

Introduction

This website gives free access to my research into the later medieval and early modern diocese of Exeter. Its main aim is to publish calendars of the late fifteenth, sixteenth and early seventeenth bishops' registers and thus continue the sequence begun by Prebendary Hingeston-Randolph in the late nineteenth century. But other allied and worthwhile documents are also being transcribed. Supplementing the calendars are a series of databases. A final section makes available my PhD thesis and articles that I published several years ago.

The calendars and other items are PDF documents and are searchable using Ctrl + F (Windows) or Cmd + F (Mac). They will be updated at the beginning of each month to include new information or to correct errors.

My aim is to make the registers accessible to the ordinary reader. Whenever possible I have reduced the Latin text to a series of numbered entries in English. The content of each entry is determined by four questions: who, what, where and when. Material from other primary sources has been added where appropriate. These entries are identified by letters of the alphabet.

Dates are in the old style with the year taken as beginning on 1 January. Latin words are translated into English whilst Roman numerals are replaced with Arabic ones. Spelling of forenames and parishes is modernised, headings are shortened and brackets used to add information. The spelling of recurring surnames has been standardised whilst common surnames and placenames have been expanded without the use of brackets. Months of the year have been abbreviated. Pre-decimalization currency values and symbols have been retained: a £1 is 20 shillings (s) and a shilling is 12 pence (d); a mark is 13s 4d. The title 'dominus' routinely given to clerics has been omitted unless it is the only means of identifying an individual as a member of the clergy. Footnotes are principally used to establish the succession to ecclesiastical livings and to provide biographical details.¹

The diocese of Exeter approximated to the counties of Devon and Cornwall in the later medieval and early modern periods. It had almost 700 parishes and dependent chapelries which were grouped into 32 rural deaneries and four archdeaconries.²

¹ Losses and poor record-keeping mean that the sequence of rectors, vicars and prebendaries is imperfect. Readers should use the Clerical Tax Returns and Visitation Books of Clergy in the Records Section of this site as a supplementary aid.

² See Database 4.

Manuscripts

All Souls College, Oxford

Ms 182	John Stevenes' Formulary Book
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Borthwick Institute for Archives, York (BI)

	<i>York Archiepiscopal Records</i>
BI Reg 12	Register of Archbishop Alexander Neville 1374-88
BI Reg 19	Register of Archbishop John Kempe 1426-52

British Library, London

Addit 8103	Roll of pensions paid to ex-monastics and chantrists 1555
Addit 21946	Clerical taxation return: Canterbury diocese 1522
Addit 32342	Valuation of Benefices and Monasteries: Exeter diocese 1536
Harley 133	Clerical taxation return: London diocese 1522
Harley 862	Robert Stephens' Formulary Book
Harley 594	Subsidy Book 1533: Coventry & Lichfield diocese
Lansdowne 377/3	Epistle of William Ramsey, mnister of God's word at Chard
Lansdowne 443	Register of crown presentations 1558-1603

Cambridge University Library, Cambridge (CUL)

	<i>Ely Diocesan Records</i>
G/1/1	Registers of Bishops Simon Montacute 1337-45 and Thomas de Lisle 1345-61
G/1/2	Register of Bishop Thomas Arundel 1374-88
G/1/5	Register of Bishop William Grey 1454-78

Cornwall Record Office [Kresen Kernow], Redruth (CRO)

AR/1	Arundell of Lanherne Papers: Title Deeds
AR/16	Arundell of Lanherne Papers: Ecclesiastical Records
ART/2	Arundell of Lanherne Papers: Tywardreath Priory: Manorial Records
ART/3	Arundell of Lanherne Papers: Tywardreath Priory: Estate Management
ART/4	Arundell of Lanherne Papers: Tywardreath Priory: Correspondence
ART/5	Arundell of Lanherne Papers: Tywardreath Priory: Official Papers
ART/6	Arundell of Lanherne Papers: Tywardreath Priory: Miscellaneous
BLOS	Lostwithiel Borough Records
ME	Edgcumbe of Mount Edgcumbe Papers
P216	Stratton Parish Records
R	Rashleigh of Menabilly Papers

Devon Heritage Centre, Exeter (DHC)

	<i>Exeter Diocesan Records</i>
Chanter 2	Register of Bishop Walter Stapeldon 1307-26
Chanter 8 & 9	Register of Bishop Edmund Stafford 1395-1419
Chanter 12(i)	Register of Bishop George Neville 1456-65
Chanter 16	Registers of Bishops Miles Coverdale 1551-53 and John Veysey 1553-54
Chanter 17	Registers of Bishops Miles Coverdale 1551-53 and John Veysey 1553-54
Chanter 18	Registers of Bishops James Turberville 1555-59 and William Alley 1560-64
Chanter 19	Registers of Bishops James Turberville 1555-59 and William Alley Bishop of Exeter 1565-70
Chanter 50	Register of Orders 1571-1667
Chanter 150a-d	Subscription Books 1634-62
Chanter 151a	Subscription Book 1584-1662
Chanter 217	Visitation Call Book 1628
Chanter 218	Visitation Call Book 1622, 1631, 1638
Chanter 1064	St Agnes Cornwall: Resolution of dispute between inhabitants and Exeter Dean & Chapter 1482
Chanter 1069	Cathedral Statutes 1507 and 1525
Chanter 1694	Inventory of Bishop of Exeter's Registry 1641
	Other Records
W1258M	Duke of Bedford Papers: Moger Abstracts
164M	Dyer and Chadder Families Papers
281M	Marwood Elton Papers: Title Deeds
312M	Hole of Parke Papers: Totnes Priory
1148M	Acland of Killerton Papers: South Molton Leases
1508M	Courtenay of Powderham Papers: Moger Transcripts
1718A	Holy Trinity Parish Exeter Papers
2203A	Brixham: St Mary's Parish Records
22443	Grant of Probate 1504
Moger Wills	Transcripts of Wills (Westcountry Studies Library)

Eton College Archives

ECR/1/50	Resignation of Prior of Modbury 1430
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Exeter Cathedral Archives, Exeter (ECA)

D&C.161	St Lawrence's Parish Exeter: Grant of Tenement 1494
D&C.620	Ashburton Devon: Inquiry into Disturbance in Church 1482
D&C.663	Bampton Oxfordshire: Nomination of Vicar 1444
D&C.688	Branscombe Devon: Institution to Vicarage 1481
D&C.789	Letters of collation: Warden of Clyst Gabriel Chapel 1508

D&C.1024	Harberton Devon: Commission 1474
D&C.1175	Menheniot Cornwall: Arbitration in Patronage Dispute 1456
D&C.1190	Menheniot Cornwall: Composition for Tithes of Vicarage 1479
D&C.1377	Polsloe Priory Exeter: Installation of Prioress 1481
D&C.1882	Presentation to Thorverton 1501
D&C.2272	Exeter: List of city clergy cited before dean of Exeter 1399
D&C.2356	John Stevenes' Will 1457
D&C.2365	Henry Webber's Will 1477
D&C.2378	Appointment of proxies by Exeter Chapter 1478
D&C.2380	Highbray Devon: Arbitration in Tithes Dispute 1480
D&C.2405	Cathedral Statutes 1505
D&C.2407	Cathedral Statutes 1508
D&C.2409	Mandate to install Edward Lee as prebendary 1509
D&C.2412	Papal commission to admit Robert Weston to degree of UID 1514
D&C.2415	Cathedral Statutes 1517
D&C.2433	Cathedral Statutes 1544
D&C.2473	Composition 1616
D&C.2837	Stewards' Account Roll 1467-68
D&C.2953	Forced Loan 1522: Return for Clergy of Diocese of Exeter
D&C.3000	Episcopal licence for election of dean 1478
D&C.3498	Letters and Papers 14th to 16th centuries
D&C.3551	Dean & Chapter Act Book 1521-36
D&C.3625	Book of Cathedral Statutes: 14 th and 15 th centuries
D&C.3626	Book of Cathedral Statutes: 14 th and 15 th centuries
D&C.3627	Book of Cathedral Statutes: 18 th century
D&C.3628	Book of Cathedral Statutes: 17 th and 18 th centuries
D&C.3629	Book of Cathedral Statutes: 18 th century
D&C.3630	Book of Cathedral Statutes: 18 th and 19 th centuries
D&C.3630A	Book of Cathedral Statutes: 18 th century
D&C.3630B	Book of Cathedral Statutes: 20 th century
D&C.3690	Bishop Oldham's Account Book 1504-18
D&C.3754	Excrescence Book 1468-1573
D&C.7155/1	Process for Robert Withers' appeal 1607-13
VC.3351-3352	Accounts of Woodbury Manor

Exeter College Archives, Oxford (ExCA)

AE2021/85	Appropriation of Menheniot Rectory 1478
MIV.5a	Deed of Gift 1478

Hampshire Record Office, Winchester (HRO)

	<i>Winchester Diocesan Records</i>
21M65/A1/12	Register of Bishop Henry Beaufort 1405-47
21M65/A1/13	Register of Bishop William Waynflete 1447-86 i

21M65/A1/14	Register of Bishop William Waynflete 1447-86 ii
21M65/A1/15	Register of Bishop Peter Courtenay 1487-92
21M65/A1/16	Register of Bishop Thomas Langton 1493-1501
21M65/A1/20	Register of Bishop Richard Fox 1501-28
21M65/A1/23	Register of Bishop Stephen Gardiner 1531-51

Hatfield House, Hertfordshire (HH)

CP144, fos 53-60	Recantation of Walter Hele vicar of Ipplepen 1552
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Kent Archives, Maidstone (KA)

	<i>Rochester Diocesan Records</i>
DRb/A/r/1/2	Register of Bishop John Sheppey 1353-60
DRb/A/r/1/5	Register of Bishop William Bottlesham 1389-1400
DRb/A/r/1/6	Register of Bishop John Bottlesham 1400-04
DRb/A/r/1/8	Register of Bishop John Langdon 1422-34
DRb/A/r/1/11	Register of Bishop John Low 1444-67
DRb/A/z/1	Subsidy Book 1523-33

Lambeth Palace Library, London (LPL)

	<i>Canterbury Archiepiscopal Records</i>
CM.I/80	Account Roll for Clerical Subsidy 1531
CM.I/82	Clerical Subsidy 1513: Return for Archdeaconry of Barnstaple
CM.I/83	Account Roll for Clerical Subsidy 1531
CM.I/83A	Draft of Clerical Subsidy Act 1531
CM.XVIII/13	Visitation Call Book for Archdeaconry of Barnstaple 1504
COMM.XIIa/5	Parliamentary Survey of Devon Parishes 1651
Reg Reynolds	Register of Archbishop Walter Reynolds 1313-27
Reg Islip	Register of Archbishop Simon Islip 1349-66
Reg Whittlesey	Register of Archbishop William Whittlesey 1368-74
Reg Sudbury	Register of Archbishop Simon Sudbury 1375-81
Reg Courtenay i&ii	Register of Archbishop William Courtenay 1381-96
Reg Arundel i&ii	Register of Archbishop Thomas Arundel 1396-1414
Reg Stafford	Register of Archbishop John Stafford 1443-52
Reg Kempe	Register of Archbishop John Kempe 1452-54
Reg Bourgchier	Register of Archbishop Thomas Bourgchier 1454-86
721	<i>Liber Taxationis</i> 1489

Lincolnshire Archives, Lincoln (LA)

	<i>Lincoln Diocesan Records</i>
Reg IXD	Register of Bishop John Gynwell 1347-62
Reg XIII	Register of Bishop Henry Beaufort 1398-1404

Reg XVII	Register of Bishop William Gray 1431-36
Reg XIX	Register of Bishop Marmaduke Lumley 1450
Reg XXI	Register of Bishop Thomas Rotherham 1472-80
Reg XXII	Register of Bishop John Russell 1480-94
Reg XXIV	Register of Bishop William Smith 1495-1514
Reg XXV	Register of Bishop William Atwater 1514-21
Reg XXVI	Register of Bishop John Longland 1521-47
Reg XXVIIIA	Register of Bishop Thomas Watson 1557-59

London Metropolitan Archives, London (LMA)

	<i>London Diocesan Records</i>
9531/3	Register of Bishop Robert Braybrooke 1382-1404
9531/4	Registers of Bishops Robert Walden 1405-06, Nicholas Bubwith 1406-07, Richard Clifford 1407-21, John Kempe 1422-25 and Robert Fitzhugh 1431-36
9531/5	Register of Bishop William Gray 1426-31
9531/6	Register of Bishop Robert Gilbert 1436-48
9531/8	Registers of Bishops Richard Hill 1489-96, Thomas Savage 1496-1501, William Warham 1502-03, William Barons 1505-06 and Richard Fitzjames 1506-22 and the Vacancies of 1496, 1501-02, 1503-04 and 1505-06
9531/9	Register of Bishop Richard Fitzjames 1506-22
9531/10	Register of Bishop Cuthbert Tunstall 1522-30
9531/11	Register of Bishop John Stokesley 1530-39
9531/12i	Register of Bishop Edmund Bonner 1539-49
9535/1	Ordinations Register 1550-78
9535/2	Ordinations Register 1578-1628

New College, Oxford

Ms 202	Book of Decretals
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Norfolk Record Office, Norwich (NRO)

	<i>Norwich Diocesan Records</i>
Reg/4/7	Register of Bishop Richard Courtenay 1413-15
Reg/4/8	Register of Bishop John Wakeryng 1416-25
Reg/5/9	Register of Bishop William Alnwick 1426-36
Reg/6/11	Register of Walter Lyhert Bishop of Norwich 1446-72

North Devon Record Office, Barnstaple (NDRO)

B1/0/480	Enfeoffment, Barnstaple 1418
186M/T/68	Enfeoffment, North Molton and East Buckland 1405
1127EA.AD1	Archdeaconry of Barnstaple: Deposition Book 1570-80

Oxford History Centre (OHC)

	<i>Oxford Diocesan Records</i>
Dioc/1/A/1	Registers of Bishop Robert King 1542-57, Hugh Curen 1567-68 and John Underhill 1589-92 and the Vacancies of 1557-67, 1568-89 and 1592-1604

Plymouth Box (PB)

686/8	Thrushelton Parish Papers
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Royal Institution of Cornwall, Truro (RIC)

Henderson	Charles Henderson Manuscripts and Calendars
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Somerset Heritage Centre, Taunton (SHC)

	<i>Bath & Wells Diocesan Records</i>
D/D/B Reg 7	Register of Bishop Robert Stillington 1466-91
D/D/B Reg 9	Register of Bishop Oliver King 1496-1503
D/D/B Reg 10	Register of Bishop Adrian de Castello 1504-18
D/D/B Reg 11	Register of Bishop Thomas Wolsey 1518-23
D/D/B Reg 12	Register of Bishop John Clerk 1523-41
D/D/Vc 20	Subsidy Book 1533
D/D/Vc 53	Register of Bishop Gilbert Bourne 1554-69
D/D/B Reg 29	Register of Vacancies

Staffordshire County Record Office, Stafford (SRO)

	<i>Coventry & Lichfield Diocesan Records</i>
B/A/1/1	Register of Bishop Roger Northburgh 1322-58
B/A/1/6	Register of Bishop Richard Scrope 1386-98
B/A/1/7	Register of Bishop John Burghill 1398-1414
B/A/1/9	Register of Bishop William Heyworth 1420-47
B/A/1/12	Register of Bishop John Hales 1459-90
B/A/1/13	Registers of Bishops William Smith 1493-96 and John Arundel 1496-1502
B/A/1/14ii	Register of Geoffrey Blyth 1503-31
B/A/17/1(1) & (2)	Subsidy Books 1531 and 1533

The National Archives, Kew (TNA)

C.1	Early Chancery Proceedings
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C.85	Chancery: Significations of Excommunication
C.146	Chancery: Ancient Deeds
C.241	Chancery: Certificates of Statute Merchant and Staple
C.270	Chancery: Ecclesiastical Miscellanea
E.135	Exchequer: Miscellaneous Ecclesiastical Documents
E.178	Exchequer: King's Remembrancer: Special Commissions of Inquiry
E.179	Exchequer: King's Remembrancer: Particulars of Accounts and other records relating to Lay and Clerical Taxation
E.315	Augmentation Office: Miscellaneous Books
E.326	Augmentation Office: Ancient Deeds: Series B
E.334	First Fruits Office: Composition Books
E.344	First Fruits Office: <i>Valor Ecclesiasticus</i>
KB.9	King's Bench: Ancient Indictments
PROB.11	Prerogative Court of Canterbury: Wills Registers
REQ.2	Court of Requests: Pleadings
SC.7	Special Collections: Papal Bulls
SP.12	State Papers Domestic: Elizabeth I

West Sussex Record Office, Chichester (WSRO)

	<i>Chichester Diocesan Records</i>
Ep1/1/2	Register of Bishop Richard Praty 1438-45

Westminster Abbey Muniments (WAM)

Ms 3511	Letters of institution to Marwood Rectory 1514
Ms 3515	Power of attorney to receive seisin of Aveton Giffard Rectory 1513
Ms 3529	Bishop Richard Redmayne's dilapidations

Wiltshire and Swindon Heritage Centre, Chippenham (WSHC)

	<i>Salisbury Diocesan Records</i>
D1/2/6	Register of Bishop Richard Mitford 1395-1407
D1/2/8	Register of Bishop John Chaundler 1417-26
D1/2/9	Register of Bishop Robert Nevill 1427-38
D1/2/10	Register of Bishop William Aiscough 1438-50
D1/2/11i&ii	Register of Bishop Richard Beauchamp 1450-81
D1/2/14	Register of Bishop Edmund Audley 1502-24
D1/2/15	Register of Bishop Lorenzo Campeggio 1524-34
D1/2/16	Registers of Bishops John Salcot 1539-57 and John Jewell 1560-71
D1/2/18	Register of Bishop John Coldwell 1591-96

Worcestershire Archive and Archaeology Service, Worcester (WAAS)

	<i>Worcester Diocesan Records</i>
2648/1(iv)	Register of Bishop Walter Maidstone 1313-17
2648/2(iv)	Register of Bishop Thomas Hempnall 1337-38
2648/3(ii)	Register of Bishop John Thoresby 1350-52
2648/3(iii)	Register of Bishop Reginald Brian 1353-61
2648/4(ii)	Register of Bishop William Whittlesey 1364-68
2648/4(iii)	Register of Bishop William Lenn 1369-73
2648/4(v)	Register of Bishop Tideman of Winchcombe 1395-1401
2648/5(ii)	Register of Bishop Thomas Peverel 1407-19
2648/5(iii)	Register of Bishop Philip Morgan 1419-26
2648/5(iv)	Register of Bishop Thomas Polton 1426-33
2648/6(i)	Register of Bishop Thomas Bourgchier 1435-43
2648/6(ii)	Register of Bishop John Carpenter 1444-76 part 1
2648/6(iii)	Register of Bishop John Carpenter 1444-76 part 2
2648/7(i)	Register of Bishop John Alcock 1476-86
2648/7(ii)	Registers of Bishops Robert Morton 1487-97 and Geronimo de Ghinucci 1522-35
2648/7(iii)	Register of Bishop Giovanni de Gigli 1497-98
2648/9(iii)	Register of Bishop John Bell 1539-43
2648/10(i)	Register of Bishop Gervase Babington 1597-1610

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AC	J & J A Venn, <i>Alumni Cantabrigienses: A Biographical List of All Known Students, Graduates and Holders of Office at the University of Cambridge, From the Earliest Times to 1900, Part 1 From the Earliest Times to 1751</i> , 4 vols (Cambridge, 1922)
<i>Acts of Privy Council</i>	<i>Acts of the Privy Council of England 1547-1631</i> , ed J R Dasent et al, 40 vols (London, 1890-1964)
Alcock, 'East Devon Manor II'	N W Alcock, 'An East Devon Manor in the Later Middle Ages Part II: Leasing the Demesne: 1423-1525; 1525-1650', <i>TDA</i> , 105, pp. 141-90
AO	J Foster, <i>Alumni Oxonienses: The Members of the University of Oxford 1500-1714</i> , 4 vols (London, 1891)
<i>Anglo-Norman Letters</i>	<i>Anglo-Norman Letters and Petitions from All Souls Ms 182</i> , ed M D Legge (Oxford, 1941)
Balmond, 'Reassessment'	F Balmond, 'A reassessment of Reverend Chanter's 1905 excavation at one of Chapman's Barrows, Exmoor', <i>TDA</i> , 152 (2020), pp. 21-30
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Blackwell, 'Lundy's Ecclesiastical History'	A E Blackwell, 'Lundy's Ecclesiastical History', <i>TDA</i> , 92 (1960), pp. 88-100

Boase, <i>Register of Exeter College</i>	C W Boase, <i>Register of Exeter College Oxford</i> (Oxford Historical Society, 1894)
Boase, <i>Commoners of Exeter College</i>	C W Boase, <i>Alphabetical Register of the Commoners of Exeter College</i> (Oxford, 1894)
Bowker, <i>Henrician Reformation</i>	M Bowker, <i>The Henrician Reformation: the diocese of Lincoln under John Longland 1521-1547</i> (Cambridge, 1981)
BRUC	A B Emden, <i>A Biographical Register of the University of Cambridge to 1500</i> (Cambridge, 1963)
BRUO	A B Emden, <i>A Biographical Register of the University of Oxford to AD1500</i> , 3 vols (Oxford, 1957)
BRUO 1501-40	A B Emden, <i>A Biographical Register of the University of Oxford AD1501 to 1540</i> (Oxford, 1974)
Burn, <i>Ecclesiastical Law</i>	R Burn, <i>Ecclesiastical Law</i> , 2 vols (London, 1763)
CAD	<i>A Descriptive Catalogue of Ancient Deeds</i> , ed H C Maxwell-Lyte, 6 vols (London, 1890-1915)
Campbell, 'Canons Resident'	W H Campbell, 'The Canons Resident of Exeter Cathedral 1506-1561', <i>TDA</i> , 146 (2014), pp. 121-44
Cardwell, <i>Synodalia</i>	E Cardwell, <i>Synodalia: A Collection of Articles of Religion, Canons and Proceedings of Convocation in the Province of Canterbury from the year 1547 to the year 1717</i> , 2 vols (Oxford, 1842)
CCR	<i>Calendar of Close Rolls 1272-1509</i> , 47 vols (London, 1892-1963)
CFR	<i>Calendar of Fine Rolls 1272-1471</i> , 20 vols (London, 1911-49)
Chancery Case	<i>The Chancery Case between Nicholas Radford and Thomas Tremayne: the Exeter Depositions of 1439</i> , ed H Kleineke (DCRS, 55, 2013)
Chanter, <i>Custos and College</i>	J F Chanter, <i>The Custos and College of the Vicars Choral of the Choir of the Cathedral Church of St Peter Exeter</i> (Exeter, 1933)
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Cheney, <i>From Becket to Langton</i>	C R Cheney, <i>From Becket to Langton: English Church Government 1170-1213</i> (Manchester, 1956)
Cheney, <i>Notaries Public</i>	C R Cheney, <i>Notaries Public in England in the Thirteenth and Fourteenth Centuries</i> (Oxford, 1972)
Cherry, 'Courtenay Earls'	M Cherry, 'The Courtenay Earls of Devon: The Formation and Disintegration of a Late Medieval Aristocratic Affinity', <i>Southern History</i> , 1 (1979), pp. 71-97
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Condon, 'Ruling Elites'	M M Condon, 'Ruling Elites in the Reign of Henry VII', in <i>Patronage, Pedigree and Power in Later Medieval England</i> , ed C Ross (Gloucester, 1979), pp. 109-42
'Cornwall', Tudor Domesday'	J Cornwall, 'A Tudor Domesday: The Musters of 1522', <i>JSA</i> , 3 (1965), pp. 19-24
CPL	<i>Calendar of Papal Letters 1198-</i> , 18 vols (London and Dublin 1894 – in progress)
CPR	<i>Calendar of Patent Rolls 1216-1509, 1547-</i> , 69 vols (London 1891 – in progress)
Croot, <i>VCH</i>	<i>Victoria County History of Middlesex: Volume 12: Chelsea</i> , ed P E C Croot ((London, 2004)
DAPW	J O Halliwell, <i>A Dictionary of Archaic and Provincial Words</i> (London, 1904)
'Devon Clergy in 1561'	RBM, 'Devon Clergy in 1561', <i>DCNQ</i> , 15 (1928-29), pp. 38-41
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DMME	D Lepine and N Orme, <i>Death and Memory in Medieval Exeter</i> (DCRS, new series 46, Exeter 2003)
DPN	J E B Gover, A Mawer and F M Stenton, <i>The Place-Names of Devon</i> , 2 parts (Cambridge 1931-32)
Du Boulay, 'Charitable Subsidies'	F Du Boulay, 'Charitable Subsidies Granted to the Archbishop of Canterbury 1300-1489', <i>BIHR</i> , 23 (1950), pp. 147-64
Dunning, <i>Bath & Wells Ordinations</i>	<i>Bath & Wells Ordinations 1465-1526</i> , ed R W Dunning (<i>SRS</i> , 99, 2021)
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<i>Fasti 2</i>	<i>John Le Neve, Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae 1300-1541: Exeter Diocese</i> , comp J M Horn (London, 1964)
<i>Fasti 3</i>	<i>John le Neve, Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae 1541-1857: Exeter Diocese</i> , comp W H Campbell (London, 2007)
<i>Fasti Bath & Wells 1</i>	<i>John le Neve, Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae 1300-1541: Bath & Wells Diocese</i> , comp B Jones (London, 1964)
<i>Fasti Bath & Wells 2</i>	<i>John le Neve, Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae 1541-1857: Bath & Wells Diocese</i> , comp J M Horn and D S Bailey (London, 1979)
<i>Fasti Chichester</i>	<i>John le Neve, Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae 1541-1857: Chichester Diocese</i> , comp J M Horn (London, 1971)
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Abbreviations and Textual Markings

adm	admitted
Alley	calendar of Bishop Alley's register
armig	armiger (esquire)
Arundell	calendar of Bishop Arundell's register
BA	bachelor of arts
Babington	calendar of Bishop Babington's register
BCL	bachelor of civil law
BCnL	bachelor of canon law
BIHR	<i>Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research</i>
Bishop Hall's Inventory	transcript of Inventory of Episcopal Muniments 1641
Bothe	calendar of Bishop Bothe's register
Bradbridge	calendar of Bishop Bradbridge's register

Brownrigg	calendar of Bishop Brownrigg's register
Carey	calendar of Bishop Carey's register
Comp	compiled by
Cotton	calendar of Bishop Cotton's register
Courtenay	calendar of Bishop Courtenay's register
Coverdale	calendar of Bishop Coverdale's register
CTRs	Clerical Tax Returns
CYS	Canterbury and York Society
D	dominus
d	died
DCL	doctor of civil law
DCnL	doctor of canon law
DCNQ	<i>Devon and Cornwall Notes and Queries</i>
DCRS	Devon and Cornwall Record Society
dep	deprived
ed	edited by
Emden	<i>BRUC</i> and <i>BRUO</i>
EHR	<i>English Historical Review</i>
Foster	<i>AI Ox</i>
Fox	calendar of Bishop Fox's register
fn/fns	footnote/footnotes
fo/fos	folio/folios
gen	generosus (gentleman)
Hall	calendar of Bishop Hall's register
jnr	junior
JEH	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
JRIC	<i>Journal of the Royal Institution of Cornwall</i>
JSA	<i>Journal of the Society of Archivists</i>
King	calendar of Bishop King's register
lit	literatus
M	magister
MA	master of arts
Ms	manuscript
Neville	calendar of Bishop Neville's register
np	notary public
occ	occurs
Oldham	calendar of Bishop Oldham's register
PCC	Prerogative Court of Canterbury
r	resigned
Redmayne	calendar of Bishop Redmayne's register
Reg Ords	calendar of Register of Ordinations 1571-1667
reg/regs	register/registers
RS	Record Society
snr	senior
SRS	Somerset Record Society
STB	bachelor of theology

STD	doctor of theology
STP	professor of theology
TDA	<i>Transactions of the Devonshire Association</i>
Turberville	calendar of Bishop Turberville's register
UIB	bachelor of civil and canon law
UID	doctor of civil and canon law
v	vacated
Venn	<i>Al Cant</i>
Veysey	calendar of Bishop Veysey's register
Veysey restored	calendar of Bishop Veysey's register (restored)
WHS	Worcestershire Historical Society
Woolton	calendar of Bishop Woolton's register
?	uncertain/not known
*	ordinands from Exeter diocese
^	ordinands with letters dimissory
+	food and drink included with stipends
[]	information omitted by scribes