

Tomb of the Revd. Andrew Cranston

Beneath the floor of this vestry is buried Andrew Cranston, vicar of Reigate, 1697-1708, and founder of the Cranston Library. His tombstone reads:

Hic requiescit ANDREAS CRANSTON,
hujus Ecclesiae Vicarius, Qui
Bibliothecam hanc, Amicorum
sumptibus, suis laboribus
paravit, fundavit.

Vir, indefessus benefaciendo posteris
non desinit concionari vel mortuus.

Abi Lector & aemulare.

Obiit undecimo die Decembris,
Anno Domini 1708.

*Here lies Andrew Cranston,
Vicar of this church, who
by his own labours and through the
contributions of his friends, designed
and founded this library.*

*A man, untiring in his good works for later generations,
he does not cease to speak publicly even after death.*

*Depart, Reader, and do likewise.
He died on the 11th day of December
in the Year of our Lord 1708.*

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