## Peter Gerard



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 --



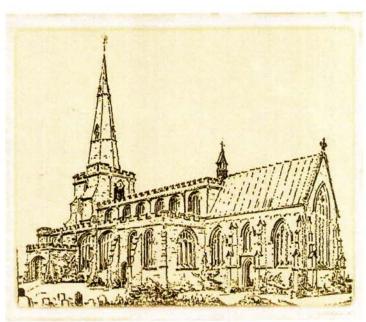
## **Gerard Chapel**



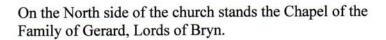
knight - St Piers Gerrard

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.









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.

