

## BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION ABOUT CANON ROBERT MILFORD

Father of Grace Emily Mackarness

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**Bath Chronicle & Weekly Gazette Thursday 14 September 1865:** Died Sept. 9, at East Knoyle rectory, near Hindon, Wilts, the Rev Crosbie Morgell, Chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester, 17 years rector of the above parish, aged 63

**Dorset County Chronicle Thursday 14 September 1865:** The rectory of East Knoyle, Wilts, in the diocese of Salisbury, has become vacant by the death of the Rev C Morgell, chaplain to the Bishop of Winchester, and appointed to the rectory in 1847. It is of the value of £850 a year, with a parsonage house, the population being about 1100. It is in the gift of the Bishop of Winchester.

**Devizes & Wiltshire Gazette Thursday 21 December 1865:** On the 14th instant, the Right Rev the Lord of Bishop of Salisbury instituted the Rev Robert Newman Milford, M.A., to the Rectory of East Knoyle, Wilts, rendered vacant by the death of the Rev Crosbie Morgell, on the presentation of the Right Rev the Lord Bishop of Winchester, the patron in right of his Bishopric.

**Western Gazette Friday 03 May 1912:** The Rev William Neville, who has been vicar of the parish of St Mary the Virgin, Reading since 1897, has been offered and has accepted the living of St Mary, East Knoyle, in succession to Canon Milford whose resignation has been received with much regret.

The living, which is in the gift of the Bishop of Oxford, has a gross income of £748, £741 nett, with rectory. The parish has a population of 915, with acreage of 5,717. The church accommodation is put at 345. Canon Milford has been rector of East Knoyle since 1865. He was rector of Brightwell, Berks, from 1860 to 1865. He is the author of "Farnham and its Borough" (1860) and "History of Farnham Castle" (1874).

Great regret is felt in St Mary's Reading at the resignation of Mr Neville. During his 15 years' charge of the parish, he has worked exceedingly hard and won the affection of the parishioners generally. The large parish has grown considerably during his vicariate, and he considers the time has now arrived when a younger man should have control of this responsible living. Mr Neville will be leaving Reading about Michaelmas next.

**Exeter & Plymouth Gazette Saturday 21 June 1913:** The Rev R N Milford, whose death is announced, had associations with Exeter, for he was the last surviving son of the late Mr John Milford, and a partner in the firm of Messrs Milford and Snow, 1855. He was ordained deacon in 1853 and of the City Bank, now merged in the Union of London and Smiths Bank. Deceased was educated at Balliol College Oxford; took his BA in 1851 and proceeded MA in priest in 1854 in the Diocese of Winchester. He was Curate of Stockwell Surrey from 1853 to 1854; Rector of Brightwell Berkshire from 1859 to 1865, and became Rector of Bishop Knoyle, or East Knoyle, in the Diocese of Salisbury, in 1865 and remained there until his resignation last year, when he went to reside at Bournemouth. He was appointed as Hon. Canon of Salisbury in 1896. He wrote books on "Farnham and its Borough" and "History of Farnham Castle".