

Rectors of Gawsworth

Rectors	Date	Patrons	Notes
John de Birtles	1262	-	Agreement Pentecost 1262
Edmund Fytton	-	-	Died 1332
John Fytton	1332	Thomas Fytton	Resigned 1349, instated to Wilmslow (1st Son of Edmund)
Richard del Sherd	1349	Thomas Fytton	
John Caton	1359	Thomas Fytton	Resigned 1383
Robert Bukhard	1383	John Caton & John Gaze (chaplains)	Exchanged with Northendon
Thomas de Bately	1383	John Caton & John Gaze (chaplains)	Resigned after one month
John Caton	1384	John Gaze	Died 1391
Griffin de Davenport	1391	Thomas Fytton	Exchanged with Brereton 1394
Reginald Lyghtclyff	1394	Thomas Fytton	Resigned 1396
William Prydyn	1396	Thomas Fytton	Resigned 1424, Pension of 9 Marks
John de Kyngsey	1424	Sir Laurence Fytton. Knight	Died 1432
John de Bosdon	1432	Sir Laurence Fytton. Knight	Died 1433
Robert Heuster	1433	Sir Laurence Fytton. Knight	Incumbent 37 years. Todays Church was being built at this time , Died 1470
George Baguley	1470	Sir Thomas Fytton. Knight	Built the Old Rectory , Died 1497
Randle Fytton LLB	1497	Edward Fytton	Rebuilt the Chancel , Died 1536
William Legh	1536	Sir Edward Fytton. Knight	Incumbent 30 years. Died 1565, Buried at Gawsworth.
Robert Rogers BD	1565	Sir Edward Fytton. Knight	Archdeacon of Chester, Prebendary of Chester Cathedral, Died 1595.
Thomas Kayll MA	1595	William Stubbs of Congleton	Died 1597
William Brownell MA	1597	William Rnollys	Incumbent 33 years. Died 1630,
William Hutchins	1630	Thomas Drinkwater of Chester	Vice Principal of Brasenose college Oxford, during Civil War ejected from Gawsworth as a Royalist 1643. Died 1647.

Thomas Brook	1643	Civil War. Lords Commissioners	A Presbyterian Minister Signed the National Covenant 1644
Henry Newcome MA	1650	Civil War. Lords Commissioners	Distinguished Non Conformist. Resigned 1657 Died 1695
Thomas Edge	1657	Civil War. Lords Commissioners	An excellent Preacher. Ejected from Gawsworth Died 1678
Matthew Smallwood DD	1662	Lord Gerard of Brandon	Prebendary of St. Pauls, London 1660 Dean of Lichfield.
Hugh Hollinshead	1664	Lord Gerard of Brandon	Died 1665. Buried at Gawsworth.
Arthur Jeynson	1665	Thomas Jeunson, Vicar of Prestbury	Son of the Vicar of Prestbury. Died 1683 Buried at Gawsworth
John Hammond MA	1683	Charles Gerard 1st Earl of Macclesfield	Incumbent 41 years. Died 1724, Epitaph in Chancel
William Hall MA	1724	Charles Mordaunt	Incumbent 46 years. Restored the Old Rectory
Miles Lonsdall MA	1769	Elizabeth Parrott, widow	Died 1785. Buried at Gawsworth.
John Tickell MA	1786	Charles 3rd Earl of Harrington	Non-resident. Died 1803. Buried at Gawsworth.
Henry Forster Mills MA	1803	Archbishop of York	Non-resident. Chancellor of York Minster
The Hon William Henry Stanhope MA	1827	Charles Wyndham 7th Earl of Harrington	Non-resident. Died 1872 (6th son of Charles [Stanhope], 3rd Earl of Harrington) The Rev Edward Masson who restored the Church was Curate in charge 1848-1872
Hon. Henry Augustus Stanhope MA	1872	Charles Wyndham 7th Earl of Harrington	Improved the Old Rectory. (Son of Philip 5th Earl of Stanhope).
John Trevenen Penrose BA	1880	Charles Wyndham 7th Earl of Harrington	Instituted to Barnard Castle. Resigned 1897. Died heroically trying to save a drowning woman
Alexander Robert Goldie MA	1897	Charles Augustus 8th Earl of Harrington	Resigned 1904. Died 1923
Hubert Edward Polehampton MA	1904	Charles Augustus 8th Earl of Harrington	Restored the English Catholic Tradition at Gawsworth. Died 1938.
Alfred Thomas Sydney Stephens MA	1925	Dudley Henry 9th Earl of Harrington	Resigned 1945. Died 1954. Buried at Gawsworth. See Window.
John Raymond Harrison MA	1945	William Henry 11th Earl of Harrington	Resigned 1953, Instituted to Weare Somerset.
William Edgar Clarke Lth FSA	1953	Raymond Richards MA FSA FR Hists	Rural Dean of Macclesfield. Resigned 1964. Died 1971.
Harry Patrick Saunders. MA	1964	Raymond Richards MA FSA FR Hists	Archdeacon of Macclesfield 1965. Died 1967. Buried at Gawsworth.
Fancis Harry House OBE MA	1967	Raymond Richards MA FSA FR Hists	Archdeacon of Macclesfield. Elected Member of General Synod 1971.
Rennie Simpson MVO MA	1978	Raymond Richards MA FSA FR Hists	Archdeacon of Macclesfield 1978-1985. Honorary Chaplain to H.M.The Queen. Formerly Vice-Dean of Chester. & sometime Priest in Ordinary to H.M.The Queen. Sacrist of St Paul's Cathedral, Precentor at Westminster Abbey 1963-74. Died 1997.

Kenneth Vincent Povey AKC	1986	Timothy Richards MA	Formerly Chaplain to Her Britannic Majesty's Ambassador to Denmark and the English Church of St Alban, Copenhagen. Honorary Canon of Chester Cathedral and Proctor in convocation. Died 2005
The Rt Rev Bishop William Alaha Pwaisiho. OBE. Dip Theol	1999	Timothy Richards MA	Second Bishop of Malaita, Soloman Is. 1981 - 89. Honorary Assistant Bishop of Chester.
The Rt Rev Bishop William Alaha Pwaisiho. OBE. Dip Theol	2016	Timothy Richards MA (Died Nov 2016) & Bishop of Chester	Formation of Gawsworth St James & St Michael's North Rode Benefice.
The Rt Rev Bishop William Alaha Pwaisiho. OBE. Dip Theol	2017	Rupert Richards & Bishop of Chester	Second Bishop of Malaita, Soloman Is. 1981 - 89. Honorary Assistant Bishop of Chester. Rector of the Benefice of Gawsworth St James & St Michael's North Rode.