



Kelly's Directory Extract 1895

Codford St Mary & St Peter



CODFORD St Mary – is a parish on the banks of the Wylve, here crossed by a stone bridge of four arches and on the road from Salisbury to Warminster, adjoining Codford St Peter, where there is a station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western Railway, 7 miles south-east from Warminster, 14 north-west from Salisbury, 3 south-east from Heytesbury, in the Western division of the country, hundred of Heytesbury, Warminster petty sessional division, Union and county court district, rural deanery of Wylve(Wylve portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury.

The Church of St Mary is a stone building, consisting of chancel with aisle, nave, south aisle, south porch and ancient square western tower, containing 3 bells: the chancel is of the Transition style and the tower is of the 16th century: the aisle is connected with the nave by an arcade supported by three piers; the chancel arch, which is Norman, was for centuries so covered with plaster that its beauty was unheeded; the ornament constituting the enrichment of the architecture is very elaborate: the chancel aisle, on the south side, serves as an organ chamber; in it 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 and has 300 sittings. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a rectory, gross yearly value from the tithe rent-charge £345, net income £280, including residence and 44 acres of glebe, in the gift of St. John's College, Oxford, and held since 1892 by the Rev. Edward Albert Henry Aston M.A., 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.

Col. Arthur Godolphin Yeatman-Biggs, R.A., of Stockton House, who is lord of the manor and John Richard Ravenhill esq., are the principal landowners.

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

The area is 1,540 acres; rateable value £1,248; the population in 1891 was 322.

Sexton- Mrs Oliver

POST, M.O. & T.O., S.B. & Express Delivery & Annuity & Insurance Office – Joseph Ford, subpostmaster.

Letters arrive from Bath & Warminster by mail cart at 5.55 a.m & Bath 4.30 p.m.; dispatched to Bath at 1.10 & to Bath & Warminster 7.25 p.m; on Sundays at 6.23 p.m.

National School (mixed) – built in 1875 & enlarged in 1889, with a striking clock, added in 1891, for 120 children; average attendance 76; Jas. R. Richardson, Master

CARRIERS – W.C. Bowden & Thring's van to Warminster, Wednesday & Saturday; to Salisbury, on Tuesday.

Codford St Mary

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|----------|------------------------|-----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Aston | Edward Albert Henry | Rev. M.A. | | Rectory, Codford St Mary |
| Chadwick | George Frederick | | | Codford St Mary |
| Chisman | Thomas | | | Codford St Mary |
| Flower | Henry Cooper | | | Codford St Mary |
| Hayter | | Mrs | | Codford St Mary |
| Holley | Henry | | | West Close, Codford St Mary |
| Roberts | Hy. Alfred | Rev. | Cong. | Codford St Mary |

Commercial

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|----------|------------------|------------------|--|-----------------|
| Bowden | Wm. Chappel | | Baker & Shopkeeper | Codford St Mary |
| Chadwick | George Frederick | L.R.C.P. Edin | Surgeon & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator for Codford St Peter district & Registrar for Births & Deaths for Heystebury sub-district, Warminster union | Codford St Mary |
| Davis | John | | Farmer | Codford St Mary |
| Davis | John Savage | | Railway Carrier | Codford St Mary |
| Davis | William | | Boot Maker | Codford St Mary |
| Doughty | Francis | | Builder | Codford St Mary |
| Ford | Joseph | | Tobacconist, Post Office | Codford St Mary |
| Hebden | Mary | Mrs | Laundress | Codford St Mary |
| Hibbert | | Brothers | Drapers | Codford St Mary |
| Hinton | Sarah Ann | Miss | Shopkeeper | Codford St Mary |
| Ingram | Sydney | | Saddler | Codford St Mary |
| Maidment | John | | Farmer | Codford St Mary |
| Notely | Chas. | | Farmer & Landowner | Codford St Mary |
| Read | Charles | | Shopkeeper | Codford St Mary |
| (Holley) | (Henry) | (Sec) | Reading Room | Codford St Mary |
| Savage | William Lawes | | Grocer & Baker | Codford St Mary |
| Simper | George | | Blacksmith | Codford St Mary |
| Sims | Albert William | | Boot & Shoemaker | Codford St Mary |
| Wheeler | Edwin | | Grocer & Draper & Agent for W. & A. Gilbey Lim. Wine & spirit merchants | Codford St Mary |

CODFORD ST PETER is a parish on the road from Warminster to Salisbury, with a station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western Railway, 6 ½ miles south-east from Warminster and 119 from London, in the Western division of the country, Heytesbury hundred, Warminster petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Wylve (Wylve portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St Peter originally consisted of a chancel, nave, south porch and square embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing a clock and 5 bells; it was restored in 1864 and a north aisle added, and connected with the nave by an arcade supported by three clustered piers; the old chancel arch was replaced by a Pointed arch of fine proportion, 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 sedilia, which belonged to the old chancel; they are of Early Gothic design: in 1891 the interior of the church was painted and decorated throughout in the ancient manner, and a list of rectors for six hundred years was set up: the churchyard was enlarged in 1889: the communion table, which is of oak, presented by Bishop Hamilton of Salisbury, is approached by three steps, each of which is paved with encaustic tiles; the pulpit, presented by Mr Robert Chapman, late of this parish, is in memory of Miss Ravenhill: there is a fine Early Norman font, richly sculptured: and in the chancel a very curious Saxon sculptured stone discovered in 1864: there are several memorial stained windows and brasses: the building will seat about 225 persons. The register dates from the year 1681. The living is a rectory, verage tithe rent-charge £345, gross yearly value £355, net £300, with residence, in the gift of Pembroke College, Oxford, and held since 1884 by Rev. Douglas Maclean, M.A sometime fellow of that college.

Col. Arthur Godolphin Yeatman-Biggs, R.A., of Stockton House is lord of the manor. John Richard Ravenhill, William Chisman, Henry King Wightwick and Thomas King Harding, of Ashton Gifford House, esqs. 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 1,778 acres; rateable value, £2,317; the population, in 1891 was 260.

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

Sexton - William Miness

Wall Letter Box – cleared 6 p.m. week days & 9 a.m. on Sundays. Letters from Bath arrive at 6.30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Codford St Mary is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

National School (mixed), built in 1856, for 80 children; average attendance 55; Miss Emma Bullows, Mistress

Railway Station, Henry Beer, 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, Codford St Peter |
| Harding | Thos. King | | | Ashton Gifford House, Codford St Peter |
| Hulbert | | Mrs | | Codford St Peter |
| Ingram | | Mrs | | Manor House, Codford St Peter |
| Maclean | Douglas | Rev. M.A. | | Rectory, Codford St Peter |
| Sturgess | | Mrs | | Codford St Peter |
| Wightwick | | Mrs | | Codford St Peter |

Commercial

| Surname | Given Names | Title | Industry/Occupation | Place/Parish |
|----------|-------------|-------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Barnes | Leonard | | Tailor | Codford St Peter |
| Carter | Mary | Mrs | Laundress | Codford St Peter |
| Chisman | William | | Farmer, Manor Farm | Codford St Peter |
| Cottle | Walter | | <i>George Inn</i> | Codford St Peter |
| Dear | George | | Woolstapler | Codford St Peter |
| Dear | William | | Foreman of Wool Works | Codford St Peter |
| Dyer | James | | Farmer | Codford St Peter |
| Ford | Joseph | | Carpenter | Codford St Peter |
| Hinton | Charles | | Insurance Agent | Codford St Peter |
| Lever | William | | Butcher | Codford St Peter |
| Oliver | Job | | Haulier & Coal Dealer | Codford St Peter |
| Simper | George | | Blacksmith | Codford St Peter |
| Thornton | Kate | Mrs | Dress Maker | Codford St Peter |
| Toogood | Jane | Mrs | Laundress | Codford St Peter |
| Turner | Wm. | | Beer retailer & Shopkeeper | Codford St Peter |
| Warren | Alfred | | Farmer | Codford St Peter |