

## **A brief history of St. John's Church, Levens**

Henry Howard, the twelfth Earl of Suffolk and Berkshire, bequeathed the whole of his Westmorland estates to his mother Lady Andover and after her death to his sister Frances, whose husband Richard Bagot assumed the name of Howard. Their only daughter and heiress Lady Mary Howard of Levens married the Hon. Fulk Greville Upton, brother of Lord Templeton, who assumed his wife's name.

In 1828 Lady Mary Howard built a Chapel of Ease, dedicated to St. John the Evangelist, at Beathwaite Green in the parish of Heversham at a cost of £2000. She also endowed the living with £200 a year, £10 per annum for the Clerk, and £10 p.a. for the repair of the church

In 1913 the churchyard was added and St. John's Chapel became the Parish Church of Levens, independent from the Parish of Heversham.