

Rectors and Vicars of Darton from the first appointment in c. 1220

From about 1220 until 1484, the incumbents of Darton were Rectors, with their living paid by the landowners, initially the de Laci family who founded the first church in Darton, and then by their successors.

Name of Rector	Instituted	Presented by...	Other remarks
Absoln	c. 1220	John de Laci	
Roger de Notton	c. 1233	Earl of Lincoln	
Ralph de Damelville	1234	Earl of Lincoln	
Ralph de Hutton	September 1291	Alicia de Laci	Lady Alicia was the mother of Henry, the last Earl of Lincoln and widow of Edmund de Laci.
Simon Touchet	April 1317	Thomas, Earl of Lancaster	Simon Touchet was probably a relative of Sir William Touchet, one of six knights of the Earl, who were executed with him in 1322.
Richard Addy	August 1349	Henry, Earl of Lancaster	
Richard de Northwel	1349	The Assigns of Earl Henry Henry de Walton	
John de Exan			
Robert Urlicot	April 1356	Countess of Richmond	
Thomas Stoke	November 1361	John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster	
	1395	Richard II	
Thomas Chittern	June 1409	Henry IV as Duke of Lancaster	
John Whitgreve	September 1410	Henry IV as Duke of Lancaster	
Thomas Sproite	1435	Henry VI	
Thomas Burton	July 1464	The Assigns of Edward IV Robert Neville	

Since 1484, the incumbents of Darton have been Vicars, whose living has been paid through the church, initially by the Priory of Monk Bretton, then later from the Diocese of Ripon, until the Diocese of Wakefield was created in 1888, and from 2014 by the Diocese of Leeds.

Name of Vicar	Instituted	Presented by...	Other remarks
Richard Hunter	1484	The Prior and Convent of Monk Bretton	Hunter was rejected by an act of Resumption passed by King Henry VII, who presented Ridley to the church. The monks appealed to Parliament and were successful in restoring Hunter to the living.
Thomas Ridley	December 1486	Henry VII	
William Herrison	May 1532	The Prior and Convent of Monk Bretton	
Martin Wrenne	May 1542	Thomas Ledis	Buried in Darton - 1558
Christopher Harding	1559	The Crown	Buried in Darton - 1578
Thomas Elys	December 1578	Elizabeth I	
John Chadwick	1620		
David Naryn	1626	Geo. Carr Gent	Deprived on a charge brought against him by John Addie, beaten to death in Barnsley on account of the hatred of his parishioners.
Geruase Norton	1627	Geo. Carr Gent	
Reresby Eyre	1628	Geo. Carr Gent	

John Heathfield	1641		Sometime missionary among the Idolatrous and almost pagan Irish. Was robbed of his worldly state and presented to the church in Darton where little regarding the world neglects it preferment seeking God's kingdom.
John Heathfield continued as Vicar until 1654. Who succeeded him during the Commonwealth Period is not known, but John Waterhouse was appointed with the restoration of the Monarchy under King Charles II.			
John Waterhouse		Sir George Wentworth	
William Stephenson	1661		
John Eton	1664		
Richard Smethurst	October 1664	John Wentworth	Died in post, 6 th Jan 1701
Thomas Cockshutt		William Wentworth	Resigned, June 1703
John Leech	1703	William Wentworth	Rebuilt Darton Vicarage. Died 1746
Joseph Leech	1746	Godfrey Wentworth	d. March 1770
Robert Fisher	June 1770	Godfrey Wentworth	d. August 1790
Robert Wilkinson	1790	Godfrey Wentworth	
Thomas Thexton	1840	Thomas Richard Beaumont of Bretton	
Charles Sangster	August 1855	Thomas Richard Beaumont of Bretton	d. October 1906
W P Kingstone	March 1907	Thomas Richard Beaumont of Bretton	Resigned Jan 1923
Harold F Elgood	April 1923	Lord Allandale	Resigned Jan 1928
Charles R Purser	February 1928	Lord Allandale	Resigned May 1931
Henry Peverell	November 1931	Lord Allandale	Resigned Nov 1957
Edward G S Scott	April 1958	Lord Allandale's Executors	Resigned Oct 1963
John Schofield	February 1964	Bishop of Wakefield	Resigned Jan 1970
Derek Peet	September 1970	Bishop of Wakefield	Resigned Sept 1979
Seymour Mcharraher	February 1981	Archbishop of York	Retired 1992
Wayne Plimmer	September 1993	Bishop of Pontefract	Also licenced Priest in Charge of Cawthorne in 2004. Resigned Oct 2006
Simon Reynolds	March 2007	Bishop of Pontefract	Priest in Charge of Darton and Cawthorne.
Jonathan MacGillivray	2013	Bishop of Pontefract	Priest in Charge of Darton and Cawthorne until 2016, Vicar of Darton with Staincross & Mapplewell from 2016. Retired 2018.
Timothy Stevens	August 2019	Area Bishop of Wakefield	Vicar of Darton with Staincross & Mapplewell.