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Stratton St Margaret

STRATTON (St. Margaret), a parish, in the union of Highworth and Swindon, hundred of Highworth, Cricklade, and Staple, Swindon and N. divisions of Wilts, 2½ miles (N. E. by N.) from Swindon; containing, with the tything of Upper Stratton, 1565 inhabitants, and an area of 2905a. 13p. The village is situated on the Roman road from Marlborough downs to Cheltenham, and the Wilts and Berks canal and the Great Western railway pass through the parish. The living is a discharged vicarage, valued in the king's books at £8. 12. 3½.; net income, £216; patrons, the Warden and Fellows of Merton College, Oxford (the impropiators), on the nomination of the Bishop of Salisbury. The tithes were commuted for land and corn-rents in 1798; there is a glebe-house, and the glebe contains 126 acres. The church is an ancient edifice of plain appearance. The Baptists, Independents, and Primitive Methodists have each a place of worship. An alien priory was founded here soon after the Conquest, and given by Henry VI. to King's College, Cambridge