

Kelly's Directory 1915

ANSTY is a village and parish encompassed by downs on every side except the south, 2 miles south by east from Tisbury station on the Somerset and Yeovil branch of the London and South Western railway, 13½ miles west from Salisbury, 7 north east from Shaftesbury and 95½ from London, in the Southern Division of the county, Hundred of Dunworth, Tisbury petty sessional division, Shaftesbury County Court District, Tisbury Union, rural deanery of Chalke (Tisbury portion), archdeaconry of Sarum and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St. James is a cruciform edifice of stone in the Early English style consisting of chancel, nave, transepts, north porch and a small western belfry containing one bell. The church was restored in 1842 and more completely in 1878 and a vestry added, at a cost of about £500; there is a stained east window in memory of the late Rev. J.H. Samler; the church will seat 150 persons. The register dates from the year 1654.

The living was a donative, net income £30, in the nominal gift of Lord Arundell of Wardour, but by disability the University of Oxford, and held since 1898 by the Rev. Quartus Bacon M.A. of St. John's College Oxford, who is Vicar of, and resides at, Swallowcliffe.

Nearly adjoining the churchyard, to the north, is a pile of old buildings, supposed to have belonged to the Abbey of Shaftesbury.

The whole of the parish belongs to the Dowager Lady Arundell of Wardour, who is Lady of the Manor.

The soil is sandy, subsoil sandstone. The chief crops are wheat and oats. The area is 1,382 acres; rateable value £1,076. The population in 1911 was 227 in the civil and 232 in the ecclesiastical parish.

By an Order dated March 25 1885, a detached part of this parish, known as Sangers, was amalgamated with Wardour for civil purposes.

Parish Clerk, Charles Edgar Lever

Letters through Salisbury arrive at 7.45am. The nearest money order office is at Tisbury, 2 miles distant, and Swallowcliffe is the nearest telegraph office, 1 mile distant. Wall Letter Box cleared at 6.30pm and 9.15am on Sundays.

The children attend school at Swallowcliffe and Wardour.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Bacon	Quartus	Rector
Brain	Ernest	Farmer, South Farm
Brain	Emily, Mrs	Farmer, Manor Farm
Cadley	Henry	Estate Steward & Farm Bailiff, Harwood Farm (postal address Swallowcliffe)
Crump	Charles	Arundell Arms public house
Hansford	George	Builder, Painter, Decorator & Wheelwright
Jeffery	Mrs	Wardour Old Castle (postal address Swallowcliffe)
Lever	Charles Edgar	Farmer, Haulier & Carrier
Mounty	Henry	Farmer
Parsons	Henry	Dairy
Parsons	William jun	Farmer
Tucker	William	Farmer