

Kelly's Directory 1898

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 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 290 persons.

The register dates from the year 1654.

The living is a donative, net income £22.10s. in the gift of Lord Arundell of Wardour, and held since 1898 by the Rev. Quartus Bacon M.A. of St. John's College Oxford.

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, who is lord of the manor.

The soil is sandy: subsoil sandstone. The chief crops are wheat, barley and oats. The area is 1,379 acres; rateable value £1,161; the population in 1891 was 247 in the civil and 262 in the ecclesiastical parish.

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 & telegraph office is at Tisbury, 2 miles distant. Wall Letter Box cleared at 6pm and 3am on Sundays.

The children attend school at Swallowcliffe & Wardour

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Bacon	Quartus	Rector
Lever	William	Ansty House
Brain	Emily, Mrs	Farmer, Manor Farm
Butt	Edward	Gunsmith
Dewey	Edwin	Shopkeeper & Dairyman
Gray	Walter	Arundell Arms public house
Green	Ernest W	Farmer
Hansford	William	Builder & Wheelwright
Parsons	Henry	Dairy
Jeffery	John	Farmer, Wardour Old Castle (postal address Swallowcliffe)
Parmiter	Joseph P	Farmer, Harwood Farm (postal address Swallowcliffe)