

# Rev. William George Harland



A photograph of a handwritten signature "W.G. Harland" in black ink on a light-colored surface.

Baptised: 1 July 1855

Died: 16 August 1937

Curate of St. Mark's 1882-1890

Vicar of Lythe 1901-1933

Father of Bishop Maurice Henry Harland, of Durham



**Rev. William George HARLAND** - (1855-1924)

Clergy List 1932.

**William George Harland** - Hatfield Hall, Durham. L.Th. 1882. **d**1882. **p**1884 Man.

C. of **St. Mark's, Worsley** 1882-90

C. of Lythe 1890-94

V. of St. Andrew, Rillington w. Scampston 1894-1901

V. of Lythe 1901-33

**1855:** Baptised on 1 July 1855 at Whitby, the son of William and Eliza Harland.

**1861** census: East Row, Newholme cum Dunsley.

William Harland	Head	M	48	Brewer and Maltster	b. East Row
Eliza S.	Wife	M	40		b. Whitby
John	Son		15	Solicitor's General Clerk	b. Scarboro.
Jane	Daur.		13	Scholar	b. East Row
Thomas	Son		11	Scholar	b. East Row
Robert	Son		8	Scholar	b. East Row
<b>William G.</b>	Son		5	Scholar	b. East Row
Frederick Oates	Son		3		b. East Row
Emily Ann	Daur.		7mo.	Absent visiting friends	b. East Row

**1871** census: East Row, Newholme w. Dunsley.

Eliza Harland	Head	W	50	Cow keeper	b. Whitby
Robert	Son		15	Teacher Govt. School	b. Whitby
<b>William G.</b>	Son		15	Solicitor's Clerk	b. Whitby
Frederick O.	Son		13	Scholar	b. Whitby
Emily A.	Daur.		10	Scholar	b. Whitby
Eliza M.	Daur.		7	Scholar	b. Whitby
Charles J.	Son		4	Scholar	b. Whitby
+ 1 visitor					

**1881** census: Springfield, Sidbury, Devon.

Thomas Norsworthy	Head	M	62	Farmer of 96 acres, empl. 2 labs, and 1 boy	b. Devon
Mary	Wife	M	65		b. Bath
Thomas <b>Harland</b>	S-in-law	W	31	Division Officer Excise	b. Whitby
Myra Harland	G'daur		1mo.		b. Devon
<b>William G.</b>	Visitor	S	25	Undergraduate Durham University	b. Whitby
Jane Hugh	Nurse	W	46	Monthly Nurse	b. Devon
+2 servants					

**1882:** *The Manchester Courier* Saturday 23 September **1882**.

*Mr. William George Harland, being ordained by the Bishop of Manchester at his lordship's next ordination, will be appointed to the curacy of St. Mark's, Worsley, near Manchester, in succession the Rev. W. H. Baynes, M.A., preferred to the vicarage of Warton, near Kirkham.*

**1891** census: St. Mary's Cottage, Sandsend.

Eliza S. Harland	Head	W	70	Living on Own Means
<b>William G.</b>	Son	S	35	Clerk in Holy Orders
Emily A.	Daur.	S	30	
Charles J.	Son	S	24	Student in Theology

1894 third quarter: Married Clara Hayes at Whitby

1895: *The Yorkshire Gazette* 14 September 1895.

*Clerical Appointments. The Bishop of Beverley, acting as commissary for the Archbishop of York on Monday, licensed the Rev. William George Harland to the curacy of Scampston, and the Rev. Charles Joseph to the curacy Rillington and Scampston.*  
[Charles Joseph Harland was the younger brother of William George].

1901 census: St. Andrew's Vicarage, Rillington.

<b>William George Harland</b>	Head	M	45	Clergyman (in Holy Orders)	
Clara Elizabeth	Wife	M	32		b. Whitby
Maurice Henry	Son		4		b. Rillington
Dorothy Margaret	Daur.		3		b. Rillington
Helen Kathleen	Daur.		2		b. Rillington
Eustace William	Son		1		b. Rillington
Phyllis Hayes	Daur.		2mo.		b. Rillington
+ 3 domestics					

1901: *The Manchester Courier* Thursday 1 August 1901.

*PREFERMENTS AND APPOINTMENTS.*

*Rev. William George Harland: Vicar of Lythe, York.*

1910: According to the *Whitby Gazette* of Friday 30 September 1910, work began on the restoration of St. Oswald's Church, Lythe. The restoration was to be very extensive, including the building of the new tower, a new south aisle, the restoration of the north arcade, and a general restoration of the church. In a special ceremony to mark the occasion, the Marchioness of Normanby helped to lay the foundation stone. The vicar, the **Rev. William George Harland** and the Rev. the Marquis of Normanby [former rector of St. Mark's] presided with numerous other clergy.

1911 census: The Vicarage, Lythe, North Yorks. (14 rooms)

<b>William George Harland</b>	Head	M	55		
Clara Elizabeth	Wife	M	42	(married 16 years; 7 children)	
Dorothy Margaret	Daur.		13		
Helen Kathleen	Daur.		12		
Phyllis Hayes	Daur.		10		
Mary Sylvia	Daur.		8		b. Lythe
Margaret Christine	Daur.		2		b. Lythe
Eliza Mary Harland	Sister	S	47	Governess	b. East Row
+ 3 servants					

[Maurice Henry (q.v. below) in 1911 was at the Grammar School, Guisborough. He eventually became a Clergyman. He died on 26 September 1986, aged 90. Eustace William Harland (q.v. below) was also a Boarder at the Grammar School, Guisborough, in 1911].

1913: Kelly's Directory for N & E Ridings of Yorkshire



## LYTHE.

Normanby Rev. the Marquess of M.A.,  
D.L., J.P. Mulgrave castle; & 90  
Eaton square, London S W  
Harland Rev. William George L.Th.  
(vicar), Lythe hall

1937: Died 16 August 1937. Buried at Lythe. *The Leeds Mercury* of Wednesday 18 August 1937.

*HARLAND.*- August 16, 1937. at 31, Whinfield. Adel. Leeds, aged 82, the Rev.  
*WILLIAM GEORGE HARLAND*, for years Vicar of Lythe, near Whitby.

**HARLAND** the reverend William George of Byeways 31 Whinfield  
Adel **Leeds 6** clerk died 16 August 1937 Probate **York** 4 September  
to Clara Elizabeth Harland widow and the reverend  
Maurice Henry Harland clerk. Effects £297 14s. 11d.





To  
The Dear Memory  
Of  
**WILLIAM GEORGE HARLAND**  
Priest  
Vicar of this Parish 1901-1933  
Entered Unto His Rest  
August 16<sup>th</sup> 1937, aged 82.



## ALSO of note:



**Eustace William Harland** (son)  
Rank: Probationary Flight Officer  
Date of Death: 18/03/1918  
Age: 18  
Regiment/Service: Royal Naval Air Service

He was killed in a flying accident at Cranwell on March 18th 1918, aged just 18, and his grave today lies in St Oswalds Churchyard at Lythe, near Whitby.

Eustace Harland was the son of the Reverend **William George Harland**, vicar of Lythe and his wife Clara Elizabeth Harland.

**HARLAND, EUSTACE WILLIAM**, Probationary Flight Officer, Royal Naval Air Service, s. of the Rev. William George Harland, Vicar of Lythe (formerly Vicar of Rillington), Lythe Hall, near Whitby, by his wife, Clara Elizabeth, dau. of Henry Hayes, of Lorne Villa, Whitby; b. Rillington, co. York, 19 Oct. 1899; educ. Guisborough Grammar School; St. Peter's School, York, and Royal Naval College, Greenwich, S.E.; was appointed Probationary Flight Officer, Royal Naval Air Service, 14 Oct. 1917; trained at Vendôme, France, and at Cranwell, and was accidentally killed while flying a fast scouting machine at the Royal Naval Air Station, there 18 March, 1918. Buried in St. Oswald's Church, Lythe. Commander Talbot wrote: "Your son was one of our high-class Pilots, not an ordinary one. He would not have been flying the machine he was unless he had been reported very good 'I,' which means very good indeed. It was our fastest and most dangerous machine, and he had flown it successfully a day or two before. He was destined, in perhaps a week's time, to be sent to a fighting squadron overseas, or maybe to Mesopotamia. His was the spirit that we want." *Unm.*



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## **Maurice Henry Harland** (son)

**1987:** *Newcastle Journal* Monday 27 April 1987.

*Former bishop leaves £45,000 estate*

*A former bishop of Durham has left estate valued at £43,898 gross, £45,100 net.*

*The Right Rev. Maurice Henry Harland, Bishop of Durham from 1956 to 1966, died on September 29, aged 90.*

*He was one of the pioneering airmen of the Royal Flying Corps in the First World War.*

*Probate granted to his son-in-law Malcolm Wells, and Geoffrey Tomlinson.*

After service in World War 1, in 1922, he was ordained Deacon at Peterborough Cathedral and became curate at St. Peter's, Leicester. Then, in 1933, it was announced ...

*VICAR OF HOLBECK. Rev. M. H. Harland Appointed*

*The Vicar of Leeds (Canon W. Thompson Elliott) has appointed to the vicarage of Holbeck the Rev. Maurice Henry Harland, of St. Anne's, Leicester. Mr. Harland is a graduate of Exeter College, Oxford, and was at Leeds Clergy School under Dr. J. K. Mozley. He was ordained in 1922, and was curate of St. Peter's, Leicester, for five years. Since 1927 he has been in charge of the Conventional District of St. Anne's, Leicester, where he has been mainly responsible for the consolidation of that new parish and the building of the new church now in course of erection.*



*Mr. Harland is the son of the Rev. W. G. Harland, Vicar of Lythe, near Whitby. He is a Yorkshlreman by birth, and was at St. Peter's School, York. He served as an air pilot during the War, proceeding to Oxford on demobilisation. He married a daughter of the Rev. Canon S. T. Winckley, Canon Treasurer of Leicester Cathedral, and has two children.*

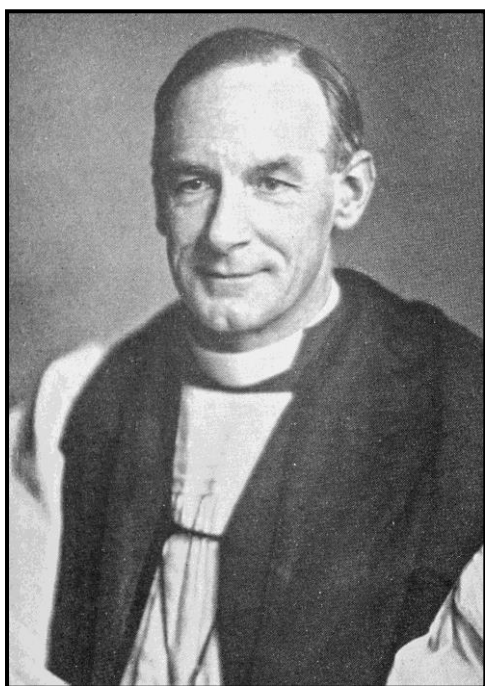
Nine years later, 1942, it was reported in the *Western Morning News* on Wednesday 1 July 1942 :

*Ex-Airman Bishop*

*Rev. Maurice Henry Harland, vicar of St. Mary, Windermere, and Rural Dean of Ambleside, has been appointed Suffragan Bishop and vicar of Croydon, in succession to Rt. Rev. W. L. Anderson, D.S.C., now Bishop of Portsmouth. Like his predecessor. Rev. M. H. Harland served as a pilot in the last war. Rev. W. L. Anderson served in the R.A.F. and the Royal Naval Air Service. From 1922 to Mr. Harland was at Leicester, moving in 1933 to Holbeck, Yorks.*

On Wednesday 14 May 1947, the *Halifax Evening Courier* announced:

*The King has nominated the Rt. Rev. Maurice Henry Harland, M.A., Bishop Suffragan of Croydon, Vicar of Croydon and Hon. Canon of Canterbury, for election by the Dean and Chapter of Lincoln as Bishop of Lincoln in the place of the late Rt. Rev. Leslie Owen, announces the Church of England Press Bureau. Known as the flying bishop because he was a fighter pilot in the 1914-18 war the Bishop-elect was consecrated as Bishop Suffragan of Croydon by the Archbishop of Canterbury in 1942.*



A further promotion followed in 1956:

*Dr. Maurice Henry Harland. Bishop of Lincoln*

*It is announced to-day that the Queen has approved that he be nominated for election by the Dean and Chapter of Durham as Bishop of Durham in place of Dr. Arthur Michael Ramsey, the new Archbishop of York. Dr. Harland was born on April 17. 1896, and educated at St. Peter's School, York, Exeter College, Oxford, and Leeds Clergy School. He served as an officer in World War I. In 1922 he was ordained and subsequently held appointments in Leicester, Leeds and Windermere before becoming Suffragan Bishop and Archdeacon of Croydon and, in 1946, Bishop of Lincoln.*



**Margaret Christine Harland** (daughter) (born 8 January 1909) died in June 2004, in Winchester, aged 95, and is also buried at Lythe.

