



# Kelly's Directory Extract 1895



## Imber

Imber is a parish, 6 miles east-by-north from Warminster, 7 south-east from Westbury station, and 7 north-east-by-east from Heytesbury station, all on the Wilts, Somerset and Weymouth branch of the Great Western Railway, in the Western division of the county, Swanborough hundred, Warminster union, petty sessional division and county court district, rural deanery of Potterne (Potterne portion), archdeaconry of Wilts and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St. Giles is a stone building, in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of 3 bays, aisles, north porch, and a western embattled tower, with pinnacles, containing 5 bells: there is a piscina at the east end of the south aisle, and in the porch a mutilated stoup: there are two stone effigies representing Crusaders, one being in a 14<sup>th</sup> century arched and cusped recess in the south aisle: the font is Early Norman, with herring bone sculpture round the top: the chancel was rebuilt in 1849, at a cost of £630 10s. by the Marquess of Bath: the church has 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1709. The living is a vicarage, average tithe rent-charge £110, gross yearly value £232, net £220, including glebe (£15), with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury and held since 1885 by the Rev. James Hugh Pearson M.A. of Hertford College, Oxford.

Here is a place of worship for Baptists.

The principal landowners are the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who are lords of the manor, the Duchess of Cleveland, the trustees of Mrs Tinker, and William Heathcote Seagram esq.

The soil is flinty; subsoil, chalk. The chief crops are wheat, oats, barley and pasture. The area is 3,011 acres; rateable value, £1,445; the population in 1891 was 292.

Parish Clerk, James Carter

Letters arrive by foot messenger at 9.15 a.m. through Bath, via Codford St. Mary, which is the nearest money order & telegraph office. Wall Letter Box cleared at 4.20 p.m. & in Nov. Dec. & Jan. at 3.50 p.m. week days only.

### SCHOOLS:-

National (Mixed), erected in 1876, for 60 children; average attendance, 32; Miss Charlotte Price, mistress

British, erected 1858, for 50 children; average attendance, 21; mistress (vacant)

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Pearson	James Hugh	Rev. M.A.		Vicarage, Imber

### Commercial

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Daniel	Jane	Miss	Shopkeeper	Imber
Dean	William Robert		Farmer	Imber
Fricker	Edward		Farmer	Imber
Dean	Edward Henry		Farmer & Miller (wind)	Manor Farm, Imber
Goddard	John		<i>Bell inn</i>	Imber
Hooper	William Pearce		Farmer	Imber
Meaden	Emanuel		Shopkeeper & Carrier	Imber
Meaden	Henry		Boot & Shoe maker	Imber
Meaden	John		Carpenter & Wheelwright	Imber
Nash	William		Blacksmith	Imber
Pearce	Samuel		Gamekeeper	Ladywell, Imber
Staples	Ann	Mrs	Shopkeeper	Imber