

Lydia Halley was Born at Spex near little
Gimersal. y^e 16th of April 1724 where She lived with
her Parents. till She thought it would be proper to
Leave them and go to Service in some family, for that
suted her inclination the most, She being of a brisk and
Lively Dispositi^{on}; after having Lived thus some Years
She returned again to her parents, where She Stayed till
Mr. Ingham began to preach, She went to hear ^{him} & after
Some time became a little concerned about her Salvation
So She continued till y^e Society was begun to be kept in
her Fathers House, She was one of y^e first Members
thereof, when y^e Bre^{re} came, She desired to be joined to
with y^e rest of y^e Society to be under their love & care;
but her heart & Mind not being free from other
entanglements. She could not come to y^e Right Enjoyment
of what She was convinced She wanted this rendered her
her Course of Leading heavy and troublesome

When y^e S^r Lived in y^e Oconing at Clecton, She
Visited them some times, and often told them She could
Like very well to Live with them, after some time
y^e S^r Removed from Clecton to Tynsal Hall, where She
also on y^e 11th of July. 51, had y^e favour to be one of
their family; this pleased her very much, soon after She
began to grow Sickly, and continued some time in
a lingering way, when y^e Chappel in Gumesall was
Consecrated, She went there, and being not well and y^e
Weather Wet, She got a Violent Cold, which threw
her into a fever, but She recovered and grew better
in y^e mean time She got a desire, and Longing to become
a Member of y^e Congregation which was granted to
her, y^e Year following on y^e 3^d of May, for which She was
Very thankful to our Saviour, & Looked upon it as a
real Grace and favour bestowed upon her

As to her Disposition, She was very Close & always kept her matters quite to her self, speaking of them to no one, except y^e S^r who had y^e Care of y^e Croxemy, by which Means She Lost that right enjoyment and fellowship, which She might have enjoyed, had She been more free & Open hearted, however our dear Saviour had a faithfull Eye over her, and often came near her heart to see when he could reach his time with her, in making her inlier so, Led her from step to step, just as a tender Nurse cares for her Child

On y^e 13th of August 1751 She became a Candidate for y^e Sacrament. When y^e S^r removed in to y^e Choir, how She came along with them, and has ever since been very Sickley, so that has often been thought She woud go home, tho' it was never clear to her, for She always thought of recovering again

Dec^r y^e 17th 53. She was Confirmed and on Jan^y 1st 56. She partook of y^e holy Sacrament, for which She had Longed very much, it proved a Lasting blessing to her, tho' She never express'd much in Words, yet y^e desier of her heart after his Maner & Corpses by each enjoyment was very perceptable

At y^e Conclusion of this Year when She was spoke with y^e Sacrament, She Express'd her self in such a particular ^{particular} concerning her heart as She never had done before. O said She I know and feel very well, for why our Saviour permits me to Suffer so much in this body it is becoz he means it well with me, had I my Health and was well, very Likely, I shoud have not remained in that Connection, with him and his Congregation. At this y^e question was put to her; why not as well in health as in Sicknes? then said She nobodys

no body knows what I feel & y^e Grief I have Concerning my Br. When I see the Steps, he has taken; this gave her deep Consonne, and made her Shed many tears, so that She could Scarcely be pacified

She has within this half Year been much better in health, then She has been for some time, She Wonders some times about it, that She felt no more such great pain in her Limb as afore times

June y^e 8th She Spoke with much tenderness, what our dear Saviour had done for her Since She had been in y^e Congregation, what Love and faithfullness he had shewn to her, in perticular that he had made her a partaker of his Corpses & Blood in y^e holy Sacraments, for which She again felt a great Loning and desier, to be again a New refresh'd on her dear and Maner'd Spouse, which She again enioyd on y^e 10th of this Month When She with the rest of her Choir had y^e happynefs Sacramentally to dye into immortality, at which She could not help expressing in words what her heart had there enioyd while on y^e Corpses reclining of him her Lover thus She Concluded this happy day, it being y^e Last time of her enjoying y^e Sacrament here below

The day following She felt great pains Coming on her again, which Continued to grow, worse & worse, we sent for brother Plarita, he made Use of all means passable, as he hath always done for this several Years past. She for a little While found Ease, but her Disorder being of such a Nature that, Meas which could be found proved ineffectual

She then Satisfied her self as much as possible, but On account of y^e extrem Great pain She felt in her

head. She often thought she should Lose her Senses, on which account she was very much troubled as long as she could still go about, she thought it made her not feel her Pains so much, as she should if she took to her bed

the. 25 She was Seized with fits, on which account we perswaded her not to go about any more, but to take to her bed, to which she Consented, her Memory was soon very much weakened by which we thought her time would not be long her father & Mother & I^r came to see her, when she heard it she seemed to be glad, tho' she was not sensible to speak with any body

June ye 30 one could plainly perceive a great change in her she began to believe that her hour of release was nigh at hand, in a very pious manner she then began to sing with her Shammering Voice several Verses she continued thus ye whole After Noon, and amidst other things, she often said I long very much to be with our Saviour Q. if, it might be but soon be, on being Askd by a I^r if she did not believe our Saviour would soon fetch her home, at this she was for a while Silent then said she yes ye on ye Sabbath day, which accordingly happened after having suffered hard pains her everlasting Bridegroom took her over into his Armes and Bosom happily with the blessing of her whole Choir between twelve and one a Clock in the Morning, under those words, to kiss and inly greet, the prints in hands & feet

on July 9th, 1757 in ye 34 Year of her age