

## CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

## DEANERY OF CLAYDON.

The most interesting plate in this Deanery is that at Henley. Upon the Cup is engraved the Crucifixion; on the Paten the Lord's Supper; and on the Flagon the Scourging of our Lord; all being finely executed.

The Elizabethan Cups are for the most part marked only with the letter G. Plate so marked is so common near Ipswich, that it must be provisionally attributed to an Ipswich man, the first letter of this silversmith's name.

There is at present no evidence of an assay office at Ipswich; but much pre-Reformation plate may well have been rehammered into the Elizabethan shape by a local man without the assay stamp.

The maker "G" has a curious way of dividing words, —thus H. G. is engraved on the Cup to denote *Helmin Gham*; in the same way the Framsdén Cup has F. D.; and the Pettaugh Cup P. T. Similarly the very beautiful Cup at Nacton, in the Colneys Deanery, bears the initials, N. T.

The Returns for this Deanery are almost entirely by Rev. W. C. Pearson, Vicar of Henley, and the Rectors of the Parishes.

EDMUND C. HOPPER.

## AKENHAM. S. MARY.

CUP: height 6 inches; diameter 3 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker J B; small Roman q for 1751; lion passant.

PATEN: plain, with foot, cover to Cup. Diameter  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches; height  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch. Has same marks.

FLAGON: of pewter, tankard shaped, with lid.

ALMS DISH: of pewter.

## ASHFIELD (WITH THORPE). SS. MARY AND PETER.

CUP: good Elizabethan, with band more narrow than usual, it has been repaired, but has no mark. Height  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches; width  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

PATEN: also Cover, the hole in the centre filled with a cross; probably the older Paten. Only mark the G effaced.

A large electro plate Cup and Credence Paten were given to this Church by Lord Henniker, when the Church was rebuilt in 1853, at the same time the Church at Thorpe was ruined.

## BARHAM. S. MARY.

CUP: height  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches; depth  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches; weight barely 8 oz. Inscribed on bowl:—"BARHAM CHURCH."

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

PATEN: plate shaped, no foot, weight 14 oz. 5 dwt.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; T F, possibly for Thomas Ffarrer; small Roman g for 1742; lion passant.

FLAGON: tankard shaped, weight 35 oz. 4 dwt.; marked as Paten both on body and cover.

Each piece is marked "BARHAM CHURCH." *The gift of the Rev<sup>d</sup> Nich<sup>s</sup> Bacon, Rector of Barham 1791.*

## CLAYDON. S. PETER.

CUP: plain. Only mark a W crowned.

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

PATEN: without foot, ribbed edge. Diameter 8 inches.

Inscribed:—W N. R H. 1676. (Churchwardens' initials.)

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker K. S.; black letter capital S for 1675.

FLAGON: pewter, tankard shaped.

ALMS DISH: pewter.

## DEBENHAM. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan with scroll band. No marks.

Height  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches; width  $4\frac{1}{8}$  inches; depth  $4\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

PATEN: plain, without foot. Diameter  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned;  $\overset{T}{R} \overset{G}{C}$  for Gurney & Co.; old English capital E for 1760; lion passant.

FLAGON: glass, with plated stopper.

There are also two pewter Flagons and an Alms Dish.

ALMS DISHES: three old wooden.

## FRAMSDEN. S. MARY.

CUP: fine Elizabethan, the bowl is square shaped, resting on a spreading base. It has the usual scroll band, and bead ornament round top and bottom of stand.

Height 6 inches ; diameter  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches ; depth of bowl  $3\frac{3}{8}$  inches.  
Marked G and F. D.

COVER : fits outside of Cup. Marked F. D. only.

PATEN : plain pewter plate. Engraved :—JOHN KINTON.

Marks : a star ; a lion passant ; I. K. with a star ; another illegible.

#### HELMINGHAM. S. MARY.

CUP : Elizabethan. Height 7 inches ; width 4 inches. Mark : G only.

COVER : inscribed H. G. Only mark G.

Each of the above have the usual Elizabethan ornamentation.

PATEN : with foot. Diameter 7 inches. Inscribed :—*In usum Ecclesie Beate Marice de Helmingham Dedicavit Antonius Bokenham, ejusdem Ecclesie Rector A.D. 1686.* Buried Jan. 8, 1703. M.I.

Marks : leopard's head crowned ; maker St, probably for John Martin Stocker ; court hand T for 1714 ; lion passant.

FLAGON : tankard shaped. Height 8 inches. Same marks and inscription as on paten.

ALMS DISH : plain, with foot. Diameter  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches ; height  $1\frac{3}{4}$  inch.

#### HENLEY. S. PETER.

CUP : straight sides, and thick hollow stem. Height  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches ; diameter  $3\frac{1}{8}$  inches ; weighs 8. oz. 14 dwt. Has an engraving of the "Crucifixion upon it."

PATEN : is  $5\frac{5}{8}$  inches square, corners scalloped, with slightly raised edge, weighs 7 oz. 16 dwt. Has an engraving upon it of the "Last Supper."

FLAGON : ewer shaped, with handle, lid and thumb piece. It has upon it an engraving of the "scourging of Christ."

Height  $7\frac{1}{8}$  inches ; weighs 31 oz. 15 dwt.

Marks on each of these three pieces are :—leopard's head crowned ; maker's mark, a lion rampant over two initials, E & P (?) ; Roman capital N for 1728 ; lion passant.

The Donor of this Plate was Thomas Vere, Esq. (afterwards Sir Thomas Vere, Knt.,) of Norwich. He was a descendant of William Vere of Henley, who died in 1570 ; he was born in Henley, and was baptised there February 14, 1681, and died, probably at Norwich, in 1766.

In a Terrier dated June 11, 1735, the Church Plate is thus described : "Item one silver Flagon, one silver Chalice, one silver Paten, all neatly engraved, with a case to put them in ; which set of Plate was given to this Parish by Thomas Vere, Esq., of the city of Norwich. Item one pewter Flagon, and pewter Bason for the offerings, also an old silver Chalice with a cover."

The "pewter Flagon," "pewter Bason," and the "old silver Chalice" have long since disappeared ; there is no mention of the latter as far back as the Terrier of 1801. The "Cover," apparently Elizabethan, is still in existence, it is plain, with raised edge and flat top,  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch high, and weighs 3 oz. It has neither mark nor inscription.

## PETTAUGH. S. CATHERINE.

CUP: good Elizabethan, floriated band round the bowl.

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

Mark: G only.

PATENS: (1) cover to Cup, inscribed PT on foot; also bears the letter G.

(2) good electro plate. Diameter 6 inches. With sacred monogram within rays in the centre.

FLAGON: good ewer shaped, electro plated. Height  $8\frac{3}{4}$  inches. Date 1861.

## SWILLAND. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan, with baluster stem, of London make and shape, with usual ornamentation on bowl and foot, but without hall marks.

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

COVER: plain, more concave than usual.

PATEN: diameter  $8\frac{3}{4}$  inches; foot  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch.

Inscription on top:—*The Parish of Swilland.*

Marks: the leopard's head crowned; I S linked (Cripps, p. 327); small black letter f for 1683; lion passant.

FLAGON: plated, ewer shaped, modern.

ALMS DISH: plated silver. Diameter 7 inches. Inscribed underneath:—*Parish of Swilland. The gift of Rev. J. C. Cook, Vicar, March 10th, 1815.*

CRUET: glass, plated stopper, modern.

## WESTERFIELD. S. MARY MAGDALENE.

CUPS: (1) fine Elizabethan, with scroll band, battered, same shape as the "G" cups, but no mark. Height  $4\frac{5}{8}$  inches; width 3 inches. Not now used.

(2) of good Nettlecombe shape, presented in 1866, silver gilt, I H C or I H S on foot, cross in circle on bowl.

Height  $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{7}{8}$  inches; depth of bowl  $2\frac{1}{8}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head; maker I K, for John Keith; small old English k for 1865; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATENS: (1) diameter  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches; bears the "Agnus Dei" and "*Behold the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sins of the world.*" Cover to Cup.

(2) plated. Diameter 6 inches; height 1 inch. Presented by Miss Piercy in 1890.

FLAGON: ewer shaped. Height  $8\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Inscribed:—*Glory be to God on high.*

Marks: as on Cup (2).

The box in which they are kept has upon it "This Plate was presented to God, and the Parish of S. Mary Magdalene Westerfield, on Easter Day 1866, by Charles Drage. Rector."

Paten, Flagon, and Alms Dish of pewter, not now used.

In Churchyard M.I. "In memoriam Charles Drage 40 years Rector of Westerfield. Born Decr. 7th 1788. Died April 15th 1875."

WHITTON. S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) small Elizabethan with floral band on bowl and foot. Height  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{5}{8}$  inches.

(2) on hexagonal foot, gilt inside and on foot.

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

Marks: Anchor for Birmingham; maker J. H. & Co; R. for 1866; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: without foot: I H S in centre within a cross.

Diameter 6 inches. Marks: as on Cup.

FLAGON: ewer shaped, with lid, thumb piece, lip, and handle, partly gilt, cross on top of lid. Height  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches. Marks: as on Cup.

The above set was presented by Rev. William Howorth, Rector, who died Dec. 13, 1875.

WINSTON. S. ANDREW.

CUP: plain, of secular goblet shape, without mark, or inscription, reed ornament beneath bowl.

Height  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches; depth of bowl  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

PATEN: also COVER.  $1\frac{1}{4}$  inch high. No marks.

FLAGON: of pewter, tankard shaped, with lid and thumb piece, double knob. Height  $10\frac{1}{4}$  inches; at base  $4\frac{7}{8}$  inches; at top  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

ALMS DISH: of pewter. "John Kent W. P." Diameter  $9\frac{1}{4}$  inches.