

Peter Gerard



Born: 1460 Kingsley, ENG  
Married: Margaret Stanley  
Died: 20 June 1494 Brynhill, ENG  
Parents: Thomas Gerard & Cecily Fouelshurst

The Church of St. Oswald, Winwick  
in the County of  
-- Lancashire --



## Gerard Chapel



knight - St Piers Gerrard

This chapel, probably originally a separate building adjoining the church, was owned as a private chapel by the Gerard family of Ashton, which was then within the Winwick parish. A memorial brass to Peter Gerard who died in 1495 is inset into the floor. It is the oldest brass in the church. It was not until 1928 that this chapel was formally and completely given over to the church by the Gerard family, who had remained loyal to the Church of Rome after the formation.





**THE CHURCH OF SAINT OSWALD**

**THE GERARD CHAPEL.**

On the North side of the church stands the Chapel of the Family of Gerard, Lords of Bryn.

Beneath an elaborate carpet we have a fine metal monument of great size. Engraven upon the monument there is a full-length figure in armour ; surrounding the figure there is an elaborate framework of "canopy-work" and an interlacing ribbon bordering.

The figure represents Peter Gerard of Kingsley and Bryn, a member of a noted Roman-Catholic family. The figure of the knight is engraven in a surcoat (or tabard) bearing an engraved lion, rampant, crowned. Gerard's hair is shown long and waving, his hands clasped as in the act of prayer.

Peter Gerard married Margaret, daughter of Sir William Stanley of Hooton, Cheshire.

The local seat of the Gerards, the moated hall of Bryn, was at various times a refuge for hunted priests in the Days of Persecution and in times of religious intolerance.

YEA, there is an "atmosphere of Peace" within the silent chapels of Winwick Church and we are worthily proud in the possession of these wonderful and interesting Memorials of the Past, these ancient records in engraved metal, in carved marble and - stones with emblems graven,- eloquent of olden days and golden yesterdays.



