

Rectors of Crux Easton

1317	William de Eston Crokes	1742	Thos. Mills
1317	Richard de Eston Crokes	1751	John Burton
1369	John Ewen (resigned)	1774	John Burton Watkin
1369	John alle Lane	1822	David Middleton
1533?	Thos. Byrde	1827	Thomas Shepard
?	Ralph Burd	1842	James Bagge
1560	Nicholas Thompson	1877	George R Harding
1562	John Blake	1882	William Caudwell
1576	Thomas Baker	1897	Charles de Havilland
1577	Michael Edlyn	1921	Arthur Rowand
1610	Robert Fincher	1940	Alfred Bishope Lunn
1643?	William Woodward	1962	Leonard Greensides
?	Henry Welstead	1968	T.H.Lewis
1666	Richard Edwards	1976	P.J.W.Raine
1703	Henry Deane	1984	Timothy Horsington
1707	Lawrence Hyde		
1716	Seth Eyre		

Postscript. Was it better THEN, is NOW preferred or will the FUTURE be better? THEN, 100 years ago, there were daily/weekly deliveries of goods, a pub and school, a resident Rector, farming activity, the harvest supper, and the Women's Institute (1940-1989). NOW there are few of these, farming has become prairie-like fields and set-aside, there is little livestock and some feel the village community has changed and the social balance altered - for better or worse? But the village still retains its rural ambience in an area of unspoilt tranquility. In the FUTURE deliveries and services will surely return (by mail order and online?); farming will revive but maybe in an altered way; new businesses already occupy old buildings. Whatever one's view, Crux Easton is a place where once people arrive they tend to stay: nearly half the residents have been here for more than 20 years.

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