



# East Kennett Christchurch Benefaction Tablet

Tablet located on West Wall above the Scriptures Board

THIS CHURCH ERECTED AT THE SOLE COST OF THE MATHEWS FAMILY TOWARDS WHICH THE LATE **RICH<sup>D</sup>. MATHEWS ESQ<sup>R</sup>. JUN<sup>R</sup>.** BEQUEATHED THE SUM OF L300. WAS OPENED FOR DEVINE SERVICE ON THE 19<sup>TH</sup> OF APRIL 1864. **CHARLES TOOKER ESQ<sup>R</sup>.** SETTLED L50 A YEAR ISUJING OUT OF HIS ESTATE AT EAST KENNETT (CLEAR OF ALL DEDUCTIONS) ON THE MINISTER OF THIS PARISH FOR EVER. THIS BENEFACATION WAS ALLOWED AND CONFIRMED BY DEED, BY **SHUTE BARRINGTON** LORD BISHOP OF SALISBURY WHEN HE SOLD THE ESTATE IN 1787 TO M<sup>R</sup>. PRICE. AN ADDITIONAL ANNUAL SUM OF L50 ACCORDING TO ACT 1. VICTORIA. C20 WAS BY DEED DATED MAY 24<sup>TH</sup> 1866 GRANTED BY **JOHN MATHEWS ESQ<sup>R</sup>.** THE THEN PATRON OF THE LIVING TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE BOUNTY OF QUEEN ANN AND MADE A PERPETUAL CHARGE ON THE EAST KENNETT ESTATE. A MEMORANDUM TO THE EFFECT THAT IN CONSIDERATION FOR THE SAID L50. THE INCUMBENT FOR THE TIME BEING SHOULKD PERMANENTLY RESIDE. AND THAT THERE SHOULD BE TWO FULL SERVICES OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN CONNECTION WITH THE PERPETUAL CURACY ON EVERY SUNDAY BY HIM OR SOME OTHER CLERGYMAN OF THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN HIS BEHALF, IS DEPOSITED IN THE REGISTRY OF THE LORD BISHOP OF SALISBURY. JULY 1866