CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

DEANERY OFLOPTINGLAND.

In this Deanery there are eight Elizabethan Communion Cups of the usual pattern, and four rather unique examples at Blundeston, Bradwell, Gunton, and Herringfleet, dated 1637—1668, about which time we do not often find new plate. At S. Margaret’s, Lowestoft, there is heraldic plate, and these, with the Barnby Cup, which has often been considered a pre-Reformation Chalice, are the examples most deserving of notice.

EDMUND C. HOPPER.

ASHBY. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan, of Norwich pattern. Height 6 inches; diameter 4$\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Marks: Norwich castle in chief, and lion passant in base on shield; the trefoil slipped (as at Kirkley); Roman capital C in square punch for 1568. This inscription:—FOR THE TOWNE OF ASBE.


Marks: Dublin harp and crown; Britannia; G B; no date letter.

FLAGON: height 9 inches. It bears the sacred monogram and rays, and “Presented by Edward Thurlow 1860.”

Marks: leopard’s head; maker’s mark C T F; small old English a for 1856; lion passant; head of Victoria.

BARNBY. S. JOHN BAPTIST.

CUP: apparently a pre-Reformation chalice, very slightly altered, the bowl being quite of medieval shape, the stem more Elizabethan. Height 5$\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of bowl 3$\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: merely five small pellets forming a cross within a border: apparently rare.

Rev. C. R. Manning, who has seen this rather remarkable cup, thinks that it is of local make, about A.D. 1600.
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PATEN: cover to cup, no foot, apparently an ancient paten, but slightly re-hammered: no sexfoil or other depression, but a circle as for some device. Diameter 4 inches. No marks.

FLAGON: glass, with silver top. Marks: leopard's head; maker M B A T; Roman capital H for 1883; lion passant; head of Victoria.

BELTON. ALL SAINTS:

CUPS: (1) of good Elizabethan shape. Height 5 inches; diameter 3 inches. Marks: Norwich castle and lion; maidenhead in plain shield; C in square punch for 1568. Within a plain band is + FOR THE TOWNÉ OF BELTON.

(2) modern, of good medieval shape, silver gilt, bears the sacred monogram. Height 8 inches. Marks: leopard's head; maker I. K. (J. Keith); old English capital T for 1854; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: has a sexfoil depression, in centre I. H. S. Diameter 7½ inches. On the rim "By thy Cross and Passion good Lord deliver us." Marks: leopard's head; maker I. K.; small old English m for 1867; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: ewer-shaped. Within a band is:--- "Glory be to God on high." Height 11 inches. Marks: leopard's head; maker I F; small old English f for 1874; lion passant; head of Victoria.

The present Rector, Rev. Wm. C. Leeper, is of opinion that the donor, of the three pieces of modern plate, was the late Rector, Rev. T. E. F. Howes, who died March 30th, 1895.

BLUNDESTON. S. MARY.

CUP: good, straight sides. Height 7 inches.
Inscribed:---BLVNDESTON. XMBER. THE XX. 1647.
Marks: a quatrefoil and A H, each repeated.

PATEN: is on a foot similar to Elizabethan plate. Has the same four marks only as on Cup. (Commonwealth Communion Plate is rare.)

FLAGON: tankard form. Height 11 inches.
Inscribed:---"Blundeston cum Flixton, Anno Domini 1721."
Marks: Britannia; maker F A (possibly Fawdery's mark); Roman capital F for 1721; lion's head erased.

Underneath the base is the inscription:---"What ye Flixton Cup wanted of ye purchase of this Flaggon was given by Greg. Clarke Rector, and Anne his wife, daughter of William Wells of Lowestoft, Merch Anno 1717."

Copied from Register:---"Gregory Clarke died June 11th 1726 buried on the 14th." By Robt. Baldwin Rect.

"Anne Clarke the dear and loving wife of Gregory Clarke Rector of this parish departed this life Jan. 21st and was buried in the chancel Jan. 24th 1717 aged 36. She was devout, serious, and constant in her
devotions to Almighty God: charitable and loving to all her neighbours and of the best of wives.”

“William Wells of Lowestoffe merchant my dear wifes father was buried in the chancel of Blundeston May 27, 1710. he died in the 63. year of his age. he earnestly desired his grave may not be broke up for a year . . . (unreadable) which I hope my successors will observe as is desired by me.”

Gregory Clarke Rector.

BRADWELL.  S. NICHOLAS.

CUPS: (1) gilt inside. Engraved is I H S within rays, and “BRADWELL • CHURCH • CUP • 1668.”
Norwich pattern, with baluster stem.
Height $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches; diameter at top $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches; at base $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches; depth of bowl 3 inches.
Marks: probably Norwich castle and lion; maker a broad arrow over net work; a crown; seeded rose.
The sacred monogram is a modern addition.
(2) Up to about 1860 one Cup was the only piece of silver or any sort of plate belonging to this church, when Rev. William Trivett gave a Paten and Flagon in memory of his fiftieth year of holding the Rectory. Rev. Wm. Trivett died Nov. 1863. M.I. in churchyard.
The second Cup was presented by the present rector, Rev. John Walker. It was made to match the older in shape and size, and bears the sacred monogram.
Marks: leopard’s head; maker G F; small old English m for 1867; lion passant; head of Victoria.
PATEN: on foot, has the sacred monogram within rays in the centre.
Diameter 8 inches; ditto of centre 5 inches; height $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.
E B
Marks: leopard’s head; makers &; small old English e for 1858; lion passant; head of Victoria.  J B
FLAGON: good, tankard shaped.
Height, open 8 inches, total with lid $10\frac{1}{4}$ inches; diameter at top $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches; at base $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. On the side is I H S within rays.
E B
Marks: leopard’s head; makers &; small old English d for 1859; lion passant; head of Victoria.  J B

BURGH CASTLE.  S. PETER.

CUP: no cover, gilt inside, thin circular knop half way up stem.
On the rim of the foot (which is about $\frac{3}{8}$ inch deep) is engraved:— “Parish of Burgh Castle.” On the bowl is the sacred monogram.
Height 8 inches; diameter $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches.
E B
Marks: leopard’s head; makers and; old English capital $\$ for 1852; head of Victoria.  J B
Inside the foot is 819, and also not near these is the letter G.
PATEN: with a foot, having I H S within rays in the centre. Diameter 8 inches; height 2\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches. On the rim of the foot is “Parish of Burgh Castle.”

Marks: leopard’s head; makers &; old English capital \(\mathfrak{B}\) for 1852; head of Victoria. Under these scratched on is 362 = 12. 5 a u/t.

FLAGON: tankard-shaped, with sacred monogram on one side; “Parish of Burgh Castle” on the rim of the bottom; outside, but at the bottom 1\textsuperscript{st} August, 1853, also the number 882; scratched on the same bottom 366·23·13·Eg. Height 12 inches; diameter at top 3 inches, base 5\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches. Marks: same as on Cup and Paten.

ALMS DISH: plated. Diameter 9 inches. Engraven in the centre of the upper side “Burgh Castle, 1853.” On rim underneath M, another mark further round, and three marks still further which are illegible.

SPOON: perforated straining bowl, with very small hook at the other end. Length 5 inches.

Marks: outside the bowl E.S., rather rudely engraven at the junction of handle, pretty ornamentation.

CARLTON COLVILLE. S. PETER.

CUP: Elizabethan. The inscription \textit{within} the band is \textit{+ THE CUPE FOR THE TOWN OF CARLTON COVEL}. Height 6 inches; diameter 3\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches. Marks: has the sexfoil only.

PATENS: (1) also Cover. Bears the date 1567 only.
(2) large credence. Diameter 8\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches. Marks: leopard’s head; makers \(\mathfrak{D}\) \(\mathfrak{H}\); small old English a for 1856; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGONS: (1) plated.
(2) old one of Pewter, now used as a Font ewer.

CARLTON COLVILLE. S. MARK.

Church not yet completely built.

CUP; PATEN; and CRUETS; are all of good medieval design; electro plated.

CORTON. S. BARTHOLOMEW.

CUP: Elizabethan, a narrow foliated band around the centre of the bowl, straighter sides than usual.

PATEN: on foot. Diameter 4\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches.

Marks: leopard’s head crowned; maker R. B. (initials of Richard Bayley); Roman capital R for 1732; lion passant.

FLAGONS: (1) tankard-shaped, large handle, thumb piece to lid. Inscribed:—“The gift of Mr. Robert Briggs.” Height 9 inches.
FLIXTON. S. ANDREW.

Ecclesia Destructa.
For the Plate see Fritton and Blundeston.

FRITTON. S. EDMUND.

CUP: bears this inscription:—"Ex dono Johannis Wentworth Militis 1627 Flixton. Bought for Fritton by Gregory Clarke Rector and ye Parishioners Anno Dom. 1721. Height 6½ inches. Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker T F linked (Cripps p. 316); small italic k for 1627; lion passant.
PATENS: (1) also cover, marks same as on cup. Upon these both are these arms:—party per pale, dexter, party per saltire, four eagles displayed; sinister, a chevron between three mallets sa. (2) electro-plated. Diameter 5½ inches.

Gisleham. Holy Trinity.

CUP: Elizabethan, with a band of intermittent lines. No marks nor inscription. Height 5½ inches.
PATEN: diameter 5 inches, weight scratched below 2 oz. 6 dwts. Marks: Britannia; some court hand letter illegible, possibly g for 1702; at any rate about that date, lion's head erased.
FLAGON: electro-plated.

Gorleston. S. Andrew.

CUPS: (1) fine Elizabethan, silver gilt. The circular band is of very beautiful work. Inscribed is GORLL STONE ANNO DOMENNI 1567. Height 6 inches; diameter 4 inches. Marks: Norwich castle and lion; C in a square for 1568; the trefoil slipped. Its cover, 4 inches across is clearly an old Paten, central device lost, an acorn inserted instead, it has marks as on cup (1). (2) with this inscription:—"Presented to the Church of Gorleston in memory of a beloved husband by C. F. Bell, 1861." Height 9 inches. Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark RG; Q for 1811; lion passant; head of George III. PATEN: of medieval shape, inscribed:—"Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth." Diameter 6 inches. Marks: leopard's head; maker T P; Roman capital H for 1883; lion passant; head of Victoria.
ALMS DISH: pewter, has upon it:—"The Gift of James Dawney late Churchwarden of Gault's Towne Suffolk."

GORLESTON. S. MARY.

See Souhtown.

GUNTON. S. PETER.

CUP: the bowl has straight sides, and a small slender stem.
Height 6 inches; diameter 3 inches.
Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker H N over a bird within a shield; black letter capital C for 1660; lion passant. Scratched below is 7. 19.
PATEN: on foot. Diameter 7 inches.
Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker I N with star below within a heart; black letter capital N for 1670; lion passant.
FLAGON: small, ewer-shaped, it bears J. H. S. in front, and engraved below on the base is "Gunton Church. I. M. E H F & G. E. S F" (for Fowler), married Feb. 5, 1880.
Marks: leopard's head; maker E C; Roman capital D for 1879; lion passant; head of Victoria.

HERRINGFLEET. S. MARGARET.

CUPS: both similar, with straight sides, and a small thin shaft. Height 5½ inches.
(1) Leopard's head crowned; maker L L, with rose beneath; small italic v for 1637; lion passant.
(2) Leopard's head crowned; maker W. R. S.; old English capital L for 1846; lion passant; head of Victoria.
PATEN: large, on foot; inscribed above, "Herringfleet Church;" below, "The gift of Mrs Elizabeth Merry 1818."
Marks: Britannia; maker S M, with a rose crowned over the initials, for John Smith; court hand h for 1703; lion's head erased.
FLAGON: electro plated.
ALMS DISHES: two, of pewter, bearing a crest, a demi dragon, displayed.

HOPTON. S. MARGARET.

CUP: Height 7 inches. E. B.
Marks: leopard's head; maker &; small old English i for J. B. 1864; lion passant; head of Victoria.
PATEN: diameter 6 inches. Marks: as on Cup.
FLAGON: tankard-shaped. Height 10 inches. Marks: as on Cup. Good modern plate; the old was melted in 1864.
KESSINGLAND. S. EDMUND.

CUPS: (1) tapering a little towards bottom; is inscribed underneath "Kessingland, 1750." Height 6¼ inches; diameter at top 3¼ inches; depth of bowl 4 inches. Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker J S; small Roman p for 1750; lion passant.

(2) same size and shape as above, but electro plated; no inscription. PATEN: with foot, has upon it "Kessingland, 1750." Diameter 6½ inches; diameter of foot 2½ inches; height 1½ inch. Marks: as on Cup.

FLAGON: tankard shaped. Height 9½ inches; diameter at top 3¼ inches; depth inside 7 inches; base 5½ inches broad. Inscribed:"Kessingland, 1750," with the initials I. * M Marks: as on Cup.

ALMS DISHES: two same shape and size, each having a rim with border. Diameter 9½ inches; inner diameter 6½ inches. In the centre is the sacred monogram within rays, and around the rim is the inscription:"The gift of a pious and regular communicant to Kessingland, 1826." Esther Cunningham. Marks: leopard's head; maker I. F.; small Roman l for 1826; lion passant; head of George iv.

KIRKLEY. S. PETER.

CUPS: (1) Elizabethan, of Norwich shape, bears the date "1567." Height 6 inches; diameter 4 inches; depth of bowl 4 inches. Round the bowl:—"FOR THE TOWNE OF KYRKLEY." Marks: Norwich castle and lion; maker's mark the trefoil slipped; capital C for 1567-8.

(2) Purchased in France or Belgium, of good medieval design, but without any hall marks. It bears the cross keys (S. Peter) and "1889." Height 12 inches. PATENS: two of watch glass shape, without foot or rim, both have a cross in the centre. (1) diameter 8 inches; (2) diameter 6 inches. CRUETS: of glass, with electro plated tops. ALMS DISH: bronze.

LOUD. S. JOHN BAPTIST.

CUP: goblet shape. Has the sacred monogram, and round the base is inscribed:"D. D. Martha Dowson Rectoris mater Loudi Eccles. Dies (sic) Ascensionis Domini 1862." Height 8¼ inches. Weight 13 oz. 0 dwts. PATEN: on foot. Diameter 8 inches. Weight 12 oz. 11 dwts. Same inscription as on Cup.

FLAGON: with sacred monogram, and same inscription round the base. Height 14 inches. Weight 37 oz. 5 dwts. Marks on each of the above pieces: leopard's head; maker E B; small old English f for 1861; lion passant; head of Victoria. Archdeacon Gibson, the rector, states that when he became rector
of Lound in 1868, he was informed that his predecessor had sold the old Church Plate belonging to the Parish, and had bought new Plate, but could never learn what had become of the old.

**LOWESTOFT. CHRIST CHURCH.**

CUPS: two electro plated, each piece inscribed:—"Christ Church Lowestoft 1862."

PATENS: two electro plated.

(3) Credence, large.

FLAGON: large, electro plated.

**LOWESTOFT. S. JOHN EVANGELIST.**

CUPS: two of deep trumpet shape, electro plated.

PATENS: two without feet. Diameter 10 inches; electro plated.

A third with foot. Diameter 9 inches; height 4 inches; electro plated.

FLAGON: with lip, handle, circular lid with thumb piece; electro plated.

All the foregoing are probably of the same date as the church which was built in 1853.

ALMS DISH: of brass.

**LOWESTOFT. S. MARGARET.**

CUPS: (1) goblet form. Around the bowl is inscription:—"The gift of a Communicant 1763." (The donor was Aldous Arnold in 1763.) Height 8 inches.

Beneath is scratched, the pair 41 oz. 17 dwts.

Marks: leopard’s head crowned; maker an oval, letters within illegible; date letter either Roman capital F for 1721, or P for 1730; lion passant. [It will be observed from the weight given, that this is one of a pair, whether originally made for this parish or some other.]

(2) made to match the other. Is inscribed:—"Parish of Lowestoft."

Marks: leopard’s head; maker R H; small Roman r for 1832; lion passant; head of William iv.

PATENS: (1) plate shape. Diameter 10 inches. Inscribed round the rim is:—"The Bequest of Charles King Esq. Commander in the Royal Navy to Lowestoft Church A.D. 1826. In the centre are these arms:—Party per pale, (1) sa. a lion rampant between three crosses formé fitché ar. Charles King died 1825.

(2) on a chevron az. charged with three fleur-de-lis, between three dragons heads erased; Crest; a lion’s paw erect, erased, sanguine holding a cross formé fitché. Motto: Qui bien fera bien trouvera..

Marks: leopard’s head crowned; maker an oval, letters illegible; Roman capital F for 1801; lion passant.

(2) plate form. Diameter 9 inches; weight 13½ oz. Round the rim is engraved:—"The Gift of Samuel Barker Merct. to the Church
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of Lowestoft 1758.”. In the centre are these arms:—Barry of 10, a bend gu. Crest; on a coronet an eagle displayed.

Marks: leopard’s head crowned; makers T W, for “Whipham and Wright”; old English capital B for 1757; lion passant.

There is also on the back S. B. 1758. Samuel Barker died 1787.

(3) Diameter 11\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches. Round the rim:—The Gift of Mr James Wilde Marchant to the Church of Lowestoft. In the centre, Villa Lowestoft Anno Dom. 1684. Marks: leopard’s head crowned; maker E. G.; small black letter f for 1683; lion passant. In the centre are these arms, a rose crowned. James Wilde died 1683.

(4) Plate-shaped. Diameter 6 inches. In the centre I. H. S. Round the rim:—+ To the Glory of God and in affectionate memory of Louisa Cobbold who died April 7, 1894.

Marks: leopard’s head crowned; makers M B; capital P for 1890; lion passant.

FLAGONS: two large, tankard shaped, handles and thumb pieces to domed lids.

(1) Height 14 inches; weight 73.14. Inscribed:—“The Gift of Dorothy Relict of Capt Josiah Mighells to the Church of Lowestoft 1712.” Dorothy Mighells died 1757.

Marks: leopard’s head; maker S, and another letter; small black letter b for 1679; lion passant.

(2) Same shape and inscription, except the date 1735.

Weight 72 oz. 19 dwts.

Marks: Britannia; maker F A (John Fawdery); court hand q for 1711; lion’s head erased.

SPOON: straining. Weight \(\frac{1}{2}\) oz.

Marks illegible, but given by Aldous Arnold in 1763. He died 1792.

LOWESTOFT. S. PETER.

A modern church.

CUPS: two, of medieval form. Height 8 inches.

PATENS: two.

FLAGON: ewer shaped. Height 13 inches.

Marks on all: leopard’s head; maker C. B.; small old English s for 1873; lion passant; head of Victoria.

ALMS DISH.

MUTFORD. S. ANDREW.

CUP: Elizabethan; inscribed:—“FOR . THE . TOUN . OF MUTFURTH. Height 6 inches; diameter 4 inches.

Marks: Norwich castle and lion; the maiden head; capital C within a square for 1568.

PATEN: no foot, but a modern inscription:—“Mutforde,”
OULTON. S. MICHAEL.

CUPS : (1) Elizabethan, round the upper part of the bowl is a band of small lines. Height 6 inches; diameter 4 inches. The only mark is the four hearts in cross near the rim.
(2) A secular Cup, electro plated.

PATENS : two, electro plated.

FLAGON : ewer shaped. Scratched below is:—"Presented to Oulton Church by the Rector, the Rev. Charles Snell." Rector 1862–91.

PAKEFIELD.

CUPS : goblet shape, with cover (on foot, height 1 inch) which is used as a Paten. On each is the sacred monogram within rays, and both are inscribed:—"Robert Leman M.A. Pakefield 1769." Height of Cup 8 inches. Weight 10 oz. Height of cover 1 inch. Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker E. A.; large old English capital N for 1768; lion passant.
(2) Electro plated, same size, purchased in 1883 by the churchwardens.

PATENS : (1) see above; (2) on foot, date probably 1868. Diameter 7\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches; height 2 inches. Weight 8\(\frac{1}{2}\) oz. Presented by Charles Harris, Esq., and Rev. Hugh Hathorn Wood, Rector.

FLAGONS : (1) with handle, lip, and lid. Height 13\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches; width at base 5\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches. Marks: leopard's head; maker E. B. and J. B.; small old English h for 1863; lion passant; head of Victoria. Weight 33 oz. Probably presented by Charles Harris, Esq., and Rev. Hugh Hathorn Wood, Rector.
(2) block tin cased in silver, has handle, lip and lid with thumb piece. Height 13\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches; width at base 8 inches; diameter at top 9\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches. Date about 1742 to 1766.
(3) pewter, has handle and lid with thumb piece, but no lip. Height 11\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches; depth 9 inches; width at base 5 inches.
1 Plate, without foot of pewter, marked PAKEFIELD. Diameter 9\(\frac{1}{2}\) inches.

These three last pieces are in the Terrier, and were given by Ed. North, who was Rector from 1742 to 1766.

ALMS DISHES : two plates of pewter, engraved with the crucifixion; a raised centre and ornamental edge; mentioned in 1770. Two plates of pewter, plain. Diameter 9\(\frac{1}{4}\) inches.

SPOON : strainer. Length 6\(\frac{3}{4}\) inches; width 1\(\frac{1}{2}\) inch; weight 3\(\frac{3}{4}\) oz. Engraved is P. C. on back at the end of the handle. Marks: Britannia; maker S. C.; Roman capital G for 1722; lion's head erased.
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RUSHMERE. S. MICHAEL.

CUP: Engraved "Rushmoore Church 1714"; scratched on the base is "W. B. Churchwarden." Marks: Britannia; maker E. A. over a mullet (John Eastt); court hand V for 1715; lion's head erased.

PATENS: (1) cover to Cup, has the same marks.
(2) on foot, thus engraved:—"The gift of William Bell Barker, Rector, A.D. 1765." Diameter 5 inches. Marks: Britannia; maker Wa (Benjamin Watts); court hand r for 1712; lion's head erased.

ALMS DISH: of pewter; inscribed "Rushmer Church 1725."

SOMERLEYTON. S. MARY.

CUP: is inscribed "Somerliton Suffolk 1726." Height 6 inches. Marks: Britannia; maker E. A. (John Eastt's mark); Roman capital G for 1722; lion's head erased.

PATENS: (1) also cover to Cup, inscribed "Somerliton, Suffolk 1726." Marks: Britannia; maker J E (John East); Roman capital L for 1726; lion's head erased.
(2) of watch glass shape with cross in centre. Marks: leopard's head; maker H J L; Roman capital B in a shield for 1877; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: of good ewer shape, inscribed "Glory be to God on High." Height 9 inches. Marks: as on Paten (2).

SOUTHTOWN. S. MARY.

This is a modern church, built in 1831 as a chapel of ease to Gorleston.

CUPS: (1) medieval shape.
Marks: leopard's head; maker E. C. B.; small old English q for 1871; lion passant; head of Victoria.
(2) (3) plated, probable date 1831.

PATEN: medieval shape.
Marks: leopard's head; maker E W; Roman capital N in shield for 1888; lion passant; head of Victoria.

The Burgh Castle returns are by the Rev. Canon Venables; those from Pakefield by Mr. H. B. Crowe, clerk and sexton. I must also acknowledge drawings from Bradwell, Lowestoft S. Margaret, and Kessingland, besides much valuable information from Lound and other places.

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