



Kelly's Directory Extract 1889

Codford St Mary & St Peter



CODFORD St Mary – is a parish on the banks of the Wylde, which is here crossed by a stone bridge of four arches and on the road from Salisbury to Warminster, 7 miles south-east from Warminster, 14 north-west from Salisbury, 3 south-east from Heytesbury, adjoining Codford St Peter, where there is a station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western Railway, in the Western division of the country, hundred of Heytesbury, Warminster petty sessional division, Union and county court district, rural deanery of Wylde, archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

The Church of St Mary is a stone building, consisting of chancel with aisle, nave, south aisle, south porch and ancient square western tower, containing 3 bells: the chancel and nave are of the Transition styke and the tower is 14th century: the aisle is connected with the nave by an arcade supported by three clustered piers; the chancel arch, which is Norman, was for centuries so covered with plaster that its beauty was unheeded; the ornament constituting the enrichment of the architecture is very elaborate: the chancel aisle, on the south side, serves as an organ chamber; in it 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 church was restored in 1879 at a cost of £1,200 and has 300 sittings. The register dates from 1653. The living is a rectory, yearly value from the tithe rent-charge £345, gross £410, including residence and 44 acres of glebe, in the gift of St. John's College, Oxford, and held since 1873 by the Rev. William Wynne Willson M.A., and formerly of that college. Here is a Congregational chapel, with Sunday school.

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.

Col. Arthur Godolphin Yeatman-Biggs, R.A., J.P., 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 1,540 acres; rateable value £1,594; the population in 1881 was 340.

Parish Clerk- Samuel McCaul

POST, M.O. & T.O., S.B. & Annuity & Insurance Office – Joseph Ford, Receiver.

Letters arrive from Bath & Warminster by mail cart at 6.6 a.m & Bath 4.40 p.m.; dispatched to Bath at 1.10 & to Bath & Warminster 7.13 p.m; on Sundays at 6.23 p.m.

Insurance Agent – Phoenix Fire – R.K. Melsome

National School (mixed) – built in 1875 & enlarged in 1889, for 120 children; average attendance 76; Miss Emily Waldron, Mistress

CARRIER – Thring's van to Warminster, Wednesday & Saturday; to Salisbury, on Tuesday.

Codford St. Mary

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bennett	William	Rev	Congregational	Codford St Mary
Chadwick	George Frederick			Codford St Mary
Chisman	Thomas			Codford St Mary
Flower	Henry Cooper			Codford St Mary
Holley	Henry			Codford St Mary
Willson	Wm. Wynne	Rev. M.A.		Rectory, Codford St Mary

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Bowden	Wm. Chappel		Baker & Shopkeeper	Codford St Mary
Cross	Thomas		Draper	Codford St Mary
Chadwick	George Frederick	L.R.C.P. Edin	Surgeon & Medical Officer & Public Vaccinator for Codford St Peter district & Registrar for Births & Deaths for Heystebury sub-district, Warminster union	Codford St Mary
Davis	John		Shopkeeper	Codford St Mary
Davis	John Savage		Railway Carrier	Codford St Mary
Davis	William		Boot Maker	Codford St Mary
Doughty	Francis		Builder	Codford St Mary
Flemming	Eli		Blacksmith	Codford St Mary
Ingram	Sydney & Henry		Saddlers	Codford St Mary
Melsome	Robert		Commercial Traveller	Codford St Mary
Notely	Charles		Farmer	Codford St Mary
Read	Charles		Shopkeeper	Codford St Mary
Savage	William Lawes		Grocer & Baker	Codford St Mary
Sims	Albert Wm.		Boot & Shoe maker	Codford St Mary
Wheeler	Edwin		Grocer	Codford St Mary

CODFORD ST PETER is a parish situated on the road from Warminster to Salisbury, with a station on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western Railway, 6 ½ miles south-east from Warminster and 119 from London, in the Western division of the country, Heytesbury hundred, Warminster petty sessional division, union and county court district, rural deanery of Wylde, archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St Peter originally consisted of a chancel, nave, south porch and square embattled western tower, with pinnacles, containing a clock and 5 bells; it was restored in 1864 and a north aisle added, and 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 sedilia, which belonged to the old chancel; they are of Early Gothic design: the communion table, which is of oak, presented by the Bishop Hamilton of Salisbury, is approached by three steps, each of which is paved with encaustic tiles; the pulpit, presented by Mr Robert Chapman, late of this parish, is in memory of Miss Ravenhill: there is a fine Norman font and in the chancel a very curious Saxon sculptured stone: the building will seat about 225 persons. The register dates from the year 1681. The living is a rectory, gross yearly value £462 2s. with residence, in the gift of Pembroke College, Oxford, and held since 1884 by Rev. Douglas Maclean, M.A fellow of that college.

A Church of England school-house was erected a few years since, at the expense of Wadham Locke, Esq., and is now chiefly supported by John Ravenhill, esq., J.P., present owner of Ashton Gifford House.

Col. Arthur Godolphin Yeatman-Biggs, R.A., J.P. of Stockton House is lord of the manor. John Ravenhill, William Chisman and Thomas King Harding, of Ashton Gifford House, esqrs. 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 1,778 acres; rateable value, £2,562; the population, in 1881 was 319.

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

Sexton - William Miness

Wall Letter Box – cleared 6 p.m. week days & 9 a.m. on Sundays. Letters from Bath arrive at 6.30 a.m. & 5 p.m. Codford St Mary is the nearest money order & telegraph office.

National School (mixed), built in 1856, for 80 children; average attendance 55; Miss Emma Bullows, Mistress

Railway Station, Thomas Richards, Station Master

Codford St Peter

Private Residents

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Anderson		The Misses		Codford St Peter
Blake	Alfred			Ashton Villa, Codford St Peter
Dear	George			Codford St Peter
Flower	Isaac			Codford St Peter
Harding	Thos. King			Ashton Gifford House, Codford St Peter
Ingram		Mrs		Codford St Peter
Maclean	Douglas	Rev. M.A.		Rectory, Codford St Peter
Wightwick		Mrs		Codford St Peter

Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Barnes	Leonard		Tailor	Codford St Peter
Bendall	John		Harness Maker	Codford St Peter
Chalker	William John		Farmer	Codford St Peter
Chisman	William		Farmer	Codford St Peter
Cottle	Walter		<i>George Inn</i>	Codford St Peter
Dear	George		Woolstapler	Codford St Peter
Dear	William		Foreman of Wool Works	Codford St Peter
Ford	Joseph		Carpenter	Codford St Peter
Hinton	Charles		Insurance Agent	Codford St Peter
Hinton	Martha	Miss	Dressmaker	Codford St Peter
Hinton	Priscilla	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Codford St Peter
Ladd	Sarah Ann	Mrs	Shopkeeper & Beer Retailer	Codford St Peter
Lever	William		Butcher	Codford St Peter
Oliver	Job		Haulier	Codford St Peter
Simper	George		Blacksmith	Codford St Peter