

Rev Peter Nicholson



Lyme Regis News, 19th July, 1974:

“The Bishop of Salisbury has appointed the Rev Peter Charles Nicholson as the new Vicar of Lyme Regis. He succeeds the recently retired Rev John Charles.

Mr Nicholson was educated at the Paston Grammar school, North Walsham, Norfolk. He served for four years in the Royal Signals and was stationed in Italy and India.

After service in the army he worked for ten years as housemaster in two Home Office Approved Schools for boys. During part of this time, he was a lay reader on the staff of Great St Mary’s Parish Church, Sawbridgeworth Herts.

Mr Nicholson trained for the Ministry at Chichester Theological College and returned, after ordination in St Albans Abbey, as curate at Sawbridgeworth.

After a period of three years, he was appointed precentor and sacrist of Peterborough Cathedral.

Returning to his native Norfolk in 1967 at the invitation of Bishop Launcelot Fleming, Mr Nicholson became Vicar of Wroxham and Hoveton St John, in the heart of the Norfolk Broads. In the same year, he was appointed as hon. Minor canon of Norwich Cathedral.

He served on the diocesan synod, the diocesan pastoral committee and the diocesan liturgical committee and acts as a cathedral chaplain. He is a manager of the three parishes and a governor of the Paston Grammar school.

He has acted as chaplain to the British Legion in the city of Peterborough, and in his present parishes, and has been an active member of the Legion service committee concerned with the care of elderly and sick ex-service men and women.

Mr Nicholson is a married man. His wife, Dorothy, is the eldest daughter of the Rev and Mrs Bernard Goodwins. Mrs Nicholson’s brother is the vicar of a Plymouth parish. The Nicholsons have two children, Timothy, aged 13, and Jessamyn Ruth, aged seven.

Mr Nicholson’s first visit to Lyme was during the festival. He was. Most impressed by all he saw. He comes with experience of the tourist industry and with a knowledge of the problem of those engaged in the holiday trade.

He is a keen conservationist and a lover of the countryside and is a member of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds. His hobbies and interests include local history, birdwatching, music and drawing”.

Pulman’s Weekly News, 1st April 1980:

“The Rev Peter Nicholson has announced that he will be retiring as vicar of Lyme Regis in June. He takes up the appointment of General Secretary of St Luke’s Hospital for the Clergy in London. He has been vicar at Lyme Regis since 1974.”