find
 And the so just and fit to trust
 There's few that's left behind.
 Also of Henry Hayes, son of the above who departed this life September 27, 1890 aged 5[?]3 years.
 Hen [...] and J [...] [ult 18[...]

[3.1] In loving memory of Joseph Ingram JP of Brooklands near Manchester and formerly of Wigan died June 28th 1882 aged 63 years.
 'Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God'
 Also Rebecca Ann widow of the above who died 18th March 1913 aged 82 years.
 "Unto Thy hands O God"

[4.1] In memory of the late William Mather who departed this life on the 16th day of June 1863 aged 63 years.
 Also Martha Mather widow of the above who departed this life on the 25th day of April 1885 aged 85 years.
 Also John Mather son of the above who departed this life August 10th 1883 aged 46 years.
 Also Richard Mather son of the above who departed this life February 6th 1902 aged 74 years.

[3.2] In loving memory of Jane, daughter of James & Hannah Law died July 10th 1871 aged 10 years and the above James, the beloved husband of Hannah Law, died Aug 18th 1894, aged 69 years

Also the above Hannah Law died Feby 22nd 1908 aged 75 years

Also Emma, daughter of the above, died Oct 2nd 1921, aged 50 years

Peace Perfect Peace

[4.1] In memory of James son of Evan and Rachel Makinson of Hindley died Nov 3rd 1860 aged 3 years

Also Rachel daughter of the above died September 18th 1868 aged 9 months

Also Rachel the beloved wife of Evan Makinson who died June 25th 1872 aged 46 years

Also the above Evan Makinson who died August 4th 1889 aged 65 years

[4.2] In memory of Thomas Hardman who was killed at Worthington Mills March 8th 1873 aged 54 years

Also of Catherine Hardman, who departed this life April 4th 1889 aged 68 years

Also of Jane their daughter who died December 22nd 1896, aged 49 years

[5.1] Sacred to the memory of Jeffrey Smith who departed this life October 28th 1852 aged 67 years

Also of Mary Smith wife of the above who died at Southport June 27th 1889 aged 85 years

Faithful unto death

[5.2] Susanna Dorning who died Oct 27 1837 aged 29 years

Also of Elizabeth Dorning who departed this life on the 6th of August 1868 aged 79 years

[5.3] In memory of Thomas Gaskell of Hindley who departed this life April 8th 1870 aged 86 years

Also Ellen Gaskell wife of the aforesaid Thomas Gaskell who
 departed this life May 11th 1855. aged 63 years
 Remember man whoever thou mayst be
 Thou art on a journey to eternity
 And he alone who well his life doth spend
 Will rest in peace at his journey's end
 Memento mori

[5.4] In memory of Esther wife of Henry Baxendale who
 departed this life June 21st 1880 aged 63 years
 My soul rests in God
 Henry Baxendale who died April 17th 1882 aged 61
 "Rest, sweet rest, I pine for rest"
 James H. Baxendale born Dec 21st 1874 died Dec 19th 1876

[5.5] In loving memory of Hanna Jane, daughter of John and
 Alice Bushell, died February 13th 1881 aged 10 months
 This lovely bud so young and fair
 Called hence by early doom
 Just came to show how sweet a flower
 In paradise would bloom
 Also the above John Bushell who died March 12th 1901 aged
 64 years
 Also Alice Bushell wife of the above who died June 13th
 1901 aged 63 years
 Also Joseph Bushell son of the above who died March 12th
 1902, aged 32 years
 They have done what they could
 Also Jane the beloved wife of John Bushell who died May
 29th 1943, aged 67 years.
 In memory's garden we still walk side by side
 Also the above John Bushell who died July 11th 1951, aged
 77 years

[6.1] In memory of William son of Henry and Jane Whittle
 who departed this life on the | | 1858 aged [...] months

[6.2] In memory of [...] Edith Helen the beloved child of
Robert & Ellen Pearson who died April 13 1877 aged 1 year
& 6 weeks
Sweet on Earth. Happy in Heaven

[6.3] In memory of Roger Eckersley who died [...] 25th 1837
aged 82 years
Also of William Hulme [...] grandson of the above [...] |
Elizabeth Kay [...] |
Margaret [...] 23rd 1858 aged [...] and 11 months
Suffer little children to come unto me for of such is the
kingdom of heaven
Also Margaret Hatt [...] Beloved wife of John Dootson [...] |
Elizabeth Kay Dootson [...] |
Ellen Taylor daughter of the above named Roger Eckersley

[6.4] Sacred to the memory of the late Revd George Hoade
minister for 6 years of the Presbyterian Chapel Hindley who
died at the Parsonage 14th February 1868 51 years
He is not dead but sleepeth
Also Sarah his wife who died June 18th 1885 in the 74th year
of her age

[7.1] [...] Latchford of Astley who departed this life June
20th 1861 aged 33 years
Also of Sarah Jane daughter of the above who died July 23rd
1861 aged 5 weeks
In remembrance of Ann Battersby of Hindley who died May
22nd 1882 aged 49 years
Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord

[7.2] [...] Sarah Jane daughter of the above who died July 23
1861 aged 5 weeks
In remembrance of Ann Battersby May 2nd 1882

Notes

¹ *Victoria County History of Lancaster* (8 vols. London, 1906), IV, p.110; J.Lowe, *A History of All Saints Parish Church, Hindley* (Hindley, 1991)

² *VCH Lancs.*, IV, p.111, n.58.

³ *VCH Lancs.*, IV, p.111; J.A.Hilton, 'A Catholic Congregation in the Age of Revolution: St Benedict's, Hindley', *North West Catholic History*, XII (1990), pp. 20-28.

⁴ *VCH Lancs.*, IV, p.111, *Wigan Heritage Service: A Guide to the Archives* (Wigan, 1996), p.39, Mark 1.17.

⁵ *VCH Lancs.*, IV, p.111; *Guide to Archives*, p.39.

⁶ B.Blakeman, *Around Hindley and Abram* (Stroud, 1998), p.71.

John Leyland, a local landowner and benefactor, was involved with Hindley Local Board, All Saints' church, and Hindley and Abram Grammar School. He was also a local historian, the author of *Memorials of Hindley* (Manchester, 1874) and *Memorials of Abram* (Manchester, 1882). The public library and park were named after him (Blakeman, p.16).

⁸ L.R.C.P.&S is the abbreviation of Licentiate of the Royal Colleges of Physicians and Surgeons. D.P.H. is the abbreviation for Diploma in Public Health

⁹ The stone which opens to allow access to the vault.

¹⁰ R.I.P. is the abbreviation of *Requiescat in pace*, Latin for 'May he rest in peace'. *Ora pro nobis* is Latin for 'Pray for us'. The use of these prayers implies that the family was Roman Catholic but retained burial rights here.

¹¹ The Penningtons owned cotton mills in Hindley (Blakeman, pp.8, 57).

¹² 2B is the abbreviation for two breadths, i.e. two graves' breadths.

¹³ The Rev. John Croudson was vicar of All Saints from 1789 until his death in 1811 (Lowe, p 53). At the same time he was also headmaster of Wigan Grammar School (*L'Ulloa*, IV, p. 110).

¹⁴ The Eckersleys were local mill-owners and benefactors (Blakeman, pp 62-63).

¹⁵ This Latin inscription means 'Here lies the Revd Dom [Dom is the title accorded to Benedictines, it is an abbreviation of *Dominus* meaning 'Lord'] Richard Augustus Marsh, Order of St Benedict, who went to sleep in the Lord on the 12th day of December 1856 By whose soul may God be appeased. [C.A.P.D is the abbreviation of *Cuius, Anna Propitiatur Deus*. I am indebted to the Rev. Dom Anselm Cramer O.S.B. for the expansion of this abbreviation..]

¹⁶ HIS is the abbreviation of the Greek for Jesus.

¹⁷ RIP is the abbreviation of the Latin *Requiescant in pace*, meaning 'May they rest in peace'.

¹⁸ INRI is the abbreviation of the Latin *Jesus Nazareus Rex Iudaeorum* meaning 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews', the inscription placed on the Cross of Christ.

¹⁹ *Signo vinces* is an abbreviation of the Latin *In hoc signo vinces* meaning 'In this sign [the sign of the Cross] conquer'.

²⁰ The Rev. William Howe was minister of St Paul's 1832-38 (J. Leyland, *Memorials of Hindley* (Manchester, 1874), p 76)

²¹ 1B is the abbreviation for 'one breadth', i.e. one grave's breadth.

²² Richard Walmsley was a Roman Catholic. (F.O. Blundell, *Old Catholic Lancashire* (3 vols. London, 1915-39), II, p.82).

²³ *Memento mori* is Latin for 'Remember you are to die'

CORRIGENDUM

Note 15: FOR Augustus READ Austin.

Monumental Inscriptions of Five Hindley Chapel Graveyards
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All Saints' Anglican.
Bridge Croft Congregationalist.
St Benedict's Roman Catholic.
St Paul's Congregationalist.
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It provides an insight into a vanished world of living and dying.

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