



Post Office Directory Extract 1875

Codford St. Mary and 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 deanery of Wylde, distant 7 miles south-east from Warminster, 14 north-west from Salisbury and 3 south-east miles from Heytesbury, adjoining Codford St Peter, where there is a station on the Great Western Railway.

The Church of St Mary was restored in 1844, and a south aisle added, which 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 new 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 square tower, which contains three bells, is ancient. The register dates from 1653. The living is a rectory, yearly value £350, with residence and 44 acres of glebe, in the patronage of St. John's College, Oxford, and held by the Rev. William Wynne Wilson, M.A., of that college. There is a place to worship for Independents.

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.

Henry Godolphin Biggs, 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; gross estimated rental, £2,384; rateable value, £2,065; and the population, in 1871 was 349.

Parish Clerk, John Sparey

POST, MONEY ORDER & TELEGRAPH OFFICE & Savings Bank – Thomas George Mathews, Receiver.

Letters arrive from Bath & Warminster by mail cart at 6 a.m.; dispatched at 7.30 p.m.; on Sundays at 6.23 p.m.

CARRIERS – Sparey's van to Salisbury, Tuesday; to Warminster, Saturday

Lever's van to Warminster, Wednesday & Saturday; to Salisbury, on Tuesday

Codford St. Mary

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bennett	William			Codford St Mary
Wilson	William Wynne,	Rev. M.A.		Rectory, Codford St Mary
Young	James	Rev.	Independent	Codford St Mary

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bendall	John		Saddler & Harness Maker	Codford St Mary
Chisman	Thomas		Farmer	Codford St Mary
Davis	William		Boot Maker	Codford St Mary
Dawson	John		Shopkeeper	Codford St Mary
Eacott	George		Shoe maker	Codford St Mary
Flemming	Eli		Blacksmith	Codford St Mary
Fry	Thomas		Blacksmith	Codford St Mary
Goodfellow	James		Baker & Shopkeeper	Codford St Mary
Lever	William		Carrier	Codford St Mary
Mathews	Frances Elizabeth	Miss	Establishment for young ladies	Codford St Mary
Mathews	Thomas George		Draper, Grocer & Postmaster	Codford St Mary
Noake	William		Mason	Codford St Mary
Notley	Charles		Farmer	Codford St Mary
Rabbetts	Charles		Shopkeeper	Codford St Mary
Savage	William Lawes		Grocer & Baker	Codford St Mary
Sims	Joseph		Boot & Shoe Maker	Codford St Mary
Sparey	Henry Chas		Baker, Shopkeeper & Carrier	Codford St Mary

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

The church of St Peter originally consisted of a chancel, nave and ornamental 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 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 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, yearly value £462 2s., with residence, in the patronage of Pembroke College, Oxford, and held by the Rev. Henry Wightwick, M.A late Fellow of that college.

A Church of England school-house was erected in 1836 and is now chiefly supported by John Ravenhill, esq., J.P., present owner of Ashton Gifford House.

Henry Godolphin Biggs, esq., is lord of the manor. The trustees of the late Thomas Whiting esq., and the Ravenhill family 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; gross estimated rental, £3,423; rateable value, £2,905; 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. weekdays, & 9.30 a.m. on Sundays. Letters received from Bath.

Codford St Mary is the nearest money order office & telegraph office.

INSURANCE AGENT – *Royal*, C. Hinton

School, Miss Elizabeth Bray, Mistress

Railway Station, Thomas Richards, Station Master

Codford St Peter

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Anderson		Misses		Codford St Peter
Chisman	John			Codford St Peter
Dear	George			Codford St Peter
Flower	Henry Cooper			Codford St Peter
Flower	Isaac			Codford St Peter
Hinton		Mrs		Codford St Peter
Ingram	Christopher Henry	Esq.		Codford St Peter
Ingram	Herbert Swayne			Ashton Villa, Codford St Peter
Melsome	William			Codford St Peter
Ravenhill	John	J.P.		Ashton Gifford House, Codford St Peter
Scammell	William			Codford St Peter
Wightwick	Henry	Rev. M.A.		Rectory, Codford St Peter

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barnes	Leonard		Shopkeeper	Codford St Peter
Barnes	Richard		Tailor	Codford St Peter
Chisman	John		Farmer	Codford St Peter
Chisman	William		Farmer	Codford St Peter
Dear	George		Woolstapler	Codford St Peter
Flower	Henry Cooper		Brewer	Codford St Peter
Flower	Isaac	M.R.C.S. Eng & L.S.A.	Surgeon & Registrar of Births & Deaths for Heytesbury District	Codford St Peter
Ford	Joseph		Carpenter	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
Leaver	George		Butcher	Codford St Peter
Raxworthy	James		General Agent	Codford St Peter
Sturgess	Richard		Carpenter	Codford St Peter