

William Boardman

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OBITUARIES

The Rev. William Boardman

THE REV. William Boardman, a former vicar of St Paul's Church, Barton, and rural dean of the West Wight, has died aged 75.

Mr. Boardman, a bachelor, died at his Culver Way, Yaverland, home and was buried at St. Paul's Cemetery following a funeral service at St Paul's Church last Friday.

Lancastrian Mr. Boardman served in the Royal Army Medical Corps between 1942 and 1945 and saw action in the D-Day landings.

On demobilisation he trained at King's College, London, and was ordained at Canterbury Cathedral - coming to the Island in 1967 following many curacy posts on the mainland.

Between 1963 and 1967 he was priest in charge at St. Paul's and was then vicar until retiring in 1986, during which time he spent five years as rural dean. He was a fellow of the Royal Chapel, Windsor.

He was also chaplain of Fairlee Hospital and governor of local Church of England schools. He was interested in children's welfare and education and started a boys' club.

His forward approach to modern services made him the first IW priest to start family communions and healing services and he was regarded as a gifted and artistic man.

He was also interested in railways and built his own steam engines, model railway, motor cruiser and furniture.

Family mourners travelled over from Devon for the funeral conducted by the Rev. Peter Pimental, priest in charge of St. Paul's, and the Rev Alfred Tedman.

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