

The History of Modern Wiltshire  
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The Church - on a flat stone on the floor:

"Here lieth the body of ELIZABETH KING who died Nov 1, 1788 aged 50 years"

There are other inscriptions to the memory of JOHN KING and MARTHA FROWD, widow, daughter of one of the King family, but scarcely legible.

In the chancel, on a mural monument:

"In memory of JAMES FROWD, who died January 14, 1765, aged 48.  
Also JANE, daughter of James and Mary Frowd, who died January 7, 1765

"Hark! from the tombs a doleful sound  
Your ears attend the cry;  
Ye living mortals, view the ground  
Where shortly you must lie.  
Your fleeting lives grow shorter still  
As months and days decrease;  
And every breathing pulse you feel  
Contracts the number less.  
Good God! On what a slender thread  
Hang everlasting things;  
Eternal state of all the dead  
Our life's poor feeble strings"

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Parish Register

A fire at the parsonage-house of Berwick St. Leonard upwards of fifty years since, consumed the ancient Register. The present one dates only from 1757.

Amongst the papers of Thomas Grove, Esq., lord of the manor, it appears that at a visitation of the Clergy in 1588, a presentment was made in the following words:

"We present, that our Chancel is very much decayed. Item, we present, that the Cure is left and committed to a man which can and doth teach us sound doctrine; but his allowance is small, vis. £7, and that not so orderly paid as one could wish it. We pray you, therefore, have a care thereof, that the man may be better seen unto; for thereupon without our help, he and his were not able to live".

Signed John Coward and John Hilgrove, Churchwardens  
Thomas King jun and William Fevian