

The Rev. Royston W. Cole

Death of the Vicar of Reculver with Hoath

It is with deep regret that we have to announce the death of the Rev. Royston Whalley Cole, Vicar of Reculver-with-Hoath, which occurred on Thursday (21st October 1937). He had not been in robust health, but the news of his demise will come as a shock to his many friends, as he was a comparatively young man, and great sympathy will be felt with Mrs Cole in her bereavement.

Mr Cole was ordained as Deacon in 1920 and as Priest in 1922 in the Diocese of Rochester. He was a Curate of Orpington from 1920 to 1922; Curate of St Margaret's Rochester from 1922 to 1926; Curate of Birchington-with-Acol from 1926 to 1930; Vicar of Elmstead-with-Hastingleigh from 1930 to 1932; and was appointed Vicar of Reculver-with-Hoath in 1932.

During the five years that he has been Vicar of these two neighbouring parishes of Herne Bay, Mr Cole has gained much esteem for the quiet assiduity and energy which he has shown in carrying out the duties of his office and a great feature of his Vicariate was the reconstruction and enlargement of the Reculver Church of England School at Hilborough. He was responsible for the establishment of boys' clubs at Hoath and Reculver, and he took part in social events in both parishes.

The funeral is taking place next Tuesday (26th October), a service being held in St Mary's Church, Hilborough, at 2.30 pm, and the interment will be at Birchington.

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