

# Church Discipline after the Restoration 1671

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THURSTASTON - "Against JOHN GROOME, clerk, minister there, for that the Chancell is not in good repaire and for keepinge the Register booke and not suffering the Churchwardens to have a transcript to returne into the Bishop's Registry. And some buildings belonging to the Parsonage House is out of repaire. He preacheth at Brombrough one Sunday in a moneth, and then neglects his own Church."

Attached is a letter, as follows: "Jan. the 26th, 1671.-These are to certifiye all, persons whom it may concerne (especially the R'd. Father in God, John, by Divine. Providence Lord Bishop in Chester) That our Minister, Mr. JOHN GROOM'S, hath repayred the Chancell belonging to our Church of Thurstington, together with all his other Buildings belonizinl, to his Parsonage; and wee alsoe have the Parish Register together with the plate and the Church-cloth's at our' disposing when necessary; and as for the goeing to Bromborough onct a month to the number of six Sabboth-days, and noe more, according to the best of our knowledge, it was by the Consent of his Parishioners as wee by these lines under our Hands doe testifye.

THOMAS YOUNGE, his marke.

JOHN JOHNSON, his mark.

This is a true certificate, given under our hands by us the Church-wardens of Thurstington."

"Against LIDIA WARTON for fornication with a certain THOMAS JENKINSON, 7 Sept.1672. The said THOMAS appeared by ROBT. DAWSON, apparitor, and confessed, &c.; to do penance in Thurstaston and Neston, and to certify beffore next Court, &c. 5s. 23 Nov.1672 : They said he was prest to serve in the navye at the sea. Against ROBERT FILPOTT and MARY his wife for standing excommunicate. Against PETER BENNETT of Greasby for not paying his Churchlay these two years, being 6d. per annum. Dismissed."