



Kelly's Directory Extract 1898

Codford St Mary & St Peter



CODFORD St Mary – is a parish on the banks of the Wylde, 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 Salisbury and Westbury 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 Wylde (Wylde portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury.

The Church of St Mary is a building of stone, consisting of chancel with aisle, nave, south aisle, south porch and ancient western tower, containing 3 bells: the chancel is Transitional and the tower of the 16th century: the chancel arch is late Norman, elaborately carved: in the chancel aisle, is a monument to the Mompesson family; the communion table was made from the old pulpit of the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Oxford; the handsome altar cloth was worked by Mrs Ashley Dodd, late of Stockton House; 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, net income £230, 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.

The Rt. Rev. H. W. Yeatman D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Southwark, of Dartmouth House, Blackheath, London S.E. who is lord of the manor and Henry King Wightwick 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 2,122 acres of land and 7 of water; rateable value £1,133; the population in 1891 was 322.

Sextoness- Mrs Oliver

POST, M.O. & T.O., T.M.O., S.B. Express Delivery, Parcel & Annuity & Insurance Office(sub-office) – Joseph Ford, subpostmaster.

Letters, which should be addressed Codford St. Mary S.O. Wilts, 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; Adolphus Smith, 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
Chisman	Thomas			Codford St Mary
Flower	Henry Cooper			Codford St Mary
Hayter		Mrs		Codford St Mary
Roberts	Hy. Alfred	Rev.	Cong.	Codford St Mary
Ward	Alban	M.B.		Codford St Mary

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bowden	Wm. Chappel		Baker & Shopkeeper	Codford St Mary
Davis	John Savage		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
Hibberd		Brothers	Drapers	Codford St Mary
Ingram	Sydney		Saddler	Codford St Mary
Notely	Chas.		Farmer & Landowner	Codford St Mary
(Doughty)	(Francis)	(Sec)	Reading Room	Codford St Mary
Rugg	Jonas		Farmer	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
Ward	Alban		M.B. Surgeon & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator for Codford St Peter district & Registrar for Births & Deaths for Heystebury sub-district, Warminster union	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 Salisbury and Westbury branch of the Great Western Railway, 6 ½ miles south-east from Warminster, 14 miles north-west from Salisbury and 92 from London by road and 112 by rail, 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 an embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing a clock and 5 bells, was restored in 1864, a north aisle added, and 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, three ancient sedilia, which belonged to the old chancel, being replaced; the communion table, which is of oak, was given by Bishop Hamilton of Salisbury: the pulpit, presented by Mr Robert Chapman, late of this parish, is a memorial to Miss Ravenhill: a lectern of oak & gilt iron work was presented in 1897 in memory of the late Alfred Blake; there is a fine Early Norman font, richly sculptured: and in the chancel is preserved some carved stone work discovered in 1864, and presumed to be of Saxon date: there are several memorial stained windows and brasses: the church was renovated in 1891 and in 1898 the foundations of the tower and east end were renewed: it will now seat about 225 persons; the churchyard was enlarged in 1889. The register dates from the year 1681. The living is a rectory, net income £240, with residence, in the gift of Pembroke College, Oxford, and held since 1884 by Rev. Douglas Maclean, M.A sometime fellow of that college.

The Rt. Rev. H. W. Yeatman D.D., Suffragan Bishop of Southwark, is lord of the manor and William Chisman 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 1,668 acres; rateable value, £2,156; 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 Mines

Wall Letter Box – cleared 6 p.m. week days & 9 a.m. on Sundays. Letters received through Codford St. Mary S.O. arrive at 6.30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Codford St Mary is the nearest money order & telegraph office, half a mile distant.

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

Railway Station, Henry Beer, Station Master

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Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Anderson		The Misses		Codford St Peter
Barnes	Leonard			Codford St Peter
Chisman	William			Manor Farm, Codford St Peter
Collins	Charles			Ashton Villa, Codford St Peter
Curtis	Henry Adolphus			Overton House, Codford St Peter
Harding	Thos. King			Ashton Gifford House, Codford St Peter
Hulbert		Miss		Overton House, Codford St Peter
Ingram		Mrs		Manor House, Codford St Peter
Macleane	Douglas	Rev. M.A.		Rectory, Codford St Peter
Wightwick		Mrs		Codford St Peter

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Carpenter	George		Beer retailer & Shopkeeper	Codford St Peter
Carter	Mary	Mrs	Laundress	Codford St Peter
Chisman	William		Farmer, Manor Farm	Codford St Peter
Cottle	Walter		<i>George Inn</i> & Farm Bailiff to Mr Charles Notley	Codford St Peter
Dear	George		Woolstapler	Codford St Peter
Dear	William		Foreman of Wool Works	Codford St Peter
Dyer	Harry		Farmer	Codford St Peter
Ford	Walter		Builder	Codford St Peter
Hinton	Charles		Insurance Agent	Codford St Peter
Lever	William		Butcher	Codford St Peter
Oliver	Job		Haulier & Coal Dealer	Codford St Peter
Perry	John		Farm Bailiff to T. K. Harding esq	Codford St Peter
Thornton	Kate	Mrs	Dress Maker	Codford St Peter
Toogood	Jane	Mrs	Laundress	Codford St Peter