

Rev. Robey Eldridge

1861 England, Wales & Scotland Census Desford, Leicestershire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>Robey Eldridge</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>Rector of Desford</i>	<i>Newport, Isle of Wight</i>
Jane Eldridge	Wife	Married	54		Newport, Isle of Wight
Mary Eldridge	Daughter	Unm	25		Oddington, Gloucestershire
Catherine Eldridge	Daughter	Unm	20		Oddington, Gloucestershire
Anne Eldridge	Daughter	Unm	14	Scholar	Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire
Harriet Eldridge	Daughter	Unm	10	Scholar	Chipping Norton, Oxfordshire
Mary Clark	Servant	Unm	24	House Servant	Cropston, Leicestershire

Hampshire Advertiser 17 August 1861 OBITUARYS

On Tuesday, the 13th instant, at West Mill-house, near Newport, Isle of Wight, aged 53, the Rev. Robey Eldridge, rector of Desford, in the county of Leicester.

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NEWPORT

Our Obituary last week contained the name of the late Rev. Roby Eldridge, whose death has placed many families here in mourning. The following paragraph appeared in the Leicester Advertiser:--

DEATH OF THE REV. R. ELDRIDGE.--We deeply regret to have to announce the sudden though non altogether unexpected demise of the Rev. R. Eldridge, M.A., rector of Desford. Mr. Eldridge was appointed to the living on the death of the Rev. John Fry, about eleven years ago. He was formerly rector of Chipping Norton, but that church proved too large for his voice, he was obliged to give it up, and in consequence obtained the appointment as rector of Desford. After his appointment as such, it very soon became apparent that the "right man was in the right place" for not only he, but also his wife and family by their amiability, their kindness and generosity to the poor, and their excellent Christian character, endeared themselves to all with whom they came in contact. The poor, whom he frequently visited in his ministerial capacity, looked upon him as their real friend and pastor; whilst those in a better position in life found in him not merely a friend and companion, but also a high classical scholar,--one possessed of a very enlightened and intelligent mind, and endowed with superior powers of reasoning and conversation. Mr. Eldridge ceased to preach about a year ago; and lately removed to the Isle of Wight for change of air. His health, however, became gradually worse, and on Tuesday last he expired in the presence of his family and friends. The greatest gloom prevailed throughout the village, old and young alike acutely feeling the stroke. Mr. Eldridge was only in his 57th year, and one therefore might very reasonably have cherished the hope that his life would be spared for some years more,--but it is otherwise. It will, however, be a satisfaction and consolation to his family thus to know the respect in which he was held, and that during the time he was at Desford he made many friends, but not a single enemy.