

St. Matthew's Churchyard, Rowde



Surveyed and transcribed about 50% of the existing and readable gravestones in the churchyard, May 2009, 2011 and May 2018.

Photographs of some of the memorials can be found on the [Wiltshire OPC Project](#) website Spreadsheet on the following pages.



Record Number	Year	Date	Surname	Given Names	Date of Birth		Age	Grave Marker Type	Notes
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1094								Footstone	E. S. 1870
1000	1875	3-Apr	Alexander	Thomas			84	Headstone	husband of Mary
1000	1846	24-Jul	Alexander	Mary			47		w/o Thomas
1051	1846	24-Jul	Alexander	Mary			47	Altar Tomb	w/o Thomas of Chippenham
1051	1875	05-Apr	Alexander	Thomas			84		of Chippenham
1001	1877	20-Jun	Barnes	Florence Adela				Headstone	(north-east side)
1001	1894	16-Jan	Barnes	Frederick Henry			19	Headstone	Aged 19 yrs 5 mths
1001	1898	23-Feb	Barnes	Jane Eliza			61		Aged 61 yrs 4 mths
1001	1905	25-Dec	Barnes	Charles Robert			75		75 yrs 6 mths, Crimean Veteran
1002	1889	2-Oct	Barnes	Anne			29	Headstone	
1002	1872	5-Jul	Barnes	Mary			68		widow of Daniel
1060	1846	16-Aug	Barnes	Joseph			66	Low tomb	
1060	1875		Barnes	Barbara					inscription worn
1055	1838	20-Mar	Barns	Martha			61	Headstone	w/o Daniel (North-east side)
1055			Barns	Ann			46		inscription bottom left of headstone - worn & faint
1055			Barns	Daniel					inscription top right of headstone - worn & faint
1095	1869	02-Oct	Barns	Annie			29	Celtic X style headstone	
1095	1872	05-Jul	Barns	Mary			68		widow of late Daniel of Rowde
1089	1970	18-Sep	Barrett	Frederick Henry			70	Headstone	
1089	1993	19-Sep	Barrett	Olive May			92		w/o Frederick. In her 93 rd year
1077	1952	01-Jun	Bartholomew	John	1882	19-Aug		Flat slab	of Rowde Court
1077	1979	26-Feb	Bartholomew	Doris Noeline Cairns	1892	16-Nov			w/o John
1003	1905	14-May	Bartley	William			57	Headstone	
1003	1922	17-Jul	Bartley	-			65		"our dear mother"
1058	1877	02-Aug	Barton	Benjamin			39	Cross on pedestal	
1058	1906	06-Nov	Barton	Mary Ann			74		w/o Benjamin
1006	1871	6-Jan	Beard	Charlotte	1789	21-Jun		Headstone	
1005	1860	27-Feb	Bellis	Elizabeth			58	Raised flat slab	w/o John of Dunkirk
1005	1887	01-Jun	Bellis	John			83		h/o Elizabeth
1045	1866	13-May	Brabant	Robert			85	Flat slab	died at Bath
1045	1870	19-Nov	Brabant	Elizabeth			88		w/o Robert, died at Bath
1034	1845	15-Feb	Briant	Thomas Herbert			26		Grandson of William Hughes, died at Cape of Good Hope. In his 27 th year
1007	1885	8-Apr	Buckland	Mary			62	Headstone	w/o George
1007	1890	19-Jul	Buckland	George			58		husband of Mary

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1008	1892	18-Apr	Burden	Thomas Henry			61	Headstone	
1043	1739	27-Nov	Bushel	Ephraim			37	Headstone	"near this place" (north side). Surface flaking left side
1043	1740	10-Apr	Bushel	Elizabeth			31		w/o Ephraim
1043			Bushel	Mary					d/o Ephraim & Elizabeth, died in infancy
1043	??-Aug		Bushel	Thomas					s/o Ephraim & Elizabeth, remaining inscription buried
1043	1774	11-Jun	Bushel	Thomas			9		s/o Ephraim junr.
1043	1781	10-Sep	Bushel	Silas			61		
1043	1781	09-Oct	Bushel	Sarah			56		w/o Silas
1009	1916	2-Apr	Butler	Elizabeth			71	Headstone	w/o Daniel W
1009	1924	21-Feb	Butler	Daniel William			83		husband of Elizabeth
1009	1940	6-May	Butler	Amy			67		d/o Daniel W and Elizabeth
1009	1940	19-Oct	Butler	Kate			64		youngest d/o Daniel W and Elizabeth
1085	1982		Butler	Cecil	1904			Rustic headstone	
1085	1991		Butler	Gladys	1911				
1076	1929	26-Jun	Card	Mary Ann			84	Headstone	
1076	1941	06-Feb	Card	Reuben			93		h/o Mary Ann
1042	1888	??-Jan	Chandler	Mary Elizabeth	1807	25-Feb		Flat slab	w/o Thomas Hicks (north side). Inscription erosion
1042	1902	23-Aug	Chandler	Thomas Hicks			91		
1042	1910	01-Apr	Chandler	Annie Jane	1847	04-Dec			d/o Thomas & Mary
1087	1971	06-Sep	Clark	Charlotte Henrietta				Headstone	
1035	1894	19-Mar	Coble	George			33	Headstone	
1010	1913	31-Mar	Crouch	William Frank			33	Headstone	Police Sergeant who died on duty at Netheravon
1001	1882	21-Jun	Deacon	Mary Ann			19		Aged 19 yrs 5 mths
1004	1882	21-Jun	Deacon	Mary Ann			19	Headstone	Aged 19 yrs 5 mths
1088	1932	05-May	Dolman	Emily			36	Headstone	
1073	1920	18-Mar	Draper	Arthur Webb				Cross style headstone	
1011	1885	16-Apr	Drewett	Ann			82	Headstone	shared marker with Lydia Perratt
1041	1779	30-Aug	Dyke	Elizabeth			31	Headstone	w/o Robert (north side)
1041			Dyke	Charles					s/o Robert & Elizabeth, died in infancy
1079	2000	22-Sep	Ellis	Victor Ernest			69	Headstone	
1072	1919	25-Jan	Ellison	Henry			78	Celtic X on pedestal	
1081	1989		Fletcher	Thomas Leslie	1908			Headstone	
1012	1923	15-May	Flower	George Edward	1857	05-May		Headstone	husband of Elizabeth A
1012	1956	12-Mar	Flower	Elizabeth Anne			87		w/o George E
1056	1940	03-Aug	Flower	Herbert Charles			36	Tablet	W.O., R.N., Lost at Sea in war service with H.M.S Thames. Located next to War Memorial

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1013	1885	16-Jul	Franks	John			39	Headstone	of Rowde
1013	1899	?-Jun	Franks	Ernest			26		
1013	1901	26-Dec	Franks	John Francis			30		
1083	1988	26-Feb	Giddings	Doris Elizabeth			83	Headstone	
1083	1990	21-Jan	Giddings	Frederick Stanley			90		h/o Doris
1080	2001	02-Dec	Gingell	Janet E.			62	Headstone	
1014	1923	19-Mar	Goodfellow	Emily				Headstone	
1071	1929	08-Jan	Handler	Thomas Hicks			84	Cross on plinth	
1015	1907	23-Sep	Harris	Ellis Shirley			66	Headstone	Priest of Rowde for 24 years
1015	1969	1-Mar	Harris	Arthur Ellis Fowke			89		Lt Colonel, s/o Ellis S
1015	1936	21-Mar	Harris	Emily			86		
1064	1896	08-Sep	Heard	Charlotte Emily	1833			Cross on plinth with kerb	inscription on lower plinth
1064	1871	06-Jan	Heard	Charlotte	1789	21-Jun			inscription on kerb. Large shrub in plot
1016	1913	10-Jan	Helms	Frances			27	Headstone	w/o William R Helms of Devizes
1016	1962	9-May	Helms	William Richard			78		husband of Frances
1017	1903	20-Dec	Helps	Susanna			44	Headstone	w/o Frank
1017	1908	30-Apr	Helps	Frank			64		husband of Susanna
1017	1921	11-Apr	Helps	Ruth			91		
1059	1849	04-May	Hill	John			23	Flat slab	2 nd s/o William & Mary
1046	1845	29-Mar	Hillier	Henry			41	Flat slab	
1036	1972	06-Jan	Hopgood	Terry			17	Heart style headstone	
1090	1976	16-Oct	Hopgood	Nancy M.			41	Heart style headstone	
1057	1854	10-May	Hosier	Mary			66	Ridged Ledger	w/o John
1057	1858	29-Apr	Hosier	John			65		of this parish
1018	1954	1-Jun	Hughes	Annie			71	Headstone	w/o Jasper
1018	1964	16-Jan	Hughes	Jasper			84		husband of Annie
1018	1936	21-Mar	Hughes	Emily			86		
1034	1846	01-Dec	Hughes	William, Esq.			87	Flat slab	Magistrate of the County
1034	1853	10-Dec	Hughes	Mary	1783				d/o William
1034	1869	11-Aug	Hughes	Susanna			83		youngest d/o William
1066	1898	25-Apr	Hunt	William			50	Headstone	
1066	1930	29-Apr	Hunt	Elizabeth	1845	24-Nov			widow of William
1019	1912	31-Mar	Hum	Philip			80	Headstone	husband of Ruth
1019	1921	11-Apr	Hum	Ruth			91		w/o Philip
1070	1912	31-Mar	Hum	Philip			80	Cross style headstone	
1070	1921	11-Apr	Hum	Ruth			91		w/o Philip

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1068	1910	28-May	Jennings	Winifred Helena Mary			42	Headstone	youngest d/o Charles & Isabella Ayling of London, and Walmer, Kent & w/o Edwin of Devizes
1068	1909	14-Aug	Jennings	Carol			4		s/o Edwin & Winifred
1038	1964	11-Aug	Lemon	Betty				Headstone	
1020	1904	8-Sep	Lewis	Matilda			65	Headstone	w/o John D
1020	1913	1-Jan	Lewis	John Dark			84		husband of Matilda
1020	1929	2-Sep	Lewis	Edwin Giddings			58		5 th s/o John D and Matilda
1021	1931	11-Jul	Lewis	John Edgar			64	Headstone with kerb	
1021	1931	11-Sep	Lewis	Emma Matilda			56		sister of John Edgar
1022	1900	13-Dec	Lloyd	Edwin			29	Headstone	accidentally killed
1032	1909	16-Nov	Lloyd	Rhoda			61		w/o John
1032	1911	11-Dec	Lloyd	John			66	Headstone	
1053	1886	13-Feb	Locke	John, Esq.	1808	11-Jul		Oval top tomb	of Rowdeford
1054	1885	07-Jan	Locke	Francis Alexander Sydenham	1804	31-Jul		Ridge ledger	
1054	1879	30-Jan	Locke	Katherine Harriot					w/o F. A. S. of Rowdeford
1052	1857	05-Feb	Mayell	Robert			74	Ridge ledger	
1052	1863	03-Apr	Mayell	Mary			63		
1052	1864	25-Jan	Mayell	Matilda Jane			29		youngest d/o Robert & Mary
1074	1919	22-Dec	Moss	Robert			28	Cross on plinth	
1023	1882	1-Feb	Mundy	Sarah			65	Headstone	w/o John
1023	1885	15-Sep	Mundy	John			70		husband of Sarah
1023	1902	25-Feb	Mundy	Fred Pricor			19		19 yrs 10 mths, 13 th Imperial Yeomanry, eldest s/o John and Sarah, killed in action, Klerdork, South Africa
1084	1988	26-Apr	O'Donovan	John			73	Open Book	h/o Veronica
1084	2000	08-Sep	O'Donovan	Veronica			82		w/o John
1037	1941	26-Sep	Opperman	Paul Francis			18	Cross on plinth with kerb	Pilot Officer R.A.F.V.R, killed on active service
1011	1909	23-Dec	Perratt	Lydia			76		d/o Ann Drewett, shared marker
1067	1904	10-Apr	Perrett	George				Cross on plinth	
1025	1884	11-Aug	Ponting	Jane			68	Headstone	w/o Thomas I
1025	1901	17-Nov	Ponting	Thomas Isaac			83		husband of Jane
1025	1935	14-Feb	Ponting	Thomas Hayward			75		
1025	1937	8-Jul	Ponting	Mary Sophia			80		
1040	1773	07-Feb	Pritchard	Elizabeth			43	Headstone	w/o Richard (north side)
1040			Pritchard						Also children who died in infancy

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1040	1809		Pritchard	Richard					bottom surface flaking
1026	1930	1-May	Rossiter	Mary			73	Headstone	
1026	1932	22-Nov	Rossiter	Jane			90	Headstone	sister of Mary
1047	1892	06-Mar	Rossiter	Sarah Ann			43	Headstone	w/o Joseph
1047	1921	10-Nov	Rossiter	Elizabeth Emma	1863	25-Jul			2 nd w/o Joseph
1048	1875	11-Jan	Rossiter	Joseph Ford			58	Headstone	
1048	1885	04-Feb	Rossiter	Anne			72		w/o Joseph
1028	1881	22-Apr	Sainsbury	George Taylor	1812	04-Apr		Headstone	
1078	1998		Scott	Richard Harrison	1934			Headstone	
1069	1928	09-Apr	Silverthorne	Ellen				Headstone	
1069	1926	18-Jan	Silverthorne	Emily					sister of Ellen, interred at Mitcham, Surrey
1039	1821	28-Nov	Sims	George			12	Headstone	parts of surface flaked away. S/o Thomas & Mary
1039			Sims	Daniel					s/o Thomas & Mary
1039	1837	06-Jan	Sims	Elizabeth			19		d/o Thomas & Mary. Day date?
1039	1849	22-Jun	Sims	Thomas			62		
1061	1821	28-Nov	Sims	George			12	Headstone	top inscription missing, surface flaking,
1061	1831		Sims	Daniel					their son
1061	1837	06-Jan	Sims	Elizabeth			19		their daughter
1061	1849	22-Jun	Sims	Thomas			62		
1061	1865	??-Jan	Sims	Jasper			53		their son, died in Montreal, North America <i>[sic]</i>
1062			Sims					Footstone	M. S. 1846, G. S. 1821, D. S. 1831, E. S. 1837, T. S. 1849, J. S. 1865
1075	1925	02-Oct	Sims	Elizabeth Emma			49	Headstone	
1075	1975	27-Feb	Sims	John			97		h/o Elizabeth
1050	1743	??-May	Stevens	Hannah				Altar Tomb	d/o Richard & Ann (inscription faint in places)
1050	1772	17-Nov	Stevens	Richard			75		
1050	1814	16-May	Stevens	Robert			56		
1044	1870	29-Oct	Tilbee	Spencer			76	Headstone	(north side). Surface erosion
1044	1874	17-Dec	Tilbee	Rosetta					w/o Spencer
1029	1902	15-Dec	Trueman	Rosanna			38	Headstone	
1029	1923	20-May	Trueman	John			60		h/o of Rosanna
1093	1990	11-Dec	Tucker	Peggy			67	Headstone	
1027	1901	13-Feb	Underwood	Annie			52	Headstone	w/o Job
1027	1909	24-Feb	Underwood	Job			63		husband of Annie
1063	1850	21-Jul	Vincent	Eleanor			75	Headstone	w/o Charles of Frome, Smerset. In her 76 th year

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1063	1853	21-Jul	Vincent	Ellen			37		d/o Charles & Eleanor. surface flaking
1082	1987	26-Oct	Wakeham	Trevor David			16	Heart style headstone	
1065	1906	28-Feb	Webber	James Richard Canavet			15	Cross style headstone	erected by his many friends
1024	1901	30-May	Wheeler	Mary			77	Headstone	w/o John, of Foxhanger
1030	1905	29-Dec	Wheeler	Rosanna			56	Headstone	
1030	1907	23-Aug	Wheeler	John			86		h/o Rosanna
1092	1990	23-Dec	White	Eric William			69	Headstone	
1092	2009	12-Dec	White	Sylvia			84		w/o Eric
1031	1938	22-Mar	Wiltshire	Ernest Carpenter			80	Headstone	h/o Elizabeth A
1031	1926		Wiltshire	Elizabeth Anne			68		died Easter Monday, w/o Ernest C
1049	1892	04-Aug	Wiltshire	Edward			50	Headstone	
1049	1928	07-Jan	Wiltshire	Jane			86		w/o Edward
1086	1892	04-Aug	Wiltshire	Edward			50	Headstone	
1086	1928	07-Jan	Wiltshire	Jane			86		w/o Edward
1091	1985	22-Jan	Wiltshire	Arthur			64	Headstone	son
1091	2015	09-Jan	Wiltshire	Millie			95		