

# St Mary's Church, Astbury

## Church Records and Family History

Even before television programmes such as *Who do you think you are?* many people had begun to research their Family History and were discovering their ancestors. Among the best resources, of course, are the records of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials held in Church Registers and the Inscriptions on the Gravestones in Churchyards.

Our records date back to 1572 and in consequence are not open to public inspection. However it is possible for us to search the records if you wish: the Church of England charges £19 for the first hour (or part) for a straightforward search and £15 for each hour (or part) thereafter. A 'straightforward' search is where you are able to supply a name and a date within five years of the event. The fees for other searches are by negotiation. Please contact Mr Ball (details below).

In the 1980s Manchester Public Libraries filmed all our registers. A DVD containing these images from 1572 to about 1910 is available to buy.

A companion CD contains all the Memorial Inscriptions (from 1608) and also lists the burial places of everyone buried in our churchyards between 1892 and 2004. It is easy to search through the more than 10,000 names recorded

The CD costs £12 and the DVD £20. Postage and packing for either is £1.50; for both, £2. Cheques should be made payable to **Astbury PCC** and sent to:

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