

## John Rivers

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Born: 1579 Kent, England

Married: Dorothy Potter

Died: 1676 Kent, England

Parents: George Rivers & Blanche Unknown

The **Rivers**, later **Rivers-Gay**, later **Rivers Baronetcy**, of Chafford in the County of Kent, was a title in the Baronetage of England. It was created on 19 July 1621 for John Rivers. He was a grandson of Sir John Rivers, Lord Mayor of London between 1573 and 1574. The sixth Baronet assumed the additional surname of Gay in circa 1760. This surname was also used by the seventh Baronet but not by any subsequent Baronets. The title became extinct on the death of the eleventh Baronet in 1870.

[en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rivers\\_Baronets](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rivers_Baronets)

John Rivers, esq. was created a baronet in the 19th year of king James I. two years after which his lands, as well as those of his father, were disengaged by an act then particularly passed for that purpose. On his father's death he succeeded him in this estate, which continued in his descendants until Sir George Rivers, bart. dying in 1734 without issue male, by his will devised it, with his seat of Chafford, among his other real estates, to his five natural children, but his surviving legitimate daughters, and the heirs of those deceased, filed a bill in chancery to set this devise aside, and after a process at law, and several decrees, the court ordered the estates to be sold in 1743

From: 'Parishes: Ashurst', The History and Topographical Survey of the County of Kent: Volume 5 (1798), pp. 276-279.

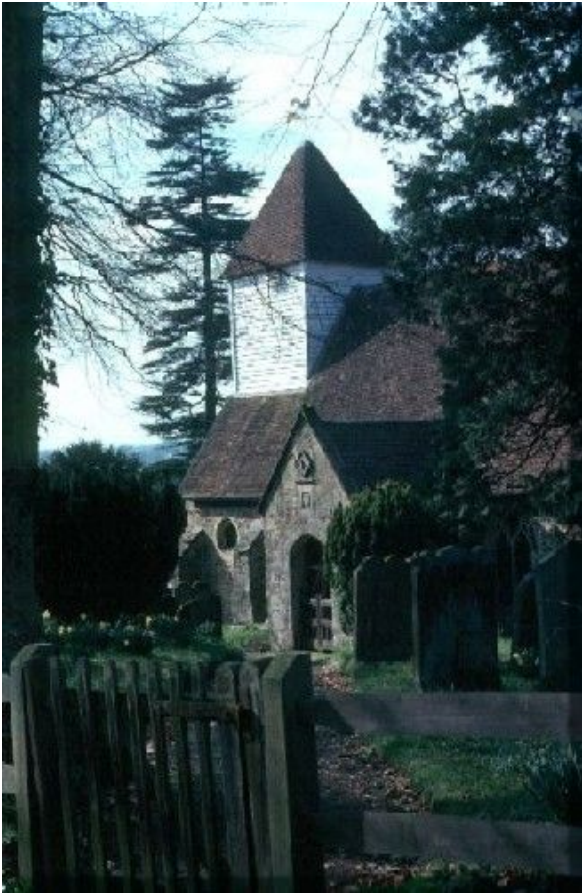
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ASHURST is within the ECCLESIASTICAL JURISDICTION of the diocese of Rochester, and deanry of Malling.

The church is a low mean building, with a wooden steeple, over the porch are the arms of Sir John Rivers, who gave the dial. There are no memorials init. In this church, before the reformation, was a famous rood, or crucifix, which was much resorted to for its supposed miraculous powers.

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Pictures of St Martin Church, Kent, England



In the gable of the south porch is the Rivers family coat of arms, dating from their baronetcy in 1621, and above it is a pillar sundial which was added in 1643. This sundial was given to the parish of Ashurst in 1634 by Elias Allen, the most famous mathematical instrument maker of his day and believed to be the son of Robert Allen, the Rector from 1572-1587. Both the coat of arms and sundial are just visible in the first photograph above and are shown closer in the picture to the left.

[www.roughwood.net/ChurchAlbum/Kent/Ashurst/AshurstChurch](http://www.roughwood.net/ChurchAlbum/Kent/Ashurst/AshurstChurch)