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Most writings on church history have been concerned mainly with church hierarchy, and with theology, liturgy and canon law. This book looks at the church 'from below', from the lowest stratum of its organisation – the parish – in which the church building is seen as the parishioners' handiwork and as a reflection of local popular culture.

The book discusses in turn the origin and development of the system of precisely defined parishes, their function – in terms of economics and personnel – and the church fabric which embodied the aspirations of parishioners, who saw the church more as an expression of their cultural and social hopes than as the embodiment of their faith. The book ends with the failure of the parish to meet all its obligations – social, governmental and religious – from the late eighteenth century onwards.

The book emphasises throughout that the parish had a dual function, secular and religious, becoming both the lowest level in the administrative structure of this country, and a unit for spiritual and pastoral care. These functions became increasingly incompatible, although the book ends on the brink of the final breakdown in the nineteenth century.

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PREFACE

‘religion, whatever else it may be, is a social phenomenon . . .
we have to account for religious facts in terms of the totality
of the culture and society in which they are found’

Kaspar von Greyerz

This book is concerned with the social milieu of Christianity in England from the time of its first introduction in the third or fourth century until the early years of the nineteenth. Its diffusion during the seventh and later centuries was accompanied and made possible by the institution of the parish – first the larger *parochia* of the minster church and later the smaller ‘parish’ of the later Saxon period. Both *parochia* and ‘parish’ fitted into a territorial structure of manors and royal estates and were conditioned by them. A consequence was that the parish, at least in its later sense, came to have precise and generally accepted boundaries. A further consequence was that, with its almost complete coverage of this country, the parish came ultimately to be the chief vehicle of public administration at the local level. The parish, from being a unit of ecclesiastical control and pastoral care, became and remained until the middle years of the nineteenth century, the basic area of secular administration.

From the first, the parish embraced a community which, whatever other structures it may once have possessed, derived its unity and its cohesion from the parish and its church. Most activities of the parishioners were watched over by the church courts. Their secular calendar was integrated with that of the church, and both were brought to a focus in the parish church itself.

This book is not about the parish church as a structure. It does not deal more than superficially with the evolution of its plan and the development of its architecture. Yet the church in a physical sense mirrored the society which used it. It grew or decayed with that society’s needs. Its decoration, whether sacred or profane, reflected society’s hopes and fears, its preconceptions and preoccupations. It was where the parish community worshipped and did business, met on formal occasions

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and celebrated the rites of passage which punctuated the lives of its members. Its role was central, just as in physical terms it spread an aura across the parish.

From late in the sixteenth century such unity and cohesiveness as the parish possessed began to be broken by the emergence of groups which did not conform to the standards previously expected of all the parishioners. A parish rate continued to be levied and to be paid – by some under protest – for the maintenance of the fabric of the church, but those parochial activities which engaged the whole parish were increasingly secular – the support of the poor or the upkeep of the roads. And even these functions were stripped away during the nineteenth century. The parish council is today left with administrative duties of only minor importance, and, as if to emphasise the fact that the parish has itself ceased to matter, its boundaries have now been omitted from the most used map series of the Ordnance Survey.

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ABBREVIATIONS

BISHOPS' REGISTERS

The abbreviations used in citing bishops' registers follow in alphabetical order of their last names. The names of the editors of those registers which have been published in serials have not been given, since they are not needed in order to locate them. When a register has been published independently, its editor has been cited.

Most of the registers of the bishops of Exeter have been published in a catalogue or index form, edited by F. C. Hingeston-Randolph. The series has been completed in a less idiosyncratic form by Professor G. R. Dunstan. The earliest register, that of Walter Bronescombe, has recently been published in a more orthodox form by the Canterbury & York Society. The two editions are distinguished in this book by the initials of their editors.

Most of the registers of the bishops of Hereford have been published in identical editions by the Canterbury & York Society and the Cantelupe Society. The Canterbury & York Society and most of the county record societies have published the text in full. Others, notably those for Ely and some for the diocese of York, are available in calendared or highly abbreviated form.

For all registers extant, whether in print or only in manuscript form, see David M. Smith, *Guide to Bishops' Registers of England and Wales*, London, 1981.

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 Anthony Bek Records of Anthony Bek Bishop and Patriarch, *Surt Soc*, 162 (1947)
 Thomas de Bekynton The Register of Thomas de Bekynton Bishop of Bath and Wells, *Som Rec Soc*, 49 (1934); 50 (1935)
 Caroli Bothe Registrum Caroli Bothe Episcopi Herefordensis, *C & Y*, 28 (1921)
 Thome Bourgchier Registrum Thome Bourgchier Canterburiensis Episcopus, *C & Y*, 54 (1957)

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- Thomas de Brantyngham The Register of Thomas de Brantyngham Bishop of Exeter, London, 1901; 1906
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- Walter Bronescombe (OFR) The Register of Walter Bronescombe Bishop of Exeter, *C & Y*, 82 (1995)
- Nicholas Bubwith The Register of Nicholas Bubwith Bishop of Bath and Wells, *Som Rec Soc*, 29 (1914); 30 (1914)
- Thomas de Bytton The Episcopate of Bishop Thomas de Bytton, London, 1889
- John Catterick The Register of John Catterick Bishop of Coventry and Lichfield, *C & Y*, 77 (1990)
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- Simonis de Gandavo Registrum Simonis de Gandavo Diocesis Saesbiriensis, 1297–1315, *C & Y*, 40–1 (1934)
- Stephani Gardiner Registra Stephani Gardiner et Johannis Poynet Episcoporum Wintoniensium, *C & Y*, 37 (1930)
- Godfrey Giffard Register of Bishop Godfrey Giffard, *Worcs Hist Soc*, 1902
- Walter Giffard The Register of Walter Giffard Lord Archbishop of York, *Surt Soc*, 109 (1904)

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- John de Grandisson The Register of John de Grandisson Bishop of Exeter, London, 1894; 1897; 1899
- Walter Gray Register or Rolls of Walter Gray, *Surt Soc*, 56 (1870)
- William Greenfield The Register of William Greenfield Lord Archbishop of York, *Surt Soc*, 145 (1931); 151 (1936), 152 (1937)
- Roberti Grosseteste Rotuli Roberti Grosseteste Episcopi Lincolniensis 1235–53, *Lincs Rec Soc*, 11 (1914)
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- Ricardi Mayhew Registrum Ricardi Mayhew Episcopi Herefordensis, *C & Y*, 27 (1921)
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- John le Romeyn The Register of John le Romeyn Lord Archbishop of York, *Surt Soc*, 123 (1913); 128 (1916); 138 (1925)
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- Richard Scrope A Calendar of the Register of Richard Scrope Archbishop of York, *Borthw T & C*, 8 (1981); 11 (1985)
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- William Wickwane The Register of William Wickwane Lord Archbishop of York, *Surt Soc*, 114 (1907)
 Roberti Winchelsey Registrum Roberti Winchelsey Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, *C & Y*, 52 (1956); 53 (1956)
 Henrici Woodlock Registrum Henrici Woodlock Diocesis Wintoniensis, *C & Y*, 43 (1940); 44 (1941)
 William Wykeham Wykeham's Register, *Hants Rec Soc*, 1 (1896); 2 (1899)

OTHER ABBREVIATIONS

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| <i>A A G Bijd</i> | <i>Afdeling Agrarische Geschiedenis Bijdragen</i> |
| <i>Acta</i> | <i>English Episcopal Acta</i> , British Academy |
| <i>Ag H Rv</i> | <i>Agricultural History Review</i> |
| <i>Alc Cl</i> | <i>Alcuin Club Collections</i> |
| <i>Am Hist Ass</i> | <i>American Historical Association</i> |
| <i>Am Hist Rv</i> | <i>American Historical Review</i> |
| <i>Angl-Norm St</i> | <i>Anglo-Norman Studies</i> |
| <i>Ann ESC</i> | <i>Annales: Economies-Sociétés-Civilisations</i> |
| <i>Ann Hist Conc</i> | <i>Annuaire Historiae Conciliorum</i> |
| <i>Ant</i> | <i>Antiquity</i> |
| <i>Ant JI</i> | <i>Antiquaries Journal</i> |
| <i>Anty</i> | <i>The Antiquary</i> |
| <i>Arch</i> | <i>Archaeologia</i> |
| <i>Arch Ael</i> | <i>Archaeologia Aeliana</i> |
| <i>Arch Cant</i> | <i>Archaeologia Cantiana</i> |
| <i>Arch JI</i> | <i>Archaeological Journal</i> |
| <i>A-S Eng</i> | <i>Anglo-Saxon England</i> |
| <i>Banb Hist Soc</i> | <i>Banbury Historical Society</i> |
| <i>BAR</i> | <i>British Archaeological Reports</i> |
| <i>B B & O Arch Soc JI</i> | <i>Berks, Bucks and Oxfordshire Archaeological Society Journal</i> |
| <i>Bdgs Eng</i> | <i>Buildings of England (Pevsner)</i> |
| <i>Beds H Rec Soc</i> | <i>Bedfordshire Historical Record Society</i> |
| <i>B & G A S Rec Ser</i> | <i>Bristol and Gloucester Archaeological Society Record Series</i> |
| <i>Borthw Pap</i> | <i>Borthwick Papers</i> |
| <i>Borthw St</i> | <i>Borthwick Studies</i> |
| <i>Borthw T & C</i> | <i>Borthwick Texts and Calendars</i> |
| <i>Brit Acad</i> | <i>British Academy</i> |
| <i>Brit Acad R S E H</i> | <i>Records of Social and Economic History, British Academy</i> |
| <i>Brit Lib</i> | <i>British Library</i> |

<i>Brit Mag</i>	<i>British Magazine</i>
<i>Brit M & M Reg</i>	<i>British Magazine and Monthly Register</i>
Brit Mus	British Museum
<i>Brit Mus Qu</i>	<i>British Museum Quarterly</i>
<i>Br Rec Soc</i>	<i>Bristol Record Society</i>
<i>Bucks Rec Soc</i>	<i>Buckinghamshire Record Society</i>
<i>Bul Inst Hist Res</i>	<i>Bulletin of the Institute of Historical Research</i>
<i>Bul J R Lib</i>	<i>Bulletin of the John Rylands Library</i>
CA	<i>Current Archaeology</i>
Cal Anc Deeds	Calendar of Ancient Deeds, Record Commission
Cal Pap Reg	Calendar of Papal Registers, Record Commission
Cal Pat R	Calendar of Patent Rolls, Record Commission
Cal St Pap Dom	Calendar of State Papers Domestic
<i>Camb Ant Soc</i>	<i>Cambridge Antiquarian Society</i>
<i>Camb Hist JI</i>	<i>Cambridge Historical Journal</i>
Cambs Rec Off	Cambridgeshire Record Office
<i>Cambs Rec Soc</i>	<i>Cambridgeshire Record Society</i>
Camb St Eng Leg Hist	Cambridge Studies in English Legal History
Camb St Med L & T	Cambridge Studies in Medieval Life and Thought
<i>Camd Soc</i>	<i>Camden Society</i>
<i>Can JI Hist</i>	<i>Canadian Journal of History</i>
<i>Cant Soc Pub</i>	<i>Cantelupe Society Publications</i>
<i>Cath Hist Rv</i>	<i>Catholic Historical Review</i>
<i>Cath Rec Soc</i>	<i>Catholic Record Society</i>
CBA Res Rept	Council for British Archaeology, Research Report
<i>Cheth Soc</i>	<i>Chetham Society</i>
<i>Ch Hist</i>	<i>Church History</i>
<i>Ch Quart Rv</i>	<i>Church Quarterly Review</i>
<i>Coll Hist Staffs</i>	<i>Collections for a History of Staffordshire</i>
Conc	
<i>Cont Ch</i>	<i>Continuity and Change</i>
Cornw Co Rec Off	Cornwall County Record Office
C & S	<i>Councils and Synods</i> , ed. F. M. Powicke and C. R. Cheney
CUL	Cambridge University Library
C & Y	<i>Canterbury and York Society</i>
DB	Domesday Book
<i>D & C N & Q</i>	<i>Devon and Cornwall Notes and Queries</i>
<i>D & C Rec Soc</i>	<i>Devon and Cornwall Record Society</i>
<i>Dev Hist</i>	<i>The Devon Historian</i>
<i>D N & Q</i>	<i>Devon Notes and Queries</i>

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<i>DESNEQ</i>	<i>Dorset and Somerset Notes and Queries</i>
<i>Dugd Soc</i>	<i>Dugdale Society</i>
<i>E Angl</i>	<i>East Anglia</i>
<i>E Angl A</i>	<i>East Anglian Archaeology</i>
<i>Ec Hist Rv</i>	<i>Economic History Review</i>
<i>Ec & Soc</i>	<i>Economy and Society</i>
EETS	Early English Text Society
<i>EHR</i>	<i>English Historical Review</i>
<i>Ely Dioc Remem</i>	<i>Ely Diocesan Remembrancer</i>
<i>E Med Eur</i>	<i>Early Medieval Europe</i>
<i>Encycl Brit</i>	<i>Encyclopaedia Britannica</i>
<i>Eng Hist Docts</i>	<i>English Historical Documents</i> , ed. D. C. Douglas, Oxford
<i>Episc Acta</i>	<i>Episcopal Acta</i>
EP-NS	English Place-Names Society
<i>Ess A & H</i>	<i>Essex Archaeology and History</i>
<i>Ess Rv</i>	<i>Essex Review</i>
<i>Ex Dioc Arch Soc</i>	<i>Exeter Diocesan Architectural Society</i>
<i>Ex Pap Econ Hist</i>	<i>Exeter Papers in Economic History</i>
<i>Folk</i>	<i>Folklore</i>
Folk Soc	Folklore Society
<i>Fort</i>	<i>Fortress</i>
<i>Geog</i>	<i>Geography</i>
<i>Gl N & Q</i>	<i>Gloucestershire Notes and Queries</i>
<i>Guild St Lond Hist</i>	<i>Guildhall Studies in London History</i>
<i>Haddon and Stubbs</i>	
<i>Hants Rec Ser</i>	<i>Hampshire Record Series</i>
<i>Harl Misc</i>	<i>Harleian Miscellany</i>
Harvard Hist Ser	Harvard Historical Series
<i>H Brad Soc</i>	<i>Henry Bradshaw Society</i>
<i>Herts Past</i>	<i>Hertfordshire Past</i>
<i>Herts Rec Soc Pub</i>	<i>Hertfordshire Record Society Publications</i>
<i>Hist</i>	<i>History</i>
Hist Ass	Historical Association
Hist Ex Res Proj	History of Exeter Research Project
<i>Hist Jl</i>	<i>Historical Journal</i>
Hist MSS Com	Historical Manuscripts Commission
<i>Hunt Lib Qu</i>	<i>Huntington Library Quarterly</i>
<i>J B A A</i>	<i>Journal of the British Archaeological Association</i>
<i>Jl A A & H S Ch & NW</i>	<i>Journal of the Architectural and Archaeological Society of Cheshire and North Wales</i>

<i>Jl Brit St</i>	<i>Journal of British Studies</i>
<i>Jl Ches A S</i>	<i>Journal of the Cheshire Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Jl C & N W A A S</i>	<i>Journal of the Chester and North Wales Architectural and Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Jl Dby A & N H Soc</i>	<i>Journal of the Derbyshire Archaeological and Natural History Society</i>
<i>Jl Dby A S</i>	<i>Journal of the Derbyshire Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Jl Eccl H</i>	<i>Journal of Ecclesiastical History</i>
<i>Jl Fam Hist</i>	<i>Journal of Family History</i>
<i>Jl Hist Geog</i>	<i>Journal of Historical Geography</i>
<i>Jl Intdis Hist</i>	<i>Journal of Interdisciplinary History</i>
<i>Jl Med Hist</i>	<i>Journal of Medieval History</i>
<i>Jl Med Ren St</i>	<i>Journal of Medieval and Renaissance Studies</i>
<i>Jl Med St</i>	<i>Journal of Medieval Studies</i>
<i>Jl R Anthr Inst</i>	<i>Journal of the Royal Anthropological Institute</i>
<i>Jl R I Cornw</i>	<i>Journal of the Royal Institution of Cornwall</i>
<i>Jl Rom St</i>	<i>Journal of Roman Studies</i>
<i>Jl Soc Arch</i>	<i>Journal of the Society of Archivists</i>
<i>Jl Soc Hist</i>	<i>Journal of Social History</i>
<i>Jl Som A & N H S</i>	<i>Journal of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society</i>
<i>Jl Stat Soc</i>	<i>Journal of the Statistical Society</i>
<i>Jl Warb Court Inst</i>	<i>Journal of the Warbourg and Courtauld Institutes</i>
<i>Jur Rv</i>	<i>Juridical Review</i>
<i>Kent Rec</i>	<i>Kent Records</i>
<i>Landscape Hist</i>	<i>Landscape History</i>
<i>L & C Rec Soc</i>	<i>Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society</i>
<i>Leic A S Proc</i>	<i>Leicestershire Archaeological Society Proceedings</i>
<i>Lincs A & H</i>	<i>Lincolnshire Archaeology and History</i>
<i>Lincs N & Q</i>	<i>Lincolnshire Notes and Queries</i>
<i>Lincs Rec Soc</i>	<i>Lincolnshire Record Society</i>
<i>Loc Pop St</i>	<i>Local Population Studies</i>
<i>Lond Rec Soc</i>	<i>London Record Society</i>
<i>Med Acad Am</i>	<i>Medieval Academy of America</i>
<i>Med Arch</i>	<i>Medieval Archaeology</i>
<i>Med St</i>	<i>Medieval Studies</i>
<i>Mich Law Rv</i>	<i>Michigan Law Review</i>
<i>Midl H</i>	<i>Midland History</i>
<i>Montg Collns</i>	<i>Montgomery Collections</i>
<i>New Eng Gen Soc</i>	<i>New England Genealogical Society</i>
<i>Norf Ant Misc</i>	<i>Norfolk Antiquarian Miscellany</i>
<i>Norf Arch</i>	<i>Norfolk Archaeology</i>

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Norf Norw Arch Soc	Norfolk and Norwich Archaeological Society
Norf Rec Soc	Norfolk Record Society
<i>North Hist</i>	<i>Northern History</i>
<i>Northts Arch</i>	<i>Northamptonshire Archaeology</i>
Northts Rec Soc	Northamptonshire Record Society
<i>N & Q</i>	<i>Notes and Queries</i>
<i>N & Q S & D</i>	<i>Notes and Queries for Somerset and Dorset</i>
<i>OED</i>	<i>Oxford English Dictionary</i>
Oxf Com Arch, Mon	Oxford Committee on Archaeology, Monographs
Oxf Dict Chr Ch	Oxford Dictionary of the Christian Church
<i>Oxf Hist Soc</i>	<i>Oxford Historical Society</i>
Oxf Med T	Oxford Medieval Texts
<i>Oxf Rec Soc</i>	<i>Oxford Record Society</i>
Oxf Univ Com Arch	Oxford University Committee for Archaeology
Oxf Univ Dept Ext St	Oxford University Department of External Studies
<i>Oxon</i>	<i>Oxoniensia</i>
<i>Parl Pap</i>	<i>Parliamentary Papers</i>
<i>Pat Lat</i>	<i>Patrologia Latina</i> , ed. J. P. Migne
Pont Inst Med St	Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies, Toronto
<i>Pont Inst, St & T</i>	<i>Pontifical Institute of Medieval Studies: Studies and Texts</i>
<i>Pop St</i>	<i>Population Studies</i>
<i>P & P</i>	<i>Past & Present</i>
<i>Prec and Proc</i>	<i>A Series of Precedents and Proceedings in Criminal Cases</i> , ed. W. Hale, London, 1847
PRO	Public Record Office
<i>Proc Camb Ant Soc</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society</i>
<i>Proc Dors A S</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Dorset Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Proc Dors N H & A S</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Dorset Natural History and Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Proc R Anthr Inst</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Royal Anthropological Institute</i>
<i>Proc Som A & N H S</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Somerset Archaeological and Natural History Society</i>
<i>Proc Suff Inst Arch</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Suffolk Institute of Archaeology</i>
<i>Proc Thor Soc</i>	<i>Proceedings of the Thoroton Society</i>
<i>PRS</i>	<i>Pipe Roll Society</i>
<i>Pub Dugd Soc</i>	<i>Publications of the Dugdale Society</i>
<i>Quart Rv</i>	<i>Quarterly Review</i>
R A I	Royal Archaeological Institute
R C H M	Royal Commission on Historical Monuments
<i>Read Med St</i>	<i>Reading Medieval Studies</i>
<i>Rec Bucks</i>	<i>Records of Buckinghamshire</i>

Rec Com	Records Commission
<i>Rec Soc J Bod</i>	<i>Recueils de la Société Jean Bodin</i>
<i>Rec Soc L & C</i>	<i>Record Society of Lancashire and Cheshire</i>
<i>Rept Res Com Soc Ant</i>	<i>Report of the Research Committee of the Society of Antiquaries</i>
R Inst Cornw, Hend MSS	Royal Institution of Cornwall, Henderson MSS
Rot Parl	Rotuli Parliamentorum (Parliament Rolls)
Roy Arch Inst	Royal Archaeological Institute
Roy Hist Soc	Royal Historical Society
<i>R & P Ass Arch Soc</i>	<i>Reports and Papers of the Associated Architectural Societies</i>
<i>R & P Northts A S</i>	<i>Reports and Papers of the Northamptonshire Archaeological Society</i>
R S	Rolls Series
<i>Rur Hist</i>	<i>Rural History</i>
<i>Rv Hist Eccl</i>	<i>Revue d'Histoire Ecclésiastique</i>
<i>S & D N & Q</i>	<i>Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries</i>
<i>Seld Soc</i>	<i>Selden Society</i>
<i>Sett Spoleto</i>	<i>Settimane di Studio del Centro Italiano di Studi sull' Alto Medioevo, Spoleto</i>
Soc Ant Res Rept	Society of Antiquaries, Research Report
<i>Soc Hist</i>	<i>Social History</i>
<i>Som Rec Soc</i>	<i>Somerset Record Society</i>
S P	State Papers
<i>Spec</i>	<i>Speculum</i>
<i>St Ant H Pb</i>	<i>St Anthony's Hall Publications</i>
Stat Realm	Statutes of the Realm
<i>St Ch H</i>	<i>Studies in Church History</i>
<i>St Hist Econ</i>	<i>Studies in History and Economics, Columbia University, New York City</i>
<i>Sthptn Rec Soc</i>	<i>Southampton Record Society</i>
<i>St Med Ref Theol</i>	<i>Studies in Medieval and Reformation Theology</i>
<i>Surr Rec Soc</i>	<i>Surrey Record Society</i>
<i>Surt Soc</i>	<i>Surtees Society</i>
<i>Suss Arch Collns</i>	<i>Sussex Archaeological Collections</i>
<i>Suss Rec Soc</i>	<i>Sussex Record Society</i>
<i>Thor Soc Rec Ser</i>	<i>Thoroton Society Record Series</i>
<i>Trad</i>	<i>Traditio</i>
<i>Tr B & G A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the Bristol and Gloucestershire Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Tr Birm A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the Birmingham Archaeological Society</i>

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<i>Tr C & H A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Tr C & W A A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the Cumberland and Westmorland Antiquarian and Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Tr Dev A</i>	<i>Transactions of the Devonshire Association</i>
<i>Tr Eccl Soc</i>	<i>Transactions of the Ecclesiological Society</i>
<i>Tr E Herts A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the East Hertfordshire Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Tr Ess A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the Essex Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Tr Ex Dioc A A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the Exeter Diocesan Architectural and Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Tr H S L & C</i>	<i>Transactions of the Historical Society of Lancashire and Cheshire</i>
<i>Tr Inst Br Geog</i>	<i>Transactions of the Institute of British Geographers</i>
<i>Tr L & C A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the Lancashire and Cheshire Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Tr Leic A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the Leicestershire Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Tr L & M A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the London and Middlesex Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Tr R H S</i>	<i>Transactions of the Royal Historical Society</i>
<i>Tr Staffs A & H Soc</i>	<i>Transactions of the South Staffordshire Archaeological and Historical Society</i>
<i>Tr St P E S</i>	<i>Transactions of the St Paul's Ecclesiological Society</i>
<i>Tr Thoresby Soc</i>	<i>Transactions of the Thoresby Society</i>
<i>Tr Thor Soc</i>	<i>Transactions of the Thoroton Society</i>
<i>Tr Woolh F C</i>	<i>Transactions of the Woolhope Field Club</i>
<i>Tr Worcs A S</i>	<i>Transactions of the Worcestershire Archaeological Society</i>
<i>Urb Hist Yb</i>	<i>Urban History Yearbook</i>
V & A Mus	Victoria and Albert Museum
V C H	Victoria County History
<i>Vernac Arch</i>	<i>Vernacular Architecture</i>
<i>Vict St</i>	<i>Victorian Studies</i>
<i>W A M</i>	<i>Wiltshire Archaeological Magazine</i>
Warw Co Rec	Warwick County Records
<i>Wilts N & Q</i>	<i>Wiltshire Notes and Queries</i>
<i>Wilts Rec Soc</i>	<i>Wiltshire Record Society</i>
<i>Worcs Hist Soc</i>	<i>Worcester Historical Society</i>
<i>Yks Arch JI</i>	<i>Yorkshire Archaeological Journal</i>
<i>Yks Arch Soc Rec Ser</i>	<i>Yorkshire Archaeological Society Record Series</i>

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