

CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

DEANERY OF ORFORD.

In this Deanery there is a great deal of good Elizabethan Plate, chiefly either of tall narrow make with straight sides and bearing the London Hall Marks, or of wider make, more bell shaped, having a single mark, the G. Plate thus marked seems to be common in South East Suffolk, just as the fleur-de-lis is met with nearer Bury. There is apparently no Norwich Plate in the Deanery of Orford. The Plate at Benhall and Orford is large and massive, and there is good modern plate at Saxmundham and Tunstall.

EDMUND C. HOPPER.

ALDEBURGH. SS. PETER AND PAUL.

CUPS: (1) tall bell-shaped Elizabethan, more of London shape, with band, but without cover, date, or Hall marks.

Height $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter at top 4 inches; depth of bowl 5 inches.

(2) height 9 inches; diameter at top 4 inches; depth of bowl $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Inscribed:—“*The gift of Captain James Rycart to the church of Aldburgh in Suffolk, 29 Sept. 1742.*”

Marks: round the base, leopard's head crowned; Maker T F; small Roman g for 1742; lion passant.

PATENS: (1) with foot, diameter $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches; height 3 inches; marked and inscribed as Cup (2).

(2) with foot. Marks: leopard's head; maker W K; Roman capital N for 1888; lion passant; head of Victoria.

(3) with foot; Credence. Height $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch; diameter $8\frac{3}{4}$ inches; base $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; Roman capital M for 1727; R G (possibly for Gurney & Co.); lion passant.

It is inscribed:—“*The gift of John Aldrich 1727.*”

FLAGON: with lid and thumb-piece, large handle. Height 11 inches; at base $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches; inscribed and marked as Cup (2)



CLEER S. ALGER, DISS.

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SUDBOURNE.

ALMS DISH: fine, large, has I H S within rays in the centre.

Inscribed:—“*The gift of Hon. Arthur Thellusson to the Church of Aldeburgh, 1845.*”

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker W. P (possibly for “Pitts and Preedy”); Roman capital S for 1813; lion passant.

BENHALL. S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) small, has B.G. only, modern, not silver, but the cover which fits it, somewhat resembles an Elizabethan Paten-Cover, it has neither marks nor inscription.

(2) fine large. Bears this inscription:—“*The gift of Sr Edward Duke K^t and Baronet, to the church of Benhall Suffolk Anno Dni 1670*”; and these arms:—a chevron between three martlets. (Vol. viii. 156). Sir E. Duke died 1670.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker R. S.; black letter capital N for 1670, lion passant.

PATEN: bears a plume of ostrich feathers, and sword issuing from them. Marks and inscription as on cup (2).

FLAGON: tankard-shaped, marked and inscribed as cup (2).

SPOON: small rat-tailed straining, lately given by Mrs. E. W. Hollond. It bears the marks: W. W.; lion passant; head of King George iv.

BLAXHALL. S. PETER.

CUP: good Elizabethan, with the usual scroll band.

Height $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches; width 4 inches. It has G only as a mark.

The Cover, more concave than usual, is without marks.

PATEN: looks like silver, but has no marks. Is inscribed:—

“*Thomas Warin*
“*Robert Rells* Churchwardens of Blaxhall 1676.”

BRUISYARD. S. PETER.

CUP: Elizabethan; has a band of chequer work.

Height $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches; diameter at top $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches; depth of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Without marks. Weight $4\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

PATEN: also Cover, Elizabethan; diameter 4 inches; without marks; on the foot:—“BRYSYARD 1568.”

There is also a pewter plate.

CHILLESFORD. S. PETER.

CUP: Elizabethan, with straighter sides than usual, having a band on the bowl and on the foot. There are slight traces of gilding.

The inscription on the foot:—“+ FOR WANTIDEN AND CHESILFORTH 1564.”

It is rare to find a Cup which is assigned to two parishes.

PATENS : two, both plate shaped, electro-plated.

(3) of pewter, bearing the words and date :—*Chillisford Parish 1757.*

FLAGON : good pewter. Inscribed :—*Chillesford Parish 1785.*

CRANSFORD. S. PETER.

CUP : Elizabethan, with band of chequer pattern.

Height $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches ; width $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Has the sexfoil only.

PATEN : cover to Cup ; bears the date 1568, but no mark.

FLAGON : is inscribed :—*Cransford, The gift of Mrs. Awdrey Damant*, and on a lozenge shaped shield, an eagle displayed.

Marks : Britannia ; La (for Paul Lamerie) ; Roman capital C for 1718 ; lion's head erased.

ALMS DISH : diameter 9 inches.

Marks : Britannia ; "Do," with fleur-de-lis above and below (the mark of John Downes) ; court hand b for 1697 ; lion's head erased.

It is inscribed :—"*Cransford ; The gift of Mrs. Awdrey Damant ;* and on a lozenge shaped shield, an eagle displayed.

Rev. Herbert Watson, vicar, states, that in 1729 Mrs. Awdrey Damant, widow of Henry Damant, the principal local landowner of the time, charged her lands at Bruisyard with certain benefactions to the parish ; the above Henry Damant had endowed the living with the great tithes.

Parish Register,—"*1713. Henry Damant (gentleman) was Buryed Aug: 11th*

1729. Mrs Audrey Damant, widow, dyed Jan: 17th & was Buryed the 20th of ye same month."

DUNNINGWORTH, HAMLET TO TUNSTALL.

FARNHAM. S. MARY.

CUP : height $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches, width $3\frac{1}{8}$ inches, of "London" shape. Marks : leopard's head crowned ; for maker's mark a goat's head erased, or some such mark ; small black letter k for 1567 ; lion passant.

PATEN : also cover, has the same marks.

FLAGON : tall, tankard shaped. Marks : leopard's head crowned ; an indistinct maker's mark, perhaps H B linked ; t for 1636 ; lion passant.

FRISTON. S. MARY.

There is now only a CUP ; PATEN on foot ; and a FLAGON ; of good electro plate. Given by Mrs Baker, wife of late Vicar, about 1852.

GLEMHAM, GREAT. ALL SAINTS.

CUP : is good Elizabethan, with band, and G as at Stratford. Height 5 inches, width $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

PATEN : plain. Marks : leopard's head ; I K (for John Keith, maker) ; small old English α for 1869 ; lion passant ; head of Victoria.

FLAGON : of glass, with silver top, marks as on paten.

ALMS DISH : of bronze. Is inscribed :—"*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*"

GLEMHAM, LITTLE. S. ANDREW.

CUP: is of London shape; there is a band just under the lip. Marks: leopard's head crowned; I P (as in Cripps, p. 309); small black letter i for 1566; lion passant.

PATENS: (1) also cover has 1567 only.

(2) larger Paten, has "*Glemham Parva; Dec. 1732.*" Marks: leopard's head crowned; R. B. (for Richard Bayley); Roman capital R for 1732; lion passant.

(3) small, on 3 ball feet, without marks, but I H S within rays.

Presented in 1886 by the present Countess of Guilford.

FLAGON: large tankard shaped. Inscribed "*Ex dono Thomæ Glemham, Arm. June 24—86. (i.e. ? 1686).*"

Marks: leopard's head crowned; W^o M^o; T for 1636; lion passant.

A family named Glemham lived at Glemham in the 17th century, and apparently this fine old tankard was given as a flagon in 1686.

The Registers from 1658 to 1747 are missing.

ALMS DISH: of bronze, inscribed:—"He that hath Pity on the poor lendeth to the Lord."

IKEN. S. BOTOLPH.

CUP: of repoussé work. Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker illegible; old English capital H for 1763; lion passant.

PATEN: Inscribed:—"The gift of the Earl of Hertford, Iken in Suffolk." It has only two marks: the lion passant, and another illegible.

FLAGON: Inscribed:—"Parish of Iken 1851. Marks: leopard's head; maker R P; old English capital Q for 1851; head of Victoria.

ORFORD. S. BARTHOLOMEW.

CUP: fine large. "Given by the Earl of Hertford to the United Parishes of Sudborne and Orford."

Marks: Birmingham anchor; maker M B, I F; A for 1773.*

PATEN: also Cover; is without marks.

FLAGON: tall, jug-shaped; has the same marks as on Cup.

There is a plated Paten, and Waiter on three feet.

ALMS DISH: fine large.

Marks: leopard's head; maker J^A J^A; in the centre I H S within rays; old English capital G for 1842; lion passant; head of Victoria.

* This is the first year in which plate was assayed at Birmingham.

RENDHAM. S. MICHAEL.

CUP : Elizabethan, of London make and shape.

Height 7 inches ; width $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Marks : leopard's head crowned ; maker I P (Cripps, p. 309) ; small black letter k for 1567 ; lion passant.

PATEN : also Cover, has also the date 1567.

SAXMUNDHAM. S. JOHN BAPTIST.

CUPS : (1) the older bears :—leopard's head crowned ; J P (for John Pollock) ; old English capital B for 1757 ; lion passant.

This inscription :—“ *Philip Wilkinson, Rector Saxmundham, John Eade, Robert Bennett, Churchwardens, 1758.*”

(2) leopard's head ; maker $\begin{matrix} H L \\ H L \end{matrix}$; small old English k for 1865 ; lion passant ; head of Victoria.

PATENS : (1) large Credence, on foot : (2), bears the same marks as Cup (1). (3), smaller.

FLAGON : partly gilded, with I H S and rays.

Marks : leopard's head ; I K (for John Keith) ; h for 1863 ; lion passant ; head of Victoria.

Bears this inscription :—“ Lancelot Robert Brown Rector
Samuel Flick
Michael McKean Churchwardens
Saxmundham
1863.”

SPOON : straining, has same Hall marks.

STRATFORD. S. ANDREW.

CUP : has the usual Elizabethan band.

Height 5 inches ; width $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches. It has only one mark, G.

PATEN : also Cover, has “STRATFURTH 1583,” but no mark.

There is a good Flagon ; and Dish ; of electro plate.

SNAPE. S. JOHN BAPTIST.

CUP : small Elizabethan, with band below the rim, no cover, marks, or date. Height $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

PATEN : plain, rising in the centre ; diameter 10 inches.

It bears :—leopard's head crowned ; Roman capital N for 1808, and two other marks now illegible ; lion passant.

FLAGON : electro plated. Height 10 inches. “ *Presented by the Communicants of Snape as a memento of the Church Mission 1881.*”

STERNFIELD. S. MARY MAGDALENE.

CUP : Elizabethan, has the usual floral band, in such good repair that it may have been renovated, as it does not bear the ordinary traces of rehammering.

PATEN: fits the cup, and is inscribed:—"STERNFILD 1568."

There is also a Paten, a Waiter on three feet, a second plain Paten and a Flagon of electro plate.

Rev. J. Longe, the rector, possesses an interesting old inventory of the parish dated 1726; it gives a full account of the glebe, parish properties, &c., and includes inter alia "*one pewter flagon, one pewter plate, one silver cup, value about thirty shillings.*"

SUDBORNE. ALL SAINTS.

The Sudborne Plate consists of four pieces each silver gilt.

CUP: "*The gift of the Hon^{ble} Pyce Devereux Esqre to the Parish Church of Sudbourne in the Co'm of Suffolk 1724.*"

Marks: Britannia; Roman capital H for 1723; a Wh linked (for John White), also a shield with the arms of the Devereux family; lion's head erased.

PATENS: (1) smaller, same inscription round the rim, same marks and arms, on foot, bearing sacred monogram and cross.

(2) larger, plain, plate shaped, sacred monogram, cross, marks, and inscription as before.

FLAGON: Sacred monogram in front.

"*Presented by Sir Richard Wallace, K.C.B. M.P. to the Parish Church of Sudbourn in the County of Suffolk 1879.*"



Marks: leopard's head; maker R G; D for 1879; lion passant; head of Victoria.

SWEFLING. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan, with the usual band of scroll work.

Height $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter at top $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches; depth of bowl 3 inches.

The only mark is a G.

PATENS: (1) also Cover, has G only.

(2) Is a secular Dish with pierced edge.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; $\frac{F}{B-H}$; "*Lewis Herne and François Butty*"; old English capital F for 1761; lion passant.

The inscription is:—"Presented to Sweffling Church, by Rev. R. Skinner, Oct. 10 1869," and these arms:—"Party per pale, dexter quarterly, 1 and 4 sa. a chevron between 3 griffins heads erased or, 2 and 3 argent, within a border engrailed az., and chevron between 3 crescents sa.; a martlet for difference; sinister argent, on a fess azure three escallop shells."

Weight scratched below is 12 oz. 12 dwts.

FLAGON: is electro plated, by Mappin and Webb.

Height $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth inside $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches; diameter at top $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

TUNSTALL. S. MICHAEL.

CUP: is inscribed:—“*The gift of Mrs. T. G. Ferrand, March 1846.*”

Marks: leopard's head; maker I. E. T.; old English capital K for 1845; lion passant; head of Victoria.

Rev. T. G. Ferrand was buried April 20, 1852. Mrs Ferrand was buried Nov. 28, 1859.

PATENS: (1) (2) inscribed as Cup.

Marks: the same except that one is dated old English capital K for 1845, the other L for 1846.

FLAGON. Marks: leopard's head; maker I. E. T.; old English capital L for 1846; lion passant; head of Victoria.

Rev. F. L. Hayward knows nothing of any older plate.

WANTISDEN. S. JOHN BAPTIST.

The only vessel of silver here is a two handled candle CUP.

Inscribed:—“*The gift of Mary the Relict of Robert Oneby Esq^r late Impropiator of this Parish of Wantisden 1755.*”

Marks: leopard's head crowned; F. W.; Roman capital I for 1724; lion passant.

HAZLEWOOD IN ALDEBURGH.

“*Ecclesia Destructa.*”
