PATTERDALE CLERGY

This list is from the Church guidebook.	
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1581	Adam Abbott
-1623	Michael Hirde
1623-1671/2	Peter Birkett ¹
1675-1690	Mr Langhorne
169-1705	Edmund Kilner
1706-1765	John Mattinson ²
1765-1804	Thomas Thompson
1804-death on	7 th June 1861 aged 84 John Thompson ³
1861-1873	William Thomas Rooke ⁴
1873-1875	John Falcon
1875-1878	Thomas Hodson
1878-1891	William Pattinson
1892-1898	Bernard G Hale
1899-1923	William F Morris
1924-1926	William Railton
1926-1930	John T Donaldson
1930-1938	GHJ Baily
1938-1946	WHS Ingles
1947-1960	John Coulson Rogers ⁵
1960-1966	David Wingate
1967-1976	John Coulson Rogers
1977-1980	David Garnett
1981-1987	Simon Crawley
1987-	E Gregory AW Page-Turner

Information supplied by Stuart Nicholson

¹ First Reader, later Clerk and buried as Minister

² Born 1669. Baptised his wife, published his own banns, married his father and buried both parents. Christened all his own children and educated his son. Curacy worth £12 a year + £5 per year as school teacher. His wife was a midwife earning 1/- per delivery. John left £1,000 at death. He taught Thomas Thompson, his successor as minister.

³ See the west window and associated brass plaque, also Curate 1800-1804. Son of Thomas Thompson, the previous Minister

⁴ Also Curate 1857-1861, was Minister until Patterdale became a separate parish on 10th July 1866

⁵ He was born in the June quarter of 1907 in the Kings Norton area of Birmingham and graduated from Keble College, Oxford in 1930 then gained his MA in 1941. His initial career was as a lawyer. He trained at Chichester Theological College, was deaconed in 1941 and priested in 1942. His first curacy was at Whitehaven St James'. His second curacy was at Upperby St. John the Baptist to 1947. He was Rector of Patterdale from 1947 to 1960 & Rural Dean of Penrith in 1960. He was Chaplain at the British Embassies of Helsinki and Moscow from 1960 to 1962, then Rector of Rockingham with Caldecote from 1962 to 1967 (and Rural Dean of Weldon from 1965). He then returned (by invitation of the Church, upon the living becoming vacant) to Patterdale in 1967. He retired in 1977, but remained in the valley, where he died on 18th February 1985, at the age of 77. His grave is next to the main (south) entrance door.

From the guide book of Patterdale Parish Church we know that he radiated warm friendship towards all that he met. After retirement he kept 'open house' for all who came to see him. His sermons were appreciated for their brevity, and the thoughts which they provoked. Sometimes the congregation would sing as a hymn the song from the musical 'The hills are alive with the sound of music', illustrating the dale which he loved.

His gravestone reads "In Loving and grateful memory of John Coulson Rogers died 18th February 1985 aged 77 years Rector of Patterdale 1947-1960 & 1967-1977."