**Historical documents and artifacts at Hill Chapel**

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| Unique No.  | Date | Subject Code | Description | Link to 2nd Date | Note |
| 083 | 17700101 | ARC | List of Hill Chapel Church Registers held at the Lancashire Archives office, Preston. Documents are all prefixed with the code RCGO/ |   | These documents cover records from 1770 to 1964 but are not fully comprehensive. |
| 097 | 16430601 | ART | An interesting silver chalice dated about 1643; possibly made in Ireland. |   | Kept in the sacristy - apply to the Parish Priest to view. |
| 098 | 16430601 | ART | A lead Holy Water stoup from around the middle of the 17th century (actual date unknown). This is believed to have come from 'The Ashes' - the home of the Threlfall family and used as a Mass Centre.  |   | Kept in the sacristy - apply to the Parish Priest to view. |
| 099 | 16430601 | ART | A small portable Altar Stone believed to have been carried around by priests saying mass in secret locations during the late 15th & early 16th century. |   | Kept in the sacristy - apply to the Parish Priest to view. |
| 100 | 16430601 | ART | A crucifix, exact date unknown, said to have come from the now destroyed Dean House where there was a private chapel. |   | Kept in the sacristy - apply to the Parish Priest to view. |
| 001 | 15900601 | BEE | Photo copies of brass rubbings of the  inscription carved by George Beesley in the  Martin Tower, Tower of London c. 1590; includes a letter, author unknown, from the person who conducted the rubbings in the Tower.  |   | Stone copy of the inscription can be found in HC church garden |
| 002 | 15900601 | BEE | English translation of Blessed George Beesley's inscriptions from the Tower - photo copies |   | No actual date of when translation took place. A number of documents are in this file. |
| 003 | 15910702 | BEE | Copy photo of an illustration of Blessed George Beesley's life from Catholic Fireside 1908 |   | George Beesley was executed  1 July 1591 in Fleet St. London (some accounts date this to 2 July 1591) |
| 004 | 19871113 | BEE | Catholic Media Office notice that Pope John Paul II would  Beatify 85 British Martyrs on 22 November 1987 |   |   |
| 005 | 19810601 | BEE | Cause of Beatification and Canonization of those put to death in defence of Catholic faith 1584 - 1679 . Pgs991 - 994 for info re Blessed George Beesley and pgs 1008 - 1011 for account of indictments against Margaret & John Gage for harbouring him.  |   | 2 Copies of this document are filed. Latter pages are in Latin. |
| 006 | 19871030 | BEE | Originals and copies of  four weekly Catholic Universe newspaper supplements regarding  85 British Martyrs prior to their beatification. |   | All  4 supplements are contained within this file |
| 007 | 19871127 | BEE | Catholic Universe newspaper reporting the beatification service in Rome of the  85 martyrs on 22 November 1987. |   |   |
| 008 | 19080601 | BEE | Extract from 'Catholic Fireside' written by Mgr John Beesley giving account of George Beesley's martyrdom |   | 3 copies of this document can be found in this file |
| 009 | 19781201 | BEE | A brief history of the cause of the English & Welsh Martyrs', James Walsh S.J., Osterley1978  |   | Includes listed chronology of 85 Blessed Martyrs |
| 010 | 19630512 | BEE | The Lancaster Martyrs', Rev. J.E. Bamber 1963. |   | Booklet specifically about the martyrs from the city of Lancaster |
| 011 | 19630512 | BEE | Sketch map of Secret RC chapels in Lancashire in penal times |   | The date this document was created  is approximate |
| 012 | 15840212 | BEE | Research conducted by G. Leo Hothersall into his own catholic ancestry. The book includes a comprehensive account of events during the reformation and includes a number of illustrations from the period.. | 20050101 | This booklet was written by G Leo Hothersall in 2005 when he was 89 years of age.  |
| 012 | 20050101 | BEE | Research conducted by G. Leo Hothersall into his own catholic ancestry. The book includes a comprehensive account of events during the reformation and includes a number of illustrations from the period.. | 15840212 | Written in 20015 this booklet describes events in Britain from 1584. |
| 013 | 19801117 | BEE | L.E.P. Newspaper article written by Terry Farrell illustrating the 'secret window' in the presbytery at Hill Chapel |   | A period when being a Catholic could mean execution. |
| 014 | 19810601 | BEE | Excerpt from Dr. Anthony Chamney's 'Annales Elizabethae Reginae' giving an account of George Beesley's execution. Translated into English. |   | See Archive No. 005 for full transcript of cause of beatification. |
| 015 | 19810601 | BEE | Plan of HM Tower of London showing the location of the Martin Tower where George Beesley was held prior to his execution.. |   | File includes a copy of G.W.O. Woodward's portrait of Elizabeth I. |
| 016 | 19910701 | BEE | Notices linked to  celebration service with benediction held at Hill Chapel to mark the 400th anniversary of  George Beesley's execution.  |   | Includes handwritten notes regarding the preparation for the service. |
| 017 | 19910628 | BEE | L.E.P. cutting linked to the 400 years celebration of George Beesley's execution. |   |   |
| 018 | 19910614 | BEE | Accounts of Parishioners' visit to the Tower of London to mark 400th anniversary of George Beesley's execution. |   |   |
| 019 | 19910701 | BEE | A short account of the service of celebration held at Hill Chapel to celebrate the 400th anniversary of George Beesley's execution, written by Msg. M Molyneux. |   |   |
| 020 | 19921127 | BEE | Account and press cutting of the construction and blessing of the waterfall and stone inscription in memory of Blessed George Beesley. |   | Both are sited in the presbytery garden at Hill Chapel. |
| 021 | 19910731 | BEE | Handwritten account of George Beesley's life, priesthood and execution together with a family tree of the Beesley's up to c1978. |   | Author unknown; a map of the local area showing Beesley Farm and Higher Beesley is included. |
| 022 | 19871111 | BEE | CMO  document in which Cardinal Hume, Archbishop of Westminster reflects on the significance of the beatification of the 85 martyrs 22 November 1987. |   | CMO = Catholic Media Office |
| 023 | 19871106 | BEE | CMO  document announcing the Beatification of 85 RC Martyrs in Rome on 22 November 1987.  |   | Written by the English Anglican- Roman Catholic Committee. |
| 024 | 19871122 | BEE | CMO - Formal petition for the Beatification of 85 martyrs made by Cardinal Hume to The Holy Father. |   | Read out by the Cardinal at the Beatification Mass in Rome. Includes Rite of Beatification.                              |
| 025 | 19871122 | BEE | Names and home location of the 85 martyrs Beatified on this day. |   | A3 display size document  |
| 026 | 19871122 | BEE | Hill Chapel church bulletin on day of George Beesley's Beatification. |   | Written by Fr. P. McMahon |
| 027 | 19871122 | BEE | Copy of Apostolic Blessing bestowed on The Parish of St. Francis on the day of George Beesley's Beatification. |   |   |
| 028 | 19871204 | BEE | Longridge newspaper report of Fr. McMahon receiving the Papal Blessing from the Holy Father, |   | Contains photographs of the event. |
| 029 | 19901218 | BEE | Letter from Fr. McMahon inviting Bishop John Brewer to be the chief concelebrant at a mass to mark the 400th anniversary of Blessed George Beesley's martyrdom. |   | Mass was celebrated 1st July 1991. |
| 030 | 19910117 | BEE | Letter from the Lieutenant Colonel of The Tower of London to Fr. McMahon advising him that the instruments of torture had been relocated to the cell in the Martin Tower where Blessed George Beesley was held. |   | A group of parishioners together with Fr. McMahon visited the Tower in June 1991 - see record 018. |
| 031 | 19871019 | BEE | Letter to Fr, McMahon acknowledging his offer to help distribute communion at the beatification ceremony Rome 22 November 1987. |   | Also includes Fr. McMahon's acceptance slip and admission ticket. |
| 032 | 19910509 | BEE | Letter from Archbishop Hume to Fr. McMahon regarding the parish visit to the Tower of London 28 May 1991. |   |   |
| 033 | 19910502 | BEE | 4th Centenary of Blessed George Beesley's martyrdom 'Message to the parish from Bishop Brewer'. |   |   |
| 034 | 19910630 | BEE | Catholic Voice newspaper article regarding 400th anniversary of Blessed George Beesley's martyrdom.  |   |   |
| 035 | 19910701 | BEE | Printed booklet to commemorate the fourth centenary of Blessed George Beesley's martyrdom.. |   | An interesting booklet including notes of the beatification in Rome 22 November 1987. |
| 036 | 19910705 | BEE | Newspaper articles related to the 400th celebration of Blessed George Beesley's martyrdom. |   | Includes a report of the Blessing of the commemorative stone in the parish garden. |
| 037 | 19900701 | BEE | Bidding Prayers and readings  from the 400th celebration mass together with a brief record of the service and bidding prayers for the feast day - May 4 each year. |   |   |
| 038 | 19871122 | BEE | The full text of the Holy Father's homily at the beatification of 85 martyrs. |   |   |
| 039 | 19871122 | BEE | An Ecumenical Statement to mark the beatification of 85 Catholic martyrs. |   |   |
| 040 | 19940701 | BEE | Accounts of the dedication of the Blessed George Beesley Memorial Window together with sketches and the words of Blessing - 2 July 1994  |   | The window was created by Deborah Wareing and is based on the design of a window at St. Robert's Church Catforth Lancs.   |
| 041 | 19871122 | BEE | Invitation from Cardinal B Hume for Fr, McMahon to attend a reception in honour of the 85 beatified martyrs English College Rome. |   |   |
| 042 | 19910113 | BEE | Church Bulletin reminding parishioners that 1991 was the 400th anniversary of Blessed George Beesley |   | Also listed under HC with the same unique number -  042 |
| 043 | 15820101 | BEE | Photo copies of New Testament Chapters carried by many of the English and Welsh martyrs. |   | Original printed at the English College Rheims 1581 |
| 103 | 19910601 | BEE | Ancestry of Mary Theresa Howell showing Beesley family. Also personal letters from Mary to Fr. P McMahon regarding the Brass Rubbings of Blessed George Beesley inscription she completed at the Tower.   | 15900601 | Also listed under subject heading HC with same unique number. |
| 051 | 19850702 | BEE | Letter from The Secretary, The Guild of Our Lady Ransom to Hill Chapel. Also included an account of Blessed George Beesley's life and martyrdom. |   | Actual date of writing not known but precedes the beatification.  |
| 052 | 19871019 | BEE | Notes for priests travelling to the beatification of 85 martyrs in Rome. Includes itinerary and meeting instructions for those flying from Manchester Airport and accommodation offer from The English College. |   | Catholic Bishops Conference. |
| 055 | 19941028 | BEE | Letter from Fr. McMahon to Major General G. Field, H.M. Tower of London expressing dismay that that the cell Blessed George Beesley was held in had been turned into a shop.  |   |  He also complains that the inscription carved by George Beesley is no longer protected by a glass cover. |
| 071 | 19860713 | BEE | Route and Rough notes for 'Martyrs' tour from Whalley to Gregson Lane, Preston. Stop at Hill Chapel included. |   |   |
| 056 | 19850601 | GOO | Times Past in Goosnargh', a booklet written by Angela Dewhurst. |   | Contains historical information about Hill Chapel, P's 7 to 9 |
| 057 | 19890601 | GOO | Ecumenical News 1989 from the Brock Valley. |   | Contains a short history of Hill Chapel written by Fr. McMahon. See also HC. |
| 088 | 19811101 | GOO | Extract from Lancashire Life - Discovering Goosnargh. |   | Includes photograph of Hill Chapel |
| 091 | 19850906 | GOO | Newspaper cutting and information sheets about Chingle Hall - birthplace of St. John wall, 1620. |   | Includes sale publicity published by Reed Rains Estate Agency offering the property for auction. |
| 093 | 19700101 | GOO | Information about Our Lady's Shrine Fernyhalgh. |   | Exact date of publication unknown. |
| 106 | 19300601 | HC | Photograph of the altar at H.C. circa 1930 showing reredos panels and altar rails. Major changes were made to the sanctuary in 1934, red mosaics were incorporated into the design of the altar and reredos. |   | Probably taken during preparations for exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.  |
| 107 | 19300601 | HC | Photograph of the altar taken from the back of the church circa 1930 |   | Altar rails clearly visible. |
| 108 | 19600601 | HC | Photograph of altar circa 1960s. Many changes from previous design but altar rails still present |   | Original in presbytery. The altar was moved forward in 1972 so that the priest could face the congregation |
| 109 | 19300601 | HC | Circa 1930s, two priests praying at the west side of the sanctuary, note the plain leaded windows which were replaced with the present French stained glass windows in 1971 |   | Original photograph in presbytery; this copy is not very clear. |
| 110 | 19300601 | HC | Copies of two photographs of the dining room in the presbytery; note the brass bed warmer which is still in the house. |   | A typical country cottage where it is believed Blessed George Beesley was born c. 1562  |
| 042 | 19910103 | HC | Church Bulletin reminding parishioners that 1991 was the 400th anniversary of Blessed George Beesley |   | Also listed under BEE with the same unique number -  042 |
| 103 | 19910601 | HC | Ancestry of Mary Theresa Howell showing Beesley family.+ personal letters from Mary to Fr McMahon regarding the Brass Rubbings of Blessed George Beesley inscription she completed at the Tower.   |   | Also listed under BEE with the same unique number -  042 |
| 104 | 19500601 | HC | Coloured line drawing of the front of Hill Chapel church circa 1950 |   | Artist signed but difficult to decipher |
| 105 | 19500701 | HC | Copy Photograph of the Bishop's visit to HC in July 1950. |   | At this time Fr. A. Richardson O.S.B.  was P.P. |
| 044 | 19340601 | HC | A Hundred Years Under The Benedictines - The Hill Chapel Goosnargh |   | Reprinted from the 'Ampleforth Journal' Summer 1934 |
| 045 | 19870610 | HC | Order of the Thanksgiving Mass celebrated to mark the tercentenary of Hill chapel 1987. Also contains printed article with history of the parish. |   | Contains message from Cardinal Hume and Bishop Brewer |
| 046 | 19910101 | HC | Brief history of White Hill & Hill Chapel from 1687 to 1815 |   | Author and exact date of publication unknown. |
| 047 | 20050101 | HC | The Establishment of St Francis' Hill Chapel by Janet Edmunds. (signed by her) |   | From Lancashire History Quarterly Vol 9 Winter 2005 |
| 048 | 19911201 | HC | Brief type written account of church building from 1775 to 1991 |   | Contains useful information about the church buildings |
| 049 | 19910509 | HC | Planning Application & Approval for the Grotto on the road outside Hill Chapel. |   | Contains original drawings. |
| 050 | 19310601 | HC | The Catholic Registers of St Francis' Hill Chapel 1777 - 1856 Historical notes by Rev. R. L. Smith  |   | From registers of Goosnargh an historical overview of the parish and the notable priests who have been associated. |
| 053 | 19970201 | HC | St Francis' Hill Chapel - a History & Guide. Includes the life and times of Blessed George Beesley. |   | Compiled by Fr. P. McMahon, designed and illustrated by A. Stubenrauch. |
| 054 | 17380101 | HC | A letter and extract from a booklet entitled, The Franciscan's in England to Fr. McMahon. The booklet contains a brief summary of Fr. Germanus Holmes a native of Goosnargh who served at White hill from 1738 | 19961012 | Fr. Holmes was seized in 1745 and put into Lancaster Castle Prison where he died in 1746. |
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| 058 | 19920901 | HC | Press Cutting from Lancashire Catholic Voice to mark the blessing of the new grotto at St Francis'. Also included press cutting of school celebration at the grotto October 1992. |   |   |
| 059 | 19560501 | HC | Baptismal Register for Hill Chapel 1770 - 77 compiled by J.H. Adamson |   | From Recusant History Vol.12, No $, p198 C.R.S. Also listed under subject heading: REG |
| 060 | 20150905 | HC | Church  photographs, 1st 2 show East side of the church prior to path being made in 1985, 2nd notice board showing mass at Whittingham hospital closed in 1981, 3rd plaque marking 400yrs since George Beesley was martyred.  |   | Three others showing inside of the church. |
| 065 | 19910427 | HC | Newspaper reports regarding the ordination of Fr. S. Ashton at Hill Chapel. |   | Lancaster Catholic Voice June 1991 & Longridge News 10 May 1991 |
| 066 | 19910126 | HC | Newspaper report of Celebration to mark the 65th birthday of Fred Singleton organist at Hill Chapel for more than 50 yrs. |   | Exact date unknown at time of recording |
| 070 | 19890615 | HC | Newspaper cutting regarding the disappointment felt by the parish after Hill Chapel was not mentioned in the 'best kept village' competition 1989. |   |   |
| 072 | 19880617 | HC | Newspaper report of celebration to mark the silver jubilee of Fr. P. McMahon's ordination. |   |   |
| 073 | 19870710 | HC | Newspaper article recording the visit of Cardinal Hume to Hill Chapel in celebration of the 300th anniversary of the parish. |   |   |
| 074 | 19870610 | HC | Suggested menu for Evening Buffet at Hill Chapel  to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the parish. Bishop John Brewer would be present. |   | Also contains newspaper article regarding tercentenary celebrations. |
| 075 | 19880709 | HC | Press cutting regarding a little known scenic bus route passing Hill Chapel in 1988. |   |   |
| 076 | 19491011 | HC | Article from the 'Franciscan' magazine giving a history of Hill Chapel.  |   |   |
| 077 | 19871011 | HC | Hymn Sheet for 'Pilgrims' Sunday' Hill Chapel 1987. |   |   |
| 078 | 18800201 | HC | Extract from Whitehaven News with typed letter to Rev. Fr. M. Brierley following his departure from the town to serve at Hill Chapel. |   | includes a letter, 29/09/1988 to Fr McMahon from Mr P O'Kane about Fr, Brierley. States Brierley Rd in Cleator Moor was named in his honour |
| 084 | 19820601 | HC | 'Intercom' a Bulletin of the Catholic Institute of Ireland marking the centenary year of the Franciscans. |   |   |
| 085 | 19870626 | HC | Letter returning a Holy Land Diary to Fr. McMahon  from Fr. L. Faupel, O.F.M. Franciscan Priory London |   | Holy Land Diary not with the letter. |
| 086 | 19970402 | HC | Press cutting marking the marriage of Carolyn O'Donnell to Devan Rufus at Hill Chapel |   | Significant as the couple's wedding was filmed by Granada television. |
| 087 | 19780701 | HC | The Listing of Churches - Liturgical Commission |   | List is held at the Liturgical Commission 19 Eccleston Place, London |
| 090 | 19840801 | HC | Extract from Lancashire Life includes a photograph and brief history of Whitehill, site of 1st Franciscan church in Goosnargh. |   |   |
| 092 | 19850613 | HC | Many copies of press cutting showing Fr. McMahon together with Barry McGuigan, Featherweight Boxing Champion. |   |   |
| 094 | 20160331 | HC | Various undated press cuttings related to Hill Chapel. All relate to the period when Fr. McMahon was P.P. |   |   |
| 095 | 20160331 | HC | Words to 'A Song for St. Francis' a melody in G. Composed by Madeline Barr. |   | Date of origin unknown. |
| 096 | 20160331 | HC | Various undated line drawings of windows etc. at Hill Chapel. |   |   |
| 059 | 19560501 | REG | Baptismal Register for Hill Chapel 1770 - 77 compiled by J.H. Adamson |   | From Recusant History Vol.12, No 4, p198 C.R.S. Also listed under subject heading: HC |
| 061 | 19941123 | REG | Transcription of Register of Burials @ Hill Chapel 1834 to 1994 from 'Liber Defunctorum' register held in presbytery safe. |   | Compiled by Jane Smyth in memory of her two sons. |
| 062 | 19941123 | REG | Book of Remembrance showing monumental inscriptions in the churchyard |   | Compiled by Jane Smyth in memory of her two sons. |
| 063 | 20030901 | REG | Register of monumental inscriptions @ Hill Chapel in alphabetical order. Also contains a plan of the row plots in the churchyard. |   | Lancashire Family History & Heraldry Society , compiled by B. Worthington. |
| 064 | 19830101 | REG | Handwritten copy of register of burials @ Hill Chapel 1834 to 1983 |   | No indication as to who carried out this work. |
| 067 | 19860613 | SCH | Newspaper photograph of Hill Chapel School Football Team 1986 with a piece of the 'Deepdale' turf following plastic pitch being laid at P.N.E. |   |   |
| 068 | 19910619 | SCH | Newspaper cutting showing HC netball team 1991 |   | Exact day and month not known |
| 069 | 19910104 | SCH | Newspaper cutting showing children acting as the 3 Kings - Epiphany Mass 1991 |   |   |
| 079 | 19900406 | SCH | Newspaper article recording the 120th anniversary of Hill Chapel School. |   |   |
| 080 | 18800816 | SCH | The First School Log Book; a record of weekly activities in school written by the headteacher, the log runs from 1880 to 1905. |   |  Only available on application to the present headteacher. |
| 081 | 18800816 | SCH | The school's first admission book 1880 to August 1903 |   | Only available on application to the present headteacher. |
| 082 | 19040202 | SCH | Admissions, Withdrawals and Progress Register 1904 to 2007. N.B. Electronic record keeping now used in school. |   | Held by the headteacher; restricted access due to personal information recorded within it. |
| 089 | 19600424 | SCH | Solemn Blessing of St. Francis' School by Right Rev. H.K. Byrne, Abbot of Ampleforth. |   | Benediction 3pm Sunday 24 April 1960. |
| 101 | 19220601 | WAR | Photograph of the WW1 memorial sited in Hill Chapel churchyard. There are eight names on the memorial six of these are also named on the Whittingham Hospital memorial in St. Mary the Virgin Church, Goosnargh |   |   |
| 102 | 20160401 | WAR | A file cataloguing the lives of those service men named on the Hill Chapel WW1 Memorial |   | In preparation - it is hoped that this file will be available late 2016. |