**The Forward Family – 14 Dinham Road**

The Forward family lived in Dinham Road at the beginning of the 20th century (listed in the 1911 census). They were a large family- Frederick and Alice were the parents and they had 7 sons, Frederick, Frank, William, Charles, Henry, Edward (died aged 11), and Leonard. There is a group family photo below.

Frederick senior received a letter from the King when all 5 older boys were on active service in WW1, see photo below.

Frederick senior was actually the Forman of Works for John C Guest, who owned music shops in the High Street and Bridge Street and made pianos. He also built organs. His youngest son Leonard Forward learnt his trade as a piano tuner with the Guest company and started his own business repairing and selling pianos in Sidwell Street opposite the Odeon but the shop was bombed during the Blitz. He played violin at the Mint church in Fore Street. Leonard Forward bought 9 Dinham Road at some point and let the bottom and top floors to tenants.

*(Leonard, who you can see with his violin below, may have been connected to the Mint or St Michael’s - still to be validated).*

 

 

 

