

CHURCH PLATE IN SUFFOLK.

DEANERY OF THURLLOW.

This Deanery possesses several pieces of Communion Plate of an interesting character. The chalice in use at Higham Green is no doubt partly, if not entirely, of medieval date, although of foreign make. It is a simple and beautiful specimen. Another at Lydgate, probably German, is very good, but of later character. There are Elizabethan pieces, of the usual shape, at Cowlinge, Gazeley, and Great Thurlow. The Dalham plate is a fine and interesting set, with the cipher and mitre of the well known Bishop Simon Patrick. The only armorial plate is at Ousden, where are four handsome pieces with the arms of the Moseley family, of the early part of the eighteenth century, but slightly varying in date. The kind welcome and ready assistance given by the clergy in each parish is gratefully acknowledged.

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BRADLEY GREAT: S. MARY.

CUPS: (1) plain bowl, diameter $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches; height 7 inches. Inscription on the foot:—*Grate Bradley.*

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark c^{g} in trefoil; small Roman h for 1743; lion passant.

(2) plain bowl. Height $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches; diameter $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark s^{c} ; Roman capital O for 1809; lion passant; head of George III.

(3) plated. Height $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; diameter of bowl, $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

PATENS: (1) diameter $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark A.B. in shaped shield; black letter small g for 1684; lion passant.

(2) flat; a cross on the rim. Diameter $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark J. E.; capital Roman O for 1889; lion passant.



DALHAM.

BRADLEY LITTLE. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: height $6\frac{1}{4}$ inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches. Inscription on the bowl in an oval wreath:—*L. Bradley Church E dono Franc. Dickins. Arm. 1789.*

Francis Dickens died Aug. 13, 1798. (*Gent. Mag.* 1798, 730.)

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark R.H. in cusped oval (probably Robert Hennell); Roman small o in cornered shield, for 1789; lion passant; head of George III.

PATEN: with sexfoil depression. Diameter $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Inscription on the back:—*Presented to Little Bradley Church by Eliza Ann Alston 1879.*

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; black letter small l for 1866; lion passant; head of Victoria.

COWLINGE. S. MARGARET.

CUP: Elizabethan, silver gilt, a floral band round the bowl.

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

PATEN: silver gilt Cover to Cup; diameter $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches, without a foot; two plain rings round the edge. No marks.

ALMS DISH: copper gilt; diameter 1 foot. A cross and a star in the centre. Inscription:—*Be merciful after Thy power.*

FLAGON: pewter; tankard shaped, with lid; height 1 foot. No marks.

DALHAM. S. MARY.

The Plate of this parish is a fine silver gilt set, all presented apparently by Simon Patrick, Bishop of Ely, 1691—1707, who built a house here in 1705, now the seat of the Affleck family. The somewhat older plate is now at Wangford, in Mildenhall Deanery (Vol. ix., p. 230).

CUP: height 9 inches; diameter of bowl $4\frac{3}{4}$ inches. On the bowl, a double monogram of S. P., within crossed feather ornament, surmounted by a mitre.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark I. C.; mullet below, in shaped shield; small black letter o for 1691; lion passant.

PATENS: (1) with a foot; cover to Cup; diameter $5\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Same monogram and mitre underneath the foot. The same marks.

(2) with a foot; same monogram and mitre in centre; height $1\frac{1}{2}$ inch; diameter 9 inches. (See *Illustration.*) One mark only: I. C. with mullet below, as on the Cup. The other marks near it are incomplete stamps from the same punch.

ALMS DISH: a large circular salver, on a foot, with a rim $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches wide, depressed to the depth of an inch, with raised boss in the centre, on which are the same monogram and mitre. Height $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch; diameter $15\frac{7}{8}$ inches. Same marks as on the cup.

FLAGON: tankard shaped, with lid and thumb piece. The same monogram and mitre of large size, on the front. Height 11 inches; diameter at the top $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches; at the bottom outside $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark R. M. on an arch or bracket; court hand letter R for 1712; lion passant. Possibly the Flagon was repaired and re-stamped at this date, as Bishop Patrick died in 1707. His son was resident at Dalham Hall after him.

DENHAM. S. MARY.

CUP: a silver gilt chalice of medieval shape, of Birmingham make, with boss in stem, and spreading base, much ornamented with jewels and malachite.

Marks: an anchor, the Birmingham town mark; maker's mark T. T. & Co.; black letter small b for 1876; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATENS: (1) silver gilt; without a foot; ornamental pattern on the rim. Diameter $6\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The same marks.

(2) not gilt; on three low feet. Inscription on the back:—*The Gift of the Rev. Mr. Gerard Peele Minister of Denham. Obijt 25 Oct. 1727. Ætat 54.* Diameter $6\frac{5}{8}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark G., within which is a W, in a shield; capital Roman N for 1728; lion passant.

FLAGONS: (1) plated; marks T.W. Height 11 inches: head of Victoria.

(2) Pewter.

GAZELEY. ALL SAINTS.

CUPS: (1) Elizabethan; circular band on the bowl. One mark only, a fleur de lis. Height 6 inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

(2) medieval shape, with a knop in the stem, and a sexfoil foot. Height 9 inches; diameter of bowl $4\frac{1}{4}$ inches. On the bowl is a cross in a circle. On the foot is G S in a triangle. Inscription underneath:—*Gazeley Parish. The Gift of the Rev. Wm. Cooke, M.A. Easter, 1866.*

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark I. K.; black-letter capital T. for 1854; lion passant; head of Victoria.

PATENS: (1) without a foot. Inscription on the rim:—*This Patin belongs to the Parrish of Gazly in Suffolke, 1673.*

Diameter 6 inches; mark I. N. in a heart. (See *Cripps* under 1662.)

(2) Cover to Cup, without a foot. This appears to be an old piece of 1696 made into a paten to match the cup No. 2. Diameter $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches. In the centre an "Agnus Dei," and round the rim in Lombardic capitals:—O Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Underneath, the same inscription as on cup No. 2.

Marks: Britannia; lion's head erased; maker's mark D i with pellet below, in shaped shield; court hand a for 1696.

FLAGON: tankard shaped. Inscription, Gazeley Parish.

Mark: cross keys in a shield.

ALMS DISH: of brass. Presented by Miss C. and Miss E. Justice, at Easter, 1888.

HIGHAM GREEN. S. STEPHEN.

This Parish was formerly a Hamlet of Gazeley, and was formed into a separate benefice in 1861, when the church was built.

CUP: a beautiful silver gilt chalice of medieval shape, obtained at Florence, and presented to the church with the other vessels, by H. J. Porteous Oakes, Esq., of Nowton Court. Height 7 inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. The knop in the stem has facets with small medallions in copper, representing a Bishop, Priest, and Deacon, and the Rood. This part is ancient, probably 15th century; the bowl and base may be of later date. It is not English work. No marks.

PATEN: silver gilt; $i\ h\ t$ in the centre in a foliated circle; stamped T. Keith, 41. Westmoreland Place. City Road. London; diameter $5\frac{3}{4}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark I.K.; small black letter d for 1859; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: of glass, with silver gilt mount, and a cross upon it.

ALMS DISH: of brass; $i\ h\ t$ in the centre. Inscription round the rim, ✠ *Tua sunt omnia Domine et de Tuis Dedimus Tibi*. Stamped: T. Keith, &c.

KENTFORD. S. MARY.

CUP: straight sided bowl, on baluster stem; height 6 inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark T.R., crescent above in a shield; black letter capital E for 1662; lion passant.

PATEN: without a foot; K on the back for Kentford; diameter 5 inches. No hall marks.

LYDGATE. S. MARY.

CUP: a silver gilt chalice, of late medieval shape, bought of Messrs. Lambert & Co., of London, and of foreign make, perhaps Nuremburg, of the seventeenth (?) century. The bowl is plain: the stem has a cup-shaped knop of six ribs: the foot is sex-foiled, and has a crucifixion somewhat coarsely engraved on one of its compartments. Underneath the foot is scratched ¹⁰⁻¹⁷14984.

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

Marks: the letter I in a shield: a crowned shield with perhaps a coat of arms (a bend within a border?); another obliterated.

PATEN: a flat dish without a rim or foot. Bought from Messrs. T. Lambert, Coventry St. London. Diameter 6 inches.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; black letter O for 1869; lion passant; N—1868. A.S.

ALMS DISHES: (1) brass. I H S in the centre. Inscription on the rim:—*To do good and to distribute forget not*. Diameter 12 inches.

(2) bason, pewter, $2\frac{1}{2}$ inches deep; diameter $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

(3) plate, small pewter. Diameter 4 inches.

MOULTON. S. PETER.

CUP: plain bowl on tall stem. Height 8 inches; diameter of bowl $3\frac{1}{2}$ inches. Inscription underneath the foot. *Given to the church at Moulton in the County of Suffolk by Mary Anne Sister of the Rev^d. Edmund Mortlock the Rector, 1853.* By Harvey & Co., Regent Street.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark F.F. in square; black letter capital S for 1853; lion passant; head of Victoria.

Miss Mortlock died June 5, 1853, aged 60, buried in Churchyard near East window of Chancel. M.I.

PATEN: flat; with a foot; with I. H. S. in rays in the centre; height $2\frac{1}{4}$ inches; diameter $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches; the same marks and inscription as on the Cup.

FLAGON: tankard shaped; I. H. S. on the front; height $10\frac{1}{2}$ inches; the same marks and inscription.

ALMS DISHES: a pair; diameter $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches; the same marks.

The older plate of this church was sold when the above set was given.

OUSDEN. S. PETER.

A fine set, with the arms of the Moseley family of Ousden Hall on each piece; but the marks are somewhat indistinct.

CUP: Height $7\frac{1}{4}$ inches; deep bowl; diameter $3\frac{1}{4}$ inches. In front an achievement of the arms and crest of Moseley in a "Jacobean" frame, viz:—Sable, a chevron between three mill-picks, Argent. Crest: out of a naval crown, a demi-lion rampant holding a mill-pick.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; apparently a small black letter a for 1678; or a small Roman a for 1736; lion passant. The latter corresponds best with the engraving of the arms, which however may have been an addition.

PATEN: on a foot, height $2\frac{3}{8}$ inches, in an oval frame of ornament of the Queen Anne period; the same arms and crest in the centre; diameter $8\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

Marks: Britannia; apparently court hand P for 1710; underneath is T.M.; maker's mark indistinct, perhaps L.E. with a crown above for George Lewis, as in Cripps under 1701.

ALMS DISH: a deep bason; a raised boss in the centre with the same arms, but in a "Chippendale" frame of about 1750. On the back is T.M. conjoined in italic capitals.

Diameter $9\frac{3}{8}$ inches. No Marks.

FLAGON: tankard shaped. The same arms on front in a "Jacobean" frame with scale ornament of about 1730.

Height $9\frac{3}{8}$ inches.

Marks: as on Cup, but maker's mark R.L. or A.L. with star above and below.

THURLOW GREAT. ALL SAINTS.

CUP: Elizabethan.

Height $6\frac{3}{4}$ inches; deep bowl with double band of foliage; diameter $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches; edge moulding on the foot.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; small letter black k in plain shield for 1567; lion passant; another mark defaced.

PATENS: (1). cover to Cup; with a foot and a band of foliage.

Diameter $4\frac{5}{8}$ inches.

(2) with a foot. Diameter $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches; height 2 inches.

Inscription on the foot:—*Ex dono Annabelle Wilkinson vidua. 1638.*

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark R.W. with star below, in shaped shield; court hand a for 1638; lion passant.

FLAGON: plated; ewer-shaped; i h r on the side; height 1 foot.

ALMS DISH: brass.

THURLOW, LITTLE. S. PETER.

CUP: Height $7\frac{3}{4}$ inches; deep straight-sided bowl, diameter $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches. Round it an inscription in large capitals, Little Thurlow, Suffolk. Hollow stem.

Marks: Britannia; maker's mark S. I. with an object above, in shaped shield; court hand V for 1715; lion's head erased.

PATENS: (1) with a foot. Diameter $3\frac{3}{4}$ inches; height $1\frac{1}{4}$ inch.

Marks: leopard's head crowned; maker's mark, S. I. in beaded oval; capital Roman Q for 1731; lion passant.

(2) with a foot. Diameter 8 inches; height $2\frac{1}{8}$ inches. Inscription on the back of the rim, in black-letter; Thurlow Parva. In usum Sanctæ Ecclesiæ Dicitum Deo et donatum Parochiæ; Fest. Pasch. X^{mo} Kal, Aprilis. A.D. MDCCCXLV. Θεω Δοξα.

Marks: leopard's head uncrowned; maker's mark C. T. F.; black-letter capital I for 1844; lion passant; head of Victoria.

FLAGON: Tankard shaped. I H S in rays on the front.

Same inscription underneath, and the same marks as on Paten No. 2. Height 10 inches.

A pewter plate, diameter $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

A pair of pewter Flagons, tankard shaped, with lids and handles. Height $8\frac{1}{2}$ inches.

Marks: a jug; a lion passant; a rose; and E. H. with a bird below.