



Kelly's Directory Extract 1880

Codford St Mary & St Peter



CODFORD St. Mary – is a parish on the banks of the Wylde, and on the road from Salisbury to Warminster, in the Southern division of the country, hundred of Heytesbury, Warminster union and county court district, diocese and archdeaconry of Salisbury, and rural deanery of Wylde first portion, distant 7 miles south-east from Warminster, 14 north-west from Salisbury, 3 south-east from Heytesbury and 120 from London, adjoining Codford St Peter, where there is a station on the Great Western Railway.

The Church of St Mary consists of chancel, nave, south aisle, and ancient square western tower with 3 bells: the aisle is connected with the nave by an arcade supported by three clustered piers; the chancel arch was for centuries so covered with plaster that its beauty was unheeded; the ornament constituting the enrichment of the architecture is very elaborate: in an adjoining recess, on the south side, serving as a sacristy, at the end of the aisle, is the Mompesson monument; the panels of the pulpit are richly carved in oak, and are in good preservation; the communion table is made from the old pulpit of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford; the church was restored in 1879 at a cost of £1,200. The register dates from 1653. The living is a rectory, yearly value £350, with residence and 44 acres of glebe, in the gift of St. John's College, Oxford, and held by the Rev. William Wynne Willson M.A., formerly fellow of that college.

Here is a Congregational chapel, with Sunday school.

On the summit of Codford Hill, in this parish, is Oldbury Camp, an earthwork forming a complete circle, and surrounded by a vallum and fosse constructed with great regularity.

Arthur Godolphin Yeatman Biggs, J.P. esq. of Stockton House, is lord of the manor and principal landowner.

The soil is light chalk; subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley.

The area is 2,123 acres; rateable value £2,103; the population in 1871 was 349.

Parish Clerk- Charles Oliver

POST, Money Order & Telegraph Office & Savings Bank – Joseph Ford, Receiver.

Letters arrive from Bath & Warminster by mail cart at 6.6 a.m & Bath 4.50 p.m.; dispatched at 1.20 & 7.13 p.m; on Sundays at 6.23 p.m.

Schools -

National (mixed) – Miss Mary Smith, Mistress

Congregational (mixed) – Miss Sarah Packer, Mistress

CARRIER – Bowden's van to Warminster, Wednesday & Saturday; to Salisbury, on Tuesday.

Codford St. Mary

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|---------|-------------|-----------|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Bailey | George | Rev | Congregational | Codford St Mary |
| Bennett | William | | | Codford St Mary |
| Chisman | Thomas | | | Codford St Mary |
| Willson | Wm. Wynne | Rev. M.A. | | Rectory, Codford St Mary |

Commercial

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|----------|---------------|-------|--|-----------------|
| Board | Henry | | Shopkeeper | Codford St Mary |
| Bowden | William | | Baker & Shopkeeper | Codford St Mary |
| Chalker | William J. | | Farmer | Codford St Mary |
| Cross | Thomas | | Draper | Codford St Mary |
| Davis | William | | Boot Maker | Codford St Mary |
| Doughty | Frank | | Mason | Codford St Mary |
| Eacott | George | | Shoemaker | Codford St Mary |
| Fleming | James William | | Saddler & Harness Maker; & at Steeple Langford, Heytesbury & Wilton | Codford St Mary |
| Flemming | Eli | | Blacksmith | Codford St Mary |
| Ford | Joseph | | Carpenter & Postmaster | Codford St Mary |
| Fry | Harry | | Blacksmith | Codford St Mary |
| Lever | William | | Shopkeeper | Codford St Mary |
| Notely | Charles | | Farmer | Codford St Mary |
| Savage | William Lawes | | Grocer & Baker | Codford St Mary |
| Sims | Joseph | | Boot & Shoe maker | Codford St Mary |
| Sparey | Henry Charles | | Baker | Codford St Mary |

CODFORD ST PETER is a parish and station on the Great Western Railway in the Southern division of the county, Heytesbury hundred, Warminster union and county court district, archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury and rural deanery of Wylve first portion, situated on the road to Salisbury, 6 ½ miles south-east from Warminster and 119 from London.

The church of St Peter originally consisted of a chancel, nave and square tower at the west end, containing 5 bells; it was restored in 1864 and a north aisle added, which is connected with the nave by an arcade supported by three clustered piers; the old chancel arch was replaced by a Pointed arch of fine proportions, on carved corbels supported by Devonshire marble shafts; the chancel has been rebuilt in the Decorated style, the original proportions being carefully preserved; in the south wall are inserted three ancient stalls, which belonged to the old chancel; they are of Early Gothic design: the communion table, which is of oak, presented by the Bishop of Salisbury, is approached by three steps, each of which is paved with encaustic tiles; the building will seat about 225 persons; the pulpit, presented by Mr Robert Chapman, late of this parish, is in memory of Miss Ravenhill. The register dates from 1681. The living is a rectory, gross yearly value £462 2s. with residence, in the gift of Pembroke College, Oxford, and held by the Rev. Henry Wightwick, M.A fellow of that college.

A. G. Yeatman Biggs, esq. is lord of the manor. John Ravenhill and William Chisman esqrs. are the principal landowners.

The soil is light chalk loam; subsoil, chalk and flint. The chief crops are wheat, oats and barley.

The area is 1,611 acres; rateable value, £3,058; and the population, in 1871 was 326.

ASHTON GIFFORD is a hamlet three quarters of a mile west, adjoining which is the Codford Railway Station.

Parish Clerk- John Trowbridge

Wall Letter Box – cleared 6 p.m. week days & 9.30 a.m. on Sundays. Letters received from Bath. Codford St Mary is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

Insurance Agent – Royal, C. Hinton

Registrar of Births & Death for Heytesbury District, Isaac Flower

National School (mixed), Leah Crouch, Mistress

Railway Station, Thomas Richards, Station Master

Codford St Peter

Private Residents

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|-----------|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|------------------------------|
| Anderson | | The Misses | | Codford St Peter |
| Blake | Alfred | | | Ashton Villa, |
| Chisman | William | | | Codford St Peter |
| Dear | George | | | Codford St Peter |
| Flower | Henry Cooper | | | Codford St Peter |
| Flower | Isaac | | | Codford St Peter |
| Ingram | Christopher Henry | | | Codford St Peter |
| Rice | William | Major-General | | Codford St Peter |
| Wightwick | Henry | Rev. | | Rectory, Codford St Peter |

Commercial

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|---------|--------------|-------|---|---|
| Barnes | Richard | | Tailor | Codford St Peter |
| Chisman | William | | Farmer | Codford St Peter |
| Clement | George | | Horse Trainer | Ashton Gifford House, Codford St Peter |
| Dear | George | | Woolstapler | Codford St Peter |
| Flower | Henry Cooper | | Brewer | Codford St Peter |
| Flower | Isaac | | Surgeon & Registrar of Births & Deaths for Heytesbury district | Codford St Peter |
| Hinton | Charles | | Tailor & Draper | Codford St Peter |
| Hinton | Joseph | | Shopkeeper | Codford St Peter |
| Ladd | Selina | Mrs | Shopkeeper & Beer Retailer | Codford St Peter |
| Lever | George | | Butcher | Codford St Peter |
| Sturges | Richard | | Carpenter | Codford St Peter |