



Parish History

Worton & Marston

Parish Timeline

- ❖ 1165 Worton mentioned in Potterne Deeds
- ❖ 1173 Worton referred to as a large farm holding
- ❖ 1500's Surnames Long/Flower/Piers/Hobby's/Matthews appear
- ❖ 1600's Surnames Mereweather/Hussey/Parsons/Strawbridge/Gaisford appear
- ❖ 1602 Marston Enclosure Act put in place
- ❖ 1644 Marston visited by The Plague
- ❖ 1647 Worton requested to aid the poor of Potterne
- ❖ 1647 Civil War skirmishes in the area. Colonel Long commands Royalist troops
- ❖ 1657 Tithe maps of Marston produced
- ❖ 1700's Surnames Shorter/Biggs/Perry/Glass/Winkworth/Spearing/Slater appear
- ❖ 1800's Surnames Nethersale/Seymour/Bolter/Purnell/Kensington/Tilby/Edmonston appear
- ❖ 1829 Wesleyan Methodist Chapel built in Worton
- ❖ 1835 Formation of Marston Methodist Chapel
- ❖ 1841 Christ Church built in Worton
- ❖ 1841 First recorded baptism at Christ Church
- ❖ 1844 First educational use of buildings where school house would later be erected
- ❖ 1852 Worton & Marston became an Ecclesiastical Parish in its own right
- ❖ 1852 First marriage at Christ Church took place

- ❖ 1876 The school log for the period May & June stated a fever disrupted education
- ❖ 1888 The bell at Christchurch was cast by Mears
- ❖ 1889 Frederick John Kempster born in London (see the article on the gentle giant)
- ❖ 1896 The School House was built by local builder James Holloway
- ❖ 1911 Village hall was built originally known as the library hall
- ❖ 1922 Bodman's Coaches of the Old Forge Garage at Worton was founded
- ❖ 1931 School came under County Authority
- ❖ 1957 Teresa Lewis (nee Sheridan) (OPC) was born at Sandlease!
- ❖ 1965 New school built (now Five Lanes Primary)

Source: Various but include adaptations from "Memories of Marston & Worton (1991) and the village school logs