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Old Amersham, Bucks

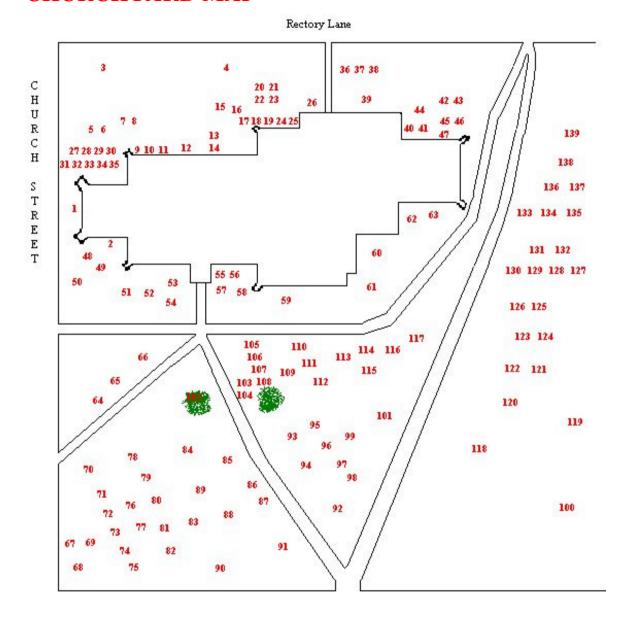
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(A) Memorials in the Churchyard

- 1. [arms above west-door of the Church: Diocese of Oxford, and Bishop John Fielder Mackarness, 1820-1889, erected in the year of his death]
- 2a. This tower was restored/ to the glory of God and as a memorial to/ Thomas Tyrwhitt-Drake of Shardeloes/ who died July 24: 1888 [stone tablet on south face of Tower]
- 2b. Stonework restoration/ by Cliff and Stuart Craig/ June 1991 [bronze-tablets on south face of Tower]
- 3. In loving memory/ of/ Clifford/ Druce/ 1921 1994 [plaque; NB this was removed c2005 and is expected to be replaced in the south-east corner of the churchyard]
- 4. Planted by/ Sir William Doughty/ on behalf of the C.P.R.E./ Amersham Old Town/ Best Kept Village/ Winner 1995 [Plaque; CPRE is the Council for the Protection of Rural England]
- 5. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Mr. John Steventon/ late of the Bury Farm/ in this parish/ who died the 23rd of August 1815/ in the 63rd year of his age [Headstone: Footstone: J.S. 1815; this is a stone barrel tomb]
- 6./ Mrs. Mary Read/ of this parish who died March/ the 24th 1801 aged 77 years/ Also Mrs Sarah Read/ of Ilford, Essex daughter of/ the above who died July/ the 21 18—aged 81 years [*Headstone*; *Mary Read buried 30.3.1801 Parish Register*]
- 7. Sacred to the memory// John Day/ eldest son of / John and Alice Day// who died October 1808/ aged 15 years [Headstone; Footstone: J.D. 1808; stone barrel tomb; buried 12.10.1808 Parish Register; see 126]
- 8./ John Day/ who died March 1809/ aged 42 years [Headstone; stone barrel tomb; John Day, victualler, bur. 19.3.1809 Parish Register; see 126]
- In memory of/ Thomas Henry Howorth/ son of/ Thos & Elizabeth Howorth/ late of the City of Worcester/ who departed this life/ January 4, 1798/ aged 24 years [Headstone; Footstone: T.H.H. 1798; bur. 11.1.1798 Parish Register]
- 10. In memory of/ Elizabeth wife of/ Thomas Howorth/ who departed this life/ December 21, 1805/ aged 61 years [Headstone; bur. 28.12.1805 Parish Register]
- 11. Mr. John Martin/ a native of Swindon in Wiltshire/ died September 27, 1822/ aged 75 years/ Martha his wife/ died October 11th 1815/ aged 80 years [Headstone; Footstone: J.M. 1822 M.M. 1815]
- 12. Frank/ Harding/ 1905 1986 [Slab]
- Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ Mr. Thomas Jones/ Inn-keeper of this town/ who departed this life/ on the 30th April 1833/ aged 82 years/ also of/ Mrs. Frances Jones/ wife of Thomas Jones/ who departed this life/ on the 11th July 1812/ aged 61 years [Headstone; Footstone: T.J. 1833, F.J. 1812; Mrs. Fanny Jones bur. 14.7.1812 Parish Register]

- 14. 1809 [fragment of stone]
- 15. Mrs. Frances Eeles/ died 23 September 1823/ aged 76 [Slab]
- 16. E. G. 1820 [Footstone; Edward Grant; buried 22 May 1820, aged 68 Parish Register]
- 17. Here lieth the body/ of Jane the relict of/ William Pennard late/ of Gides in the parish/ of Hillingdon in the/ County of Middlesex/ yeoman she departed/ this life the 27 day/ of May Anno Dome/ 1687 aged 85/ years [Headstone, early in style]
- 18. Elizabeth Whitehead/ died January 10, 1747/ aged 75 years [Headstone; bur. 19.1.1747/8 Parish Register]
- 19. [stone fragment without lettering]
- 20. In memory of/ Mary and Frederick/ children of Thomas and Alice Donkin/ of Weston in the County of York/ Frederick born January 26, 1828/ died August 28, 1840/ Mary born August 7, 1815/ died October 10, 1840/ (religious verse) [Headstone, now obscured by holly bush]
- 21. In memory of/ James Rumsey Donkin/ son of Thomas and Alice Donkin/ of Weston in the County of York/ born March 30th 1822/ died May 13th (Ascension Day) 1847/ I go to prepare a place for you [Headstone, now obscured by holly bush]
- 22. [slab without lettering]
- 23. J.E. 1857 [Footstone]
- 24. James Rumsey M.D./ died February 27th/ 1824/ in his 71st year [Slab; Dr. Rumsey is commemorated by a tablet mounted upon the east wall of the North Transept within the Church; "James Rumsey, Esq. of Amersham" was awarded a Doctorate in Physic by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1824 Canterbury Act-Books]
- 25. In memory of/ Mary/ wife of James Rumsey M.D./ who died August 31, 1820/ aged 68 years/ and of Martha Rumsey/ their daughter/ who died May 14th 1822/ aged 37 years [Slab]
- Sacred/ to the memory of/ John How Fearon/ son of Henry Fearon M.D./ of Bishop Wearmonth in Durham/ a youth of promise/ who died September 11, 1828 aged 19/ His end was blessed/ for/ whoso fear the Lord it shall go well/ with him at the last, and he shall find favour/ in the day of his death [Headstone; Footstone at #102]
- 27. Sacred/ to the memory of/ John-Lacey Weller/ son of William and Sarah Weller/ who departed this life the 5th/ of April 1823 aged 33 years/ also of/ Henry eldest son of/ William and Sarah Weller/ who died at Black River Jamaica/ March 23rd 1815 in the 27th/ year of his age [Headstone; Footstone: J.L.W./ 1823/ H.W. 1815; stone barrel tomb; John Lacy Weller, born 15.3., bapt. 9.4.1790; Henry Weller, born 11.2., bapt. 4.9.1788 Parish Register]
- 28. Sacred/ to the memory of/ James son of/ William and Sarah Weller/ who died September 16, 1819/ aged 26 years/ Also of/ Benjamin their youngest son/ who died February 9 1820/ in the 18th year of his age/ Also of / Ann wife of William Hill Pears/ and daughter of the above/ who died at Coventry September 6, 1829/ aged 43 years/ and was buried in St Michael's churchyard/ of that City/ Also of/ Charles Richard son of the above/ who died in

- Threadneedle Street/ September 22nd 1830, aged 39 years/ and was buried in/ St Bartholomew's churchyard/ Royal Exchange, London [Headstone; Footstone: J.W. 1819/ B.W. 1820; stone barrel tomb; Benjamin, son of William & Sarah Weller, bapt. 28.5.1802]
- 29. Sacred/ to the memory of/ George Channer Esquire/ of Great Winchester Street/ London/ who died at Amersham/ November 28th 1830/ aged 51 years/ also to the memory of/ Mary widow of the above:/ who died at St. John's Wood, London:/ November 14th 1860 aged 77 years/ daughter of William and Sarah Weller [Headstone; Footstone: G.C. 1830/ M.C. 1860; stone barrel tomb; George Channer of Black River, Jamaica married Mary Weller by licence, 16.7.1807 Parish Register; they and three of their children are commemorated by a tablet in St. Andrew's Chapel within the Church]
- 30. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Lydia wife of William Hickman/ late of Daventry/ in the County of Northampton/ who died May 11, 1810/ aged 65 years/ also of/ Eliza daughter of/ John and Elizabeth Weller/ who died October 26th 1810/ aged 6 years [Headstone; Footstone: L.H. 1810/ E.W. 1810; Slab: L.H./ E.W.; Mrs. Lydia Hickman bur. 17.5.1810; Eliza Weller bapt. 9.1.1805, bur. 2.11.1810 Parish Register]
- 31. Sacred/ to the memory of/ William Weller/ who died March 31st 1802/ in the 75th year of his age/ also of/ Ann wife of the abovenamed/ who died 2nd April 1817/ in the 85th] year of her age [Headstone; Footstone: W.W. 1802/ A.W. 1817; stone barrel tomb; William Weller buried 7.4.1802 Parish Register; Mr. and Mrs. Weller are commemorated by a tablet in the North aisle of the Church]
- 32. Sacred/ to the memory of/ William Weller/ who departed this life/ the 2nd of May 1843/ in the 80th year of his age/ also of Sarah Weller/ wife of the above/ who departed this life/ the 4th of March 1820/ aged 57 years [Headstone; Footstone: S.W. 1820/ W.W. 1843; stone barrel tomb; commemorated by tablet in North aisle of the Church]
- 33. Sacred/ to the memory of/ John Weller/ who departed this life/ the 24th of December 1843/ in the 85th year of his age/ also of/ Elizabeth his widow/ who departed this life/ October 23rd 1851/ aged 82 years [Slab; Footstone: J.W. 1843; commemorated by a tablet in the North aisle of the Church #42]
- 34. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Katherine/ wife of John Weller/ who died April the 12th 1799/ aged 38 years/ also of/ Katherine daughter of the abovenamed/ John and Katherine Weller/ who died September the 19th 1795/ aged 6 months [Headstone; Footstone: K.W. 1799/ K.W. 1795; stone barrel tomb; Mrs. Weller is commemorated by a tablet in the North aisle of the Church; Mrs. Katherine Weller buried 17.4.1799; Katherine Weller, infant, buried 21.9.1795 Parish Register]
- 35. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Edward Weller/ eldest son of John Weller/ and Katherine his wife/ who died 7th August 1850/ aged 59 years/ also of/ Caroline his widow/ who died 13th November 1874/ aged 81 years [Slab; commemorated by tablet in North aisle of the Church; see also Mausoleum #13 and 14; Edward, son of John and Katherine Weller, bapt. 29.12.1790 Parish Register]
- 36. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Jane Myers/ third daughter of/ the late Mr. James Myers/ of Monk Wearmonth Durham/ she died at Amersham December 13, 1832 aged/ 29 years [Headstone; Footstone]
- 37. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Mrs. Jane Woolmer/ relict of the late Rev: Samuel Woolmer/ of Budleigh Salterton/ and daughter of the late Mr. Thomas Gray/ of Kingsand/ both in the County of Devon/ she died at Amersham April 21, 1824/ aged 52 years [Headstone; Footstone: J.W. 1824]
- 38. Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ Mr. Thomas Pomfrett/ who died at Amersham September 11, 1835/ aged 48 years/ for many years in the employment/ of Messrs, Woods, Field and Wood/ London/ who have erected this memorial [Headstone]

- In loving memory of/ Mrs. Ann Blizard Otto Baijer/ wife of Baijer Otto Baijer, Esq./ died 25th February 1839 aged 78 years/ Also Henry William eldest son of Henry William Mason, Esq./ aged 19 years after many years distressing illness/ also Henry William Mason, Esq. of Beel House Amersham/ who fell asleep November 7th 1859 aged 65/ with Christ, which is far better/ Horatia Nelson Mason/ born November 15th 1831 died 21st/ August 1832 aged 9 months/ In the vault beneath are interred the remains of/ Mrs. Mary Mason wife of Henry William Mason of Beel House in this parish, Esq./ who departed this life 13th February 1825/ aged 34 years/ Removed from all the pains and cares of life/ here rests the pleasing friend and faithful wife/ ennobled by the virtues of the mind/ constant in goodness and in death resigned/ here in the solemn silence of the grave/ to taste that tranquil peace she always gave. [Vault; Arms, shield suspended from a knotted ribbon: quarterly, four lions rampant, impaling three roundels; motto: In Coele quies; Henry William Mason, son of Kender Mason, Esq., and Eliza, bapt. 26.3.1794 Parish Register]
- 40. In memory of/ Mr. Ralph Adams/ of this parish/ who departed this life May 29th 1803/ aged 64 years/ Sacred/ to the memory of/ Penelope wife of John Edmonds jeweller/ of the Strand, London/ and daughter of Ralph and Elizabeth Adams/ of this parish/ who departed this life the 24th of July 1807 aged 28 years/ also of their children/ Penelope died Sept 1st 1803 aged 11 days/ Elizabeth Mary died April 21st 1806 aged 6 months/ John died May 25th 1808 aged 15 months [Vault; Ralph Adams, son of Ralph, butcher, & Mary, bapt. 2.3.1736/7; Ralph Adams, butcher, bur. 3.6.1803; Penelope Edmonds bur. 30.7.1807; Elizabeth Mary Edmonds bur. 28.4.1806; John Edmonds bur. 30.5.1808 Parish Register]
- 41. The Entrance to the Vault [Footstone; relates to the foregoing]
- 42. (Illegible) [Headstone; probably that recorded in 1913 as: Martha/ widow of the late/ Richard Bird of Shrewsbury/ who died Nov. 11th 1847/ aged 66 years]
- 43. (Illegible) [Headstone; probably that recorded in 1913 as: John Edwards/ who died September 30th 1857/ aged 18 (?) years]
- 44. In memory of/ Mr. William Adams who departed this life/ July 24th 1825/ aged 51 years [Headstone; Footstone: W.A. 1825; stone barrel tomb]
- 45. Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ Mr. William Jones/ of this town/ who departed this life/ February 21, 1837/ aged 53 years/ also to Fanny Jones/ daughter of Thomas and Ann Jones/ who died June 27, 1865/ aged 51 years [Headstone; Footstone illegible; stone barrel tomb; William, son of Thomas & Frances Jones, bapt. 3.3.1784 Parish Register]
- 46. Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ Mr. Thomas Jones/ of this town/ who died October 31st 1829/ aged 48 years/ also of Mrs. Ann Jones/ his wife/ who died October 10th 1857/ aged 66 years/ also of Ann, Thomas, Robert and Elizabeth/ children of the above [Headstone; stone barrel tomb]
- 47. (Illegible) [Headstone]
- 48. Sacred/ to the memory/ of/ Mr. Charles Axten/ who died on the 12th May 1846/ aged 45 years/ also of/ Eleanor his wife/ who departed this life/ March 3rd 1882/ in the 65th year of her age/ Lord Thou knowest all things [Headstone; Footstone: C.A. 1846, E.T. (sic) 1882; Charles, son of Charles & Mary Axten, bapt. 26.12.1800 Parish Register; NB the 1913 transcription records Mrs Axten having been in her 63rd year]
- 49. (Illegible) [Headstone; this was recorded as largely illegible in 1913]
- 50. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Mr. Charles Axten/ who died December 2nd 1826/ aged 47 years/ in memory also of his widow/ Mrs. Mary Axten/ who departed this life/ on the 20th of May 1835/ aged 58 years [*Headstone*]

- 51./ Mr. Cooper Dawson/ who departed this life/ the 6 of June 1820/ aged 54 [Headstone; footstone illegible; stone barrel tomb; NB the 1913 transcription records this as Mr Cooper Dawson, whereas in 1998 I read it as "Mrs"; given the advanced state of decay that this stone is in, the earlier reading is likely to be the correct one.]
- Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ Mrs. Mary Ann Little/ wife of/ Mr. William Little/ of Great Russell Street London. who died/ January 20th 1833/ in the 31st year of her age/ also of/ Love Saunders/ aunt of the above M.A. Little/ who died May 28th 1853/ aged 87 years/ Into thy hands I commend my spirit/ my soul and my body for thou hast re-/ deemed me O thou God of.... [Headstone; Footstone: M.A.L. 1833]
- 53./ John Salter/ who died March 31 1797/ in the 70th year/ of his age [Headstone; stone barrel tomb]
- 54. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Mr. Thomas Saunders/ who died August 5th 1840/ aged 70 years/ also of/ Mrs. Dorothy Saunders/ wife of the above/ who died June 6th 1839/ aged 69 years [Headstone; Footstone: T.S. 1840, D.S. 1839; Thomas, son of Joseph & Mary Saunders, bapt. 5.1.1770 Par. Reg.]
- 55. I.P. ?1819/ S.S.P. ?1831/ ?H.P. 1840 [Footstone]
- 56. E.J. 18-- [Footstone; the headstone was recorded thus in 1913: Esther wife of/ Thomas Judd/ who died January 7th 1800/ aged 47 years]
- 57. Sacred/ to the memory/ of Sarah Beck/ who died 28 April 1792/ aged 56/ beloved and lamented [Mrs. Sarah Beck bur. 4.5.1792 Parish Register]
- 58. Here lies the body of/ Hannah ye wife of John Hall/ of this parish who died/ the 3rd day of November 1730/ aged 35/ and also 3 of their/ children Margaret/ Ann and Thomas [Headstone, broken into three; recorded in this condition in 1913, with the variants that the wife's name was said to be Ann and her death-date the 5th of November]
- 59. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Hannah wife of/ Thomas Judd/.... who died February the 4th 1802/ aged 50 years/ also of/ Thomas Judd/ who died May the 8th 1814/ aged 71 years [Headstone; Hannah Judd bur. 12.2.1802 Parish Register; will of Thomas Judd, gentleman of Amersham, proved P.C.C. 29 July 1814]
- 60. In memory of/ Mrs. Hannah Jordan/ who died November 11th 1820/ aged 34 years/ Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord/ Yea saith the Spirit, that they may rest from/ their labours. Rev. XIV 13/ Also of/ Richard Jordan/ who died December 1st 1852/ aged 67 years [Headstone; Footstone H.J. 1820, R.J. 1852; Richard Jordan married Hannah Miles by licence, 24.2.1803 Parish Register]
- 61. In memory of/ Mr. John Craft/ who departed this life/ July the 25th 1815/ aged 59 years/ and of/ Mrs. Susanna Craft/ his widow/ who died June the 16th 1838/ aged 83 years [Headstone; Footstone: J.C. 1815, S.C. 1838]
- 62. In loving memory of/ R.H. (Frank) Formoy/ 1906 1996 [Plaque on bench]
- 63. In loving memory of/ Naomi Topp (nee Gran)/ 1936 1996 [Plaque on bench]
- 64. / Henry Wingrove/.... / [who departed this] life/ 2... years.... months / Wingrove/ [who departed this] life/ September 1824/ of Coleshill [Headstone; Footstone: H.W. 1824, [?S].W. 1824 cf Henry Wingrove married Sarah Child, 19.12.1791 Parish Register]
- 65. E.W. 1826 [Footstone; Headstone illegible; recorded In 1913 as: Elizabeth wife of/ Henry Wingrove/ who departed this life/ June 21st 1826/ aged –0 years]

- 66. Sacred/ to the memory of/ John Page/ late of Coleshill/ who departed this life June 15th 1849/ aged 87 [Headstone; Footstone: J.P. 1849]
- 67. (Illegible) [Headstone, recorded in 1913 as: Michael Horton/ who died May ye 17th 1762/ aged 70 years]
- 68. / Mrs. Ann Horton/ late of this parish/ who departed this life/ the 24th day of December/ in the 64th year of her age [Headstone; in 1913 her death date was recorded as the 25th, and the year is given as 1774 which is plainly incorrect, given the following: "Mrs. Ann Horton bur. 31.12.1775" Parish Register]
- 68a. Here lieth the body of/ ... daughter/ Sarah.../ departed this life.../ B.../ also William Child who died April 12 1-63/ in his 26th year[monument recorded in 1913, but gone by 1998]
- 68b. Here lies ye body of/ ... and Sarah/ his wife both of Wood Row/ He died 1 ... 1722 aged 76/ She died ... June 1710 (?) aged 90 [monument recorded in 1913, but gone by 1998]
- 68c. S.B. 1792 [footstone recorded in 1913, but gone by 1998; possibly Mrs Susanna Batten, buried 6.2.1792 Parish register]
- 68d. ... 12 ½ / ... one daughter by/ Elizabeth his wife who was the/ daughter of Mr Leonard Plad/ citizen & cook of London/ In memory of him who was a/ tender and affectionate husband/ she the said Elizabeth caused/ this tomb to be erected [monument recorded in 1913, but gone by 1998]
- 68e. Here lyeth the body of/ Mr Thomas Eeles, citizen and/ cook of London, seventh son of/ Mr James Eeles of this parish. He/ departed this life March ye.../ in the 19 year... [monument recorded in 1913, but gone by 1998; clearly he did not die at the age of 19, given that he was by the time of his death a liveryman of London]
- 69. R.S. 1814 [Footstone; a headstone recorded in 1913 read: Richard Sharp/ who departed this life/ February 5th 1814/ aged 71 years]
- 70. R.E. 1817 [Footstone; headstone now illegible, recorded in 1913 as: To the memory/ of/ Mr Richard Evans/ ... to/ Mr Drake.../ of Little Shardeloes/ who died October 28 1817/ aged 50 years]
- 71./ Henry Clarke/ who died June the 7th 1816/ aged 72 years/ With patience he did to the Lord submit/ ... his will thought fit./ Also of/ Mary Clarke/ widow of the above/ Henry Clarke/ who died September 3rd 1821/ in the 72 year of her age [Headstone in 1913 a variant reading recorded Mary Clarke's death date as the 5th: Footstone: H.C. 1816. M.C. 1824]
- 72. T.H. 1802 [Footstone; headstone now illegible, recorded in 1913 as: Thomas Harvey/ ... September 1802/ aged 71 years; Thomas Harvey, farmer, bur. 23.9.1802 Parish Register]
- 73. B.H. 1790 [Footstone; headstone now illegible, recorded in 1913 as: Betty wife of Thomas/ Harvey of this Parish who/ died December 2nd (?)/ aged 63 (?) years; Bethy Harvey, wife of Thomas, bur. 6.12.1790 Parish Register]
- 74. In memory/ of/ Mrs. Anne Moore/ who died/ June 23, 1823/ aged/ seventy nine years [Headstone; variants recorded in 1913 are that she was surnamed Moody, and that her death date was the 25th; Footstone; A.M. 1823]

- 75. Here lyeth/ the body of/ Mrs. Mary Packer/ who died July 19th 1776/ aged 64 years [Headstone; Footstone: M.P. 1776; Mrs. Mary Packer bur. 24.7.1776 Parish Register]
- 76. Sacred/ to the memory of/ William Complin/ who died October 1st 1824/ aged 62 years/ An honest man is the noblest work of God/ also of/ Fanny widow of the above/ who died December 19th 1846/ aged 85 years [Headstone; Footstone: W.C. 1824]
- 77. Mary Penny wife of/ Thos. Penny of this Parish/ who departed this life January/ the 8th 1776 aged 58 years [Headstone; Mary Penny, wife of Thomas, victualler, bur. 13.1.1775 Parish Register]
- 78. A.M. 1808 [Footstone; headstone illegible, recorded in 1913: Ann Midwinter/ a native of Burford Oxon/ faithful... of... late... Samuel Packer of... aged 64 years; Ann Midwinter bur. 16.12.1808 Parish Register]
- 79. Sacred/ William Henry Fowler/ who died October 16 1809/ aged seven months/ also of George Thomas Fowler/ who died April 27 1814 aged ten months/ also of Mary Fowler/ who died January 15th 1819/ aged eleven (?) years and / nine months/ Children of John and Mary Fowler [Headstone; Footstone: W.H.F. 1809, G.T.F. 181-, M.F. 1819; William Henry, son of John and Mary Fowler, bapt. 28.6.1809, bur. 8.10.1809, Mary, daughter of John and Mary Fowler, bapt. 16.5.1810 Parish Register]
- 80. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Margaret Fowler/ wife of John Fowler/ who departed this life/ March 25 1807/ aged 47 years/ Also of John Fowler/ who departed this life/ January 1st 1824 in the/ 65th year of his age [Headstone; footstone illegible]
- 81. Beneath/ lies the body of/ Mrs Sarah Fowler/ ... who died March 8th (?) 1801 [Headstone; buried 13 March 1801 Parish register]
- 82. (Illegible) [Headstone; there was apparently a footstone remaining in 1913, which read: R (?) F 17--, and thus may have related to a member of the Fowler family]
- 83. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Mr. John Miles/ of this town, farrier/ he died May 17, 1829/ aged 43 years/ also of/ Mrs. Ann Miles/ relict of the above/ she died December 21, 1834/ aged 50 years [Headstone; Footstone: J.M. 1829, A.M. 1834; John, son of John and Mary Miles, bapt. 30.3.1786 Par. Reg.]
- 84. In memory of/ Ann Woodbridge daughter of/ James and Ann Rogers who departed/ this life April 13, 1812 aged 57/ In memory of/ Henry Woodbridge who departed/ this life June 21, 1822 aged 73/ In memory of/ Louisa Edmonds daughter of/ Henry and Ann Woodbridge who/ departed this life November 18, 1825/ aged 25/ This is made by order of/ Ann Smith daughter of Henry and/ Ann Woodbridge 1842/ Jones/ Manufacturer/ Brick Lane, St. Luke/ London [Iron slab; Henry, son of Henry & Mary Woodbridge, bapt. 8.10.1749; Ann, daughter of James & Ann Rogers, bapt. 13.9.1754; Henry Woodbridge married Ann Rogers, 8.6.1774; Ann Woodbridge bur. 19.4.1812 Parish Register]
- 85. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Hannah Bunyon/ widow who departed this life/ November 27th 1832 in the/ 85th year of her life [Headstone]
- 86. M.M. aged 39 [small headstone]
- 87. obt. 24th March 1824 [may be Footstone to the preceding]
- 88. S.W. 1810, B.W. 1816 [Footstone; headstone broken and illegible; partial lettering was recorded in 1913, then said to relate to Benjamin Walker, buried 5 April 1816, per Register, which would lead to a reconstructed death date of 30 March 1816 aged 84; his wife Anne (sic) was buried 28 May 1810]

- 89. In loving memory/ of Hubert (Harry),/ Charlotte Louise/ and/ Harold Savage [plaque]
- 90. (Illegible) [Slab]
- 91. Here lieth the body of/(Illegible) [Slab]
- 92. In memory of/ Susanna wife of/ Mr. John Curtis/ of this parish/ she departed this life/ December 16, 1800, aged 42 years/ also the above Mr. John Curtis/ who died February 5th 1808/ aged 47 years [Headstone; Susanna Curtis bur. 21.12.1800 infant son Bartholomew bur. 6.2.1801; John Curtis, farmer, bur. 19.2.1808 Parish Register]
- 93. (Illegible) [Footstone; stone barrel-shaped tomb]
- 94. Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ Mrs. Sarah Trone/ who departed this life/ October 31, 1843/ aged 76 (religious verse) [fallen Headstone; may belong to the preceding grave]
- 95. E.S. 177- [Footstone, which I read '1775' but it may be '1773'; headstone now illegible, recorded in 1913 as: Mrs Elizabeth Statham/ wife of/ Mr William Statham/ who departed this life/ April the 18th 1773/ aged 40 years]
- 96. W.S. 1808 [Footstone; headstone illegible; stone barrel-shaped tomb; recorded in 1913 as: Mr William Statham/ who departed this life/ November the 5th 1808/ aged 78 years; William Statham, baker, bur. 10.11.1808 Parish Register]
- 97./ Ann Statham/ daughter of/ Mr Willm Statham of this parish/ and Elizabeth his wife/ who died the 21st April 1836/ aged 76 years [Headstone; Footstone: A.S. 1836; stone barrel-shaped tomb]
- 98. J.S. 1826/ C.S. 1794 [Footstone; headstone broken off; stone barrel-shaped tomb; Charlotte, daughter of John and Charlotte Statham, bapt. 22.4.1794, bur., infant, 17.12.1794 Parish Register]
- 99. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Edward Smith/ who departed this life/ February 7th 1809/ aged 66 years/ also of Mary his wife/ who departed this life July/ 18th 1799 aged 54 years/ If undeviating Industry and inflexible/ Integrity are worthy of imitation/ Reader, go thou and do likewise/ Burgiss, Uxbridge [Headstone; Footstone: E.S. 1809, M.S. 1799; Edward Smith, churchwarden, bur. 13.2.1809, Mary Smith bur. 22.7.1799 Parish Register]
- 100. [These, like three other slabs further south, are not gravestones]
- In memory of/ Elizabeth wife of/ Mr. Thomas Hailey/ who departed this life/ December 21st 1777/ aged 36 years/ also the above/ Thomas Hailey/ who died 7th August 1809/ aged 71 years/ likewise Hannah Hailey/ wife of James Hailey who/ died February 20th 1814 aged/ 43 years [Headstone; Footstones: (i) E.H. 1777, T.H. 1809 (ii) H.H. 1813 (sic) from one headstone, two graves emerge, each with a separate footstone; Elizabeth Hailey bur. 25.12.1777, Thomas Hailey, coachmaker, bur. 7.8.1809 Parish Register]
- 102. J.H.F. 1828 [Footstone now within the west yew tree belongs to #26: John How Fearon]
- 103. In/ memory of/ John How/ who departed/ this Life/ June 3rd/ 1831/ aged 40/ years [Headstone; Footstone: J.H.; iron coffin-shaped tomb]

- 104. In memory of/ Francis Priest/ parish clerk 17 years/ died December 13th 1839/ aged 72 years/ also/ Elienor his wife/ died May 13th 1852/ aged 82 years [Headstone; footstone illegible; Francis, son of Francis & Sarah Priest, bapt. 6.8.1769 Parish Register]
- 104a. [Monument recorded in 1913, gone by 1998: Isabella Priest/ died March 18th 1849/ aged 17 years/ also/ Sarah Sophia Priest/ died Feby 16th 1851/ aged 18 years/ also/ Ellen Priest/ died Dec. 26th 1840/ aged 1 year]
- Sacred to the memory of Mr. Thomas Marshall solicitor who died the 13th of May 1842/ in the 61st year of his age [Headstone; Footstone: T.M. 1842; Thomas, son of John & Mary Marshall born 28.10., bapt. 27.12.1781 Parish Register]
- 106. S.M. 18 February 1823 aged 23 [Headstone; Sarah Marshall, bapt. 19.4.1799 to John & Mary Parish Register]
- 107./ Mr. John Marshall attorney at law/ who died 5th May 1828 aged 73 years/ of/ Mrs. Mary Marshall wife of [John] Marshall/ who died 1st May 1812 aged 56 years/ of/ Ann Marshall their eldest daughter/ who died 1st January 1781 aged 13 days/ of/ Lydia Marshall their fifth daughter/ who died February 1797 aged 7 months/ of// John Marshall their second son/ who died 26th April 1803 aged 18 years and/ of/ Sarah Marshall their youngest child/ who died 18th February 1823 aged 23 years [Headstone; Footstone: J.M. 1828/ M.M. 184-]
- 108. J. M. 26 April 1803 aged.... [Headstone; Footstone: J.M. 1803; John Marshall bur. 29.4.1803 Parish Register]
- 109. A.... wife/ Mor....ded A..../ Friend is buried here/ in love she liv'd in peace/ she died I beg'd her life/ but God denied [Headstone]
- 110. T.G. 1815 [Footstone; headstone, now illegible, read: Mr Thomas Giles/ who died April 19th 1815/ aged 60 years]
- In memory of/ Mr. Thomas Giles/ son of Thomas and/ Mary Giles/ who departed this life April 20th 1842/ aged 38 years/ also of/ Susannah Giles/ sister of the above who died September 4th/ 1861 aged 56 years/ She walked with GOD and is not/ for GOD took her [Headstone; Footstone: T.G. 1842, S.G. 1861]
- Ann Cortis/ born 18th of June 1817/ died 14th of June 1818/ John Cortis/ born 4th of November 1815/ died 13th of September 1820 [Headstone; Footstone; A.C. 1818, J.C. 1820]
- Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ Mrs. Mary Giles/ wife of Thomas Giles/ who departed this Life/ April the 28th 1838/ aged 71 years [Headstone; Footstone: M.G. 1838]
- 114. Joseph Baldwin/ died February 4th 1839/ aged 47 years [Headstone; Footstone illegible]
- 115. Mary Baldwin/ died July 8th 1838/ aged 77 years [Headstone; Footstone: M.B. 1838]
- To the memory/ of/ William Baldwin/ who died December 4th 1814/ aged 55 years [Headstone; Footstone: W.B. 1814; William, son of Henry & Mary Baldwin, bapt. 7.1.1759 Parish Register]
- 117. In memory [of] / James son of James/ and Mary Avern/ of Bovingdon Hertfordshire/ who died Sep 11 1810 aged 29 (?) years [Headstone; buried 13 September 1810 Parish Register]

- This acacia tree was/ grown from seed sown/ on the morning/ of/ Sir Winston Churchill's/ funeral on 4 February 1965/ and was planted here/ in memory of that great/ Englishman [plaque]
- 118a. [Headstone recorded in 1913 but gone by 1998: Ann Wilson/ died April 22nd 1842/ aged 35 years]
- Sacred/ to the memory/ of/ Mr. John Rogers/ who departed this life May 30th 1851/ aged 42 years/ also two children of the above/ John Rogers and Ann his wife/ John died June 26th, 1844/ aged 14 months/ James died August 25th 1847/ aged 6 months/ also Ann wife of the above/ who died at Great Stanmore Middlesex/ March 2nd 1873 aged 60 years/ Thy will be done [Headstone; Footstone: J.R. 1851 A.R. 1873; stone barrel-shaped tomb]
- 120. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Elizabeth White/ wife of/ James White/ Master of the Union Workhouse/ who died December 30th 1843/ in the 48th year of her life/ she was a woman of strict integrity/ and much respected in her situation [Headstone; Footstone: E.W. 1843]
- Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ Mr. James Chapman/ formerly of this town/ and late of Harefield Brewery/ in the County of Middlesex/ who died July 6th 1853/ in the 50th year/ of his age/ In the midst of life we are in death/ of whom may we seek for succour but/ of Thee O Lord/ also of/ Mrs. Martha Chapman/ his wife who died Novr 8th 1854/ aged 62 years [Fallen headstone]
- Sacred to the memory of Mr. William Winter Bovingdon/ of this town draper/ who departed this life October 11, 1842/ aged 35 years/ also of Emily daughter of/ Willm Winter Bovingdon and Hester his wife/ who departed this life October 20, 1842/ in the 8th year of her age [Headstone; Footstone: W.W.B. 1842/ E.B. 1842]
- Sacred/ to the memory of/ Samuel Caudery/ who departed this life/ the 28th January 1843/ in the 76th year/ of his age/ Also of/ Mary relict of the above/ who departed this life/ the 15th October 1850/ aged 81 years [Headstone; Footstone: S.C./ 1843/ M.C./ 1850; Samuel Caudery married Mary Harden, 6.2.1796 Parish Register]
- 124. In memory/ of/ Thomas Montague/ who died March the 1st 1844/ aged 73 years/ also of/ Frances Montague/ widow of the above/ who died May 30th 1867/ aged 87 years [Headstone; Footstone: T.M. 1844, F.M. 1867]
- In memory of/ Frances wife of John Bailey/ who departed this life August 8th 1855/ aged 74 years/ watch therefore, for ye know not what/ hour your Lord doth come/ also of/ the abovenamed/ John Bailey/ who departed this life/ August 15th 1863/ aged 75 years [Headstone; Footstone: F.B. 1853, J.B. 1863]
- 126. Sacred to the memory/ of/ John Day/ who died March 1809/ aged 42 years/ of/ Alice Day/ his widow who died June 12, 1853/ aged 80 years/ of/ John Day/ eldest son of the above/ who died October 1808/ aged 15 years/ of/ Richard Day/ third son of the above/ who died May 31st 1850/ aged 52 years/ of/ Catherine Day/ eldest daughter of the above/ who died August 10th 1850/ aged 49 years [Headstone; Footstone: J.D. 1809/ J.D. 1808/ R.D. 1850/ C.D. 1850/ A.D. 1853; stone barrel tomb; Richard, son of John & Alice Day, bapt. 15.12.1797; Catherine, daughter of John & Alice Day, bapt. 13.3.1801 Parish Register; see 7 and 8]
- 127. Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ John R. Urmston/ who departed this life the 11th January/ 1858/ aged 27 years/ we have not sorrow'd without hope [Headstone; Footstone: J.U./1858]
- 128. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Thomas Cousins/ who died/ 17th September 1857/ aged 82 years [Headstone]

- 129. Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ Elizabeth Anderson,/ who departed this life June 3rd 1851/ in the 87th year/ of her age/ she was a native/ of Harbledown, and passed/ the first years of her service with/ the Revd. Bladen Downing/ at Barham in Kent and/ followed his family to Amersham Bucks/ where she spent the last twenty-six years/ of her life/ this stone is erected/ as a tribute of grateful affection for/ the long services of this truly/ worthy woman [Headstone; Footstone: E.A. 1851; stone barrel tomb; see Tablet at #35 in list of Church Monuments]
- 130. Sacred/ to the memory/ of/ Mary Compton/ who departed this life/ in perfect peace/ Thursday February 19th/ 1846 [Headstone; Footstone: M.C. 1846; stone barrel tomb]
- 131. Beloved Fanny [Headstone]
- Shall not/ the Judge/ of all/ the Earth/ do right/ Gen. 18 Ch/ part 25 V/ Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ John Miles Beeson/ who departed this life on the/ 29 September 1856/ aged 25 years/ also of/ Joseph Beeson/ brother of the above/ who departed this life/ November 16 1863/ aged 26 years [Headstone; Footstone: J.M.B./ 1856/ J.B./ 1863; stone barrel tomb]
- The Revd Matthew Stalker/ formerly Curate of the Parishes of/ Chenies, Chesham Bois and the Lee/ and for many years/ Master of the Grammar School/ in this town/ and chaplain to the Union/ Obt. 22 August 1852 aged 80 years/ also/ Mary/ relict of the above/ who departed this life 2 March 1851/ in her 80th year [Headstone; stone barrel tomb; the text is now largely illegible; Chambers notes that according to the Registers, Mary Stalker died in 1854 not 1851]
- 134. Charles Cortis/ who died September 18th 1853/ aged 71 years/ also Dinah his wife/ who died November 20 1858/ aged 81 years [*Headstone*, *now largely illegible*; *Footstone*: *C.C.* 1853/ D.C. 1858]
- 135. (Illegible) [Headstone; in 1913 the following was recorded: Mr Edward Aries/ of the town/ corn-dealer/ who departed this life Novr 11 1854/ aged 57 years/ Ann Aries/ widow of the above/ died November 18th 1875/ aged 79 years]
- 136. (Illegible) [Headstone; in 1913 the following was recorded: Sophia Cortis/ who died December 6th 1851/ aged 71 years]
- 137. Sacred/ to/ the memory of/ Thomas Bown/ who died on the 19th of July 1857/ aged 52 years/ though lost to sight/ to memory dear [Headstone]
- 138. (Illegible) [Footstone; in 1913 the following was recorded: John Cortis/ who died June 21 1859/ aged 68 years]
- 139. (Illegible) [Headstone; in 1913 the following was recorded: Clara Birch/ died November 10th/ 1858/ aged 15 weeks]

(B) Memorials in the Church

Upper Vestry

- 1. Here/ lie the Bodies of/ Benjamin Robertshaw M.A./ late Rector of this Church, and Mary/ his wife. She was the Daughter of/ Mr. David Salter of this Borough/ and departed this Life July 9th 1743 in the 62d/ Year of her Age. He was the son of Mr. Ben./ Robertshaw of Burnley in the County/ of Lancaster, and born at Carr-Hall in the Parish of New-Church and Forrest of/ Pendle in the said County./ He was appointed Master of the Free/ Grammar-School here in October 1702./ Had Holy Orders confer'd upon him in Autumn/ 1703, was Curate of this Church and of Chalfont/ St. Giles many years. Instituted to the Vicarage of/ Penn in May 1710 and to this Church in May 1728./ He New-built the Parsonage-House, in 1732, and/ a House for the School-Master in this Town/ in 1736 and departed this Life the 2d day of/ February 1743 in the 64th year of his Age. [wall-tablet; Mrs. Robertshaw buried 12.7.1743; Rev'd Mr. Robertshaw buried 6.2.1743/4 Parish Register]
- 2. In Memory of/ the Rev. Thomas Drake Rector of Amersham,/ who died April 12th 1775/ And of his Wife Elizabeth/ Daughter of Isaac Whittington Esqr./ of Orford House in the County of Essex,/ who died July 17th 1765./ Faelices Animae! sit Honestum, et Amabile siquid/ Nulla Dies unquam memori Vos eximet aevo/ Moerens Frater p.c. [wall-tablet; Elizabeth Drake buried 26.7.1765; Rev'd Dr. Thomas Drake buried 21.4.1775 Par. Reg.]

St. Catherine's Chapel

- 3. In the reverence of God and in loving/ memory of William Weller, who died/ IXth of January MCMVIII aged LXVII years,/ Louise Charlotte his wife dedicates/ this window. [stained glass window]
- 4. To the glory of God and in memory of Beatrice F. B. Statham died August 7th 1905 [brass plaque on wooden prayer desk]
- 5. This Chapel/ dedicated to St. Catherine/ and despoiled/ by the Puritans in 1552,/ was finally restored in 1971,/ through a benefaction from/ Doris Brazil/ 1898-1970. [gilded carving on wooden wall-panel]
- 6. [portion of floor-slab, showing part of the Proby arms possibly commemorating Heanage Proby the younger of Raans, who was buried on 10 May 1669]
- 7. Under this stone lyeth buried ye body/ of Sr. Heanage Proby of Rans in this/ Parish Kt. Son and heir of Sr. Peter/ Proby of Rans aforesayd/ Having issue by his wife Dame Hellen/ who with greif survives him, three/ sons Thomas John and Heanage, and/ two daughters Elizabeth & Hellen/ on the tenth of February in the/ yeare of our Lord 1662 and of/ his age 67 departed this life in/ certayn hopes of a joyfull/ resurrection/ And also of the said Dame Hellen Proby/ daughter of Edward Allen of Finchly in/ ye County of Midlesex Esq who dyed ye/ 12th day of June 1678 Aged 72 years. [floor-slab, surmounted by the Proby arms; Sir Heanage Proby buried 24.2.1662/3; Ellen wife of Sir Heanage Proby buried 17.6.1678 Parish Register]
- 8. Here lieth the Body/ of [floor-slab, surmounted by the arms of Mrs. Elizabeth Bent see #17; name scored out late 18th century in an attempt to lessen the sacrilege when the slab was used as a coffin-shelf at the conversion of the chapel into a mortuary; re-set 1908; Mrs. Elizabeth Bent buried 17.6.1730 Parish Register]
- 9. Here lyeth interr'd the Body of// who departed this life March 29th 17[14]/ Aged 25 Years [floor-slab, surmounted by the arms of George Bent see #17; name scored out as per preceding entry; George Bent, Esq. buried 4.4.1714 Parish Register]

Sanctuary

- Guilielmus Drake, Eques & Baronettus, Francisci Drake ex Joanna Conjuge filius/ natu maximus, Avi materni exasse Haeres, amplissimo fundo & grandi pecunia locupletatus/ qua Patrem, quo se aere alieno liberaret, liberaliter sublevabat, gratiis Pius Nec in Fratrem/ minus Benignus, cui Paterna res ex Testamento cesserat. Aedem Christi Oxo quam tirocinio Juvenis/ ornaverat, multis Post annis gratia munificentia prosecutus est Senex. Studiorum cultor et fautor/ libras optimae monetae undiq. conquesivit, Latinos praesertim scriptores eos puta qui genuinam/ sapientiam qui Sinceram prudentiam edocerent Hos in diliciis habuit: ex his documenta vitae hausit:/ horum assiduus dum per oculos licebat, Lector, deficiente oculorum acie (quod diu ante mortem/ Contigit) Anagnosta quem ad id alebat, praelegente Auditor, sapere didicit et fari, sibi consulere et/ Reip. neq. enim amaenitares consecrandi gratia nec quo tempora iniquissima illa falleret/ solum, studiis sese abdidit: Erant alia majora Bonus audebat esse temporibus malis Quippe/ Deo se pium Regi fidum, Eclesiae obsequentem, quam haec ipsa criminis Loco essent, constanter./ uti Virum fortem decuit, non sine aliquo discrimine praestitit. Impios rebellium conaus ex/ pietate odit, ex prudentia contempsit, ex utraq. incolumis evasit. Laqueos conscientiae injectos./ domi prudens elusit, peregre vitavit absens: Opes avitas his artibus non servavit modo, sed/ et adauxit Cautus rerum suarum administrator, et tamen justus erga omnes beneficus erga/ bonos, in suos, qua vivus, qua moriens, perquam liberalis; universa vitae munia strenue/ implevit Ad haec omnia severa Lectio, peregrinatio, Literatum otium, et coelebs Vitae insigne/ adjumentum praebuerunt Nimirum bene latebat ut bene viveret: Nec huic tamen loco/ deerat, dum latuit, dum abfuit Aluit interea familiam, juvit viciniam, et pauperibus./ cum in vita tum in morte, Avi scil. exemplum secutus, multum profuit:/ Quid multa Vir ab omni parte desiderabilis tandem LXIIIo aetatis Anno/ migravit ad superna. Tu Lector, Aeternitatem
- Joanna, Guilielmi Totehill ex Catharina conjuge Filia Francisco Drake Armigero/ (ex Antiqua Dracorum prosapia de pago haud ignobili cui nomen Ash,/ in agro Devoniensi, oriundo) in matrimonium tradita Faemina, siqua alia/ unquam exstitit, praeclarae Indolis, humanitate haud vulgari eximiis, qua/ Naturae, qua Gratiae, dotibus. Pietatis cultu in tantum, praecelluit, ut libro/ etiam, ab Idoneo Auctore, non magis quam Teste, conscriptio Vita ejus/ inclaresceret, et ex Vita itidem Liber claritatem, quam dabat, acciperet./ Verbo dicam Vita pariter et morte sancte defuncta est, in Caelis versata/ etiam dum in terris ageret XL Annum agens obiit Utrumq. Parente/ maritum duosq. Filios atq. unicam Filiam superstites reliquit, relicto/ simul Exemplo, quo et vivere discerent et discerent Mori. [tablet in the upper base of the foregoing monument to Sir William Drake; see also #72 in the Drake Chapel; Mrs. Joan Drake buried 19.4.1625 Parish Register]
- 12. M.S./ Guilielmus Totehill, Armiger apud Devonienses honesto loco natus antiquis majoribus & moribus/ Academicis primum studijs imbutus, max Juris prudentiae nomen dedit cujus admodum/ peritus evasit et in illa pataestra se exercuit donec Unus e sex Clericus Cancellariae/ (quos vocant) crearetur vir singulari prudentia, eximia pietate & charitate pauperes/ spectabili Inter alia, Apostolici praecepti memor (Qui non laborat, ne manducet) egenis suppeditabat materiam industriae, ut haberent unde proprio non minus labore/ quam aliena largitione, victitarent, & omnis ignaviae praecideretur occasio In quam rem etiam/ raro seculi exemplo largos sumptus moriens legavit LXIX aetatis Anno fato cessit./ Catherina hujuscae Guilielmi Conjux, Johanis Denham Equitid Aurati (qui et e Regij Scaccarij Baronibus/ Unus exstiterat) Soror, mulier, supra quam dici potest sancta & celebris cum animo tum Vita/ seu mores, sive pietatem spectes omnigenis virtutibus instructa aeonomia cum primus prudentia insignis Faeminae vere Christianae probae conjugis Matris pientissimae atq. optimae/ Matris familias muneribus per omnem Vitam cum laude functa./ Vitam cum morte, commutavit. [tablet in lower base of the foregoing monument to Sir William Drake; Mrs. Catherine Tothell buried 29.6.1626; William Tothell, Esq. buried 10.12.1626 Parish Register]
- Here lieth the Body of Mountagu Drake Esqr: son of Sr. William Drake of Shardeloes, Knt, by/ Elizabeth Daughter of the Rt. Honble William Mountagu, Ld. Chief Baron of ye Court of Exchequer./ A man of Probity & Honour, & Eminent in all the Private Vertues of Life./ He served in Parliament for this Borough with Reputation to himself & to those whom he represented./ Near him lieth Jane his Wife daughter of Sr. John Garrard of Lamer in Hartfordshire, Baronett./ by Catherine, Daughter of Sr. James Enyon of Northamptonshire Baronett./ A Lady adorned with many Excellent Qualities/ Who survived her Husband 26 years & supplied his loss to her Children with singular Tenderness and Prudence./ The rest of her Widowhood

she Dedicated to the Service of God & the Duties of Religion & Charity/ And in the whole conduct of her Life, was a Shining Example/ How far Christianity could improve the Endowments of Nature & give a Lusture to Good Birth & Education./ He died June 27th 1698 Aged 25 years./ She died April 1st 1724 aged 49 years./ They left two Children Mary married to Sr. Redmond Everard Baronett, and Mountagu Garrard Drake of Shardeloes Esq./ who erected this Monument of his Piety to the Best of Parents. [tablet on monument surmounted by medallion-portraits and arms; inscribed Andru Carpenter Facit; Mountagu Drake, Esq. buried 2.7.1698; Mrs. Jane Drake buried 11.4.1724 - Parish Register]

Chancel

- 14. Iuxta hic jacent Sepulti/ Francesca, Gulielmus, Elizabetha,/ Carolus et Dorothea Drake/ Infantuli Gulielmi Drake/ de Shardeloes/ in Comitatu Bucks Militis/ et Elizabethae Uxoris ejus/ Unicae Filiae Gulielmi Mountacu/ praenobilis et Capitalis Baronis/ Curiae Regis de Scaccario/ E Cunabilis Ablati in aeternis beator/ Domiciliis permansuri. [wall-tablet; Frances Drake buried 21.11.1671; William Drake buried 30.4.1672; Charles Drake buried 30.8.1676; Elizabeth Drake buried 27.2.1676/7; Dorothy Drake buried 1.3.1680/1 Parish Register]
- 15. Percipietis imarcescibilem/ Gloriae Coronam/ 1 Pet: 5. 4./ The depositum of Henry Curwen Esq., onely Son of Sr. Patricius Curwen of Workington/ in the Coun: of Cumberland Baronet and the Lady Isabella his Wife, one of the Daughters/ and Co-heires of Sr. George Selby of Whitehouse in the Coun: Palatine of Durham Kt., de=/ =scended from the noble Familie of the Gospatricks Earles of Northumberland & of his/ house the 23d in lineall descent since the Conquest, who was sent hither to be instruc=/ ted in learning under the tuition of Charles Croke D:D: and Rector of this Church,/ wherein having proceeded to the love and admiration of all that knew him, at 14 yeares/ of age he deceased leaving his absent Parents full of sorrow, whose love doth thus/ expresse it selfe in the sad memorie of him whereunto they have dedicated this Monument./ Obiit August 21, Anno Domini 1636. [Henry Curwen buried 23.8.1636 Parish Register]
- Deo Ecclesiae et Pauperibus/ Mrs. Elizabeth Bent/ Widow of this Town did by her Will dated 25 June 1728 and/ proved in the Prerogative Court 9 June 1730 give & appoint/ the Summ of Seven Hundred Pounds to be laid out in Free-/ hold Lands of Inheritance & vested in Trustees: To the Intent/ that the Annual Rent or Income of the said Lands should be paid/ yearly & every year for ever, to the Rector of this Parish for the/ time being. He the said Rector preaching four Sermons yearly,/ viz: One on the first Thursday in January, one other on the first/ Thursday in April, one other on the first Thursday in July, &/ one other on the first Thursday in October; And Administring the Holy Sacrament of the Lord's Supper in the Parish Church of/ Agmondesham the next Sunday after such Preaching each of/ the said Sermons./ And the said Elizabeth Bent gave moreover the Summ/ of One Hundred Pounds to be laid out and settled in like/ manner; the Income whereof to be annually divided upon/ Christmas Day, amongst six poor Godly Widows of Agmon-/ desham, who shall constantly go to the Parish Church there/ and receive the Sacrament as often as the same is Admin-/ istred Which Distribution She appointed to be at the Discre-/ -tion of the Rector and Church Wardens of the said Parish/ for the time being for ever In conformity whereunto her sur-/ viving Executor hath purchased a Farm in the said Parish/ called or known by the Name of Stock-place, to answer the/ Intent of the Donor, as to both the said Benefactions and/ hath vested the same in Trustees and caused this/ Monument to be set up in perpetual memory/ thereof as expressly Directed by her Will. [wall-tablet]
- 17. Near this place lieth interred/ the body of Elizabeth Bent,/ widow and relict of/ William Bent, of Corby, in/ ye County of Leicester, Esq./ which said Elizabeth departed/ this life ye 9th day of June 1730,/ having caused this Monument/ to be erected several years before her death,/ as may appear by the other table./ Underneath is deposited the Body of George Bent, Esq./ only son of William Bent, of Corby,/ in the County of Leicester,/ and of Elizabeth his wife. He departed/ this life March the 29th 1714, with/ certain hopes of a happy resurrection,/ through the merits of our Saviour/ Jesus Christ./ To whose Memory his affectionate/ Mother did erect this Monument. [tablet on monument with statues and arms see 8 & 9 above]
- 18. To the/ Glory of God/ and in memory of/ Ernest Mathews/ C.V.O. LL.D. M.A. (Oxon.)/ for nineteen years/ Honorary Organist/ of this Church/ and of/ Florence Georgina/ his wife/ Their three/ daughters caused/ these choir stalls/ to be enlarged/ A.D. MCMXXXII [brass plaque]

- 19. To the greater/ Glory of God/ these stalls/ were given by/ parishioners,/ friends and his family/ in memory of/ Charles Edward/ Briggs M.A.,/ Rector of Amersham/ 1904-1946/ Died December 16th 1949/ R.I.P. [brass plaque; see also #64 infra]
- 20. This credence table was/ given in memory of/ Mary Louisa Baker/ who regularly worshipped/ in this Church and who/ died on June 14th 1935 [plaque]

Organ Chamber

- 21. For a remembrance/ before God of Graham/ Smith-Wynne, a man/ greatly beloved, for/ twenty-two years a/ physician of this/ place, who died Oct./ 26th 1926, this Rood/ Screen is dedicated [plaque]
- 22. To the Glory of God and in loving memory of/ Edward John Tyrwhitt Drake born March 6th 1855/ who died at Coconada in India November 13th 1884 [plaque; see also #50 below]

North Transept

23. Sacred to the Memory of/ James Rumsey, M.D./ who died suddenly, 27th Feby. 1824, in his 71st year,/ after exercising his Profession in this place/ with great ability/ and indefatigable earnestness and benevolence/ fifty years,/ And being thus to of his days eminently useful./ He was a just and an upright man;/ of very tender affections,/ and an abounding charity in deed and in opinion;/ and having with deep humility/ his anxious and only hope in Christ,/ his eight sons and daughters here record,/ under a reverent sense of duty,/ their thankfulness for his equal care/ and precious example:/ in a comfortable assurance that he is/ now, for evermore/ with the blessed, who have been found/ not slothful in business: fervent in spirit;/ serving the Lord" [wall-tablet; Dr. Rumsey and his wife are buried in the church-yard – see #A24 & 25]

St. Andrew's Chapel

- 24. Sacred to the Memory of Isaac Eeles, Esq./ who died March 9th 1763, aged 61;/ and Margaret Eeles his Wife,/ Daughter of William Backhouse,/ of Moreland, in the County of Westmoreland, Esq./ She died March 11th 1784, aged 74./ Their afflicted Child erected this Monument/ in memorial of Filial Gratitude/ and Parental Tenderness. [wall-tablet; Isaac Eeles, Esq. buried 16.3.1763; Mrs. Margaret Eeles buried 19.3.1784 Parish Register]
- 25. Near this place/ Lieth Interr'd the Body of/ Charles Eeles, Esqr./ late Citizen of London; he was ye/ Sixth son of Mr. James Eeles of/ this Parish, Died 17th: May 1727/ aged 60 years./ To whose Memory this monument/ is Erected [Charles, son of James Eeles and Ann his wife, bapt. 18.3.1667/8; buried 26.5.1727 Parish Register]
- 26. To the Glory of God/ And in loving memory of Elizabeth Julia/ wife of Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake of Shardeloes Esqre/ born Decr 7th 1815 died July 4th 1885 [brass plaque beneath window]
- 27. Sacred to the memory of/ Samuel Higham Esq/ who died at Beel House, Amersham Common/ on the 29th April 1850/ Aged 77/ This tablet is erected by his children/ as a tribute of affection/ to his revered memory [wall-tablet; see Mausoleum #5]
- 28. Sacred to the memory of/ Matilda/ the affectionate and beloved wife/ of Samuel Higham Esqr. who died/ July 30th 1848, aged 72 [wall-tablet; see Mausoleum #6]
- 29. In memory of/ George Channer Esqre./ who died at Amersham the 28th of November 1830;/ aged 51 years./ Also Emma aged 9 months./ Frederick Lacey aged 3 months./ Emily aged 4 years./ Children of the above and Mary his wife;/ by whom this tablet is erected./ Also in memory of the

- abovenamed/ Mary Channer,/ who died at "St. John's Wood" London, the 14th Novr./ 1860; aged 77 years. [wall-tablet; George and Mary Channer nee Weller are buried in the church-yard #A29]
- 30. Orate pro aiabs Johis de la Penne et Elizabeth uxoris eius filie Petri/ Hally Armigeri que quedem Elizabeth obiit vicesimo primo die mens/ Novembris Anno dni millmo vo xxi Et idm Johis obiit xxviio die/ mese Decebris Anno dni mo vl xxxvii quor aiabs p'picietur Deus. Amen [brass, with effigies of John and Elizabeth de la Penne]
- 31. Hic jacet Henricus Brudenell Armig. et Alianora ux. eius filia/ Hugonis Preston, filii Thome Preston Militis, q' quide Henric' obiit/ xxvii die Januar' Ao dni m.cccc.xxx. quor' aiabs p'picietur Deus. Amen. [brass, with effigies of Henry and Eleanor Brudenell]
- 32. Hic jacent Thomas Carbonell Armig. et Elizabeth ux. ei' que qued Elizabeth obiit xiii die Octobs Ao dni mccco/ [xxxviii] onio et p'dictus Thomas obiit xxiio die Aprilis Ao dni mccccxxxix. Quor' animabs p'picietur Deus. Amen [brass, with effigies of Thomas and Elizabeth Carbonell]
- 33. [brass, with inscription and arms defaced; possibly that of William Brudenell, Lord of Raans and Coleshill]

North Aisle

- 34. Sacred / to the memory of/ Mary/ second daughter of/ the Revd Paul Belcher, B.C.L./ Rector of Heather and Rotherby,/ in the County of Leicester;/ She died Feby. 13th 1846, aged 66./ Also of/ Louisa,/ youngest daughter of the above named/ Revd Paul Belcher;/ she died May 3rd 1870,/ aged 85. [wall-tablet; see Mausoleum #8 and #12]
- 35. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Francis George Bladen Downing,/ Deputy Inspector of Hospitals,/ and only son of the late Revd Bladen Downing,/ Rector of Quainton, in the County of Bucks./ He died on the 1st of March 1830, aged 54./ Charlotte Downing, aunt to the above;/ died on the 17th of March 1832, aged 83./ Sarah Newbery Roberts, widow of/ John Roberts, Esqre of the Court of Chancery,/ and dau of the Revd Bladen Downing;/ died on the 22nd of March 1843, aged 69./ Mary Catherine Downing, 3rd dau of the/ Revd Bladen Downing, died on the 3rd of Octr 1851, aged 76./ Elizabeth Downing, youngest daughter of the/ Revd Bladen Downing, died on the 24th of April 1874, aged 88. [wall-tablet, inscribed Noakes & Pearce/ New Road, London; see Mausoleum, #10, #11, #61, #62 & #63, and also #129 in list of church-yard graves.]
- 36. The Amplifying system was given/ to the glory of God and in memory of/ Hilda Annetta Allison/ 1882-1972 [plaque]
- 37. In memory of Frederick William Tyrwhitt Drake/ 7th son of Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake/ of Shardeloes Esquire born August 4th 1796/ Died at Hitchen February 18th 1882 [window]
- 38. To the beloved memory of Dorothy Emma, widow of Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake of Shardeloes, and daughter of Revd. J. Leyborne Popham, of Chilton Foliat, Wilts. born July 28, 1850, died May 25, 1894 [brass plaque]
- 39. To the glory of God and to the beloved memory of Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake of Shardeloes died July 24th 1888 [window]
- 40. To the glory of God and in loving memory of/ Barbara Caroline Tyrwhitt Drake/ born July 17th 1797 died November 5th 1883 [window]
- 41. Sacred to the memory of/ William Weller/ many years brewer of this Parish/ who departed this life March 31st 1802/ aged 73 years/ also of Ann, his wife,/ who departed this life April 2nd 1817/ aged 85 years/ This tablet was erected by their grateful sons/ John and William [wall-tablet; see #31 in list of church-yard graves]

- 42. Sacred to the memory of/ John Weller/ who died 24th December 1843/ aged 85./ Also to Katharine his wife,/ who died 12th April 1799,/ aged 38./ Also to Elizabeth, his widow,/ who died 23rd October 1851,/ aged 82. [wall-tablet; see #33 and 34 in list of church-yard graves]
- 43. Sacred to the memory of/ William Weller/ who died May 2nd 1843,/ in his 80th year./ Also of Sarah, his wife,/ who died March 4th 1820,/ aged 57 years. [wall-tablet; see #32 in list of church-yard graves]
- 44. Sacred to the memory of/ Edward Weller/ who died 7th of August 1850,/ in the 60th year of his age/ Also of Caroline his widow,/ who died 13th November 1874,/ aged 81 years [wall-tablet; son of John and Catherine; see #35 in list of church-yard graves, and #13 and 14, Mausoleum]
- 45. Sacred/ to the memory of/ William Weller,/ who died 8th of September 1859,/ aged 62 years/ also of Lydia, his widow/ who died 9th November 1897,/ aged 79 years. [wall-tablet; William, son of William and Sarah Weller, bapt. 1.3.1797 Parish Register]

Nave

- 46. This mediaeval font/ from Crownthorpe Norfolk/ was given to the Church/ in memory of/ Pauline Alison Stevens/ 1952-1972/ by her parents brother and friends [floor-plaque by font]
- 47. In memory of/ Sarah Francis Gemei/ 1960 1999 [plaque on paschal candle stand]

South Aisle

- 48. M.S./ Philippi Ayres Armigeri/ Viri probi temperantis et docti/ linguarumque/ precipue Gr: Latin. Gallic. Hispan. & Italicae/ valde periti./ Qui cum primos annos literis dedisset/ in Schola Westmonastiensi,/ Publica deinde quaendam officia/ Multa cum Fide et Laude sustinuit/ Majoraq; forsan obtinere potuit/ sed Opu. splendore fortiter contemnens/ et literas politiores amans/ privatus in otio delitescere maluit/ Hinc Montacuto Drake Armig./ in filii Institutione fideliter inserviit/ in eaq. familia ad finem usq. vitae per-/ -mansit/ Ejusq. sumptib. hic honorifice sculptus est./ Natus est Cottinghamiae in Com. Northampt./ Anno 1638:/ subita morte corruptus obiit Dec: 1/ Anno 1712./ Vigilate ergo quia nescitis qua hora/ Dominus vester venturus sit. [wall-tablet; buried 4.12.1712 Parish Register]
- 49. Sacred/ to the memory of/ Charles Eeles Esqr./ late Captain in His Majesty's/ 95th Rifle, Regiment,/ who after serving with the British Army/ thro' the various campaigns in/ the Spanish Peninsula;/ terminated his glorious career/ on the 18th of June 1815,/ in the 30th year of his age./ He nobly fell in his country's cause,/ on the ever memorable field of/ Waterloo,/ esteemed, lamented and beloved./ His mother, Mrs. Sabina Eeles, nee Lawrence, died at Amersham in 1836./ His brother, William Eeles, K.H., Colonel in the Rifle Brigade (Old 95th) died at Woolwich in 1838; was at Buenos Ayres (under Whitelock,)/ Peninsular Campaign, and Waterloo. [wall-tablet]
- 50. To the glory of God & in memory of/ Edward John Tyrwhitt Drake born March 6 1855/ who died at Coconada in India Nov. 13th 1884/ this window is erected by his loving brothers and sisters [window; see also #22 above]
- 51. Also in memory of their mother/ Elizabeth Julia Tyrwhitt Drake who died July 4th 1885 [brass plaque]
- 52. In memoriam Mary Caroline Tyrwhitt Drake/ born November 30th 1832 died January 1st 1903/ Thomas Henry Tyrwhitt Drake, late Captain/ 5th Bengal Cavalry. Born November 11th 1840/ Died November 2nd 1903. Children of the Reverend/ John Tyrwhitt Drake Rector of Amersham. [window]

- 53. To the glory of God & in loving memory of John Tyrwhitt Drake M.A./ 34 years Rector of this Parish born Nov 1st 1790 died June 26th 1860/ Also of Emily his wife born Sep 9th 1803 died June 10th 1879 [brass plaque]
- 54. In loving memory of/ Frances Charlotte Tyrwhitt-Drake/ born 24 Jan. 1838 died 17 Feb. 1897/ Also of/ Emily Ann Tyrwhitt-/ Drake born 7 Jan/ 1832 died 28 Dec 1868/ And of/ Francis Tyrwhitt-/ Drake born 13 May/ 1839 died 25 Feb. 1859/ Children of John Tyrwhitt-Drake M.A. Rector of Amersham and of Emily his wife [brass plaque]
- 55. In loving memory/ of/ Barnard William/ 2nd son of/ John Charles/ Tyrwhitt Drake/ Chief Constable/ of/ this County/ born January 1st 1866/ died July 11th 1894/ At Deniliquin N.S.W. [brass plaque]
- 56. In memory of Lucy Puddephatt/ 21st Oct 1887 11th Nov 1971 [plaque on wooden book-trolley]

South Transept

- 57. Given in memory of/ Norman V. Knight/ 1907-1985/ Psalm 150 [silver plaque on grand-piano]
- 58. Hic jacet Ricus Champeneys, Draper, qui obiit xi die Junius Anno Dm millmo ccccxxxix qui an picietur deus Ame [brass wall-plaque, formerly surmounted by a half-effigy of Richard Champneys, 1439]
- 59. Louisa Jana Tyrwhitt Drake Obiit Aprs 220 1862/ Jana Tyrwhitt Drake Obiit Mais 280 1864/ Georgius Arthurus Tyrwhitt Drake Obiit Juns 200 1864 [window]
- 60. [uninscribed recess-tomb, believed to date from circa 1350, and therefore possibly that of Richard de Rockingham, Rector of Amersham 1333-1351]
- 61. Deo/ Opt. Max./ In Piam Memoriam/ Frederici Edwardi/ Tyrwhitt Drake/ Presbyteri/ Nat. A.D. V. Kal. Oct. MDCCCXXVII/ Mort. A.D. IV Kal. Sept. MCMIX/ Montacuti Gulielmi/ Tyrwhitt Drake/ Nat. A.D. XIII Kal. Feb. MDCCCXXX/ Mort. A.D. VI Id. Mart. MCMVIII/ Gulielmi Henrici/ Tyrwhitt Drake/ Nat. Prid. Non Quint. MDCCCXXXV/ Mort. Id. Apr. MDCCCXCVIII/ Quos tres filios genuere/ Georgius Tyrwhitt Drake/ ob. MDCCCXL/ et Jane Halsey conjux ejus/ ob. MDCCCLXIV/ Quorum animus propitietur/ Jesus. [wall-tablet]
- 62. This book rest was given/ in memory of/ Dorothy Wilkinson/ 1893 1980 [plaque in pulpit]
- 63. Diocese of Oxford/ To our beloved in Christ/ Brian Oxley/ with thanksgiving/ for your service in the office of Reader over 57 years/ greeting/ We are delighted to confer upon you the honorary status of/ Reader Emeritus/ and wish you every blessing in this chapter of your life/ signed +Alan Buckingham/ dated this twenty second day of December/ in the year of our Lord 2004 [framed testimonial; Mr Oxley died in December 2006]

Lower Vestry

64. In Memoriam/ Charles Edward/ Briggs/ M.A. Priest/ Rector of Amersham/ 1904 to 1946/ Rural Dean/ 1924 to 1946/ On becoming Rector of Amersham in 1904, the Revd. C.E. Briggs immediately abandoned/ the old custom of keeping the Parish Church locked on weekdays, and started regular weekday/ services as well as an early celebration of Holy Communion every Sunday. A surpliced/ choir was introduced, and in 1906 the Organ was re-built and improved, while numerous/ additions were made to the church furnishings./ A Mission Hall was quickly established near Black Horse Bridge, known as the St. Mary's/ Mission, and covering the districts now served by St. Michael's and St. George's Churches./ A major problem confronting the new Rector was the side chapel at St. Mary's which,/ having been bricked up and used for burials, had become completely filled. A/ restoration scheme,

completed in 1908, resulted in the beautiful chapel now to be seen,/ and the bodies were re-interred in the Churchyard north of the Church./ The Parish Church bells were re-hung in 1913./ After the first world war a site was secured for St. Michael's Church, and the present temporary church erected and dedicated on December 19th. 1920, together with/ the Parsonage and Church Hall. A parsonage hall was also purchased at Coleshill./ A building adjoining the Parish Church was given by Messrs. Benskins Brewery/ and adapted for use as the Church Rooms in 1931. Extensions and improvements to all/ three of the Church Schools in the parish were carried out at various times./ The Rood Screen at St. Mary's was erected in 1927 [sic] to the memory of Dr. G. Smith-/ Wynne, and this was followed by the oak choir and clergy stalls in 1932 in/ memory of the former honorary organist, Dr. E. Matthews [sic], and his wife. In the same/ year the reservation of the Blessed Sacrament was begun at the Parish Church,/ and the old gas lighting replaced by the present arrangement of electric lighting,/ which is considered one of the most effective in the country./ About this time the/ Children's Corner was established at St. Mary's./ St. George's Church at Amersham Common was next built, being consecrated/ on St. George's Day 1936, shortly after which the St. Andrew's Mission Church was/ established at Winchmore Hill./ The Parish Church roof was completely restored in 1938, the result being not/ only the preservation of the fabric, but also the restoration of much of its/ medieval [sic] character and beauty./ When he resigned from the benefice after 42 years, the Rector was presented/ with a cheque and an etching of the Parish Church as an expression of his/ parishioners' deep appreciation of his work and ministry here./ After his death on December 16th. 1949, a memorial fund for the Rector was quickly/ over-subscribed, and the money used to provide two more oak choir stalls at St. Mary's/ matching the existing ones and suitably inscribe

65. In memory of/ Mary Hodkinson/ 1932 – 1998 [plaque on flower-pedestal]

Lost monuments

- 66. Hic jacet Drugo Brudenell Armiger et Ellena Uxor Ejus, filia Johannis Broughton Domini de Tuddington, in Com. Bedford; quae quidem Ellena obiit 9 Martii 1469, et idem Drugo obiit 140 die Martii 1479 [brass, with effigies of Drue and Eleanor Brudenell]
- 67. [brass, with effigies of Edmund and Philippa Brudenell]
- 68. [brass, with half effigy of the Rev'd Robert Allerton, Rector of Amersham, died 1437]
- 69. [brass commemorating Richard Sanderys (Saunders) and his wife Alice, dated 1524]
- 70. Here lyeth Anne wife to Richard Saunders of Agmondisham gent, eldest da. of John Isham of Isham Sted Esq. She departed this life Septr. 27, A.D. 1584 [floor-slab, possibly with brass, situate in the Chancel; "Ann wife of Richard Saunders, gent." buried 1.10.1584 Parish Register; the Visitation of Bucks 1634 records that Richard was buried at Dinton, Bucks, the son of Thomas Saunders of Amersham, and grandson of William Saunders; Anne was the daughter of John Isham of Lamport, Northants (Isham is near Kettering in that County); after her death, Richard married Elizabeth Blount, and fathered Sir Thomas Saunders of Amersham]
- 71. In memory of my loving Husband, Edward Childe, late of Chesham, who departed this life the 14th day of July, Anno Domini 1676, and lyeth here buried; this stone was laid by me, his loving wife, Anne Childe. [floor-slab, situate in the south aisle; burial not recorded in the Parish Register]

King's History of Amersham, published first in 1887, relates that "many other brasses and some stone coffins are said to be under the seats"

Drake Chapel

West wall

- 72. To the Glorie of God/ To ye blessed Memorie of Mrs. Joane Drake/ Wife to Francis Drake of Eshere in ye/ County of Surry, one of ye Gentlemen of/ His Mats. most Ho. Privie/ Chamber in Ordinary Esq. Daughter to/ William Tothill of Sharlees one of 6/ Clarkes of ye High Courte of Chancerie Esquire/ who whilst shee lived was a pattern of all/ Virtues of a Gratious Woman and Wife as/ highly esteemed of all good yt knew her/ as lowly in her owne eyes./ A living Monument/ Of God's mercie above Satan's malice/ of his wonders in casting downe his children/ yt hee may raise them up/ of the truth of his p'mises in refreshing the weary sowle/ of the force of faythfull prayer/ of the power of God's saving truth/ of the Gaine of Godliness even in this life/ For having fought ye good fight of faith and wayted for the/ salvation of God, shee obteyned a glorious victorie and/ beginning ye life of Heaven upon earth was translated from/ earth triumphantly to Heaven 18 Aprill Anno Dni 1625:/ having sent before her her deare Childe John Drake whome shee had/ nursed her selfe, and by whom she lieth buried and leaving/ behind her 2 sonnes and one daughter/ viz. William, Francis and Joane Drake/ Her Husband lamenting his own losse yet rejoysing in her gaine,/ dedicateth this Monument [wall-tablet, formerly above the south door in the Chancel, surmounted by a coat-of-arms; line 17: p'mises = promises; see also # 11]
- Sacred to the memory of/ the Revd John Drake LLD/ third son of William Drake of Shardeloes, Esquire/ vicar of St Nicholas, Deptford and rector of this parish/ where for fifty years he performed the sacred duties of his office/ with exemplary piety, mild benevolence and comprehensive charity/ he died on the 3rd of January 1826 in the 76th year of his age/ beloved, respected and lamented/ This monument is erected by Mary his afflicted widow/ as a testimony of her reverential attachment and irreparable loss/ and as a humble tribute to his affectionate indulgence/ as a husband and a father and his sincerity as a friend./ Mary Drake/ daughter and coheiress of the Revd William Wickham/ of Garsington in the county of Oxford/ and relict of the above Revd John Drake LLD died on the 25th of March 1838 aged 77

South wall, lower portion

- 74. This Tablet is consecrated to the memory of/ Arthur Tyrwhitt Drake, M.A./ Son of the late Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake/ of Shardeloes, Esquire,/ by his deeply sorrowing widow/ who humbly hopes, that through his reliance on/ the intercession of a merciful Saviour,/ his spirit may rest in peace./ His zeal was unwearied/ in discharging the duties of sacred calling;/ and while living in the hearts of a grateful flock,/ he was warmly alive to all those tender affections,/ which endeared him to an united family,/ by whom, his loss will be long, and bitterly lamented./ A stroke of apoplexy,/ suddenly terminated his life, on the day of his marriage,/ September 15th, 1831/ in the 32nd year of his age.
- 75. This Tablet is erected to the Memory of/ Edward Tyrwhitt Drake Esquire/ Captain in the Royal Regiment of Horse Guards Blue;/ Youngest son of the late Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake Esqr/ of Shardeloes/ A short illness terminated his youthful career/ on the 26th Day of October 1831, in the 29th year of his age/ to the deep regret of a large circle of friends/ and the inexpressible sorrow of his family./ In him were happily blended, the manly courage of the soldier/ and the milder virtues of the Christian./ Of a most kind and endearing disposition/ he excelled in fulfilling the duties/ and cherishing the affections of a son and brother./ Religion alone can afford a consolation:/ "The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away".
- 76. Sacred to the memory of/ Ann/ Daughter and co-heiress of the Revd. William Wickham/ of Garsington, Oxon./ and relict of Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake/ of Shardeloes, Esq./ Born July 14th 1762. Died October 13th 1845./ She had fourteen children/ Seven of whom survived her. Deeply impressed with a sense of religious obligation/ and living in the unostentatious exercise/ of all Christian virtues/ she was feelingly alive to the wants and sorrows of others,/ a faithful and affectionate wife, and one of the/ tenderest and best of mothers./ "She openeth her mouth with wisdom and in her tongue/ is the law of kindness."/ "Her children arise up, and call her blessed."/ Proverbs Chapter XXXI./ Verses 26 & 28.

- 77. Maternal affection, animated with future hope, but agonised with present grief,/ has consecrated this Tablet to the memory of/ The Rev. Charles Tyrwhitt Drake, A.M./ Son of Thomas and Ann Tyrwhitt Drake of Shardeloes/ who was called from earth to heaven/ on the 16th of February, 1816, in the 26th year of his age./ All the mild, all the amiable virtues/ had found a sanctuary in his breast,/ Modesty, diffidence and kind-heartedness/ were distinguishing features in his character,/ as a son, a brother and a friend, he was most exemplary;/ and when it pleased the Father of all good/ to remove him from this terrestrial scene/ there was not a heart in his family that did not feel a pang/ nor an eye that did not shed tears./ Reader, when thou contemplatest this record of/ early mortality, let it impress thee with the uncertainty/ of life at all ages, and with the necessity of/ righteousness at all times.
- 78. Sacred to the Memory of Elizabeth the beloved daughter/ of Thomas and Ann Tyrwhitt-Drake./ To the most graceful and elegant Form to her were united/ every Quality of the Heart, which could adorn her Sex,/ the fatal Effects of a rapid Consumption snatched her/ from the Arms of those to whom she was deservedly dear;/ on the 26th of Janry 1801 in the 17 year of her Age./ To her affectionate Parents/ her loss is the bitterest Affliction!/ But a Ray of Comfort brightens their dejected Souls/ while they indulge the soothing Hope/ that she has been translated/ from these Abodes of Pain and Death/ to the blessed Regions of Happiness and Immortality./ Likewise of Henry, who was born July 24th 1793/ and died July 24th 1795./ And Francis, who was born Ap. 16, 1801/ and lived only seven days.
- 79. Elizabeth/ daughter of John Raworth Esqr/ wife of Wm Drake Esqr/ born the 1st of August 1725/ deceased the 4th of Febry 1757/ aged 32 years/ Peace to these dear Remains, the sacred dust/ where late fair virtue dwelt, and where again/ Beauty shall dwell, when Heav'n revives the just/ Where now shall piety in all her train/ a mind so gentle, good and lowly prove/ Life so devout, and pure of every stain/ Oh early lost! Say was it heavenly Love/ too strongly glowing for a mortal breast/ that bore the soul to its own place above?/ Then joy was felt where Saints in glory rest/ where Seraphs sing; but we with sighs pursue/ with fond regret the parting Spirit blest/ and mournful, weeping bid a long adieu./ This most amiable woman had eight children, six of whom survived her/ Her truly afflicted husband has caus'd this monument to be erected in/ memory of her virtues and his loss.
- 80. M.S./ Mary/ daughter of/ Willm and Jane/ Hussey/ wife of/ Willm Drake jun./ who died Octr 23d 1778/ in her 20th year/ she was/ truly amiable/ Cara Maria vale veniet Felicius Ævum/ Quando iterum Tecum sim modo dignus ero.
- 81. M.S./ Rachel Elizabeth Drake/ daughter of Jeremiah and Susanna Ives/ of Norwich/ wife of Will. Drake jun. Esq/ died August the fourth 1784/ aged 23/ She left two daughters/ infants/ her circle of life, tho' small/ was complete/ Quæque tibi virtus et Gratia amabilia Uxor/ vita imitanda vale, Morte imitanda, vale

North wall, lower portion

- 82. Sacred to the memory/ of Margaret Frances Drake/ wife of the Revd John Drake of Northchurch in the county of Hertford/ and only surviving child of James Rudman Esqre/ late of Newcastle in the county of Northumberland/ She was a sincere Christian, an affectionate wife/ a tender mother, and a faithful friend/ She bore a long and painful illness of more than two years/ with exemplary cheerfulness and pious resignation to the divine will/ She died Decr 24th 1812 aged 31 years, leaving two children:/ John Rudman born Feby 4th 1808 and/ James William born Octr 31st 1809/ Her truly afflicted husband has erected this monument/ as a memorial of her virtues and his irreparable loss.
- 83. Here lies the body of Mountague Garrard Drake of Shardeloes, Esqr/ who died in the 35th year of his age, April the 26th 1728/ He was descended of an Antient and Honourable Family/ from which he derived many conspicuous Advantages/ as well as large Possessions/ but he was himself a Gentleman/ of fine and distinguished Accomplishments,/ of great and exemplary Virtues,/ of a nature sincere, noble, disinterested/ So qualified, he sometimes represented/ this county and this borough in Parliament/ where he executed the Trust reposed in him/ with Honour, Justice and Fidelity./ with a Spirit

superior to all Temptations, with a due concern for the privileges of the Subject, with a strict reguard to the Prerogatives of the Crown. with a religious zeal for the security of the Church, with a constant & steady adherence to those Principles/ on which the Ecclesiastical and Civil Constitution of England is founded. Nor was his Character less amiable in Private life/ than in his Publick Station. He set a Pattern of Goodness to every branch of his Family/ He was a kind Master, an indulgent Brother, a tender Father, an affectionate Husband. He extended his Benevolence to all mankind/ but he confined his Friendship to a Few,/ to such only as he found by experience truly meritorious/ and worthy of his Confidence/ He made his Fortunes entirely subservient to his Virtues/ He revived the old English Hospitality/ He was so generous a Landlord as to prefer/ the ease of his Tenants to the Advancement of his Estate/ He dispensed his Charity with a liberal hand and/ an open heart to the Poor./ He conveyed his Relief to Persons in misfortune so/ secretly that the manner of giving added greatly to/ the comfort of receiving his Benefactions, which were/ always proportioned to the Distresses and Deserts/ of the objects on whom they were bestowed. But he was taken from the world in perfection/ of his Life, when by the Course of Nature he might/ long have continued a Blessing to his Family,/ an Happiness to his Friends,/ a Benefit to his/ Neighbours, a Support to the Indigent, a/ Refuge to the Unfortunate and an Ornament/ to his Country./ Such a loss would forever be lamented/ were it not impious to repine even at the/ severest Dispensations of Providence, and/ were it not a consolation in the midst of/ Affliction that of the three sons, Mountague/ Garrard, William, and Thomas, the/ issue of his marriage with Isabella/ daughter & heir of Thomas Marshall Esq./ he has left the two younger surviving and/ growing up to the imitation of their Father's/ Virtues under the care and Guardianship of a/ most pious and Affectionate Mot

84. Sacred to the memory of/ Mary/ the beloved wife of/ John Tyrwhitt Drake, A.M.,/ Rector of this parish/ and daughter of Arthur Annesley Esqr/ of Bletchingdon in the county of Oxford,/ who departed this life at Bletchingdon/ on the 19th of November 1827/ in the 28th year of her age.

South wall, upper portion

- 85. Sacred to the memory of/ Thomas William Tyrwhitt-Drake/ of Shardeloes Esq/ born Nov 28th 1849, died Dec 8th 1900/ also of/ Frances Anne Isabella his wife/ daughter of Col. Thomas Smith Dorrien/ of Haresfoot, Herts/ born March 29th 1847, died Oct 20th 1910
- 86. Sacred to the memory of/ Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake/ MC and Two Bars, JP/ Captain, 52nd Light Infantry/ of Shardeloes/ son of Guy Percival Tyrwhitt Drake/ born 11th May 1893, died 22nd March 1956/ also of/ Mary Philomena Theresa/ Tyrwhitt Drake/ his wife/ daughter of Edward H.J.D. Mostyn/ born 6th August 1895, died 4th November 1953
- 87. Sacred to the memory of/ Thomas Tyrwhitt-Drake/ of Shardeloes Esq/ born July 14th 1818, died July 24th 1888/ also of Elizabeth Julia his wife/ daughter of John Stratton of Turweston House, Oxon/ and widow of Col. Wedderburn/ born Dec 7th 1815, died July 4th 1885/ also of/ Dorothy Emma his second wife/ daughter of the Rev. John Leyborne Popham/ Rector of Chilton Foliat, Wilts/ born July 28th 1850, died May 25th 1894
- 88. Sacred to the memory of/ Jane Tyrwhitt Drake/ daughter of Joseph and Sarah Halsey/ of Gaddesden Park, Herts, Esqre/ and widow of the late Revd George Tyrwhitt Drake/ Rector of Malpas Upper Mediety, Cheshire/ ob. May 28th 1864 aged 59/ 'Her children arise up and call her blessed'/ also of Louisa Jane Tyrwhitt Drake/ eldest daughter of the above, ob. April 22nd 1862 aged 31/ 'Whom the Lord loveth, he chasteneth'/ also of George Arthur Tyrwhitt Drake/ third son of the above, First Lieut. of HMS Severn/ accidentally drowned in the Madras Roads/ June 20th 1864 aged 31/ 'Jesus said, I am the resurrection and the life'.
- 89. To the memory of William Drake junr Esqre/ Member of Parliament for this Borough/ who died May the 18th 1795 aet 48/ and also of Emily Ives, youngest daughter/ and coheiress of the above William Drake Esqre/ and wife of the Hon'ble Frederick Paul Irby/ Captain in the Royal Navy/ second son of Frederick, Lord Boston/ She died August the 7th 1806 aet 21/ leaving one son./ The Lord gave and the Lord hath taken away/ blessed be the Name of the Lord/ Job, Chap. 1, ver. 21

- 90. In memory of my/ beloved husband/ Edward Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake/ who passed away at Gibraltar/ on August 31st 1933/ aged 46/ Venice Margaret Tyrwhitt Drake/ wife of the above/ June 7th 1944/ Blessed are the pure in heart/ for they shall see God [wall-plaque made of sterling silver and hallmarked]
- 91. In memory of/ William Wykeham Tyrwhitt Drake/ of Shardeloes, Amersham/ died July 29th 1919/ aged 66 years
- 92. Sacred to the memory of/ Guy Percival Tyrwhitt-Drake/ son of Thomas Tyrwhitt-Drake/ of Shardeloes, Esq/ born October 26th 1859, died June 24th 1928/ also of Mary Anne Emily his wife/ daughter of the Rev. John Leyborne Popham/ Rector of Chilton Foliat, Wilts/ born April 30th 1858, died November 11th 1932
- 93. In loving memory of/ Herbert William Tyrwhitt-Drake/ elder son of William Wykeham Tyrwhitt-Drake/ of Shardeloes/ and his wife Augusta/ died at Winereux Hospital, Boulogne, the 11th March 1915/ whilst serving his country as a trooper in the 19th Hussars/ aged 29 years/ Greater love hath no man than this, that/ a man should lay down his life for his friends/ St John, Chapter 15, verse 13
- 94. Sacred to the memory of/ Mary Frances Tyrwhitt Drake/ only surviving daughter of the late/ Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake of Shardeloes, Esqre/ born April 13th 1787, died November 28th 1865/ distinguished by her unfailing benevolence/ and Christian charity, she was beloved by all/ who knew her./ The righteous live for evermore, their reward/ also is with the Lord, and the care of them/ is the Most High Wisdom, V, 15/ Thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God Acts X, 31
- 95. Sacred/ to the memory of/ William Tyrwhitt Drake Esqre./ Late Lieut. Colonel/ of the Royal Horse Guards/ Second Son of Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake/ of Shardeloes Esqre./ Born October 21st 1785, died December 21st 1848/ He represented this borough in Parliament/ for twenty two years/ and served with his regiment in the Peninsular War/ and on the field of Waterloo/ His deep-rooted principles of religion,/ his truly Christian charity,/ his unsullied honour and unassuming manners/ gained for him in life the esteem and love of all,/ and as a husband and father,/ friend and brother,/ his death was sincerely and deservedly lamented./ A good man is merciful and lendeth, and will guide/ his words with discretion. And the righteous shall/ be had in everlasting remembrance Psalm 112, v 5-6/ Sacred also to the memory of/ three of his children:/ Emma, Barnard John, and Edward George/ who all died in their infancy/ In heaven, their angels do always behold the face of my father which is in heaven Matt. Ch. 18, v 10/ Also to Emma, wife of the above and daughter of/ Joseph T. Halsey, born 6th April 1806/ died 2nd September 1897, and buried at Great Gaddesden/ Also to their son C.F. Tyrwhitt Drake/ who died 23rd June 1874 and was buried at Jerusalem
- 96. Sacred to the memory of/ George Tyrwhitt Drake, Clerk, B.C.L./ Sixth Son of Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake of Shardeloes Esqr./ He departed this life on the 6th of March 1840, aged 40 years,/ after an illness of five months which he bore with the/ unvarying patience and meekness of temper that so eminently/ distinguished his character./ He was for ten years Rector of the Higher Mediety of Malpas/ in the County of Chester,/ by the unostentatious exercise of all the duties of his/ sacred profession/ and in fulfilment of all domestic relations of life/ as the best of husbands, fathers and friends,/ may we humbly hope he is now reaping his reward/ through the mediation of our Saviour Jesus Christ./ He has left a widow and nine children to mourn his loss./ This monument was erected by his fond mother./ "Blessed are the dead which died in the Lord"./ Rev. XIV. 13.
- 97. John Drake sonn of Francis Drake of/ Esshere in the county of Surry, Esq/ by Joha[n] his wife, daughter of William/ Tothill of Sharlons, Esq by Katherin/ his wife, dyeing ye 2 of Aprill in the 4/ yere of his age, 1623, lies here buried/ Had hee liv'd to bee a man/ this inch had grown but to a span/ nowe is hee past all feare of paine/ t'were sinn to wish him here againe/ Vewe but the way by wch wee come/ Thow't say hee's best that's first at home [brass set in floor]

East wall

- 98. Sacred to the memory of William Drake of Shardeloes, Esquire/ He was a true Christian in Belief & Practice, an exemplary Attendant on this House/ of Prayer which he liberally improved and ornamented. He was affectionate/ and indulgent in his family, polite & amiable in social intercourse; upright & judicious/ in his public conduct. He represented this borough in Parliament fifty years/ attached to no party, supporting such measures as appeared to him constitutional/ and expedient, one of that honoured class of British senators on whose suffrage/ and influence their King & Country rely with confidence for the prosperity of the/ Church & State in seasons of tranquility, & for the security of them in times of danger./ He was born May 12th 1723/ he died August 8th 1796/ His second son Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake (the mournful heir/ of his father & elder brother) feeling, with his other/ surviving children, a grateful Reverence of his virtues/ records them for the benefit of posterity
- 99. Sacred to the memory of Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake of Shardeloes, Esqre/ during 15 years the independent representative of this borough in Parliament/ Those who knew him least regretted him much; for all had seen enough to admire/ but the softest qualities of his heart did not discover themselves to the notice of the world/ but were exercised in private/ and only within the view of those who knew him best./ His public integrity was most conspicuous; he was truly honest and disinterested/ his religion was pure and sincere and his charities unlimited./ Naturally of a mild and unassuming disposition, the warmth of his affection, the extent of his indulgence and his sincerity in every action/ could only be fully known and sufficiently prized/ by those who have to lament the loss of/ a husband, a parent, a friend./ He died Octr 18th 1810 aged 61/ leaving a wife and 11 children./ His eldest son Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake erected this monument/ as a tribute of regard to the/ best of fathers.

North wall, upper portion

- 100. Keep innocency and take heed/ unto the Thing that is right/ for that shall bring a man/ peace at the last./ Sacred to the memory/ of the Revd Richard Frank, D.D., late Rector of/ Alderton in Suffolk and of Hardwick with Shelton in Norfolk/ born March 25th 1745, died August 18th 1810/ his disconsolate widow Elizabeth/ 2nd daughter of the late William Drake of Shardeloes, Esqre/ (50 years representative of this borough in Parliament)/ caused this monument to be erected in remembrance/ of his virtues and her irreparable loss/ Elizabeth wife of the above/ who died November 18th 1817 aged 63 years/ beloved, lamented.
- Sacred to the memory of/ Isabella Drake/ daughter of William Drake of Shardeloes, Esqr/ She was born December 23rd 1751/ and departed this life December 10th 1833 aged 82/ It was her desire that the following prayer should be perpetuated:/ Grant O Lord that the humble tear of penitence/ may avail through faith in the atonement of Jesus Christ/ and that I may be counted worthy/ to hear that blessed sentence pronounced unto me,/ 'Well done, thou good and faithful servant,/ enter thou into the joy of thy Lord'
- 102. Sacred to the memory of/ Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake of Shardeloes, Esqre/ during twenty seven years/ the faithful representative in Parliament of the borough of Amersham/ and for a still longer period universally respected as a magistrate./ In private life and in all the variety of social engagements his integrity, grounded upon faith in the divine word, was uniform and stedfast./ He was born March 19th 1783/ and died March 23rd 1852/ leaving a wife and twelve children/ regretted by all who knew him/ and deeply lamented by his family/ The path of the just is as the shining light, that shineth more/ and more, unto the perfect day Proverbs, Chap IV, ver XVIII/ Also of Barbara Caroline his wife, daughter of Arthur Annesley of Bletchingdon Oxon/ born July 17th 1797 and died November 5th 1883

- In/ loving memory/ of/ Susan Louisa Tyrwhitt-Drake/ fifth daughter of/ Thomas Tyrwhitt-Drake/ of Shardeloes, Esquire/ and Barbara Caroline his wife/ born at Bucknell Manor House/ December 31st 1828/ died at Bignell, Christmas Eve 1874/ and buried in Chesterton churchyard/ Oxon/ I look for the Lord, my soul doth wait/ for him, in his word is my trust Psalm CXXX, 5
- In memory of/ Edward Tyrwhitt Drake, MA/ fourth son of the late/ Thomas Tyrhwitt Drake/ of Shardeloes/ and Barbara Caroline/ his wife/ 43 years Rector of Amersham/ born May 15th 1832/ died June 20th 1904
- To the memory of/ Barbara Ann Tyrwhitt Drake, born at Hethe, Oxon/ Feby 7th 1817/ died in London/ April 28th 1864/ eldest daughter/ of/ Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake Esqre/ of Shardeloes/ and Barbara Caroline his wife/ Whom have I in heaven but Thee?/ And there is none upon earth that I/ desire beside Thee/ My flesh and my heart faileth:/ but God is the strength of my heart/ and my portion forever/ Psalm 73rd, verses 25th and 26th
- 106. To the memory of/ William Tyrwhitt Drake/ third son of/ Thomas and Barbara Caroline Tyrwhitt Drake/ 1st Lieut. in the Ceylon Rifle Regiment/ who died at Hong Kong in China/ on the 22nd of October 1847/ in the 23rd year of his age/ beloved and lamented

Altar

107. This alms-dish was given by parishioners of the parish church/ of Saint Mary, Amersham in memory of/ George Longland 1883-1972/ verger of this church for 40 years [plaque on stand]

Inscribed plates on Coffins in the sealed Vaults under the Drake Chapel

- 108. Montague Garrd. Drake Esq died Apr 26 1728 aged 36 (see #B83)
- 109. Mrs Isabla. Drake died June 19, 1744 aged 43
- 110. Master Henry Drake died December 23 1751 aged 8 days
- 111. Miss Catherine Drake died 18 March 1757 aged 6 weeks and 3 days
- 112. Mrs Elizabeth Drake died 4 February 1757 aged 31 (see #B79)
- 113. Mrs Mary Drake died October 23 1778 in the 20th year of her age (see #B80)
- 114. Mrs Rachel Elizabeth Drake died August 4 1784 aged 23 (see #B81)
- 115. William Drake Esq died 18 May 1795 in the 48th year of his age (see #B89)
- 116. William Drake Esq died 8 August 1796 aged 74 years (see #B98)
- 117. Elizabeth Tyrwhitt Drake died 26 January 1801 aged 16 years 6 months (see #B78)

- 118. Hon. Emily Ives Irby wife of the Hon. Frederick Irby died 7 August 1806 aged 22 years (see #B89)
- 119. Rev. Richard Frank D.D. died August 18 1810 aged 65 (see #B100)
- 120. Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake Esq died 8 October 1810 aged 61 years (see #B99)
- 121. The Rev. Charles Tyrwhitt Drake born 16.6.1789 died 6.2.1816 (see #B77)
- 122. Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake born 29.1.1816 died 28.5.1816
- 123. Elizabeth Frank of Alderton, Suffolk 18.10.1756 18.11.1817 (see #B100)
- 124. Arthur Tyrwhitt Drake clerk died 15 September 1831 aged 31 (see #B74)
- 125. Isabella Drake spinster 23.12.1752 10.12.1833 (see #B101)
- 126. B. I. T. D. [child] 1838 [ie Barnard John, son of William Tyrwhitt-Drake see #B95]
- 127. Ann Drake Tyrwhitt Drake 14.7.1762 13.10.1845 (see #B76)
- 128. William Tyrwhitt Drake died 21.12.1848 aged 63 years (see #B95)
- 129. Thomas Tyrwhitt Drake died 23.3.1852 aged 69 years (see #B102)
- 130. Barbara Anne Tyrwhitt Drake 1864 (see #B105)
- 131. Jane Tyrwhitt Drake died 28.5.1864 aged 59 years (see #B88)
- 132. Mary Frances Tyrwhitt Drake died 26.11.1865 aged 77 years (see #B94)
- 133. Barbara Caroline Tyrwhitt Drake 17.7.1797 5.12.1883 (see #B102)

Hatchments formerly recorded in the church:

- 134. Margaret Eeles nee Backhouse (see #B24)
- 135. Benjamin Cowell, Esquire (see #C45)
- 136. (unidentified)

- 137. (unidentified)
- 138. Mr. Sargent
- 139. Revd Dr Thomas Drake, died 1775 (see #B2)
- 140. Thomas Drake Tyrwhitt Drake, died 1810 (see #B99)
- 141. William Drake, junior, died 1795 (see #B89)
- 142. Mary Drake nee Hussey (see #B80)
- 143. Rachel Drake nee Ives (see #B81)
- 144. William Drake, died 1796 (see #B98)

(C) <u>Interments in the Mausoleum since converted into St. Catherine's Chapel, now re-buried to the</u> north of the Church

West-passage of the Mausoleum

West-side: lowest tier

- 1. James Chaddock died November 6, 1856 aged 77 years [James Chaddock married Eliz. Child 23.7.1812 by licence Parish Register] (Grave-site 26)
- 2. Mary Lascelles died November 17, 1846 aged 57 (**Grave-site 37**)
- 3. Thomas Bowden died March 5, 1839 aged 74 years (**Grave-site 21**)
- 4. Isabella Sutton died February 25, 1839 aged 72 years (**Grave-site 45**)

West-side: second tier

- 5. Samuel Higham died April 29, 1850 aged 77 years [see Church Monuments, #28] (Grave-site 34)
- 6. Matilda Higham died July 30, 1848 aged 72 years [see Church Monuments, #29] (Grave -site 35)
- 7. Martha Bowden died September 4, 1839 aged 80 years (**Grave-site # 22**)
- 8. Mary Belcher died February 13, 1846 aged 66 years [see Church Monuments, #34] (Grave-site # 18)

West-side: top tier

- 9. (one empty space)
- 10. Elizabeth Downing died April 24, 1874 aged 88 years [see Church Monuments, #35] (Grave-site #57)
- 11. Mary Catherine Downing died October 3, 1851 aged 76 [see Church Monuments, #35] (Grave-site #56)
- 12. To the memory of Louisa Belcher died May 3, 1870 aged 86 years [see Church Monuments, #34] (Grave-site #19)

East-side: lowest tier

- 13. Edward Weller died August 7, 1850 aged 59 years [see #35, Churchyard, and #44, Church Monuments]
- 14. Caroline Weller widow of Edward Weller died 13 November 1874 aged 81 years [see #35, Churchyard, and #44, Church Monuments]
- 15. (one empty space)

16. ("one space bricked up but shewing no inscription")

East-side: second tier

- 17. Charles Packer died July 26, 1854 aged 68 years (**Grave-site #15**)
- 18. Mary Bradley, daughter of the late Revd. W. Bradley, Rector of Hampstead Norris, Berks. died September 28, 1865 aged 70 years (Grave-site #24)
- 19. Mary Lomas died October 7, 1857 aged 51 years (**Grave-site #38**)
- 20. James Rogers died October 8, 1858 aged 72 (**Grave-site #7**)

East-side: top tier

- 21. Charles Statham died May 25, 1863 aged 61 years (Grave-site #14)
- 22. Sarah Statham died December 12, 1858 aged 47 years (Grave-site #13)
- 23. (one empty space)
- 24. (one empty space)

East-passage of the Mausoleum

West-side: lowest tier

- 25. Christopher Samson, gent, late of Cold Harbour, died May 18, 1790 aged 36 years [Mr Chris Sampson bur. 28.5.1790 Par. Register] (Grave-site #46)
- Mrs. Elizabeth Charsley, granddaughter of Timothy Wingfield, Esqre of this town, who lies in this Church, as Also her mother and sister, she died the 25th day of June, 1793 aged 42 [Timothy Wingfield, apothecary, buried 3.3.1753 Parish Register; Elizabeth Charsley buried 1.7.1793 Parish Register] (Grave-site #1)
- 27. Francis Walker died 26 December 1792 aged 67 years [Mr Francis Walker buried 2.1.1793 Parish Register] (Grave-site #52)
- 28. The Reverend John Eaton, L.L.D. Rector of St Pauls, Deptford, and of Fairstead, Essex, died September 19, 1806 aged 55 [John son of John and Sibbell Eaton, bapt. 19.5.1751 (John Eaton the elder was Rector of Amersham); Rev Dr Jn Eaton, Rector of Fairstead, Essex, buried 26.9.1806 Parish Register] (Grave-site #31)

West-side: second tier

29. Nathaniel Bateman died May 25, 1781 aged 47 years [gentleman, buried 1.6.1781 - Parish Register] (Grave-site #17)

- 30. Thomas Hayes, gent. died December 25, 1782 aged 64 years [buried 31.12.1782 Parish Register] (Grave-site #33)
- 31. Mrs Jane Walker died April the 8th 1806 aged 78 years (**Grave-site #53**)
- 32. Mary Eaton, relict of the late Revd. John Eaton, L.L.D. died December 8, 1839 aged 86 years (Grave-site #32)

West-side: third tier

- 33. Sacred to the memory of Mrs Elizabeth Simmons, who died 6th May 1833 aged 80 years (Grave-site #47)
- 34. In memory of Sarah, daughter of John & Elizabeth Charsley, obit June 19. 1794 aged 13 years ["spinster", buried 20.6.1794 Parish Register] (Grave-site #2)
- 35. Christian Judge died November 1, 1845 aged 73 years (**Grave-site #36**)
- 36. Joseph Trone died May 15, 1808 aged 58 years [Jos Trone churchwarden buried 20.5.1808 Parish Register] (Grave-site 50)

West-side: fourth tier

- 37. Mrs Mary Briant died the 26 of March 1824 in the 90th year of her age (Grave-site #20)
- 38. In memory of Mr. John Charsley obit December 11, 1810 aged 75 years [bapt. 22.10.1735, son of John & Alice; buried 12.12.1810 Parish Register] (Grave-site #3)
- 39. Mr. William Dimes died April 1st 1874 in the 86th year of his age (Grave-site #29)
- 40. Mary Trone died October 17, 1818 aged 70 years (**Grave-site #51**)

West-side: top tier

- 41. Elizabeth Cecil died December the 4 1830 aged 75 years (**Grave-site #25**)
- 42. To the memory of Mr. Timothy Wingfield Charsley, son of John & Elizabeth, who died November 13, 1820 aged 43 years (**Grave-site #5**)
- 43. Mrs Ann Dimes died January 21, 1837 in the 79 year of her age (Grave-site #30)
- 44. Rebecca Collier, widow of Thomas Collier, Surgeon, died May 5, 1825 aged 61 years (**Grave-site #27**)

East-side: lowest tier

- 45. Benjamin Cowell, Esqre died March 30, 1783 aged 68 years [Ben Cowel Esq buried 7.4.1783] (Grave-site #28)
- 46. Mary Elizabeth Assheton, died September 9, 1806 aged 47 years [spinster, buried 15.9.1806 Parish Register] (Grave-site #16)

- 47. Mary Thorne died 15 October, 1875 aged 50 years [see #51 infra] (Grave-site #48)
- 48. In memory of Kitty Lawrence, who died July 27, 1791 aged 65 years [Mrs Kitty Lawrence buried 3.8.1791 Parish Register] (Grave-site #40)

East-side: second tier

- 49. The Reverend Richard Pearson, M.A. died the 20 of March 1791 aged 46 years [buried 24.3.1791 Parish Register] (Grave-site #41)
- 50. Revd. John Drake, L.L.D., Rector of Amersham, died January 3, 1826 aged 75 years (Grave-site #11)
- 51. The Reverend Richard Thorne, M.A. died XXII July MDCCCXXII in the LVII year of his age [Richard Thorne, curate, married Mary C. Corbett 5.10.1807 by licence Parish Register] (Grave-site #49)
- 52. John Lawrence, Esqre, died 26 November 1802 in the 73 year of his age [Mr Jn Lawrence buried 3.12.1802 Parish Register] (Grave-site #39)

East-side: third tier

- 53. In memory of Mr Matthew Moody died December 21, 1820 in his 49th year (Grave-site #8)
- 54. Mary Drake, relict of the late Revd. John Drake, L.L.D., died on the 25 March 1838 aged 77 years (Grave-site #12)
- 55. Jane Raper died April 13, 1840 aged 88 years (Grave-site #43)
- 56. Margaret Frances Drake aged 31 died December 24, 1812 [Mrs. Margaret Frances, wife of Rev John Drake, buried 31.12.1812 Parish Register] (Grave-site #10)

East-side: fourth tier

- 57. Mrs. Elizabeth Moody, widow of Mr. Matthew Moody, died January 2, 1836 in her 70th year (**Grave-site #9**)
- 58. Mrs Mary Bradley, widow of the late Revd Wm. Bradley, Rector of Hampstead Norris, Berks, died February 22, A.D. 1825 aged 50 years (**Grave-site** #23)
- 59. Mrs. Sarah Raper died June 5th 1827 aged 82 years (**Grave-site #42**)
- 60. Mary Ann, wife of James Rogers, daughter of John and Elizabeth Charsley, died February 1848 aged 65 years (**Grave-site 6**)

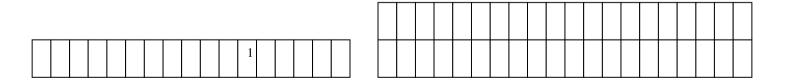
East-side: top tier

61. Mrs. Charlotte Downing died 16th of March 1832 aged 83 years [see Church Monuments, #35] (Grave-site #55)

- 62. Francis G. B. Downing died 1st of March 1830 aged 54 [see Church Monuments, #35] (Grave-site #54)
- 63. Sarah Newberry Roberts died March 22nd 1843 aged 69 [see Church Monuments, #35] (Grave-site #44)
- 64. Elizabeth Charsley died December 28, 1850 aged 77 years (**Grave-site #4**)

Between the conversion of the Raans Chapel 1781 and the final interment at the end of 1874, 59 bodies were laid to rest in the Mausoleum. A review of the burial entries shows that those interred there were drawn from the gentry and wealthier inhabitants of the town, who no doubt desired to be buried within the church, rather than in the churchyard. Ironically, upon the re-conversion into the St. Catherine's Chapel - completed in 1908 - the bodies were removed. The two Wellers were re-interred in the Weller family plot, against the north-east wall of the church, while the remaining 57 were buried in the north-side of the churchyard, along the road that now runs to the Rectory, in plots marked only by round stones, which have long since disappeared. Thus, while most of the old headstones in the churchyard still stand in various states of repair, in a peculiar inversion of the situation deprecated by Thomas Grey in his 'Elegy', the Proud lie today in unmarked graves.

The numbers after each entry refer to the grave-site in the north of the churchyard, as detailed in the diagram below; the re-interments were essentially in alphabetical order!



(D) Memorial Garden

- 1. Donated in memory of/ Catherine May Caple/ 1994 [bench]
- 2. In memory of Nana/ Gladys Margaret Mitchell [bench]
- 3. In memory of/ Albert Pugh/ forever/ in our Hearts [plaque; see # 16 below]
- 4. In loving memory/ Mark/ Wainwright/ 1957-1992 [plaque]
- 5. This seat was placed here by/ the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company/ in memory of Frank L. Gordon Esq./ who was for many years a director of the company/ and also General Manager and Director/ of the Amersham and Beaconsfield District Water Company [bench]
- 6. Tree planted/ in memory of/ Kathleen Sheila/ Kaufman/ of/ Lexham Gardens [plaque]
- 7. This garden of remembrance is laid out/ in honoured memory of those from this/ parish who made the supreme sacrifice/ in the World War 1939-1945/

Adams, John W. J. Gower, Warwick D. Moore, Olaf E. Baker, Margaret R. Grace, William H. T. Parsons, Alfred Barratt, Stanley A. Halley, Robert F. Patton, William L. Bennett, William J. Harwood, Douglas M. Pearce, Oliver G. Betts, Leslie R. Hawksley, Richard G. Platt, Arthur Birch, Terence G. L. Herriott, Frank Reading, George A. C. Bird, Leonard E. Hodgkinson, Arthur J. Reece, John Burke, James T. Hunt, Colin H. J. Ross, Herbert W. Chadwick, Walter L. James, Harold C. Saunders, Sidney Collin, Philip G. Jeskins, Ronald C. Sellman, D. T. McEwen Constable, Albert Johns, Anthony S. Smith, Douglas L. Cornabé, Peter G. Joiner, Stanley G. Smith, Reginald G. Crook, John L. Jones, Wilton Smith, Robert W. Curnow, Michael T. Keller, George Snell, Laurence C. Davidson, Gordon W. Langrish, Lawrence W. J. Sutcliffe, Richard D. Day, Dennis W. Lawson, Donald A. Taylor, Derek Dean, Alan J. Lobb, James E. D. Webb, Vincent Edwards, Victor J. Luntley, Basil H. Wells, Charles W. Farley, Henry V. Whall, Basil E. P. MacDonald, David A. Forrest, Thomas Matthews, Derrick R. Wilton, William F.

[brass wall-plaque]

8. A.D./ 1914-19/ To the Glory of God/ and in memory of the/ men of Amersham who/ gave their lives in the/ Great War for freedom/

M. R. W. Allen C. W. Atkins W.J. Barnes J. Bates H. Beeson B. A. Bizzell F. Bolton J. Brill W. Bryant E. Bolton H. T. Bolton J. F. Bunce G. J. Castle F. Caudery F. Caudery E. R. Chandler F. Clark L. Clark A. V. Clarke G. Clarke G. Cooper T. E. Cooper S. R. Cox W. G. Cox F. Dover N. E. S. Croager E. Crook A. Darvell A. J. Dover W. C. Dumbarton C. Dyer E. D. P. Featherstone R. J. H. Fortnam L. Gibbs E. G. Grace H. Grace C. G. Green T. E. Greenley R. Grist G. T. Hance B. Hazell F. J. Hearn W. G. Hoare C. J. Holmes J. A. Horne T. Irons T. H Lacey W. T. Lake A. G. Lane G. P. Lane W. C. Lane W. Lawrence A. J. Lee W. Lee B. Line B. Lofts W. Lofts C. W. Marshall C. J. Matthews H. Mitchell S. Motion W. H. North E. W. Olnev F. Parslow P. W. Peach G. S. Podbury C. Scrutchings J. Redding W. Scott W. Stronnell H. W. Sweetland R. Toop H. W. Tyrwhitt Drake R. Wall P. H. Warren J. Wellings H. West H. J. R. Whike J. Williams G. H. Willis

[War Memorial Cross; illuminated Roll of Honour in the South transept of the Church includes the following additional names:

G. Birch R. Bowler W. Bryan [?Bryant] A. J. Crawford-Cree G. Glyn M. Harris E. James J. E. Mead A. J. Redding F. Rogers F. Rogers W. J. Slade S. Wilkins E. Wingrove F. Wingrove 1

Additional memorials, added since 1998:

- 9. In loving memory/ of our mother/ Doreen Frances Dale/ 1917 2006 [bench]
- 10. In memory of/ Michael Furse/ 1932 2006/ for his contribution and work/ on behalf of the/ Old Amersham Business Association [plaque]
- 11. Harry Baldwin/ adored husband/ loving Dad and Granpa/ 1928 2001 [bench]
- 12. In memory of Marie and Eric Corns/ who both dedicated themselves to Amersham Old Town/ 1998 [plaque]
- 13. 1904 2000/ In loving memory/ Gladys and Bryant Knight/ Amersham their home/ 1939-1945 [plaque]
- 14. In loving memory of/ Mina Kris Dipti/ and/ Tina (Kavita) [bench]
- 15. In memory of Lilian Entwistle (nee Lacey) for whom Amersham was always home 1926-2000 [bench]
- 16. Forever in our hearts/ Albert Edward and Clarice Ivy/ Pugh/ 11.2.1912 10.4.1991; 26.9.1911 20.3.1996/ 78 years; 84 years [plaque; see 3 above]

17. In loving memory/ of/ Ron Hoar/ 1925 – 2006/ always in our/ hearts [plaque]

Benches in the church forecourt:

- 18. In memory of/ Betty Mary Smith/ of Norwood
- 19. Given to the town of Amersham/ on the occasion of/ the silver Twinning jubilee/ Town of Bensheim/ 30th August 2002/ George Stolle, Mayor [NB there is a similar text alongside in German, which records the Burgermeister's name as Georg Stolle]
- 20. In loving memory of/ Margaret 'Peggy' Davies/ 23.9.1910 21.10.1990

(E) Martyrs' Memorial

The/ noble/ army of/ martyrs/ praise/ Thee./ Amersham/ Martyrs./ In the shallow depression at/ a spot 100 yards left of this/ monument, seven Protestants, six men/ and one women, were burned to death/ at the stake. They died for the/ principles of religious liberty,/ for the right to read and interpret/ the Holy Scriptures and to worship/ God according to their consciences/ as revealed through God's Holy Word./ Their names shall live for ever./

William Tylsworth. burned 1506 (Joan Clark, his married daughter, was/ compelled to light the faggots to burn her father) Thomas Barnard. burned 1521 James Morden. burned 1521 John Scrivener. burned 1521 (his children were impelled to light their father's pyre) Robert Rave. burned 1521 Thomas Holmes. burned 1521 Joan Norman. burned 1521

The following men, worshippers at/ Amersham, were martyred in/ other places./

Robert Cosin./ of Gt. Missenden, burned at Buckingham 1506
Thomas Chase./ strangled at Woburn, Bucks/ his body was buried at Norland Woods 1514
Thomas Man./ burned at Smithfield 1518
Thomas Harding./ burned at Chesham 1532.

Erected 1931/ by the subscribers/ of the/ Protestant Alliance/ (Henry Fowler, General Secretary)/ and by the generosity of/ Mrs. E. M. Rowcroft.