

## CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

## DEANERY OF THEDWASTRE.

The Church Plate in this Deanery is of similar character to that in the adjoining Deaneries of Thingoe and Horningsheath, and exhibits generally an Elizabethan Cup with arabesque band (sometimes degenerating into a series of parallel "hyphens") and Paten of corresponding date, which at Badwell Ash, Drinkstone, Hessem, Hunston, Norton, Rougham, and Woolpit serves as cover to the Cup. The Flagon, if any, is of later date. The chief exceptions to this general character are, in the first place, at Elmswell and Gedding, where the ancient vessels have disappeared, and more fashionable ones have been substituted, and, in the second place, at Rougham, where there is a stately set of Cup and Cover, two tankard-shaped Flagons, and Alms Dish, made in London in 1683, and presented the same year by Sir Robert Davers, Bart. In several Churches there are additional pieces. At Beyton, for instance, there is a modern Cup given by the late Rev. F. H. Turnor Barnwell, under the circumstances detailed in the following note, which accompanied it, and which is preserved in the plate chest.

Mr. Barnwell, a clergyman of antiquarian tastes, resided in Bury S. Edmund's, and his services were frequently requisitioned by the clergy of the neighbourhood in cases of illness, or absence, sometimes involving journeys of considerable distance, as in this case, Icklingham being eight, and Beyton five and a half miles from Bury.

BURY, MARCH 21<sup>ST</sup>, 1840.

Mr. Turnor Barnwell, who has always visited Beyton with great pleasure, felt very much hurt when, on returning from Icklingham to that parish on Sunday afternoon January 12th, he was much too late for the Church Service. This was owing to the change of horse at

Bury—having been furnished with an animal, unable to travel at a reasonable rate. In having neglected to foresee and provide against this delay—he, however, deems himself to have been not without blame. To those who well know his punctual habits, the chagrin and vexation thus occasioned to his mind must be apparent. To make a mere verbal apology on the occasion savours strongly of the indifference of what is called “the New School”—the disciples of which he heartily despises, and thinks proper to make a second apology by presenting the accompanying Cup with very respectful remembrance to the Rector and Parishioners.

To the Rev<sup>d</sup> Mr. Clarkson, Beyton.

Requested to be communicated to the Parishioners.

He was related to the John Turnor, who gave the Langham Flagon, and whose arms, as there represented, differ from those of Turnour, Lord Winterton, in the fers-de-moline being azure, instead of sable, but this may be an engraver's error. In the cases of this Flagon, and of the goblet shaped Cup at Woolpit there are discrepancies between the date letter, and the engraved date. Plate marked with the fleur-de-lis, and that only, is to be found at Badwell Ash, Beyton, Hessett, Hunston, and Rattlesden.

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*Pakenham Vicarage.*

#### ASHFIELD, GREAT. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: Elizabethan, bell shape; around the bowl is a double band, enclosing intermittent lines. Under the foot on the rim is engraved ASHFILDE. Height  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{1}{8}$  inches.

PATEN: modern, has no foot. Diameter  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

FLAGON: pewter. Height 11 inches; diameter  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches; marked on handle A.

ALMS DISH: plate. Diameter 9 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's (?); Roman capital N in square for 1808; lion passant.

CRUET: glass, mounted. No marks.

## BADWELL ASH. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan, bell shaped, the stem at top and bottom has a vertical line molding, the bowl is decorated with strap work and foliation of the period. Only mark a fleur-de-lis.

Height  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter,  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches; depth  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches; has a cover (Patent N<sup>o</sup> 1)

PATENS: (1) cover, no foot, plain. Diameter  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Mark: fleur-de-lis.

(2) metal. Diameter 7 inches; has a Latin cross in centre.

FLAGON: tankard shaped.

Height  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter 3 inches; depth  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head; maker's mark; old English capital

N for 1848; head of Victoria.

ALMS DISH: metal. Diameter 9 inches.

## BEYTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUPS: (1) Elizabethan, bell shaped, has a band of intermittent lines round the bowl, with upright vertical line molding above and below on the stem, is twice marked with a fleur-de-lis.

Height  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches; diameter 3 inches; depth  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

(2) plain, bell shape. Is thus engraved:—*Ecclesie de Beyton in agro Suffolciensi hocce pocillum, Domini cœne in usum, dedit Fredericus Henricus Turnor Barnwell Clericus. 1840.*

A note from Mr. Barnwell dated Bury, March 21st, 1840, and addressed to Mr. Clarkson the then Rector, accompanies the above, stating that he presents it by way of apology for having been too late for service on the 12th of January, owing to an inefficient horse.

Height  $6\frac{3}{8}$  inches; diameter  $4\frac{3}{8}$  inches; depth  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head; maker's mark (?); old English capital D for 1839; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: plain, no foot. Diameter  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Marks: four, 1? rose sprig, 2, crown, 3, ?, 4, ?, probably Norwich 17th century.

FLAGON: glass, ewer shaped, mounted.

ALMS DISHES: (1) brass, has IHC in the centre, and around the rim: "*To do good and to distribute forget not.*"

(2) pewter, plain. Diameter  $9\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Mark: I<sup>C</sup> M

## DRINKSTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUPS: (1) with cover. No marks remaining but rudely incised under the foot is DRENKSTVN 1567, has a foliated band round the bowl.

Height  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches; depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

(2) bell shaped. Height  $8\frac{1}{4}$  inches; depth  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

PATENS: (1) on foot. Diameter  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches; height 1 inch.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker E R script; small black letter g for 1564; lion passant. Cover to cup (1).

(2) with foot. Diameter 8 inches; height  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

FLAGON: plated. Height  $11\frac{1}{2}$  inches. 3 pints.

ALMS DISH: diameter 9 inches.

The three last pieces and cup (2) having the I. H. S. in glory are inscribed beneath:—“*Presented by Mrs. R. L. Page, 1845.*”

#### ELMSWELL. S. JOHN THE EVANGELIST.

CUP: inscribed on a band is a Greek cross in a quatrefoil, and the words:—“*This is my blood drink ye all of it.*” The knop is hexagonal, set with carbuncles; upon the foot is I H C.

Inscribed:—*Elmswell Church 1863.*

Marks: leopard's head; maker Keith; small black letter h for 1863; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATENS: (1) no foot, in the centre I H C, round the rim is: “*Take eat this is my body.*” Marks as on cup.

(2) as (1) but plain, marks as above.

CRUETS: two of glass.

SPOON: gilt. Length 6 inches.

KNIFE: plated.

No information as to ancient Plate, probably disposed of to Messrs. Keith 1863.

#### FELSHAM. S. PETER.

CUP: apparently Elizabethan, hammered. Around the bowl is a band of foliated strap work. No marks.

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

The Cup appears to have been tampered with at some time or other. The absence of a knop from the stem, its character, and its junction with the bowl, suggest this.

PATEN: with foot. Diameter  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches; height  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inch.

Marks: nearly obliterated, but one appears to have been the two towered castle used at Norwich in the 17th century, or earlier.

FLAGON: tankard shape. Bears a coat of arms surrounded by ornament; Or. two lions passant—between ten cross crosslets sable; crest; a demi lion rampant—holding a cross crosslet sable.

Inscribed:—“*The Gift of Rob<sup>t</sup> Goodrich Gent.*”

Height  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches; depth  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Marks: Britannia; maker's mark Ra. in an oval; Roman capital B for 1717; lion's head erased.

## GEDDING. S. MARY.

The Plate is dated 1884, the old said to have been utilised for new.

CUP: inscribed:—"St Mary's Church Gedding 1884."

Height 4 inches; has the nails and crown engraved, also sacred monogram.

Marks: an anchor; Roman capital I for 1884; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: marks as on cup. Inscribed with cross.

ALMS DISH: brass; repoussé or stamped bottom; rim engraved with cross and inscription;—"He that giveth to the poor lendeth to the Lord."

BREADS BOX: plated. Diameter 3 inches.

## HESSETT. S. ETHELBERT.

CUP: Elizabethan, with band of ornamental scroll work. Marked with a fleur-de-lis. Height  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter 4 inches.

PATENS: (1) also cover, no separate mark.

Diameter 5 inches; height  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch.

(2) small metal.

FLAGON: tankard shape, quart size. Has this inscription:—"Ex dono Elizabethæ uxoris Michael Leheup Armigeri A.D. 1731"; and shield of arms:—Gules, 3 hives (2 and 1) between 9 Bees volant, or. crescent for difference, escutcheon of pretence, Gules, 2 bars, or. each charged with 3 mascles of the field. In dexter canton, or. a leopard's head azure (Gery).

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark?; Roman capital P for 1730; lion passant.

ALMS DISHES: two; inscribed:—"Ex dono Tho. Aldrich Armig A.D. 1729."

Marks: (1) leopard's head crowned; maker's mark (?); court hand P for 1652; lion passant. (2) leopard's head crowned; maker's mark (?); court hand V for 1657; lion passant. Shield of arms: per fess azure and ermine, a pale counterchanged 3 pheons argent (Nutt) impaling, or. on a fess vert, a Bull passant, argent.

CRUET: of glass.

## HUNSTON. S. MICHAEL.

CUPS: (1) Elizabethan, with plain stem, and band round bowl of the usual scroll pattern. Has the fleur-de-lis mark.

Height 6 inches; diameter  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches; depth  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

(2) Inscribed:—"The Parish of Hunston 1754."

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker capital T W script; small Roman t for 1754; lion passant.

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

PATENS: (1) also cover to cup (1), on foot, plain, marked with a fleur-de-lis. Diameter  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches; height  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

(2) also cover, on foot, also inscribed:—"The Parish of Hunston, 1754." Marks as on Cup (2). Diameter  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches; height  $1\frac{3}{8}$  inch.

(3) metal, with foliated cross in circle. Diameter  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

FLAGON: tankard shape. Inscription and marks as on Cup (2). Height  $11\frac{1}{4}$  inches; depth  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

### LANGHAM. S. MARY.

CUP: plain, bell shaped.

Height  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inches; depth 4 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker I M over ?; date mark ?; lion passant.

PATEN: plain, with foot, no marks.

Diameter  $4\frac{1}{8}$  inches; height  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

FLAGON: tankard shape, no marks. Engraved is *Deo Sacrum* and beneath same a coat of arms within ornamental scroll work; ermines on a cross quarterly pierced, argent four fers-de-molines pierced, azure. Below the arms "*Johannes Turnor, D.D.D. ANNO DOMINI 1712.*"

### NORTON. S. ANDREW.

CUP: with cover, thus inscribed "*The Communion Cup of Norton in Suff.*" Height  $7\frac{3}{4}$  inches; diameter  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches; depth 4 inches. The maker's mark is an anchor with T H

PATENS: (1) cover to cup, marks as on cup.

Height 1 inch; diameter  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

(2) Inscribed:—"Norton Communion Plate."

Diameter  $7\frac{7}{8}$  inches; height 2 inches.

Marks: Britannia; an L O interlaced, the mark of John Lofthouse; Roman capital G for 1722; lion's head erased.

FLAGONS: (1) plated, tankard shaped, holding 3 pints. Bears this inscription:—"The Gift of Wm Staniforth Esq to the Parish Church of Norton 1784." A chancel tablet says that Wm. Staniforth died on the 14th Nov. 1786, aged 70 years.

(2) pewter, likewise tankard shaped, and same size.

ALMS DISHES: (1) has a repoussé border of large flowers; in the centre a coat of arms, Per bend embattled, 3 garbs.

(2) a salver on three feet.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark quatrefoil on edge; on foot I<sup>B</sup> D; old English capital F for 1761; lion passant.

Height  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches; diameter 12 inches.

Diameter  $10\frac{1}{8}$  inches; height  $1\frac{1}{8}$  inch.

## PAKENHAM. S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) Elizabethan; close to the lip is an interlaced band. No inscription.

Height  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches; diameter 4 inches; depth  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Weight 8 oz. 8 dwts.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; makers mark A; black letter small i for 1566; lion passant.

(2) has the sacred monogram, three nails and cross within rays.

Bell-shaped. Inscription:—"DD Rev. W. C. Ray, Vicar, LL.B."

Diameter  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches; diameter 2 inches; depth  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; makers mark J A; small Roman b for 1817; lion passant; head of George III.

PATENS: (1) plain, with foot.

Diameter  $5\frac{7}{8}$  inches; height  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch. Weight 4 oz.

Marks: Norwich castle; double seeded rose; crown; makers mark H.

(2) with foot. Inscription and marks as on Cup (2).

FLAGONS: (1) handsome ewer-shaped; quart size. Bears the inscription:—"Pascha nostrum immolatus est Christus"; and inside the foot, "Eccl. B. V. M. infra Pakenham D. D. D. Carolus Jones M. A. olim per XLV annos Parochus. MDCCCLXV." Weight 22 oz. 15 dwts.

Maker: Lambert, London.

Marks: leopard's head; maker G F; small old English i for 1864; lion passant; head of Victoria.

(2) Glass.

ALMS DISHES: two of brass. Inscribed:—(1) "*He that soweth plenteously shall reap plenteously.*"

(2) "*Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven.*" From Keith.

About the year 1830 the church was broken into, and two tall pewter Flagons were stolen from the Vestry. Rev. Wm. Carpenter Ray, Vicar of Pakenham and of Boreham, Essex, died in 1844. The Rev. C. Jones, who had been curate in sole charge since 1816 was then presented by Lord Calthorpe. He died in 1866, and was buried at Pakenham.

Inscriptions on reredos:—*North End*—+ CAROLUS: IONES: PER: XLV: ANNOS: ISTIUS: ECCLESIE: PAROCHUS: OBIT: DEC: VI: A: D: M: DCCC: LX: VI: ET: LXXIII. FF: PP: A: M: D: C+.

*South End*—+ MARIA: UXOR: CAROLI: IONES: F: THOMÆ: QUAYLE: DE: BARTONMERE: OB: DEC: XV: A: D: M: DCCC: LX: VI: ET: LXXX: III. FF: PP: A: M: D: C+

## RATTLEDEN. S. NICHOLAS.

CUP: Elizabethan, with a band of intermittent lines round the upper part of the bowl.

Height 6 inches; diameter  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches; depth  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Inscription under the foot illegible.

Marked with the fleur-de-lis.

PATENS (1); with foot. Diameter 6 inches; height  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inch.

Weight, as per Terrier,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  oz.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker M. L between two quatrefoils above and below in a diamond shield; Roman capital Q for 1731; lion passant.

(2) fits Cup; upper side plain, with central depression. Diameter  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches; rim  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch; height  $\frac{3}{8}$  inch.

Engraved beneath is:—AD. USUM. ECCLESIAE. S<sup>TI</sup> NICHOLAI. APUD. RATTLEDEN. A.D. 1892. IN. MEMORIAM. E. J. H. Also the following design;—a maltese cross with rays, upon which is a trefoil containing three purses (emblems of S. Nicholas); with the letters S N at base. The whole device is placed within a trefoil-headed border.

Marks: leopard's head; makers  $\begin{matrix} M & B \\ A & T \end{matrix}$ ; R for 1892; lion passant.

FLAGON: tankard-shaped. Inscribed:—“*Dedit T. Cowper, Rector 1790.*” Height 11 inches. Weight, as per Terrier, 24 oz.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; lion passant. On foot; maker I. R.; Roman capital O for 1729; lion passant; head of George II. On lid I. R.

SPOON STRAINING: apostle at top, and next the bowl an angel with a dragon at his feet; handle twisted; bowl gilt within. Total length  $6\frac{1}{8}$  inches; bowl  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch long;  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch wide.

Marks: leopard's head; maker G A; small old English p for 1870; lion passant; head of Victoria.

#### ROUGHAM. S. MARY.

CUP: straight sided, bell-shape.

Height 8 inches; diameter 5 inches; depth 5 inches.

Thus inscribed:—“*Ex Dono Roberti Davers Baronetti*”; arms mantled; argent on a bend gules, three martlets, or. in chief point, Ulster badge. Crest upon an *esquire's* helmet a bird holding a ring in its beak.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker I. R.; small black letter e for 1683; lion passant.

PATEN: Cover to Cup; crest under the foot.

Diameter  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches; height  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch. Marks: same as on Cup.

FLAGONS: two, tankard-shaped. On them “*Ex Dono Roberti Davers, Baronetti*,” and arms on tankard, and crest on lid.

Marks: as on Cup.

ALMS DISH: diameter  $10\frac{3}{4}$  inches. In centre the shield of arms, baronet, mantled, *esquire's* helmet. Crest as before. Hall marks the same.

#### STOWLANGTOFT. S. GEORGE.

CUPS: (1) Elizabethan, around the rim a band of interlaced strap and foliated work, below the bowl vertical line molding.



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

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's a star with W in centre; small black letter e for 1562; lion passant.

(2) engraved with I H C in splendour, and underneath:—*"To the glory of God and in memory of Fanny Isabella Wilson who departed this life June 20, 1887."* The donor of this, Paten (1) and Flagon (1), was the Rev. Cyril Fitz Roy Wilson, formerly rector.

Height 7 inches; diameter  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches; depth  $2\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head; date letter in cusped and pointed shield; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATENS: (1) same monogram and inscription as on Cup (2).

Round the edge underneath:—*"Blessed be the name of his majesty for ever."* Diameter  $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Marks as on Cup (2).

(2) a small square SALVER on four feet, corners cut off, and rim turned up.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker capital G T or C T script; small Roman e for 1740; lion passant.

FLAGONS: (1) ewer-shape, holding a pint.

Inscription on band:—*"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace."* Height 9 inches. Marks: same as on Cup (2), also same inscription.

(2) Pewter, tankard-shaped, quart size.

ALMS DISHES: (1) brass, with the inscription:—*"Freely ye have received freely give"*: beneath, *"In mem. B. C. R. bapt. 22 Feb. 1885."*

B. C. R. stands for Bernard Charles Reade, son of R. C. L. Reade, then rector of Stowlangtoft, now (1895) vicar of St. Mary's, Somers Town, London.

(2) Pewter. Spackman, London.

### THURSTON. S. PETER.

CUP: nearly straight sided, bears the sacred monogram with cross and nails in glory. Inscription:—*Thurston Parish, Will<sup>m</sup> Smith Tho, Jannings Churchwardens.*

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

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker R L with quatrefoil beneath; black letter capital S for 1675; lion passant.

PATEN: with foot, ornament and inscription as on Cup.

Diameter  $5\frac{7}{8}$  inches; height  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch.

Maker's mark only, an anchor between and H and (?) in a shield.

FLAGONS: (1) plated, tankard shaped, ornament as on Cup.

Marks: a crown over E M & Co; E in a square; M & Co in an oblong; a small circle with a dot in centre within a diamond.

Inscription:—*Thurston Parish Presented by the Communicants 1855 Will<sup>m</sup> Smith Tho<sup>s</sup> Jannings, Churchwardens.*

(2) pewter, tankard shaped, quart size.

ALMS DISHES : (1) Inscribed :—Thurston Parish, Presented by  
Mr J. B. Blake 1855, Will<sup>m</sup> Smith } Churchwardens.  
Thos Jannings }

Marks : leopard's head ; maker  $\begin{matrix} J & A \\ G & A \end{matrix}$  in a quatrefoil ; old English capital G for 1840 ; lion passant ; head of Victoria.  
(2) pewter.

## TOSTOCK. S. ANDREW.

CUP : Elizabethan, plain, bell shaped, no marks.

Height  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches ; diameter 3 inches ; depth  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

PATENS : (1) Elizabethan, no foot ; diameter  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Marks : leopard's head crowned ; small black letter a for 1558 ; lion passant.

(2) pewter, with foot ; diameter  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches ; height  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch.

## WOOLPIT. S. MARY.

CUPS : (1) Elizabethan, bell shaped. Inscription under foot :—*Deo et Ecclesie Parochiali de Wul Pit in Comit. Suffolk* 1636, 20 oz. (?)  
dr. lacke. 1<sup>d</sup> wt

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

Marks : leopard's head crowned ; small black letter t for 1576 ; lion passant.

(2) goblet shaped ; on the bowl this Inscription :—1773 *Johan. Sudbury nuper Decan. Dunelm. Henrico Homer A. B. Coll. Emman. Aiev ἀειστέλειν* ; underneath the foregoing Emmanuel College Arms, impaling Ermine a Fess Gules, in oval with wreaths and ribbons. Round foot "*The cup of blessing which we bless is it not the communion of the blood of Christ.*" Underneath :—"*The Gift of the Widow of the Rev. Spenser Cobbold for Woolpit Church.*"

Mr Cobbold was for many years Rector of Woolpit, Mr<sup>s</sup> C's maiden name was Homer, the above Henry Homer being her brother.

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

Marks : anchor ; maker's mark (?) ; date mark D in plain pointed shield, *i.e.* Birmingham 1776-7 according to Cripps, but this does not agree with date in inscription.

PATEN : also cover to Cup (1). Marks the same. No inscription.

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

ALMS DISH : pewter ; plated, Dixon and Son.