

REV CANON ARTHUR RUPERT BROWNE-WILKINSON MC (1901-02)

He was born on 6 August 1889. After leaving Framlingham he went to Oxford and then theological college. He was ordained a Deacon in 1912 and a Priest in 1913.

During WW1 he served in the Army Chaplains Department, attached to 21st Battalion of the London Regiment. He was awarded the Military Cross on 1 February 1919 "For great courage and perseverance near St Pierre Vaast Wood And Moislains [*near the Somme*] 1st & 2nd September 1918. He went down a valley heavily shelled and swept by fire from machine guns and marked down wounded men; then, returning with stretcher-bearers, he brought them into safety. Again, when the aid post became disorganised through casualties, he established another and, with the aid of a chaplain and a few bearers, brought in wounded, often carrying them nearly 2 miles under heavy fire."

Following WW1 he held a number of religious posts, including Canon of Chichester (from 1938), Precentor of Chichester Cathedral (from 1945) and Provost of the College of St Mary and St Nicholas, Lancing (from 1945).

On Good Friday 1928 he became the 1st OF to broadcast on the radio, when he appeared in the Children's Service.

He was also author of "The Confirmation School" (1930), "Common Prayer for Children" (1931) and "Pastoral Work among Children" (1934). He also contributed to "The Christian Life" and "Liturgy and Workshop" (1932).

Date of death is unknown.

His son is Baron Browne-Wilkinson who was a QC, PC and Senior Lord of Appeal until 1998.