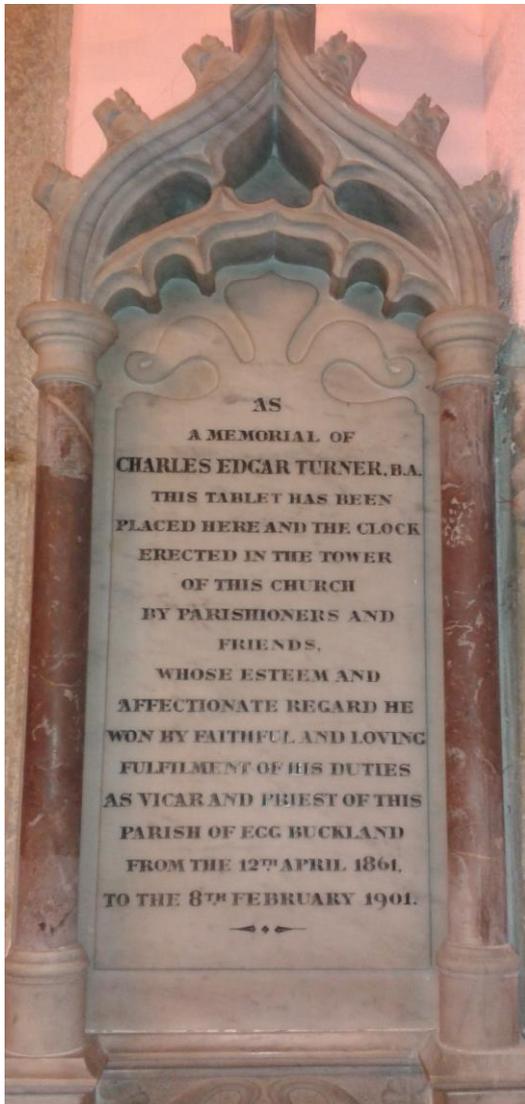
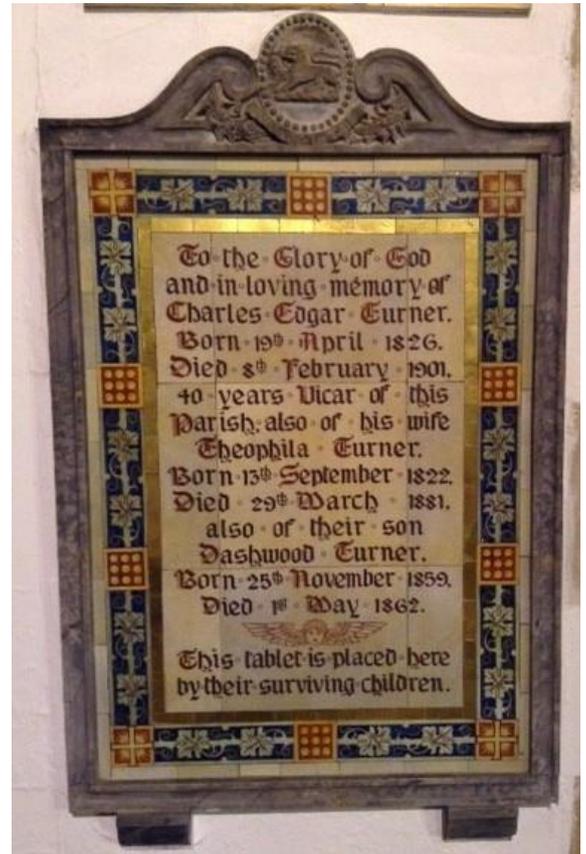


Memorials of St Edwards

1. Rev Charles Edgar Turner and Theophila Hoste

In the 1852 edition of *The Gentleman's Magazine*, it was announced that Rev Charles Edgar, son of Francis Turner esq. of Lincoln's Inn, was to marry Theophila, daughter of the late Rev James Hoste, of Litcham, Norfolk. If you have a keen eye you may have noticed the two memorials and windows in their names, on the south wall of the Sanctuary – adjacent to the communion table.

Rev Charles, born in 1826, was youngest of 4 children and likely a twin to Emily, born to Francis (b1786) and Jane Turner (b1787; nee Sayers), and beyond that there is little certain evidence. As was not uncommon, the eldest son was named after his father (b1813), and a second son, Joseph Turner (b1818) followed. Rev Charles was vicar at St Edwards¹ for 40 years between 1861-1901. After his death the clock and associated memorial were placed by the friends and parishioners.



A gazette entry in 1870 advises readers that the "The vicarage, in the incumbency of the Rev. Charles Edgar Turner, B.A., had the tithes commuted at £5-12-10s. per annum, and is in the patronage of the Lord Chancellor.....The church, dedicated to St. Erasmus, is a noble edifice, consisting of nave, chancel, north and south aisles, and a handsome tower with three bells, one of which is said to have been brought from Buckland Abbey. The church was rebuilt a few years since."

Theophila has a much more interesting and long-lived family line. Various sources trace the family back through 6 generations from Theophila, but at least one suggests 12 generation. Even at the more conservative 6 we find ourselves with Rev Dixon Hoste (1751 - 1825) who was Rector of Godwich and Tittleshall, in Norfolk. So begins a long list of male descendants who are most notably either clergy or military, and female descendants who marry clergy or military. Rev Dixon Hoste and Margaret Stanforth had 10 children, and 3 of four males who made it to adulthood became Captain Sir, Colonel Sir, and Reverend.

Another issue that makes tracing their family somewhat challenging is their propensity to use the same Christian names. For example Rev Dixon Hoste Great-Grandfather to both a Rev Dixon Edward Hoste (23 Jul 1861 – 11 May 1946) who was

¹ In some sources, St Edwards is referred to as St Erasmus. It is not fully certain why this may have happened, although various suggestions abound. One such possibility seems to be around the 'cult of personality' that may have been prominent in regard to St Edward, and an alternate name was adopted by some so as not to be coloured by this behaviour.

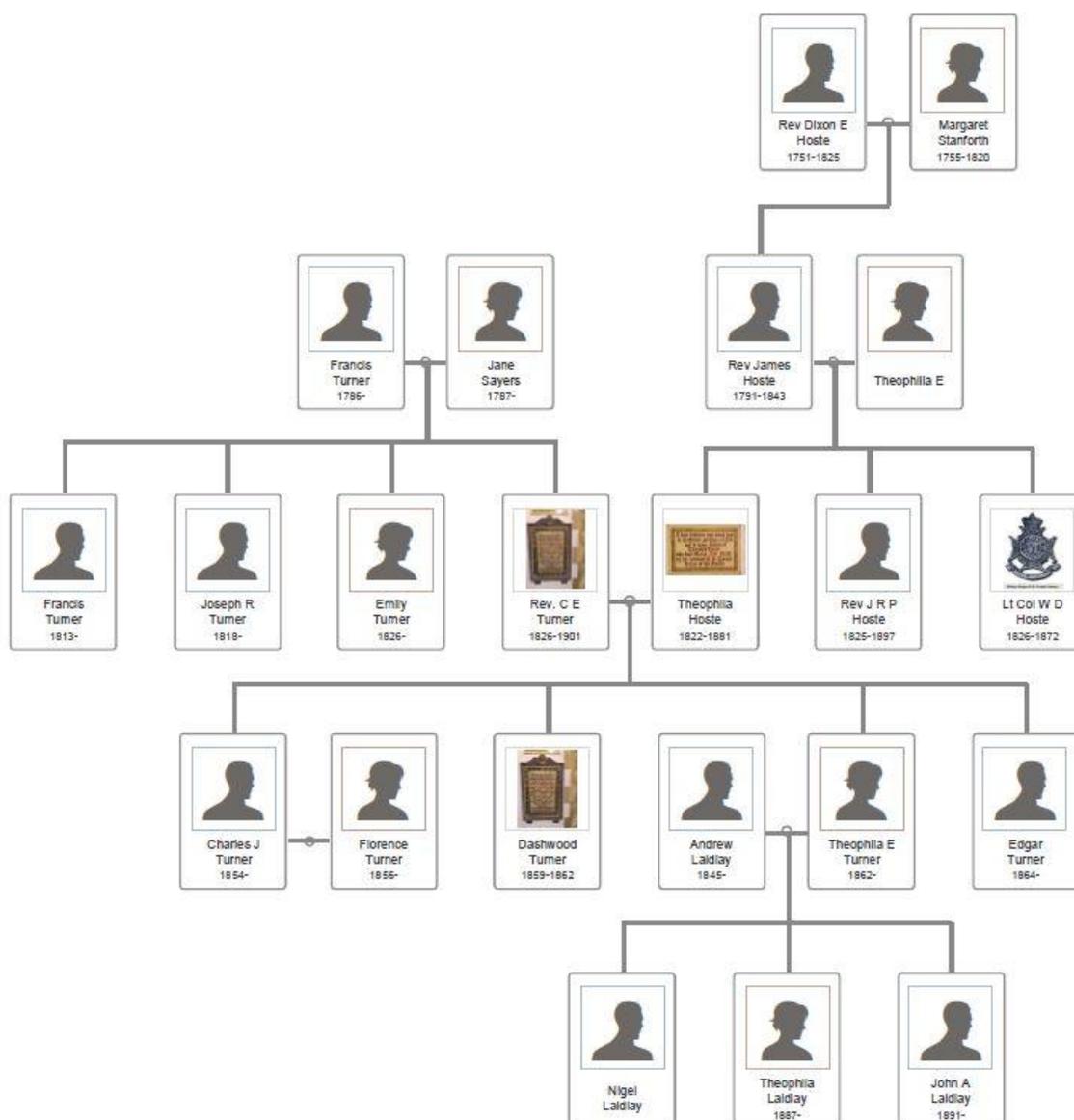
feted for his missionary work in China, and Rev Charles Dixon Hoste (7 Feb 1872 – 4 Apr 1957), – both born to Major General Dixon Edward Hoste CB (15 Mar 1827 - 10 Sep 1905).

It does not get any easier with Theophila. The masculine Theodore appears at most generations in Hoste lineage, however the feminine Theophila, which is also given as Theophilia in some generations, becomes common with the marriage of Rev James Hoste to Theophilia Elizabeth. Rev Charles Edgar and Theophila have a daughter Theophilia Elizabeth (b1862), who in turn has a daughter Theophila (b1897).

Oh dear, if we were not confused by now!

We just have a couple more quick comments to make about Theophila Turner. First she has a very impressive brother. Lt Col William Dashwood Hoste (1826-1872), fought in the Crimea at all the great battles. He was then posted as Lt Col of the 6th Regiment of Punjab Infantry Presidency Armies in British India. He is buried in modern Pakistan.

One final point of note, Captain Sir William Hoste RN 1st Bart. KCB (26 Aug 1780 - 6 Dec 1828), son of Rev Dixon Hoste, was regarded as close and personal friend of Lord Horatio Nelson, and named one of his own sons after the great man: Wyndham Horatio Nelson Hoste (2 Feb 1825 – 23 Feb 1906).



Relatives of Rev and Mrs Turner started the business which is now known at Turners of Roborough. Originally they owned a garage and char-a-banc fleet and it was some of these vehicles that were used for Eggbuckland’s parish outings in the early 20th Century.