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1902 to 1910.

Rev. Canon John Vaughan, Rector. He "was a liberal Evangelical, a student, naturalist, antiquarian and one of the early Pioneers of Biblical criticism".

("Memorabilia").

"Residentiary Canon of Winchester. Buried at Winchester Cathedral. For his memorial in Droxford go to the Church and there 'si monumentum requires, circumspice'".

1910 to 1926.

Rev. Canon Stephenson, Rector. He "was an old-fashioned High Churchman who was accustomed to much more ... outward ceremonial than he was able to introduce into a parish where tradition was so strong on the other side.

He adopted the Eastward position for celebrating & wore the ecclesiastical colours in his stoles for the Eucharist, but beyond this he did not change the character of the Service".

("Memorabilia").

1926 to 1946.

Rev. Canon Leonard S. Etheridge, Rector.

(Note: Rev. Etheridge himself "stated his intention of keeping up his own personal habit of bowing on passing the Altar. But he promised to make no change in the services without the approval of the people as expressed through the P.C.C.". In his time there was introduced:-

- Sung Evensong (from Easter Day, 1926).
- Sung Morning Service (from Christmas Day, 1926).
- Lighted candles - but "to prevent opposition, only for Celebrations before Morning Prayer - this practice came in, by a unanimous vote "without trouble".
- A robed choir (Easter Day, 1934) - two choir members, who had voted against robes, left it "but the congregation and parish soon came to appreciate the change - people felt that their Church was now no longer 'peculiar' in the ordering of its services").

Buried in Churchyard.

("Memorabilia").

1932.

Electric light installed in Church.

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1934.

"An oak flap table in the Vestry took the place of the former vestry table, which was actually the old Communion table of Victorian days & had been put in the Vestry in 1913 when the Jacobean altar was restored to its place. A faculty was obtained for the removal and destruction of this old & now worm-eaten piece of Victorian furniture and it was burnt to ashes on the Rectory premises".

("Memorabilia").

1935.

Carved oak screen erected at East end of the North aisle, requiring the removal of " ... one complete pew and part of a second which were faculty pews belonging to Swanmore House".

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