



Kelly's Directory Extract 1927

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 and 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 an 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 east window is stained: the church was restored in 1879 at a cost of £1,200 and has 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1653. The living is a rectory, net income £442, including residence and 4 ½ acres of glebe, in the gift of St. John's College, Oxford, and held since 1924 by the Rev. Cyril Henry Meyrick M.A., of that college, hon. C.F. Here is a Congregational chapel, founded in 1778, with Sunday school; the chapel has 200 sittings.

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.

J. M. Stratton esq. and C. W. Edwards esq. are the principal landowners. William H. Yeatman-Biggs esq. is lord of the manor.

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 £1,928; the population in 1921 was 314.

Sexton- James Fleming

POST, M.O. & T. Office (letters should have Wilts added) – Ralph Stanley Parker, sub-postmaster.

Elementary School (mixed) – built in 1875 & enlarged in 1889, with a striking clock, added in 1891, for 124 children; Miss B. M. Scull, Mistress

Carrier – Harold Couchman, to Salisbury, Tues. & Warminster, Wed. & Sat.

Codford St Mary

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Chisman		Mrs		Codford St Mary
Edwards	Charles			Codford St Mary
Houghton	Brown A.			Manor Farm, Codford St Mary
Lewis	Ernest Winbolt	M.B.	Lewis	The Poplars, Codford St Mary
Meyrick	Cyril Henry	Rev. M.A.	Hon. C.F. (rector)	Rectory, Codford St Mary
Steer	Henry G.	Rev.	(Congregational)	Codford St Mary
Wightwick		Mrs		The Cottage, Codford St Mary

Commercial

Marked thus * farm 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Chick	Ernest Edwd.		Grocer	Codford St Mary
(Lush)	(J. A.)		*Codford Farms Ltd.	Codford St Mary
Couchman	Harold		Motor Car Proprietor	Codford St Mary
Dewey	William F.		Ironmonger	Codford St Mary
Goodsall	George William		Draper	Codford St Mary
Lewis	Ernest Winbolt	M.B.	M.B., Ch.B. Edin, Physician & Surgeon & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator for No 2 district, Warminster union, Surgeon to G.W. Railway & Post Office, Medical Officer to the Board of Education & Medical Officer Stapleford district, Wilton union T N 10 Codford	Codford St Mary
(Lockyer)	(A.)	(Manager)	Lloyds Bank Limited (Agency) (Open Fri. 10.30 a.m. to 2 p.m.) Head Office, 42 & 44 Gracechurch Street, London E C 3	Codford St Mary
			Midland Bank Ltd. (Agency) (Open Fri. 10.30 a.m. to 2.30 p.m.) Head Office, 5 Threadneedle Street, London E C 2	Codford St Mary
Mills & Son			Boot Dealers	Codford St Mary
Mines	Chas.		Hair Dresser	Codford St Mary
Mizen	Wm. Jas.		Dairyman	Codford St Mary
Norris	David		Baker	Codford St Mary
Parker	Ralph Stanley		Stationer & Post Office	Codford St Mary
Payne	Florence C.	Miss	Dressmaker	Codford St Mary
Simper	Albt. H.		Cycle dealer	Codford St Mary
Smith	Bert		Saddler	Codford St Mary
Sparey	John Martin		Dairyman	Codford St Mary
Stacey	Thos. Rt.		Stationer	Codford St Mary
Stone	David George		Farm Bailiff to J. M. Stratton esq.	Codford St Mary
Stokes	Robert		Grocer	Codford St Mary
Wightwick	Hy. Edwd.		Estate Agent (Postal address, Estate Office, Wylve, Wilts)	Codford St Mary
Wood	Chas.		Poultry Farmer	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 consisting 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; at the same period the chancel was rebuilt in the Early English style, three ancient sedilia, which belonged to the old chancel, being replaced; the altar, which is of oak, was given by Bishop Hamilton of Salisbury: 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, also a hatchment of H.R.H. the late Duke of Albany: the church was decorated in 1891 and in 1898 the foundations of the tower and east end were renewed: in 1906 massive balustraded oak altar rails were fixed at a cost of £55, as a memorial to the late Miss Charlotte Anderson: in 1907 the baptistery was panelled and seated in oak at a cost of £45: a window in the north aisle is in memory of Mrs Sarah Wrightwick, and another window in the same aisle was erected as a war memorial in 1919: the oak screen was given by Maj. S. C. Houston: the church will seat about 225 persons; the churchyard was enlarged in 1889. The registers date from the year 1597. The living is a rectory, net income £483, with residence, in the gift of Pembroke College, Oxford, and held since 1915 by Rev Edward Denny, M.A of that College, prebendary of Bemminster Prima in Sarum Cathedral.

J. S. Collins esq. and Maj. Stuart Carey Houston are the chief 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, £2,920; the population, in 1921 was 318.

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

Letters received through Codford St. Mary, Wilts. Codford St Mary is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

Police Station – William John Reakes, Sergeant

Elementary School (mixed), built in 1841, for 80 children; Miss K. Gasson, Mistress

Railway Station – William Pope, Station Master

Codford St Peter

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Allott	P. Brian	Major		Little Ashton, Codford St Peter
Broughton	Hawley	Mrs		Aston Gifford House, Codford St Peter
Collins	Arthur			Manor Farm, Codford St Peter
Denny	Edward	Rev. M.A.	(Rector & prebendary of Beminster Prima in Sarum Cathedral)	The Rectory, Codford St Peter
Houston	Stuart Carey	Maj.		Manor House, Codford St Peter
Hulbert		Miss		Overton House, Codford St Peter
Sneyd	Ralph	Col.		Bradwell Grange, Codford St Peter
Wightwick		Misses		Codford St Peter

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Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Axtell	James William		Butcher & poulterer T N Codford 37	Codford St Peter
Belbin	Ernest		Farmer	Bury Farm, Codford St Peter
Bell	Harold Frank		Shopkeeper	Codford St Peter
Clark	Wm. E.		Farmer *	Lower Farm, Codford St Peter
Collins	Arthur		Farmer	Manor Farm, Codford St Peter
Dewey	Wm. F.		Petrol Service Station	Codford St Peter
Dyer & Son			Coal Dealers & Hauliers	Codford St Peter
Ford	Walter		Builder	Codford St Peter
(Stanley)	(Frank)		<i>George Hotel</i>	Codford St Peter
Gregory	Mabel M.	Mrs	Grocer & Beer Retailer T N 3 Codford	Codford St Peter
Hinton	George		Bee Farmer	Codford St Peter
Veale	Vosper		Haulier	Codford St Peter
White	Wm.		Smith	Codford St Peter
(Ford)	(W.)	(Sec)	Wiltshire Working Men's Conservative Benefit Society	Codford St Peter