

## SNAPSHOT OF THE PARISH – 1898

The 'Glebe House' (Vicarage) – built in 1890 at a cost of £1825.  
It stood on plot 298 of the Tithe Map (1840).  
It was built of red brick with cavity walls and with a tiled roof.

3 sitting rooms  
6 bedrooms  
Kitchen and other offices  
3 water closets  
Wine cellar  
Out buildings – Coal and Wood lodges ) both of brick  
Wash-house ) and tiles  
It had stoves, grates and hot water fittings, plus electric bells and fittings

The Vicar was Rev. John Kirkham Fox (who was the second Vicar of the parish)

There was no debt on the Vicarage building

- £1500 came from the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1871
- £ 100 came from the Diocesan Building Fund
- £225 came from Parishioners and friends of the vicar.

The land, consisting of one acre, had been given to the parish by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners in 1881 (see London Gazette 11 November 1881)  
The property was surrounded by a wall built at the same time as the house and paid for by the Vicar.

An extra meadow of 2 ½ acres was added to the Glebe, and purchased at the request of the Rev. H. A. Serres by the Ecclesiastical Commissioners for £200. this meadow lay at the back of the Vicarage garden and also adjacent to its side. It was hedged and cultivated by the Rev. Serres.

The Clerk's pay came from £1 from the Crispe Charity for cleaning Quex Chapel and £3 came from Dog Acre (1897). A note was added by Serres stating that this piece of land was later sold for £400 and the money invested in War Loan Stock (1<sup>st</sup> World war).

The Vicar's pay – (see p. 6 pf the Schedule)

In a description of the Church (on p. 7 of the Schedule) it states that the font is octagonal and was very ancient. It noted that the lead lined edge had 'quaint engravings' on it. In Kirkham's time there was no lid to it, but Serres had had one made in oak.

Acol and **St Mildred's Church** is also on p. 7, as well as the 'Church Room'.

At this period there were 12 acres of Church lands (1897) all of which were let out to parishioners as allotments.

The School (in Park Lane, which had been built in 1849) received 2/3 of the residue of the income from the Crispe Charity Farm.

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The poor of the parish - £5 from the Crispe Charity went to 3 widows from Birchington and 2 from Acol.

The Robinson Charity

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1/3 of the Crispe Charity was used for Exhibitions (scholarships) in a higher grade school or for apprenticeships for girls or boys.

The Registers are listed on p. 11

The Church Plate is listed on p. 12.

The Inventory of the Goods, Books etc held by the Church is listed on p. 13.