

## THOMAS MANNINGHAM (1683/4-1750)

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### *Bryological career*

Manningham was a friend of Dillenius, and sent mosses to Linnaeus. His plants are at Oxford.

### *Family background and biography*

Manningham was born at East Tisted, Hampshire, eldest child of Thomas Manningham (?1651-1722) and Elizabeth (1656/7-1714). Thomas senior was appointed canon of Windsor in 1693, rector of Great Haseley, Oxfordshire in 1708, dean of Windsor in 1709, and bishop of Chichester from 1709 until his death. He was also chaplain to the speaker of the House of Commons, and merits an entry in the *Dictionary of National Biography*. Thomas senior's parents were Richard Manningham (died 1682, rector of Michelmarsh, Hampshire) and Bridget (*née* Blackwell).

Thomas senior and Elizabeth had at least ten children: Thomas, followed by Richard (1685-1759, who became an accomplished *accoucheur*, and has an entry in the *DNB*), Charles, Simon, Mary, Elizabeth (1684), Dorothea (1687), and three others.

Thomas junior (the botanist) was educated at Eton, and went up to King's College, Oxford in 1701, graduating B.A. in 1705/6. He was ordained priest in 1709, and inducted as rector of Slinford, Sussex in 1711. He followed his father in serving as chaplain to the speaker of the House of Commons from 1718 until 1723.

Thomas married, but his wife Mary's maiden surname is not known. Thomas and Mary had four children, all of whom were born at Slinford: Elizabeth (1714), Ann (1716), Thomas (1717->1752) and Richard (1718-<1752).

Thomas died on May 4<sup>th</sup>, 1750.