

William James Stobart

1911 England, Wales & Scotland Census

Caldbeck Bricks, The Vicarage, Carisbrooke, Isle of Wight, Hampshire, England

Name	Relationship	Status	Age	Occupation	Birthplace
<i>William James Stobart</i>	<i>Head</i>	<i>Married</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>Vicar of Carisbrooke</i>	<i>Cheshunt, Herefordshire</i>
Susan Elizabeth Stobart	Wife	Married	67		Oakham, Rutland
Katherine Stobart	Daughter	Single	40	At home	Croydon, Surrey
Mary Stobart	Daughter	Single	34	At home	Swyre, Dorset
Florence Eldridge	Servant	Single	26	House maid	Bermondsey
Lucy Rachel May Hayles	Servant	Single	27	Cook	Carisbrooke, IOW
Margaret Reynolds	Servant	Single	17	House maid	Carisbrooke, IOW
Herbert Thomas Candy	Visitor	Married	35	Clerk in holy orders	Bombay, India
Weatherhead					

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DEATH OF THE REV. W. J. STOBART.

Many in the Island will learn with deep regret of the death of the Rev. William James Stobart, M.A., the former vicar of Carisbrooke, who passed away at his residence, Parkbury, Broadway, Sandown, early on Tuesday morning at the age of 78. Mr. Stobart's health had been failing for some time, and had never really been the same since he met with an accident some three years ago. He had been preaching at Northwood on a Sunday evening, and on alighting from the train at Sandown station had the misfortune to break one of his legs near the ankle. To one of such an age the consequences were serious, and it was a long time before he was able to be about again. The end came more quickly than might have been expected, for he was about as usual last week, and only took to his bed on the previous Thursday.

Mr. Stobart was a graduate of St. John's College, Cambridge (senior optime), and was ordained a deacon as long ago as 1865, and priest in the following year. He held curacies at Holy Trinity, Newington, Croydon, and St. Pancras, and from 1874 to 1878 was rector of Swyre, Dorset. He then entered upon rather difficult work as vicar of St. Augustines, Lynton-road, Bermondsey, where he devoted some 24 of the best years of his ministerial life. When he became vicar the church was only half built, and was labouring under a debt of £4000. He succeeded in clearing off this debt, completed the church, and built a vicarage.

It was in 1902 that Mr. Stobart became vicar of Carisbrooke, with the chapelry of Northwood, and the excellent work he accomplished in the twelve years he laboured there is held in grateful remembrance. During the years 1906-1908 the church was restored, at a cost of £2000. The roof was stripped, showing some fine timbers, which have been repaired, and while removing the plaster from the walls some very old windows were discovered. In 1911 a new organ was placed in the church, at a cost of about £600. Mr. Stobart was further successful in raising the necessary funds for the building of St. Andrew's Mission-hall, Hunnyhill, Newport,, and also St. Faith's Mission-hall in the parish of Northwood, and for the enlargement of the Sunday-school. His last effort in the direction of the restoration was to collect half the sum required for the recasting and rehanging of the peal of bells at St. Mary's. At the present time two of the bells are so badly cracked that it is impossible to ring them; they can only be chimed. The necessary work was in hand when the war broke out, and it had to be stopped for the time being. During

his vicariate Mr. Stobart also rendered valuable services as a member of Carisbrooke Parish Council, and as a school manager at both Carisbrooke and Northwood.

Mr. Stobart was a parish priest of untiring energy, and sympathetic qualities, and a man of original thought. This latter often found witty expression in the pages of his parish magazine, which became so famous that some of the London newspapers subscribed for copies, and made frequent quotations from it. His retirement in November 1914, was due to advancing years, and he then settled at Sandown. He leaves a widow, two daughters, and one son, to whom much sympathy is extended. The son, Mr. John C. Stobart, is an inspector under the Board of Education, but has been lent by that department for war work, and has for some time been assistant secretary to the Ministry of Labour.

The funeral of the deceased clergyman took place yesterday (Friday) at Carisbrooke Cemetery, the first part of the service being held in his old church of St. Mary the Virgin, the bell of which was tolled. The body was met at the church door by the officiating clergy, the Rev. T. Story Busher (vicar) and the Rev. T. E. Coverdale (vicar of St. John's, Sandown), and the churchwardens (Messrs. R. Fisk and H. L. Morris). Psalm 90 was chanted, and the hymns "Through the day Thy love has spared us" and "Peace, perfect peace", were nicely sung by the ladies' choir, Mr. John Read presiding at the organ. The mourners were Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stobart (son and daughter-in-law), Miss Mary Stobart (daughter), Mr. Franklyn Bellamy, Highbury (nephew), and the Misses Lucy Hayles and Margaret Reynolds (maids). There was a large congregation considering that the only public information given of the time of the funeral was a notice in the window of the County Press. The attendance included Mr. L. C. Attrill (a former churchwarden), the Rev. J. L. Spratt, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Pearce, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Greenfield, Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Brannon, Messrs. Cawley Way, E. W. Way (who also represented Major H. J. Way, V.D.), W. H. Wadham, J. Simmonds, H. Blake, A. T. Barton, C. J. Dashwood, W. Tosdevin, and John Way, Ald. C. Webb, Mrs. Underwood, Mr. and Mrs. F. Barnes, Mr. W. J. and Miss Watts, Mesdames Busher, Way, Buckell, Loader, A. E. Harvey, Fisk, Arbory, W. H. Reynolds, J. Lockhart, Lock, and Philpot, the Misses Read, Elger (2), Yelf (2), Smith, Moore, Jarrett, and Attrill, and several military men. There was a number of floral tributes. Mr. Edward Wilson (Messrs. Gunner and Wilson) was unavoidably prevented from being present.

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