



THE
MANOR

The Manor Cheadle

Welcome to The Manor, a charming Grade II listed Georgian guest house that has gracefully evolved from its historical roots as the rectory of Cheadle into a warm, family-run establishment. Our story is deeply intertwined with the rich history of this area, beginning over two centuries ago.



1793–1838

A LEGACY OF SERVICE

Following Rev. Ward, Rev. John Jackson took the helm from 1793 until 1814, when Rev. Delabere Pritchett became rector. During his 24-year tenure, Rev. Pritchett navigated the parish through significant changes, including the crucial reforms to the tithes system. His time was marked by a growing congregation that led to the construction of a new church, designed by his nephew, Mr. Pritchett of York. Unfortunately, Rev. Pritchett passed away in 1838, just months before the new church opened its doors in June 1839.

1847–1927

A LONG STEWARDSHIP

Rev. Robert Watt succeeded Rev. Rawle and served the parish for an astonishing 43 years, focusing on expanding the parish and furthering the work at the school. Upon his departure in 1890, Rev. Edward Stafford Carlos took over, remaining until his death in 1927. It was during Rev. Carlos's time that the rectory was captured in a now-iconic 1920s photograph, covered in ivy with Rev. Carlos himself crossing the road toward the church.

1980–TODAY

A NEW CHAPTER: THE MANOR

In 1980, the rectory was sold at auction and purchased by Mr. & Mrs. K. Woolridge, who lovingly converted it into what it is now and called it The Manor. This transition marked the beginning of its current role as a cosy, welcoming guest house, where history is felt in every corner, and guests are treated to the warm hospitality that we imagine was felt in the rectory in years past.

Today, The Manor stands as a testament to the rich history of Cheadle, inviting guests to step back in time while enjoying all the comforts of modern-day living. Whether you're here to explore the local heritage or simply relax in our beautiful surroundings, we look forward to welcoming you to what we hope you'll feel is a home from home.

1758

THE BIRTH OF ST. GILES HOUSE

Originally built in 1758, The Manor started its life as the rectory of Cheadle, replacing an earlier rectory, which had stood on the north side of the terrace, it was known as St Giles House (where church terrace nursing home is now). This new rectory replaced an earlier one that stood nearby, constructed shortly after Rev. John Ward was appointed rector in 1757. Rev. Ward served the parish for an impressive 36 years, setting the stage for a succession of dedicated rectors who would leave their mark on the community and the building itself.

1839–1847

REV. RICHARD RAWLE AND THE EXPANSION ERA

In December 1839, Rev. Richard Rawle was appointed as rector. His impact was immediate, selling part of the churchyard to facilitate road improvements and spearheading the construction of the infants' and girls' school, now known as Bishop Rawle School. He also established St. Chad's at Freehay, raising funds by hosting university students at the rectory. His dedication continued until his departure in 1847, after which he was appointed Bishop of Trinidad.

1950

MODERNIZATIONS AND CHANGES

Rev. Carlos was followed by the Hon. Orlando St. Maurweld Forester, a former missionary who requested and oversaw significant expansions to the rectory, including a unique extension with a half-flat roof. Subsequent rectors continued to serve the community through the years, with the rectory witnessing the challenges of World War II under Rev. G.R. Thornton and Rev. R.N. Lawson.

In 1966, during Rev. Stanley Moore's tenure, extensions to the Bishop Rawle School necessitated the removal of a historic archway from the church, which was then relocated to the rectory garden. This arch, bearing the crests of Trinity College, Cambridge, and the Diocese of Lichfield, was later incorporated into a new building to accommodate more rooms and facing the Koi pond now when Mr. & Mrs. Woolridge transformed the rectory in the 1980s.