

Rev. Richard Hanson, Chaplain 1950 -1956

Born in 1914, he attended Wells Theological College (1940) was ordained Deacon in 1942, and Priest in 1943.

He started his Ministry, being appointed Curate, PENRITH St Andrew Carlisle 1942-1945
And serving a second Curacy at the Benefice of LUDLOW (St John) (St Laurence),
Hereford 1945-1948

1948-1950 he spent time in West Germany and was appointed Chaplain of Holy Trinity
Geneva, in the Diocese of Gibraltar in Europe: 1950-1956

Quoting from Dyne Steel's booklet: The History of the English Church in Geneva:

The new Chaplain, Richard Hanson, brought with him a breath of fresh air to a community which circumstances had forced for too long to look inward on itself.

It was during this period that the 'Affair of the Chaplain's car' aroused much controversy. The Committee saw no reason for him to have a car since none of his predecessors had found it necessary. Hanson argued that he could do far more visiting of the sick and elderly members of the congregation if he did not have to waste so much time in buses and trams. Luckily the deadlock was finally broken when a departing American made him a personal farewell gift to spend as he chose, providing the item purchased would be of use to the Church. At first the members of the Committee were utterly opposed to the purchase of a car with the money, but eventually gave in. It was one more battle that Hanson's successors would not have to fight.

He returned to England as Rural Dean, SNAITH AND HATFIELD, Sheffield 1956-1960
Vicar, GOOLE (St John the Evangelist) (St Mary) (Mariners' Club and Chapel), Sheffield
1956-1960

Vicar, ECCLESALL BIERLOW (All Saints), Sheffield 1960-1967
Returning to the Diocese of Gibraltar to serve in Milan, 1967-1972

Vicar, HARROW WEALD (All Saints), London, 1972-1977

Priest in charge, ALFRICK w Lulsley and Suckley, Worcester 1977-1978

Priest in charge, LEIGH w Bransford, Worcester 1977-1978

Priest in charge, ALFRICK (St Mary Magdalene) and Lulsley and Suckley and Leigh and
Bransford Worcester 1978

Rector, ALFRICK (St Mary Magdalene) and Lulsley and Suckley and Leigh and Bransford
Worcester 1978-1982

Retired 1982-2000

Permission to Officiate, Lincoln 1982-2000

Died: 2000