

## VICARAGE, Church Lane

The Parsonage was designed on typical Victorian lines for a country house by Mr Poole of London in 1854, four years after the church was built. The water was supplied from a well operated by a donkey which was often led by choirboys.

During his ministry (1858 - 1864), the Rev. A H Bridges carried out a number of improvements to the Parsonage to make it a more comfortable place to live in, and also planted many trees and shrubs in the garden.

The Parsonage became known as the Vicarage in 1875 after the Rev. Nesfield Andrewes was the first to be appointed Vicar of the Parish. The upkeep and costs of heating eventually became uneconomic and a new Vicarage was built in the 1960s. The old Vicarage was sold in 1968 and is now called Southwater House.

