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Fr WILLIAM HIGHAM 22 August 1917 – 5 December 2005



Bill Higham was a Manchester man, educated at St Bede's. He entered the Society in 1935 and, in 1943, did a four-year regency at St Aidan's and, after theology and ordination (in 1949), returned there in 1954 staying until 1968. He was games master and, with his brother, wrote a book on rugby, *High Speed Rugby*, which was translated into French for the benefit of their national team as it was also into Japanese for theirs. It was also well used in South Africa.

After a total of 21 years at St Aidan's, Bill returned to the UK in 1968 and did a number of short assignments before becoming parish priest in a small rural parish in Wales, Newcastle Emlyn, in 1972. He was to remain there for 32 years and was much appreciated by the parishioners. At his farewell they spoke of his devoted service especially in visiting the parishioners, 'practicing, sick-bound or lapsed'. And he had a carpentry shop where he made furniture which he sold to support the parish. He also published booklets on the faith.