

## CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK:

## DEANERY OF FORDHAM. (SUFFOLK PART.)

This corner of Suffolk, surrounded by Cambridgeshire, has only two old Parishes, but Exning is now divided into two, and has a Mission Church besides. There are no very important pieces of Communion Plate, but the beautiful modern examples which have been presented to Exning S. Agnes deserve special mention.

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## EXNING. S. AGNES.

This is a modern parish, formed out of the old parish of Exning in 1887, and is a suburb of Newmarket. Here are two sets of very beautiful and elaborate plate.

CUP: of Norwegian work, silver, parcel gilt; of medieval shape, with a plain bowl, sexfoiled foot, and floriated knob in the stem. The bowl may be modern; the foot has the date 1707 upon it: the stem and knob may be ancient. On the six facets of the knob are letters.

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

PATENS: a pair, very thin, silver gilt. Diameter  $5\frac{1}{4}$  inches. On the rim of each, a cross in a circle, not alike.

## SECOND SET.

CUP: wholly gilt: a very beautiful piece, of medieval shape, richly chased and jewelled: a floriated knob in the stem, and a sexfoiled foot, on which is a crucifix of silver, in high relief.

Height  $8\frac{3}{4}$  inches; diameter of bowl  $4\frac{3}{8}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark KRALL; capital Roman K in shield, for 1885; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: silver gilt; quite plain, with one depression, a cross on the rim; and the same marks. Diameter  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

ALMS DISH: a flat silver bowl; diameter  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches; with two handles, 3 inches in length, each formed of a standing figure of a saint, on a pedestal, S. Martin and S. Stephen. Round the outer edge is inscribed, in black letters:—Pray for Martin Curry who gave this to GOD for St. Agnes Church, 1891.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; KRALI; capital Roman P in shield, for 1890: C. K.; lion passant.

CRUETS: pair of glass, silver mounted.

FLOWER VASES: three silver; beaker-shaped Norwegian drinking cups. Height  $5\frac{3}{4}$  inches. They stand on three small feet, and have engraved bands, from which rings and ornaments are suspended. Inscribed:—O. O. S. T. S. D. 1728. On another S. P. S. Φ.

CRUCIFIX: a very fine silver; height 2 feet; the cross is terminated by the evangelistic symbols, and is mounted on marble.

#### EXNING. S. MARTIN.

CUP: Elizabethan. On the bowl is the usual floral band. The only mark is a fleur de lis.

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

PATENS: (1) with a foot; diameter  $5\frac{3}{8}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark R.S. in shaped shield, between two stars, as in Cripps under 1637; italic v in shield, for 1637-8; lion passant.

(2) on a foot, 2 inches high. Has IHS in rays in the centre; diameter 6 inches.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark W. E. in long square; small Roman k for 1825; lion passant; head of George IV.

FLAGON: tankard shaped. I. H. S. in rays on front.

Height 10 inches.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; small Roman letter p for 1830; maker's mark C. F. in oblong; lion passant; sovereign's head.

#### EXNING. S. PHILIP'S MISSION CHURCH.

At this building, which is within the old parish of S. Martin, the communion plate used (by permission) belongs to the neighbouring church of LANDWADE S. NICHOLAS, in *Cambridgeshire*, an ancient seat of the Cotton family, the two parishes being under one Incumbent.

CUP: a very large silver, with a plain straight-sided bowl, and hollow stem.

Height  $9\frac{1}{4}$  inches; diameter of bowl,  $5\frac{1}{8}$  inches. Inscription near the rim of the bowl:—*The Gift of the Ladie Ann Carelton (sic) to the Parish Church of Lanved (sic). Anno 1642.*

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

PATEN: diameter  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches; on a foot  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inch high. The same marks. Possibly the foot may be a later addition.

FLAGON: modern glass silver-mounted, with i h s upon it.

The lady above mentioned, as the donor of the plate to Landwade Church, was Anne, daughter of Sir Richard Houghton, Knt., of Houghton, co. Lancaster. Her first husband was Sir John Cotton, of Landwade; and in 1625 she married secondly Sir John Carleton, of Holcombe, co. Oxford, created a Baronet in 1627. She died 17 May, 1671, and was buried at Landwade.

#### NEWMARKET. S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) with tall stem and a knop in it; diameter of bowl  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Height  $7\frac{1}{4}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark I. Y. in oblong, for James Young, as in Cripps under 1775; small Roman q for 1791; lion passant; head of George III. This cup was a gift from Mrs. Neale.

(2) of medieval shape, with I H S in rays on the bowl, and a knop in the stem. A sexfoil foot, with a cross patté upon it. Height  $7\frac{1}{2}$  inches; diameter of bowl  $3\frac{3}{4}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark H. E. W. in a trefoil; capital Roman R for 1892; lion passant.

PATEN: nearly flat; diameter  $6\frac{1}{2}$  inches. In the centre is the Agnus Dei in a quatrefoil: on the rim is a band, with the Evangelistic symbols. Inscription on the back:—+ *Presented by Nellie Mary Bridge to S. Mary's Church, Newmarket, Feb. 18, 1887.*

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark T. P. in oblong; also a sun and heart within a circle; capital Roman L for 1886; lion passant; head of Victoria.

ALMS DISH: with a foot. Diameter  $8\frac{1}{2}$  inches; height  $2\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark W. E. in oblong; small Roman n for 1828; lion passant; head of George IV. Under the foot are other marks, viz.:—maker's mark H. H. in cusped oval; a small black-letter m in a circle, for 1867; and head of Victoria in a circle.

FLAGON: tankard shaped, with a cover on the lid, I. H. S. on the front. Height  $9\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark H. H. as on the alms dish; and small Roman q for 1871; lion passant; head of Victoria.

Another Cup and Paten belonging to this parish, are now used at the Workhouse Chapel: viz. :—

CUP: deep bowl, with I. H. S. in rays upon it. Height 8 inches; diameter  $3\frac{1}{4}$  inches. Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark H. H. as before; and small black letter r for 1872; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATEN: without a foot; a cross on the rim; the same marks, with a capital Roman U for 1895. Diameter  $5\frac{1}{2}$  inches.

CRUETS: a pair.

ALMS DISH: brass.