

Kelly's Directory 1931

ANSTY is a village and parish, encompassed by downs on every side except the south, 2 miles south-be-east from Tisbury station on the Somerset and Yeovil branch of the Southern railway, 13½ west from Salisbury, 7 north-east from Shaftesbury and 95½ from London, in the Salisbury division of the county, hundred of Dunworth, rural district 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, more completely in 1878, when a vestry was added, and again in 1916; there is a stained east window in the memory of the Rev J H Samler. The church will seat 150 persons.

The register dates from the year 1654.

The living is a vicarage, annexed to that of Swallowcliffe, joint net yearly value £352, in the gift of the Bishop of Salisbury, and held since 1898 by the Rev Quartus Bacon M.A. of St John's College, oxford, who 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 Ann 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; the population in 1921 was 246 in the civil and 248 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 M.O. office is at Tisbury & Swallowcliffe nearest T. office.

Gentry/Private Residents/Traders
Marked * farm 150 acres or over

Surname	Given Name	Industry/Occupation
Ansty Recreation Hut		Bert Lever, secretary
Brain, Mrs	Emily	Farmer, Manor Farm
*Brain	Ernest Silas	Farmer, Harwood & South Farms TN Donhead 10
Crump	Charles	Arundell Arms public house
Hansford	George	Builder, painter/decorator, wheelwright, blacksmith
Lever	Charles Edgar	Haulier
*Mounty	Harry	Farmer, Hillside
Parsons	Ernest	Dairy Farmer
Parsons	William	Smallholder
Tucker	William	Smallholder