

Rectors of the Church of Saint Petroc in Petrockstowe from 1270 a.d. until 2000 a.d.

From before the Norman Conquest to the dissolution of the monasteries the parish priest (rector) was chosen by the Abbot of Buckfast and some may have been monks.

After the dissolution of the monasteries Henry VIII gave the patronage to the nobility the first of these being the Dennis/Denys family, then to the Rolle family and the most recent being the Barons Clinton. The patrons had the power to choose whoever they wished to be the rector more recently this has been in consultation with the Bishop and Wardens

Anthony Gregorie was ejected by Cromwell after Mr Lewis Stucley saw a letter by the rector implying that he had been involved in procuring money for her majesty and testified to this before a committee which had him removed from his living which he regained from Charles I. Before these events the rector preached routinely twice a day and people came from Barnstaple and Pilton to hear him preach.

William Trevithicke who replaced Anthony Gregorie was ejected August 24 1662 from his living for refusing to sign the "Conformity Declaration." Rev Louis Woolcombe held the office when the church was rebuilt

On the death of Rev William Smale the church authorities decided that the old vicarage was too expensive to keep up and sold it to Rev Smale's son and built a new rectory on the vegetable garden

Date	Rector	Patron
1270	Master Henry de Hamptesfort	Buckfast
1310	Richard de Colestane	Buckfast
1311	Master John de Lynham	Buckfast
1317	John Pollard	Buckfast
1340	Master Henry de Galmeton	Buckfast
1342	Sir John Perour	Buckfast
1345	Master Henry de Stawforde	Buckfast
1348	Richard Yuel de Stoke	Buckfast
1349	Sir Gilbert de Chysville	Buckfast
1361	Richard Halrigge	Buckfast

1365	Sir John Wademan	Buckfast
1374	John Lugens	Buckfast
1386	Sir Robert Palmer	Buckfast
	John Gaylord	Buckfast
1413	John Herword	Buckfast
1441	Sir John Hayggie	Buckfast
	Peter Stretch (resigned)	Buckfast
1509	Thomas Trewortha	Buckfast
1536	Thomas Bellworthy	Buckfast
1536-37	John Smyth	Buckfast
1549	Hugo Laine	Henry Denys
1549	John Dawne	
1549-50	John Taverner	
1572	William Voysse (also written as Vassa)	
1607	George Morten	Sir Thomas Wise
1614	Authany Gregorie	
	William Trevithicke an intruder on whose deprivation	
1662-63	Edmond Hooper	Samuel Rolle
1683	Thomas Horndon	
1714	Charles Peters	
	Richard Ham (resigned)	
1730	Samuel Rolle	Robert Lord Walpole
1734	Thomas Ley	
1747	Edward Jackson	Robert Earl of Oxford
1731	William Paxton	
1789	James Messenger	
1815	John Knight (on whose cession)	The Lord Clinton
1825	John Knight (on whose death)	
1845	William Henry Cleave	
1884	Ernest Walter Field	
1903	Augustus George Alton	
1910	Samuel Stidson	
1912-29	William Edward Crosse-Crosse, Barrister	
1925-29	William Henry Smaile - Snr Perpetual Curate	
1929-61	William Henry Smaile - united benefice with Peters Marland	
1962-63	Suspension	

1964-79	Robert Frederick Grist
1980-87	Ian Peter Gregory
1988	John Patrick Benson - Priest in Charge
1989	Nigel Gerrish Mead - Team Rector & Rural Dean
1992	John Patrick Benson - Rural Dean