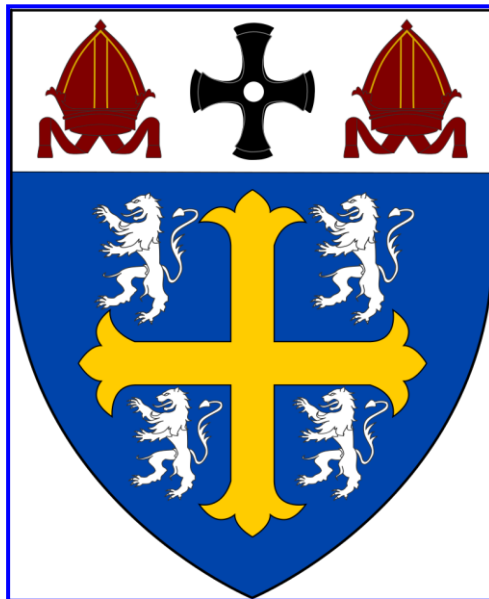


Rev. A. W. McLAREN



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Signature *Arthur William McLaren*

Postal Address *Church House, 64 Victoria Road, Stretford, Manchester*

Baptised: Died: 26 April 1928

Curate of St. Mark's 1886-1891

Rector of All Saints, Stretford 1894 -1919



Rev. Arthur W. McLAREN – (1891-1894)

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1864: Birth of **Arthur William McLaren** in Northumberland in the 2nd qtr. 1864, the son of Benjamin and Hannah McLaren.

1871 census: The Tower, Church Lane, Bedlington, Northumberland.

Benjamin McLaren	Head	M	54	Medical General Practitioner	b. Scotland
Hannah	Wife	M	46		b. Blyth
Peter Henry	Son	S	16	Medical Student	b. Bedlington
Charles	Son		15	Scholar	b. Bedlington
Frederick	Son	S	11	Scholar	b. Do.
Benjamin	Son	S	9	Scholar	b. Do.
Arthur W.	Son	S	7	Scholar	b. Do.
Isabella	Daur.	S	20		b. Do.

+ 2 servants; 1 groom.

1881 census: Church Lane, Bedlington, Northumberland.

Benjamin McLaren	Head	M	64	Medical General Practitioner	b. Scotland
Hannah	Wife	M	56		b. Blyth
Peter H.	Son	S	26		b. Bedlington
Fredrick	Son	S	21	Land Agent Asst.	b. Do.
Benj.	Son	S	19	Mining Engineer	b. Do.
Arthur W.	Son	S	17	Scholar	b. Do.
Anne C.	Niece	S	32		b. Scotland

+ 2 servants.

1887: *North Star* (Darlington) – Monday 6 June **1887**.

Yesterday His Grace the Archbishop of York held a general ordination in York Minster, when the following were ordained: [inter al.] ...

***Arthur William McLaren**, University College, Durham. B.A.*

His Grace afterwards licensed the deacons to their respective curacies: ... to the curacy of Kirby Misperton.

1898: 26 February. Death of his father Benjamin in Bedlington, aged 81.

1898: *Heywood Advertiser* – Friday 30 December **1898**.

*Last week Miss Constance E. E. Haworth, only daughter of the late Mr. Frank Haworth and Mrs. Walter Lucas, and granddaughter of the late Mr. Joseph Jameson, formerly of Heywood Hall, was married at Bury to Dr. McLaren, a well-known Bury doctor. The ceremony was conducted by the Rev. A. J. Jameson, M.A., vicar of St. Augustine's, Brinksway, uncle of the bride, assisted by the **Rev. A. W. McLaren** of Stretford, brother of the bridegroom.*

1901 census: 1072 Chester Road, Stretford.

Arthur W. McLaren	Lodger	S	37	Clergyman, Church of England	b. Bedlington
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[The home of Ann E. Davenport, widow, aged 56, and her daughter].

1903: Daily News (London) – Monday 12 January 1903.

The Rev. A. W. McLaren, Incumbent-in-Charge of All Saints', Stretford, has sent in his resignation. In his "monthly notes" to the parishioners for January he states that the application made to the Bishops' Commission and the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for the formation separate parish has been refused, and h© adds: "There is every appearance, as things stand at present, that All Saints' will have to remain to the end of time a chapel-of-ease. To those who live on the spot and know best the needs and requirements of the district, and who realise the work incumbent on the Church regard to the rapidly increasing population in the neighbourhood of All Saints', the decision of the authorities in Manchester is incomprehensible."

Manchester Courier - Tuesday 27 January 1903.

ALL SAINTS' STRETFORD. IS IT A MUDDLE OR A MISUNDERSTANDING?

In replying to a communication which appeared in our columns from "An Earnst Churchman," Mr. C. H. Brown, a sidesman of the above church, writes :

*Might I, sir, ask you kindly to allow me to inform your readers how our endeavours to forward the work of the Church in this district have been met by - those in authority? All Saints' Church was erected in 1885 to supply the spiritual wants of a population that was forming in the north portion of the village of Stretford, and it was distinctly understood that it was to be the nucleus of a new parish to be created when the population required it, and since 1894, when the **Rev. A. W. McLaren, M.A.**, was appointed Curate in sole charge, it has been worked with this end in view. A large congregation has been drawn together; many parochial organisations are in full working order; the church has been greatly improved, and many additions made thereto; in fact, the work of a parish, and a well organised one, has been done without any of the advantages of one. The number of communicants at Easter was nearly 300, more than half of whom were males. All this has been done without a single penny being received from the Mother Church of St. Matthew, or from any societies, diocesan or otherwise. This is, so I am told on good authority, the only district or mission church in the diocese which is entirely self-supporting. During the, past three or four years the character of the district has greatly changed. Many small weekly houses have been erected in the vicinity of the church, and many more are in course of erection, and a member of the District Council informed me the other day that they expect in the course of four or five years that upwards of 1,000 houses will be erected, the great bulk in the district that was proposed for All Saints. This great growth in the parish has had the earnest attention of the rector and those interested in Church work, and after long and thorough investigation it was unanimously decided by them that it was imperative that a separate and distinct charge should be made of All Saints, if the church was to attempt to cope with the people who are settling in the neighbourhood. A compact district, containing upwards of 3,000 people was mapped out, and which did not interfere with the Parish Church. This scheme was submitted to the Bishop of Manchester's Commissioners, and they appointed a sub-committee to consider the same, which met our people on January 24th and 29th last year. At the latter meeting they unanimously decided to recommend the formation of such a district to the Commission. On the 24th February, the Dean invited the rector to see him at the Cathedral about the same, and stated that as the church was consecrated and would only seat 350 people the Commission would not accept their sub-committee's decision, as the Ecclesiastical Commissioners required all churches to seat 500 at the least, and they would be sure to refuse permission, The Dean was told that members of the congregation were prepared to guarantee the money required to enlarge the church should it be required. To this he replied that the Commissioners would not accept a guarantee, but said he thought the rector had better make this application himself direct, and the Bishop's Commission would not oppose the same in any way, neither would the*

Dean and Canons, who are the patrons of the living of St. Matthew, Stretford. With regard to the statements made by the Dean at this meeting re the size of the church and the guarantee, at the request of my co-sidesmen I wrote the rev. gentleman asking if lie would see us about the same as we thought there was some misunderstanding, but to this I never received any reply or acknowledgment. On April 14th the Rector submitted the scheme, with all the maps and papers, to the Lord Bishop, who said he was not only in favour of it but gave it his hearty and cordial support, adding, "tell the Ecclesiastical Commissioners when you send in the application." This was done forthwith, and, to our great surprise, on August 7th a reply was received from London that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners had consulted the Bishop of Manchester upon the subject, and that his Lordship had declined to agree the formation of the proposed district in the manner contemplated, and that in these circumstances the Commissioners were not prepared to take any steps in the matter. The Bishop being away for his summer vacation, inquiries were made at the Diocesan Offices, and we were informed that as the Bishop's Commission had not made the application or supported it, the Bishop had, without any notice to us, altered his opinion." At their first meeting after the holidays, on October 23rd. a large and representative deputation waited upon the Bishop's Commission to see what was the meaning of our being treated so; we attended at the invitation of the Dean, but the rev. gentleman, although in Manchester did not attend the meeting, neither was any intimation received from him. In fact, we were kept waiting over half an hour for him turn up. Our case was stated, and a number of questions asked and answered, but we could see, and in fact were told, that in the absence of the Dean nothing could be done, but our case would be considered when the rev. gentleman attended their next meeting, which was held on December 4th, when we received a curt reply that, it was decided not to form any district, no reason being given whatever. This, sir, is a brief outline of the treatment we have received.

1904: A district was first assigned to All Saints from St. Matthew's, Stretford, on 29 January **1904**. In the official history of the parish, **Arthur McLaren** is recorded as the first Rector in charge. The original church was destroyed by fire in WW2 (1940) and rebuilt in 1955 at a different location.

1904: *Manchester Courier* - Monday 14 March **1904**.

*ALL SAINTS', STRETFORD. The living of All Saints', Stretford, has been offered by the Bishop of Manchester to the **Rev. A. W. McLaren**, M.A., by whom it has been accepted. The district of All Saints', which is tarecorded as the firstken from the parish of St. Matthew's. Stretford, has been under the charge of **Mr. McLaren** for several years. Previous to going to Stretford, **Mr. McLaren** was curate at St. Mark's, Worsley, and before that at Misperton, Yorkshire, under the Ven. W. H. Hutchings, Archdeacon of Cleveland and Canon of York.*

[This article would suggest that Rev. A. W. McLaren had already withdrawn his resignation, most likely because of a change of mind from the Diocese].

Manchester Courier – Saturday 11 June **1904**.

*ARCHITECTS Desirous of Submitting Plans for the enlargement of All Saints Church, Stretford, are requested to send in their names not later than June 22nd to **Rev. A. W. f All Saints, Stretford. McLAREN** Church House, Pinnington-lane, Stretford.*

1905: [By Saturday 29 April **1905**, the *Manchester Courier* referred to **A. W. McLaren** as the Rector of All Saints, Stretford. The article reported on the Easter Vestry meeting at the church and that Mr. C. H. Brown [see above, 1903] had been appointed church warden. It further reported:

The treasurer of the Enlargement Fund (Mr. C. H. Brown) reported that in response to the appeal made three months ago, the Committee had received promises amounting to about £2,000. This would enable them to purchase the additional land required enlarge the present site, also to extend the school.

1906: *Manchester Courier* – Saturday 21 April **1906**.

*ALL SAINTS, STRETFORD. The Rector, **Rev. A. W. McLaren**, Presided. ... Mr. C. H. Brown was re-elected warden ... The Rector in thanking the church officers for their services during the past year, stated that the appeal on behalf of the Enlargement Fund had been responded to so well that it had been decided to undertake the church extension forthwith; and he had every hope it would be finished by All Saints' Day. During the past year the day school had been enlarged at a cost of £1,300, and the church site extended at a cost of £250, both of which accounts had been paid.*

[It is pleasing to note that all continued to go well with the refurbishment and alterations of All Saints, to such an extent that by July **1907** all the improvements had been completed and all debts paid. A new morning chapel had been enclosed with a carved oak screen, the gift of the Rector, as a thank offering].

1911 census: Church House, 64 Victoria Road, Stretford. (10 rooms)

Arthur William McLaren Head S 47 Priest (Church of England)

+ 2 servants

1919: *Yorkshire Post* – Thursday 31 July **1919**.

*The Bishop of Leicester has instituted ... the **Rev. A. W. McLaren**, M. A. to the rectory of Osgathorpe.*

1927: *Nottingham Journal* – Friday 29 July **1927**.

The Rev. E. K. Wicks, Curate of Carrington, has been appointed rector of Osgathorpe (Leics.) in succession to the Rev. A. W. McLaren.

1928: *Alderley & Wilmslow Advertiser* – Friday 11 May **1928**.

DEATHS.

***McLAREN** - April 26 **1928** at Abbots-bury Dorset **ARTHUR WILLIAM McLAREN MA** priest-in-charge and first rector of All Saints, Stretford, Manchester, 1894-1919 rector of Osgathorpe, Leicestershire, 1919-1927, aged 64 years.*

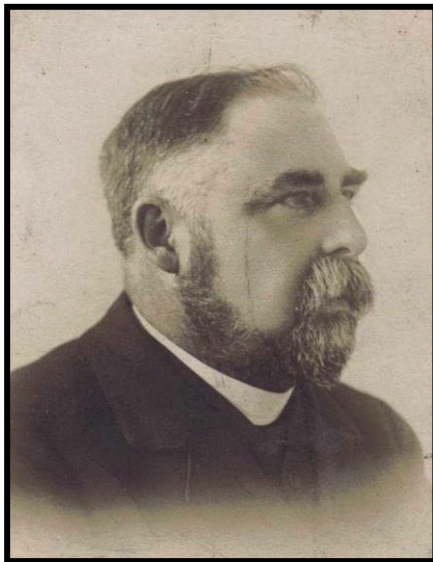
Leicester Daily Mercury – Tuesday 1 May **1928**.

*The death took place at Abbotsbury, Dorset, of the **Rev. A. W. McLaren**, M.A., who was rector of Osgathorpe. Loughborough, for eight years, and who announced his resignation in August last year.*

1931: *Leicester Evening Mail* – Monday 9 November **1931**.

***IN MEMORIAM.** The new tower of Osgathorpe Church, built in memory of the Rev. W. A. Williams, for 40 years Rector of Osgathorpe, was dedicated on Sunday by the Bishop of Leicester. In the tower has been hung a 10-cwt. bell, subscribed for by parishioners*

and friends to commemorate the work of the **Rev. A. W. McLaren** who was rector of the parish from 1919 to 1927.



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