

**St Leonard's Church, Bilston
transcripts of parish registers
by P. Galloway**

explanatory notes

DATES

Before 1752, the first day of the New Year was 26th March so, for example, 25th March 1750 would have been followed by 26th March 1751. This system continued until the calendar was changed in 1751 so that 31st December 1751 was followed by 1st January 1752.

All events before 1752 that occurred between 1st January and 25th March in a given year would, according to our modern calendar, have occurred a year later than actually recorded at the time.

In order to facilitate the sorting of dates by the computer software used to compile these transcripts, the dates have all been adjusted so that each year begins on 1st January, not 26th March as recorded in the registers. This means, for example, that an entry in this transcript for a burial on 5th January 1723 would actually be found in the original parish register for 5th January 1722.

SPELLING

The spelling of names and places in the original entries has been retained in this transcript.

NOTES

The vicar of St Leonard's, Rev. Edward Best, made a number of observations in the burial register, which have been transcribed as a separate file. Where the notes mention people whose names appear in the burial register, a copy of the note is included in the transcript of the burial entry.

COPIES

Wolverhampton Archives & Local Studies is able to supply copies of the original parish register entries. See the postal research section of our website http://www.wolverhamptonarchives.dial.pipex.com/gen_postal.htm for further details.

BILSTON ST LEONARD BURIALS 1727-1812

Surname	Details	Date
	Hannah daughter of William & Ann	14 Feb 1793
	Sarah wife of John	5 Feb 1793
.....	Abraham	7 Apr 1757
.....	Jemima. Child found in a bucket 10 days ago.	13 Mar 1754