

CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

DEANERY OF WILFORD.

In this Deanery there are eight Elizabethan Cups; and some fine Plate (probably French), at the Seckford Hospital in Woodbridge, but nothing else calling for any special notice, though the Plate is good, almost without exception.

EDMUND C. HOPPER.

ALDERTON. S. ANDREW.

CUP: Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark nearly effaced, Roman capital R and a star being all that is legible; S for 1733; lion passant.

PATENS: (1) Cover to Cup, has the same marks.
(2) is inscribed OLDERTON.

Marks: Britannia; P a, Simon Pantin's mark; court hand V for 1715; lion's head erased.

FLAGON: plated.

BAWDSEY. S. MARY.

CUP: height $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker I. K. for John King; old English capital S for 1773; lion passant.

PATEN.

BOYTON. S. ANDREW.

CUPS: (1). Elizabethan, with Paten Cover, and the usual floral ornamentations, but no marks.

Height 6 inches; width 3 inches.

(2) given July 1897 by Mr. Hoste's family. Maker Wippell and Co. Nettlecomb shape, the stem has six small bosses with a maltese cross on each. The stem and base are circular; the bowl ornamented with scallop-work of vine leaves.

Height $7\frac{3}{8}$ inches; width $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Inscribed: *To the glory of God and in loving memory of George Charles Hoste, M.A., Rector of Boyton 1865—1886.* ∴

Marks: anchor (Birmingham); makers T. T. & Co.; small g; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: Marks: leopard's head; small old English s for 1873; maker $\frac{H}{L}$; lion passant; head of Victoria. Inscribed:—*Presented to the church of Boyton S Andrew Suffolk, for the service of God in Christ and to keep in loving memory the name of Anne Hoste, born July 12th 1826 deceased March 2nd 1876.*

FLAGONS: (1) electro plated, by Jones and Willis. Inscribed:—*To the Glory of God, and in grateful acknowledgment of benefits received from Mary Warner's Charity, by William Boyce her father, James Boyce her brother and herself, this flagon is presented to Boyton Church, by Betsey Boyce, May 1st, 1889.* Both living 1897.

(2) of pewter, also two Alms Dishes of pewter.

BREDFIELD. S. ANDREW.

CUPS: (1) good Elizabethan, with band; the only mark on the Cup is the sexfoil; its Paten Cover has "BREDFYLDE 1581."

(2) of medieval shape.

Marks: leopard's head; small old English p for 1870; $\frac{E}{B}^C$ maker; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN. Marks: Britannia; P a, Simon Pantin's mark; court hand l for 1706; lion's head erased.

FLAGON: of glass with electro plated top.

ALMS DISH: of electro plate.

BROMESWELL. S. EDMUND.

CUP: good Elizabethan, with band, but no marks. Rev. A. T. Atwood thinks this Cup was given to the Parish a few years ago only.

There is also a Cup, Paten, Credence Paten, and Flagon, electro plated, with I. H. S. and rays.

BUTLEY. S. JOHN BAPTIST.

CUPS: (1) Elizabethan, with band, only mark G.

(2) has leopard's head; R. P. maker; Q for 1851; lion passant; head, of Victoria. Inscribed:—*Butley Church MDCCCLI, a thank-offering to God Thomas Catlin of Butley Abbey.*

Monuments: In memory of Thomas Naunton Catlin who died 15 September 1841 aged 29 years. Elizabeth the beloved and affectionate Wife of Thomas Catlin of this parish Died March 16th 1850 aged 67 years. Also of Thomas Catlin Died March 24th 1855 aged 71 years.

PATENS: (1) on foot, bears the same marks, *Butley Church, MDCCCLI*; *A thank-offering to God, Thomas Catlin, of Butley Abbey.*

(2) Marks: Britannia; G. A. William Gamble's mark; Roman capital A for 1716; lion's head erased. Inscribed:—"Rebecca Wright."

FLAGON: same marks as Paten (1), *Butley Church MDCCCLI, Given as a thank-offering to God, for mercies received, by Thomas Catlin of Butley Abbey, Churchwarden during a period of forty-four years.*

CAPEL. S. ANDREW.

"Ecclesia destructa."

DALLINGHOE. S. MARY.

CUP: has the marks of rehammering and ornamentation of Elizabethan plate, but is of most unusual and awkward shape, more like a drinking horn than the ordinary pattern. Neither it nor its Paten Cover have any marks. There is a similar Cup at Grundisburgh.

PATEN: Inscribed:—*The gift of Mary Salter to the Parish of Dallinghoop 1771.*

Marks: leopard's head crowned; J. S. the mark of Joseph Saunders; old English capital Q for 1771; lion passant.

FLAGON: marks and inscription as on Paten.

HOLLESLEY. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: is engraved with I H S and rays, and weighs 11 ounces.

Marks: leopard's head; ^E_B maker; old English capital E for 1840; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: Marks: Britannia; maker E and some other letter defaced, possibly John Eastt's mark; Roman capital C for 1718; lion's head erased.

FLAGON: plated, bears the sacred monogram with rays.

ALMS DISH: plated on copper. Inscribed:—*The Holy Communion Service, Presented by Mrs Waller, to the Parish Church of Hollesley A.D. 1852.*

LOWDHAM.

No church.

MELTON. S. ANDREW.

CUPS: (1) marked 1711.

Marks: Britannia; S H in a lozenge, the mark of Alice Sheene; court hand q for 1711; lion's head erased.

(2) with cover, made to match. Given by Mrs. Packe.

Marks: leopard's head; maker S S; Roman capital B for 1877; lion passant; head of Victoria.

Cover marked as Cup (1).

PATEN: a "waiter" on three feet.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; J T, with a jug between, the mark of John Tuite; Roman capital O for 1729; lion passant.

FLAGON: Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker G B; small Roman e for 1740; lion passant. Inscribed:—*This Flagon belongs to the Parish of Melton in Suffolk 1741.*

ALMS DISHES: three similar,—on two only is this inscription:—*Presented to the Parish of Melton by the Rev^d Christ. Geo. Watson M.A. Rector. A.D. 1868.*

PETTISTREE. SS. PETER AND PAUL.

CUP: with Paten cover. On Cup, "This Communion Cupp belongeth to y^e Parish of Petistry in Suffolke. The Gift of Mr John Jessup Churchwarden 1705. Gilbert Collyer Minister."

Marks: Britannia; maker R e over a rose; court hand i for 1704; lion's head erased.

PATEN: *The Gift of Mr John Jessup Churchwarden 1705.*

Parish Register records; 1717 Bur: John Jessup Jan: 9th

FLAGON: glass with plated top.

ALMS DISH: electro plated.

RAMSHOLT. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: Elizabethan; height 5 inches. Mark: G only.

SHOTTISHAM. S. MARGARET.

CUP: height 6 $\frac{1}{4}$ inches; width 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ inches; inscribed "Shottisham in Suffolk 1713." The sacred monogram.

Marks: Britannia; N e, Anthony Nelme's mark; court hand s for 1713; lion's head erased.

PATEN: has the sacred monogram. Diameter 6 inches.

Marks: leopard's head; I. K. for J. Keith maker; small old English n for 1868; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: pewter.

CRUETS: two.

Marks: leopard's head; maker J. C. S.; p for 1870; lion passant; head of Victoria.

ALMS DISHES: (1) bronze; on rim:—*Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy.* In centre sacred monogram within a quatrefoil. Diameter $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

(2) plate; plated E. D. Shottisham 1845. Diameter 6 inches.

(3) oak; "*God loveth a cheerful giver.*" Diameter $9\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

SUTTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: Elizabethan: height $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches, without marks.

PATENS: (1) dated 1569. No other marks. Diameter 4 inches.

(2) silver, but no marks. Diameter 7 inches.

FLAGON: large tankard.

Marks: on the side, also on the lid; leopard's head crowned; maker R M over a rose: small italic v for 1637; lion passant. Inscribed:—*The gift of Fra. Burwell Esq. to the Church of Sutton, Suffolk, 1678*; and these arms:—A Chevron ermine, between three leaves plucked.

On floor of the church.

M. S.

SEPVLCHRALE HOC MARMOR
RELIQUIAS INCLVSAS TENET

Francisci BVRWELL de Sutton in Comitatu Suff:

Armig: Filij natu Maximi Francisci: BVRWELL

de Sutton Gen: Qui duxit uxorem Susannam

filiam vnica et hæredem Iohis HAMPTON

de Londino Gen: et Barbara ux^s: ei. ob:

S. P. 13o. Aug: 1678.

Anno Ætat: 58.

Viduatus amor uxoris Relictæ hoc posuit

Mœrens Maritum Mortuum

Ploransq' Se Superstitem.

Cruet: glass, with plated top.

UFFORD. S. MARY.

CUP: it is apparently of beaten silver, small with straight sides, but no marks, dated 1671. Inscribed:—*Ufford Church, given by W. H.*

PATENS: (1) with foot, dated 1671, silver, but no marks; diameter 5 inches.

(2) Marks: leopard's head; maker R. P.; old English capital D for 1839; lion passant; head of Victoria. Inscribed:—*Deo et Altari de Ufford Sacrorum Mysteriorum Participis indigni Oblatio 1840.*

ALMS DISH: Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker t t under a rose; Roman capital M for 1727; lion passant.

Inscribed:—*The gift of one who has been an unworthy Communicant at Ufford Church, Oct 8th, 1728.*

WICKHAM MARKET. ALL SAINTS.

CUPS: (1) fine large Elizabethan, with rather more than usual of the floral ornamentation; the only mark is the sexfoil; on the Paten Cover is W I C C O M. Height with cover 10 inches.

(2) bearing inscription: *M^{rs} Philip Dykes presented this Cup to the parish of Wickham Market in the year 1835.*

PATENS: (1) also a Cover; 1567.

(2) Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker T. L.; small black letter k for 1685; lion passant. Inscription:—*The gift of Mrs. Ann Barker, to the Church of Wickham Market, Suffolk, A.D. 1730*; and these arms: a Fess between three dolphins embowed.

Buried in Churchyard Aug. 26th, 1730.

FLAGON: very large, in leather case, not now used. Inscribed:—*The Reverend John Sayce, B.D. gave this Flagon to the Church of Wickham Market in Suffolk 1737.*

Marks: leopard's head crowned; R. B. for Richard Bayley, the maker; small Roman b for 1737; lion passant; and these arms:—Party per pale, dexter, a chief ermine, a chevron between three magpies (or some similar bird); sinister, 3 broad arrows, two and one. On the lid are the same marks, and the crest, a magpie (?) as in the arms.

Rev. John Sayce married here Oct. 12th, 1730, buried in Churchyard Mar. 7th, 1736.

CRUETS: two, with silver tops.

WOODBIDGE. S. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

CUPS: two goblet shaped Cups.

PATENS: (1) a large credence on foot. (2) (3) smaller Patens.

Each marked leopard's head; maker $\begin{smallmatrix} R & D \\ G & R \end{smallmatrix}$; old English capital H for 1843; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: electro plated.

ALMS DISH: fine, of bronze, inscribed with I. H. S.; "*Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor.*"

(A new church, built in 1842.)

WOODBIDGE. S. MARY.

CUPS: two, deep bowled, with straight sides and Paten Covers, each bearing the leopard's head crowned; maker's mark R M with a rose below: small italic t for 1636; the lion passant.

On each Paten Cover are these arms:—A saltire between four heraldic stars, charged with two battle axes, crossed.

PATENS: (1) Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker F. W.; small black letter f for 1683; lion passant.

(2) small Roman r for 1752; maker illegible, other marks as Paten (1).

Rev. T. Housecroft, Rector and Rural Dean, writes:—"The two silver Cups at Woodbridge S. Mary were given by Jeffry Pitman, Esq., High Sheriff of Suffolk 1625." His are the emblazoned arms.

The Paten and Flagons were given in 1753, by Mrs. Ann Freston.

FLAGONS: two large, have some marks as Paten (2) but the maker's initials W. C. (William Cripps) are plain.

Another Cup, Paten, and Flagon, of electro plate, by Jones and Willis, were lately given by the widow of the late Rector; on the Paten is:—*In Maiorem Dei Gloriam, et in piam memoriam Gualt, Gul. Iones, A.M. Huiusce Ecclesie Rectoris per annos MDCCCXCIII—MDCCCXCV, d. d. Uxor mærens I. M. I.*

Rev. Wm. Jones died Tuesday 7 Nov. 1895.

WOODBIDGE. SECKFORD HOSPITAL.

CUP: PATEN: and FLAGON: are well gilt, and probably of French or Continental make.

The Cup and Flagon are very fine of repoussé work, the Paten is plain.

Each piece bears this Inscription:—*In Usam Hospitii Pauperum Apud Woodbridge Fundati A Thoma Seckfordi Anno D. 1587.*

No marks; the general design is somewhat like the Clare Cup, and the Rushbrooke Cups and Patens, each known to be Continental.

NOTES ON THE WOODBRIDGE CHURCH PLATE.

By V. B. REDSTONE.

Extracts from Parish Register.

In the year 1753, Mrs. Anne Freston, widow of the Rev. Thomas Freston, late Vicar of Cratfield, in this County, and sister and heiress of Charles Scrivener, late of Sibton Abbey, in this Co., Esq. on her succeeding to her brother's estate, being then resident in this town, made a pious donation out of the first fruits of her estate, to the Church of Woodbridge, of two large silver flagons, and one silver plate, for the service of the Communion Table. To avoid ostentation she desired that no arms or inscription should be engraven on the plate—only a glory. Lest the memory of her munificence should be soon lost this record was made by

THOMAS CARTHEW Rector.

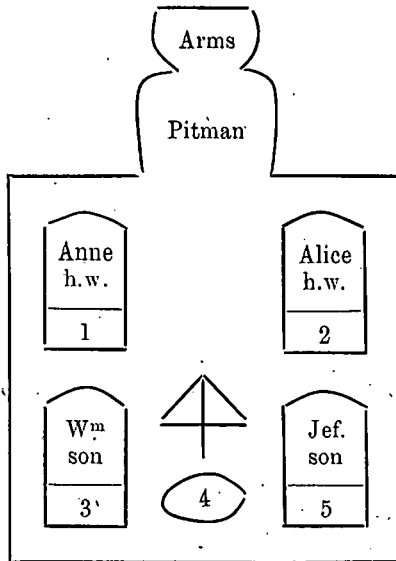
(1779—1791).

Copy of Mrs. A. Freston's Letter to the Rev. John Clark, Rector, 1753.

Sir,

I thought it but reasonable to dedicate the first fruits that I received from my new fortune to the bountiful Giver of all good things, and I could not think of anything more proper than a couple of silver flagons for the service of the Altar—the occasion of this address to you, is to beg you would be so good as to convey them to the proper place where they should be which I cannot do without discovering from whence they came, which I desire may not be known.

A. FRESTON.



PITMAN MONUMENT.

Pitman. The arms are given by Dallinger as—Gules 2 battle axes in Saltire or between 6 mullets argent. Crest: A Moor's arm proper, advancing a poles axe, handle or headed argent.

The Pitman monument is on the East Wall of the South Aisle. It is of red-veined marble bordered with death's heads. In recesses all in kneeling attitude, are Jeffrey Pitman facing West, his two wives facing North and South, and underneath his two sons also facing each other.

Inscriptions.

1. Constant Pains ye Waye to Prayse
Wealth and Honor did him rayse
Wch. of Pride and Strife ye Seedes
In him bred no such ill weeds
An humble quiet life he ledd.
Now sleeps in *Christ*, is not dead.
2. Alice his former wife and Spouse most deare
Like fruitful Vine grew by him many a yeare
To him a Sarah a Marthah to his house
A Dorcas to the Poore and Piteous
This Sarah, Marthah, Dorcas fell asleep
Left Husband, House, and Poor for her to weep.
3. William his elder Sonne living was one
In whom divinest Graces brightly shone
Witte Learning Vertue, Faith, & Feare of God
All rarest ornaments in him abode.
Thus graye in Youth, Death cropt him in y^e Springe
And's Frenedes much grieffe him endless joy did bring.
4. Here lyeth
Jeffrey Pitman, Esq. and sometime
High Sheriffe of Suffolk. who died ye 21
of May A^o 1627 Ætatis 67. He had two wives
Alice & Anne. Alice dyed 29 of Aug 1613 Ætatis
52; By her he had 7. children. 3 died in their
infancy, William his eldest Sonne was a long
time student in Grayes Inn. He died Sep 23
A^o 1615 Ætatis 24: Jeffrey his second son was lik
wise a student in Grayes Inn and died y^e 9 of
Feb A^o 1626 Ætatis 24. Anne his second
wife still liveth as also his two
daughters Mary and Avise
5. His younger son that bore his name
Through Christ his Saviour freed from blame
His life was short yet lives he ever.
Death has his due yet dies he never.

If the cups bear date 1636, and Jeffrey Pitman died 1627, is it not more probable that his relict, Ann Pitman, was the donor than Jeffrey?