

KIRKBY IRELETH is an extensive parish, 6 miles long and 3 miles broad. It is mentioned in Domesday Book. It is 4 miles west from Ulverston and 27 north-west from Lancaster, with a station on the Furness railway, in the North Lonsdale division of the county, North Lonsdale petty sessional division, Lonsdale hundred (north of the Sands), Ulverston union and county court district, rural deanery of Ulverston, archdeaconry of Furness and diocese of Carlisle: the Kirby Pool, or Steers Pool, flows through the parish, which comprises the townships of Kirkby Ireleth, Broughton and Dannerdale with Senthwaite. Kirkby, for parochial purposes, is divided into four districts, viz. Heathwaite, Woodland, Low Quarter and Middle Quarter, containing the small hamlets of Chapels, Marshside, Wallend, Beekside, Beanthwaite, Grizebeck, Kirkby-in-Furness, Sandalside and Soutergate. The church of St. Outhbert, at Beekside, is an ancient edifice of local slate stone, with dressings of Permian sandstone, in the Norman and Pointed styles, consisting of chancel, nave, north aisles, south porch and an embattled western tower of Late Perpendicular date, partly rebuilt in 1827 and containing 5 bells, all dated 1831: the south doorway is a good specimen of the Late Norman style: there are some ancient monuments to the Kirkby family, including one to Alexander Kirkby, a knight templar, and another to William Kirkby, of Ashlack (1747); two fragments of old stained glass still remain. The church was thoroughly restored and reseated in 1883 at a cost of £2,750, and will seat 400 persons. The eagle lectern of oak was presented by the children of the Rev. O. Lowry, late vicar: there is also a fine old solid silver alms dish, taken from the French, and presented by Col. Kirkby, in 1889. The register dates from the year 1081. The living is a vicarage, net yearly value £250, including 4 acres of glebe, with residence, in the gift of the Dean and Chapter of York, and held since 1806 by the Rev. Charles Frederick Husband, of St. Aidan's.

There is a Baptist chapel in the Middle Quarter and a Wesleyan chapel at Marshside.

Charities:—The sum of £76 6s. 8d. being the aggregate of various bequests left in 1080-1 by Roger, John and Agnes Kirkby, John Askew and John Woodbourne, together with £72 13s. 4d. of ancient parish stock, from time immemorial administered by the 24 of the parish, was in 1884 laid out in the purchase of an estate or farm called "Hallsteads," in Kirkby Ireleth: the rent thereof now (1904) amounts to £30 yearly, three-elevenths of which is paid to the vicar, and the remainder is divided among the poor and applied to the education of their children. Thomas Holme, of Northamptonshire, in 1774 left £50 in trust to the minister and churchwardens, the interest to be distributed in bread. Samuel Wilson, of Cop, in this parish, in 1769 left £50 in trust to the churchwardens, the interest of £30 to be applied to education, and the remaining interest to be given to the poor of Middle and Lower Quarters. These two charities, together with £11 belonging to the parish, were in 1791 applied to the purchase of two closes of land in this parish called "Toddas." John Dodgson, of Beanthwaite, who died Feb. 1832, left in trust to the overseers and churchwardens the sum of £800, the interest of one-half for education, and that of the other half to be divided on Christmas Day among four poor inhabitants not in receipt of parochial relief. John Postlethwaite, of Ulverston, left by will, dated 1847, £300 to be invested in Eastern Counties Railway 5 per cent. Stock, the interest, after the death of his uncle Bartholomew Postlethwaite, which occurred in 1872, to be divided on Christmas Day by the minister and churchwardens, among 20 or 30 poor widows who shall have attended church regularly throughout the year. Miss Margaret Postlethwaite, of Yost House, Woodland, left, by will dated October 24, 1841, a sum of £200, the interest to be divided by the churchwardens amongst the

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poor of Heathwaite and Woodland. The management of these charities is now in the hands of trustees appointed by the Parish Council.

This parish is famous for its extensive slate quarries, in a hill called "Kirkby Moor," in Middle Quarter, and the property of Victor Cavendish esq. M.P. of Holker Hall: this ridge apparently consists of an almost inexhaustible mass of dark blue slate of a very durable kind, the quarries extending in succession along the heights to the north of the church; the quarries now (1904) employ about 200 men. The surrounding country is very mountainous and abounds with the usual products of Furness Fell-iron, copper and slate. Kirkby Hall, formerly the seat of the Kirkby family, and said to have been the seat of that family for at least ten generations, is now a farmhouse: the original founder of the mansion is supposed to have been Roger de Kirkby, who was Lord of Kirkby in the time of Richard I.: but the existing structure, built of red stone, dates from the Tudor period, and includes a singular apartment called the "Chapel," now much dilapidated, upon the walls of which are inscribed, in black letters, the Lord's Prayer, Creed &c. with heraldic devices: there is also a large hall, and other rooms with quaint carved work. The quantity of inclosed land in this parish bears but a small proportion to the moorlands and wastes, but it is in a good state of cultivation. The land is chiefly the property of Victor O. W. Cavendish esq. M.P. of Holker Hall, who is lord of the manor, but there are several smaller owners. The soil is gravel; subsoil, stone and slate. The land is principally used for pasturage. The population of the townships in 1901 was 1,477. The acreage of the parish is 25,946, viz.: Southwaite with Dummerdale, 10,100 of land and 74 of water; West Broughton, 6,943, including 21 of water; Kirkby Ireleth, with the township of Woodland, 8,715 acres of land, 15 of inland and 11 of tidal water and 194 of foreshore; rateable value of Kirkby Ireleth, £3,763.

Parish Clerk, Henry D. Deason.

Post, M. O. & T. O., T. M. O., S. B., R. D., P. P. & A. & I. Office, Kirkby-in-Furness (Railway Sub-Office. Letters should have R.S.O. (Incas added).—Thomas Barr, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive from Carnforth at 5.43 a.m. & 3.16 p.m.; dispatched 9.30 a.m. & 7.13 p.m.: all letters for the Kirkby Ireleth townships should be addressed "Kirkby-in-Furness R.S.O." not "Kirkby Ireleth."

Post & Postal Order Office, Grizebeck.—Henry Tyson, sub-postmaster. Letters arrive at 7.50 a.m.; dispatched at 6 p.m. from Kirkby-in-Furness R.S.O. which is the nearest money order & telegraph office, 3 miles distant

Letter Boxes, Soutergate, cleared 6.40 a.m. & 6.15 p.m. & Beckside, cleared 8 a.m. & 8 p.m.

PUBLIC ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS.

Grizebeck (mixed), erected in 1878, for 97 children; average attendance, 62

Burlington, Kirkby-in-Furness (mixed & infants), erected in 1870, at the sole cost of the then Duke of Devonshire & entirely maintained by him, for 315 children; average attendance, 200; Edward Norman Lewis G.T.S.C. & F.S.Sc. master; Miss Edith Pennington, infants' mistress

Railway Stations.

Kirkby-in-Furness, Edward P. Fox, station master
Woodland, John A. Tyson, station master

WOODLAND is an ecclesiastical parish, formed July 4th, 1876, and extended July 2, 1886, and now includes the hamlet of Heathwaite with that portion of Higher Broughton lying east of the old highway from Broughton to Conistone, with a station on the Furness railway. The church of St. John the Evangelist, built in 1668 and rebuilt in 1822, was superseded in 1864 by a new church in the Early English style, erected at a cost of about £1,000, and consisting of chancel, nave, south porch and a turret on the western gable containing one bell: there are three stained windows erected by the late Rev. Richard Palgrave Manclark M.A. rector of Anmer, Norfolk, to the memory of his mother and sister: the church affords about 150 sittings. The register of baptisms dates from 1748, of marriages from 1874 and of burials from 1766. The living is a rectory, not yearly value £200, including 41 acres of glebe, augmented by grants, with residence, in the gift of five trustees, of whom the Bishop of the diocese of Carlisle is one, and held since 1894 by the Rev. James Park B.A. of Christ's College, Cambridge. The mission church of the Good Shepherd, at Grizebeck, built in 1898, at a cost of £515, consists of chancel, nave and a turret with one bell, and will seat 120 persons. The population of the ecclesiastical parish in 1901 was 322.

Parish Clerk, George Newby.

Post & Postal Order Office, Woodland Railway Station.—John A. Tyson, sub-postmaster. Letters through Broughton-in-Furness R.S.O. arrive at 8.50 a.m.; dispatched at 8.15 a.m. & 4.40 p.m.; sunday letters dispatched at 6.40 p.m.; no delivery. Broughton-in-Furness is the nearest money order & telegraph office, 3 miles distant

KIRKBY-IN-FURNESS.

Fielding John, Marsh side
Hill William, Fair view
Johnson Mrs. Prospect house
Jones Hugh, Burlington house
Postlethwaite James
Trenwith George, Duddon view

COMMERCIAL.

Armistead James, beer retailer
Bannister Hugh, police constable
Barnes John, farmer, Hermitage farm
Barr David, farmer, Beanthwaite
Barton Joseph, yeoman, Gargreave
Barton Thomas, farmer, Mere Beck
Barton William, yeoman, Gill end
Burlington Slate Quarries (John Higson, manager: Hugh Jones, agent)
Cartmell William, farmer, Head cragg
Coulton George & Joseph, wheelwrights, Sandside
Coward John, farmer, Sandside
Denny Matthew, farmer, Bank house
Duckett Charles, farmer, Crossbeck
Gillbanks Joseph, Commercial P.H. Four Lane ends
Hartley Matthew, Ship P.H.
Hunter Eleanor (Mrs.), farmer, The Guards
Hunter John H. farmer, Hallstead
Johnson Sarah (Mrs.), beehldr. Dove bank
Kendall William, farmer, Sturdy bank
Kirkby-in-Furness Co-operative Society Ltd. (John Woodhouse, sec. & George Dent, manager), grocers, Sandside
Mason Robert, farmer, Marsh grange
Parkinson Robert, farmer, Bank end
Pearson John, farmer, Hill
Pearson Robert, mason, Bank house
Phyzaekles James, farmer, Bellshaw
Postlethwaite Thomas, yeoman, Bolton grnd
Robinson James, farmer, Oreglin
Sewell Jonah, farmer, Pear Tree
Steel George, insurance agent, Sandside
Sykes Leonard, farmer, Gillbeck
Sykes William, farmer, Gillhouse
Winder William Benson, frmr. Kirkby hall

BECKSIDE.

Aebbarner Miss, Little croft

Husband Rev. Chas. Fredk. The Vicarage
Tyson Joseph, Beckside house
Casson George, Punch Bowl P.H.
Coward William, farmer
Deason Henry, wheelwright & Co
Deason Matthew, joiner
Satterthwaite William, miller

CHAPPELS.

Barnes John, farmer
Bird Frances (Miss), beer retailer
Kendall William, farmer

GRIZEBECK.

Bowes Brothers, wood turners
Frearson George, maltster, Bellmont
Parkinson Robert, farmer
Postlethwaite George & John, farmers, & Bridge inn
Rawlinson William, Buck Horn inn
Tyson Henry, grocer, & post office

HEATHWAITE.

COMMERCIAL.

Barwick John, yeoman, Fellgate
Cranks John, farmer, Ellermire
Gilpin Robert, farmer, Farhouses
Hadwin Richard, farmer, Knittleton
Irving William, farmer, Ashlack hall
Jackson Daniel, farmer, Burnay
Long William, farmer, Beckstones
Nelson Robert, yeoman, The Hill
Prickett Christopher, farmer, Moorhouse
Shuttleworth Edward, farmer, Tenterbank
Slate William Benson, farmer, Heathwaite gate
Stables John, farmer, Wellwood
Sykes George, farmer, Doveford
Wareing John, farmer, Knott end
Wareing Wm. H. farmer, Low Heathwaite
Wayles William, yeoman, Doveford

SOUTERGATE.

Clayton George William, South view
Dickinson Matthew J. A
Parker Mrs. Bridge End house
Tyson James

COMMERCIAL.

Abbotson Thomas, farmer
Benson George W. beer retailer
Braithwaite Hartley, joiner
Briggs Abraham, farmer, Bailiff ground
Coward Thomas, blacksmith
Darby Alfred, market gardener
Martin John, farmer, Bailiff ground
Parker Mrs. Isabella, shopkeeper
Steel William, coal dealer
Tyson Richard, butcher & farmer
Walker William, shopkeeper
Winder Thomas D. assistant overseer

WOODLAND.

Letters received through Broughton-in-Furness R.S.O.

Park Rev. James B.A. The Rectory
Garnett Thomas, Bow brig
Lees Miss, Woodland hall
Penny William, Whetstone croft

COMMERCIAL.

Atkinson Richard, farmer, Braceclott hall
Coward John, farmer, Ring house
Dixon Jane (Miss), apartments, Roethwaite cottage
Dixon John S. farmer, Baskell
Dixon Myles, farmer, The Hill
Dixon William, farmer, Holbeck
Docker Robert, farmer
Garnett Nancy (Mrs.) & Son, farmers, Bridge end
Myers Roland Robinson, farmer, Haverigg holm
Phyzaekles William, farmer, Olmbstilo
Procter John, farmer, Thornthwaite
Richardson Mary A. (Mrs.), apartments
Richardson Wm. farmer, Troughton hall
Simpson John, farmer, Hawes
Simpson Robert, farmer, Row Radding
Stevenson Isaac, farmer, Ralsthaite
Stoker William, farmer, Groenmoor
Tyson John A. station master, Woodland station
Woodburn Trainer, farmer, Croft end