

HISTORY OF SEES OF HERTFORD AND BEDFORD

Bishops Suffragan of Bedford

Bedford is among the twenty-six places listed in the Suffragan Bishops Act, 1534, to "be taken and accepted for Sees of Bishops Suffragan to be made in this realm, and the Bishops of such Sees shall be called Suffragans of this Realm". John Hodgkins thus became Bishop Suffragan of the See of Bedford in 1537. After 1592 the Act ceased to be used until 1870, although the Canons of 1604 assume the existence of suffragans.

In 1879, William Walsham How (translated to Wakefield), and in 1888, Robert Claudius Billing (died 1898) were appointed suffragans to the Bishop of London, with the title Bishop of Bedford. Suffragan bishops at this period - and until 1914 - in the Diocese of St. Albans were the Bishops of Colchester (from 1882) and of Barking (from 1901).

In 1935 the Bishop of St. Albans petitioned the Crown to call out of abeyance the ancient Suffragan Bishopric of Bedford and to appoint a suffragan bishop to give episcopal assistance in the Diocese of St. Albans. Since then, the Suffragan Bishops of Bedford have been:

1935	James Lumsden Barkway <i>(translated to St. Andrew's)</i>	1963	Albert John Trillo <i>(translated to Hertford)</i>
1939	Henry Aylmer Skelton <i>(translated to Lincoln)</i>	1968	John Tyrrell Holmes Hare
1942	Vacancy	1977	Andrew Alexander Kenny Graham <i>(translated to Newcastle)</i>
1948	Claud Thomas Thellusson Wood	1981	David John Farmbrough
1953	Angus Campbell MacInnes <i>(translated to Jerusalem)</i>	1994	John Henry Richardson
1957	Basil Tudor Guy <i>(translated to Gloucester)</i>	2003	Richard Neil Inwood
		2012	Richard William Bryant Atkinson

Bishops Suffragan of Hertford

An Order in Council of 5 July 1889 directed that the town of Hertford "should be taken and accepted for the See of a Bishop Suffragan". In 1967, the report of the Archbishop of Canterbury's Commission on the organisation of the Church in London and the south-east of England recommended that the Diocese of St. Albans should have a second suffragan, for whom there was already the dormant See provided by the 1889 Order in Council, and the first appointment was made in December 1967. The holders of the See since then have been:

1967	Albert John Trillo <i>(translated to Chelmsford)</i>	1982	Kenneth Harold Pillar
1971	Hubert Victor Whitsey <i>(translated to Chester)</i>	1990	Robin Jonathan Norman Smith
1974	Peter Mumford <i>(translated to Truro)</i>	2001	Christopher Richard James Foster <i>(translated to Portsmouth)</i>
		2010	Paul Bayes

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