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Frocester is an ancient parish in the Diocese of Gloucester; it has been united with Eastington since 1953 and additionally with Haresfield, Moreton Valence, Standish and Whitminster since 1999: the six parishes form one benefice known as "The Cotswold Edge Parishes". The old parish church of St Peter was pulled down in 1954 and the former chapel of ease of St Andrew is now used as the parish church

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INCUMBENT

Registers

Most parish registers are available self-service on microfiche - please consult the Parish Register Guide

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|-------------|-----------|---|----------|
| P153 IN 1/1 | 1559-1690 | Baptisms, marriages and burials Baptisms 1559-1672, 1690; marriages 1559-1655, 1670; burials 1570-1671/2 With bibliographical notes and index by Rev William Symonds 1892-1897 Contains notes of visit of Elizabeth I to Frocester Court, 1574 (p4); omission of marriages 1566-1570 (p37); appointments of civil registers 1653, 1656 (p36) [Some Frocester entries for 1673 are in Slimbridge parish register, see P298] | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/2 | 1672-1765 | Baptisms, marriages and burials Baptisms and burials 1682-1765; marriages 1681/2-1753 At end: Chapman family baptisms 1672-1682 At end, reversed: memorandum of settlement certificate 1687 Index by Rev William Symonds 1901 | 1 volume |



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|--------------|-----------|---|----------|
| P153 IN 1/3 | 1766-1812 | Baptisms and burials | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/4 | 1813-1972 | Baptisms | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/5 | 1754-1812 | Marriages | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/6 | 1813-1971 | Burials | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/7 | 1814-1837 | Marriages | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/8 | 1837-1909 | Marriages | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/9 | 1910-1946 | Marriages | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/10 | 1909-1956 | Marriages at St Andrew's chapel of ease | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/11 | 1823-1922 | Banns | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/12 | 1957-1973 | Marriages | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/13 | 1923-1931 | Services | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/14 | 1932-1944 | Services | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/15 | 1944-1952 | Services | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/16 | 1952-1961 | Services | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/17 | 1962-1975 | Services | 1 volume |
| P153 IN 1/18 | 1974-2000 | Marriages | 1 volume |

Property and income of benefice

[See also P153 CW 3/9]



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| P153 IN 3/1 | (1828) | Copy, made 1832, of glebe terrier, 1828 | 1 document |
| | | <i>Damaged by damp</i> | |
| P153 IN 3/2 | 1920-1921 | Letters from Diocesan Board of Finance on dilapidations grant | 2 documents |
| P153 IN 3/3 | 1920-1921 | Correspondence relating to proposed sale of glebe | 6 documents |
| P153 IN 3/4 | 1936-1955 | Tithe redemption papers | 5 documents |
| | | Include schedule of rent charges 1939; 'Chancel repairs: notes on the effects of the Tithe Act 1936', 1940 | |

Miscellaneous incumbents' records

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| P153 IN 4/1 | 1918 | Letter to Rev G F Unwin from Rev William Symonds of Bury St Edmunds (Suff) thanking him for sympathy during illness | 1 document |
| P153 IN 4/2 | 1918 | Letter relating to Rev William Symonds' bequest of organ to St Andrew's church | 1 document |
| P153 IN 4/3 | 1919 | Copy address delivered by Rev Unwin at dedication of pews given by Mrs A Graham Clark | 1 document |
| P153 IN 4/4 | 1921 | Letter relating to the death of Rev Unwin | 1 document |
| P153 IN 4/5 | 1909 | Correspondence concerning marriages in St Andrew's chapel of ease, Frocester | 1 bundle |
| P153 IN 4/6 | 1953 | Memorial service for George VI | 1 document |
| P153 IN 4/7 | 1981 | Illuminated dedication card for altar book | 1 document |
| | | The altar book was presented in memory of Bernard Prout, former secretary to the Parochial Church Council and organist at St Andrew's Church | |
| P153 IN 4/8 | 2001 | Note concerning death of Mrs Vivian Holford [in 1985] from her daughter Jane | 1 document |

CHURCHWARDENS AND PCC

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Churchwardens' and PCC accounts

[See also P153 CW 3/18, 3/19 and VE 2/1]

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|--------------|---------------|---|-----------------------|
| P153 CW 2/1 | 1949-1971 | PCC receipts and disbursements, including Fabric Fund | 1 volume |
| | | Include separate accounts of Bigland's Charity and Edward Ricketts' Foundation, 1950-1967 | |
| P153 CW 2/2 | 1950-1971 | PCC receipts and disbursements, including Fabric Fund | 1 volume |
| P153 CW 2/3 | 1950-1980 | PCC receipts and disbursements, including Fabric Fund | 1 volume |
| | | Include separate accounts of Bigland's Charity and Edward Ricketts' Foundation, 1950-1967; note of sale in 1973 of land at Westfield and Pinnell's End farms in Coaley; copy of Frocester Parochial Trust Deed (1958) | |
| P153 CW 2/4 | 1970-1982 | PCC receipts and disbursements, including Fabric Fund | 1 file |
| P153 CW 2/5 | [1941]-1962 | PCC offertories and cash account | 1 volume |
| P153 CW 2/6 | 1969-1970 | Organ fund accounts | 1 volume |
| P153 CW 2/7 | 1971-1973 | Roof fund accounts | 1 file |
| P153 CW 2/8 | 1977-1982 | PCC building society account statements and pass books | 1 bundle |
| P153 CW 2/9 | (c.1754-1853) | Churchwardens' accounts (transcript of the account book, compiled by Mr E G Price and typed by GRO) | 1 volume |
| | | The account book was in a condition beyond repair and had to be destroyed in the course of making the transcription | |
| | | <i>Formerly catalogued as P153 CW 1/1</i> | |
| P153 CW 2/10 | (c.1754-1853) | Copy of transcript of churchwardens' accounts | 1 volume [outsize] |
| | | <i>Formerly catalogued as P153 CW 1/2</i> | |
| P153 CW 2/11 | 1988-1996 | General and Fabric Fund account book | 1 volume |



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| P153 CW 2/12 | 1996-2000 | Fabric Fund account book | 1 volume |
| Church property | | | |
| P153 CW 3/1 | (1683) | Copy, made 1851, of terrier of Fabric Fund lands, 1683 <i>Damaged by damp</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 3/2 | 1912 | Declaration of trust formed under the will of Rev Charles Jones of Dedham (Essex) involving a legacy of £100 to finance repairs to St Andrew's | 1 document |
| P153 CW 3/3 | 1924-1925 | Letters of Collins and Godfrey of Tewkesbury, builders, relating to repairs to St Andrew's, with bill for work done | 5 documents |
| P153 CW 3/4 | nd, [early 20th cent.] | Inventory of church goods | 1 document |
| P153 CW 3/5 | 1912-1918 | Inventories of church goods, with related correspondence | 4 documents |
| P153 CW 3/6 | (1897)-1901 | Copy agreement for loan of organ for use in St Andrew's chapel (1897); covering letter 1901 [See also P153 IN 4/2] | 2 documents |
| P153 CW 3/7 | 1946-1952 | Repairs to church and fabric: receipts, correspondence, estimates etc | 1 bundle |
| P153 CW 3/8 | 1946-1955 | Correspondence relating to the closure and demolition of St Peter's church and the disposal of its fabric (some transferred to St Andrew's) Includes survey on St Andrew's 1947; inventory of church plate 1949 [see also P153 CW 3/11] | 1 bundle |
| P153 CW 3/9 | 1949-1952 | Sequestration papers during vacancies of the benefice Include correspondence regarding possible candidates for presentation 1949; necessary repairs to vicarage 1949; proposed sale of vicarage 1952; 'The Care of Our Churches', by W I Croome, FSA, 1951 | 3 bundles |
| P153 CW 3/10 | 1950 | Faculty for memorial in St Andrew's to Rev Francis Marshall Vine, vicar for 21 years | 1 document |

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| P153 CW 3/11 | c.1951-1963 | Newscuttings containing articles on unsafe state of bells in St Peter's 1951-1953; photograph of interior of St Peter's prior to demolition, undated [pre-1952]; photograph of tapestry donated to church (woven by Agnes Prout of Church Farm, Frocester) 1963 | 5 documents |
| P153 CW 3/12 | 1947-1953 | Correspondence concerning disposal of St Peter's fabric and subsequent union of benefices [See also P153 CW 3/8 and 3/11] | 1 bundle |
| P153 CW 3/13 | 1964-1970 | Notifications to PCC of transfer of right of patronage 1964 and vacancies of benefice 1966, 1970 | 3 documents |
| P153 CW 3/14 | 1914 | Provisional land valuation for duties on St Peter's and St Andrew's churches | 3 documents |
| P153 CW 3/15 | 1917-1918 | Estimate and vouchers concerning heating system in St Andrew's | 4 documents |
| P153 CW 3/16 | 1930 | Conveyance of tithe rent charges on land and house in Coaley (Frederick Fry, churchwardens) | 1 document |
| P153 CW 3/17 | 1947 | Letter and extract from 'London Gazette' concerning the substitution of St Andrew's for the old parish church of St Peter's | 2 documents |
| P153 CW 3/18 | 1912 | Papers concerning extension of churchyard Vouchers; rough plan (endorsed on poster advertising rail travel to Cam athletic sports day); catalogue for "humorous fine art gallery" in a fund-raising bazaar at Frocester (printed); order of service for consecrating a burial ground in Gloucester diocese (printed) | 1 file (now loose) |
| P153 CW 3/19 | 1947-1979 | Church maintenance: correspondence, vouchers etc Include consecration of St Andrew's 1947; work done to vicarage 1949 [see also P153 CW 3/9]; dismantling part of St Peter's 1951-1953 [see also P153 CW 3/8, 11 and 12]; tithe redemption receipts 1952-1955; electricity installation at St Andrew's 1974 Original bundle | 1 bundle, 7 documents |

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| P153 CW 3/20 | 1955-1970 | Papers concerning church organ maintenance Specification, estimate, guarantee and related correspondence from Hele & Co Ltd of Plymouth, 1955; specifications and estimates supplied by John Coulson of Bristol, Hele & Co Ltd and P W Hutchins of Coleford 1970 | 1 bundle |
| P153 CW 3/21 | (1584)-1974 | Church land situated in Coaley: correspondence concerning sale of three plots of land (Griffins Tining, Meadbridge Orchard and in Upper Westfield, OS ref 225, 447 and 417), 1961 and 1962, 1971-1974 Include details concerning recorded history of Frocester's title to the land from 1584 Original bundle | 1 bundle |
| P153 CW 3/22 | 1970 | Architect's report on St Andrew's (two copies); rough notes concerning funds towards work | 2 files, 2 documents |
| P153 CW 3/23 | 1971 | Architect's specification for reroofing St Andrew's, with related correspondence | 1 file, 10 documents |
| P153 CW 3/24 | 1981 | Architect's quinquennial report on St Andrew's [See also P153 VE 2/1] | 1 document |
| P153 CW 3/25 | 1894-1978 | Plan and elevations of proposed restoration of St Andrew's chapel of ease, 1894 (architect: Sidney Parry of Borrowash, Derby), and covering letter, 1978, stating that the plan had been found among papers belonging to the late Sir Richard and Lady Bevan of Duddlestone Hall, Ellesmere, Shropshire | 2 documents |
| P153 CW 3/26 | 1958 | 'Wycliffe College Chapel: a brief history' Refers to old stone used in restoration work from St Peter's, Frocester [see also P153 CW 3/8, 3/11 and 3/12] | 1 document |
| P153 CW 3/27 | 1975 | Letter concerning donation by parish council towards footpath in churchyard | 1 document |
| P153 CW 3/28 | 1996 | St Peter's churchyard tombstone survey Includes photographs and transcriptions | 2 volumes |

Restoration of St Peter's Church, 1849-1851



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| P153 CW 4/1 | 1849 | Specification for restoration (almost entirely illegible) <i>Damaged by damp</i> | 1 document |
| Elevations, grounds plans and drawings of internal fittings | | | |
| P153 CW 4/2/1 | nd | "Frocester church - as at present" Ground plan <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 31]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/2 | nd | "Frocester church - as at present" North and south elevations <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 29]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/3 | nd | "Frocester church - as at present" East and west elevations <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 30]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/4 | nd | "Plan of site" [Number III] (before restoration) <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 9]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/5 | nd | Existing and proposed ground plan <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 32]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/6 | 1849 | Proposed ground plan <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 33]</i> | 1 document |



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| P153 CW 4/2/7 | nd | Proposed west and north elevations [Number IV] <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 19]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/8 | nd | Proposed west and north elevations with ground plan ["as carried out"] <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 25]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/9 | nd | Proposed east and south elevations ["not carried out"] <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 5]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/10 | nd | South elevation and transverse section <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 26]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/11 | 1849 | Plan and elevation between chancel and... [Number IX] <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 13]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/12 | 1851 | Details of iron gate in screen separating nave from chancel [Number VIII] <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 7]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/13 | 1851 | Details of iron gate in screen separating nave from chancel <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 27]</i> | 1 document |



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| P153 CW 4/2/14 | nd | Details of iron gate in screen separating nave from chancel <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 23]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/15 | 1850 | Part of tracery of screen and [? North] chapel <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 6]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/16 | nd | Design for screens and other tracery <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 3]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/17 | nd | Detail of tracery for screen and north chapel <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 8]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/18 | nd | Details of screen <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 10]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/19 | 1849 | Plans and elevations of pulpit and reading desk [Number X] <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 1]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/20 | 1849 | Detail of panel for reading desk <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 14]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/21 | 1849 | Detail of upper panel for reading desk <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 17]</i> | 1 document |



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| P153 CW 4/2/22 | 1850 | Detail of panel and cornice for pulpit <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 18]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/23 | 1851 | Design for font cover <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 28]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/24 | nd | Details of font <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 2]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/25 | nd | Elevation and section of font [Number XI] <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 16]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/26 | nd | Detail of font cover <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 22]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/27 | 1851 | Design for kneeling stools for communion table and font <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 12]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/28 | nd | Design for communion table <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 4]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/29 | nd | Details of panel on communion table <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 21]</i> | 1 document |

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| P153 CW 4/2/30 | nd | Details of finial on spire <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 11]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/31 | nd | Details of spire [Number VI] <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 15]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/32 | nd | Details of finial on spire <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 20]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/33 | nd | Elevation and plan of (?) East Window <i>Damaged by damp</i> <i>[Formerly numbered 24]</i> | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/34 | nd | Ground plan of church, with note of number of seats | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/35 | nd | Proposed north elevation | 1 document |
| P153 CW 4/2/36 | nd, c.1849- 1851 | North and west elevations of church exterior | 1 document |

VESTRY AND PCC

Vestry and PCC minutes

[See also P153a VE 2/1]

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|-------------|---------------|---|--------------------|
| P153 VE 2/1 | 1918- 1978 | Annual vestry meetings and, from 1923, PCC meetings, with annual statements of accounts (throughout) Include, affixed: newscuttings concerning revival of Frocester Feast to mark St Peter's day 1923, 1924; copy of architect's quinquennial report on St Andrew's 1976 [see also P153 CW 3/22 and 3/24] At front, loose: related correspondence 1967-1978 | 1 volume, 1 bundle |
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P153 VE 2/2 2000 Annual vestry minutes and PCC minutes 1 bundle

OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

Poor rates

P153 OV 1/1 1896 Valuation list 1 volume

Overseers' accounts

[See P153a VE 2/1]

SURVEYORS OF THE HIGHWAYS

Surveyors' accounts

P153 SU 1 (c.1746-1837) Transcript made by E Price of original volume of accounts badly damaged by damp, with six nearly complete original leaves 260 pages, 6 pages

Rest of volume beyond repair and destroyed in the course of transcribing

CHARITIES

Ralph Bigland's charity

[Land called Wet Mead in Coaley parish]

P153 CH 1/1 c.1800 List of recipients of Ralph Bigland's charity 2 documents

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P153 CH 1/2 nd, c.1800 List of recipients of Ralph Bigland's charity 1 document

P153 CH 1/3 (1897) Copy letter relating to proposed sale of Ralph Bigland's charity land to Lord Fitzhardinge 1 document

P153 CH 1/4 1940-1975 Ralph Bigland's charity: accounts, mainly bank statements and cheque stubs, with some correspondence relating to Gloucestershire Community Council's charities' review 1966 1 bundle

P153 CH 1/5 1971-1980 Ralph Bigland's charity: correspondence file 1 file

Proposed sale of charity land 1976-1980

At end: Report of Community Council on the charities' review, 1971



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STATUTORY DEPOSITS

Tithe

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| P153 SD 2/1 | 1841 | Copy tithe map <i>Damaged by damp</i> | 1 document |
| P153 SD 2/2 | 1841 | Tithe apportionment | 1 document |

SCHOOLS

General school records

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|-------------|-----------|---|----------|
| P153 SC 1/1 | 1909-1922 | Church School: log book <i>Damaged by damp</i> | 1 volume |
| P153 SC 1/2 | 1915-1928 | Sunday School: Superintendent's register | 1 volume |
| P153 SC 1/3 | 1921-1954 | Papers relating to Edward Ricketts' foundation Include lease of school 1924; draft scheme for Gloucester diocesan Church of England educational foundations 1950 | 1 bundle |

MISCELLANEOUS

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| P153 MI 1 | c.1890 | Framed watercolour painting of Frocester parish church | 1 document |
| P153 MI 2 | (1916)-1925 | Roll of honour naming six soldiers who died during the First World War and one later addition in 1925. According to information supplied by A. Price (PCC treasurer, 2000) some of these names are missing from the official army list of war dead, available at the National Archives. Found in a cupboard at St Andrew's Church, Frocester | 1 document |
| P153 MI 3 | n.d. [1940s-1950s] | Copy of Roll of Honour listing service personnel and their regiment Colour on card | 1 document |

