

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 spandrels. 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 spandrels. 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.

POST, MONEY ORDER, and TELEGRAPH OFFICE at Mr. W. Colman's. Letters arrive at 6.45 a.m. and 2.15 p.m., and are despatched at 5.50 p.m., viz Yarmouth.

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 Fras. 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.)  
Rudiam 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

CARRIERS.—George Watson to Yarmouth, Weds. and Sats  
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