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OF  
BROMPTON REGIS  
SOMERSET

201 memorials, 1605 - 2008

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Memorials post-dating 1980 have been omitted. I realise this, and the lack of any plan of burial plots prepared, are unfortunate omissions for church councils; but my survey has not been prepared for them, but for family historians, who have little interest in plans or – as yet - the most modern memorials.

Brompton Regis is a large parish on the south side of the Brendon Hills, mainly comprising the village around the church, the small hamlet of Bury and scattered farms. It was, and sometimes still is, known as Kings Brompton or even Kingsbrompton.

### CHURCH INTERIOR

Brompton Regis church comprises a chancel, nave, large north aisle, all of one piece, almost as long as chancel and nave combined, a small south aisle (mainly filled by the organ), west tower and south porch. The west tower is, according to Pevsner, 13<sup>th</sup> century. The chancel, nave, south aisle and south porch are 15<sup>th</sup> century perpendicular, but heavily restored in 1853, so that there is little original left, most of the windows being Victorian replacements. However the 15<sup>th</sup> century arcade and the early 16<sup>th</sup> century late perpendicular north aisle are well preserved and mostly original. There is a rood stair in the north wall of the north aisle, but no screen; it was apparently removed in the 1853 restoration, and may still exist somewhere else. There are no memorials in the west tower and south porch.

#### Chancel

- 1), Stained glass east window (latin text). Given by Edmund WARRE, scholar and master at Eton College, 1896.
- 2). Small Brass Plaque on the north wall. "Heere in this chauncell / Iye buried the bodyes of Thomas DYKE, Gent: & Joane, his wife. Shee / dyed the 21th. (sic) day of October 1605 and hee dyed the 13<sup>th</sup>. day of Aprill / 1639. They had issue five sonnes: Thomas, Robert, William, John & Joseph / & one daughter named Lavinia / Robert, their second sonne was heere buried the thirteenth day of July / 1622 / Joseph, their fift sonne was buried heere the seaventh day of November / 1630 / John, their fowrth sonne was buried heere the one & twentieth day of / Aprill 1639, he had issue by Elianor his wife, two daughters, viz: / Joane & Marie / William, third sonne of the said Thomas Dyke & Joane, his wife / was heere buried the twelveth day of October 1645 / Mary, youngest daughter of the said John Dyke & Elianor his wife / was buried heere the 28<sup>th</sup>. day of September 1637 / Joane Dyke, eldest daughter of the said John Dyke & Elianor his wife / was buried heere the tenth day of October 1654 / (then in latin, roughly translated) Joan Dyke, died 2 October .... aged 19 (this is clearly the previous person given) / (6 lines of verses)" (also recorded in Edmund Rack's "Survey of Somerset" of c1782-6, as given below, and in Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries, vol.7, pp.192-3. The verses to Joan Dyke of 1654 is the only thing quoted in "Collinson's "History of Somerset" [1791], vol.3, p.504, being the only memorial he mentions at Brompton Regis).
- 3). Floorslab (inside the communion rail). "(first lines hidden under the altar dais) /.... named William DYKE ..... / (10 lines of eulogy) / He died November 25<sup>th</sup> 1666, aged 42".
- 4). Floorslab (inside the communion rail). "Here resteth the / body of William / DYKE, Gent: who dyed / the 8 day of Septemb: / 1645, and left issue / by Grace, his wife / sonnes William and / John, daughters / Joane and Lavinia" (note: this man is also given on no.2, as buried 12 Oct 1645).

Nave

- 5). Brass Plaque on the south wall. "Sacred to the memory of / Stucley LUCAS, Esq: / late of Barons Down, in this parish / who died at Milverton, May 1<sup>st</sup> 1900 / aged 83 years / He bequeathed five hundred pounds to / the Vicar and Churchwardens of Kings Brompton / to pay the interest to the most / deserving poor of the parish" (see also no.148).
- 6). White on black marble Tablet on the south wall. Lieut: Fenwick C. STEVENS, The King's Own R. L. R., of Lyncombe, Kingsbrompton, died "of wounds on the battlefield near Arras, France" 7 Sept 1918, aged 23.
- 7). Floorslab. "Here / lyeth buried the / body of John, the son of / Edward MELTON, of this pish: / yeom: who departed this life / the 22th (sic) day of January in ye year / of our Lord God 1703, in the / third year of his age" (also recorded in Edmund Rack's "Survey of Somerset" of c1782-6, as given below).

North Aisle

- 8). Framed canvaswork picture of Leonardo's 'Last Supper' on the west wall, with a little brass plate on it, inscribed: "To commemorate the BAKER family, Kings Brompton, since 1770" (alongside is a paper sheet, framed and glazed, detailing the Baker family connection with the parish).

South Aisle

(mostly filled by the organ)

- 9). Stained glass east window (latin text). Stucley Tristram LUCAS, and his wife, Ann, died respectively in Aug 1854 and 12 Sept 1860 (PR: "Anne Lucas", buried 19 Sept 1860, aged 70. Stucley Tristram Lucas wasn't buried here).
- 10). White on grey marble Tablet on the east wall. "To the memory of / Emma / daughter of Stucley LUCAS, Esqre: / and relict of John CHAFY, Esqre: / of Canterbury, Kent / born 1<sup>st</sup> July 1787 / died 13<sup>th</sup> Feby: 1880".

VANISHED CHURCH INTERIOR MEMORIAL

(recorded in Edmund Rack's "Survey of Somerset" of c1782-6 [printed 2011, and at Somerset Heritage Centre, Taunton, A/AQP 37, fo.9])

- 11). "On the south wall of the chancel is a mural Monument of stone terminated by two figures of fame, and a flaming urn in the center....on a tablet" (with coat of arms) "Near this place lies Gregory GARDINER, Esq: who was Sherriff of this county of Somerset, 1728. He died a bachelour in the 50<sup>th</sup> year of his age, and was buried May 28<sup>th</sup> 1736" (PR: confirms the burial date is correct). Rack also says "in the church yard is an old tomb to the memory of John GARDINER, and a few headstones which contain nothing material" (the Gardiner tomb has now vanished).

CHURCHYARD

There are 38 displaced headstones (with one other, now illegible), and one displaced footstone, leaning against a bank close to the north wall of the church, and 10 more displaced leaning against the east walls of the church. Although a few of them may have come from the area east of the church, that area still has many old stones in their original positions. However there are no old stones, pre-1900, on the south and west sides of the church, whilst north of the church there are no memorials at all, everything having been cleared from there; this is obviously where most of the displaced memorials came from.

In the south porch of the church is displayed a plan of the churchyard, prepared in May 2013 by Jennifer Stringer, revised from an older plan made by L.P. Jones, in 1989. Graves are numbered for

the more modern areas south and west of the church, and those older ones in situ east of the church. Although there is presumably a schedule kept inside the church, it is clearly not a full survey, as none of the displaced memorials are numbered, nor are the two tablets fixed to the south wall of the chancel. The compilers must have considered them irrelevant; but they are very relevant for me to record in my survey! Graves on this plan are generally numbered from west to east, nos. 1 to 85 in the south area, nos. 86 to 135 and 184 to 188 in the east area, nos. 136 to 183 and 189 to 190 in the west area. I have not tried to fit in what I have recorded with the numbers on the plan, as I do not have access to their schedule, but I have followed their 'west to east' direction of recording.

Around half of the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> century churchyard memorials are in Exmoor slate, not separately referred to here, which is hard wearing, so that many survive and are legible for the early 19<sup>th</sup> century, though there are only a few for the 18<sup>th</sup> century, with one only for the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

#### Displaced Memorials leaning against a bank close to the north wall of the church

(Most of them are headstones. Two far too heavy to lift have been placed here later over the top of others, thus hiding parts of inscriptions of those under them. Recorded from west to east)

- 12). Headstone. "Erected to the / memory / of William GOLD, of Exton / who died Nov: 26, 1842 / aged 82 years / Also Sarah, his wife, who / died March 31<sup>st</sup> 1834 / aged 62 years".
- 13). Headstone. John JOYCE, of Allercott, born 10 June 1823, died 26 June 1890. And his wife, Anna Maria, died 24 Sept 1892, aged 71.
- 14). Headstone. "Sacred to the memory / of Thomas LYDDON, son of John / & Dorothy Lyddon, of Luckyard / in the parish of Exton, and nephew / of Thomas Lyddon, of Foxhanger / who died the 14<sup>th</sup> Feby: 1777 / aged 53? years / Also Jo(an)... wife of the above / Thomas Lyddon, who died 22 Jany: / 1810, aged 80" (PR: gives "Joan Lyddon", buried 30 Jan 1810, aged 80) (For footstone see no.58).
- 15). Headstone. Henry GOSS, died 8 Aug 1900, aged 47.
- 16). Headstone. Matthew HOW, of Halscombe, in this parish, died 23 May 1859, aged 74.
- 17). Headstone. "Sacred / to / the memory of / Jane HEARD / who died Jany: 21, 1848 / aged 28 years (PR: aged 27; PR: checked as year looks like "1818" but is definitely "1848") / Also Aaron Heard / who died March 11<sup>th</sup> 1861 / aged 47 years (PR: aged 46)".
- 18). Headstone. Martin HOW, of this parish, died 16 Oct 1856, aged 57. And his brother, Thomas How, died 4 July 1858, at Luxborough, aged 63.
- 19). Headstone (on it's side). Richard HOLLOWAY, of this parish, died 8 June 1850, aged 20. And his sister, Joan Holloway, died 7 June 1848, aged 21.
- 20). Headstone. John HOLE, of this parish, died 11 June 1873, aged 52.
- 21). Headstone. "Erected / to / the memory of / Joseph HOW, of Halscombe, in this parish / who departed this life Decr: 18<sup>th</sup> 1820 / aged 63 / (4 lines of verses) / Also / Elizabeth How, wife of the above / who departed this life Novr: 26<sup>th</sup> 1826 / aged 66 / Also Grace How, of Exford / who departed this life at Halscombe / May 10<sup>th</sup> 1847, aged 84 / (mason: 'H. THORNE, Dulverton')".
- 22). Headstone. "Sacred / to the memory / of Robert MELHUIISH / of this parish, who departed / this life May 16<sup>th</sup> 1836 / aged 70 years / Also Elizabeth, wife / of the above Robert Me / lhuish, who departed this / life July 4<sup>th</sup> 1849, aged 70 years".
- 23). Headstone. Anna Maria KEEN, died 19 Nov 1866, aged 26. And Harriet Rowden Keen, died 3 Oct 1867, at Hammersmith (London), aged 29. Also their father, John Keen, died 17 Dec 1872, aged 77. And his wife, Esther, died 7 Oct 1878, aged 80.
- 24). Headstone. "Sacred / to the memory of / Benjamin JEFFERY / of this parish, who departed / this life March 22<sup>nd</sup> 1832 / aged 59 years / Also Mary, wife of / the above named Benjamin / Jeffery, who departed this / life June 16<sup>th</sup> 1851, aged 76 / years / (mason: 'Jas: SYDENHAM, .. (B)rompton')".
- 25). Headstone. Sarah, wife of James WENSLEY, died 18 March 1898, aged 78.
- 26). Headstone (broken into two pieces). Mary HOLLOWAY, died 20 Dec 1899, aged 65. And her husband, George Holloway, died 10 Aug 1905, aged 80.

- 27). Headstone (partly hidden behind the next placed on top on right-hand side of it). George HOLLOWAY, died 2 Feb 186- (hidden), aged 72 (PR: buried 7 Feb 1863, aged 72). And his wife, Joan, died 22 April ....., (hidden), aged 87. And John, eld.. ..... died ... Ma- ..... (hidden), aged 81.
- 28). Headstone (surmounted by a cross). Mary, wife of John NORMAN, of Goosemoor Farm, Exton, died 7 Oct 1906, aged 70, buried here 13 Oct 1906, "from her only daughter and son" (no names).
- 29). Headstone (partly hidden behind the last placed on top on left-hand side). Martha TOUT, died 26 April 1888, aged 76. And Thomas Tout, her husband?, ..... (remainder of stone has flaked).
- 30). Headstone. George BLACKMORE, died 22 April 1911, aged 90. And his wife, Fanny Southwood, died 23 Oct 1876, aged 50. Also their daughter, Mary Jane, died 9 July 1868, aged 11 years.
- 31). Headstone. Ann BLACKMORE, of this parish, died 11 March 1856, aged 7- (flaked, PR: aged 78). And her husband, Thomas Blackmore, died 7 Feb 1858, aged 78. "Also three sons of the above, each named William, they died under the age of 15 yrs:" (no dates).
- 32). Headstone. Thomas MELHUIISH, died 21 Nov 1877, aged 75. And his cousin, Jane Melhuish, died 12 May 1875, aged 81.
- 33). Headstone. John BAKER, died 11 Aug 1893, aged 67. And his wife, Mary, died 30 March 1910, aged 80. Also their daughter, Lucy, died 19 April 1910, aged 45.
- 34). Headstone. Thomas HOW, died 7 July 1897, aged 57.
- 35). Headstone. Arthur WENSLEY, died 22 Nov 1897, aged 19.
- 36). Headstone. Joshua MELHUIISH, of this parish, died 21 July 1838, at Witheram, in his 41<sup>st</sup> year. And his wife, Margaret Melhuish, died 26 Dec 1878, aged 88.
- 37). Headstone. "In / memory of William GREENSLADE / who died March 16<sup>th</sup> 1823 / aged 20 years / Also / Jane Greenslade, who died / September 21<sup>st</sup> 182-, aged 1- / years (flaked) / (4 lines of verses)" (PR: "Jane Greenslade" buried 26 Sept 1824, aged 19).
- 38). Headstone. "Sacred / to / the memory of / John PURCHASE, of this par / ish, who died Jany: 21<sup>st</sup> 1827 / aged 58 years / (4 lines of verses)".
- 39). Headstone. George William TYLER, born 25 Jan 1879, died 24 May 1879.
- 40). Headstone. "Sacred / to the memory of / Thomas BLACKMORE / the beloved father of / M. and C. Blackmore / who departed this life / Octr: 31th (sic) 1836 / aged 58 years / (4 lines of verses)".
- 41). Headstone. "Sacred / to the memory of / John GREENSLADE / who departed this life / Octr: 2<sup>nd</sup> 1835 / aged 30 years / Also / Mary How / widow of the above, who / died October 15<sup>th</sup> 1870 / aged 70 years".
- 42). Headstone. George TOUT, died 1 April 1899, aged 87. And his wife, Hannah, died 25 Feb 1882, aged 56.
- 43). Headstone. John DOWN, died 15 Dec 1852, aged 1 year and 5 months. And Mary Jane Down, died 16 March 1861, aged 2 years and 6 months. Also Bessie Amelia Down, daughter of James and Jane Down, died 16 March 1887, aged 22 years.
- 44). Headstone (partly hidden behind the next placed on top on right-hand side of it). "Sacred to the ..... / of Mary TOU(T)..... / of James T..... / departed this ..... / of Decr: 1826, a(ged)....." (PR: "Mary TOUT" buried 13 Dec 1826, aged 41).
- 45). Headstone. Charlotte, daughter of Philip Blundell and Charlotte HILL, died 29 Sept 1856, aged 18. And Charlotte, wife of Philip Blundell Hill, died 12 March 1862, aged 52. Also the above Philip Blundell Hill, died 2 July 1862, at Wiveliscombe, aged 48. (The next stone, partly hidden behind this on left-hand side, is illegible).
- 46). Headstone. Ann, wife of William PURCHASE, died 14 March 1864, in her 71<sup>st</sup> year. And William Purchase, died 19 Feb 1877, aged 83.
- 47). Headstone. Anne Louisa TAYLOR, died 3 April 1879, aged 5 months.
- 48). Headstone. Mary BAKER, died 29 June 1884, aged 11 years and 10 months.

- 49). Footstone. "J.H. / aged 82 / 1848 / J.H. / aged 82 / 1864" (PR: "John HOW" buried 25 May 1848, aged 82; "Joan How" buried 7 Feb 1864, aged 82) (the headstone for them is not amongst surviving memorials. Perhaps there never was a headstone, and this is the only record of them).
- 50). Headstone (partially flaked; part of the inscription is below ground level, which I dug out). "Here / rests in hope of a joy(ful) ... / resurrection the body of Jam(es) .. / TOUT. He departed this life th(e).. / 4<sup>th</sup> day of Decr: in the year of / our Lord 1822, aged 74 years / Also here rests in hope of a / joyful resurrection the body of / Dorathy (sic) Tout, the wife of / the above. Sh(e)...(depa)rted this life / the 11<sup>th</sup> day ..(of) March, in the year / ....(of our Lord 1)822, aged 72 years" (PR: confirms his name as "James Tout"; "Dorothy Tout" buried 24 March 1822, as aged 71).

Displaced Memorials leaning against the east walls of the church

(recorded from north to south)

- 51). Headstone. "Sacred to the memory / of Thomas LYDDON, of Foxhanger / in this parish, who died February / the 3<sup>rd</sup> 1777, aged 80".
- 52). Headstone. Sarah, wife of George SYDENHAM, died 14 Jan 1853, aged 71. And George Sydenham, died 18 April 1863, aged 85.
- 53). Headstone. Georgina TATE, born 12 April 1774, died 22 Sept 1862.
- 54). Headstone. Henry COLES, died 7 Oct 1862, aged 50 (altered from 51, PR: as aged 50).
- 55). Headstone (on it's side, broken into two pieces). John DARCH, died 6 Oct 1864, aged 17 months (the year looks like "1861" but PR: confirms this is "1864").
- 56). Headstone (on it's side). Thomas LYDDON, of Nether Foxhanger, in this parish, died 30 Jan 1838, aged 72 (for footstone, see no.59).
- 57). Headstone (surmounted by a cross). Fred J., son of Jas: and M.A. SYDENHAM, died 10 April 1858, aged 8 months (PR: as "Frederick James Sydenham" buried 17 April 1858, an infant).
- 58). Footstone. "T.L. 1777 / J.L. 1810" (for headstone, see no.14).
- 59). Footstone. "T.L. / 1838" (for headstone, see no.56).
- 60). Small Headstone (in Exmoor slate, very worn). "In / memory of / Ann WEBBER / ... died Feb: 16<sup>th</sup> / .... aged .. years / (verses)" (PR: No Ann Webbers buried in Feb or early March 1751-1870 – most mysterious, perhaps this pre-dates 1751).

Fixed to the south walls of the Chancel

- 61). Small stone Tablet (inset in the south wall of the chancel) (flaking). "John JOYCE / ..(d)yed the ... / of May 166- / (4 lines of verses)" (pre-dates PR: A John Joyce, of Brompton Regis, had a will proved in Taunton Archdeaconry Court in 1665 [will now lost]. No BT for 1664-65).
- 62). Stone Tablet (fixed to the south wall of the chancel). "Here rests / in hope of a joyful resurrection / to life eternal through our Lord / Jesus Christ the mortal remains / of Elizabeth JOYCE, of / this parish, who died August 2<sup>nd</sup> / 1794, aged 47 years / Also Thomas, husband of the / above Elizabeth Joyce, who / died March 6<sup>th</sup> 1825, in the 75 year / of his age / Also Susanna, second wife / of the above Thomas Joyce / who died August 17<sup>th</sup> 1847, aged / 82 years".

South Side of the Church

(recorded in rows from west to east from the western boundary to the eastern boundary, on the south side of the asphalt pathway from the west entrance gate, passing the south porch of the church, to the east entrance gate)

- 63). Service Headstone. 32227 Private C.W. BLACKMORE, Somerset Light Infantry, died 27 Oct 1917.
- 64). Small Cross. Violet, youngest daughter of Robert and Harriet HOBBS, died 29 Sept 1928, aged 15 years.
- 65). Cross. Matthew MELHUIISH, died 3 March 1919, aged 53.



- 66). Headstone and kerb. Thomas HUXTABLE, died 15 Feb 1917, aged 67. And his wife, Elizabeth Huxtable, died 26 Sept 1933, aged 90.
- 67). Headstone. Mary Jane REED, died 27 June 1920, aged 72. And her husband, William Thomas Reed, died 14 April 1929, aged 80.
- 68). Headstone. Sarah Jane EVETT, died 22 March 1929, aged 67.
- 69). Headstone and kerb. 'Husband and dad' William EVETT, died 13 Aug 1934, aged 44.
- 70). Cross. John HOW, died 17 Aug 1917, aged 84. And his wife, Catherine Mary, died 25 Nov 1928, aged 88.
- 71). Headstone and kerb. Annie BLACKMORE, died 26 Aug 1956, aged 63.
- 72). Cross and kerb. 'Our parents' Rosa BLACKMORE, died 27 Feb 1936, aged 76, and James Blackmore, died 25 April 1936, aged 83.
- 73). Headstone. William WENSLEY, died 22 April 1931, aged 78. And his wife, Jane, died 17 Oct 1930, aged 80. Also their only son, Charles Henry, died 18 April 1932, aged 56.
- 74). Headstone. Gregory CORDING, died 4 Aug 1928, aged 91. And his wife, Elizabeth, died 2 Aug 1916, aged 79.
- 75). Headstone (leaning forwards). Sarah Ann VICARY, of Barlynch, died 7 Feb 1932, aged 64.
- 76). Cross and kerb. Thomas George Rawle PEARSE, died 4 Dec 1926, aged 32.
- 77). Headstone (leaning forwards). Thomas G.R. PEARSE, died 1 Nov 1939, aged 77. And his wife, Sarah Ann Pearse, died 26 March 1945, aged 90.
- 78). Headstone. William Henry HOLLOWAY, died 26 Nov 1939, at Hillside, Alcombe, aged 69. And his wife, Laura, died 12 June 1948.
- 79). Headstone. Elizabeth Mary PURCHASE, died 25 Feb 1939, at Mill Farm, Wootton Courtenay, aged 73. And her husband, Owen, died 18 March 1942, aged 84.
- 80). Headstone. Albert James DAVEY, of Shircombe Farm, died 17 July 1920, aged 57. And his wife, Ellen, died 18 March 1949, aged 81. Also their daughter, Amy Irene, (no date), aged 86.
- 81). Headstone. Henry STEVENS, died 19 Oct 1933, aged 75. And his wife, Elizabeth Ann, died 16 July 1942, aged 82.
- 82). Cross. George Norman HEYWOOD, died 22 May 1947, aged 30.
- 83). Cross. Harris Edwin HEYWOOD, died 8 Aug 1957 aged 82. And his wife, Hannah Martha, died 21 June 1962, aged 81.
- 84). Cross. Edward Alfred, husband of Cecilia DAVEY, of Pipshayne, Bampton, died 22 July 1920, aged 59. And his wife, Cecilia Davey, died 27 Sept 1937, aged 66. Also Gilbert Rockett Davey, died 18 April 1982. And his wife, Ethel Elizabeth Davey, died 25 May 1982. Also Betty Davey, born 20 May 1923, died 7 Oct 2005. And Edward Gilbert 'Ted' Davey, born 24 Dec 1921, died 16 March 2008.
- 85). Headstone (leaning forwards). William Henry MAY, died 6 July 1936, aged 59. And his wife, Fanny May, died 17 Feb 1959, aged 84.
- 86). Headstone. George H. GREENSLADE, died 29 Jan 1959, aged 80.
- 87). Headstone. William BROOM, of New Inn, died 28 June 1964, aged 77. And his wife, Lucy Maud, died 9 Jan 1975, aged 83.
- 88). Headstone. George Herbert WILLIAMS, of Woolcott, died 30 Nov 1959, aged 71. And his wife, Mabel, died 17 Aug 1973, aged 87.
- 89). Cross. 'Husband and father' Frederick Robert COLES, died 9 Dec 1957, aged 76. And Lily Maria Coles, died 19 Jan 1969, aged 86, 'a dear mother'.
- 90). Headstone, Flower Holder and kerb. On headstone: Isaac TAKLE, died 24 April 1942, aged 64. And his eldest son, Rowland, died 15 Sept 1905, aged 7 years. Also his wife, Rose, died 4 April 1958, aged 81. On flower holder: Fred Takle, died 10 July 1972. And Ethel May Takle, died 13 Sept 1985.
- 91). Cross. 'My husband' George PAVIOUR, died 18 June 1958, aged 64.
- 92). Headstone. 'Father and mother' Thomas James 'Jim' THORNE, born 18 Oct 1909, died 26 March 1959, and Winifred Nellie Thorne, born 22 Dec 1912, died 10 April 2005.
- 93). Flower Holder. E.W. THOMAS, died 27 Jan 1943.

- 94). Headstone. William James GREENSLADE, died 11 Oct 1941, aged 86. And his wife, Lucy H. Greenslade, died 11 May 1946, aged 91. Also their daughter, Evelyn Greenslade, died 31 Oct 1990, aged 94.
- 95). Headstone and kerb. James CORDING, died 25 Sept 1953, aged 83.
- 96). Headstone and kerb. Joseph HOW, died 13 March 1952, aged 82. And his wife, Florence Beatrice, died 2 July 1968, aged 89.
- 97). Headstone and kerb (in concrete, almost illegible). 'Our mother' Annie WILLIAMS, died 22 April 1941, aged 72. And 'our father' Frank Williams, died 31 March 1947, aged 79, "from all your children".
- 98). Headstone and kerb. Ellen SALTER, died 12 May 1952, aged 62. And her husband, Thomas Salter, died 25 Jan 1959, aged 71.
- 99). Sloping Stone and kerb. Henry HOW, died 26 Nov 1955, aged 56. And his wife, Elizabeth Lilian How, died 16 Jan 1979, aged 82.
- 100). Headstone and kerb. Thomas Edward CHEEK, died 8 May 1949, aged 53.
- 101). WAR MEMORIAL, in the form of a cross on two-stepped base, opposite the south porch of the church. 1914 – 1919: Pte: C. BLACKMORE; Sergt: W. CHEEK (altered from "Creek"); Pte: C. CHILCOTT; Pte: H. COLMAN; Pte: J. COLMAN; Pte: C. FARMER; Corpl: J. HAWKINS; Pte: S. JENNINGS; Gunner J. MAY; Pte: T. RUSHTON; L.Corpl: A. SOWDEN; Lieut: F. STEVENS; Pte: J. TAPP; Pte: H.D. WENSLEY; Sergt: T. WILLIAMS and Corpl: W. WILLIAMS. (no names for 1939-45 world war).
- 102). Small Kerb. William George HAWKER, died 28 Oct 1922, aged 3 months.
- 103). Cross and Kerb (recorded together). Thomas Smith HAWKER, of South Greenslade Farm, died 11 Oct 1940, aged 53. And his wife, Clara, died 17 May 1943, aged 61.
- 104). Headstone. William MAY, of New Inn, died 8 Dec 1952, aged 82.
- 105). Headstone. Harry COTTRELL, died 11 June 1948, aged 68. And Elizabeth Ann Cottrell, died 15 April 1949, aged 89.
- 106). Headstone and kerb. Florence Jane HOW, died 13 Feb 1955, aged 74. And her husband, Edwin How, died 2 Dec 1956, aged 77.
- 107). Headstone. William VENN, died 16 April 1946, aged 77. And Mabel Elizabeth Venn, died 21 April 1962, aged 76.
- 108). Headstone. 'My wife' Rhoda CHEEK, died 25 Feb 1948, aged 50.

(Here we cross a concrete pathway which leads into the recreation ground on the south side of the churchyard)

- 109). Headstone and kerb. Thomas SNELL, died 15 Feb 1944, aged 89. And his wife, Caroline, died 14 Jan 1962, aged 84.
- 110). Headstone and kerb. Frederick Herbert STEER, died 20 July 1951, aged 48. And his son, Aubrey, died 20 Feb 1949, aged 19. Also Audrey Kathleen Steer, died 6 April 1988, aged 84.
- 111). Headstone and kerb. Walter STEER, died 28 Jan 1930, aged 59. And his wife, Mary, died 2 April 1959, aged 80.
- 112). Cross. Thomas HEYWOOD, died 7 Aug 1927, aged 74. And his wife, Bertha Mary, died 5 Feb 1954, aged 87.
- 113). Headstone and kerb. William PERRY, died 31 May 1956, aged 77. And Mabel Jane Perry, died 21 Feb 1963, aged 86.
- 114). Kerb. Sarah Jane HIRCOCK, died 8 June 1953, aged 61. And Alice Hircock, died 24 May 1922.
- 115). Headstone and kerb. Dora Florence May NORMAN, died 19 Nov 1950, aged 59.
- 116). Flower Holder. James GAGE, died 26 March 1950, aged 82.
- 117). Flower Holder. Harriet SANDERS, died 31 Dec 1950, aged 52.
- 118). Headstone and kerb. Fred GOSS, died 5 Nov 1937, aged 65. And his wife, Mary Hannah, died 26 July 1954, aged 80.
- 119). Kerb. William WILLIAMS, died 22 April 1943, aged 73. And his wife, Clara Williams, died 22 June 1960, aged 87.

120). Headstone and kerb. William STARK, died 1 Oct 1945, aged 68. And his wife, Mary Ann, died 27 Nov 1947, aged 70.

(Here we pass a metal flagpole, erected in the churchyard; there is no space for a flagpole on the top of the tower, as there is a large weathercock there)

- 121). Headstone. 'Husband and dad' Ernest John BOUNDY, died 5 March 1962, aged 60. And his wife, Dorothy Annie, died 10 April 1989, aged 84.
- 122). Headstone. 'My grandparents' Elizabeth Ann HOSEGOOD, died 6 March 1961, aged 82, and Albert John Hosegood, died 24 July 1979, aged 97.
- 123). Headstone. Lynda May SPARKS, died 7 Aug 1964, aged 52. And Arthur William Sparks, died 21 Dec 1968, aged 60.
- 124). Flower Holder. Ethel H. WHITMORE, died 26 July 1964.
- 125). Headstone. Charles CURTIS, died 3 March 1964, aged 88. And his wife, Beatrice Lily, died 14 Oct 1964, aged 78.
- 126). Headstone. 'Wife and mother' Annie BALE, died 4 Jan 1970, aged 67.
- 127). Flower Holder. Hubert W. DAVEY, died 17 Dec 1970, aged 70.
- 128). Headstone. 'My parents' Henry EVETT, died 11 July 1969, and Florence Emily Evett, died 27 July 1969.
- 129). Headstone. 'Husband and father' Neil BEGG, died 27 Aug 1965, aged 59.
- 130). Headstone. Frank HOW, died 10 April 1968, aged 71. And his wife, Dorothy Amy How, died 27 March 1997, aged 88.
- 131). Headstone. Sidney HAYES, died 10 Dec 1968, aged 70. And Mary Jane Hayes, died 15 Oct 1969, aged 73.
- 132). Flower Holder (no date, c1970). Mary GOSS.
- 133). Flower Holder. Alfred COLMAN, died 31 Aug 1972. And Beatrice Colman, died 13 Nov 1987.
- 134). Headstone and Flower Holder. On headstone: 'Mother' Lily THOMAS, 1900 - 1973, "wife of Ernest Thomas, who lies at rest elsewhere in Brompton Regis churchyard". On flower holder: Lily DAVEY, 1900 – 1973 (these might be the same person, but why with two different surnames?).
- 135). Headstone. John HOW, died 12 Nov 1974, aged 60.
- 136). Headstone. Kathleen Joan HORNER, died 14 Dec 1976. And her husband, Lawrence John Hallam Horner, died 21 Oct 1989.
- 137). Block Headstone. Alfred George CORMACK, born 4 March 1904, died 12 Nov 1978. And his wife, Beatrice Louise Cormack, born 12 Oct 1910, died 11 Feb 1999.
- 138). Headstone. Jack Victor EVE, 1908 – 1977. And his wife, Joan, 1919 – 2007.
- 139). Headstone. Phyllis Lorna DOWN, 1931 – 1977. And her husband, Roy Christopher Down, 1924 – 2000.

#### East Side of the Church

(recorded in rows from west to east, from the east wall of the chancel, including a few adjacent close to the south wall of the chancel, on the north side of the asphalt pathway from the south porch of the church to the east entrance gate, ending at the eastern boundary)

- 140). Headstone. "In / memory of / Thomas, son of John / and Agnes JOYCE, of this / parish, who died Feby: 5<sup>th</sup> / 1826, aged 29 years / (4 lines of verses) / Also John Joyce, son of / John and Agnes Joyce / who died August 9<sup>th</sup> 1827 / aged 44 years / Also Robert Joyce / brother of the above, who / died Feby: 8<sup>th</sup> 1850, aged / 60 years".
- 141). Headstone. "Sacred / to the memory of / Betty / wife of John JOYCE / of the parish of Timberscombe / who died June 3<sup>rd</sup> 1825 / aged 29 years / Also Margaret / second wife of John Joyce / who died December 26<sup>th</sup> 1853 / aged 70 years / Also John Joyce / husband of the above named / Betty and Margaret / who entered into rest December 2<sup>nd</sup> 1861 / aged 79 years".

- 142). Headstone. "Sacred / to the / memory of Agnes, wife / of John JOYCE, of this / parish, who died 4<sup>th</sup> / of June 1832, aged 75 / Also the above / John Joyce, who / died Oct: 25<sup>th</sup> 1841 / aged 84".
- 143). Headstone. James Sully RAWLE, died 1 Jan 1886, aged 35. And his infant son, Richard James (no date).
- 144). Headstone. Myra Jane, wife of Benjamin ROBERTS, died 20 July 1894, aged 44.
- 145). Cross. William GURNEY, M.A., "8 years Vicar of this parish", died 27 May 1894, in Milan, aged 71, "for 32 years Head Master of the Grammar Schools of Stockport and Doncaster". And Mary, "for 47 years his beloved and devoted wife", died 3 April 1915, aged 92.
- 146). Headstone. Jane JOYCE, died 24 Oct 1907, at Flead Farm, Wiveliscombe, aged 80. And her husband, John Joyce, died 29 March 1915, at Flead, Wiveliscombe, aged 86. Also their daughter, Sarah Ann Joyce, died 30 Nov 1936, aged 80.
- 147). Headstone. John JOYCE, of Preston Bowyer Farm, Milverton, died 7 Feb 1942, aged 81. And his wife, Susannah Margaret Charlotte, died 28 Sept 1944, aged 89.
- 148). Coped Stone (aligned north/south, west slope is blank). East slope: Stucley LUCAS, late of Barons Down, born 4 March 1817, died 1 May 1900 (see also no.5).
- 149). Headstone. Mary Ann, daughter of William and Elizabeth HEYWOOD, died 21 Oct 1858, aged 8 years.
- 150). Headstone (leaning backwards). William WEBBER, died 16 Nov 1899, aged 94. And his wife, Harriet, died 8 Dec 1888, aged 57, "Erected by their loving children, July 1900" (unnamed). Also their daughter, Jane MORRIS, died 23 Nov 1893, aged 35, "resting in Bexley Heath Cemetery".
- 151). Headstone. Thomas WEBBER, of this parish, died 31 March 1863, aged 50. And his wife, Ann Webber, died 14 Jan 1865, aged 52.
- 152). Headstone. "In / memory of / John WEBBER / of Hill, in this parish / who departed this life / on the 23<sup>rd</sup> day / of March 1829 / aged 61 years / Also / Grace Webber / widow of the above / John Webber, who departed / this life on the 19<sup>th</sup> day / of August 1852 / aged 82 years".
- 153). Headstone. "Sacred / to the memory of / Jane CORDING, of Exton / who died the 10<sup>th</sup> of August 1801 / aged 82 years".
- 154). Raised large flat Ledger Stone. John WEBBER, of Hill, in this parish, died 8 July 1858, aged 56. And Ann, daughter of "the above John and Mary Webber", died 24 June 1852, aged 4 months".
- 155). Raised large flat Ledger Stone. Mary, widow of John WEBBER, of Hill, Kingsbrompton, died 7 Dec 1909, aged 80.
- 156). Headstone. Martin LANGDON, of this parish, died 30 Nov 1856, aged 60.
- 157). Headstone (leaning backwards). "Erected / to the memory of / Elizabeth MOORE, wife of / Samuel Moore, of Hawkridge / who died March the 15<sup>th</sup> in the / year of our Lord 1826, in the 53<sup>rd</sup> / year of her age / (5 lines of eulogy)".
- 158). Small Headstone. "Here lyeth the body of William / CATFORD, who dyed in the 26<sup>th</sup> year / of his age, in 1711 / (2 lines of verses)" (PR: buried 2 Feb 1711-12).
- 159). Headstone. "Sacred / to the memory of William / T-R- (very worn) of this parish, who departed / this life the 7<sup>th</sup> day of June? (worn) / 1817, aged 71 years" (PR: clearly "William TARR" buried 16 June 1817, aged 70).
- 160). Headstone. "In / memory of Thomas WEBBER / son of John & Grace Webber / of Haddon, in this parish / who died the 21 June 1809 / aged 10 years / (4 lines of verses)".
- 161). Headstone. Mary TRIMBY, of this parish, died 24 June 1842, aged 78.
- 162). Headstone. Mr: William TARR, of the parish of Skilgate, died 7 March 1839, aged 67. And his wife, Joan Tarr, died 18 June 1848, aged 84.
- 163). Headstone. "Sacred / to the / memory / of / Ann, the wife of Henery (sic) FROST / of this parish, who departed this life / June 28, 1825 / aged 24 years".
- 164). Headstone (leaning backwards). "Sacred / to / the memory of Abraham / MOORE, of this parish, who / died the 7<sup>th</sup> of Novr: 1813 / aged 35 years / Also John Moore, who died / the 2<sup>nd</sup> of Febry: 1818, aged / 49 years / Also of Wm: Moore, who died / Febry: 14<sup>th</sup> 1824, aged 39 yrs:".

- 165). Headstone. William TUCKER, of this parish, died 31 Dec 1860, aged 85. And his wife, Mary, died 9 July 1863, aged 83.
- 166). Headstone. Robert BURSTON, died 7 July 1878, aged 64. And his wife, Mary, died 10 Feb 1890, aged 79. Also William Maurice HOCKING, son of Revd: W.J. Hocking, died 23 Jan 1882, aged 16.
- 167). Headstone. Harriet, wife of William CORNER, of Woolcotts, in this parish, died 21 Jan 1860, in her 50<sup>th</sup> year.
- 168). Headstone. Edward, son of William and Harriet CORNER, of this parish, died 19 July 1855, aged 12 years.
- 169). Headstone. Mary BURSTON, of Kingsbrompton, died 24 Jan 1848, aged 64. And her husband, Thomas Burstton, died 30 Sept 1852, aged 77.
- 170). Headstone. William James, son of William and Elizabeth BURSTON, of this parish, died 24 Sept 1854, aged 9 years.
- 171). Headstone. Elizabeth, wife of William BURSTON, of this parish, died 1 April 1850, aged 42.
- 172). Headstone. Robert TARR, died 10 Jan 1866, aged 60, with 8 lines of verses, starting "here rests a husband good and kind, likewise a father dear". And his wife, Selina, died 6 May 1889, aged 80. Also their children: Mary, died 17 July 1847, aged 14; Jacob, died 11 Dec 1852, aged 4 years; Elizabeth M., died March 1856, aged 4 years; Jane, died 6 March 1856, aged 1 year and another, name flaked, died 17 Oct ..... (year and age have flaked).
- 173). Headstone. "Sacred to the / memory / of Elizabeth COX, widow of / the late George Cox, who / departed this life Novr: 28<sup>th</sup> / 1834, in the 78<sup>th</sup> year of her age / (4 lines of verses) / Also / Mary BLACKMORE / daughter of the above, who / departed this life June 28<sup>th</sup> 1861 / aged 66 years".
- 174). Headstone (leaning backwards). "Sacred / to the / memory / of Ann HOW, daughter / of Joseph and Mary How / of this parish, who died / January 13<sup>th</sup> 1834, in the 9<sup>th</sup> / year of her age / Also Joseph How, father of the / above, who died Decr: 6<sup>th</sup> 1843, aged / 56 years".
- 175). Headstone (piece of top right-hand corner broken off, but not affecting the inscription). "Sacred / to the memory / of William HOW, of this / parish, who died Octob(er).. / 14<sup>th</sup> 1805, aged 60 years".
- 176). Headstone. Rebecca FOLLETT, died 28 March 1889, aged 50. And Thomas Follett, died 22 Feb 1891, aged 78.
- 177). Headstone. Thomasina E.E. 'Hettie', daughter of Thomas and Rebecca FOLLETT, of Red Cross, King's Brompton, died 11 April 1885, aged 9 years and 10 months.
- 178). Headstone and kerb. Jane Florence Emma FOLLETT, died 2 Oct 1936, aged 59.
- 179). Headstone and small Flatstone. On headstone: Bessie HOCKING, died 6 May 1894, aged 55. And her husband, Revd: W.J. Hocking, "after long service as a Christian Minister", died 5 March 1908, aged 78. On flatstone: "In memory of our tutor, Revd: W.J. Hocking, from whom he received special ministerial help, this shield was given by the following ministers, Revds: W.H. CULLIFORD; P.H. BRYANT; O.P. ROUNSEFELL; L.H. LUXTON; A.H. HICKS; R.J. HARRIS; J.A. SMITH; J.J. REDMORE; J. ASH and J. GIBBON" (no date) (Kelly's Directories don't mention Revd: W.J. Hocking between 1888 and 1906 at Brompton Regis; he was certainly not Vicar of this parish, and was presumably the Bible Christian Minister here; all these others were therefore presumably also Bible Christian Ministers).
- 180). Headstone. Harriet, wife of William HEPPEL, of Nicholls Farm, died 12 Feb 1904, aged 84. And the above William Hepper, died 31 Jan 1908, aged 82.
- 181). Headstone. John HEPPEL, son of William and Harriet Hepper, of Nicholls Farm, in this parish, died 24 Jan 1906, aged 53. And his brother, William Hepper, died 24 May 1916, aged 61.
- 182). Headstone. Harriet Fry HEPPEL, daughter of William and Harriet Hepper, of Nicholls Farm, in this parish, died 12 Jan 1929, aged 72. And her brother, Henry Hepper, died 29 March 1929, aged 69.
- 183). Headstone (leaning forwards). Mary Ann RAWLE, died 18 May 1873, aged 24.
- 184). Headstone (surmounted by a cross) (leaning backwards dramatically). Thomas DAVEY, of Hircombe Farm, died 20 May 1885, aged 59. And his wife, Elizabeth, died 18 Jan 1900, aged 77.

- 185). Headstone (leaning backwards). Eda, daughter of James and Emma STENNER, died 7 Sept 1895, aged 24.
- 186). Headstone. Joan, wife of John SQUIRE, of this parish, died 21 Feb 1868, aged 64. And her husband, John Squire, died 2 May 1884, aged 81.
- 187). Headstone. Jane, wife of James STEVENS, of Lyncombe, Kingsbrompton, died 2 Dec 1889, aged 74. And her husband, James Stevens, died 25 Feb 1895, aged 81.
- 188). Headstone (surmounted by a cross). James HAYES, died 7 April 1895, aged 44. And his wife, Sarah Ann, died 1 March 1934, aged 78.
- 189). Headstone. Robert CATFORD, died 1 March 1870, aged 64. And his son, William Catford, died 26 Feb 1874, aged 38. Also his daughter, Mary Catford, died 1 March 1874, aged 29. And his son, Robert Catford, died 3 March 1881, aged 39.
- 190). Headstone. John TARR, of Rugland, in this parish, died 26 March 1865 (last digit of year partially flaked, PR: buried 1 April 1865), aged 43. And his wife, Mary, died 14 Dec 1897, aged 81. (About two metres east of this is a small cross, where all the leadwork has fallen out, so the name and date are illegible).
- 191). Headstone. George, son of John and Mary TARR, of Rugland, in this parish, died 2 Dec 1860, aged 2 years and 8 months.
- 192). Headstone. Bessie TARR, "born at Rugland Farm" (no date), died 3 Oct 1930, aged 76. And her brother, John Tarr, "late of Leydstrop, Pietersburg, S.A." (South Africa), died 16 April 1932, aged 82.
- 193). Headstone. Fred PAYNE, died 24 May 1925, aged 55. And his wife, Mary Ann Payne, died 7 Sept 1924, aged 63.
- 194). Headstone. 'Wife and mother' Elizabeth GIBBS, died 2 Nov 1962, aged 81. And her husband, Albert William, died 10 Feb 1965, aged 81.
- 195). Headstone. James Edward WELLS, born 22 Jan 1906, died 29 Dec 1967. And his wife, Freda Annie Wells, born 15 Sept 1901, died 21 Oct 1989.

#### West Side of the Church

(Recorded in rows from west to east, on the north side of the asphalt pathway from the west entrance gate to the south porch of the church, from the west boundary to the west tower. Most of the memorials here post-date 1980).

- 196). Headstone. Mary Jane, wife of William RUDD, died 29 April 1881, aged 45. And their son, William John, died 16 Feb 1917, aged 45. Also William Rudd, of Kingsbrompton Farm, died 5 Nov 1919, aged 84.
- 197). Headstone. Minnie Ann COCKRAM, died 3 March 1902, aged 21. And Ann, wife of Thomas Cockram, died 5 Sept 1907, aged 68. Also Thomas Cockram, "father and husband of the above", died 25 July 1913, at Oxgrove, Kingsbrompton, aged 78.
- 198). Small Headstone (once surmounted by a cross, now broken off, lying alongside). William Henry JENNINGS, son of John and Elizabeth Jennings, born 10 May 1898, died 8 Feb 1900.
- 199). Headstone. 'Husband and father' John JENNINGS, died 11 Aug 1915, aged 54. And his son, Sydney John, "killed in action in France" 18 Aug 1916, aged 27. Also Elizabeth Ann, wife of the above John Jennings, died 21 June 1921, aged 59.
- 200). Headstone. Charles COLES, died 15 Dec 1979.
- 201). Headstone. Ronald E.F. COURAGE, born 3 Nov 1894, died 2 June 1980. And his wife, Doreen F. Courage, born 22 Sept 1922, died 1 Sept 2000.

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Note: a man living near the church said there is a small Bible Christian cemetery, with a few memorials in it, in a piece of woodland up the hill west of the parish church, but I was unable to find it. Perhaps somebody else living in the village would know about this. He also said there is one memorial inside the former Methodist (previously Bible Christian) Chapel, now closed, some 100 metres east of the parish church.

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