

THE CHURCH is a small neat fabric mantled with ivy, and consists of nave and chancel with a tower and spire at the west end. The living is a rectory, valued in the King's books at £4 17s. 8½d., in the patronage and incumbency of the Rev. R. C. Willis, D.D. The structure was repaired, re-pewed, and a tower and spire erected in 1832, by the late D. Banks, Esq. The tithes were commuted in 1847, for £84 12s. 6d. The glebe consists of four acres near the cliff, which is gradually wasting from the inroads of the sea. There is a Coast Guard Station a short distance from the church. The poor of this parish participate in the charity of Stephen Osborne. (See parish of Eastchurch.) *Directory*.—Edward Holden, farm bailiff; and John Randall, surveyor of highways, overseer, churchwarden, and victualler, Smack Inn.

THE MILTON, *alias* MIDDLETON, HUNDRED, is bounded on the north by the rivers Medway and Swale, on the south by the hundred of Eyehorne, on the east by that of Teynham, and on the west by Chatham and Gillingham. It embraces the parishes of Bapchild, Bobbin, Borden Bredgar, Halstow Lower, Hartlip, Iwade, Kingsdown, Milstead, Milton next Sittingbourne, Murston, Newington, Rainham, Rodmersham, Sittingbourne, Tong, Tunstall, and Upchurch. The fee of this manor, which anciently had a coroner of its own, was granted by Charles I. to Sir Edward Brown and Christopher Favell, and has passed with the manor of Milton.

BAPCHILD is a small parish and village, 1½ mile E.S.E. from Sittingbourne, which contains 1,057 acres of land, most of which is a fine loamy soil, very fertile. In 1841, here were 72 houses and 338 inhabitants. Population, in 1801, 224; in 1831, 319. In the year 694, Withred, King of Kent, convened a *great council* of the nobility and clergy, in which he presided, at Beacancelde, or Bapchild, as it is supposed to mean by several learned men. There have been within the last few years, some small remains of an oratory near the high road, supposed to have been erected in memory of this celebrated council, which in later times was made use of by the pilgrims, who journeyed to Canterbury, to the shrine of St. Thomas a Becket. Another council is said to have been held at Baccanfield in 798. The principal landowners are William Lake, William Gascoyne, and James Blaxland, Esqs., Col. Chas. Hy. Tyler, Mrs. Lushington, and Messrs. Fairmans. A fair is held here on the 21st of August.

THE CHURCH is a venerable fabric, dedicated to St. Lawrence, and consists of two aisles and two chancels, with a lofty steeple on the south side of the church. The living is a vicarage, in the patronage of the Dean and Chapter of Chichester, and incumbency of the Rev. W. W. Holland. This church, at the instance of Simon Wells, was granted by King John to the see of Chichester, and was appropriated by Archbishop Wethershead, in 1229. There are two acres of glebe land in this parish, and 22 acres in the parish of Teynham, purchased with Queen Anne's bounty. A pension of £5 6s. 8d. is payable to the vicar out of the great

tithes, which were commuted in 1840 for £435 5s., and the vicarial for £167 7s. 3d.

The manor of Milton claims paramount over this parish, subordinate to which is the manor of BAPCHILD COURT, which was anciently held by the family of Savage. MORRIS COURT is a manor here, which lies some distance east from the above; and PETTS COURT is another manor, the mansion of which has long been in ruins. At RADFIELD, a hamlet east of the village, was formerly an oratory, endowed for the maintenance of one chaplain and a priest, for the celebration of mass. In the reign of Henry VIII., the chapel had become ruinous, the remains of which were destroyed in 1832. In the garden of William Lake, Esq., at the back of the old farm house, built in 1568, several skeletons, a great number of Roman coins, and a battle axe have recently been found, and in Pen farm yard, in Feb., 1848, nine skeletons were found, most of which were perfect, and of large size. WOOD STREET HOUSE, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile S. from the church, is a neat mansion, beautifully seated on rising ground, the seat and property of William Lake, Esq. BAPCHILD COURT LODGE is a neat building, near the church, the seat and property of William Gascoyne, Esq.

CHARITIES.—*William Housson*, by will, 1783, gave £200 for the instruction of children of the parishes of Bapchild, Tonge, and Murston, to be divided in equal portions among the respective parishes. *Joseph Smith*, by will, 1829, after leaving certain legacies, directed the residue of his personal estate and effects, after the death of his wife, to be invested for the benefit of the poor, and the interest distributed in bread. £14 13s. has been paid into the Faversham savings bank on account of this gift.

Marked 1 are at Kingsdown.

Champion Samuel, baker	Kelsey James, brickmaker
Dunk James, baker	Lake Wm. Esq. Woodstreet house
Earl Batchelor, shoemaker	1 Matson Hy Wm. farmer & hop grwr.
Furmstone William, carpenter	Reeves Henry, grocer and baker
Gascoyne Wm. Esq. Court lodge	1 Smith James, farmer
Hutchinson Jonathan, chairmaker	Spice William, beerhouse
Knowler James, blacksmith and vict.	1 Stevens Sml & John, maltsters
Fox and Goose	Storr John, butcher

BOBBING is a parish and small scattered village, $1\frac{1}{4}$ mile W. by N. from Milton, which contains 1,000 acres of lands, the soil of which is either a gravel sand, or a mixture of clay, mostly poor. In 1841, here were 76 houses and 404 inhabitants. Population, in 1801, 231; in 1831, 364. The principal landowners are Rev. George Simpson and William Fairman, Esq., the former of whom is lord of the manor.

THE CHURCH, dedicated to St. Bartholomew, consists of two aisles and two chancels, with a lofty spire at the west end, in which are five bells. In the north chancel are several ancient gravestones, for the Savages and Cliffords, many of which are robbed of their brasses. In the south chancel and aisle are several busts of white marble, for the Tuftons and Sandfords. The living is a vicarage, valued in the King's books at