



Urchfont

Interesting Entries from the Parish Registers

1559

Three marriage entries were written on a loose fragment. There may have been further Marriage entries on this fragment which seems to have ended the first book. The next entries are on parchment sheets, and begin with January 1560 but contain no marriages for that year.

14th November 1576

[.....] Whelpeus & Elizabeth More [?]. [Entered thus:- "Decimo quarto di Nobembris Ego Whelpeus. More duxi Elizabetham." The incumbents name was Whelpley. Either the brides name was More or "more" an attribute to "duxi".] This roughly translates to the couple being married before God on the 14th November

After June 1644

Entries affected by the Plague

1653/4 to 1657

All marriages were before Magistrates/Justice of the Peace

1682

[Here follows a list of Collections on two sides of a leaf; and at their close the following entry for which no year is given, but which is assumed to belong to 1682

8th October 1862

William, s. of Robert Batt & Joane Cooper.

1695

"A true and perfect Register of the several Marriages which have been happended within the Parish of Urchfont from and since the first day of May in the year of the Lord 1695, taken and kept according to an Act of Parliament made for the raising certain dutys on Marriages, etc., for the space of five years, etc."

After July 1695

A marginal note here records the Marriage of John Lidyard and Mary Collett on 18 Oct. 1701 in Greek but give the date as 16 Oct.

1716

Sept. 27th was baptised Elizabeth daughter of Eliz. Mason (ye daughter of Wm & Alice Mason on Strawberry Bank), single woman, Ye Father is reported to be Stephen Bradford formerly pretended to be married to her sister since it appears yt he has been married unto her and upon his confession, never to her sister.

1721/22

On Sunday Jan. 14th were baptised Stephen, Dorothy and Elizabeth ye son and daughters of John and Dorothy Kyte, born all three at one birth with Private baptism for fear of death as it was pretended by ye midwife.

(Note all three babies were buried on the 21st January)

1727

August 29th Will y son of Nathan Cooper (ye pretty wretch so called formerly) & of Ruth his wife in ye Marsh