

Kelly's Directory 1889

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 South Western railway, 13½ west from Salisbury, 7 north east from Shaftesbury and 95½ from London, in the Southern division of the county, hundred of Dunworth, Hindon petty sessional division, Shaftesbury county court district, Tisbury Union, rural deanery of Chalk, Tisbury portion, archdeaconry and diocese of Salisbury.

The church of St. James is an edifice of stone in the Early English style and was restored about the year 1842; it is cruciform and has a chancel and nave, with two transepts, north porch and a small western belfry containing one bell.

The church was thoroughly restored in 1878 and a vestry added at a cost of about £500 which was subscribed by the whole of the diocese. There is a stained east window in memory of the late Rev. J.H. Samler. The church will seat 290 persons. The register dates from 1654.

The living is a donative in the gift of Lord Arundell of Wardour D.L., J.P., who has declined to appoint. The parish is served voluntarily the Vicar of Tisbury.

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 Lord Arundell of Wardour D.L., J.P., who is lord of the manor.

The soil is sandy; subsoil, sandstone. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 1,338 acres; rateable value £1,328; the population in 1881 was 293.

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

Parish Clerk, William Lever
Letters through Salisbury arrive at 7.45am
The nearest money order and telegraph office is at Tisbury

Wall letterbox cleared at 6pm and 8am on Sundays

The children attend school at Swallowcliffe and Wardour

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Brain	Edward Silas	Manor Farm
Butt	Edward	Gunsmith
Cole	William	Arundell Arms public house
Dewey	Samuel	Shopkeeper & Dairyman
Hussey	Hubert	Farmer
Jeffery	John	Farmer, Cholden Farm
Lever	William	Builder & Wheelwright & Parish Clerk
Parmiter	Philip	Farmer, Harwood Farm
Parsons	Henry	Dairy