

Four grave slabs in the choir vestry

Left

Here lyeth the Body of
JOHN BRIGGS
Of this Town Gentleman,
Who departed this life the 4th day
Of September 1715
In his 49th year.
He married JUDITH Daughter of
Henry Belleild of Studham in the
County of Hertford, Gent.
Who layd this stone in memory of him

Centre

Here lyeth the Body of
THOMAS CHEW of this Parish of
Dunstable, Haberdasher, who departed this
Life the 20th day of November
Anno Domini 1687 Aged 73 years
Here likewise in the same grave rests ye Body
Of ELIZABETH his wife, Daughter of
WILLIAM MARSHE of this Town, Gent who
Dyed the 9th day of September
Anno Domini 1694 Aged 81 years
Nereunto also is deposited the Body of
THOMAS CHEW of LONDON Merchant
Eldest Son of the said THOMAS & ELIZABETH
Who departed this life unmarried the
17th Day of July 1698 in the 52nd
Year of his Age

Right

HERE LYETH THE BODY OF
THOMAS CHEW CART OF THE INNER
TEMPLE, GENT. SON OF MR. JAMES CART
CITIZEN & DISTILLER OF LONDON
AND JANE HIS WIFE ONE OF THE
DAUGHTERS OF MR THOMAS CHEW
OF DUNSTABLE & ELISABETH HIS
WIFE, WHICH SAID ELISABETH WAS
DAUGHTER OF WILLIAM MARSHE OF
DUNSTABLE AFORESAID GENT.
THE SAID THOMAS CHEW CART
DEPARTED THIS LIFE MARCH YE 27th
IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD 1722
AGED 27 YEARS

4TH

Here lyeth the Body of
 THOMAS POWELL
 Late of ye Parish of
 St Botolph Aldersgate
 In ye City of LONDON Merchant
 Who departed this Life
 April ye 25th 1709
 In ye 60th year
 Of his Age

Graves in the Lady Chapel

Besides the Frances Ashton Memorial, there are twelve grave slabs in the Lady Chapel of Dunstable Priory Church. The current Lady Chapel dates from 1925. This was the year that the church was connected to the electricity supply, allowing the installation of a central heating system in the building. Prior to this date, the north-east corner of the church had been the clergy vestry.

Matthew Iremonger (No 7) is possibly related to Blandina, daughter of Humphry Ironmonger. She married John Marshe. Their eldest daughter, also Blandina, founded the Ladies' Lodge in Church Street.

The strange dates on graves 6 and 10 are the result of the change from Julian to Gregorian calendar. Pope Gregory XIII introduced the new calendar in 1582 but January 1st was not adopted as New Year's Day in this country until 1751. Previously, the year had begun on March 25th, Lady Day.

Lady Chapel Graves

Railings		Steps	Railings		
	2			1	Organ Console
Cross Case	3				Doorway
	4				
	5				
		8	10		
Ashton Memorial	6	9	11	12	
	7	Altar			

2.

(almost unreadable.)

3.

In Memory
Of George Maddison, Esquire
Who departed this life
January the 3rd 1806
Aged 76

4.

Here lyes the Body of
Mr. William Garnett
Who departed this life the 3rd
Of May 1731 Aged 83 years
Here also lyes the Body of
William(?) Garnett
(unreadable)

5.

Thomas Wass Flory
16th October 1874 – 31st January 1970
Lucy Gertrude Flory
13th January – 24th December 1966
Thomas Clifford Flory
7th August 1903 – 20th August 1992
Greta Mary Flory
13th February 1905 – 17th August 1992
Anthony John Flory
11th July – 1935 – 7th May 1966

6.

Here lyes the body of
William Salmon the Son of
Edward Salmon and Jane his
Wife who departed this Life Jan ye 10th
In ye fifteenth Year of his age
1718/9

7.

Here lyeth the Body of
Matthew Iremonger
Late of St. Albans Groser
Who departed this life
November ye 20th 1719
In ye 71st year of his Age

1.

Here Lyeth Interred
Body of John Marvell
Innkeeper Who Departed
This Life Ye 28 of
July ANDMI
1665

8.

Revd. Solomon Piggott
Rector of Dunstable
He Died April 27th 1845
Aged 66 years
This stone was placed here in affectionate
Veneration of his piety and kindness by
The teachers and friends of the
Sunday School

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Here also is interred
Elizabeth his daughter
Who died July 28th 1827
Aged 16 Years

10.

(Coat of Arms)
Here Lyeth Interred the Body
Of Capt. John Briggs Late of
Dunstable who Departed
This life the 18th Day of March
1694/5 and in the 66th
year of his age

9.

Here Lieth the Body
of John Bissaker Who
Departed the Life Aprill
The 6 1712 Aged 65 Years

11.

Here lies the Body of
Edward Salmon
Who departed this Life
The 17th of July 1722
Aged 62
Who when living and at his Death
Ownd the Crown at Dunstable

12.

(mostly unreadable)
Here (lies the body of) (Elliott)
Daughter

Rebecca
Departed this life
Aged 20 years
(William)
died February
Aged 68
Mrs. Rebecca
Died December 28th
Aged 87 year