

The following are from pencilled notes made by George Grimshaw. It is often difficult to make out which repairs followed which Archdiaconal Report.

### RINGMORE : ARCHDEACONS' VISITS

- July 1 1822 Visitation by Rev.R.H.Froude, Archdeacon of Totnes  
Thomas Randle and William Sparrow Churchwardens
- April 2 1823 Seats in North and South Aisles to be repaired. New matting at  
Communion Table. A new ? For the pulpit : John Treniche Fee 2/-
- April 1824 New surplice. Reading Desk and railing of the pulpit.  
Steps to be repaired. Flooring and sides of several pews likewise.  
The Church to be whitened. Fee 2/- J.L.Harris Dean [ Reval. ] ?
- Nov.15 1824 Archdeacon's parochial visitation. Randle and Sparrow present.  
"The Churchwardens have carried out my orders for sinking a  
trench round the walls into effect in the most complete manner and have thus  
rendered the inteior dry and comfortable. I have only to desire that the  
pavement of the porch and aisle may be relaid - that a paled gate may be put up  
at the outer porch door so that the present entrance door may be left open  
durind the summer months and thus keep up a free circulation of air within. I  
would recommend that the seats be covered with three good coats of oil paint  
(white lead and umber) after the winter is passed when any of the panelling that  
is decayed should be renewed and the side of the pews which have sunk from  
the same cause should be raised by any simple means.  
The Churchwardens are on no account to permit any further alteration to the  
form of the seats or their dimensions without of the Bishop. The Rector must be  
required to relay the pavementy of the Chancel in a smooth proper manner."

R.H.Froude,Archdeacon of Totnes

April 3 1827 " The Church is in very good repair"

Richard Edwards Rural Dean

April 20 1830 Floor and boards behind door to be repaired . Gallery staircase :  
steps must be immediately repaired. Bells imperfect.

March 1831 Seats had not been painted. Bell to be repaired and recast - All  
frames. Churchyard wall and gates require repair and repainting.

March 1832 East window. Many pews . Floors- Bible . Prayer Book bad  
condition. Wheels of one of the bells to be repaired.

1833 Windows in poor state

1834 Windows and church whitewashed

May 17 1839 " Notwithstanding the disgraceful state of the Church, nothing  
appears to have been done since last year except whitewashing.Nearly all pews  
need repairing as well as wood work under the altar rails. Two new surplices -  
the present ones disgraceful. Douglas MacDonald Rural Dean

1840 Not much done

1844 Cover for Communion Table ordered in 1835 should be provided.  
Prayer Book repaired. New cushion for pulpit.

## CONTINUATION OF ARCHDEACONS' REPORTS

- 1848 Church looking better
- 1858 Flooring by Communion unsound
- 1860 Dry rot due to drains not cleared. Continued request for new cover for Communion Table

**16 JUNE 1860 FRANCIS CHARLES HINGESTON**

I assume that there were reports from Visitations after the seminal date of Hingeston-Randolph's induction and also that there are fuller versions of the Reports from which George Grimshaw took his material lodged at Exeter either in Records Office or with the Diocese.

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