

Roundheads at the Church

1643



On 22nd October 1643 the vicar at Stoneleigh church, the Reverend Edward Maunsell, was threatened by Parliamentary soldiers, who first caused a disturbance in church and then left, only to discharge their pistols against the window “hoping thereby to have murdered the preacher to the great affrightment of the people.”

The Reverend Maunsell was also a chaplain to King Charles I and so he may have been a particular target for Parliamentarians. He eventually died in Parliamentary custody, in Abingdon.