

**MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS  
OF  
ST ROCH CHURCH  
PENDOMER  
SOMERSET**

**70 Memorials 1648 – 2015**

Checked with Burial Registers, surviving 1730 – 1812, and Bishops Transcripts, 1813 – 1820, 1823 – 1853, all held at Somerset Record Office, and later Burial Registers held in the parish.

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**PENDOMER, SOMERSET  
MONUMENTAL INSCRIPTIONS**

(Note: except for surnames, shown here in capitals for faster identification, these records generally use lower case whatever case is used on the monument. Line breaks are shown thus: /)

<b><u>CHURCHYARD</u></b>		
1	Cross	Arthur TURNER / beloved husband of / Violet TURNER / born 19 August 1884. Died 12 October 1932 / and of Violet TURNER / born 26 March 1885. Died 6 April 1968
2	Cross	In memory of / Sarah Ann / beloved wife of / Austin CHICK / Feb 25 1857 – March 28 1929 / also of Austin CHICK / 30 years Churchwarden of Pendomer. Oct 26 1857 – Dec 12 1933
3	Cross	In / loving memory of / Dahlia Eveline / the beloved daughter of / Austin & Sara CHICK / died June 27 1909 / aged 18 years
4	Cross	In loving memory of / Albert Charles FOX / who fell asleep in Jesus / March 19 <sup>th</sup> 1908 / aged 26 years
5	Cross	In / loving memory / of / dear mother / Alice Jane PURCHASE / died Jan 28 <sup>th</sup> 1933 / aged 50 years / In / memory / of / beloved husband / Aubrey Ivor TROTT / died Jan 17 <sup>th</sup> 1986 / aged 70 years
6	Headstone	In / loving memory of / Edward DELAMONT / who departed this life June 24 <sup>th</sup> 1886 / aged 78 years / Also of Charlotte / wife of the above / who died March 12 <sup>th</sup> 1878 / aged 70 years
7	Small Cross & Kerb	Tommy / beloved son of / F & K NEWMAN / died Dec 20 1917 / aged 11 months
8	Cross	In / loving memory / of / Beatrice HELYAR / of Stoberry Park, Wells / died 8 <sup>th</sup> January 1956 / aged 93
9	Cross	In / loving memory / of / Maud / youngest daughter of the late / Rev Henry HELYAR and Harriet his wife / who departed this life March 1933
10	Headstone	Sacred / to the memory of / Henry Weston / late Colonel, Royal Warwickshire Regiment / eldest son of / the late Revd Henry HELYAR / and Harriet his wife / born Sept 14 <sup>th</sup> 1856 / died Feb 18 <sup>th</sup> 1917 / aged 61 years
11	Cross	Sacred / to the memory / of Harriet / widow of Henry HELYAR / who departed this life / February 14 <sup>th</sup> 1909
12	Cross	Sacred / to the memory / of / Revd Henry HELYAR / born 1815, fell asleep 1905 / 49 years Rector of Pendomer
13	Headstone	In / loving memory of / Arthur Beaumont HELYAR, CBE / Brigadier General, Royal Artillery / younger son of the late / Rev Henry HELYAR & Harriet his wife / born March 1857, died June 1933
14	Cross	In / loving memory / of / Cadwallader James TETLEY / of Buenos Ayres / who departed this life / Nov 9 <sup>th</sup> 1913, aged 59
15	Headstone	Here lieth ye body / of Edward PURCHAS / who died November / 19 1764, aged 45 (or 43) [PR: does not give his age] / also here lieth / the body of / Edith, ye wife of / Edward PURCHAS / who died June / ye 28, 1773? / aged 43? years [PR: her burial is omitted]
16	Headstone	(several lines illegible) ..... PURCHAS who died August / the 23, 1787, aged 32 years / (9 lines of verses illegible) [PR: presumably John Purchase, buried 22 (sic) August 1787, aged 32]

17	Loose stone	<i>A loose stone leaning on No 18. No name given, only some words of tribute to an unknown person. "Remember me / people must d[ie] ..."/ [Stone badly damaged by falling tree limb summer 2008, stone cut off and fragments removed]</i>
18	Headstone	<i>Badly flaking and cracked. S(acred) / to the m(emory of) / Ch(ar)l(es?) / (3 lines flaked) / ..... (w)ife? / ..... Decem (ber) ..... / aged 71 / (4 lines of verse illegible). [PR: gives nobody named Charles ----- in burial register 1730 – 1812 dying in December. Could perhaps be Charles WEBBEY buried November 1812]</i>
19	Headstone	Here lieth Thomas / ye son of Joseph and / Julian LEAVES who dy'd / Aug ye 1?, 1736, in ye 24 / year of his age / (4 lines of verses) [PR: buried 8 August 1736]
20	Headstone	Sacred / to the memory of / Edward, hus[ban]d of M----- ..... / who departed this life January 10, 1810? / aged 61 years. Mary his wife died / October the 9 <sup>th</sup> ? 1820? (or 1826?) aged 71 years / (4 lines of verses) [PR: clearly the first of these is Edward PURCHASE, buried 20 January 1810. However, no burial identified in surviving BTs for the second person, 1820 – 1829]
20a	Stump of Headstone	No legible inscription
21	Headstone	<i>(3 lines illegible) 1789? Aged 63? [PR: not identified] / Here lieth ye body / of Jane, wife of / Richard GENGE / who died May ye / 26. 1769, aged 28</i>
22	Headstone	In / memory of Edward GENGE / who died July ye 11 <sup>th</sup> , 1800 / aged 36? years [PR: buried 17 July 1800]
23	Headstone	In memory / of Susanna, wife of Edward WHITE / and widow of Edward GENGE / who lies near this place / she died October 29 <sup>th</sup> ? 1804, aged 40 years / (6 lines of verses) [PR: buried 5 November 1804]
24	Headstone	In memory of / Edward BARTLETT gent / of this parish / who departed this life / May the 8 <sup>th</sup> 1789 / aged 79 years
25	Headstone	Here lieth ye body / of Edward GENGE / who died April ye / 9, 1788, aged 91 / here lieth ye body / of Susanna, ye wife of / Edward GENGE / who died April ye / 24 <sup>th</sup> . 1768, aged 63
26	Headstone	<i>(one line illegible) ..... body / of Ric: GENGE / who died November the 3, 1744 / aged 83 years [PR: buried 7 November 1744, aged 83] / (one line illegible) ..... ye body / of Edeth, wife / of Ric: GENGE / who died Feb / the 18, 1743 / aged 82 years / [PR: burial says she was aged 84, not 82 as MI]</i>
27	Headstone	[18 <sup>th</sup> Century] Illegible
28	Headstone	Sacred to the memory of / George GILLINGHAM / who died April 13 <sup>th</sup> 1873 / aged 61 years / also of Mary, widow of the above / who died 17 <sup>th</sup> December 1883 / aged 78 years
29	Headstone & Kerb	Sacred / to the memory of / Herbert Robert / beloved husband of / Mary Anne PATTEN / who entered into rest January 6 <sup>th</sup> 1958 / aged 77 years / also of the above named / Mary Anne PATTEN / who entered into rest January 26 <sup>th</sup> 1960 / aged 81 years
30	Headstone & Kerb	In / loving memory of / Jane Mary / beloved daughter of F & D PATTEN / who passed away September 11 1957 / aged 13 years
31	Headstone	In loving memory / of / Sidney Frank PATTEN / who passed peacefully away / 7 <sup>th</sup> September 1989 / aged 78 years / also / his beloved wife / Dulcie Vera Theodora / who passed away / 19 <sup>th</sup> November 1995 / aged 83 years
32	Headstone	Sacred to the memory of / Ellen WHITTY / entered into rest March 27 <sup>th</sup> 1960 / aged 91 years

33	Headstone	In loving memory of / Wilfrid Herbert / TURNER / who died 11 <sup>th</sup> June 1990 / aged 87 / also / Hilda Margaret / TURNER / who died 19 <sup>th</sup> June 1999 / aged 88
34	Headstone	Bernard WHETHAM / died / 25 <sup>th</sup> March 1988 / aged 44 years / a devoted husband and dad
35	Headstone	In /loving memory / of / Alexandra Louise / WHETHAM / 1902 – 1980 / also / her beloved husband / William Henry Austen / WHETHAM / 1909 –1991
36	Headstone	In memory of / a dearly loved / Mum and Dad / Lillian Susan WHETHAM / 1900 – 1976 / Albert George WHETHAM / 1908 – 1977
37	Headstone & Kerb	In / loving memory of / Elizabeth WHETHAM / who died 10 <sup>th</sup> March 1954 / aged 84 years / also of her beloved parents /May Ann WHETHAM / who died 12 <sup>th</sup> February 1913 / aged 72 years / and Joseph WHETHAM / who died 26 <sup>th</sup> February 1913 / aged 85 years / interred at Brympton / [ <i>Note: their tombstone at Brympton d'Evercy gives different death dates, Mary Ann died 7<sup>th</sup> February 1913 and Joseph died 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1913. Probably what is given on this stone are their burial dates.</i> ]
38	Headstone in the form of a Scroll with Kerb	In / loving memory of / a dear husband / John James WHETHAM / who passed away 20 <sup>th</sup> December 1946 / aged 40 / also treasured memories of a / dear mother / Dora WHETHAM / died 7 <sup>th</sup> January 1980 / aged 77
39	Headstone & Kerb	In loving memory of / Eliza M M WHETHAM / who died December 24 <sup>th</sup> 1940, aged 63 years / Also her beloved husband / Joseph WHETHAM / who died January 19 <sup>th</sup> 1964, aged 86 years / and of Allan, son of the above / killed in action February 15 <sup>th</sup> 1945 / aged 24 years
40	Cross & Kerb	In / loving memory / of / Edith Maud STONE / who passed away January 27 <sup>th</sup> 1930 / aged 26 years / also of Dennis, her son / who died in infancy
41	Headstone	In / loving memory / of / William LANHAM / born March 1892 / died October 1976 / also his wife / Olive Rose / born February 1899 /died May 1985
42	Headstone	In loving memory of / David FARRINGTON / 1943 – 1984 / Rector of Hardington Mandeville / with Pendomer / and of East Chinnock
43	Headstone	In / ever loving / memory of / Laurence Gordon / CHICK / called to rest / 10 <sup>th</sup> December 1966 aged 74 / also his wife / Violet / 1899 – 1977
44	Headstone & Kerb	In loving memory / Cicely Eldridge HUME / died 8 <sup>th</sup> May 1957 / aged 80 years / also of her brother / William Blomfield HUME / beloved Rector of this parish / 1944 – 1957 / at rest 13 <sup>th</sup> April 1967 / aged 88 years
45	Headstone & Kerb	In / affectionate remembrance / of / Frances Mary SANDIFORD / who passed away 18 <sup>th</sup> May 1956 / aged 79 years/ Also of her son / Ernest Richard SANDIFORD / who passed away 1 <sup>st</sup> May 1979 / aged 76 years
46	Headstone & Kerb	In memory of / May Monica / beloved wife of Griffith JONES / who died on Christmas Day 1949 / aged 64 / Also of / Griffith JONES / who died 26 <sup>th</sup> November 1959, aged 81 / her devoted husband
47	Headstone	In loving memory / of / John Richard SMITH / 12 <sup>th</sup> October 1990 / aged 76 years / a loving husband and father / also Vera Gladys SMITH / 10 January 1998 aged 79 years / a beloved wife and mother / in God's keeping
47a	Headstone	Sidney BAYFIELD / 1918 – 1990 / in memory of Sid / a generous and loving / husband, father and / grandfather / sadly missed [ <i>There is a design of a music score on this stone identified as part of Debussy's Arabesque, thought to be a favourite piece of his.</i> ] / also his beloved wife / Doreen Queenan / BAYFIELD / 1919 – 2011 / mother, grandmother and great-grandmother

48	Open Book with Kerb	In / ever loving / memory of / Edit May / MORLEY / who fell asleep / 6 <sup>th</sup> June 1962 / aged 61 years / also of / her beloved / husband / Caleb / MORLEY / called to rest / 24 <sup>th</sup> April 1966 / aged 68 years
49	Coped Stone	In loving memory of / Vincent Frederic RANSOME [ <i>Priest</i> ] / 25 <sup>th</sup> June 1834 – 30 <sup>th</sup> October 1922
50	Cross	In memory of / Emma / the beloved daughter / of Thomas & Emily MARSH / who died March 20 1886 / aged 25 years / Also Eliz / her sister / who died November 3 1870 / aged 11 months
58	Headstone	In loving memory of / Arthur Frank / WHETHAM / Oct 6 <sup>TH</sup> 1912 - Oct 31 <sup>ST</sup> 1992 / Julia Ellen Monastir / WHETHAM / Nov 11 <sup>th</sup> 1916 – Oct 10 <sup>th</sup> 2010
59	Headstone	Cherished Memories / of / William Michael / WHETHAM / "Mike" / Died 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2006 / Aged 71 / dearly loved and sadly missed
60	Headstone	In / memory of / Leslie Charles FROST / 1910-1995 / and his wife / Bea FROST / 1910-2000 / a dearly loved mother, father, / grandmother and grandfather / they lived for those they loved / those they loved remember them
61	Headstone	In loving memory / of / James GREGORY / born 18 Dec 1930 / Died 17 Dec 1997 / rest in peace
62	Headstone	In loving memory / of / Helen NUNN / 22 April 1927 / 14 October 2004 / and of / Major Joshua / Anthony James / NUNN / 21 March 1927 / 14 October 2013
63	Flagstone	Brenda BEAZER / nee MORLEY / 1923-1999 / RIP
64	Flagstone	In memory / of / John R. VINCENT / 1922-1998
65	Flagstone	Robert / Clarendon / PERCIVAL / 1908-1995
66	Headstone	In / loving memory / of / William LANHAM / born March 1892 / died October 1976 / also his wife / Olive Rose / born February 1899 / died May 1985
67	Flagstone	In loving memory of / Phyllis LEACH / 22.10.1931 – 15.3.2011 / a dear wife, mother and grandmother
68	Flagstone	Alice May / NICHOLS / 10.3.1917 – 12.9.2008
69	Headstone	In / loving memory / of / Bill WHETHAM / (William Alan) / 1937 – 2013 / God has you in His keeping / we have you in our hearts
70	Headstone	Treasured / memories of / Cyril Aubrey / PATTEN / 1941 – 2014 / greatly loved and sadly missed

**CHURCH INTERIOR – CHANCEL**

51	Stone inset in wall behind altar	Here lyeth the body / of Elizabeth LONGE / widow, who was buried the 12 <sup>th</sup> day of December, Ao: Dni: 1648
52	Stone inset in wall on the N side of the altar	Here lyeth the body of Thomas LONG / Clarke of Pendomer / who died the 25 <sup>th</sup> day / of January Ano: 1658 / mors mihi lucrum [ <i>PR: Has a note that he died on 24<sup>th</sup> January 1658, as Rector of Pendomer</i> ]
53	White marble wall plaque (above No 52)	In memory of Henry HELYAR / Clerk in holy orders / 49 years Rector of Pendomer / born 1815. fell asleep 1905
54	Stone inset in wall on the S side of the altar	Here lies the body of / James UPTON of Yeovil / gent who departed this / life August the 26 <sup>th</sup> 1784 / aged 54 years
55	White marble wall plaque (with arms, above No. 54)	Near this place lieth / ye body of Thomas / TAYLOR, 37 years / Rector of this p'ish / who died ye / 12 <sup>th</sup> of / November 1720 / aged 66 years /

**NAVE**

56	Small metal plate (on N wall)	An additional bell and / three brass hanging lamps / were placed in this Church as / a thank offering to Almighty / God for victory and peace in / the Great War 1914 – 1918 / Vincent Austin (sic) RANSOME, Rector / Austin CHICK, Church Warden
57	Glass panel in S window at W end of nave	These windows & the roofs restored in / 1981 in memory of Ernest Richard / & Frances Mary SANDIFORD
		In addition, there is in the Nave a stone recumbent effigy of a Knight in an alcove in the N wall, and parts of a mediaeval coffin inscription filling a doorway, now blocked up, in the S wall. No legible inscriptions for either.