

LIST OF RECTORS WITH SUNDRY DOCUMENTS
RELATING TO
CHURCH MATTERS AT BARTON MILLS.

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The task of obtaining evidences as to the names and succession of the earlier rectors of a church is always one of considerable difficulty, and the incomplete nature of those that I have been able to bring together here necessitates that the following list is rather of the tentative order as to its earlier part, and I fear incomplete even for the later period with which it attempts to deal in a somewhat more accurate fashion.

I have printed here in support of the earlier part of the list, such documents as I have been able to find in various places which refer in any way to the advowson and rectors, previous to the institution of John de Methelwold in 1334. After that date I have made use of Bishops Tanner's MSS. at Norwich, which cover the period to the date of Thos. Mallabar's institution in 1709, the Institution Books in the Record Office (1556—1828), and the Induction Books of the Archdeacon of Sudbury. The last five rectors have been supplied from parish records by the courtesy of the present Rector.

The Parish Register which generally affords some help in these matters does not exist here before the year 1663; I have, however, transcribed from the Bills Indented, in the custody of the Archdeacon of Sudbury, all those returned from this parish previously to that date; but unfortunately about one half of the Bills are missing. From those that are extant, however, very little was to be gained, as only two men sign the returns as

“minister,” namely, “Edward Burye” in 1600 and 1603, and Thomas Shellye between 1624 and 1640, and one William Bury as “curate” in 1582; and there is no mention of anyone as Rector in the marriages, baptisms and burials.

It is to be noted that according to the Hearth Tax Roll for 1670, the rectory was apparently occupied, and the hearths there paid for by a “Mr. Aucher,” but I have found no other mention of him, and Mr. Davies pays the tax of 1674.

The earlier ownership of the advowson, as will be seen, is not clear, and requires further evidence to elucidate it. We find, firstly, Henry Canevas alienating his interest in it in 1175 to Roger Caperun, who some 10 years or so later sells to the Priory at Stoke. Then in 1219 Robert de Hese seems to have been in possession, for he also alienates all his rights in the advowson to Stoke Priory in that year. Then it appears that King John had acted as patron. No doubt the fact that the Pope exercised the rights, rather obscured the question till the final suit in 1305.

The village has been known by several names, for in addition to that of Barton Mills, it has been called Little Barton, Barton juxta Mildenhale, Barton Towgryng or Towgrynd, and Barton Nova; it forms part of the Hundred of Lackford in the north western part of the county.

LIST OF RECTORS.

N.B.—The brackets denote that the succession is given in the Tanner mss.

The marks O, for obiit; and + for Resignation, are also from the Tanner mss.

Those whose names are in italics I can only show to have been presented, with some probability of having been instituted.

		Patron.
Temp. Ric. I.	Godefridus	Rex
Temp. John	Hugo de Mildenhale	Rob. de le Hese
	<i>Paganus</i>	The Pope, de facto
Temp. Hen. III.	Jacobus de Scabellis (Savelli)	The Pope, de facto
April, 1286	Reginaldus de Walton	
Presented Nov. 1304	<i>Gilbertus de Eboraco</i>	Rex
Instituted a.d. 17 Kal. Jan. 1334	Johannes de Methelwold	Prior and Con. of Stoke
3 Aug., 1349	{ Willelmus Woderoue (<i>a</i>)	Rex (<i>b</i>)
20 May, 1372	{ Johannes de Strettesete	Rex (<i>b</i>)
5 Sept., 1393	{ Bartholomaeus Colman	Rex (<i>b</i>)
29 Ap., 1450	{ Benedictus Chyrche, O. (<i>c</i>)	Dean & Coll. of Clare
15 Jan., 1493	{ Robertus Lute, O.	" "
8 Dec., 1504	{ Johannes Turner, O.	" "
9 Aug., 1519	{ Thomas Whitebed, +	" "
9 Mar., 1530	{ Willelmus Dikons, +	" "
27 July, 1565	{ Leonardus Richardson	" "
9 Apr., 1567	{ Edward Bacon	The Crown
18 June, 1586	{ Thomas Boyton	"
22 Dec., 1592	{ Humphrey Atherton	"
	{ Ralph Davenport	"
	{ Edward Bury (<i>d</i>)	"
12 Mar., 1604	{ Henry Butts	"
6 May, 1608	{ Philip Swan	"
13 Mar., 1611	{ Thomas Shelley	"
29 Nov., 1660	{ George Warren (<i>e</i>)	"
22 Apr., 1662	{ John Rhodes, O.	"
30 Nov., 1667	{ John Lillyman, +	"
24 Feb., 1669	{ James Davies, O.	"
9 May, 1709	{ Thomas Mallabar	"
5 Mar., 1732	{ Richard Loving	"
15 July, 1751	{ Joseph Davis	"

(a) Exchanged with Vicar of Wakefield, Yorks. (b) Ratione temporalium de Stoke. (c) Mentioned also as "Persona de Berton" on Assize Roll 1541, m 3. (d) Signs Bills indented as minister in 1600 and 1603. (e) Instituted by Archbishop Juxon, cf. Add. ms. 6,100, p. 161, Brit. Mus.

LIST OF RECTORS—continued.

		Patron.
26 May, 1762	Anthony Shepherd	The Crown
3 Dec., 1782	John Dove	"
13 Oct., 1815	John Fox	"
5 May, 1845	Charles Chichester, LL.B.	"
14 May, 1858	Thomas Edward Abraham, M.A.	"
6 Aug., 1863	William Buckland Lott, M.A.	"
9 May, 1895	Laurence Rayner Tuttiett, M.A.	"
11 Nov., 1898	Charles Henry Lacon, M.A.	"

The earliest document I have as yet seen relating to the advowson of this church, is a fine (*a*) of the year 1175, by which Roger Caperon becomes the owner, and which runs as follows:—

Hec est finalis concordia que facta fuit in curia Regis apud West monasterium ad scaccarium in festo S. Dyonisii proximo post concordiam factam inter Regem Anglie et Regem Scocie coram Ricardo Winton et G. Eliense episcopis et Ricardo de Luci et Reginaldo de Warren et aliis Iusticiariis Regis qui tunc ibi aderant inter R. Caperon Camerarium et Henricum Caneuz de aduocatione ecclesie de Berton unde placitabatur in curia Regis Scilicet quod idem Henricus clamavit quietum predicto R. Camerario et heredibus suis totum ius aduocationis quod dicebat se habere in prenominata ecclesia.

The next in chronological order is from the Stoke Chartulary, and by it Roger Caperun alienates the church of Barton with all its appurtenances to the Priory at Stoke. It runs thus—

Uniuersis sancte matris ecclesie filiis Rogerus Caperun salutem. Sciatis me concessisse et dedisse et hac mea carta confirmari pro animabus dominorum meorum Regis Henrici iunioris et Willelmi auunculi eius et pro animabus patris et matris mee et mea ecclesiam de Bertona cum omnibus pertinenciis suis libere honorifice et quiete in perpetuam elemosinam deo et Sancto Iohanni de Stoke et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus. Huius donacionis testes sunt Iohannes de Bertona clericus, Galfridus capellanus, Henricus clericus de Nafestocha, Petrus clericus (*b*).

The date of this must be after 1183, when King Henry junior, who had been crowned in his father's lifetime, died, and as the gift happens also to have been confirmed by Henry II. (*c*), the date of it must lie between 1183 and 1189.

(a) Harl. ms. 230, folio 176. (b) MS. Cotton, app. xxi., 157b. (c) Ibid. fol. 15.

The following deed, also from the Stoke Chartulary, is the first that gives the name of a Rector :—

Uniuersis Christi fidelibus ad quos presens scriptum peruenerit Iohannes dei gratia Noruicensis Episcopus salutem in domino Omnibus notum esse volumus nos confirmasse ecclesie Sancti Iohannis Baptiste de Stoke et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus ecclesiam de Bertune cum omnibus ad eam pertinentibus sicut carte donatorum testantur concessimus autem intuitu precationis et religionis ut post Magistri Godefridi decessum rector predicte ecclesie qui a prescriptis monachis ad eandem ecclesiam episcopo Noruicensi presentabitur iij marcās argenti eisdem monachis ad sustentationem eorum annuatim de predicta ecclesia nomine pensionis persoluat scilicet xx solidos ad synodum Pasche et xx solidos ad synodum Sancti Michaelis et ut hec nostra confirmacio perpetuam optineat firmitatem eam presenti scripto et sigilli nostri testimonio communimus saluo in omnibus et per omnia iure et auctoritate et obedientia sancte Noruicensi ecclesie debita Testibus Thoma Johanne Gaufrido Rogero Archidiaconis, Thoma Britone Magistro Lamberto (a).

This document is not easy to date exactly, but I think it must have been written between 1175 and 1214, during which period the See of Norwich was occupied by two successive Bishops of the name of John. To get any nearer the exact date we have nothing to rely on but the names of the four Archdeacons who are witnesses, and the list of Archdeacons, as given by Blomefield and Le Neve, do not seem complete. There are, however, two other deeds in the Stoke Chartulary (b) similar to this, by which John, Bishop of Norwich, confirms various grants to the Prior of Stoke, and these are dated as 1192, and are both witnessed by the two Archdeacons Geoffrey and Roger, so that it seems probable that our deed may be of about the same date. If this be the case, Godefridus would have flourished in the reign of Richard I., and must thus be the earliest Rector of whom we have any record.

The following deed, which is also from the Stoke

(a) MS. Cotton, app. xxi., fol. 42b; (b) Ibid., fol. 40 and 48.

Chartulary, would seem to belong to 1219, the date of the fine which follows:—

Sciant presentes et futuri quod ego Robertus de Hesa concessi et presenti carta mea confirmaui et penitus remisi et quietum clamaui pro salute anime mee et omnium antecessorum et heredum meorum deo et ecclesie Sancti Iohannis Baptiste de Stoke et monachis ibidem deo seruientibus omnia ius quod habui vel habere potui in aduocacione seu presentacione ecclesie de Berton iuxta Mildenhale et omnia scripta que inde a dictis monachis de Stoke habui eisdem resignaui. Ita quod nec ego nec heredes mei in perpetuum in aduocacione vel presentacione dicte ecclesie aliqua vendicare poterimus nec aliquo modo eorum presentacioni contraire et ut hec mea concessio et totius iuris remissio et quieta clamatio perpetuam obtineat firmitatem presens scriptum sigilli mei appositione roboratum dictis monachis de Stoke dedi in testimonio. Testibus H. Priore et R. Sacrista sancti Edmundi magistro Thoma de Walsingham, Iohanne de Rubroc (*a*).

In the year 1219 the advowson appears to have belonged to Robert de Hese, Lord of Barton, as he then alienates it to the Prior of Stoke by the following fine (*b*):

Hec est finalis concordia facta in curia Domini Regis apud sanctum Edmundum die martis proxima post octauas S. Trinitatis anno regni Regis Henrici filii Regis Iohannis tercio coram Gaufrido de Bakland Faukes de Breaute Radulpho Gernun Waltero de Verdun Iordano de Saukuill Symone de Insula Ricardo de Seyngler Iohanne de Wurthedestede Iusticiariis itinerantibus et aliis fidelibus domino tunc ibi presentibus Inter Priorem de Stoke petentem et Robertum de la Hese deforciantem de aduocacione ecclesie de Berton unde assisa ultime presentationis summonita fuit inter eos in eadem curia Scilicet quod idem Robertus pro salute anime sue et antecessorum e successorum suorum remisit et quietum clamauit de se et heredibus suis ipsi Priori et successoribus suis in perpetuum totum ius quod habuit in prefata aduocacione cum pertinentiis. Et pro hac quieta clamancia fine et concordia idem Prior et Conuentus eiusdem loci susceperunt eundem Robertum et omnes successores eius in omnia beneficia que fiunt in domo sua in perpetuum.

Probably of about the same date is the following, also taken from the Stoke Chartulary (*c*):—

Venerabili viro A. de Becles (*d*) Officiali Noruicensi Robertus de Hesa dominus de Berton. Nouerit discrecio vestra quod ego

(*a*) MS. Cott. App. xxi., fol. 157b. (*b*) Feet of Fines for Suffolk, 3 Henry III., No. 73.
 (*c*) MS. Cott., app. xxi., fol. 141. (*d*) Alan de Becles held this office in 1218, and became Archdeacon of Sudbury in 1224, and Chancellor.—Blomefield III.

penitus remisi et quietum clamaui Priori et monachis de Stoke totum ius quod habui et dicebam me habere in presentationem clerici mei videlicet Magistri Pagani ad ecclesiam de Bertune et inde eis cartam meam confeci coram Iusticiariis domini Regis apud Sanctum Edmndum itinerantibus et omnia scripta que a dictis monachis habui eisdem resignaui et ideo omnino presencium insinuacione vos certifico quod appellacioni et contradiccioni quas feci coram vobis in preiudicium iuris dictorum monachorum penitus renuncio unde gratiam vestram exoro deuote quatinus non obstante appellacione a mea inter posita eorum clericum benigne velitis admittere. Valet.

Among the Bodleian Charters (*a*) is a deed, by which Robert de Hese sells the manor of Barton to the Abbot of Bury, and one "Roger clericus de Barton" is a witness thereto. The date of this is uncertain; probably early in the reign of Henry III., as the purchase is confirmed by a Papal Bull from Honorius III. in 1226. I think it unlikely that, had this Roger been rector, he would have been described merely as clericus.

We now come to the suit brought by the King against the Prior of Stoke by Clare, the pleadings in which I have transcribed from the *Coram Rege* Rolls. They show that Jacobus de Scabellis (Savelli) was Rector of the Church of Barton when he was elected to the Papacy as Honorius IV. in 1285. It is improbable that he resided here, or, indeed, ever visited his distant cure in Suffolk, though, doubtless, he received some emolument therefrom. The case affords a good instance of the system of Papal Provisions, which had grown to an enormous extent during this century.

It seems that after the death of Reginald de Walton, who had been given the living by Honorius IV., the question as to whom the right of patronage belonged was one admitting of considerable doubt, for from the letter of the Abbot of Bury, who was Lord of the Manor of Barton, I gather that he also had claimed the patronage and presented Robertus de Glemesford to the rectory, but on second thoughts had withdrawn his claim. Then soon after, in November, 1304, the King presents Gilbertus

(a) Bodleian—Suffolk Charters, No. 34.

de Eboraco, and then follows the suit, at the close of which, in 1305, the King parts with his rights, whatever they may have been, to the Prior of Stoke.

Suffolcia (a).

Prior de Stoke summonitus fuit ad respondendum domino Regi de placito quod permittat ipsum Regem presentare idoneam personam ad ecclesiam de Berton iuxta Mildenhale que vacat et ad Regis spectat donacionem ut dicitur Et unde predictus Prior Regem iniuste impedit Et unde Iohannes de Cestria qui sequitur pro Rege dicit quod ad ipsum dominum Regem pertinet presentare ad ecclesiam predictam eo quod dominus Iohannes Rex, auus Regis nunc presentavit ad eandem ecclesiam quemdam Hugonem de Mildenhale clericum suum qui ad presentationem suam fuit admissus et institutus in eadem post cuius mortem ecclesia predicta modo vacat etc. Et hoc offert verificare pro domino Rege etc. Et predictus Prior venit et defendit vim et iniuriam quando etc. Et dicit quod non debet domino Regi ad istud breve suum respondere et dicit enim quod ubi dominus Rex dicit quod dominus Rex Iohannes auus suus presentavit ad predictam ecclesiam quemdam Hugonem clericum suum qui ad presentationem suam fuit admissus quod quidam Iohannes quondam Prior de Stoke predecessor suus postea tempore domini Henrici Regis patris domini Regis nunc ut verus patronus eiusdem ecclesie presentavit ad eandem ecclesiam quemdam Iacobum de Scabellis clericum suum qui ad presentationem suam fuit admissus et institutus in eadem et postea creatus est in Papam per cuius creacionem predicta ecclesia vacuit et qui quidem Papa post creacionem suam per plenitudinem potestatis sue ecclesiam illam contulit cuidam Reginaldo de Walton qui ecclesiam illam per collacionem predictam toto tempore suo tenuit et obiit persona in eadem et hoc paratus est verificare, etc. Unde cum breve istud domini Regis sit quoddam breve possessorium, et ipse Prior paratus est verificare quod predecessor suus ut predictum est post tempus Regis Iohannis de cuius presentatione dominus Rex nunc titulum suum assumit videlicet tempore domini Regis Henrici patris domini Regis nunc presentavit predictum Iacobum clericum suum qui ad presentationem suam fuit admissus et institutus in eadem etc. petit iudicium si ad breve istud teneatur respondere etc.

Et Iohannes de Cestria qui sequitur pro Rege dicit quod predictus Iohannes quondam Prior etc. non presentavit predictum Iacobum clericum suum ad predictam ecclesiam tempore Regis Henrici patris domini Regis nunc sicut predictus Prior dicit et quod ita sit petit quod inquiratur per patriam. Et predictus Prior similiter. Ideo veniat iurata coram Rege in octabis sancte Trinitatis ubicumque etc. Postea in octabis sancti Michaelis

(a) Coram Rege Roll 180, m. 56. d. in Public Record Office.

anno regni regis nunc tricesimo tercio [6 Oct., 1305] venit predictus Prior et similiter iuratores veniunt qui dicunt super sacramentum suum quod predictus Iohannes quondam Prior etc predictum Iacobum de Scabellis ad predictam ecclesiam tempore domini Regis Henrici non presentavit set idem Iacobus de Scabellis eandem ecclesiam optinuit ex collacione summi Pontificis tunc existentis cuius nomen ignorant etc. Postea eodem termino dominus Rex mandavit hic quamdam billam sigillo suo de cancellario signatam in hec verba quia Rex per finem quem Prior de Stoke iuxta Clare fecit cum ipso Rege coram Thesaurario et Baronibus suis de scaccario concessit remisit et quietam clamavit pro se et heredibus suis quantum in ipso Rege est prefato Priori aduocacionem ecclesie de Berton iuxta Mildenhale in Com. Suffolcie habendam tenendam eidem Priori et successoribus suis in perpetuum sine occasione clamio vel impedimento ipsius Regis vel heredum suorum quorum cunque. Vult idem Rex quod predictus Prior et successores sui predicti habeant et teneant aduocacionem predictam in perpetuum sicut predictum est. Teste ipso Rege apud Westmonasterium xx die octobris anno regni sui tricesimo tercio. [1305].

The two following notes are taken from the printed Calendar of Papal Registers at the Vatican. Papal Letters, Vol. I., 1198—1304.

p. 482. 10 Kal. Aug. 1285.

Provision to William de Awltona called Trenchefuyl of the Rectory of Bertone in the diocese of Norwich, formerly held by the Pope any Papal indult to the contrary notwithstanding. The Vicarage which William has in the Collegiate Church of Boseham, in the diocese of Chichester, is to be resigned, and residence at Berton is obligatory, no other benefice being held. If not, that church is void and reserved to the Pope's gift.

Concurrent mandate to the Bishop of Norwich and Master Richard, papal notary.

p. 485. 4 Id. April, St. Sabina's, 1286.

Grant to Reginald "de Walton," priest, of the Rectory of Berton Tougrid in the diocese of Norwich held by the Pope before his election, and reserved by him, and given to William de Altona, priest, of the diocese of Chichester, who took oath to reside, and was ordered to resign the vicarage which he had in the Collegiate Church of Boseham, and to hold no other.

On hearing that William died in Lombardy before taking possession of the said rectory, the Pope, at the request of Hugh, Cardinal of St. Lawrence's in Lucina, confers it on Reginald with the above conditions, the vicarage of Lidney in diocese of Hereford being resigned by him.

Robertus de Glemsford appears at least to have been presented to the living in 1304, but it seems unlikely that he was instituted, and I have not as yet found any other evidence of his connection with the place beyond that contained in the following letter, written between 1301 and 1312, from the Abbot of Bury to the Bishop of Norwich.

Reuerendo in Christo Patri domino I. dei gratia Noruicensi episcopo Thomas eiusdem dono gratie Abbas Sancti Edmundi salutem reuerenciam et honorem auditis et intellectis cartis et munimentis Prioris et Conuentus de Stoke que habent super aduocacionem ecclesie de Berton iuxta Mildenhale ac eorum iure super eadem deliberato consilio plenius considerato quia ius aduocacionis eiusdem ecclesie ad ipsos et Monasterium suum pertinere inuenimus placeat vobis ad ipsorum presentationem vestrum exsequi officium presentatione nostra de Magistro Roberto de Glemesford clerico nostro vobis facta non obstante Valeat nobis paternitas vestra per tempora longa. Datum apud Elmeswelle vii. Id. Sept. anno domini mccc. quarto (*a*).

The presentation of Gilbertus de Eboraco (*b*) by the King is enrolled on the Patent Roll—Rot. Pat., 33 Edward I., pt. 1, m. 23.

On January 16th, 1428, Thomas Barnesley, Dean of the College of Clare, with consent of the Chapter, granted the next presentation of the living to John Hartishorn (*c*), who, probably, presented Benedictus Chyrche, but his institution is not given in the Tanner MSS., though they show that Lute succeeded him.

GUILDS AND CHANTRIES.

There were two Guilds in the parish in connection with the church, one in honour of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the other in honour of St. John the Baptist, both founded in the reign of Edward III. for objects which fully appear in the following certificates.

Certificates of Guilds—Chancery, No. 396. Pub. Record Office.

Suffolk—Barton iuxta Mildenhale.

Certificatio Edmundi Gerueys custodis Gide Sancte in honore Assumpcionis beate Marie in ecclesia de Berton iuxta Mildenhale

(*a*) MS. Cott., App. xxi., fol. 107. (*b*) A man of this name appears as parson of Little Bradley in 1316, and as presented to the living of Raveningham in the Diocese of Norwich in 1325.—Rot. Pat. (*c*) Rot. Claus., 14 Henry vi. m. 1 d.

facta die lune proximo ante festum purificationis beate Marie in cancellario domini Regis anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi duo decimo (1389) ut patet in forma subsequenti.

In primis Gilda predicta fundata et continuata ex deuocione hominum ville predictae in honore Assumptionis beate Marie Virginis extitit per xx annos elapsos et amplius, scilicet quod custos Gilde predictae per confratres suos electus et confratres sui facient celebrare unam missam qualibet septimana pro fratribus et sororibus suis uiuis et defunctis.

Item inuenient v. candelas ardentem coram imagine beate Marie tam diebus dominicis quam aliis diebus festiualibus, et unum torcheum ardentem ad eleuationem corporis Christi quolibet die festo.

Item offerent in dicto die assumptionis beate Marie quilibet obolum, et conferent de bonis et catallis predictae Gilde ad emendacionem dicte ecclesie cum necesse fuerit per auisamentum predictorum confratrum et sororum.

Acetiam cum contigerit aliquem predictorum confratrum et sororum ab hoc luce decedere tunc omnes confratres sui oblabunt pro eo quilibet obolum et conferunt alium obolum predicto custodi pro anima sua distribuendum.

Item predicti fratres et sorores non habent aliquas terras vel tenementa redditus seu possessiones mortificatas nec non mortificatas pertenentes ad dictam Gildam, sed habent bona et catalla ad valenciam quatuor librarum pertinentia ad dictam Gildam.

Certificates of Guilds—Chancery, No. 397.

Suffolk—Barton iuxta Mildenhale.

Certificatio Walteri James Aldermanni et custodis Gilde Sancte in honore Sancti Iohannis Baptiste in ecclesia beate Marie de Barton iuxta Mildenhale facta die mercurii proximo post festum purificationis beate Marie in cancellario domini Regis anno regni Regis Ricardi secundi duodecimo [1389] ut patet in forma subsequenti.

In primis Gilda predicta extitit fundata et continuata ex deuocione hominum ville predictae in honore Sancti Iohannis Baptiste per sexdecem annos elapsos et amplius. Scilicet quod custos Gilde predictae et confratres sui facient celebrare unam missam qualibet septimana pro fratribus et sororibus suis uiuis ac defunctis.

Item inuenient unam candelam ardentem coram imagine sancti Iohannis Baptiste in eadem ecclesia, et unum torcheum ardentem ad eleuationem corporis Christi quolibet die festo.

Item offerent in dicto die natiuitatis sancti Iohannis Baptiste quilibet obolum, et conferent de bonis et catallis predictae Gilde

ad emendacionem dicte ecclesie cum necesse fuerit per ausamentum predictorum confratrum et sororum.

Ac etiam cum contigerit aliquem predictorum confratrum seu sororum ab hac luce decedere tunc omnes confratres et sorores sui pro eo oblabunt quilibet obolum et conferent alium obolum dicto custodi pro anima sua distribuendum.

Item predicti fratres et sorores non habent aliquas terras seu tenementa redditus vel possessiones mortificatas nec non mortificatas ad dictam Gildam pertinentes, sed habent bona et catalla ad dictam Gildam pertinentia ad valenciam quinquaginta solidorum.

The following Chantry Certificates show that there were two of these in the Church. (Edward VI. Chantry Certificates, No. 45, Sheet 16, No. 184, Pub. Record Office).

Barton Parva.

Four acres of land in Barton. Put in feoffment by Robert Wissitt and Agatha his wiffe, to thentente the profitts thereof should be employed about the finding of an obite and divers other dedes of Charitie in the Parish church of Barton for ever as by the Will of the said Robert more pleynty appeareth.

Worth yearly *iijs.* Rents resolutes—obolum,
and so remayneth clere *iijs. xid.* obolum.

Barton Parva.

3 Roods of land there. (Giver and purposes unknown.) But the profittes thereof hath been always peid to the finding of a lampe light within the parish church of Barton.

Worth yerly *vid.* Rents resolutes—nulle,
and remayneth clere *vid.*

There seems also to have been an earlier Chantry in the parish, founded by some member of the Shardelow family, of which there were a Master and Brethren, who in 1349 presented one John Spore, of Barton, to the Rectory of Thompson, in Norfolk (*a*).

Whilst writing of Church matters it pleases me to be able to give a curious instance of Church discipline at the close of the 15th century, taken from the Archiepiscopal Records of Visitations (*b*).

(*a*) Blomefield's History of Norfolk, II., 366.

(*b*) Lambeth Library—Lib. Courtney Bourghier and Morton, pars. II., 115.

Deanery of Fordham. Sabb. 11 May, 1499.

Mildenhall Church. John Vaughan, commissary.

Berton. Dominus Iohannes Turnor, Rector, non comparuit.

Dominus Iohannes Brygge, capellanus parochialis.

Thos. Jeruise

Will. Porter

Ioh. Gernet

Will. Gathercold

Inquisitores deponunt

Iohannes Dobson nominatur quod est communis fabulator in ecclesia parochiali tempore divinorum: comparuit in ecclesia parochiali de Fordham viij die Junii et fatetur articulum et iuratus est de penitentia, et iniunctum est sibi quod dominica sequente offeret j ceram post euangelium principali imagine more penitentis.

Robertus Harlowe nominatur super eodem articulo: comparuit ut supra et fatetur articulum, iuratus est de penitentia et iniuncta est sibi consimilis penitentia et certificatum est quod peregit penitentias.

I will close these notes with the inventory of Church goods taken in 1706, and now preserved in the Bishop's Registry at Norwich.

An inventory of ye goods of ye Church and endowment of ye poor of Barton Mills, given to Mr. Chancellor, of Norwich, September 11th, after ye ordinary visitation of ye Right Reverend Father in God, John, Bishop of Norwich.

In primis one surprice, one hood.

One great Bible, one Common Prayer Book.

One silver chalice, one pewter plate, two pewter flagons.

A blue silk damask carpet for ye communion table.

A linen cloth to lay over it.

A pulpit cushion of the same Damask.

A Book of Homilyes, Erasmus on ye New Testament.

Bishop Jewel's Defence of ye Church of England.

To ye poor. James Davies, ye present Rector, has about 15 years ago given to ye said poor of Barton Mills for ever fowerteen acres of Fen or Marsh ground lying in Mildenhall, specified and abuttalled in ye Register Book of ye said Church, where the clause of his will whereby ye said land is conveyed to ye said poor is registered, ye profits of which they have ever since enjoyed and are alwaies to enjoy. [*Signed*] Jas. Davies, Rector.