

**MARTHAM** is a large village and parish in the incorporated hundreds of East and West Flegg, diocese of Norwich, archdeaconry of Norfolk, county court district of Great Yarmouth, rural deanery of Flegg, north-east division, 10 miles N.N.W. from Yarmouth, 18 N.E. from Norwich, and 17 S.E. from North Walsham. The family of Gunton had a considerable interest here in the reign of King John. The church was a rectory, and given by Roger de Gunton, with all its appurtenances, in the presence of William, Bishop of Norwich, to the prior and convent of Norwich. The church is the most important, with regard to dimensions and architectural embellishments, in the deanery of Flegg; it differs from most village churches in presenting an early and pure example of the perpendicular style. It consists of nave, north and south aisles, chancel, western square embattled tower, south porch with parvise, and is of exceedingly fine proportions, with base mouldings, and stone panels, filled in with squared flint. The tower arch is lofty, and contains a series of shields, each suspended on a quatrefoil, bearing charges of six varieties, good external and internal arches; its stone roof is plain groined, with moulded ribs. The south door is a truly magnificent specimen of mediæval carving, panelled, with tracery heads, of rich design, and surrounded with a band of vine leaves and fruit. The nave and aisles are covered with elaborate oak roofs; that of the nave contains carved angels, and open-work tracing in the spandrels. The font is octagonal, of perpendicular character; the nave has open seats, having highly enriched poppy-heads, one of which is especially curious, bearing the figure of a bell, in which is the monogram of Mary. The rood door, with its carved tracery, and the staircase, are perfect. A portion of the painted glass that existed in a dismembered condition, in its original state must have been splendid. The restoration took place in 1856, when the entire building was restored at a cost of £8,000, given by Mrs. Catherine Alice Dawson, then of Rollesby Hall, as a memorial of her late husband, Rev. Jonathan Dawson, M.A., to whom there is a raised altar tomb. The chancel is of the florid Gothic architecture. The east window is filled with beautiful stained glass, by Hardman, of Birmingham, and is of five lights. The chancel arch is cusped, and beautifully enriched with foliage, resting on massive corbels, having carved angels bearing the sacramental emblems. The vestry is entirely new, there having been no vestry previous to the restoration, and the rebuilding of the chancel. In the south aisle were two slabs, recently placed under the tower, one to the memory of Christopher Burraway, the offspring of an unnatural connection between a father and a daughter. He was placed, when an infant, in the Foundling Hospital, but, in after years, returned to Martham, was unconsciously engaged as farm steward by his own mother, who afterwards married him, and thus became successively, mother, sister, mistress, and wife to this one man. She recognized him as her own child by a peculiar mark on his shoulder, which so horrified her, that she soon expired, and he

survived her but a few months. The following inscriptions are on the slabs to their memory :—"Here lyeth the body of Christr. Burraway, who departed this life ye 18 day of October, anno domini 1730, aged 59 years." And their lyes Alice, who by her life was my sister, my mistress, my mother, and my wife. Died Feb. ye 12, 1729, aged 76 years." The living is a discharged vicarage, annual value £363 17s. with residence, in the patronage of the dean and chapter of Norwich, and held by the Rev. George Pearse, M.A. The great or rectorial tithes belong to the dean and chapter of Norwich, and are leased to Mrs. Ann Francis, and Wm. Rising, Esq., J. P., of Martham House, for £628 18s. 2d. Thomas Fraser Grove, Esq., of Fern House, Wilts, is lord of the manor. A manor court is held once a year; William Rising, Esq., J.P., is the owner of the hall estate and other portions of the parish. The vicar owns Moregrove and Knightsley, which form a small manor. John Pollard and James Bane, Esqrs., are also resident landowners, with a number of small owners. The village is large, pleasantly situated on rising ground above the marshes. There are several handsome and well-built houses, with some good shops. The Baptists and Primitive Methodists have places of worship here. The register dates from 1558. A fair, principally for pleasure, is held on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in July. The free school, founded in accordance with the will of Christopher Amis, in 1622, who left £110 for that purpose; this sum, with other small donations, were expended in the purchase of the school-house, and 5s. 1r., which was exchanged at the enclosure in 1812, for 8s. 1r. 20p., now let for £18 per annum, £15 of which, with the use of the house and garden, as the salary of the master for teaching fifteen boys, the remaining £3 is expended in repairs, &c. In the schoolmaster's garden is a cork tree upwards of 100 years old; Mrs. Sarah Bowman left £300 three per cent consols, £7 to be laid out in the education of six girls, and £2 given to the poor, at St. Thomas' day. Miss D. Creasy left £400 in the consolidated bank annuities for the education and clothing seven girls. Here is a small school near the church erected in 1852, by the Rev. G. Pearse, M.A., vicar, who, with subscription, is the principal supporter; here are 78 acres of land allotted to the poor at the enclosure in 1812; about 40 acres form a pasturage for the cows of the poor, and the remainder is let for about £52 per annum. The late William Rising, Esq., left £1 per annum to the ringers of this parish, and £1 per annum for five poor widows of the parish, to be given on the 1st May and the 1st of January. Population of the parish in 1861 was 1,092. Acreage 2,644. Cess and Damgate are hamlets in this parish.

The M. U. O. of Odd Fellows, the Rational Sick and Burial Association, and Star of Promise Benefit Society, hold their meetings at the King's Arms monthly.

POSTAL REGULATIONS.—Post and Money-order Office, Post Office Savings' Bank and Government Annuity, John Lee Hunt, postmaster. Letters arrive from Yarmouth at 8.0 a.m.; dispatched 5.50 p.m. Yarmouth post town; money-orders granted and paid from 9.0 a.m. till 5.0 p.m.

Medical Officer to the Winterton Trinity Light House, Anthony Crisp, Esq., Jessamine Cottage.

Registrar of Births and Deaths for the district of West Flegg, Anthony

## CARRIERS TO—

Norwich—Dove, from House through Acle, Wednesday and Saturday, 6.0 a.m.

Norwich, through Acle—Hales, Wednesday and Saturday, 6.0 a.m.

Yarmouth, through Hemsby—Grimble, from his house, Saturday, 9.0 a.m.

Yarmouth, through Ormesby Gedge from house, Wednesday and Saturday, 7 a.m.

Yarmouth—Dove, from house, through Ormesby, Monday and Wednesday, 8.30 a.m.

Bane James, Esq., Martham Green  
 Bane Mrs. Esther, White street  
 Barber Mr. George, Repps road  
 Bond Mrs., Black street  
 Bushell Mr. Thomas, The Green  
 Crisp Anthony, Esq., surgeon, M.R.C.S.,  
 medical officer to West Flegg district,  
 and registrar of births and deaths for  
 West Flegg, and medical officer to the  
 Winterton Trinity light-house, Jessa-  
 mine cottage  
 Dawson Mr. John, Repps lane  
 Denniston Mrs., White street  
 Dent Mrs. Sarah, White street  
 Gillett William, Esq., Sutfield house  
 Haywood William, Esq., Cess  
 Jarman Rev. David, Baptist minister,  
 White street  
 Jay Mrs. Mary  
 Leach Mrs. Rebecca, The Green  
 Parker Capt. Robert, R.N., The Green  
 Pearse Rev. George, M.A., vicar, Vicarage  
 Pollard John, Esq., Martham green  
 Purdy Mr. Charles, Rollesby road  
 Purdy Mrs. W., The Green  
 Reeve Mrs. Charlotte, The Green  
 Rising Benjamin W., Esq., Sutfield house  
 Rising Mr. Thomas Sutfield, Rose cottage,  
 Cess  
 Rising William Esq., J.P., Martham house  
 Waite John Newman, Esq., Martham hall  
 Wiseman Mr. William, The Green  
 Woodman Robert, Esq., M.D., surgeon,  
 medical officer to the East Flegg dis-  
 trict, The Green, p.r. Ormesby St.  
 Margaret

## GENERAL TRADES.

Allcock John, saddler and harness maker,  
 The Green  
 Allpress James, saddler & harness maker,  
 Markham green, and at Gt. Ormesby  
 Braddock Daniel, brickmaker  
 Braddock George, watch & clock maker,  
 and photographer, White street  
 Brooks W., boot & shoemaker, Repps lane  
 Chubbock —, gamekeeper to Wm. Rising.

Daniels Robert, Minister, veterinary sur-  
 geon, The Cottage, Martham green  
 Dove Samuel, beer retailer and carrier,  
 Star Tavern, Repps lane  
 Dove William, pork butcher, Black street  
 Durrant Robert, plumber, painter & glazier,  
 Repps road  
 Edwards Alfred, tailor and woollen draper,  
 The Green  
 Faulke James, cooper, miller, and corn  
 merchant, Martham mill  
 Felmingham John, senr., bricklayer, Black  
 street  
 Felmingham John, jun., bricklayer, Black  
 street  
 Futter John, carter  
 Gedge John, pork butcher and carrier,  
 Rollesby road  
 Gedge Samuel, cooper and market gar-  
 dener, Hall lane  
 Greenacre Jno., boot & shoemaker, Repps ln.  
 Greenacre William, carpenter & builder,  
 Yew Tree Cottage, The Green  
 Grimble William, grocer, pork butcher,  
 and carrier  
 Harmer James, coal dealer and boat owner,  
 Damgate  
 Harmer John, fruit and market gardener,  
 Gibbett hill  
 Harmer William, shoeing and general  
 smith, Black street  
 Hodds Benjamin, shopkeeper, Black street  
 Hodds Henry, thatcher  
 Hunt John Lee, commercial school, assist-  
 ant overseer and collector of assessed  
 taxes and poor's rates, and post-office,  
 School house  
 Jay John, market gardener, Somerton rd.  
 Jay Robert, market and fruit gardener,  
 Repps lane  
 Jeary John, senr., butcher, The Green  
 Jeary John, jun., butcher  
 Johnson, James, boot and shoemaker  
 Kerrison Mark, boot and shoemaker  
 Knights Mrs. C., milliner & straw bonnet  
 maker, Rollesby road  
 Lacey Mrs. Susan, general shopkeeper,

Lack William, grocer & draper, The Green  
 Lambert Henry, blacksmith, brazier, iron  
 and tin-plate worker, Black street

**LINFORD W. & SON**, fmly grocers,  
 tea dealers, provision merchants, glass,  
 china, and earthenware dealers, and  
 agents to W. & A. Gilbey, wine & spirit  
 merchants, White street

**LINFORD W. & SON**, linen and  
 woollen drapers, shawl, dress, mantle,  
 millinery, straw hat and bonnet estab-  
 lishment, White street

**MOORE ROBERT**, corn, coal, malt,  
 flour, and meal merchant, and brick  
 manufacturer, The Green

Moore Robert, grocer, tea dealer, provision  
 merchant, linen and woollen draper,  
 dress and shawl establishment, The  
 Green

Nichols Robert, boot & shoemaker, Black  
 street

Page John, bricklayer, Black street

Piggin Thomas, bricklayer, Repps lane

Purdy Charles, agent for the Equitable  
 Fire Assurance Company, Rollesby rd.

Purdy Miss C., educational establishment

**REEVE JAMES**, watch and clock  
 maker, & working jeweller, The Green,  
 and at Ludham

**ROGERS RICHARD**, King's Arms  
 Inn, and bowling green proprietor, wine  
 and spirit merchant, Martham green

Rounce Everitt, organist and teacher of  
 music

**RUST DANIEL**, millwright, engineer,  
 machinist & builder, Martham Machine  
 Works

Self George, plumber, painter, & glazier,  
 Repps road

Skoyles Samuel, wheelwright & carpenter,  
 Black street

Smith George, tailor, The Green

Trenfield Miss Elizabeth, dress maker,  
 Damgate

Ware Joseph, miller, Suck Tower Mill

Welch Thomas Henry, tailor and woollen  
 draper, The Green

Woods William, wheelwright & carpenter,  
 Black street

Wright James, bricklayer, White street

Youngs Edward, beer retailer & bricklayer,  
 Repps lane

### FARMERS.

Bane James, and landowner & seed-mer-  
 chant

Braddock Daniel

Braddock James, Pitt farm

Coppin Charles, Rollesby road

Daniels Richard

Deary John, and thatcher

Dyball Humphrey, Gibbett hill

Faulke James Cooper, Martham mill

Gowen James, and brickmaker, &c., Bos-  
 gato hill

Green Robert, Clark's farm

Greenacre George, and cattle dealer, The  
 Green

Grimson Henry, Damgate

Grimson William, The Common

Harmer John, Gibbett hill

Hindry Martin, bailiff to J. N. Waite, Esq.

Huggins Robert, Cess

Jay Thomas William, Martham Green  
 farm; The Hall farm, Horsey

Jeary John, sen., The Green

Jeary John, jun.

Johnson William, White street

Knights Alfred, and horse & cattle dealer,  
 Rollesby road

Knights Richard, Moregrove & Knightsby,  
 Damgate & Heigham Holmes, Potter  
 Heigham

Long Robert, The Common

Myhill Robert, Cess

Pollard John, and landowner, The Green,  
 and at Cess

Ramsome William, Damgate

Rising Benjamin William, and landowner,  
 Sutfield farm, and at Tunstall

Rising William, and landowner, Martham  
 house

Steele George Groom, Thunder Hill farm,  
 Ivy house

Thompson John & Frederick, Town farm,  
 and at Damgate

Thompson Mrs. Mary, Town farm, and at  
 Damgate

Wiseman Alfred, The Grange, and at  
 Westhall (Suffolk)