

SIR JOHN HOLT'S MONUMENT, REDGRAVE CHURCH



The monument was carved by Thomas Green of Camberwell, at a cost of £1,500.. It shows Sir John Holt in his judge's robes, flanked by allegorical figures of Justice and Mercy. There are also supporting figures of angelic 'putti'; one bears the Holt family crest. The inscription translated from Latin reads:

*Sacred to the memory of Sir John Holt, Kt.,
Chief Justice of All England
in the King's Bench for twenty-one years successively;*

one of the continuously sitting advisors to the Privy Council to King William and Queen Anne; the watchful upholder, the keen defender, the brave guardian of Liberty and the Law of England.

Rowland, his brother and sole heir erected this monument to one who had deserved so much at his hands. On the fifth of March 1709 he was removed from our sight. He was born on the 30th December in the year 1642.

There is a mistake in the date; it should read 1710.

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