

MARTHAM is a pleasant village, with several good houses surrounding a large green, seated on rising ground above the marshes, $9\frac{1}{2}$ miles N.N.W. of Yarmouth, having a station on the Eastern and Midlands Railway. Its parish extends above a mile westward to the hamlet of Cess, on the river Thurne, and is in Flegg union, Yarmouth county court district and bankruptcy district, East and West Flegg petty sessional division, West Flegg hundred, Flegg rural deanery, and Norwich archdeaconry. It had at the last census 1,097 inhabitants, living on 2,644 acres of enclosed land, of which nearly half is copyhold and subject to arbitrary fines. Mr. J. M. Wiseman is lord of the manor, but Moregrove and Knightsley form a small manor, belonging to the Rev. B. Rising. Messrs. R. Knights and John Love are the other largest landowners.

The CHURCH (St. Mary) is the largest and handsomest in the deanery of Flegg, and consists of nave with aisles, south porch with parvise, chancel and square west tower with six bells. It is chiefly of the Early Perpendicular period, and was probably erected in the reign of Richard II., towards the latter end of the 14th century. The nave and aisles are separated by fine piers having laterally engaged shafts with caps, and the arcades are enriched with boulet mouldings. On each side are four fine windows, and in the clerestory five, with one of different pattern at the east end of each aisle. The south porch has a plain stone roof with moulded ribs, and the south door is a magnificent specimen of mediæval carving, in two leaves panelled, with tracery heads of rich design, and surrounded with a graceful band of yvine leaves and fruit. The north door has no porch. The nave and aisles are covered with elaborate oak roofs; that of the nave being of the hammer-beam kind, with carved angels, and open-work tracery in the spandrils. The tower arch is lofty, and contains a series of shields in the mouldings, each suspended on a quatrefoil. The west window is of three lights with embattled transom, and beneath it is a good doorway. The tower is of very fine proportions, with embattled parapet, good base mouldings, and stone panels filled in with square flint. The font is octagonal, of perpendicular character, and sculptured with the seven Romish sacraments and the Last Judgment, in panels with crockets and finials and flowered spandrils. The stem bears similar panels, containing figures of saints much mutilated. The chancel is of the florid Gothic style, and was rebuilt in 1855, when the entire building underwent a thorough restoration at a cost of £8,000, given by Mrs. Catherine Alice Longley, as a memorial of her late husband, the Rev. Jonathan Dawson, M.A., to whom there is a raised altar tomb. The east window is filled with beautiful stained glass, by Hardman, of Birmingham. The same firm have executed a two-light window on the south side of the chancel, placed there in memory of Mrs. Pearse, and there are several others of stained glass. The chancel arch is cusped and enriched with foliage, and rests upon massive corbels with carved angels bearing the sacramental emblems. An organ, by Forster and Andrews, of Hull, was placed in the west end, under the tower arch, in 1871, the cost being defrayed by subscription. The windows of the church appear to have been anciently filled with splendid stained glass, of which some fragments still remain; and one of them contains a beautiful full-length figure of St. Michael weighing the souls of men against demons. Here is also a tablet with a singular inscription to the memory of Christopher Burraway, who, being the fruit of an incestuous intercourse between a father and a daughter, was placed as an infant in the Foundling Hospital, but coming in after years to Martham, was unwittingly hired as farm steward by his own mother, who afterwards married him, and thus became successively mother, sister, mistress, and wife to him. Discovering him to be her own son by a peculiar mark on his shoulder, she was so struck with horror that she soon died, and he survived her only a few months. The parish register dates from the year 1558. The discharged vicarage, valued in K.B. at £6 13s. 4d., is in the incumbency of the Rev. George Merriman, M.A., who has a good residence, built in 1836. The Dean and Chapter of Norwich are patrons, and also appropriators of the rectory. In 1160 Roger Gunton gave the church to the prior and convent of Norwich, "for the redemption of his soul." In 1843 the rectorial tithes were commuted for £628 18s. 2d., and the vicarial for £363 17s. 9d.

The BAPTISTS and the PRIMITIVE METHODISTS have each a chapel here. The former was built in 1879 and has 180 sittings; and the latter, containing 230 sittings, was built in 1881 at a cost of £725. A fair, chiefly for pleasure, is held here on the last Tuesday and Wednesday in July. In 1803 a man was gibbeted here for setting fire to part of the village. A SCHOOL BOARD was established here in 1872. Mr. de Rust, junr. is clerk. A school was built in 1878 at a cost of £500, and enlarged in 1888 at a cost of about £100, and a schoolroom belonging to the vicar is leased to the Board as an infant school, and they are attended by about 200 children. A FREE SCHOOL was founded pursuant to the will of Christopher Amys, who in 1622 left £110 for that purpose. This legacy and several donations were laid out in purchasing the schoolhouse and 5a. 1r. of land. A new schoolroom was built in 1850 at a cost of £100; but the land was exchanged at the enclosure in 1812 for 8a. 1r. 29p. The income of the house and land is applied to paying the fees of poor children at the Board School. Under a new scheme dated December 21, 1882, this was amalgamated with the scheme mentioned below; the income is about £50 per annum, and about 60 children participate in its benefits, each receiving a pair of boots yearly and is educated free. An accumulation of interest of £100 was in 1875 added to this; so the amount is now £800. In the garden is a cork tree more than 150 years old. In 1815 Sarah Bowman left £300 Three per Cent. Consols in trust to dispose of the yearly dividends as follows: £2 to be divided among the poor on St. Thomas's day, and £7 to be laid out in the education of six poor children. In 1834 Miss Diana Creasy left the dividends of £400 of the same stock. A new scheme, published by the Charity Commissioners in January, 1833, contains the following as its chief points: The three charities of Amys, Bowman, and Creasy are consolidated under one name, as "The Martham Educational Charity," and under one set of trustees, 13 in number; 3 ex-officio, viz., the vicar and the churchwardens, provided they qualify by assent; 10 nominated. The Poor's Allotments, comprising 78a. 6p., were awarded in 1812. Formerly, upwards of 41a. formed a pasture for the cows of the poor inhabitants, but the whole is now let for about £50 a year, which, after paying the drainage rate, is distributed in coals among poor families. Of a yearly rent-charge of 13s. 4d. left by an unknown donor, nothing has been received for many years.

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Allen George, market gardener
 Ash Rev Henry Charles, M.A. rector of Repps
 Balls Jas. pork butcher, Damgate
 Beckett Miss Sarah
 Blyth George William, builder, contractor, and market gardener
 Bracey William, builder, contractor, and brick manufacturer
 Braddock Mr Daniel
 Braddock Mr George
 Brook William, bootmaker
 Brown James, farmer, Common fm
 Brunson Benjamin, fmr. Damgate
 Carter Mr George
 Clubbock Mark, saddler
 Collins Mr Samuel, Laburnum villa
 Collyer Robert Betts, fmr. Clark fm
 Colman & Edmonds, grocers, drapers, and wine dealers
 Colman William (C. & Edmonds), and postmaster
 Crisp Anthony, M.R.C.S.E. surgn. registrar of births and deaths for West Flegg district, and district medical officer for West Flegg and Smallburgh unions
 Daniels Herbert, cattle dealer
 Daniels Richard, farmer and carter
 Daniels Mr Robert Minister
 Deary Jno. coal agent, thatcher, and brickmaker
 Debbage William, corn merchant
 Dove Benjamin, cowkeeper & market gardener, Cess

Merriman Rev George, M.A. vicar, The Vicarage
 Myhill Robert, farmer and market gardener, Cess
 Myhill William, pork butcher and market gardener, Cess
 Nichols Chas. farmer, More grove
 Nichols George, corn miller and market gardener
 Nichols Robert, farmer
 Olley Miss Martha
 Pitchers Robert, beerhouse
 Powell Mr William, Beaufoy villa
 Pyman James Rix, grocer, draper, wine and spirit, and ale and porter merchant
 Reeve James, watchmaker
 Ribbons John, farmer
 Rigg William, baker
 Rising Mr Benjamin William, Sutfield house
 Rogers Richard, assistant overseer, and refreshment house

Dove William, cowkeeper, Cess
 Dyball Thomas, farmer
 Easter George, market gardnr. Cess
 Edwards Alfred Robert, tailor, outfitter, and boot factor
 Edmonds Mrs Elizabeth, vict. King's Arms
 Edmonds John James, farmer
 Edmonds Martin, grocer (Colman & E.)
 Edmonds William, farmer
 Faulke Jas. Cooper, relieving officer
 Fisher John, butcher and cattle dlr
 Francis Mr Henry
 Francis Miss Laura, dressmaker
 French Miss Selina, Bd. schoolmsts
 Futter Henry, wheelwright
 Gallant John, farmer and cattle dlr
 George Mr Frederick Isaac
 Golden Frs. Charles, M.R.C.V.S. veterinary surgeon
 Goose Benjamin, farmer, Cess
 Gordon James (G. & Rudd); h Ludham
 Gordon & Rudd, surgeons; and Ludham
 Gowen Geo. brickmkr. & mkt. gdnr
 Green Mrs
 Green Fredk. coal, corn, and seed merchant, and agent for the Norwich Union Fire and Life Office
 Greenacre John, bootmaker
 Greenacre William, carpenter
 Grimble George, farmer
 Grimble Wm. farmer and shopkpr

Rouse James, market gardener
 Rudd Charles Frederick, surgeon (Gordon & R.)
 Rudram Rev George (Prim. Meth.)
 Rust Daniel, millwright
 Rust Miss Ellen, day school
 Say John, stationmstr. Railway stn
 Self Mrs Mary Ann
 Smith Mrs. market gardener
 Smith Mr George
 Smith George, tailor
 Skoyles Samuel, wheelwright
 Squires James, farmer
 Starling Oliver Aldred, engineer and millwright, and agricultural implement agent
 Starkings Samuel, market gardener
 Starkings William, foreman
 Stoliday, market gardener, Cess
 Thompson David, blacksmith (Harmer & T.)
 Thompson Frederick, farmer, Cess
 Tomlin John, coal merchant

Grimson Henry, farmer and fruit dealer, Damgate
 Grimson William Warnes, farmer, Damgate
 Halford Mr Alfred, The Firs
 Hall John, shopkeeper
 Harman Jas. carter and coal dealer
 Harman John, farmer, Damgate
 Harmer & Thompson, blacksmiths
 Harmer William (H. & Thompson)
 Haydon Edward, pork butcher
 Hayton William, parish clerk
 Hindry Martin, shopkeeper
 Howell Obadiah, mrkt. gdnr. Cess
 Huggins Robert, farmer
 Hulme Wm. Rowland, Bd. schlmstr
 Jay James, market gardener
 Jeary Mr John
 Jeary Richard, butcher
 Johnson Elijah, bootmaker
 Johnson Mrs Mary Ann, farmer
 Kerrison Mark, bootmaker
 Kirk Wm. Henry, inland revenue officer
 Kirby Clement, carpenter
 Knights Richard, farmer
 Lacey George, saddler
 Lack William, grocer and draper
 Lark James, market gardener
 Lambert Henry, tinner, brazier, and blacksmith
 Linford Mrs Marian
 Love John, farmer, Martham hall
 Lown Richard, pork butcher and coal merchant

Tooke John, butcher & cattle dealer
 Tooke Mrs Rachel, pork butcher
 Tooley W. J. corn miller
 Ulph Henry, farmer, The Grange
 Utting George, beerhouse & dealer
 Watson George, carrier
 Watson Richard, farmer
 Webster Eldred William, painter, plumber, and glazier
 Whincup Miss, The Green
 Wigg Miss Emily, milliner and dressmaker
 Wiseman Alfred Mabbett, farmer, Manor house
 Woods Mrs Martha
 Youngs James, bricklayer & builder
 Youngs Mrs Martha
 Youngs Robert, lodgings

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