

Kelly's Directory 1923

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 Southern railway, 13½ miles west from Salisbury, 7 north east from Shaftesbury and 95½ from London, in the Salisbury Division of the county, Hundred of Dunworth, union and petty sessional division of Tisbury, Shaftesbury County Court District, 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. Samier; the church will seat 150 persons. The register dates from the year 1654.

The living was a donative, net income £38, 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 also Vicar of Swallowcliffe, where he resides.

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 Anne 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 £1,531. 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. The nearest money order office is at Tisbury, 2 miles distant, and Swallowcliffe is the nearest telegraph office, 1 mile distant.

The children attend school at Swallowcliffe and Wardour.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Marked thus * farm 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Bacon	Quartus	Rector
*Brain	Ernest Silas	Farmer, Harwood & South Farm (postal address Swallowcliffe)
*Brain	Emily, Mrs	Farmer, Manor Farm
Crump	Charles	Arundell Arms public house
Hansford	George	Builder, Painter, Decorator, Wheelwright & Blacksmith
Jeffery	Mrs	Wardour Old Castle (postal address Swallowcliffe)
Lever	Charles Edgar	Haulier
*Mounty	Henry & Harry	Farmers, Hillside
Parsons	Ernest	Dairy Farmer
Parsons	William	Farmer
Parsons	William	Secretary, Ansty Recreation Room
Tucker	William	Farmer