

CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

DEANERY OF SOUTH DUNWICH.

This Deanery was originally undertaken by Rev. George Irving-Davies, Rector of Kelsale and Rural Dean. After his death in 1894, the returns were sent to me to complete and prepare for publication. Such pieces as I have seen appear to be either of Elizabethan or of more modern work, presenting no special point of notice.

EDMUND C. HOPPER.

ALDRINGHAM. S. ANDREW.

CUP: silver plated on British metal. By James Dixon and Sons, Sheffield. Height 8 inches; diameter 4 inches.

PATEN: plated; IHS in centre; no foot. Diameter $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches; height $\frac{3}{8}$ inch.

FLAGON: plated, with lid surmounted by a cross. By Cox & Sons, London. Height 9 inches.

ALMS DISH: plated.

PLATE: pewter.

BLYTHBURGH. HOLY TRINITY.

Here the CUP, originally secular, and two PATENS, are each marked with the leopard's head crowned; $\begin{matrix} R & B \\ W & B \end{matrix}$ maker (Bateman); Roman capital K for 1805; lion passant; king's head.

The Cup measures 7 inches by $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches; the Patens are 5 inches and 7 inches in diameter.

BRAMFIELD. S. ANDREW.

CUP; measures $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches by $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; weighs 13 oz. 17 dwts.

PATEN COVER: weighs 6 oz. 11 dwts.

ALMS DISH: or large PATEN weighs 15 oz. 10 dwts.

FLAGON: large tankard, weighs 56 oz. 5 dwts.

The marks on each of these four pieces are: Britannia; Court hand m for 1707; Ti for Robert Timbrell; lion's head erased. Each piece also bears this inscription:—"In usum Bramfeldensium in sacris dedit Thomas Neale Armig, 1704." The Flagon is also hall marked on the lid. It will be observed that though *given* in 1704 they were not *made* till 1707. Perhaps Mr. Neale, a local landowner of the time, gave money for them in 1704.

CARLTON. S. PETER.

CUP: plain, with thick stem. Height, $7\frac{1}{8}$ inches; depth of bowl $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches; diameter at top $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Marks: Britannia; maker MA; Court hand f for 1701; lion's head erased. Under the foot is the lion's head erased repeated.

PATEN: with foot; on the latter is engraved:— 1588

CARLE

TON

1715

Diameter at top $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches; ditto of foot 2 inches; height $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. Marks: Britannia; and lion's head erased; other two marks obscure. This is interesting, if, as apparently is the case, the date of the older plate is preserved.

DARSHAM. ALL SAINTS.

CUPS: (1) tall, with small cover; 7 inches by $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Weight $9\frac{1}{4}$ oz. Elizabethan, with band, but no marks. The Cover is quite plain, no marks.

PATEN: weight $10\frac{3}{4}$ oz. Inscribed:—“*Deo et Ecclesie parochiali Darsham Sacrum Tho: Bedingfeld 1684.*” Marks: leopard's head crowned; small black letter f for 1683; G G, rather indistinct (Geo. Garthorne); lion passant.

CUP: (2) large, 9 inches, 5 inches deep. Weight 22 oz. Inscribed as paten. Marks same as paten.

ALMS DISH: IHS in centre. Weight 30 oz. 12 inches in diameter. Marks: the leopard's head crowned; E G, maker; Q for 1673; lion passant.

DUNWICH. S. JAMES.

Antiquarians will remember how Dunwich has nearly all disappeared into the sea, and how many churches no longer exist. At the new Church of S. James, there is now only a CUP, PATEN, and ALMS DISH, none of them of silver, but each is inscribed:—“Dunwich 1831.” Dunwich old Church, now a ruin, was disused for some 100 years; it is not wonderful, therefore, that the Churchwarden (Mr. Scarlett,) could give no information about any older plate.

HEVENINGHAM. S. MARGARET.

CUP: small Elizabethan, with floriated band, and plain PATEN COVER, bear a fleur-de-lis only.

PATEN: has a small hole in the centre, similar to the Medieval Paten at Barsham; it is probably but little altered from its pre-Reformation form.

FLAGON: of pewter.

KELSALE. S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) on thick stem with cover. On the rim under the foot is engraved—Cup & cover ūcis 16 2; under the foot—1707; and a punch of lion's head erased. Height $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches; depth of bowl $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter at top 4 inches. Marks: Britannia; court hand l for 1706; crown over mullet with P.Y. (Benjamin Pyne's mark); lion's head erased. Cup and cover weigh 16 oz. 2 dwts.

(2) on baluster stem; silver gilt. Height $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth of bowl 3 inches; diameter at top $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches. Marks: leopard's head; maker C.T.F. over G.F; old English capital G for 1842; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: Britannia; and others as on Cup (1).

FLAGON: tankard-shaped, with large handle; domed lid with thumb piece. Height $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches; depth of cover $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

Underneath is inscribed:—"Ex dono G. Golding 1789 2 lbs. 5 oz.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker I.R (John Robins); small Roman n for 1788; lion passant; head of George III.

Extract from Kelsale Terrier, 1894:—A set of Communion vessels Silver gilt consisting of Chalice inlaid with Carbuncles, Flagon, two Patens large and small, Water Cruet, in oak case, was presented by Parishioners and others to the Rev. G. I. Davies on his completing twenty five years Incumbency and was afterwards given by him to the use of Kelsale Church.

KNODDISHALL. S. LAWRENCE.

CUP: Elizabethan; measuring 5 inches in height. The foot is damaged. There is no inscription, and the only mark is the sexfoil.

PATEN: cover to Cup, has been repaired; these two pieces have the usual Elizabethan ornamentation

PATEN: plain. Marks: leopard's head; maker $\begin{matrix} MB \\ AT \end{matrix}$; "Cox, Buckley & Co., An. Dom. 1887;" H for 1883; lion passant; Queen's head.

FLAGON: glass, with silver-topped cork. Same marks as Paten, except the date, letter L for 1886.

The last two pieces were Jubilee gifts.

LEISTON. S. MARGARET.

CUPS: (1) on the bowl is inscribed:—"Deo, et Ecclesie de Leiston Suffolciense cum summâ humilitate

Dicat Thô Trigg AM
Hujus Parochie Minister
1766

Height 8 inches; depth of bowl 4 inches; diameter $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: k for 1765; JS for John Swift; and the silver marks.

(2) Medieval shape, with wide base; gilt inside. Presented by

Frank Garrett, Esq., for use specially in the Licenced Mission Chapel in the hamlet of Coldton Green, and used also in the church on week days. Height $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches; depth of bowl 3 inches; diameter $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

PATENS: (1) In the centre, at back, is *Laiston*, and round the rim:—“*The Gift of the Rev^d. Thomas Bull, A.M. Rector of this Parish 1772.*” Marks: leopard’s head crowned; maker E.C. (probably Ebenezer Coker); old English capital R for 1772; lion passant.

Diameter 6 inches; height 1 inch. 6 oz. 19 dwts.

(2) with foot. Inscribed:—“*Dedit Tho^s. Trigg A.M. Parochie Minister 1766.*” Diameter 5 inches; height $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch. Marks as on Cup.

(3) without foot; with I H S and cross in centre.

Diameter $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

FLAGON: jug-shaped, with handle, lip; domed lid, with knob at top. On the side is engraved:—“*Sum Dei, et Ecclesie de Leiston Suffolciensis Dedit Tho^s Trigg A.M. Parochie Minister 1766.*”

Height 9 inches. Scratched at base, 22 oz. 11 dwts.

Marks: D.B. twice; and a mark apparently intended for the Agnus Dei.

ALMS DISH: of brass.

SPOON: engraved:—*Dedit T T 1766.* Length $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches; width $1\frac{3}{4}$ inch. Marks: leopard’s head crowned; maker’s mark, J P (John Payne); old English capital H for 1763; lion passant.

MIDDLETON. HOLY TRINITY.

CUP: plain.

PATEN: plain.

Both the foregoing were the gift of a former Rector, the Rev. Daniel Packard, in the early part of the century. The inscription is:—“The gift of D. Packard, Clerk A.B. Rector of this Parish. Maker’s initials, R.B.; Date, letter N for 1808; and the silver marks (ex inform. Rev. G. Hamilton).

Fordley. “Ecclesia Destructa.”

PEASENHALL. S. MICHAEL.

CUP: inscribed round the base of the bowl:—“*The Towne of Pesnauille.*” Height 6 inches; depth 3 inches; chased at base $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide.

PATENS: (1) with foot, not cover of present cup.

Inscription underneath:—“*For the Towne of Pesnauille.*”

No marks nor date, but old. Diameter $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; height $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

(2) with foot. Inscription at back:—“*The Gift of Widdow Elizabeth Barker 1714.*” Diameter $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches; height 2 inches.

FLAGON: tankard-shaped. Height $11\frac{1}{4}$ inches; measures, round the base, $19\frac{1}{2}$ inches; round the centre, 12 inches; from top of lid, 11 inches.

SIBTON. S. PETER.

CUP: with cover. Height 7 inches; depth 4 inches; diameter $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Only mark, the sexfoil.

PATENS: (1) also cover, with this inscription:—“*This Cope Perteineth to SYPTEN Anno 1572.*”

(2) with foot, and this inscription:—“*The Gift of y^e Widdow Elizabeth Barker 1713.*” Diameter $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches; height 2 inches.

FLAGON: tankard-shaped. Height 11 inches, and inscription as on Paten. The Flagon and Paten bear: Britannia; court hand S for 1713; and Sl, Gabriel Sleath's mark; lion's head erased.

THEBERTON. S. PETER.

CUP: Norwich shape; Elizabethan, with floriated band round upper part of bowl; plain stem, ornament at top and bottom. Metal somewhat thin and battered. The only mark a sexfoil.

PATEN: Cover to Cup; metal very thin, and much knocked about. Diameter $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches, having a small hole $\frac{1}{2}$ -inch through the centre.

FLAGON: of pewter, without lid. Inscribed in front:—

Theberton
Ex dono Thome Ingham
Ibidem Generosis

Height 8 inches; diameter at top $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

ALMS DISHES: two supposed to be pewter. Inscribed up the upper side are the sacred monogram and cross within rays, and beneath:—“*The Gift of The Rev^d Tho^s Strong to the Parish of Theberton.*” Marks: two suns. Diameter $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

THORINGTON. S. PETER.

CUP: having slightly bell-shaped bowl and spreading foot. Height $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter at top $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth of bowl $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark obscure; court hand P for 1652; lion passant. In the hollow of the foot is the mark of a lion passant only.

PATEN: with foot, in the old Terriers it is entered as the Cover of the Cup. Diameter 5 inches; height 1 inch; diameter of foot $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark obscure; court hand P for 1652; lion passant.

FLAGON: tankard-shaped with large handle; lid, with thumb piece. Upon the front is engraved:—

“*To God and his service* } 1660.”
By Henry Coke Esqr

Marks: leopard's head crowned; W M, with a mullet underneath; black letter capital B for 1659; lion passant. Height $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth of lid $1\frac{1}{8}$ inch. Lid bears the same Hall marks.

ALMS DISH: also bears the inscription:—

“*To God and his service* } 1660.”
By Henry Coke Esqr

Hall marks on the rim immediately opposite the inscription the same

as on the Flagon, and scratched on the reverse centre:—*Thorington in Suffolk*. Diameter $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches; rim $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Henry Coke was buried at Thorington, 19 Nov., 1661.

(See Thorington Parish Registers, p. 73.)

UBBESTON. S. PETER.

CUP: Elizabethan; ornamented with flower scroll. Marked only with a fleur-de-lis near the rim.

Height $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter at top $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

PATENS: (1) with foot, also cover to Cup. No mark excepting the fleur-de-lis. Diameter $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; height $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

(2) with foot. Inscription around, under surface:—*Ex Dono Indigni Participis Hujus Mensæ Sacræ pro Ubbeston Ecclesiæ*. No note of name of donor, or date of gift, but somewhat recent, judging from character of lettering.

Marks: on upper surface, Britannia; maker H.O; large capital F for 1721; lion's head erased. Diameter $7\frac{7}{8}$ inches; height $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

WALBERSWICK. S. ANDREW.

CUP and PATEN: modern, Electro-plated.

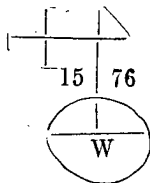
FLAGON: small of Pewter. The present Vicar knows nothing of any old plate.

WALPOLE. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan, with the usual band of scroll work. Under the lip is a fleur-de-lis, but no other mark.

Height 6 inches; diameter at top $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches; depth of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

PATEN: with foot, and fits the Cup as a cover. Height of foot 1 inch. Has a fleur-de-lis on the lower side, and the following mark on the base of the foot:—



FLAGON: ewer-shaped; not silver. Presented in 1878.

WENHASTON. S. PETER.

CUP: with cover, and inscribed:—WENHASTON. 1567; having the maker's mark a trefoil slipped in plain shield (Cripps. p. 90); Norwich castle and lion. Height 5 inches; diameter at top 3 inches; depth of bowl $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

PATENS: (1) also cover to Cup; no hall marks.

(2) of pewter, on stand; beaded on rim and round the base.

Diameter 9 inches; ditto of base $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; height $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

(3) smaller, likewise pewter, but without stand.

Diameter 8 inches. Mark: a rose beneath a crown.

FLAGON: tankard-shaped; richly chased on rim of base, upper part, and lid; fox with bird in mouth pursued by a dog with collar, and a rustic with sword girded to side and holding in right hand a bludgeon, two trees and small shrub; above the scene:—"Deo et Ecclesie Sancti Petri."

Wenhaston, 1690.

On the base 27oz 14dwt pretium £7 10s. 0d.

Height without lid 7 inches, with lid $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

ALMS DISHES: (1) modern gilt. Diameter 12 inches.

(2) (3) similar, plated. Dated 1874. Diameter 10 inches.

In an old book left by Thomas Leman, Esq., of Wenhaston Hall, under the date 1690 (Mr. Leman was churchwarden in 1686, but not after that date) is the entry, "paid my brother Nevill Leman for the silver flaggon for the Communion, weighing near 28 ounces £7. 10. Carriage same by coach 1s/6d." Who was donor does not appear: it may have been bought out of rents of Church lands. This was the opinion of Rev. J. B. Clare, the present Vicar. Nevill Leman was a captain in the army.

WESTLETON. S. PETER.

CUP: of the ordinary Elizabethan type with cover; both ornamented with a band of scroll work.

Height $5\frac{5}{8}$ inches; diameter at top $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches; depth of bowl $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

PATEN: being also the cover to Cup; on the foot is 1570.

FLAGON: tankard shape. Inscription under the base:—"Ex dono Jacobi et Mariae Fiske 1710." Marks: Britannia; L O, maker's mark; court hand O for 1709; lion's head erased.

Height $10\frac{1}{4}$ inches; diameter at top $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches, at bottom $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

YOXFORD. S. PETER.

CUPS: (1) with loose cover, Elizabethan, gilt, with ornamental band round the centre; has a cover upon which is:—

1580

YOXFORD

SEPTEMBER

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Marked G only. Height 7 inches: diameter $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

(2) with loose cover. Height 7 inches.

PATENS: (1) without foot. Diameter 8 inches.

(2) diameter $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Both have IHS and rays.

FLAGON: tankard-shaped, silver gilt. In front is I.H.S. encircled with glory, and inscribed beneath:—"Yoxford Church Plate, 1720." Height $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Marks: Britannia; Pa, (Simon Pantin's mark); Roman capital E for 1720; lion's head erased.