



Kelly's Directory Extract 1915

INGLESHAM



INGLESHAM is a small village on the borders of Berks, 3 miles north from Highworth terminal station on a branch from Swindon and the Great Western railway, 9 miles north-east from Cricklade, and 9 north by east from Swindon, in the Northern division of the county, Highworth hundred, Swindon petty sessional division, county court district and union, and in Cricklade rural deanery, North Wilts archdeaconry, and Bristol diocese. A small part of this parish was formerly in Berks, but by Act 2 & 3, William IV cap 64, was transferred to this county. The church of St John the Baptist is a small but ancient edifice of stone, in the Early English style, and consists of chancel, nave of 2 bays, aisles, south porch, and a western belfry two bells: the chancel wall above the communion table shows signs of shows signs of colour, and there are remains of a large fresco beneath the whitewash; the pulpit is Elizabethan, and some of the pews date from the time of Charles II; in 1910 two pascins, the remains of a stone reredos and the bottom of a 13th Century font were discovered: in front of the communion table are floor tablets to Robert Babb, a former vicar and his wife, AD 1699, and a large black marble slab, from which a life size brass, representing an armed knight, has been removed: in the church is an ancient sculpture of the Virgin and Child; the church was partly new-roofed, and some of the pews lowered in 1892; there are 80 sittings; the old village cross, in excellent preservation, still stands in the churchyard, and consists of three steps supporting an octagonal chamfered base, from which rises a monolithic shaft about 7 feet in height. The register dates from the year 1589. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £160 with glebe (£80) and residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Bristol, and held since 1908 by the Rev Francis John Wright Stephens MA of Pembroke College, Cambridge, Hon Canon of Bristol, rural dean of Cricklade, and vicar of Highworth, where he resides. The Rev John Francis Wright Girling MA of St Catherine's College, Cambridge, has been curate in charge since 1909. There is a charity of £1 yearly, bequeathed by the late Jane Bray of Shilton, and expended in clothing for two poor persons in Lower Inglesham, not chargeable to the parish. The manorial rights are divided, and there are a number of small landowners. The soil is clay, sub-soil stone brash. The parish contains 1218 acres of land and 10 of water, rateable value £1865. The population in 1911 was 357 in the ecclesiastical parish, and 144 in the civil parish, including the parish of Coleshill, and 133 in the ecclesiastical parish. By an Order dated March 25th 1883, a detached part of Coleshill, Berks, in Faringdon union, known as Lynt Farm, and by Order 13156, dated March 25th 1883, Penn cottages were amalgamated with this parish.

Letters through Lechlade, (Gloucestershire), which is the nearest money order and telegraph office, arrive at 6.30am. Wall Box at Upper Inglesham cleared at 7.35pm, and box on post at Lower Inglesham at 7.15pm weekdays only.

Elementary School (mixed), built in 1870, with residence for mistress, for 40 children; Mrs Jane Kinch, mistress

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Girling	Francis John Wright	MA, Reverend	Curate-in-charge	Lower Inglesham
COMMERCIAL				
Carpenter	Joseph		Farmer	Lynt Farm
Eddols	Rauleigh		Farmer	Lynt Bridge
Kinch	William Thomas		Farmer	Manor Farm
Maundrell	Harry		Farmer	College Farm
Reynolds	Albert Henry		Farmer	Middle Hill Farm
Smith	Henrietta	Mrs	Shopkeeper	