

## CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

## DEANERY OF MILDENHALL.

The Church Plate of this Deanery does not call for any special comment. There are seven Cups of the usual Elizabethan character, but none of them are important. Four of them have a single mark, the fleur de lis; the the rest are unmarked. There is no piece with Norwich marks in the Deanery. The Mildenhall set is the best, and the silver Flagon there, and the pewter Dishes with bosses enamelled with the Royal Arms; are the only armorial pieces. The names of donors are few. An accurate and full Return of the Plate of this Deanery, with drawings and rubbings made by the Rev. F. R. Hawkes Mason in 1893, has been made use of.

*Diss Rectory, Norfolk.*

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## BARTON MILLS. S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) the bowl is small, with a circular band near the top. The foot has been altered, and is apparently part of an Elizabethan Paten; there is a circular band round the stem. It has one mark only, a cinquefoil pierced. Height  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter 3 inches.

(2) Plated, Britannia metal, has I H S in rays upon it. Inscribed: —*James Dixon and Sons.* Height  $8\frac{1}{4}$  inches; diameter 4 inches.

It is recorded in the Register that this Cup was presented by Cornwallis Henry Chichester, second son of the Rev. C. Chichester, rector, on his appointment as Ensign, 13th Regt., March, 1853, and first used on Easter Day, 1853.

PATEN: diameter  $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Marks: Britannia; lion's head erased; maker's mark M A (?); court hand P for 1710.

FLAGON: inscribed underneath:—1746; on front—*Ex debito RICARDI LOVING, Rectoris*; on the lid—BARTON PARVA. Height 10 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark, a key; small Roman l in shaped shield for 1746; lion passant.

ALMS DISH: plated. *James Dixon, London.* Diameter 10 inches.

This was presented by Edmond Prideaux Chichester, youngest son of the Rector, on his appointment as Ensign, 21st Regt., 20th Feb., 1855.

## BRANDON FERRY. S. PETER.

CUP: Elizabethan, slightly bell-shaped, with a circular band, and mouldings on the foot. Height  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{3}{8}$  inches.

There is one mark only, a fleur de lis.

PATEN: with foot; it has i h c in rays. Diameter  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark R N in shield; small Roman a in shield for 1776; lion passant.

There is also a plated set consisting of a CUP: with tall stem, and i h c in rays on the bowl. Height  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Marked 527; a wing, arms of the city of London; and letter P.

PATEN: on a foot, with the same device and marks.

ALMS DISH: with the same device. Diameter  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Marked 465, and others as before.

FLAGON: with i h c in rays. Height 12 inches.

Marks:  $\begin{matrix} E & E \\ B & W \end{matrix}$ ; arms of the city of London; and letter A.

## CAVENHAM. S. ANDREW.

CUP: goblet shaped, on a stem.

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

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark  $\begin{matrix} R & D \\ G & R \end{matrix}$ ; small Roman letter p for 1830; lion passant; head of William IV.

PATEN: without a foot. Diameter 7 inches.

Mark: R N crowned.

FLAGON AND ALMS DISH: both of Pewter.

## ELVEDEN. S. ANDREW.

Here are two sets of plate.

CUPS: (1) Elizabethan, a circular band of lines on bowl.

Height  $4\frac{3}{4}$  inches; diameter  $2\frac{3}{4}$  inches. One mark only, a fleur de lis.

(2) Tall stem. Inscribed below:—*For the use of Elveden Church From Prince Duleep Singh.* 1865. Height  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{5}{8}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark E. B.; small black letter h for 1863; lion passant; head of Victoria.  $\begin{matrix} E. & B. \\ J. & B. \end{matrix}$

PATENS: (1) on a high foot. Diameter  $6\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Marks: Britannia; maker's mark A N linked, followed by small e in shaped shield (for Anthony Nelme, as in *Cripps* under 1700); Roman capital I in plain shield for 1724; lion's head erased. The Britannia standard was changed in June 1720; a wrong stamp may have been used.

(2) Plain. Diameter 8 inches. Same inscription and marks, except small black letter i for 1864, as Cup (2).

FLAGON: height 12 inches. Same marks, except black letter k for 1865, same inscriptions, as Cup (2).

FLAGON AND ALMS DISH: of pewter.

Diameter of Alms Dish 12 inches. Mark: *Home, Snow Hill, London.*

Flagon, A. T. on the handle. Height 11 inches.

## ERISWELL. S. PETER.

CUP: on tall plain stem (lengthened by the present Rector); bowl Elizabethan, with circular band. Height  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Mark: a fleur de lis.

PATEN: diameter 7 inches. Mark: R N crowned in shaped shield.

FLAGON: pewter. Height 12 inches.

ALMS DISH: brass.

Pewter plate, diameter 9 inches.

Marks:  $R^H F$ , and "London" on the back.

## FRECKENHAM. S. ANDREW.

CUP: Elizabethan, circular band on bowl. Inscribed in later capitals.—FRECKENHAM CHURCH.

Height  $6\frac{1}{4}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{3}{8}$  inches. No marks.

PATENS: (1) with a foot. Inscribed underneath:—*Freckenham Communion Plate*. Diameter  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark W P with pellet below, in shaped shield; Roman capital H in shield for 1723; lion passant.

(2) Inscribed underneath:—*Freckenham Church*, 1890.

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

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark  $J^A T^S$  in quatrefoil; Roman capital O in shield for 1889; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: plated, I H S in rays on front.

Inscribed underneath:—*Freckenham Church* 1854. Height 13 inches.

Marks:  $\begin{matrix} E & E \\ B & W \end{matrix}$ , and City of London arms.

## HERRINGSWELL. S. ETHELBERT.

CUP: on the bowl I H S in rays.

Height  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{1}{8}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark, four letters, one a T; old English capital B for 1837; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: on a foot; I H S in rays in centre.

Inscribed underneath:—HERRINGSWELL. Diameter 7 inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark  $J^B W$ ; small Roman o for 1829; lion passant; head of George IV.

FLAGON: Inscribed:—*Ex debito Richardi Loving Rectoris*. Given by his Widow at his Request. On the lid:—HERRINGSWELL.

Height  $8\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark T W; small Roman q in shaped shield for 1751; lion passant.

ALMS DISH: plated, on three feet, with gadrooned and flowered edge. Inscribed underneath:—*Herringswell*, 1842.

Diameter  $10\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

## ICKLINGHAM. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: Elizabethan, with circular band.

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

One mark only, a fleur de lis.

PATEN: with corded edge, and on a foot. Inscribed underneath 1703. Diameter  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Marks: Britannia; lion's head erased; maker's mark T i with star above and below (for Robert Timbrell, as in *Cripps* under 1699); court hand letter H in shield for 1703.

## ICKLINGHAM. S. JAMES.

CUP: Elizabethan, with circular band.

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

One mark only, a fleur de lis.

PATEN: no foot. Diameter  $4\frac{3}{8}$  inches. Mark: a fleur de lis.

FLAGON: with a cross on the lid. Inscribed underneath:—AN OFFERING TO S. JAMES'S CHURCH, ICKLINGHAM, BY CHARLES EDWARD GIBBS, ESQ., 1874. Height 11 inches.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark A. S. in oblong; small black-letter s for 1873; lion passant; head of Victoria.

## LAKENHEATH. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan, with plain circular band.

Height 6 inches; diameter  $3\frac{1}{2}$  inches. No marks.

PATEN: with a foot. Inscribed underneath:—*Lakinheath, 1713.*

Diameter  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Marks: Britannia; lion's head erased; maker's mark G. A., with a crown above, in circle; (for William Gamble, as in *Cripps*, under 1699); court hand A for 1696; also apparently a courthand R for 1712.

ALMS DISH: plated; with a corded edge; on three ball feet.

Diameter 13 inches.

FLAGON: pewter, with lid and handle. Height  $12\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

One mark, X, crown above.

## MILDENHALL. S. MARY.

CUP: (1) gilt, tall with straight-sided bowl, and a boss in the stem.

Height 9 inches; diameter  $4\frac{1}{8}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark B. S. or S. B., linked letters; small italic h for 1625; lion passant.

(2) Gilt, straight-sided bowl. Inscribed underneath:—*Given by Adam Bowen Vnto Mildenhall in Suff. Anno 1642.*

Height 8 inches. Diameter  $4\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark H B conjoined, in shaped shield; court hand C for 1642; lion passant.

Both fine cups.

PATEN: on a foot. Diameter  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Marks and inscription the same as on the second cup, and dated 1642.

ALMS DISH: a shallow bason, on a foot. Inscription underneath:—*Ex dono Mabillæ Rutley uxoris Richardi Rutley, quæ obiit decimo nono die Decembris, Anno Domini 1632.*

Height  $2\frac{3}{8}$  inches; diameter  $7\frac{5}{8}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark an escallop shell in shaped shield (as in *Cripps* under 1635); small italic p for 1632; lion passant.

FLAGON: a fine piece. On the body are the arms of *Hunt* in a circular shield, in frame supported on a shelf, viz.: Per pale Argent and Vert, a saltire counterchanged: a canton Ermine. Inscription:—*Deo Servatori et Ecclesiæ de Mildenhall in Agro Suff. Hoc Votivum Jo<sup>nes</sup> Hunt, A.M. Ejusdem Vicarius Humilime et ex animo Dicat Anno Christi 1720.* Height 12 inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark T. T. under a rose, with a crown above, in shaped shield (for Thomas Tearle, as in *Cripps* under 1738); capital Roman E in shield, for 1720; lion passant.

ALMS DISH: brass. Diameter 13 inches.

ALMS DISHES: (1) two pewter. Inscribed on the rim:—*Given by A. Bowen, Anno. 1644.* Diameter  $10\frac{3}{8}$  inches.

(2) No inscription. Diameter 13 inches.

Mark defaced, an X crowned.

Besides these, there are two fine and remarkable DISHES: of pewter, each having a central boss, with the Arms of Charles I. enamelled in colour, with the letters C. R., and the date 1648. Diameter  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

#### MILDENHALL. S. JOHN. (BECK ROW).

CUP: plated, of modern medieval shape, with boss in the stem, and  $\text{S} \text{J} \text{C}$  on the foot. Height  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter 4 inches.

PATEN: plated. An Agnus Dei in the centre, and a border of sixfoil ornament. Diameter  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

#### MILDENHALL. S. PETER. (WEST ROW).

CUP: goblet shaped bowl with I H S in rays.

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

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's marks  $\begin{matrix} J & S \\ A & S \end{matrix}$  black letter S for 1873; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: on a foot. Diameter 7 inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker's mark W. S.; small black letter t for 1874; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: with I H S in front. Height 13 inches.

Marks: as on last piece, but with small black letter b for 1857.

#### SANTON DOWNHAM. S. MARY.

CUP: Elizabethan, slightly bell shaped, with circular band, and a moulded base.

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

No marks.

PATEN: nearly flat, with a foot, is a cover to the Cup.

Diameter 4 inches.

## TUDDENHAM. S. MARY.

CUP: with deep bowl. Height  $5\frac{3}{8}$  inches; diameter  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark R W with mullet below in shaped shield; small italic i for 1626; lion passant.

PATENS: (1) on a foot. Diameter  $4\frac{3}{8}$  inches.

Marks: same as on the Cup.

(2) Plated, a cross bottonée on the rim.

Inscribed on the back:—*Ezekiel Sparke Rector, 1882, E dono.*

Diameter  $6\frac{3}{8}$  inches.

FLAGONS: (1) plated. Height 11 inches.

(2) Pewter, tankard shaped. Inscribed underneath:—*T. P. C.* (Tuddenham Parish Church). Height  $9\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Marks on the lid: leopard's head crowned; T. A. in shield; black letter capital H in shield; and another defaced.

ALMS DISHES: (1) plated, bason shaped.

Marks:  $\begin{matrix} E & E \\ R & \\ & J W \end{matrix}$ , arms of the City of London; No. 577.

Presented by the Rev. E. Sparke, Rector, 1886.

(2) Plated, with corded edge. Diameter  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

## WANGFORD. S. DENNIS.

CUP: gilt, with tall straight sided bowl.

Inscribed underneath:—*To the Church of Dalham.*

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

Mark: only the maker's, H. G. with three pellets above, and a mullet between two pellets below, in plain shield (as in *Cripps* under 1656). Weight 23. 10. 00.

PATEN: gilt, on a foot, with a single depression.

Diameter  $5\frac{3}{8}$  inches. Marks: same as on cup.

A fine well-preserved set; date about 1680.

Nothing is known to account for the possession by this parish of plate formerly belonging to Dalham, near Newmarket. The plate now at Dalham was given to that parish about 1691-2, by Simon Patrick, Bishop of Ely, who had an estate there, and built Dalham Hall in 1705. It has the marks of 1691. It is possible that the older plate of Dalham was then given or sold to Wangford.

## WORLINGTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: with deep bowl. Height  $7\frac{3}{4}$  inches; diameter  $4\frac{1}{8}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark I. G. with a crescent below, within a heart-shaped stamp (as in *Cripps* under 1668); black letter capital M for 1669; lion passant.

PATEN: diameter  $5\frac{3}{8}$  inches. Marks: same.

FLAGON: pewter. Height  $10\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

ALMS DISH: pewter.