

ASHFORD is a parish, formed in 1840 from the parish of Bakewell, $\frac{1}{2}$ miles north-west from Bakewell and 1 mile from Longstone station on the Midland railway, in the Western division of the county, hundred of High Peak, Bakewell union, petty sessional division and county court district, rural deanery of Bakewell, archdeaconry of Derby and diocese of Southwell: the village is on the north bank of the Wye and surrounded by lofty hills, in which variously coloured marbles are quarried: water is derived from springs. The church of the Holy Trinity, now chiefly in the Decorated style, consists of chancel, nave, north aisle, south porch and a low embattled tower at the west end containing 3 bells, one of which is dated 1612, and there is also a sanctus bell: the curfew may still be heard here, as well as the pancake bell, rung at 11 a.m. on Shrove Tuesday: the tower is probably in part of the 13th century, although its battlements and pinnacles are of a much later date: the chancel has a niche on the north side used as a credence table, and in the vestry is a chest and chairs of 17th century work: the pulpit is of fine old oak, probably Jacobean: the font is octagonal, with panels inclosing plain shields: over the inner door of the porch is a piece of early sculpture, supposed to represent a wild boar under a tree, and another animal resembling a wolf: on the south side of the church are the remains of an ancient cross, consisting of three ranges of octagonal stone steps and a base about two feet in height: a chantry was founded in this church on the feast of the Purification, 1257, by Griffin, son of Wenunwyn, who then held this manor: the once almost universal custom in English villages of hanging up funeral garlands in the church for deceased maidens is still preserved here, and five of these still hang from the beams of the north aisle, one to Anne Howard being dated 1747, and another to Ann Swindel, 1798: there are brasses to Lord George Henry Cavendish M.P. North Derbyshire, d. 23 Sept. 1880, and to three of his sons, Henry George, 68th Regiment (Durham light infantry), d. 9 Nov. 1805; Arthur, R.N. d. 13 March, 1858, and Walter Frederick, Rifle brigade, d. at Agra, 26 Nov. 1866, and one to the Rev. W. G. Giles, late vicar; there are also three stained windows: the church was restored in 1867-70 at a cost of £1,600 and in 1890 a sum of £300 was expended in extensive repairs to the roof and in replastering, painting & decorating the walls: there are 300 sittings. The register dates from the year 1688. The living is a vicar-

Fenton William J.P. Churchdale
Fletcher Richd. Tweengates, Ashfrd. la
Goodwin George A. The Elms
Green James, The Grange
Lees Frederick, The Rookery
Luxmoore Rev. John Reddaway,
(vicar & surrogate), Vicarage
Marples Geo. Jobson, Thornbridge hall
Milnes Peter, Arncliffe house
Smith Rd. Clifford J.P. Ashford hall
Stubbs Misses

COMMERCIAL.

Birley Charles, marble inlayer
Bolsover George, farmer
Buchanan Henry, clerk of works to G.
J. Marples esq. Riversdale
Cresswell Arthur, pork butcher

Cox, Wilson & Sons, builders, con-
tractors, saw mills & wheelwrights
Daybell William, coal agent
Furniss Peter, farmer
Furniss Peter, farmer, Ashford lane
Furniss Samuel, farmer
Gould Mary (Mrs.), farmer
Green James, farmer, The Grange
Hawley Henry, shopkeeper
Hulley Sarah (Mrs.), butcher
Kitson John, news agent
Lowe James, Bull's Head P.H.
Lowe Thomas, farmer
Marsden John, baker
Milnes Fanny E. (Miss), shopkeeper
Oldfield Elias, greengrocer
Percival Michael, farmer

age, with that of Sheldon annexed, joint net yearly value, £115, with residence, in the gift of the vicar of Bakewell, and held since 1861 by the Rev. John Reddaway Luxmoore, of St. Bees, and surrogate. A substantial parsonage house was erected by subscription in 1855. There is a Methodist chapel here and charities of about £42 yearly value: Wm. Harris, founder of the "Free Grammar" School, left by will 6th September, 1630, a sum of 20 nobles for as many sermons in Ashford or Sheldon, and Thomas Roose, in 1761, left 20s. to the curate of Ashford, and 40s. to the Presbyterian chapel of Ashford, now disused. The operations of sawing, turning and polishing marble are carried on to a great extent by powerful machinery, worked by water with a considerable fall. Great Finn is a mountain about two miles from Ashford, from the base of which large quantities of tufa and rotten-stone are obtained; on the summit are the remains of a Roman station and two barrows. Near to the village is Ashford Hall, the property of the Duke of Devonshire K.G. and the residence of R. Clifford Smith esq. J.P. Churchdale, a short distance from the village, is a modern mansion, the residence of William Fenton esq. J.P.; Thornbridge Hall, distant about one mile, is the residence of George Jobson Marples esq.; the Rookery, also belonging to the Duke of Devonshire, and in the occupation of Frederick Lees esq. is situated on the banks of the Wye. The Duke of Devonshire K.G. who is lord of the manor, and James Green and Samuel Needham esqrs. are the principal landowners. The soil is limestone; subsoil, shale and stone. The land is chiefly in pasture. The area is 2,533 acres of land and 21 of water; rateable value, £5,382; the population in 1891 was 661 in the civil, and 781 in the ecclesiastical parish.

Sexton, Henry Whibberley.

Post & M. O. O., S. B. & Annuity & Insurance Office.-
Abel Tomlinson, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from all parts through Bakewell at 7 a.m. & 6.40 p.m.; sundays, 7.15 a.m. & dispatched at 7 a.m. & 6.30 p.m.; sundays, 12.20. The nearest telegraph office is at Longstone railway station, 1 mile distant

Church of England School (mixed), endowed by William Harris, in 1630, with £11 13s. 4d. erected in 1630 & enlarged in 1895, for 117 boys & girls; average attendance, 104; William R. Stubbs, master

Longstone Railway Station, William Coe, station master

Selby Caleb, shoe maker
Smalley Isaac, butcher
Smith James, marble turner
Tomlinson Abel, marble inlayer, Post office
Twigg E. E. & Co. marble quarry owners & merchants
Vickers Hartley, blacksmith
Wallwin George William, corn dealer
Wallwin John, miller (water) & farmer, The Mill
Wallwin Josiah, shopkeeper
Widdowson John, Devonshire Arms hotel; superior accommodation for tourists & families; post horses & excellent stables & carriage accommodation