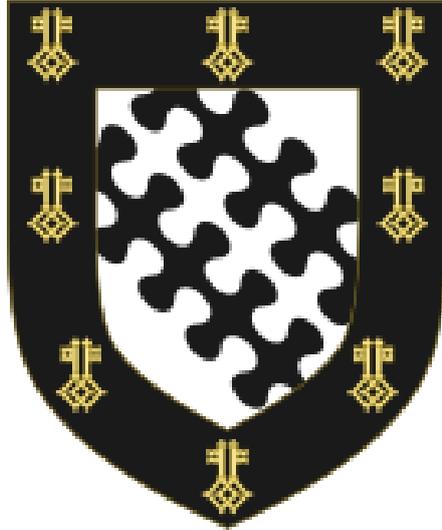


Rev. H. J. Smale



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Baptised: 12 March 1866

Died: 6 September 1962

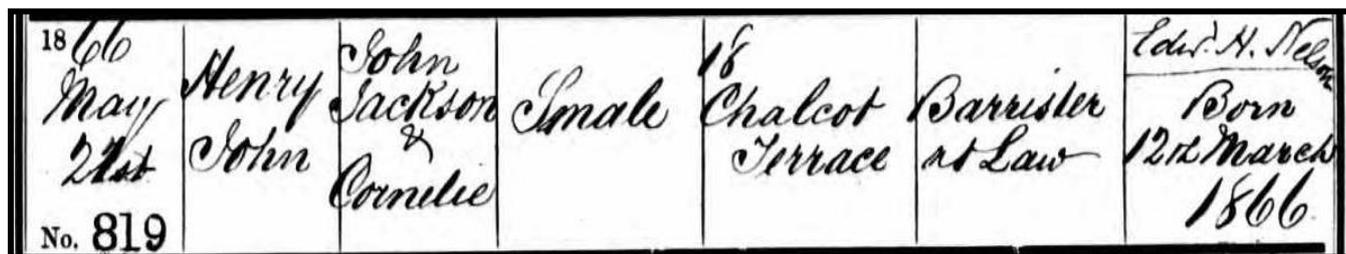
Curate of St. Mark's 1891 - 1894

Chaplain at St. Paul's, Nicosia, Cyprus, 1908-1925.



Rev. Henry John SMALE - (1891 – 1894)

1866: Birth of **Henry John Smale** on 12 March 1866, at St. Pancras, London. Baptised at St. Stephen the Martyr, St. Marylebone, London. He was the son of John Jackson Smale (1834-1891) and Henrietta Catherina Cornelia Bockelmann (1840-1895). The family address was 18 Chalcot Terrace, Primrose Hill, London.



His own father was a Barrister and his grandfather was Sir John 'Jackson' Smale (1805–1882), a British lawyer and judge. He served as Attorney General and the longest-serving Chief Justice of Hong Kong. Sir John first married Anne Jackson, hence the appearance of the name Jackson in succeeding generations. [He died in August 1882, aged 77].

The entry in *Crockford's Clerical Directory* for 1898 shows:

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The entry for him in the *Oxoniensis* shows:

1s. John Jackson, Bar.-at-Law. Ed. at Exeter School.
Matric. 8 December 1884, aged 18. EXETER Coll; B.A. 1888. M.A. 1891.
St. Mark, Worsley, 1891-1894.
St. Benedict, Ardwick, 1894-1899.
St. Paul, Walden, 1899-1900.
Holy Trinity, Hoxton, 1900-1902.
Whitwell, I.o.W, 1902-1904.
St. Alban, Godshill. Var Hill, Ventnor, in 1908.
Chap. at St. Paul's, Nicosia, Cyprus, 1908-1925.
Ostend, 1925.
Dieppe, Dio. Lon. (N. and C. Eur.) from 1925. 6 Chemin des Fontaines, Dieppe, France.

[The parents of **Henry John Smale**, John Jackson Smale and Henrietta Catharina Cornelia Bockelmann, were married at Neuwied, Rheinland, Preussen, Germany, on 19 April 1865].

1871 census:

The family at this time was living in Germany. However, in the **1861** census, his father John Jackson Smale was unmarried, and living in Ormonde Terrace, St. Marylebone. He was 26 and a practising Barrister. With him were an aunt, Mary Jackson (55), a sister Emily (17 - a scholar) and a brother William (14 - a scholar).

1881 census: 10 Lansdown Terr., Exeter.

John J. Smale	Head	M	46	Barrister at Law	b. Exeter
Caroline	Wife	M	41		A British Subject
Harry J.	Son		15	Scholar	b. London
John	Son		13		b. London
Charles J.	Son		12		b. London
Jackson Smale	Son		9		A British Subject
Ann	Daur.		7		A British Subject

+ 2 servants.

1891 census: Coffee House, Mill Brow, Worsley.

Henry John Smale	Lodger	S	25	Clerk in Holy Orders	b. London, Pancras
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1891: *Manchester Courier* – Saturday 14 February **1891**.

Worsley Parish Church - The Vicar of Worsley (the Rev. F . K. Hodgkinson) announces his intention, in which the churchwardens acquiesce, of granting special offertories at St. Mark's, Worsley, during the year to the Assistant Clergy Fund. The parish comprises six different hamlets, containing two churches, three mission rooms, seven day schools, and eight Sunday schools, 10 services being held on a Sunday and 15 others during the week. The Vicar considers it necessary that there should be at least three priests and a deacon on the staff of the clergy to discharge the work of such a scattered parish. The cost of two assistant priests and one deacon is estimated at £450 a year, to meet which Lord Ellesmere gives £150, the Bridgewater Trustees £40, the Hon. Algernon Egerton £10, and the Vicar £150, leaving £100 to be provided by the new assistant clergy fund. Simultaneously the Vicar announces the appointment of Mr. Henry John Smale, M.A., of Exeter College, Oxford, who is to be ordained deacon by the Bishop of Manchester on the 22nd inst., and will commence duties on the 23rd. The Rev. Norman Donald Macleod, of Jesus College, Cambridge, has commenced his duties as priest-in-charge of Ellenbrook Chapelry, in succession to the Rev. Robert Harland and the Vicar's assistant priest at Worsley is the Rev. W. B. Broughton.

1894: *Manchester Courier* – Thursday 27 September **1894**.

*By the Bishop of Manchester: **Henry John Smale, M. A., to St. Benedict's, Ardwick.***

1898: Incoming Passenger List, Liverpool

The Rev. Hy. John Smale	32	Clergyman	ex. Montivideo 'Orellana'
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1899: *Essex Herald* – Tuesday 11 April **1899**.

*The following licence to a curacy has been made: **Henry John Smale, M. A., to St. Paul, Walden.***

1901 census: 18 Union Square, Islington.

Henry J. Smale	Head	S	35	Priest (Church of England)	
Anne	Sis.	S	27		b. Germany

+ 2 servants.

1904: *Isle of Wight County Press* – Saturday 30 July **1904**.

FAREWELL SERMON. The Rev. W. M. Woodward preached his last sermon as priest-in-charge of St. Alban's Church on Sunday evening and afterwards said "good-bye" to the members of the congregation. The rev. gentleman has left this week to take up a curacy In

*London and is succeeded by the **Rev. H. J. Smale**, who for some years has been curate of Whitwell.*

1903 to 1908:

Throughout this period, **Henry John Smale** engaged in numerous activities across the parish and district. Reports can be found of him playing cricket, badminton and overseeing bazaars for one of which he donated a handsome carved corner cupboard, which he had worked himself.

1908: Isle of Wight Times - Thursday 10 September 1908.

*VENTNOR. PRESENTATION. The Parish-room attached to St. Alban's Church was filled on Wednesday evening, when a presentation was made to the **Rev. H. J. Smale**, who resigned the curacy. The Rev. R. B. Oliver (formerly vicar of Whitwell) presided, and in making the presentation said **Mr. Smale** had endeared himself to the congregation by his conscientious work during his four years' residence amongst them. He asked his acceptance of a pocket book containing a cheque for £60 10s. as a mark of their esteem. The pocket book also contained a brief address setting forth the appreciation of **Mr. Smale's** work and signed by 178 subscribers. The **Rev. H. J. Smale**, in a feeling response, said his work had been rendered all the more easy by the loyal co-operation and help of the congregation. He should always look back upon the years spent in Ventnor with pleasure. The Rev. A. P. Clayton, in proposing a vote of thanks to Mr Oliver, said **Mr. Smale's** work had been for the Church, and the best way in which they could show their appreciation of it was to loyally support his successor. Miss Smale was subsequently the recipient of presents from the Mothers' Meeting Class and Girls' Guild. [He concluded his ministry at St. Alban's on Sunday 4 October 1908].*

By 1932, he had returned to the UK, to a parish in Whiston, Northants, as rector of the parish. There, he continued to carry out the customary work of a parish priest – baptisms, weddings, funerals, fund-raising activities, special sermons,

1939: Northampton Mercury – Friday 14 July 1939.

***WHISTON RECTOR LEAVES.** The **Rev. H. J. Smale** (rector of Whiston), who has been in this tiny parish since 1932, has left the village to take up residence near Eastbourne. He preached his farewell sermon on Sunday. **Mr. Smale**, incidentally, is a gardener, and one of his great disappointments was that he had to leave behind a lovely garden that is well known in the district. He spent many years abroad and was chaplain at Nicosia, Cyprus, for 17 years. Later he was at Dieppe for seven years.*

1950: Eastbourne Chronicle – Friday 27 January 1950.

**WAS CHAPLAIN IN CYPRUS FOR SEVENTEEN YEARS
INTERESTING TALK TO OVERSEAS LEAGUE YESTERDAY
ILLUSTRATED BY HIS OWN PAINTINGS**

*A room in the Southdown Hotel was packed with members of the Eastbourne branch of the Overseas League yesterday evening to hear an interesting address on Cyprus by the **Rev. H. J. Smale**, an Eastbourne resident and a member of the League, who has spent 17 years on the island as a chaplain. **Mr. Smale**, who is about 80 years old, was introduced by Sir Archibald King, chairman of the meeting. Sir Archibald has recently been ill, and members were pleased to see him at one of their meetings again. He is not fully recovered, however, and has to have further treatment. Sir Archibald remarked at the outset that it was not often they had a talk by a member of the League. Usually it was given by some distinguished visitor. He told members that Mr.*

Smale had painted and drawn a number of pictures of Cyprus and that they were lucky to have not only a good speaker but a good artist as well to address them.

The speaker admitted that his first Impression of Cyprus had not been at all favourable. He was held up at Port Said on the journey, and went to Cairo while he was in Africa. He described the sunset on the desert, and said that though he had travelled a great deal it still ranked as one of the most wonderful sights he had ever beheld.

Caught Malaria. *When he finally reached Cyprus he found a fiesta as being held and it was difficult to get his luggage moved. To make things worse, he went down with malaria! But when these first setbacks had been overcome he had got on all right and had spent "17 happy years there."*

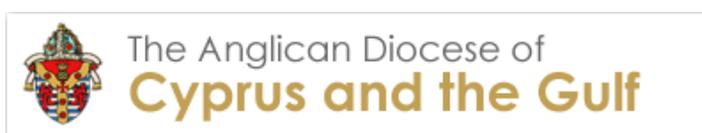
He gave some details of the size of the island, stating it was about 140 miles long and 160 miles broad. He showed members a painting he had made of the island, and illustrated some geographical features, including two large mountain ranges.

"The water supply is very inadequate," he said. In villages the people had to depend on springs or wells. In some towns the supply was merely an open drain running through the centre of the town. They were unable to drink it as it was, and had to boil every scrap of water.

To Join Greece? *Many of the people in Cyprus wanted to join Greece. But it seemed impossible to the English people that they could be joined to Greece at the present time because it was one of the main "camps" for the army and for the navy. He mentioned that Cyprus became a Crown colony during the first great World War. "I don't know why Greece wants the island," he commented, "and I am sure nobody else does." The island had originally been heathen. Then the population had become Roman Catholic. When the Turks took over the island the people were forbidden to worship at the churches. He had sketched some of these churches, and the paintings and pen-and-ink drawings were passed around the room.*

Plenty of Fruit. *He mentioned that flowers were lovely in the island, and that fruit of many kinds was plentiful. There were miles and miles of vineyards and some of the wines were very good; others were poor. They tasted of tar! "It is a very interesting island," said Mr. Smile, concluding. He mentioned that he had been there and back for £22 before the war many times, travelling first class on boats. Now it was about £40 to £60 by boat. Sir Archibald proposed a hearty vote of thanks to the speaker for his talk "which has been so well illustrated by himself." They were very grateful to him for an interesting and graphic description of the people, products and life of Cyprus.*

The sketches by the speaker were very well done, and his drawings of churches were perfect for their detail and atmosphere. Colourful paintings depicted scenes of the mountains, the entrance to one of the largest towns, sunsets from various parts of the island, and other interesting views.



[[St. Paul's Anglican Church](#)

The church of St. Paul was built in 1893 when Cyprus was a protectorate of the British Empire. The influence of politics on architecture is evident by the structural elements of the building, which is reminiscent of an English parish church. The Christian church today is part of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf].

1956: *Eastbourne Herald* – Saturday 7 April **1956**.

At the Annual PCC meeting at St. Peter's Church, Meads Road, the vicar, the Rev. W. T. Norburn, recorded his thanks to the many church workers and paid tribute to the **Rev. H. J. Smale** for his invaluable help over many years, noting that he had become a nonagenarian on 12 March.

1962: Rev. Henry John Smale died 6 September **1962**. He was Buried at St. Margaret, Rottingdean, Sussex. He remained unmarried.

WILL.

SMALE, Henry John. Of Manor Hall Nursing Home, Borough Lane, Eastbourne. Died 6 September **1962**. Probate left to Phyllis Cornelia Maud Smale and Sybil Evelyn Bertha Smale, spinsters. In excess of £34,000.



Tall, slim, big nose, blue eyes, straight hair, slim face.



HENRY JOHN SMALE
PRIEST
1866 – 1962

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In Everlasting
Memory of
DR. JOHN SMALE
Who passed
To his eternal rest
October 19th 1936
Beloved by us all

+ + +

MAUD SMALE
Very dear wife of
John Smale
Died January 14th 1956
Rest in Peace

The memorial stone to **Henry John Smale** stands “*alongside the north wall of the churchyard of St. Margaret, Rottingdean, Sussex.*”

It is no longer decipherable but our records show that he lived from 1866 to 1962.

*His ashes were added to by those of Dr. John Smale [brother of **Henry John**] and his wife Maud.*

Later, in 1978 and 1990, the ashes of Phyllis and Sybil were also added.”

(By courtesy of Mike Laslett, Hon. Archivist of Rottingdean Heritage and PCC member).

