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**BELSTEAD S. MARY.**

CUP: Height 6 inches; diameter of bowl 4 inches; depth 3½ inches.
Marks: leopard's head; maker T.D.; small Roman i for 1824; lion passant; head of George IV.

PATENS: two, each without foot, and having I H S in centre encircled by crown of thorns. Diameter 6 inches.
Inscription:—(1) *The gift of the Parishioners of Belstead Parva,*
Peter Clark Churcharden 1817.
Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker R.E.; small Roman b for 1817; lion passant; head of George III.
Peter Clarke was buried Feb. 26, 1829, aged 76.

(2) *The gift of John Vernon, Esq* to the Parish of Belstead Parva,
Peter Clark Churchwarden, 1817.

**BENTLEY. S. MARY.**

CUPS: (1) band round centre of bowl, coat of arms under it.
Height 5½ inches; diameter 3½ inches; depth of bowl 3½ inches. No marks.
(2) Has I.H.S. with cross, nails, and crown of thorns.
Inscription:—*The gift of Margt Duke Widdow.*
Height 6 inches; diameter 3 inches; depth of bowl 3 inches.
Marks: Britannia; maker F.A.; court hand e for 1700; lion's head erased.

PATENS: (1) I.H.S. with cross, nails, and crown of thorns.
Inscription:—*The gift of Margt Duke Widdow,* with coat of arms in lozenge.
Diameter 7½ inches; foot 1½ inch.
Marks: Britannia; maker B.O.; court hand d for 1699; lion's head erased.
(2) I.H.S., &c., as on (1). Diameter 9 inches.
Marks: leopard’s head; maker E. J. B; old English capital K for 1845; lion passant; head of Victoria. At bottom: From T. & M. Shiffrer, 1856.

FLAGON: In centre of side I.H.S., with cross, nails, and crown of thorns. Inscription at base same as on Paten (1).
Height 8 inches; diameter 3 inches.
Marks: Britannia; maker B.O; court hand d for 1699; lion’s head erased.

BERGHOLT, EAST. S. MARY.

CUPS: two, with Covers.
Inscription:—The gift of Joseph Chaplin Hankey Esq 1768.
Height 8 inches; diameter 4½ inches; depth 4 inches.
Marks: leopard’s head crowned; one effaced; old English capital M for 1767; lion passant.
Covers marked as Cups.

PATENS: (1) inscription as on Cups. Diameter 10 inches.
Marks: leopard’s head crowned; maker F.W; old English capital M for 1767; lion passant.

(2) with foot. Diameter 9½ inches; height 2 inches.
Marks as on other.

FLAGON: in centre I H S with cross, nails, and crown of thorns.
Inscription as on Cups. Height 12½ inches; diameter 4 inches.
Marks: as on Cups.

ALMS DISH: in centre I H S with cross, &c. Diameter 10 inches.
Marks: leopard’s head crowned; maker W. G.; Q for 1771; lion passant.

BRANTHAM. S. MICHAEL.

CUPS: two, straight sided; engraved round centre of bowl, ornamented round base of foot. Inscription round lip of bowl:—East Barghoulte. Height 8 inches; diameter 3½ inches; depth 4½ inches.
Marks: leopard’s head crowned; maker’s mark effaced; lion passant; another illegible.

PATEN: Inscription:—Brantham 1839. Diameter 7 inches.
Marks: leopard’s head; maker V.W; old English capital C for 1838; lion passant.

ALMS DISH: on foot. Inscription:—Edward Alston B.D. Rector and Mr. John Leech and Mr. John Parker. Churchwardens of the Parish of East Bargholt in Suffolk. Anno Domini 1701.
Diameter 8 inches; height 2½ inches.
Marks: Britannia; maker W. E.; court hand D for 1699; lion’s head erased.

BURSTALL S. MARY.

CUP: short stem, has engraved band round centre of bowl.
Height 5¾ inches; diameter 3½ inches; depth of bowl 3½ inches.
Marks erased.
194 CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

PATEN : electro plated, no foot. Inscription round rim:—O Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us. Centre medallion:—Lamb with flag. Diameter 6 inches.

FLAGON : ewer shaped with lid, lip, and handle. Engraved band round lower part. Height 8¾ inches.

Marks : leopard’s head; maker L C; small old English 1 for 1866; lion passant; head of Victoria.

CAPEL. S. MARY.

CUP : a band of intermittent lines round middle of bowl; a small rose or sexfoil on the lip; T C or T G scratched on bottom.

Height 7 inches; diameter 4 inches; depth 4½ inches. No hall mark.

PATEN : also cover, much worn. Diameter 4 inches; 1½ inch deep.

ALMS DISH : pewter plate. On the bottom JACkMAN (with device above); C.P.; spread eagle, &c.

CHATTISHAM. ALL SAINTS AND S. MARGARET.

CUP : Elizabethan, broad scroll band engraved round the centre.

Height 5¾ inches; diameter 3½ inches; depth 4 inches.

Marks : battered flat.

PATEN : also cover with foot; the bottom of the foot flat, engraved with I.H.S. entwined. Diameter 3¼ inches; height 1½ inch.

Mark : leopard’s head partly effaced.


Diameter 7½ inches.

Marks : leopard’s head; maker S.H; small old English c for 1858; lion passant; head of Victoria.

Henry Strahan Dickinson, for fifty years Vicar of the parish.

FLAGONS : (1) glass, ewer shaped, mounted in silver, top, handle and band. Height 10½ inches.

Inscription:—To the glory of God In memory of John Smith who died Augt. 4th 1870; and of Sarah, his wife, who died Nov. 11th 1879.

Marks : leopard’s head; maker H. in a trefoil; small old English c for 1858; lion passant; head of Victoria.

(2) Pewter. Height 11 inches.

ALMS DISH : pewter. Diameter 9¾ inches.

Marks : C. C. four shields with different emblems on them.

CHELMONDISTON. S. ANDREW.

CUP : Inscription on bowl:—The Parish of Chelmondiston 1772.

Height 6½ inches; diameter 3½ inches; depth 3¼ inches.

Marks : leopard’s head; old English capital R for 1772; lion passant.

PATEN : without foot. On face of Paten a Lamb bearing a cross, and round: Agnus Dei Qui Tollis Peccata Mundi Miserere nobis.

Diameter 6½ inches.
Marks: leopard's head; maker I K; old English capital Q for 1851; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: ewer shaped, electro plated. Height 9½ inches.

Inscription: —Glory be to God on high.

ALMS DISH: brass; diameter 10 inches.

COPDOCK. S. PETER.

CUP: with long stem. Engraved with I. H. S., with cross and nails, encircled by crown of thorns. Height 9 inches; diameter 3 inches. Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark almost effaced; small Roman p for 1750; lion passant.

PATEN: with foot. Diameter 4 inches; height 1⅛ inch. Marks: harp crowned G. B.; the harp crowned is also on the bottom rim of the stand.

FLAGON: glass, with plated top, supplied by the Rev. J. H. Hocking, present Rector.


ERWARTON. S. MARY.

CUP: engraved a dove in glory: underneath:—This cup is most humbly dedicated to the use of the Communicants in the Parish Church, Erwarton by William Deane Esquire 1826. He died 1840. Height 6½ inches; diameter 4 inches; depth 4 inches. Marks: leopard's head; maker F D; small Roman k for 1825; lion passant; head of George IV.

PATENS: (1) I H S in centre. In old English letters round the rim:—Per mysterium sancte incarnationis tue libra nos Domine. Diameter 6½ inches. Given by Mr. Deane 1826. Marks: leopard's head; maker I K; lion passant; king's head. (2) plated, on foot. Diameter 6 inches; height 1½ inch. A cover with cross for handle.

FLAGON: plated, Queen Anne patterns. Height 13 inches. Glass Castor, with plated top and handle. Both the last given 1886, by Rev. F. Wood, Rector.

FRESTON. S. PETER.

CUP: straight sides, on a trumpet shaped stem, apparently rehammered, the bowl being soldered on to the stem. Inscription:—The parish of freston in Suffolk: 1662. Height 5 inches; diameter 3 inches; depth 2½ inches. Marks: P L with maltese cross below; date letter believed to be a court hand t for 1656; lion passant; two marks effaced. The ff of Freston has been stamped over another letter. Weight 5 oz. 14 dwt.

PATEN: plate shaped. Diameter 4½ inches. Marks: ancient, perhaps pre-Reformation, three crowns or castles, but much effaced; from a small centre hole or point, at the distance of
about an inch, two circles, one within the other are drawn, and two more near the rim. Weight 3 oz. 4 dwt.

ALMS DISH: brass, modern. Presented by Miss L. G. Dalrymple, the late Patroness of the living, who died 21st June, 1888. In centre, three letters intended for the Sacred monogram. On rim the following:
—To do good and to distribute forget not.
Diameter 13 inches; diameter at bottom 6 inches.


HARKSTEAD S. MARY.

CUP: inscribed:—Harkstead 1732.
Height 6½ inches; diameter 3½ inches; depth 3 inches.
Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker R. B.; Roman capital Q for 1731; lion passant.

Paten: electro plated. Diameter 5½ inches. Date 1867; makers Cox and Sons.

FLAGON: plated. Height 10 inches to top of cross. Date 1867.

ALMS DISH: brass. Inscription:—Bear ye one another's burdens.
Diameter 10 inches.

HIGHAM S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) height 8 inches; diameter 3½ inches; depth 4½ inches.
Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker J. B.; date letter i; lion passant; queen's head.
Donor unknown. Weight of Cup 9 oz., mentioned in Terrier.
(2) with cover, open work, unornamented, and gilt lining.
Height 8 inches; diameter 4½ inches; depth of bowl 4½ inches.
Marks: maker P. S & Co; R; crown; lion passant; queen's head.
Given by Mrs. Tripp, 1888.

Paten: diameter 9½ inches.
Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker C B.; date letter i; lion passant; queen's head.

FLAGON: height 13 inches; diameter 2½ inches.
Marks: leopard's head; maker J B; Roman capital L for 1886; lion passant; head of Victoria.
Given by Mrs. Reeve, wife of the late Rev. Abraham Charles Reeve, who died April 1889. He was "54 years Vicar of his parish 1835—1889." M.I.


HINTLESHAM S. NICHOLAS.

CUP: straight shaped bowl. Engraved bands round centre of bowl, knob of foot, and base. Height 6½ inches; diameter 3½ inches.
No marks nor inscription.

COVER: diameter 4 inches. Mark like a G with I through it.
PATEN: diameter $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Stamped with a crown and W. No chasing.

FLAGON: tankard shaped, electro plated. Height $13\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

ALMS Bason: pewter, described in the Terrier as "for the Font." Diameter 9 inches; depth $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Mark: rose between two feathers crowned, with "London" on scroll over.

HOLBROOK. ALL SAINTS.

CUPS: (1) with cover, old, but no marks. Engraved band round the bowl. Height 6 inches; diameter 4 inches; depth 4 inches.

COVER: diameter 4 inches. Mark G with I through it.

(2) (3) a pair, plated. Height $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth 4 inches.


Inscribed:—Holbrooke Dec. 25. 1853. C. P. and M. W. The initials are those of the donors, Miss Pytches and Mrs. Williams.

Marks: leopard's head; maker B B; old English: capital S for 1853; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: plated. Height 10 inches; diameter 4 inches.


HOLTON. S. MARY.

CUP: height $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter 4 inches; depth $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head; date letter half effaced; lion passant.

PATEN: also cover of cup. Diameter 5 inches.

Marks: leopard's head; lion passant.


Height $9\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter 3 inches.


Diameter 8 inches.

Marks: leopard's head not crowned; maker W. B.; query if r for 1832; lion passant; head of William IV.

RAYDON. S. MARY.

CUP: height $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches; depth $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches.

Marks: much effaced, but apparently Britannia, and lion's head.

PATENS: two, pewter. Diameter 8 inches.

Marks: crown over V; royal arms with John Horne and other marks worn.

FLAGON: pewter, bright. Height 8 inches; diameter 4 inches.

SHELLEY. ALL SAINTS.

CUP, PATEN, FLAGON: electro plated, with I. H. S. in glory.

All inscribed:—All Saints, Shelley. 1884.
CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

SHOTLEY. S. MARY.

CUPS: (1, 2) straight sides and thick base. Inscription as on Patens. Height 7 inches; diameter of bowl 3 inches; depth 3¼ inches. Marks: leopard's head; maker R.C.; lion passant; head of George II. (3) Plated, engraved band round centre of bowl. Height 5½ inches; diameter 3¾ inches; depth 3¼ inches. Mark G.

PATENS: two, with three feet 1½ inch high. Diameter 6 inches. Inscription: —The gift of the Rev'd & Hon'ble Mr Henry Aston. Rector of Shotteley. 1744. Marks: as on Cups (1, 2).

H. Aston died 1748, not buried at Shotley. Was son of first Lord Bristol, mar. dau. of Sir Thos. Aston, and took that name.

FLAGON: silver gilt. Height 10 inches; diameter 3½ inches.

ALMS DISHES: (1) diameter 8½ inches. Same marks and inscription as on Cups and Patens. (2) Pewter. Diameter 8½ inches.

SPROUTHTON. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: bands engraved round lip, centre, and bottom of bowl; also round knob of stem and on base. Inscription: —SPRUGHTON CHURCE CUPPE MADE THE X DAIE OF APRILL 1568 BI JOHN BULLE AND ROBT SAGE CHURCHE WARDENS. Cont 11¼ oz. Height 6½ inches; diameter 3½ inches; depth 4 inches; diameter of foot 4½ inches.

Cover: handsome, domed. Height 3 inches.

PATEN: Diameter with rim 9 inches.


Charles Hervey was a Prebendary of Ely, as well as Rector of Sproughton. He died at Ely 1783, and was buried at Ixworth. Bentham's Hist. of Ely Cath. 1812.


John Ranson died at Sproughton, was buried Nov. 15th 1860. It is interesting, in these days, he being a leading farmer and churchwarden, to note that he presented the silver plate, “as a thankoffering for a bountiful harvest.”

FLAGON: tankard shaped, with domed lid, and large handle, with thumb piece. Inscription at bottom: —SPROUTHTON PARISH. IN SUFFOLK 1758 Ex don: Hon: & Rev: Car: Hervey.

Height 12½ inches; diameter at top 4 inches; at bottom 7½ inches; depth inside 9½ inches.

Marks inside lid: leopard's head crowned; maker P.M.; old English B for 1757; lion passant.

ALMS DISH: at bottom: —SPROUTHTON CHURCE SUFFOLK. Diameter 11 inches; rim 2 inches.
STRATFORD. S. MARY.

CUP: inscribed on the foot:—Stratford Church Plate: Suffolk.
Height 9 inches; diameter 4½ inches; depth 5 inches.
Marks: Britannia; maker Ti (Robert Timbrell); court hand G for 1702-3; lion's head erased.

PATEN: with foot, also cover, inscription and marks as on Cup.
Diameter 7 inches; height 1½ inch.

FLAGONS: (1) tankard shaped, with domed lid, handle, and thumb piece, plated. Height 12 inches.
(2) tankard, pewter. Height 14 inches.

ALMS DISH: on feet. Inscription:—Presented to the Parish of St. Mary Stratford by Mr. William Manistre, 25th Dec. 1842.
Diameter 8 inches; height 1 inch.
Marks: leopard's head; maker I H; small Roman h for 1823; lion passant; head of George IV.

STUTTON. S. PETER.

CUP: engraved band round centre.
Height 5½ inches; diameter 3½ inches; depth 3 inches.

PATENS: (1) also Cover. Diameter 4 inches; height 3 inches.
(2) Inscription:—Presented to the Parish Church of Stutton by the Honourable Mrs. Mills 1842. Mrs. Mills died July 26, 1886.
Diameter 11 inches.

FLAGON: plated. Height 10½ inches; diameter 4 inches.
Some German marks, eagle, &c.

ALMS DISHES: metal. Inscription:—Presented to the Parish Church of Stutton by the Honourable Mrs. Mills 1842. Diameter 11 inches.
(2) Brass. Has embossed upon it the spies with bunches of grapes. Diameter 20 inches.

TATTINGSTONE. S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) round the bowl is engraved:—TATTINGSTONE.
Height 7½ inches; diameter 4½ inches; depth 4 inches.
Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker B.; court hand A for 1836; lion passant.
(2) On pedestal, knob fluted; gilt inside, I. H. S on bowl.
Inscription:—Presented to St. Mary's Church Tattlingstone by Charles Boileau Elliott M. A. F R. S. Rector 1854.
Height 9½ inches; diameter at top 4 inches; depth 3½ inches.
Marks: leopard's head; maker G. C in a square; small Roman o for 1791; lion passant; head of George III.
Rev. C. B. Elliott died July 1, 1875, and was buried in the Chancel of Tattlingstone Church.

PATENS: (1) on foot. I. H. S in centre. Inscription on the underside:—Presented to St. Mary's, Tattlingstone, by Charles Elliott Esq. 1853.
Diameter 7½ inches; height 2½ inches. Marks effaced.
Charles Elliott, Esq., was buried May 13, 1856, in the Chancel.
(2) Plain, maltese cross in centre. Diameter 6 inches.
Weight 5¼ oz. 1881.
FLAGON : metal, pint size. Height to top of the Cross 11 inches.
This Vessel has fallen to pieces, and one of glass is now used.
Makers, Messrs. Cox & Son.

WASHBROOK. S. MARY.

CUP : electro plated. I. H. S. surrounded by a crown of thorns.
Inside bottom of Cup, is the following:—Washbrook S. Mary. 1866.
D.D.D. H. T.
Supplied by Elkington of London, as were also the Flagon and Alms Dish.
The initials H. T., stands for Hales Tooke. In 1866 Washbrook Church was restored through the instrumentality of Rev. James Tooke Hales, who died on Christmas morning 1875, aged 64 years, and whose flat marble ledger tomb and cross is in the churchyard.
PATEN : electro plated. Diameter 4 inches.
Supplied by the present Vicar, Rev. J. H. Hocking.
FLAGON : electro plated. I. H. S. with cross and nails in crown of thorns. Inscription:—Washbrook St Mary 1866, d. d. d. (in old English characters) H. T. Height 12 inches.
ALMS DISHES: (1) electro plated, on foot, emblem as on Flagon.
Marks: a cross crowned; Phoenix and Sun, V & W Birmingham.

WENHAM, GREAT. S. JOHN.

CUP : inscription round centre of bowl in capitals:—"I will receive the Cup of Salvation and call upon the name of the Lord."
Inscription on bottom of Cup:—D. D. Mary Constable A D 1865
J. Keith 1 West-merland Place City Road London N.
Height 8 inches; depth inside 3 inches; diameter 4 inches.
Marks: leopard's head; maker J. K. (John Keith); small old English i for 1864; lion passant; head of Victoria.
Mary Constable died May 5, 1865, and was buried in Wenham Church Yard.
COVER: evidently belonged to a much smaller Cup than the present one. Diameter 3 inches.
Marks: leopard's head; maker R P; old English capital S for 1853; lion passant; head of Victoria. Diameter 8 inches.
FLAGON : pewter, massive. Height 11½ inches; diameter 4½ inches.
No marks nor inscription.
ALMS DISH : pewter bowl. Diameter 10½ inches; depth 2½ inches.
WENHAM, LITTLE.

CUP: engraved on bowl:----WENHAM PARVA.
Height 6 inches; diameter 3½ inches; depth of bowl 3½ inches.
Marks: leopard's head; maker a b in square punch, for Peter and
Ann Bateman; small Roman q for 1791; lion passant; head of George iii.
PATEN: a plate. Same inscription and marks as on Cup.

WHERSTEAD. S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) floriated cincture engraved round middle of bowl, reed
ornament beneath bowl, and at base of stem. Height 5½ inches;
diameter 3½ inches; depth 3 inches; weight 6¾ oz. Mark: G on lip.
(2) inscription round the middle of bowl:—Wherstead Parish Ex
Dono Georgii Drury. Height 6½ inches; diameter 3½ inches.
Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker C. G.; small Roman q for
1751; lion passant.
Mr. Drury held the benefice 1744 to 1761. No entry of his burial.
COVER: domed, much battered and cracked in flange, engraved
with floriated band. Inscription nearly erased (at top) WHEARSTED.
This piece is very solid metal, weight 2 oz. av.
PATEN: inscription beneath in cursive hand:—The gift of Ethel
Leedes, Vicar, and Mr. John Rivers to Whearsted Parish in Suffolk.
Diameter 6 inches.
Marks: leopard's head; maker K. B.; Roman capital V for 1735;
lion passant.
Rev. E. Leedes was Vicar 1718 to 1744, also Rector of S. Matthew's,
Ipswich. Buried at Wherstead, M. I. (See Vol. vii., 175.)
John Rivers was buried at Wherstead April 6, 1748. Mr. Drury
subscribes himself Curate to the entry in Register book of Rivers' burial.
FLAGON: with hinged lid surmounted by maltese cross. Engraved
on side I H S, with dagger and 3 nails. Inscribed at foot in small
capitals:—PRESENTED TO THE CHURCH OF WHERSTEAD BY MARIANNE
WIDOW OF SIR GEORGE DASHWOOD BT OF KIRTLINGTON PARK OXFORDSHIRE,
ANNO DOMINI 1864.
Height 13¾ inches; diameter at base 6½ inches; at lip 3½ inches.
Marks: leopard's head; maker G. F.; small old English i for 1864;
lion passant; head of Victoria.
ALMS DISH: diameter 10½ inches. Inscription on rim:—TO
WHERSTEAD church, and on opposite edge 1742. Engraved coat of
Arms; on a shield between ornamental device, three eagles displayed;
a mulet in centre. Leedes.
Marks: leopard's head; maker W. R. with mullet below; black
letter r (?); lion passant.
WOOLVERSTONE. S. MICHAEL.

CUPS: (1) engraved band round bowl.
Height 6 inches; diameter 3½ inches. Mark: G.
(2) Gilt. Inscription:—*Deo & in usu eccle de Woolverstone calicem ista cum Patella offerabat Alfred et Maul Rycroft, necnon Hugo, Carlotta, Henrico Aurea inceundem nati quorum ambo Ppret Deus Anno Domini M. D. CCCXL.* Mark: G.
Height 7 inches; diameter 4½ inches; depth of bowl 2½ inches.

PATEN: inscription:—"*Deo & Ecclesia de Woolverston Robt Coningsby A.M. ejusdem Rector hanc Patellam humilli D.D.D.*
Diameter 7½ inches.
Marks: Britannia; court hand B for 1697; lion's head erased.

ALMS DISH: brass.