

ON THE STATE OF CERTAIN PARISH  
CHURCHES IN SURREY IN 1705.

FROM MSS. IN LAMBETH PALACE LIBRARY.

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“These answers were given to a printed Advertisement marked No. 964 &c. which was published at the End of a Brief in the year 1705, by order of Mr. Harley (afterwards Lord Treasurer Oxford), who at that time was endeavouring to relieve the Distresses of the inferior Clergy.”

“Memorandum 1760. *Notitia Parochialis* in six volumes contains 1579 Returns to the Queries of a now unknown Divine. These Returns were at the Bottom of a Brief for the rebuilding of the Church of All Saints in Oxford. Dat. 28 Feb. anno 3 Annæ Reg. They are very curious and extremely valuable and give an account of the state of 1579 Parish Churches in 1705. Most of them are written or signed by the then Incumbents. April 2, 1760. I purchased these papers of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr Entick of Stepney, who, in 1743, had bought them at Osborne's Sale of the late Earl of Oxford's printed books, soon after which they were bound in the manner in which they now appear and deposited in the MS. Library of Lambeth by order of his Grace Abp. Secker.”

“AND: COLTEE DUCAREL, LL.D., Lambeth Librarian.”

One looks in vain for some parishes concerning which it would have been most interesting to have returns, but probably, in many cases, as there was no compulsion to give answers, and replies were voluntary, the clergy entirely disregarded the application for information.

A copy of the "Advertisement" is given in facsimile below, and is followed by the account of such of the parishes as are mentioned in the MSS.

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God save the Queen

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ADVERTISEMENT.

*To the Reverend the Minister of every Parochial Church or Chappel in England.*

*Reverend Brother,*

There being a design form'd of publishing *The Present State of Parish-Churches*, giving an Account of all pious Persons who have been Benefactors to the Church since the Reformation; together with several other things that are worthy to be known: You are therefore humbly desired to contribute your kind Assistance to this so useful an Undertaking, by returning a particular Answer (at the bottom, or on the back of this Advertisement) to such of the following Queries, as the Case of your Parish, and any neighbour vacant Parish (if such there be) shall require. 1. Are the tithes or any part of them, impropriated, and to whom? 2. What part of the Tithes is your Church or Chappel endow'd with? 3. What Augmentation or other Benefaction has your Benefice, had, when, and by whom? 4. If your Church or Chappel was founded since the Reformation, when, and by whom? 5. What Union or Dismembring (if any) has been made of your Church and by whom? 6. What Library is settled or settling in your Parish, and by whom? 7. If the yearly value of your Rectory, Vicarage or Chappelry be under 30*l.* how much? 8. To whom does the Advowson, Collation or Donation of your Benefice belong? 9. If it be co-nominal with any other Place, what is the Note of Distinction? 10. If it be a Benefice that is not taken notice of in the *Valor Beneficiorum*, pray express in what Arch-deaconry or Deaconry it is. The Account you'll be pleas'd to give of these or the like Particulars, shall be faithfully apply'd to the Service of the Publick.

Pray take care that what you write be at the Foot, or at the Back, of this Advertisement, and not upon the Brief; and if that Paper be too little, you may affix more, and write upon't.

Any Notices relating to this Advertisement; upon the Return of the Briefs, will be taken care of and lodg'd with *William Hawes*, Bookseller, at the *Golden Buek* over against *S. Dunstan's Church in Fleet Street*, for the AUTHOR, a Divine of the Church of *England*.

## ASHTED.

## D. OF EWELL.

The Parish Church of Ashted in the County of Surry will make but a little figure in *The Present State of Parish Churches*. But such as it is, you shall have it in the answer to the Queries proposed.

1. All the Tithes and every one of them, belong to the Rector, or Parson ; the Rectory having never been impropriated.
2. It is endow'd with some Glebe lands, to the value of ten pounds per annum, more or less.
3. It hath received no augmentation nor benefaction, time out of mind.
4. It was founded before the Reformation, but when, and by whom, I cannot learn.
5. No union nor Dismembring hath been made.
6. No Library is settled nor hath ever been settled.
7. The yearly value of the Rectory is not under thirty Pounds.
8. The Advowson, collation or donation belongs to the Lord of the Manor, and goes along with it.
9. It is not co-nominal with any other place.
10. It is in the Arch-deaconry of Surry and Deaconry of Ewell. I know but one thing peculiar to the Church of Ashted, viz. : That it is inclosed in a park.

## ALBURY.

## STOKE GUILFORD D.

The Advowson of y<sup>e</sup> Rectory of Albury in y<sup>e</sup> Countie of Surrey belongs to y<sup>e</sup> hon<sup>ble</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Lord Guernsey.

Stoke Deanry.

## BATTERSEA.

## SOUTHWARK DEANRY.

1. The great Tithes of the Vicarage of Battersea in Surrey are impropriated to S<sup>r</sup> Walter S<sup>t</sup> John.
2. The church is endowed w<sup>th</sup> all vicarial Tithes as Hey all sort of fruits and Roots &c.
5. It belonged to y<sup>e</sup> Abby of Westminster.
6. There is no Library settled or setling but S<sup>r</sup> Walter S<sup>t</sup> John has endowed a free school.
8. The advowson belongs to S<sup>r</sup> Walter S<sup>t</sup> John.

There is a Hamlet called Penge disjoyn'd from y<sup>e</sup> Parish 6 or 7 miles w<sup>ch</sup> belongeth to it where y<sup>e</sup> Vic<sup>r</sup> of Bat. is Parson.

## CHALDON.

## EWEL DEANRY.

Reverend S<sup>r</sup>.—In the Parish of Chaldon in Surrey There is nothing of moment to be answer'd to any of y<sup>r</sup> Queries in this Advertis[ment] onely The Perpetuity of y<sup>e</sup> Advowson is in y<sup>e</sup> Owner of Chaldon Court.

Ewel Deanry.

I am yours,  
Tho. Jackson,  
Rect. de Chaldon.

## HOURNE.

1. The Tithes of the Parish of Hourn in Surry are not Impropriated to any person.
2. The Church is endowed with Both Great and small Tithes.
3. The Benefice hath had noe Augmentation.
4. The Chappell of Hourn was of old annexed Before the Reformation.
5. The Chappell of Horne was of old annexed to the Rectory of Blechingly But seperated By S<sup>r</sup> Robert Clayton Last Year By Act of Parliament from it and made a Rectory.
6. There is noe Library setled in y<sup>e</sup> Parish of Hourne.
7. The Yearly Value of y<sup>e</sup> Rectory of Hourn is above 30<sup>l</sup> p an.
8. The Advowson Belongs to S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Clayton.
9. I know noe Parish of y<sup>e</sup> same Name.
10. It is expressed in y<sup>e</sup> *Valor Beneficiorum*.

## LONG DITTON.

## D. OF EWELL.

1. None impropriate yet some paid by way of ancient composition.
2. Endow'd with all.
3. No Augmentation or Benefaction.
4. None known.
5. None made.
6. None.
7. It is not under 30<sup>li</sup>.
8. The Advowson belongs to the Lady Penelope Alston and to her heyres.
9. It is co-nominall w<sup>th</sup> Ditton distinguished thus : My Parish is called Long Ditton, the other Thames Ditton.
10. It is taken notice of in the *Valor Beneficiorum*.

## THAMES DITTON.

Thames Ditton is a Chappelry dependent upon Kingston, and y<sup>e</sup> Vicars of Kingston have y<sup>e</sup> right of nomination, they have likewise y<sup>e</sup> tythe of wood.

- 1st Q. All y<sup>e</sup> Gre[at tithes]. 2. Impro. (*sic*) Shem Bridges and  
 . . . Dormer of Bucks.  
 2nd Q. Small tythes.  
 3rd Q. W<sup>m</sup> Hatt . . . Esq<sup>r</sup> lately deceased has left 20<sup>li</sup> p ann  
 for ever to y<sup>e</sup> Minister pd quarterly free from taxes.  
 8th Q. The Vicar of Kingston upon Thames.  
 9th Q. Thames Ditton.

## NEWINGTON BUTTS.

The Rectorie of S<sup>t</sup> Mary Newington alias Newington Butts in y<sup>e</sup> County of Surrey, is in y<sup>e</sup> Deanary of Southwark in y<sup>e</sup> Diocese of Winchester, but a Peculiar of Canterbury and in y<sup>e</sup> gift of y<sup>e</sup> B<sup>p</sup> of Woreest<sup>r</sup>; tis subject to y<sup>e</sup> visitation of no Arch-deacon, only y<sup>e</sup> Dean of y<sup>e</sup> Arches visits: y<sup>e</sup> Rect<sup>r</sup> is W<sup>m</sup> Taswell S. T. P. formerly Student of Ch: Ch: in Oxford y<sup>e</sup> first fruits are 16<sup>li</sup> 0<sup>s</sup> 0<sup>d</sup>. Procurations and Synodals 6<sup>s</sup> 8<sup>d</sup> p ann. No part of y<sup>e</sup> Tithes is impropriated but y<sup>e</sup>y belong all to y<sup>e</sup> Rect<sup>r</sup> only subject to these following Modes and Customs.

1. Y<sup>e</sup> Rect<sup>r</sup> is obliged to take five shillings for the Tithe of every acre of garden-ground.
2. Y<sup>e</sup> Customary paym<sup>t</sup> for every acre of Pasture is three shillings a year.
3. Y<sup>e</sup> Customary paym<sup>t</sup> at Easter for every cow is five pence over and above y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>s</sup> p acre for Pasturage.
4. Y<sup>e</sup> Customary paym<sup>t</sup> for Easter offerings is sixpence a house: y<sup>e</sup> Inhabitants (men women and children) are supposed to be ab<sup>t</sup> 5,000. The Church was founded long before y<sup>e</sup> Reformation and has swallow'd up a Chappel w<sup>ch</sup> was at Walworth, a hamlet belonging to y<sup>e</sup> s<sup>d</sup> Parish.
7. The yearly value is much above 30<sup>li</sup>.

The Inhabitants of y<sup>e</sup> Parish have this year, at their own charge, new-pewd y<sup>e</sup> Church, and beautified y<sup>e</sup> Chancel by an Assesm<sup>t</sup> upon every house-keeper amounting in y<sup>e</sup> whol to above 500<sup>li</sup> this makes (?) them less liberal in y<sup>e</sup> distribution of their Charity tow<sup>ds</sup> y<sup>e</sup> Reparation of other Churches.

## NUTFIELD.

## D. OF EWELL.

1. As to the first Query it is noe impropriation but a Rectory.
2. As to the second all Tithes received except Tithes hay.
3. As to the third noe Augmentation or benefaction.
4. As to the fourth it was founded before the Reformacon.
5. As to the ffifth noe union or dismembring of the Church.
6. As to the sixth noe Library settled or setting.
7. As to the seventh the Rectory is above 30<sup>li</sup> p Annu.
8. As to the eight I beleive it doth belong to one Mr John Westbrooke in Cannon Street London, Salter.
9. As to the ninth it is not co-nominall as I know of.
10. As to the tenth it belongeth I suppose to the Deaconry of Ewell.  
*(sic)*

Ralph Whitfeld Rec<sup>t</sup> of Nutfeld.

## PETERSHAM.

## D. OF EWELL.

Reverēd Bro<sup>r</sup> in persuaunce to your pious and Publiek designe I return these following Answers to your Questes.

1. All the Tythes both great and small belonging to y<sup>c</sup> Chappeldry of Petersham in y<sup>c</sup> County of Surrey and Diocess of Winton are imppriate: and are part of y<sup>c</sup> estate of—Horden an Attourney living in Hatton Garden London.  
*(sic)*
2. So there is noe endowment.
3. Nor any augmentation: the maintenance is voluntary and by subscription.
4. The Chappel was built 1505 on the south side of S<sup>t</sup> Peter's Abby; by whom I cannot learn.
5. There has been neither union or dismembring.
6. Noe library set or setting up.
7. The Subscription is about 40 per Annu: the Vicar of Kingstone (to w<sup>ch</sup> Ch: 'tis a Chappell of Ease) contributes nothing.
8. The Avonsan *(sic)* of Kingstone to w<sup>ch</sup> Petersham is a Chappel in Horden the Impropriatour: whose nephew and namesake is now Vicar of Kingston in y<sup>c</sup> County of Surry and Diocess of Winton.
9. Co-nominal with no other place as I know of.
10. In the Deauary of Ewell.

By me Charles Jones Curate of Petersham &c.

## PUTTENHAM.

## STOKE-GUILFORD.

1. To y<sup>e</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Question I answer No.
2. To y<sup>e</sup> 2<sup>d</sup> all.
3. To y<sup>e</sup> 3<sup>d</sup> None.
4. To y<sup>e</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> No.
5. Y<sup>e</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> No.
6. To y<sup>e</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> None.
7. To y<sup>e</sup> 7<sup>th</sup> No.
8. To y<sup>e</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> y<sup>e</sup> L<sup>d</sup> Keeper.
9. To y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> None.
10. To y<sup>e</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> Stoke.

## RICHMOND.

## D. OF EWELL.

## EWELL DEANRY.

Rev<sup>d</sup> Sr. In answer to y<sup>r</sup> Querries be pleased to take y<sup>e</sup> following accounts.

1. The great Tythes are impropriated to one Mr. Harding (I think his Sirname is Nicolas) a Lawyer.
2. Only y<sup>e</sup> small Tythes belong to y<sup>e</sup> Incumbent who is chiefly maintained by voluntary contributions.
3. It has no augmentation or benefaction except one rekon 6<sup>l</sup> p an<sup>n</sup> : out of a Parish house and 4<sup>li</sup> to y<sup>e</sup> Min<sup>r</sup> or Overseer of an Alms-house.
4. I suppose y<sup>e</sup> Chappel founded before y<sup>e</sup> Reformation but caunot be positive.
5. It is a Chappel of Ease to y<sup>e</sup> Mother Church of Kingstone and includes y<sup>e</sup> little Village of Kew.
6. No Library.
7. Y<sup>e</sup> Income of Small Tythes is something more than 20<sup>l</sup> p an<sup>n</sup>.
8. The Vicar of Kingston generally approves him that y<sup>e</sup> Parishoners choose. But y<sup>e</sup> right of nomination is in him.
9. It is distinguished y<sup>e</sup> Parish of Riehmund in Surry, another of y<sup>e</sup> same name being in Yorkshire.
10. It lies in y<sup>e</sup> Archdeaconry of Surry, in y<sup>e</sup> Deanery of Ewell. I heartily wish success to y<sup>e</sup> good undertaking and am

Y<sup>r</sup> humble Ser<sup>t</sup>

N. B.

## RYGATE.

D. OF EWELL.

Reveñd Sr—Be pleased to take this short answe<sup>r</sup> to your Queries:—

1. The Tyths of the Parish of Rygate in the County of Surrey are impropriated and the impropriation is now in the possession of Roger James Esq<sup>r</sup> who is the patron.
2. To the second the Vicar is possess'd of all the small tyths belonging to any vicarige such as Hopps, flax, wool, small wood, &c.
3. To the Third the Vicaridge has had no Augmentation or any other benefaction since the Reformat<sup>n</sup>.
4. To the 4<sup>th</sup> the Church is one of the fairest edifices in the County and was founded in the times of popery but in what century and by whom is uncertain there is only one old inscription over the vestry which gives Account that it was built by John Skinner Gentleman in the year 1513.
4. To the 4<sup>th</sup> (*sic*) There is no union has been made of our church or dismembring.
5. To the 5<sup>th</sup> the present Vicar in the year 1701 erected a publick lending Library for the use of his Successors and the neighbouring clergy and gentry and Inhabitants of the parish in which, by the benefactions of several persons of quality, gentlemen and Inhabitants of the parish and Citizens of London, there are at present about 1600 volumnes (*sic*) great and small and the Library is daily encreasing, whereof there is a design of printing a Catalogue of the books therin at present.
7. To the 7<sup>th</sup> the yearly Value of the Vicarige is about 70<sup>li</sup> besides the perquisites.
8. To the 8<sup>th</sup> the advowson of the Vicaridge belongs to Roger James Esq<sup>r</sup>.
9. To the 9<sup>th</sup> it is not co-nominal w<sup>th</sup> any other place we know of.
10. To the 10<sup>th</sup> it is taken notice of in the *Valor Beneficiorum* and the Vicar payes twenty-two pounds for first fruits. The Vicaridge is in the Archdeacoury of Ewell in the County of Surry.

This is all the Account I can at present give to your queries.

I am Sir,

Your humble serv<sup>t</sup>

And. Crauston,

Vic<sup>r</sup> of Rygate.

GODSTONE ALS. WALKINSTEAD.

1. The great Tithes of y<sup>e</sup> parish of Godstone alias Walkinstiad in y<sup>e</sup> County and Archdeaconry of Surrey and in y<sup>e</sup> Deanary of Ewhill (*sic*) are impropriated to George Evelyn Esq. to whom also y<sup>e</sup> Advowson and Donation belongs.
2. The Vicaridge is endow'd w<sup>th</sup> all small Tithes.
3. There is no Augmentation belonging to it.
4. The Church was founded before y<sup>e</sup> Reformation but when or by whom is unknown.
5. As to this I can say nothing.
6. There is no Library settled nor settling.
7. The Vicaridge hath been let by Lease for 30<sup>li</sup> p annu.
9. The parish is co-nominal w<sup>th</sup> no other Place in the county.
10. The Benefice is taken notice of in y<sup>e</sup> *Valor Beneficiorum*.

## WALTON SUP. THAMISIN SURREY.

## STOKE DEANRY.

1. Qu. All Tyths great and small even Easter offerings and mortuaries and all other emolum<sup>ts</sup> and profits (excepting usual fees for mar: bur: and xstnings) are entirely invested in the Impropiator the Widow and Son of Francis Drake deead. (late of Woodstock Park) now living at Agmondesham Bucks.
2. Qu. Nothing reserv'd in the Pattent but twelve pound p añum to the officiating M<sup>nr</sup> nor since y<sup>e</sup> decease of the late Impropiator Francis Drake will the wid: and son allow anything but leave the parish to provide for themselvs tho' the Impropiation be farmed at 200<sup>li</sup> p annum.
3. Qu. None.
4. Qu. A large hansom Church long since founded and a parish consisting of two Thousand souls.
5. Qu. None.
6. Qu. None.
7. Qu. Nothing but a poor pension of 12<sup>li</sup> p añum p<sup>d</sup> by y<sup>e</sup> Impropiator w<sup>th</sup> a vicarige house and a small close.
8. Qu. It has been held many years by a Lycense from the B<sup>p</sup> only not being worth anybody's p<sup>s</sup>entation.
9. Qu. Walton upon Thames to distinguish it from Walton sup Montem in the same Countie of Surrey.
10. Qu. It is in the *Valor Beneficiorum*.

Memorand: There is a small parish just by us, call'd West Molsey distinct but under the same Impropiation and nothing reserv'd to the M<sup>nr</sup> but six pound and a noble there has been lately a benefaction given to it of 200<sup>li</sup> to settle 10 p añum upon the M<sup>nr</sup> by Francis Brend Esq<sup>r</sup> deeces'd of that Parish.