



Kelly's Directory Extract 1907



Imber

Imber is a parish, 7 miles east-by-north from Warminster station, 7 south-east from Westbury station, and 5 north-east from Heytesbury station, all on the Salisbury and Westbury 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 building of stone, in the Decorated and Perpendicular styles, consisting of chancel, nave of three bays, aisles, north porch, and an embattled western tower, with five pinnacles and containing 5 bells: there is a piscina at the east end of the south aisle, and in the porch a mutilated stoup: two recumbent stone effigies of knights lie in the church, one being within a 14th century arched recess in the south aisle: the font is Early Norman, with herring bone work round the top: the chancel was rebuilt in 1849, at a cost of £630 10s. by the Marquess of Bath and the church was thoroughly restored in 1895 at a cost of £1,000, and affords about 200 sittings. The register dates from the year 1707. The living is a vicarage, net income £196, including glebe (£15), with residence, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1898 by the Rev. Charles Morgan Watling. Here is a Baptist chapel, built in 1839, seating 180.

The principal landowners are the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who are lords of the manor, James Hooper esq., 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 3,047 acres; rateable value, £1,223; the population in 1901 was 261.

Sexton, Frank Carpenter

Letters arrive by foot messenger at 9 a.m. through Codford St. Mary S.O. Chitterne, about 3 miles distant, is the nearest money order & telegraph office. Wall Letter Box cleared at 4.35 p.m.

Elementary School (Mixed), erected in 1836 & enlarged in 1876, for 60 children; average attendance, 45; Miss Clara Mountford, mistress

Carriers – Frank Wyatt, to Devizes, thurs.; to Warminster, sat.; Frank Carpenter, to Warminster, sat.

Surname	Given Names	Title	Industry/Occupation	Place/Parish
Watling	Chas. Morgan	Rev.		Vicarage, Imber

Commercial

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Carpenter	Frank		Carrier & Sexton	Imber
Carter	John		Carpenter & Wheelwright	Imber
Carter	William		Baker	Imber
Dean	Edwd. Hy.		Farmer	Court Farm, Imber
Dean	Fredk. Jas.		Farmer	Tinker's Farm, Imber
Dean	Sidney Geo.		Farmer	Seagrams Farm, Imber
Hooper	James		Farmer	Imber
Maslen	William		<i>Bell Inn</i>	Imber
Meaden	Henry		Boot & Shoe maker	Imber
Nash	Albert		Blacksmith	Imber
Tinnams	Herbert		Baker & Grocer	Imber
Wyatt	Frank		Shopkeeper & Carrier	Imber