

CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

DEANERY OF LOES.

The Deanery of Loes contains eleven Elizabethan Cups, varying very little in size, and following somewhat the Norwich pattern. The best antique Cups are found at Monewden (a fine Norwich pattern, with cover); Letheringham; and a pretty little beaker at Hoo.

The Deanery has enjoyed the advantage of the residence of such families as the Rendleshams, Uffords, Blennerhassetts, Revetts, and Wingfields. The most beautiful pieces are those which bear the arms of Lady Maria Rendlesham at Rendlesham, Edward Blennerhassett at Campsea Ash, and John Revett, Esq., at Brandeston.

The marks found on the oldest vessels are few and indistinct. Rough graven crosses without shield, and the capital letter G without shield on the Chalice lip are distinguishable, but other marks of small floral designs are indistinct.

Pewters of some interest, as regards the marks, are to be found at Kettleburgh and at Letheringham; but are lacking in all other points.

The following extract from Green's "History of Framlingham" may be useful in tracing the history of Church Plate which has been lost.

Extract from Churchwarden's Account 1557 :—

"Fyrst mony recaved by Francis Pulham and Thomas Shymminge for Plate by John Irelonde and Robert Bulleyne Churchwardens sold and confessed £60. 0s. 0d."

Apparently sold for Church reparation.

The following coincidence may also be noteworthy :—The handsome Flagon and Paten were presented to Campsea Ash Church by Edward Blennerhassett, Esq.,



CHARSFIELD.

in 1641, and in the Nave of the same Church is a grave-stone to the memory of the same Edward Blennerhassett who was slain at the battle of Edgehill 1642.

The writer of this paper records his thanks to the several incumbents of the Deanery for their courtesy in giving him access to the interesting plate committed to their trust.

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S. Mary at Elms Vicarage, Ipswich.

BOULGE. S. MICHAEL.

CUP: silver; Elizabethan ornamentation.

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

PATENS: (1) also Cover. Diameter $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

(2) Credence, with foot, Ornamentation: I. H. S. with nails within rays.

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

Inscribed:—*Given to Boulge Church by I. P. Fitzgerald 1868.*

He was buried May 10, 1879.

Marks: leopard's head; H maker; small old English o for 1869; lion passant.

BRANDESTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: Inscribed:—*This cup is the New Testament in My Blood.*

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

Marks: Britannia; Re, the mark of John Read; court hand Q for 1711; lion's head erased.

PATEN: with foot. Inscribed:—1712.

Height $\frac{3}{4}$ inch; diameter 5 inches. Marks: Re, and for 1711.

CREDESCENCE PATENS: (1) with feet, silver. Inscribed:—with lozenge in scroll; bearing Revett arms impaling a cross fleuretté.

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

Marks: Britannia; Re crowned; court hand p for 1710; lion's head erased.

(2) Exactly similar to (1).

FLAGON: tankard shape, silver. Height $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of mouth $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of base $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches; depth inside $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Inscribed within scroll:—EX DONO IOHAN REVETT. GENER. ANNO 1710

Also a shield surmounted by a helmet and a hand holding a sword. On shield, Revett* and other arms quarterly.

Marks: Britannia; maker Re; court hand P for 1710; lion's head erased.

* Ar. three bars sa.; in chief as many trevets of the last.

CAMPSEA ASH. S. JOHN BAPTIST.

CUP: silver, gilt inside, Elizabethan ornamentation, knob to stem. Height $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of mouth $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches; depth of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of base $3\frac{7}{8}$ inches. Only mark a cross wavy.

COVER: inscribed on top 1569, gilt inside. Height $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

PATEN: plain, with foot. Inscribed:—*The gift of Edward Blenerhasset, Esq., An-dō* 1641. Height $1\frac{5}{8}$ inch; diameter $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; R M; court hand d for 1641; lion passant.

FLAGON: tankard shape, with lip and thumb piece. Inscribed with Blennerhasset arms surmounted with Hound Sejant, and the words:—*The gift of Edward Blenerhasset, Esq., Anno Dō.* 1641.

Height $11\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of mouth $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches; diameter of foot 7 inches; depth 9 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker R M in shield; court hand d for 1641; lion passant.

ALMS DISHES: two, of brass. I H S with rays (under plate).

Inscribed:—*Give alms of thy goods. E. DONO Jermyn Pratt Rector* 1843 *Campsea Ashe.*

CHARSFIELD. S. PETER.

CUP: with cover, silver. Ornamentation round the bowl of Elizabethan pattern.

No marks save a rough punctured worker's mark & a sexfoil.

Height (with cover) $6\frac{3}{8}$ inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth of bowl $2\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

PATENS: (1) credence, of silver, part gilt. In the centre of paten is engraved a head and shoulders of an armoured soldier of the period.

Diameter 6 inches; depth $4\frac{7}{8}$ inches; diameter of foot $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker W G; small black letter b in shield for 1679; lion passant.

(2) Bowl shaped, with foot. Inscribed in centre with the Wingfield monogram in ornamented shield.

Diameter 7 inches; diameter of foot $4\frac{3}{8}$ inches; depth $\frac{5}{8}$ inch.

Marks: G; small cross in shield. None others.

The Wingfields were Lords of this Manor.

FLAGON: ewer shaped, silver. Ornamented with Elizabethan work. Inscribed upon lid the Wingfield monogram and arms, 1576.

Height 7 inches; diameter of foot $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth $6\frac{1}{8}$ inches; diameter of mouth $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches. No marks.

CRETINGHAM. S. PETER.

CUP: common metal. Height 8 inches; diameter $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

PATEN: also of common metal. Diameter 6 inches.

FLAGON: of glass.

ALMS DISH: modern. Diameter 9 inches.

An old Terrier mentions:—"one silver Cup and Plate weighing 12 ounces, also two pewter Flagons, and one pewter Plate."

DEBACH. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: with Cover, silver, ornamented. Inscribed on foot of cover is the date 1586, and DEBECH beneath same, in shield.

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

Mark: small trefoil.

PATEN: plated. Diameter $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

EASTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: silver, no ornamentation. Inscribed on bowl:—*Eastons Communion-Plaite 1679.*

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

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker small flower; small black letter a for 1678; lion passant.

PATENS: (1) with foot, silver, plain. Inscribed beneath foot:—*Eastons Communion Plaite 1679.*

Height $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch; diameter 6 inches. Marks: as on Cup.

(2) Credence, silver. Inscribed underneath the paten:—*Easton Communion Plate 1727.* Diameter 9 inches; height 3 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker G in square punch; Roman capital L for 1726; lion passant.

FLAGON: tankard shape. I H S within rays.

Height 12 inches; depth inside 8 inches.

EYKE. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: silver, Elizabethan ornamentation. No inscription.

Height 6 inches; depth of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of top $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches; diameter of foot $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Only mark a cross wavy.

PATEN: silver plated, ornamentation I H S with rays.

Diameter 9 inches; height $\frac{7}{8}$ inch.

ALMS DISHES: two, Pewter, with ornamentation on rims.

Diameter of each 10 inches; height 1 inch.

FRAMLINGHAM. S. MICHAEL.

CUPS: (1) silver, Elizabethan ornamentation.

Inscribed around the base of cup:—✠ FRAMMYNGAM ✠ 1568.

Height $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches; diameter at top $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches; diameter of base $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches; depth of bowl $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Cover with foot: $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Inscribed with lion on the foot of Cover.

Weight of Cup and Cover $15\frac{1}{2}$ oz.

(2) Silver, plain bowl; ornamented knob, sexfoil base inscribed with Maltese cross. No Cover.

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

Marks: F B C, and Roman capital F for 1881.

Bought by the Right Rev. Bishop Edward Bickersteth, while rector of this parish.

PATEN : silver, ornamented with Maltese cross engraved on the rim. Inscribed :—*Church of S. Michael Framlingham. To the honour of God, and in memory of George Adamson, Churchwarden A.D. 1878—85.*

Diameter $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches ; height $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Marks : similar to Cup (2) ; and H P for Pratt & Son.

FLAGONS : (1) tankard shape, silver, weighing about 53 oz.

Inscribed on face :—THE GIFT OF JOHN COGGESHALL GENT 1742

Under base :—*This flagon was the gift of John Coggeshall of Framlingham. Gent.*

Height 1 foot ; diameter at top 4 inches ; depth inside $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches ; diameter of base $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Marks for date 1742.

(2) Similar in shape, size, weight, and date letter, to Flagon (1).

Inscribed on base :—*Framlingham, 1742.*

This Flagon was bought with Commutation money given by Mr. Commissary Tanner.

ALMS DISHES : (1) silver. Inscribed underneath :—M. A, probably Mark Anthony, rector, 1694.

Diameter $8\frac{1}{4}$ inches ; height $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

Marks : Britannia ; S M, mark of John Smith ; court hand I for 1704 ; lion's head erased.

(2) Silver plated. Inscribed :—*Framlingham 1845. Given by G. W. Edwards.* Diameter 10 inches ; height 1 inch.

(3) Similar in every respect to (2).

FRAMLINGHAM. ALBERT MEMORIAL COLLEGE.

CUPS : two similar, silver gilt. Ornamentation I H S with rays. Inscribed :—*Albert College Chapel, Framlingham, Suffolk, June, 1867.*

Height $6\frac{5}{8}$ inches ; diameter of top $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches ; depth of bowl $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks : leopard's head ; G. F. ; small old English m for 1867 ; lion passant ; head of Victoria. Under base :—*Lambert, Coventry Street, London.*

PATENS : two similar, silver gilt, without foot. Ornamentation I H S with rays. Diameter 7 inches.

(3) Credence : silver gilt, ornamented foot.

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

Marks and inscription as above.

FLAGON : tankard shape, silver gilt, ornamentation I.H.S. with rays.

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

Marks and Inscription are the same on all the vessels.

HACHESTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUP : silver, Elizabethan ornamentation.

Height $6\frac{3}{8}$ inches ; diameter of mouth $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches ; depth of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. No marks.

Cover : with knob, ornamented. Height $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

ALMS DISH : silver. Inscribed :—HACHESTON. Diameter 7 inches.

Marks : leopard's head crowned ; M L maker ; Roman capital N for 1808 ; lion passant ; head of George III.

HOO. SS. ANDREW AND EUSTACHIUS.

CUP: a handsome silver beaker, floral band round the top. (Cripps, ed. 1891, p. 305, for similar patterns, 1604, 1609).

Diameter of top $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches; height $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

PATEN: used as cover to cup, but ill-fitting.

Marks: leopard's head; R. A. maker; small Roman m for 1787; lion passant; head of George III.

ALMS DISH: pewter. Diameter $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

KETTLEBURGH. S. ANDREW.

CUP: silver, Elizabethan ornamentation. Height $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of top $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches; depth of bowl 3 inches.

Mark: a small quatrefoil.

Cover with foot, ornamented. Inscribed:—1569.

FLAGON: tankard shape, silver plated. No inscription, nor ornament.

Height $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of base $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches; diameter of mouth $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches; depth $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Marked 1028. Scratched m/x o/-

ALMS DISH: pewter. Diameter 9 inches; height $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

Marks: Britannia; leopard's head crowned; lion's head erased. Also the mark of "John Hom . . . Snow Hill London."

LEATHERINGHAM. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan, with usual band; silver, Norwich pattern (Cripps, 4th edn., p. 199).

Height $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches; depth of bowl $2\frac{7}{8}$ inches; diameter of top 4 inches; diameter of base $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

PATEN: of pewter, used as top or cover of flagon.

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

FLAGON: pewter.

Height $10\frac{1}{4}$ inches; depth $6\frac{1}{8}$ inches; diameter of base $5\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

ALMS DISH: pewter, shape cinquefoiled.

Diameter $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth 1 inch.

Marks: "Superfine hard metal"; trade mark of *Messrs. Townsend & Coalton*.

MARLESFORD. S. ANDREW.

CUP: Elizabethan, silver, lately gilt inside.

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

Marks: G near lip; and M under base, without shield.

Cover: with knob. Height 2 inches.

PATEN: inscription beneath:—1728 A * B E * B. Scratching, B * C.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark illegible; Roman capital N for 1728; lion passant.

FLAGON: tankard shape, pewter.

Height $10\frac{3}{4}$ inches; depth 6 inches; diameter of top 4 inches; diameter of bottom 5 inches.

SPOON: electro plated and gilt, modern.

MONEWDEN. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan ornamentation, silver, Norwich pattern.

Inscribed:—MONEWDEN.

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

Cover to Cup: plain, without foot. Height 1 inch.

FLAGON: with lip, pewter.

Height $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of mouth 3 inches; depth $6\frac{5}{8}$ inches.

ALMS DISH: pewter. Diameter $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches; height $\frac{1}{2}$ inch.

Mark: under plate, cross keys in shield.

PARHAM. S. MARY.

CUP: silver, with Cover; ornamented on bowl with Ufford arms; on Cover I H S. Height 8 inches. Weight of Cup 11 oz. 11 dwt. 12 gr.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker H B, the mark of Hester Rateman; small Roman k for 1785; lion passant; head of George III.

PATEN: silver, ornamented with Ufford arms:—sable, a cross engrailed, shield of Wm. de Ufford, 2nd earl, who built Parham church, about 1370. Diameter 7 inches; height $\frac{1}{8}$ inch.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker M L; Roman capital N for 1808; lion passant; head of George III.

FLAGON: tankard shaped, silver plated.

Height 10 inches; diameter of base 5 inches; diameter of mouth $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches; depth $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

ALMS DISH: silver plated, floral ornamentation; in centre, a shield with E C and D D D on sides of shield, and above, 1830.

Diameter $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; height $\frac{1}{2}$ inch. (E C refers to a Mrs. Cooper.)

RENDLESHAM. S. GREGORY.

CUPS: (1) silver, gilt inside, goblet shaped, ornamented with bottom of bowl fluted, and foot gadrooned. (cf. J. E. Nightingale, 1891, Edn., p. 116, for cup at Marden, Wilts.)

Inscribed: I H S within rays, and these words:—*In usum Ecclesie Rendelishamæ Maria Andalusia Baronissa de Rendelishamæ Hoc d. d. MDCCCXIV.* Her burial took place 22 Aug., 1814.

Height 7 inches; diameter at mouth 4 inches; diameter of base $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth of bowl $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; W E; Roman capital R for 1812; lion passant; head of George III.

(2) Silver, and similar in every respect to (1), with the exception of a false bottom to cup, added by Rev. E. Austin, a former rector (deceased 1884), and thus reducing depth to $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

PATEN: silver, with fluted rim.

Height $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches; diameter 6 inches; diameter of foot $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks, inscription, and words, similar to Cups (1, 2).

FLAGON: tankard shaped, fluted, base (or foot) gadrooned, cover fluted, I H S and rays, without lip, and with thumb piece. Inscribed with words as above.

Height $9\frac{3}{4}$ inches; diameter of mouth $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of foot $4\frac{1}{8}$ inches; depth $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; W E; Roman capital S for 1813; lion passant; head of George III.

ALMS DISH: height 1 inch; depth inside $\frac{3}{4}$ inch.

Marks and inscription as above.

SOHAM, EARL. S. MARY.

CUP: silver, goblet shaped, gilt inside. No ornamentation.

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

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker S H; Roman capital T for 1814; lion passant; head of George III.

PATENS: two, similar in all respects, silver; ornamentation, I H S with rays and emblems of the crucifixion. Inscribed:—*Earl Soham 1809. The Gift of the Rev^d Francis Capper in the Fiftieth year of his being Rector of this Parish.*

Marks: leopard's head crowned; makers ^{W. B.} R. S.; Roman capital N for 1808; lion passant; head of George III.

Rev. F. Capper died 1818.

FLAGONS: (1) pewter. Inscribed on handle:—E S, W F, T W. Probably Edward Smythe, William Folkard, Thomas Wade.

Height 11 inches; diameter at base $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

(2) Pewter. Inscribed:—^{H. B.} T. S. Height $10\frac{1}{4}$ inches; base 5 inches.

(3, 4) Electro plated, both alike. Inscribed:—*Earl Soham 1815.*

Height $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Scratched, *Bates maker Oxford Street, London.*