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Obituary

It is with great regret that we have to record the death of Basil Eversley Owen, Priest, Non-Residentiary Canon of Peterborough, and former Rector of this Parish.

He received his training at Keble College, Oxford, where he graduated in 1909, and at Bishops Theological College Cheshunt. His first title was to St Mark's Notting Hill to which Parish he was ordained by the Bishop of London in 1910. He remained at Notting Hill for two years and then took a curacy in 1912 at Finedon.

He served as Chaplain in the first world war from 1915 to 1917 returning to Finedon as Curate till 1919 in which year he was appointed Vicar of St James Aylestone, Leicester, where he remained until 1923 in which year he was presented by Earl Fitzwilliam to the living of Higham Ferrers- taking charge, at the same time until 1926 of Chelveston and Caldecott. He was appointed Rural Dean of Higham Ferrers in 1928 and in 1933 was presented by Lord St John of Bletso to the living at Woodford. He was made a non residentiary Canon of Peterborough by Bishop Spencer Leeson in 1954. He resigned the living in Woodford in 1955 and retired to Bexhill on Sea. A memorial services, followed by disposition of ashes took place at Higham Ferrers on Wednesday 26th June. He leaves a widow and a son. A devout and faithful priest- May God grant him a place of refreshment, light and peace.