

## CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

## DEANERY OF SOUTH ELMHAM.

There are only eight parishes in this Deanery, but in each will be found Church Plate of some interest. There are four good Elizabethan cups, one of which has fortunately been restored to its parish of late years; while the returns from Flixton prove the value of this Inventory. Happily Sir H. E. Adair, Bart., has now presented a Cup of good silver; and it is earnestly hoped that no more old silver may be sold to make way for modern vessels, some of which are of inferior value.

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## ELMHAM, SOUTH. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: inscribed "*All Saints South Elmham in Suffolke* 1716."

Marks: Britannia; maker E A (John Eastt); Roman capital A for 1716; lion's head erased.

PATEN: of good medieval shape; in the centre is the "Agnus Dei" and round the rim, "*O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us:*" the back is inscribed "*Presented to the Church of All Saints South Elmham, by Mrs. Esther Payne Durrant, Dec. 25, 1870.*" Mrs. E. P. Durrant died Oct. 9, 1873.

Marks: leopard's head; maker  $\begin{matrix} H & L \\ H & L \end{matrix}$ ; small old English l for 1866; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGONS: (1) electro-plated; inscribed "*Presented to the Church of All Saints South Elmham, by Harriet Durrant, Christmas 1887.*"

(2) large, of pewter, no marks.

ALMS DISHES: (1) of pewter; has I K under a star within a shield, and a flaming star; (2) of bronze dated 1871. Presented by Rev. R. N. Durrant who died Nov. 20, 1892.

## ELMHAM, SOUTH. S. GEORGE, OTHERWISE SANDCROFT.

CUP: on the Cup is "*Saint George in South Elmham.*" Of Norwich make; has the castle and lion; crowned rose; the date letter P for 1638, not very clear, and a shield with a lion rampant.

PATEN: also. Cover to Cup.

Marks: the same as on Cup.

CRUET: given by Rev. W. M. Smith, present Rector.

Marks: leopard's head; maker H. E. W.; Roman capital M for 1887; lion passant; head of Victoria.

NOTE. There is some doubt as to the true name of this parish. The *Church* is dedicated to S. George, but the *Parish* is often known as "S. Cross," which some think is a corruption of Sandcroft. An old Inventory calls the Parish "Cross croft."

## ELMHAM, SOUTH. S. JAMES THE GREAT.

Here the Plate is all modern, the old having been sold when that now in use was bought.

CUP: on the side is the pilgrim's staff and purse.

Marks: leopard's head; maker SS within a square; Roman capital D for 1879; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: bears the inscription "*Given to the Rector and Churchwardens of S James South Elmham, by the widow of the Rev. T. L. Clarkson 1880.*"

Marks: Roman capital C for 1878; others as on Cup.

FLAGON: Marks; capital B for 1877; others as on Cup.

## ELMHAM, SOUTH. S. MARGARET.

CUPS: (1) good Elizabethan with cover, a duplicate of that at Homersfield, the only mark being the sexfoil as there. Near the band is engraved:—"SAYNTE MERGETES OF ELLMUM": on the cover 1567.

This Cup was sold when the new one was bought, it was happily recovered by Rev. E. A. Holmes, whose private property it remained until it was re-presented to the parish by his children Easter Eve 1891.

(2) On the side is "*St Margaret's South Elmham, Edward Adolphus Holmes, Rector, George Freestone, Churchwarden, 1836.*"

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Marks: leopard's head; maker: B.; small Roman t for 1834; lion passant; head of William IV. JW


PATEN: is Irish, bearing the Dublin harp crowned, which is repeated on the foot, the maker's initials TB linked (for Thomas Belton), and the date letter R for 1705. This paten was bought second hand when the church was restored.


FLAGON: glass with silver top.

Marks: leopard's head; maker H. E. W.; small old English n for 1868; lion passant; head of Victoria.

ALMS DISH: pewter, has a crowned X and "*Superfine hard metal, John Langford Fecit, S. Margaret's South Elmham.*"

#### ELMHAM, SOUTH. S. MICHAEL.

CUP: fine large Elizabethan with band. Round the bowl is engraved:  THE TOWNE OF MYGHELLS IN SOUTH ELL<sup>MHM</sup>.

Marks: Norwich castle and lion;  for 1567-8; trefoil slipped.

PATENS: (1) Elizabethan, with foot, cover to Cup.

There is on the outer side the mark of a face within rays, probably a head of Christ with nimbus: also the mark of Peter Peterson of Norwich. (Norfolk Arch. Trans. 1892.)

(2) Inscribed:—"S. Michael's South Elmham 1840, George Blackburn Churchwarden."

Marks: Britannia; maker, a anchor between W A, the mark of Joseph Ward (entered as a silversmith in 1697); Roman capital G for 1722; lion's head erased.

#### ELMHAM, SOUTH. S. NICHOLAS.

Ecclesia Destructa.

#### ELMHAM, SOUTH. S. PETER.

CUP: good Elizabethan, no cover.

Marks: Norwich castle and lion; C in square for 1567-8; and the maiden head, not very distinct; there is the assay scratch.

Inscription:—"SEANT PETER OF SOUTH ELMAM."

PATEN: not silver, no marks, nor inscription.

FLAGON: large pewter; X beneath a crown, Exeter mark (?)

ALMS DISH: "*St. Peter South Elmham,*" duplicate of the S. Margaret's dish.

#### FLIXTON. S. MARY

In an Inventory dated 1845 appears:—"A silver Cup and Cover, engraved on the Com<sup>d</sup> Cup thus, Flickzon, Roger Gillingwater Churchwarden 1678, and at the bottom Wm Beaumont C. W. 1844 Flixton." These were probably the Elizabethan Cup with paten cover: other instances occur of Churchwardens names being added later. New plate was provided in 1861, but it is not known what became of the old.

CUP: good, date about 1860, not silver and no marks.

PATEN: plain, slightly concave without foot or rim.

Marks: lion passant; maker J. H. & Co.; anchor (Birmingham); M. for 1861; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: marks: leopard's head; maker <sup>C. T. F.</sup>  
G. F.; small old English b for 1857; lion passant; head of Victoria.

Since this inventory was taken the CUP has been tested, and being found *not* to be silver, another has been presented to the Church by the Patron of the Living, Sir Hugh E. Adair, Bart., similar in shape and design; it is, like the other  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches high, it bears the leopard's head;

maker <sup>J F</sup>  
E H (the initials of Fraser and Hawes, 31, Regent Street, London); T for 1894; lion passant (the queen's head being absent, there being now no duty on plate).

At the same time Rev. F. R. Smith had "*Flixton S. Mary*" engraved below on each piece.

ALMS DISH: good, of Bronze, it is marked: + Thesaurizate vobis thesauros in Cælo.

#### HOMERSFIELD. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan, of wine glass form, with the usual band, the only mark is a sexfoil, under the band is HUMERSFYLDE.

PATEN: also cover has 1567 upon the same.

FLAGON: marks: leopard's head; maker A S; small old English l for 1866; lion passant; head of Victoria. This was given by the late Lady Adair.

CRUET: electro plated.

ALMS DISH: bronze. Engraved:—1866 HUMERSFYLDE.