

*Parson and Parish
in Eighteenth - Century
Hampshire
Replies to Bishops
Visitation of 1725
East Meon with Froxfield and
Steep*

John Downes, vicar 1708-32

1 Area The circumference of ground in the parish of Eastmeon is by computation 12 miles. In Froxfield 6 miles. In Steep 4 miles.

2 Population The number of souls in Eastmeon parish are 962. The number of souls in Froxfield and Steep 475.

3 Marriages &c The number of marriages one year with the other in Eastmeon are 3. Christenings 28. Burials 18. The number of marriages in Froxfield and Steep one year with the

other are 5. Christenings 16. Burials 14.

4 Patron The patron of this living is the Bishopp of Winchester.

5 Chapels There are belonging to Eastmeon 2 chapels, viz Froxfield and Steep, supplied by James Downes, in nomination of the vicar of Eastmeon.

6 Lecturer No lecturer or curate in Eastmeon.

7 Papists No Papists in the parish of Eastmeon; in Froxfield 1, George Bruning.

8 Dissenters No meeting of protestant dissenters in Eastmeon, nor Froxfield nor Steep

9 Gentry 2 gentlemen of distinction in Eastmeon, viz Lewis Buckle Esq, and Philip Cavendish Esq. In Froxfield 1, Mr Love.

10 Schools No publick school endowed in the parish of Eastmeon. In Froxfield £1000 left for the endowment of a charity school by Robert Love of Basing

Esq, late deceased but not yet put into method.

11 Charities In the parish of Eastmeon there are no charityes or hospitals of any kind.

12 Post-town The nearest post-town to the parish of Eastmeon is the town of Petersfield.

Visitation of 1788

East Meon, Froxfield and Steep

Andrew Lewis Boisdaune, vicar of Eastmeon with the chapels of Froxfield and Steep annexed 1763-88

25 February 1788

1 Area The parish of Eastmeon is supposed to be about 18 miles in circumference

2 Population The number of souls,

according to the best information is 963
3 Marriages &c Marriages 5; births 30;
burials 20.

4 Patron The Hon. And Right Revd the
Lord Bishop of Winchester.

5 Chapels The chapels of Froxfield and
Steep are annexed to the vicarage of
Eastmeon

The duty of Eastmeon and Froxfield is
attended to by the resident vicar. The
Revd Mr Stephen Street, curate of
Steep, nominated by the vicar. An exact
terrier for each of these parishes is in
your lordship's office.

6 Lecturer The first 3 queries in this
article are answered in the above. The
Revd Mr Stephen Street, curate of
Steep, will reply to the last.

7 Dissenters There is nothing of the kind
in any of the parishes.

8 Schools There are no endowed schools
in the parishes of Eastmeon and Steep.

9 Charities There are none.