



# Kellys Directory Extract 1915



## Manningford Abbots

**MANNINGFORD ABBOTTS** (or Abbas) is a small parish with a few houses and is 2 miles south-west from Pewsey station of the Great Western railway, and 8 south from Marlborough, in the Eastern division of the county, hundred of Swanborough, Pewsey petty sessional division, Pewsey union, Marlborough county court district, rural deanery of Marlborough, (Pewsey portion), archdeaconry of Wilts, and diocese of Salisbury. The church, dedication unknown, but rebuilt in 1864, is an edifice of stone in the Early English style, consisting of chancel, nave, south porch, and a western bell gable with 2 bells, one of which was recast in 1896, and there is a piscina on the south side of the chancel, and three marble tablets to members of the Astley family: there is an exquisite pre-Reformation chalice: the church was restored in 1912 and has 120 sittings. The register dates from the year 1538. The living is a rectory, net yearly value £200, including 15 acres of glebe and residence, in the gift of Mrs Pawley-Smith and held since 1908 by the Rev. Henry Alfred Colthurst Tomkins, BA of Trinity College, Cambridge. The principal landowners are the Governors of St Thomas' Hospital, the trustees of Aubrey William Freeman Wilson, and Alexander Grant Meek, esq JP. The soil is sand and clay, sub-soil, chalky: the chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and turnips. The area is 931 acres: rateable value £1356. The population in 1911 was 132.

**Sexton:** Frank Boddington

**Wall Letter Box:** cleared at 11.50am & 6.20pm, Sunday, 9.15am. Rectory box cleared 7.30am & 5.50pm, Sunday 8am. Letters through Pewsey, Wilts arrive at 7.30am. Pewsey is the nearest money order and telegraph office.

The School for this parish is at Manningford Bruce.

### Gentry/Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Chisman	James George			The Butts
Cook	Alfred			South View
Stagg	Thomas W			Malthouse Farm
Tomkins	Henry Alfred Colthurst	Reverend, MA	Rector	Rectory

### Traders

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Amor	William		Farmer	
Butcher	George James		Farmer	Manningford Mills
Holmes	James		Farmer	
Keene	Oliver E	MSA	Architect	Manor House
Simper	Herbert		Farmer	Lower Farm
Ware	Walter T	Ltd	Nurserymen	