

KILVERT, ROBERT FRANCIS (1840 - 1879), cleric and diarist

Name: Robert Francis Kilvert
Date of birth: 1840
Date of death: 1879
Parent: Robert Kilvert
Gender: Male
Occupation: cleric and diarist
Area of activity: Literature and Writing; Religion
Author: Robert Thomas Jenkins

Born 3 December 1840 at Hardenhuish, near Chippenham, where his father (Robert) was parson; graduated from Wadham College, Oxford, in 1862 (M.A. 1866). After serving as curate to his father, he became curate at Clyro (Radnorshire) in 1864, remaining there till 1876, when he became vicar of S. Harmon's (Radnorshire). In 1877, he was appointed vicar of Bredwardine, Herefordshire, where he died 23 September 1879.

Kilvert's fame rests upon the diary which he began in January 1870 and kept up till March 1879; parts of this (June 1876-December 1877) have been lost, but considerable selections of the remainder, edited by William Plomer, were published in 3 volumes in 1938-40. Kilvert's observations on nature and on social life in the Wye valley are of the highest interest and value.

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Emeritus Professor Robert Thomas Jenkins, (1881 - 1969)

Further reading

The Kilvert Society: [Kilvert's Diary](#)

Wikipedia Article: [Francis Kilvert](#)

Works

NLW Archives: [NLW MS 21666A: Diary of Rev. R.F. Kilvert, April-June 1870](#)

NLW Archives: [NLW MS 22090A: Francis Kilvert diary, 11 June-17 July 1870](#)

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