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INTRODUCTION

The accounts which here follow are taken from a volume now in the custody of the Vicar of Marston near Oxford. It is neatly bound in vellum, and bears on the cover the title, 'Marston Churchwarden's Accounts 1540-1610', a title which contains several mistakes. There are thirty-four leaves, most of them measuring about 11 ins. by 8 ins. The order in which they are placed seems to date from the time of the late Rev. Richard Gordon, who, when Vicar of Marston (1849-72), handed over a number of parish documents to Mr. W. H. Turner, of the Bodleian Library, for cleaning and arrangement. Turner, unfortunately, did not notice the three earliest dated entries, and made some other mistakes in the order, so I have not respected his arrangement except by noting it in the margin, but have given the text in what appears to be chronological succession. What was the original order I do not know. Clearly the accounts were begun in 1529 in a book, and in 1569 Edmund Cryche got twopence for 'making' the churchwardens' book. There is an amusing entry about a book in 1574: Richard Jewell, it seems, is to keep a book, and for his labour he is to have the bullock, or at least the free use of the bullock. But this book may have been for some other purpose than churchwardens' accounts. A number of leaves at the end of our volume are evidently loose scraps bound up together, and it does not seem that we have more than fragments of the first book. Thirteen leaves (nos. 1, 7, 8, 12, 13, 14, 20, 24, 26, 28, 31, 33, 34) have, in various forms, the common unicorn watermark; one (no. 25) has a pot of flowers.
Most of the writing is disfigured by every kind of illiteracy and untidiness. In preparing the text for the printer it has been necessary to disregard entirely the use of capitals in the original, and to correct such obvious errors as the repetition of the same word. Many words and lines are scored through, either because they were entered in error, or for some other reason. If the reason clearly is that they ought never to have been in, I have ignored the words; if it is something subsequent, for instance the cancellation of the entry of a debt when it is paid, I have printed the words and ignored the cancellation. To have done otherwise would have meant going to much expense in order to give worthless and confusing information. Where \( y \) is written for \( th \), the text gives \( th \). Abbreviations, which are few and easy, are extended, but all other words and letters supplied by me are enclosed in brackets. The dates in the centre of the page are not in the manuscript. With these exceptions the following pages give, as exactly as I can, the text of the first nineteen and a half leaves. From the remainder, which are of much less value, and from three loose leaves kept in the book, extracts are given. The work of transcribing has not been easy, and I must gratefully acknowledge the generous assistance of Dr. H. H. E. Craster, the Rev. H. E. Salter, and the Rev. F. W. Weaver both in this and in other matters. Mr. Weaver, through a misunderstanding, had himself transcribed the greater part of the volume before he heard that my transcript was in existence, and most kindly put at my disposal his transcript and notes, thus saving me from several mistakes.

When all is done there remain several passages for which I can find no explanation, and these are pointed out in footnotes. To the mistakes in the churchwardens' arithmetic I have not thus drawn attention: there appear to be such, both in addition and subtraction, but naturally they cannot be explained, and it seems best merely to point out here that they occur, and that care has been taken to make sure that the figures given in the original are correctly reproduced. In the footnotes are also given the explanations of the allusions to persons, places, things, and events: in this Introduction it
will be best not to repeat these, nor to mention points, such as may be found on almost any of these pages, which are merely curious without being historically interesting.

The historical interest of such documents as these is not, of course, very wide. In Tudor times great movements were making themselves felt in small places, and there are traces in these accounts of the fall in the value of money (1552, 1561), the problem of national defence (1548, 1558, 1561), and, of course, the various stages of the Reformation and of social legislation. But we have to do with these as they affect the officers of a village. Most of the pages deal with the affairs of the two churchwardens or churchmen, who are elected by the parish at a meeting in Easter week and hold office for a year, rendering their account at the meeting which chooses their successors. There is little to say about the conditions of their office except that, as time goes on, there is a tendency to slackness about the date of accounting (1579), and that from 1588 one of the two outgoing wardens is usually re-elected. About the men, all of whom seem to have been the local copyholding and tenant farmers, some particulars might be collected from other records. It may be remarked that not one of them has descendants of his own name in the parish now. From 1579 onwards there are also two townsmen, managing the town stock of money, overseers as they would now be called, and in 1581 there seem to be two distinct 'townsmen collectors for the poor'. The parish and the town are, however, sometimes synonymous. In 1588 and 1606 we get notices of the appointment of surveyors of the highways. From 1630 the election of a sidesman is mentioned. The other functionaries of the parish who are named are the constable, clerk, herd, woodherd, and hayward.

The part of the churchwardens' business which gives their special interest to the accounts at Marston is the secular part. The parish was unenclosed, and they seem to have looked after some of the common agricultural concerns. Twice they pay for digging in the 'common plat' at Brook Bridge. They keep in repair the village pound, Brook Bridge, and the bridge at Glasier's Ford; they make and repair the gate at the town's
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end (1551–2). They give trifling payments of ‘earnest’ to the herd, woodherd, and hayward. It is a wet country now, and it was probably wetter then, so the churchwardens did a good deal of scouring of ditches. From the entries relating to ditching it appears that they sometimes undertook it as a public work concerning the whole community. They undertake it at Marsh Ditch (1550) and at Pangsmore (which may be Peasemore Piece, the bit of rough ground towards Headington), the Milne Close, and between Glasier’s Close and Ewen’s Ditch. In the same way they look after hedges. At the Sowmore End, one end or other of the lot meadow along the Cherwell below where the ferry now is, they hedge four perches in 1563 at sixpence the perch. The Cowleas or Cow Pasture was an enclosure of 45 acres, probably used for common pasture. It lay along the left side of the Oxford road for about a quarter of a mile, going north from the point where it crosses the brook, which made the road, until lately, liable to flood. The churchwardens pay to have thistles mown in the Cowleas, make a watering-place there, put up a gate there (all in 1563), and repeatedly attend to the hedge. Once, in 1557, it is mentioned that the hedge is that between the Cowleas and the Horse Leas, which lay to the west. The expenditure on the Cowleas, together with the entries about the new hedge (1552), and about a hedge and a stile at the New Leas (1557), suggest that piecemeal enclosure may have been going on. Whether this was so or not, the churchwardens seem to have been acting in this for the village as an agricultural community. Unfortunately, the known Court Rolls of the manor of Headington, of which Marston is a hamlet, do not begin till the eighteenth century, so that materials are lacking to show how their functions fitted in with those of manorial authorities. There is an interesting entry of 1563, where the wardens pay a shilling towards some digging at the Millpound, this payment being ‘over and above that R. Jowill gathered’. Perhaps he had raised a voluntary subscription for this work.

Another payment for the common concern is 22d. to Kate Hore for ‘keeping of beast out of the pulse field’ (1559).
There is not much about beasts belonging to the churchwardens themselves. One bullock has already been noticed. 'Beasts' are mentioned in 1548 and 1561; in the former year as kept in Northmoor Mead, the next stretch of meadow higher up the river than Sowmore. Two payments of 5s. and one of 10s. are made for wintering of the bull (1548, 1551, ? 1556), and once he is sold for 20s. (1552). From the next year onwards are entries about a brand-iron, most likely for branding cattle. Here, of course, the churchwardens appear not as discharging certain functions for the village as an economic whole, but as farming on their own account; indeed, it is not possible to be sure where the one part of their work ends and the other begins. The brand-iron may have been for everybody's cattle; the Cowleas may have been only for their own, and the pulse field may have been one of their own closes. The entries about these closes are amongst the most interesting in the book.

At first sight it looks as if the churchwardens were considerable landowners; but when the payments of rent for their lands are analysed, it becomes clear that they owned probably only five small closes, four considerable pieces of green roadway, and one or two minor patches of it. By what bequests or other means they acquired their few fields I do not know, nor what became of them. By 1843, when the Tithe Award was made, they retained one orchard near the church, on which the school now stands, but nothing more. The green roads they presumably never owned, but managed simply as parts of the common. In the second volume of the Churchwardens' Accounts are similar entries from 1669 to 1716, but with such different names for the closes, of which the number is also different, that it is impossible to say what losses or acquisitions there had been. Several of the pieces with which we are at present concerned can, however, be identified, partly from the muniments of Brasenose College, and partly from the two beautiful maps of the northern and southern parts of the parish, dated 1605, and made for Corpus Christi College, Oxford, which has owned land there since early in the sixteenth century. By the courtesy of the
President and Fellows of that college I have been permitted to have these maps photographed, and I have dealt elsewhere with their general contribution to the agricultural history of the parish. From these sources the list of the churchwardens' lands appears to be:

(1) The Bull Acres. There were two of these, though in the earliest entry of them only one appears. Sometimes the rent for both is entered together; sometimes each is accounted for separately, and when this happens the rents are equal, so that the two must have been about equal in size.

(2) The Town Closes. These are probably the same as the Church Closes, which nowhere appear in the same account with them. In one year (?)1556 'the Close' and 'another close' are named, perhaps the same again. In 1552 the Town Closes are let for two years, but the Town Close at the Church House seems to be let in addition to them, so that there may be altogether three closes concerned. The Church House appears separately as an item of expenditure four times between 1529 and 1553; rent is received for it four times between 1532 and 1563.

(3) The High Ditch. This seems from the rents to have been larger than the quite small closes mentioned above. In 1583 it is let for six years at a nominal rent, and in 1591 a new tenant is admitted. In 1565 Wash Weir is let with it.

(4) The Green Way. There are nowadays several green ways in the parish, and there were more in the sixteenth century. This Green Way par excellence seems to be that marked on the Corpus map by this name, and running from Mill Lane at right angles towards the river Cherwell, from which it is cut off by Normoor Lot Mead. On its left it has, at the end away from the lane, Alesworth Furlong. The lie of the ground is such that there must almost certainly have been a steeply sloping strip of pasture between the arable and the meadow to right and left of the end of the Green Way, as indeed the map seems to show. In two years (1563 or 1564, and 1565) the Green Way Hade is named separately, and in 1548 the way at Alesworth. In 1583 the tenant of High Ditch gets the Green Way 'to his bargain'.
(5) The Wash Way. This was a short and narrow strip at right angles to the river, a little south of the present ferry. In 1579 it is let along with the Sydlinge, which I cannot identify, and in 1561 with the Stew Way.

(6) This Stew Way I cannot find. In 1557 it is let along with the weir at Wash Weir, which has already been mentioned. Probably this was a weir in the Cherwell near the Wash Way, and the word ‘Stew’ suggests the fishery.

(7) The Oxford highway by the Cowleas hedge. There is still rough grazing here on both sides of the modern hard road, and the ditches are from ten to twenty yards apart, so that the area is over an acre. This is most likely the same as the way ‘next’ or ‘by’ the Cowleas of 1561 and 1563 or 1564, though another road ran round the northern side of the Cowleas. The way at Brook Bridge and the highway to Brook Bridge are probably the same, though I am not quite sure whether Brook Bridge is the footbridge here or the bridge over the Bayswater or Wash Brook on the Elsfield road. The piece of common adjoining Stockleas, let in 1588, is probably the same again, for Stockleas lies on the opposite side of the road from the Cowleas, partly facing it and partly nearer the village.

In 1578 and 1579 the Town Ground appears; but this must pretty clearly be merely another name for one of the pieces already mentioned. Another source of revenue was the town water, the common waters, or simply the water. This must mean the fishery in the Cherwell, or in part of it, and is very likely the same as the Common Lake mentioned in a Brasenose terrier of about 1700 (no. 97 in Hurst’s Calendar), and Marston Lake of a Magdalen agreement of 1551 (Register of Magdalen College, ed. Macray, New Series, ii. 27), which was apparently the backwater or ditch which runs north from close above the ferry, ‘lake’ being a usual name in these parts for such a backwater. By 1716, the last date for which I have seen an entry of it, the rent of the water had risen to 10s. All the rents, of course, rose with the fall in the value of money, but most of them fluctuate in a way which suggests that they were bargained for at the vestry meetings.
Turning to the ecclesiastical matters, we may notice first of all a few entries relating to the fabric of the church. The date of the south porch in its present state is fixed at 1562. In 1529 a new Lady altar or altar-slab is provided, and there are repairs to the Lady ‘yeyld’. This is probably the south aisle, and the heavy bill of 1562 for repairs to the church probably includes some alterations in this, since most of the external details seem to be near in date to the porch. The pulpit of 1548 is not that now in use, which seems to be distinctly later. Mr. F. E. Howard very kindly tells me: ‘I should guess that 1630 is not far wrong, but it is pure guesswork.’ The inventories of church goods given with the accounts should be read in connexion with those of Edward VI’s visitations printed in the first volume of the Oxfordshire Record Society, and with the articles mentioned in the fragmentary accounts for the reign of Henry VIII. There has been some controversy about the length of time during which the church has possessed the beautiful medieval drinking-cup now used as a chalice. These inventories will supply a partial answer, but there is no means of telling for certain to what vessels they refer. In 1560 there is a chalice with paten and a church cup of silver, called in 1569 the town cup. In a later, undated, inventory these are called two town cups; in 1572 the chalice is distinguished from the cup of silver. From 1577 there is only a cup for the communion, with its cover. It looks, therefore, as if the present cup was in the possession of the parish about 1560, and the old chalice had gone between 1572 and 1577. The other purchases and sales of books, ornaments, and fittings are such as would be expected. In 1551 there is a table for the communion; in 1557 an altar, and so on.

In 1546 there are two church-ales, one at Hock-tide and one at Whitsuntide; in the following year, as in 1529, only the latter seems to have been held. From 1552 the young men’s ale appears besides the Whitsuntide church-ale. There are one or two intra-mural burials, and a solitary gift of alms (1550), and once there are minstrels who play at Whitsuntide.

1 But see p. 24, n. 3.
(p. 27). In 1559 two small bequests are mentioned, though two years later the executors were refusing to pay one of them; in 1572 and 1594 there are others. In 1560 the churchwardens lend Philip Perne seven shillings, and he pays it back. It remains only to say that some things are not here for which it would be natural to look, and that the absence of anything from the accounts cannot be thought to prove that it did not happen or exist.

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1529

In nomine dei amen [this boke] whas [begun in the time of Thomas] Fylldar of the fryyrs prechers of Oxford beyn[g rector 1 of Marston] and churchemen that same yere are chosyn [John Fysh the holder and John] Follye the whyche boke ys ordenyd for the a[ccompts of the] chyrche of Mayston mayd by these forsay[d churchemen the yere] of your Lord 1529 1529 1529 die dominico...

John Fyshe the yelder and Jhon Fowllys chyrchem[en]
Item f[or] gyldyng and for a tabll unto your Lady
" unto the plummo[r] for reparyn[g] of Seynt Leo[nard]
Payd by the hands off Johon Fyshe the holder...
Item for the vysytation payd off the sayd Johon Fysche...
" off the said Johon Fysche for lokys for nayles to the chyrche...
" Johon Fysche... monys...... and......
" for the reparyn[ng o]f owr Lady yeyld xviij. iiiijd.
Off the wyche mony [John Follye] payd xjs. and viijd. and
Jhon Fishe the held[er] payd vjs. and viijd.
Item Jhon Fysche payed......... acion xjd.
" Jhon Fysch[he] for .............. vjd.
" Jhon Fysche payd for the holy .... xviijd.
" Johon Fysche payd for panyng of the chapyll dower vjd.
" for the church house w[?] h[as to Colys] iijs. vijd.

1 A parallel to the holding of the rectory by a friar is found at Nuneham, where one of the Friars Minor was incumbent in 1526 (A Subsidy of 1526, ed. Salter, Oxford Hist. Soc., p. 252).
Item for carryng off iij lod off stone . xiiijd.
" for the ston to Rechman . viijd.
" payd to the carpynter . iiiijd.
" for the [ ] off . . . . viijd.
" payd Wyllyam Scheveden .
" payd . . . . . . . . .. .
SUMMA vjli. ixs. vijd.

26 March 1529
Thomas Fylldar ordinis predicatorem et Rector de Marston 1529
Memorandum that there whas delyvryd unto the hands of wold Jhon Fyshe and [Jhon] Fowlyye chyrchemen by the hands of Thomas Juell and Wyllyam P[arne the] yonger upon Gud Frydae the yere of your Lord 1529 of the churche stok of Mayston vii. xviij. iiiijd.

Item for the ale xs.
" off Richard Harwell ijs.
SUMMA vjl. xs. iiiijd.

1531
Dominus Joannes Bonfessor Rector de Marston Anno 1531

fo. 8 v.

1532
... rch waytyr ijs. viijd.
... the church med ijs.
... a yere rentt of the church howse viijs. iiiijd.
... xijd.
... viijd.

... a cownt clere for halthyngys that was betwixt the sayd Harrye
... the ...... the sayd Harry howith clere ijs.

3 April 1533
[churc]wardyngs Nicholas Hore and Thomas Harme yere off our Lord God mdxxxiiij the 3 day off Aprill
Nicolas Hore xvjd.
Thomas Jewell .
Item of Sthyffyn Symht .
" off Wyllyam ........

Item fo[r] . . .. ijd.

1 John Bonefessor, supp. for B.A. 9 March 1525/6, adm. 26 June, disp. 18 January 1526/7 (Reg. Univ. Oxon., ed. Boase, i. 143).
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Item for the sumner
" for ij hallyloffs
" for the [h]urch huss
" for wytelether
" for the charhevynter
" for the standardes
" for belropes
" for the locke
" for the fisitacyon
" for [the] hallywaterpotte
" for the bokes
" for the bokes
The Sum xxiijs. xd.

[In the yere of] howr Lord God 153 (sic) chowchwardynis
[Thomas Jowyl the . . .]yr and Wylliam Parne the yongyr
plumer vs. viijd.
Wylliam Parn laid out the plumbar  iiijs. viijd. and xxiijd.
Item Thomas Jowyl   iiijs. viijd. and iijs. jd. ob. vid.

? 1539
Memorandum that in the yere of owr Lorde God 153 . . .
John B[ue and William Smith] resavyd of the olde cheyrch
men  vijs. viijd.
Memorandum Richard Herwell and Henry Nycoll hath
ressavid of the c[urch stock] in the yere a for sayd
  iijs. iiiijd.
Memorandum Thomas Juell oyth to the church of Marston
and church wardens  xiiijs.

26 March 1540
Memorandum a cownt made the Good Freydey the er of our
God A m ccccc and fortty by Wylylym Smyth and
[John] Bue [c]urch wardens all things payd and
a[cowntyd] and clerly remaynyth in the church  vs.

? 1541
Item Richard Howr and John Harper church wardens have
received of the church stok the same day  vs. fo. 3 r.
For detts owed t[o the] church Rychard Hore and John
Harper beyng wardyngs
Item Thomas Yuell oweth to the church  vs.
" Rychard Hore  vjs. iiiijd.

1 This reading is doubtful.  2 Banners.
Item Rychard Harwell
,, Harry Nycholl for the sepulcre lyght
,, Rychard Harwell
,, Wylylyam Paren
,, Johan Colly
,, Phylyp Fysh
,, Johan Bue
,, Harry Hall
,, Phylyp Hore
,, Phylyp Hore
,, John Colly
,, Harry Hall
,, Wylylyam Gybys oweth to the church
,, Phylyp Fys and John Harper reseyed of Rychard Harwell and Thomas Nycholes for the sepulcre lyght
,, John Bue and John Harpare have reseyed of Phylyp Fyshe
Jhon Harper for the sepulcre lyght

[In the right margin:] Yt ys to be remembryd that I Wylylyam Pern have payd xilijs. viijd. and . . . iiijs. of the lyght Wylylyam and John Chyl . . . Rychard Hor[e] Phylyp Fysh Wylylyam Gyb[y][s] and ytt ys also [to be] remembryd that I Wylylyam Pern o[we] nothyng for my brother but all ys payd anno 154 . the xxiiiij day of February wy[tt]nes as abov[e] sayd.

fo. 3 v. 1541
[Thomas Juel and Wylyya[m Gyby[s churchmen receyed of Rychard [Hore and Jh]on Harper
[Thom]as Juell hath receyed
[Wyllm Gybys hath receyed
iiijs. viijd.
iiijs. viijd. ob.
Wylylyam Peryn and Rychard Harwell hath receyed of Thomas Juel and of Wylylyam [G]yby[s churchmen before
ijs.
Rychard Harwell hath receved of Wylylyam Fys

fo. 4 r. 1543
[th]e yere of ou[r Lord 1543] cherche wardeyns, ij Phylype Fyshe
Memorandum to reseyve of Rycharde Harrwell viijd. on mydsomer [day] . . .
Item of Wylliam Pa[rne]

14 April 1544
The cownte made the Monday in Ester weke anno domini
1544 and there was made chyrche wardeyns Rychard Vyn and Tomas Jewell the which Rychard Vyn hath deliveryd to Richard Hore one of the churche men xiijs. viijd.
Also Wylliam Gybbs the other of the churche men hath receyvd of the sayed Thomas Yuwell iijs. ijd.

18 April 1545
Thys cownte was made anno domini 1545 and the xvij daye of Aprell

8 April 1547
Memorandum that Philip Fyshe and John Bewe the viij th daye of Aprill in the first daye (sic) of Edward the First (sic) made theire acompt as folowyth
First thei receyvid in the churchbox in the yere before ... Item the encrestid the said yere at theire Hock ale xis. vd. at theire Wistondays ale thei encrestid xxvis. Laidout for belropes and nayles1 ijs.
Item for making of the pound dore vjd.
" for a happs and iij staples for the pound dore ijd.
" for washing of the church clothes jd.
" laidout per John Bewe for making of the church standers iijs. iiijd.
" for iij bellropes xixd.
" for the exchange of iij cruette iiijd.
" for a alye loff jd. ob.
" for mending of the pyx iiijd.
" for mending of the seats ijs. viijd.
" for washing of the church clothes jd.
" for making of the church walls and scoring of the pyxe viijd.
Summa viijs. xijd.2
So apperith that thei brought in the said and made a clere fo. 51. acompt of all things xxixs. viijd.
Memorandum the made theire acompt also for these things following which thei receyvid to the townes use
For the Bull Acre iijs. viijd.
Item for a shepe receyvid at Madelins Colledg3 iijs. viijd.

1 In the margin, between this and the next entry: ‘per Philip Fyshe’—which applies to these entries and the next two.
2 Total of Bewe's outlay.
3 This entry, like those which follow it more or less regularly until the gap in the accounts early in the next century, refers to the carrying out of an agreement of 1520 (Magdalen College Deeds, Headington 32 A, Extract from Headington Court Rolls), by which, as part of the consideration for the surrender of their rights of common in the King's Mill Closes
Item for a bussshell of malt receyvid there also viijd. 
" for the towne close xijd. 
" for the Hye Dyche ijs. iiiijd. 
Summa xiijs. iiijd.

which thei laydout as apperith
So the be clere and mete for all things and delivered to the new churchwardens xxixs. iiijd.

fo. 5 v. 30 March 1548
Memorandum that William Perne and Richard Harwell churchwardens made their account the xxxth daye of Marche in the second yere of Edward the Sixt and the forsaid stock of xxixs. iiijd. and all such encrease as was made the forsaid yere was bestowed upon the church and other necessaryes as apperyth at that tyme saving xs. iiijd.
The same daye Ed[mun]d Cryche and Henry Nicoll were chosen churchwardens and than was delivered to them in the boxe xls.
Laidout by them that yere following being the second of Edward the Sixt as folowyth
First for keeping the beast in Northemore Mede ijs. vd.
Item for skoring the diche at Pangsmore xvjd. 
" for nayles ijd. 
" for a payre of harnes ixs. 
" for wintering of the bull xs. 
" layout to the joyner for making of the pulpitt and mending of scytes 1 bells and pullys vs. xd. 
" expenses at Oxford at the kyngs visitason viijd. 
" for making an enventory of the churche goods 2 iiijd. 
" allowid to divers men of the towne for going to Thame and Oxford in the townes busenes ijs. viijd.
Summa xxxijs. iiijd.

Receyvid the said yere
First in the boxe xls.

by the other tenants of the manor, the college covenanted to pay annually to Headington and Marston churches one of the best sheep or 3s. 4d. and a bushel of malt or 10d. For the other payments in connexion with this purchase of common rights see ibid., 1a–12a, and for the payment to the Marston churchwardens ('edilibus') in 1534, Magdalen College Register, New Series, ed. Macray, ii. 12. It looks as if the sheep and the malt were no longer wanted when there were no more church ales. 
1 Sheets; but 'seyles' may be the true reading.
2 This inventory was made for the bishop's survey of the goods of parish churches ordered in commissions of 1547, which also explains the preceding and following entries. It has not been printed.
Item the gaynes of one ale at Witsontide

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Summa iiijl. iiijs.  
Laid out as apperith before  
So remaynith in theire hands  

xxxiijs. iiijs.  
lijs. viijd.  

2 May 1549  

Memorandum the second daye [of May] in the thirde yere of Edward the Sixt the said Edmund Cryche and Henry Nicoll made theire accompte as apperyth before wryten and than and there was the said Edmund and Thomas Cocks chosen new churchwardens and receyvid the said somme of lijs. viijd. in the boxe  

4 April 1550  

Accompte 1 made by Edmund Cryche and Thomas Coxe churchwardens the iiiijth daye of April in the iiiijth yere of Edward the Sixt  

Laydout thys present yere as folowyth  
for a boke of new service 2  
Item for skoring of the Mershe Dyche  

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1 In margin: ‘iiiij E[dw]ard si[xt]’.
2 The first Prayer Book of Edward VI.
3 Crest or ridge tiles.
4 Perhaps the occasion when the new Prayer Book was bought.
Recyvd the [said yere]

First in the boxe

Item the gaynes of the ale at Witsontide receyving but half
the corne of John Perne for thuess of the Bull Acre xixs.

" of Philip Hoore for the grene waye betwene the filds
and at Alesworth ijs.

Sum receyvid iiijli. xvijs. viijd.

So remainith in our hande ixs. viijd.

Receyvid of John Fishe for the Bull Acre ijs.

Item of William Perne x.

Laidout for skorin of the broke xvjd.

Item for mending of the Byble and for a newe Salter iiijs.

" aske allowans for skorin iij hads in Marshe Dyche

So remaynithe in our hands xvs. ixd.

at the same accompl was allowyd to certen men for skoring
at Marshe Dyche and so remayned in the boxe xijjs. xijd.

27 March 1551

Accompt made by Philip Fyshe and Richard Hoore churchwardens the xxvijth daye of Marche in the vth yere of Edward the Syxt

First laydout for iij bellropes iiijjs.

Item for a table for the comunyon vs.

" for making of a dyche by the Milneclose viijd.

" for holy oyle iiijd. Summa xxs. xjd.

" for mending of the surples iijd.

" for registre for the byble jd.

" for whashing of the churche of clothes iiijd.

" expenses at Oxford in going to the visitacion viijd.

" paid toe the plummer for mending of the leads viijjs. vjd.

Summa xxs. xjd.

Item paid to him for sawder xiiijd.

" for his borde vjd.

" for making of the pound dore xvjd.

" for making of a grate iiijjs.

Summa xxvjs. vijd.

Item for making of a yate at the townes end vs.

" for oyle iiijd.

" for wintering of the bull vs.

Receyvid at the townes ale xxis.

1 A hade is a strip of land left unploughed as a boundary line and means of access between two ploughed portions (New Eng. Dict.).
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15 May 1552

Accompt

First for digging of the High Dyche in part

Item for felling of thornes for High Diche

for the thornes

for hedging of High Diche

for digging for the nue hedge

of ij belrope and balrykes

laidout for the carrage of the Kings whayte

paid to the diger of the High Diche

for gathering of [th]e setts

for glasing of the church wyndowes

for of the Lady yle

for mending of the church walls

for a lowde of thornes

for falling of a lowd of thornes

for hedging in the med

for mending the yate at townes end

for the post

paid to the herds

for a belrope

for washing of the church clothes

alowyd to him for the fall of the coyne

paid the church house rent

Receyvid at the townes ale

Item for ij shepe and malte of Maudeleyn Colledge

for a nother shepe and one bushell of malt of the said Colledge

for one Buile Acr

for the Grene Waye

for the townes closes for ij yeres

remanyth in Fyshers hand

for one Bull Acre

for High Dyche

for Wassh Waye

for the towneclose at the churchhouse

for a bull solde to Hoore and Jowell

And so remaynith in thands the said daye theire hands xlviijs.ijd.

Item the same tyme was mad churchemen Richard Jowell and Roger Bew and theire was delivered to their hands the said some of xlviijs.ijd.

1 I do not know what the king's wheat may have been.

C
Item than was delivered to them at the same tyme which was made by the yong men
Summa lviijs. iijd.

23 April 1553

[Accompt made by] Richard Jowel and [Roger Bew] churchwardens the xxiiijd daye of Aprill the sevynth yere of Edward the Sixt

First for the gaynes of the church ale
Item of Magdalen College for a shepe and malte iiijs. viijd.

for one B[ull]l Acre of . . . vs.

of Roger Bew for [the other Bull]l Acre iijs.

for the Hygh Dyche of Richard Jowell vs.

for Wasshe Waye viijd.

for the Grene Waye iijs.

for the Towen Close ijs. iiiijd.

for the youngmans ale vs. iiiijd.

Summa xlvijs. iiiijd.

Leate out as folowth

First the expensis goyng to Thame to the commissioner viijd.

Item a geyn att Oxfford beffore them ijd.

for mayken of the inventore 1 ijs.

for a houke for the towen yate vd.

for tow belropes ijs. viijd.

for the mendyng of the church wall ijd.

for the communion booke 2 vs.

delyvered for bread and wyne xiiijd. ob.

[Item for t]he rentt of the churche housse vjd.

fo. 11 v. Item the wod’herde

the mendyng of the brand iron 3 ijs. iiiijd.

bred and wyne in the twelwe dayes 4 iijs. iiiijd.

for bred [to] Thomas Clarke ijd.

for thre boardes ijs.

for [ . . . hun]dred nayles to mende the . . . xijd.

for the paraphrases of Erasmus 5 vjs. viijd.

payde to Roger Bew for is expensis to . . . xd.

bred and wyne xijd.

pay[ed] ........ en for mending of stocks and thorne xd.

1 The text of this Inventory, dated 3 October, 6 Edward VI, is given in Chantry Certificates and Inventories of Church Goods, ed. by Miss R. Graham (Oxfordshire Record Soc.), p. 70.

2 The second Prayer Book of Edward VI.

3 Presumably for branding cattle, but what cattle does not appear.

4 After Christmas.

5 An Injunction of 1547 had ordered the setting-up of this book in churches (Wilkins, Concilia, iv. 4).
Item paid to Cocks Nycols and Gibbes
   " for tow lockes and tow keyes mending
   " paid to the herde
   " the wode herde
   Summa xxxiiij. viijd. ob.

So apperith dew to the churche
Item Receyvid in the boxe as apperyth in the last accompt
   lvijs. iijd. ob.

So apperith in the hands
   iijds. ixs. xijd. ob.

The same daye was Richard Jowell and Philip Pue chosen churchwardens and to them the same some was delivered
Memorandum that ij yeres accompt was [lost]1

? 1556

First it [apperith that he receyvid at] his entre no[thinge]
Item he made of the churc[he] ale at Witson[etid]e
   xxs.
   " for a shepe and malte receyvid of M[agdalen]
College
   vjs. viijd.
   " for [H]igh Dyche
   xxd.
   " for the Grene Wave
   iijds.
   " for the Bull Acres
   iijds. viijd.
   " of John B[ew] for the close
   xvjd.
   " of Richard H[ore] f[or] a nother [c]lose
   xxxixs. iijd.

Memorandum that then the accompt was not made no
further.2
Memorandum that he layd out as apperyth by bill
   xxxs. vd.
Item alowid to him for wyntering of the bull
   vs.
   " for digging and carrage of erthe
   vjd.

So remaynith in his hand
   ijs. vjd.

Item at the same tyme Harper owyth to the churche
   iijs. viijd.
   " Wilmot
   xxijd.
   " John Ewen brought in for the yongmens ale which he
made this yere
   iijjs. iiijd.

the same daye was made churchmen Richard Ewen and
John Parne and there was delivered to them
   vijs. xd.

1557

[Richard Ewen and John] Parne churchwardens . . . of . . . in
the third and iiiijth of [Ph]illi[p] and Mary
First the receyvid and made of the churc[he] over all
   charges
   xvijs.
Item for a [s]hepe [and malte of] Magdaleyn Colledge
   vijs. vjd.
   receyvid [off] the [youngmen] for the ale
   iijjs. iiijd.

1 This explains the absence of any accounts 'made' in 1554 and 1555.
2 The Inventory of 17 May, 7 Edward VI (1553), is printed in Chantry
Certificates, p. 131.

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Item for waxe iiijd.
" receyvid . . . the church . . vijs. xd.
" for the churche closes ijs. iiijd.
" for a [o]wde of Ewen ijs.

Summa xliis. iiijd.

Laid [o] ut . . . . . . for making of an author and for leddyng of the churche and other necessaryes as apperith by a bill examyned before all the prisshe xliijs. iiijd.

Sum the church owyth to the churchmen xxiiijd.

Item upon a reckoning made with Edmond Cryche for pay-
ment of wood xxjs. to Jeffrey and other things as than aperid it apperith that the church owyth to the said Edmond xjs. vjd.

Memorandum that the said Edmond hath one houk and a thymble\(^1\) in his hande

Item it apperith that the towne owyd to Flynt and Payne for digyng of the High Diche xijd.
" to John Bew for felling of thornes xvjd.

The same tyme was chosen churchmen Edmond Cryche and Thomas Cocks and receyved nothing but was in dett as before apperith

Receyvid by Edmond Cryche for ij bussheles et di. vijs. vjd.
Receyvid by Cocks for half a quarter of malte solde by him being parte of the malt that was gyven at Witsone-

Summa xxs. ijd.

Receyvid by Cryche. Memorandum that the last church ale churchmen had half a quarter of malt and certen whayt over the stunt that we had\(^3\)

Item for a bushell of malt at Magdalen Colledge ijs. vjd.
" for a shepe there vijs.
" made of the churche ale all charge deducted viijs. iiiijd.
" for half a bushell of malt xvijd.
" for the Grene Wayne xvjd.
" of John Perne for the Stewwaye and the were at Wesh-were ijs.
" of Alen for a lande of corne ijs.
" for bothe the Bull Acres iiijs. vjd.\(^3\)
Laydout first Flint for makyng of thedge in the New Leyes and a stile ijd.

\(^1\) The ring or socket in the heel of a gate which turns on the pin of the gate-post (New Eng. Dict., s.v.). 
\(^2\) In margin.
\(^3\) In margin: ‘Sum of Cocks receyptis’. The words are followed by groups of dots for doing the addition sum.
Laydout by Cryche

It paid to him and to Paynes wyf the debt abovewryten ijd.
Item alowyd to my self for my debt and laying out as below aperith xjs. vd.
" to the carpenter for makeng of brydge at Glasiar fo. 12 v. viijd.
" alowyd to my self for xl staks iiijd.
" paid to Goore for ij days [wor]k xvijd.
" for Skoring of the canapys and plate for for [?] theue Paid for the sepulcre and the paschall stocke iijs.

Summa xvs. vd. for debt iiijs. viijd.

Item receyvid of Richard Hoore for the churcheclose xijd.
" of John Bew for the churcheclose xvjd.

Laidout of Cocks fo. 13 r.
For first to Flynt for digging of the comen plat at Brock 

Brydge xd.

Item for graveling and hedging the bridge at Glasiar Ford ijd.
" paid to John Jowell for a vestmet of grene silk vjs. viijd.
" for thornes and stake for Glasiar Ford ijd.
" for tow bell ropes iijs. iiijd.
" for skoring of Pangsmore vjd.
" gyven to the heyward for his ernest jd.
" for sope for whasshing of the churche gere ijd.
" for white leyther to mend the belropes jd.
" for mending of the bell weles vd.
" for nayles for the weles iijd.
" for grese for the bells jd.
" for the churche house rent at Mychaelmas vjd.
" for mending of a yate at Glasiar Fourd vjd.
" for ij thymbles for the toune yate xjd.
" for hooke for the yate at Glasiars Fourd ijd.
" for a new bellwele iijs. iiijd.
" for making of thedge betwene the Cowe Lyes and the Horseleys jd.
" for the wax for the sepucure fonttaper and roodlight xs.
" for holy oile iiijd.

Summa xxixs. vijd.

23 April 1558 fo. 13 v.

Item memorandum that the said Edmond and Cocks made their accompt upon saint George daye and payd all their recept and made their reckning with every man for all debts and entres aswell for harnes as all other things so that no man colde clayme any think neyther no man owyth any thing to the churche.
Item than aperid that there was in the custodye of Richard

1 In margin. A payment of 10s. 6d. to Cryche himself and one of 6d. or brewing are scored through.
Jowell than constable for the furniture of the soldier as followyth⁴
First a paire of almon revetts with salet and splents
Item a pyke
  „ a swerd and dagger
  „ a payre of bootes
  „ iij yards of fustion white
  „ iij yards and di of coten
  „ iij yards of white clothe at ijs. the yarde
Item the same tyme was chosen churchwardens Philip Fysshe and John Jowell and there was delyveryd to them in a stock vjs. xd.

March 1559
The said churchmen made their accompt upon good friday being the xxv daye of Marche and knoledgid that thei receyvid for all things xlixs. xd.
Item thei laidout for things necessarye for the churche as apperith by byll xxxs.
So remanyth clere xixs. xd.
Item thei receyvid more for the churche close of Hoore xijd.
  „ of John Bewe xijd. whiche was alowyd to him for plank
  „ of Philip Fysshe his bequeste vjs.
  „ laidout more iijd.
Summa clere vijs. iiiijd.
The whole sum is all things deductyd xxvjs, xjd. whiche some of xxvjs. xjd. was delveryd to William Gybbes Roger Harper electyd churchemen
Item ² this yere William Wodward yave to the churche toward bying of a crosse by his will vjs. viijd.
  „ Richard Hoore gave also towarde the reparacions of the churchwalls by his will xxxs.
  „ of the executors of William Smythe for lyng in the churche vjs. viijd.
  „ of the yongmens ale viijs. viijd.
Sum of theis detts be xljs. iiiijd.
Laidout syns that tyme by Edmond Cryche
To Kate Hore for keping of best out of the pulse fyld for iij weeks xxijd.

¹ By 4 and 5 Philip and Mary, c. 2, s. vi (Statutes of the Realm, IV. ii. 318) of 1557/8, parishes are ordered to provide and maintain armour, the number and kinds of which are to be written in indentures, of which one part is to be deposited with the clerk of the peace and the other to remain with the principal officer of the parish. ‘Almon revettes’ or ‘Almayn rivets’ is the name of a kind of light armour of German invention made flexible by rivets.
² In margin opposite this and the next three entries: ‘Theis detts be owyng and the churchmen now electyd be chargyd to gather them.’
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Item for makyng of the rayles at Mylpound dyvers tymes \(^1\) vjd.
" to Flynt and one other for hedging the Sothe Mede and
High Dyche one daye xvjd.
" for mending of the Cowleyes hedge to Wylmot at
Halowtyde ijd.

18 April 1560

Memorandum that the xviiith daye of Aprill in the seconde
yere of Queene Elizabeth the forsaid William Gybbe and
Roger Harper churchwardens made their accompt and kno-
ledgd that thei had receyvid and laydout this yere past as
folowyth
First receyvid wth the churche box at their first entre
xxvjs. x jd.

Item of the yongmen for the ale made last yere viijs. viijd.
" of John Forest for the burying of William Forest alias
Smyth in the churche of Marston vjs. viijd.
" made of the churche ale with the shepe and malt of
Magdalens Coledge all charges deduct xxvs. vijd.
" of John Perne for the Grenewaye ijs. viijd.
" of Nicholas Hoore for the churche close xvjd.
" of John Bewe for the churche close xjd.
" of John Jowell for the High Diche xxd.
" for the ij Bull Acres vjs.
" of the yongmen for their ale vs. iiiijd.

Summa iiiijd. vjs. xjd.

Laidout as apperith by byll examynid for divers things
necessary to the Churche xvs. ixd.

Item alowyd to Edmond Cryche for money laydout as
before ijs. viijd.
" gyven to Gybbs wyff iijs. iiiijd.
" thei lent to Philip Perne vjs.

Summa

At the same tyme was electyd churchwardens Nicholas Hoore
and Roger Bewe and than was delyveid to them in
money ljs.

Item we will him to levye of Richard Perne and John Ewen
for the yongmen's ale this yere vs. iiijd.
" to receyvyd of theexecutors of Richard Hoore whiche
was gyven by his wyll xxjs.
" to receyve of them that was gyven by Woodward
vjs. viijd.
" of Philip Perne for money lent vjs.

Summa iiijli. xs.

\(^1\) Possibly a fence.
Item wax by estimacion vli. vid. plus in pag. sequent.

fo. 15 r. Item¹ delivered to the said churchwardens one (an)other clothe of holond infra.

Item one clothe callid a vele of holond meseyring iiiij ells

,, one al[thar] clothe of diaper
,, one vestment of grene dornix
,, one cope of blew saten of bridges
,, on chalice and j patent
,, one chisabyl or vestment of grene sylk
,, one pall of red and russet velvet
,, one canapyl clothe of fyne hollond hedgid with red and tassells of [r]ed silke
,, iij old stoles of dives colors
,, ij pixes of laten
,, iij baner clothes
,, one towell of diapar of ij ell. Lost by John Bew²
,, a canapy case of laten and grene and red saye with frengs
,, a holywater boket and a sencer
,, one hande bell
,, ij candlesticks of laten
,, vli of waxe
,, one old crosse
,, iij sharplesses
,, a Byble and boke of servis. A church cupp of silver³

fo. 15 v. 8 April 1561

... that apon the Tewsdaye in Easter Weake in the third yere of Elizabeth Nicholas Hoore and Roger Bewe made their accompt as folowyth

Item first the layd out as apperyth by a byll examynid before the parysshe and alowyd iijli. ijs. ixd.
,, for keping of beasts vs.
,, for a sheiff of arowes vs.
,, for skor[ing o]f the gutter of the churche ijd. ob.
,, for carage of a lowde of thornes vjd.

The said Churchemen receyvid at their entre as apperyth before in this boke iiji. xs.

Item for the yongmen's ale iiij. vijd.
,, for ij Bull Acres

¹ This is the inventory of 2 Elizabeth to which references are made below in 1564, 1565.
² These four words are added in another hand.
³ Added, but apparently not in another hand. In the margin the chalice, above, is marked 'stet', and the old stoles 'destroyed'. 
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Item for the ij church closes ijs. iiiijd.
,, for the waye next the Cowles ijs. iiiijd.
,, for the High Dyche ijs. iiiijd.
,, for the Grene Waye ijs. viijd.
,, for Stew Waye and Wasshe Waye iijs.
,, thei made that yere of the church ale xx5.
,, for the shepe vs. iiiijd.
,, the bussell of malte that was receyvid of Magdaleyn Colledge was briwyd at Witsontide

Memorandum that the said churche men askyd alowans for the fall of money ixs. viijd. whiche was orderid that if other churche wardens in other townes were alowyd than thei lyke-wyse to be alowed els not

Item thei than deliveryd all the churche stuff that thei receyvid fo. 16 r. as aperyth in the last accompt

Memorandum that Nicholas and Thomas Hoore denyeth to paye the bequest of William Woodward whiche was vjs. viijd.

Memorandum the same daye was elected churchwardens Richard Jowell and Philip Perne and there was delyveid to them in the presens of the parysshe ls. ijd. ob.

5 April 1562

Memorandum that the said churchwardens made their accompte the vth of Aprill Anno Elizabethae quarto

Item made of the churche ale xxxvjs. viijd. of Magdalens Colledge for a shepe and a bushell of malt vjs. iiiijd.
,, for one Bull Acre vs.
,, for the Highdyche iiijs.
,, for the Grenewaye iiijs.
,, for the Washewaye viijd.

Summa iiiijd. xiijs. ijd. ob.

Item for the yongmens ale vjs.
,, for the churche closes ijs. iiiijd.

Summa vii. xvjd. ob.

Item laydout as aperyth by a byll for the reparacions of the churche the porch and other things vii. xvjd. ob.

So apperith all things deductyd and every man payd that no thing remanyd in the churche stock xd. And yet at the same tyme the churche dothe owe to Edmond Crych for v$ lathes ijs. vjd.

5 April 1562 fo. 16 v.

Item the vth. of Aprill in the iiiijth of Elizabeth was electyd
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churchwardens John Bew and John Forrest no money deliveryd to them

20 May 1563

Memorandum that the xxth daye of May the said Churchwardens made their accompt as folowyth

First thei receyvid for church ale the shepe and malt xxiijs. iiijd.

Item for ij Bulacres ixs.
" for Wasshe Waye viijd.
" the towne water ijs.
" the church closes iiijd.
" for High Diche iijd.
" of the yongmen for ale vjs.

Sümma receptorum lxviijs. iiijd.1

Laydout for things necessary for the towne and churche as apperith by bill xlijs. iiijd.

So remanyde dew unto them xvd. which was to them alowyd
And so nothing remaynid in the churche stock

Item the same daye were electyd churchwardens Edmond Crych and Henry Nycolls And no money deliveryd to them

Memorandum that thei made on Witsonale and shepe xxxiiijs.

Laid out for stones to Fysshe vjd.

Item for to Robert Alen for ij dayes setting up the yat at Highdyche and makeng of the same xxd.
" for hooks and thymbles for the same yates xvjd.
" for a post and other tymber that made the yates xvjd.
" to Flynt for makyng the Cowleyes hedge and dyching in the Cowleyes to mak a watering place xvjd.
" for skoring the dyche betwene Glasiars Close and Ewens diche to Flint for a daye viijd.
" for mowing the thistills in the Cowelees iijd.

fo. 17 r. Paid before of othe stock2

Item for paid to the mynstrells for playing at Witsontyde vs.
" for mending of the Cowleses hedge vjd.
" for mending of the Hígh Diche hedge and Sowthemore hedge viijd.
" for a boke of prayers vjd.
" paid for rent of the Church house vjd.
" for making of the greate bell whele and the frame of the bells vs. viijd.

1 For lxviijs. iiijd.

2 These five words, written in at the left of the page, refer to the next entry, which is in a different ink from the others, and is not added in with them. The same payment of 5s. to the minstrels is marginally noted by the entry for the ale above.
Item for nayles
,, paid to Wilmot for digging of Mylpound over and above that that R. Jowell gatherid xijd.
,, paid to Flynt for digging and setting of hedge at the Southe More End iiij perch at vjd. the perche ijs.
,, for mending the Cowlees gate and the comen plat iiijd.
,, paid to Flynt for setting up the Cowleys gate and mending of the Brock Bridge viijd.
,, for wine and bread at Christmas iiijd.
,, for wyne and bread upon Palme Sonday and Good Friday ixd.
,, for a lowd of thornes for the Sowmore Ende xvijd.
,, felling of them vjd.
,, for carriage xijd.
,, for wyne and bread apon Easter Evin vijd.
,, for a galond of wyne agaynst Easter Daye xxad.
,, for singing bread1 ijd.
,, for nayles for pound gate iiijd.
,, for setting up and amending the towne gates viijd.
,, for making a thymbill for Hoore yat vjd.
,, for making of the pounde doore iiijd.
,, for wyne and bred whan Sibell dyed jd. ob.
,, a butt of Iron2 vjd. ob.
,, for a stable3 for the Towne pound iiijd.
Summa xxvijs. vijd.4

Item alowyd to Henry Nycolls for staks vjd.
,, alowyd to John Perne iiijd.
Receyvid for the Bull Acres vijjs. fo. 17 v.
Item for the Grenewaye ijs. iiijd.
,, the waye by [the Co]weleys ijs.
,, of Nicholas ... xjd.
Summa remaynith ... xixs. iiijd.
which was delyveryd to John Perne and Ric Ewen new churchwardens electyd

1564

Item there is owyng for the yongmans ale vijs. vjd.
,, for the common waters vs.
,, of Harper for the Grene Waye hade viijd.
,, of High Diche of Fysshe ijs. viijd.
,, there was deliveryd to the said the church stuff as apperyth in acompt made the second yere of Elizabeth

1 The wafer used in the celebration (New Eng. Dict., s.v.).
2 The reading is doubtful, and I do not understand what is meant.
3 i.e. a staple. 4 Two intermediate totals are noted in the margin.
28 EARLY CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

20 May 1565

Memorandum that the said Churchmen made their accompt the xxth of May anno septimo Elizabethe as folowyth

First the made of the churche ale shepe and the malte

Item made of the yongmens ale

„ for the Bull Acres viijs.
„ for the churche closes ijs. viijd.
„ for the Grenewaye viijd.
„ for the Grenewaye hade viijd.
„ for Washewere and High Dyche iijjs. xjd.
„ for the hygh ways to Brakbrydge ijs. iiijd.
„ for the towne water iiijd.

Item the same daye was electyd Robert Wulley and Richard Parne churchwardens and then and there was delivered to them thre pounds and all the churche stofe before specified in a compt made the second yeare of Elizabeth and also a salter boke and a homylley boke

per me [?]/Ricardum Bolt

Memorandum that the said churche men made ther accomptes the jth day of May anno octavo Elizabethe as foloweth

First the made of ther churche ale shepe and malt

Receyved in the box iij/.i.

Item for the ij Bull Acres viijs.
„ for the churche closes ijs. viijd.
„ for the Gren Waye and the hade ijs. viijd.
„ for the Stue Waye xxd.
„ for Washewaye viijd.
„ for the Hyghe Diche iijjs.
„ for the towne water . . .

Receyvid of Thomas Perne for the halfe of the yongmens ale viijs. vjd.

Summa totalis viiij. iiijs. ixj.

fo. 18. Layed out therof as appereth by a byll examined by the whole paryshe xxxiijs. vjd.

So remayneth cleare iij/. viijs. vjd.
Memorandum that John Macham and John Collye were elected churchwardens that same daye and the said summe of iiijli. viij. vjd. was delivered unto them in the churche box

Detts

First of Edmond Litle

Item of Thomas Daye for the water

" for John Ewen the joyner

Per me . . . . . Cryche

13 July 1567

Memorandum that the said churchmen made the accompts the xiiijth day of July Anno Regiae Elizabethae nono as foloweth

Item made of the church ale

" for the shepe and malte of Magdelin Coledge

" for the water of Thomas Daye

" of John Macham and Edmond Cryche for ij Bull Acres

" for Highe Diche

" for the highe way going to Oxford by the Cowe Leze

" of Nicholas Hoore for ij churche closes

" receyved of Adrian Cryche for the yongmens ale

" receyvid of Rychard Collye for the same

Summa totalis ls. iiijd.

Laid out as apperith by a byll

So remayneth of the said

This accompt made the xiiijth daye of July Anno Elizabethae nono and then appeared that theyr remayned in the churche box all things reckenid and paid

Item remayneth in John Collyes hand for the yonge mens ale

Memorandum that Robert Wulley and Roger Harper were elected churchwardens the same daye and the same summe of lixs. vjd. was delyveryd unto them in the churche box

16 May 1568

The account mayd be Roburt Wolley the xvij day of May and ther was alecte churchmen Nycolas Hore and Jhon Ewen and ther wass delivered in to there hands iiijli. xvs. ijd. all thynks dysscharged

8 May 1569

Memorandum that the eyght daye of Maye the eleventh yere
of Quene Elizabethe Nycolas Hore and John Ewen churchwardens made there accompt and there Remayned in the church box iiijd. xviijs. viijd. wherof remaneth in Nicolas Hores hand viijd. iiiijd.
The same day Rychard Jowell and John Perne weare chosen Churchmen and receavid in the churche box the summ above wryten iiiijd. xviijs. viijd. wherof was paid by them the same time to Edmond Cryche the yonger for makinge ther booke ijd.
Item geven in rewarde to the clarke iiiijd.
And the sayd churchwardens receavid at the same time these things folowinge
The chalis
The towne cuppe
The coop and iiij vestments sold by the said churchermen
Certen implements of brasse
The patenn
On greate clothe and a table clothe

23 April 1570
Memorandum that the xxiiiij day of Aprill in the xij yere of Queene Elizabethe Richard Jowell and John Perne the yonger being churchwardens made there accompte and then remaned in the churche boxe all thyngs rekned and accompted xxxixs.
Item the same day Master Edmund Cryche and Henry Nicols were chosen churchemen and recevid in the churche boxe the sume above wryted vz xxxixs.
Item receavid at the same time for the yonge menes ale iiijs. vijd.

Dettes

Item of Robert Wolley
" of Johne Colley

Stuffe

A challis
A cupp
The Churche pane and the brandiron
The paten
A great clothe and a table clothe
A cope and iiij vesments
ijj baner clothes and a stremer
Laid out as folowethe
Imprimis to Richard Jowel for a peece of timber for the communion bord ijd.

13 April 1571
Memorandum that Henry Nicols and Adrian Cryche have
made ther accompt and ther remaneth in the church box xls.
The same day wear elected churchwardens Richard Ewen and John Perne the elder and have receaved the said som of xls.

EXTRACTS FROM THE REMAINDER OF THE VOLUME

I. LIST OF CHURCHWARDENS

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<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Electors</th>
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<td>1571</td>
<td>Richard Ewen, Thomas 'Parny' vice his father deceased</td>
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<td>1572</td>
<td>Richard Jewell, Richard Rowney</td>
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<td>Richard Jewell, John Gold</td>
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<td>Adryan Cryche, Harry Nycoles</td>
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1 In the right margin is added 'the xiijth day of April anno domini 1571'.
32 EARLY CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

1604 Thomas Ewen. Rycharde Ewen.
1605 Rycharde Ewen. Edmund Bolt.
1606 Edmund Bolt. Edmund Hill.
1607 Edmund Hill. Baudin Smith.
1609 Richard Parne. Oliver Ferneside.
1610 Oliver Fearnside. William Hall.
1611 William Hall. Richard Hore.
1628 Richard Parne. Richard Hill.
1629 Richard Parne. Richard Hill.
1630 George Merriall. Griffith Silverside.
1631 George Merriall.
1632-3 John Wilmott. Robert Keen.

II. SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS

1588 Edwarde Hill. Robert Allen.
?1607 John Andrews.

III. TOWNSMEN

1579 Thomas Perne.
1580 Adryan Cryche. John Perne.
1581 {Nycolas Hore. John Colie.
{Thomas Ewen. Thomas Andras. [Townsmen collectors for the poor.]
1582 John Colley. Rychard Nycols.
1583 John Perne. Nycolas Hore.
1589 John Ewen. Antony Ellis.
1594 . . . . . ett. Rycharde Parne.
1596 Richarde Wollie.

IV. SIDESMEN

1630-1 Richard Parne.
1632-3 George Merriall.
V. Inventories

Undated. As in 1570 except that the chalice and cup appear as 'two town cupps', only two vestments appear, and instead of the two banner cloths, 'a pall cloth'.

?1572 Cope of blue satin of 'Brygges', two vestments of 'Darniks', veil cloth of linen, table cloth, cup of silver, chalice and paten, 'a grett pan', brand-iron.

1573 As the last but differently worded and giving only one vestment, and omitting the paten.

1574 Damaged; of no special interest.

1577 Pan, brand-iron, cup for the communion with cover, 'a cloth of Darnyks', surplice, pall, Bible, 'tow saters in the church'.

1578 Cup, cover, great brass pan, brand-iron, cloth for the table, surplice, Bible, two service books, homily book, psalter, cloth for the pulpit, linen cloth for the table.

1593 Cup, cover, two Bibles, service book, 'a faier auter cloth and the carpet and pulpit cloth', two surplices, two chests, two little . . . . . . . . , one homily book.

1598 Bible, prayer book, homily book, 'and in the hands of S' Balle on other homile booke', three little prayer books, cup, cover, surplice, carpet cloth, pulpit cloth.

1600 Cup, cover, Bible, the common prayer book, homily book, one prayer book [incomplete]

1606 Bible, common prayer book, two homily books, the little prayer books, one book of articles, a register book in parchment, cup 'with a plate of silver', carpet cloth of blue silk, communion cloth, surplice, book of canons.

1607 Homily book, book of canons, surplice, bible, common prayer book, register book, three prayer books, book of articles, table cloth, pulpit cloth, communion cloth, 'a communion cup and a cover of sillver in a basket for the cup'.


1609 Like the last with the omission of the last three items.

1626 [Fragmentary]: the communion cloth is 'of silke' and a 'linen cloth' appears. As before with the addition of 'a direction concerning prechers' and 'of silke' after 'pulpit cloth'.

D
Another fragmentary.

1628 'As above recited togetheer with a statute . . . booke of prayer for the Faste 1628.'

1629 Goods 'before mentioned with a new pulpit cloth and a cushion given by Mary Harburne daughter of Richard Parne'.

1630 As the last.

1631-2 Fragmentary.

VI. OTHER ENTRIES

? 1572 'Memorandum thatt Jhon Parny the elder did geve to the church of Marston att hys deth vjs. viijd. and was payd be hys sun Tomas Parny in the 14 yere of Quen Elysabeth.'

1577 'Memorandum Rycharde Joele muste kepe a boke on y . . . haveng for hys labor the bullacke and [not to] pay for hym.'

1579 10 May. 'Memorandum that it is a greed by the common consente of the whole parishners that yf the churche men be not readye to make theyre accounts the Wensdaye in the Easter weeke in the after none in the parish churche of Marston under the payne of vs. to be leavied of theyre goods and cattell to the use of the parish.'

1583 'Memorandum that the paryshe have let and set Hey Dycke to Thomas Coper and his assignes for syxe' ['fy[ve]' scored through] 'yeres from Our Lady Day last paste before the date hereof paying ther for yearly jd. moreover this yere he shall have to his bargayn Greene Waye this yere only.'

1586 'Payde by Nycolas Hore for buryinge of is wife in the churche vjs. viijd.'

1588 'John Ewen and Julian Ewen executors to Rychard Ewen late deceased are in debte to the churche . . . 6s. 8d.'

16 April. 'Be it known that the greater part of the townes men of Marston have let theyre right and commone of one peace of ground or commone lyonge and joyninge to Stock Lease to William Lychfild and his heyers for ever payinge to the town yerlye xd.'

1590 'Memorandum that Henry Carter did enter one Hye Dyche in the yere of our Lord God 1590 at our Lady Day that yere.'

1594 'Given by Nicolas Hore in his will to the Churche xs.'
The parish of Spelsbury is six miles from Chipping Norton; the church of All Saints, valued at 20 marks, formerly belonged to the College of St. Mary, Warwick, to which it was granted in 1385 by William Beauchamp, brother of the Earl of Warwick (V.C.H.), now to the Dean and Chapter of Christ Church, Oxford. The college is mentioned on p. 45. The parish includes the hamlets of Dean, Ditchley, Fullwell, and Taston. Dean appears to have had a separate 'Lights stock'.

It will be noticed that, strictly speaking, these are not really churchwardens' accounts at all, for very few items of expenditure by the churchwardens are recorded in them, but they contain lists of the lights of the church and the property of the church; this included a large stock of sheep, termed in the accounts 'Oves ecclesie'; they were hired out in lots of from 20 to 4 for periods varying from one to five years; a rental was paid of from 20d. to 16d. per sheep, but usually the former scale. Sureties were required for the due return of the sheep. The number of sheep hired in the first year of the accounts was 153, afterwards they dwindled in numbers; they disappear from the accounts in 1556.

In 1535 Robert Gwy owed to the church for a couple of oxen xxijs.

The church property included houses (including one at Woodstock), land, barn (orium) (rent 4s.), and a church mead called Sydnall, domus Sutoris (called the tailor’s house, rent ijs. iiiijd.), domus Dekyn. Receipts include profits from the church ale, and lights.

The parish chest contains a typed copy of the accounts from 1525–1699 by Dr. Oldfield.
36 EARLY CHURCHWARDENS’ ACCOUNTS


i. 313. *Isdem episcopus* [i.e. Wigorniensis] tenet Speolesbyri in Oxenforde scire, et Urso de eo. Ibi sunt decem hide geldantes.

ii. 369. *Der egibus Merciorum* 19 Berhtwulfus reigned 13 years and gave Speolesbyrig to the monastery of Worcester. He reigned 838–852, and the probable date of the gift is 840.

iii. 480. Speoles byrig Byrhtulf cyng gebecte, xv hida et on godes est Heabyrhte biscoppe betahte.

‘Byrhtwulf the king granted Spelsbury by charter [xv hides], and gave it on God’s behalf to Heabyrht the bishop.’

There is a charter of this king of Mercia dated Mar. 28, 840 in Hist. MSS. Comm. Middleton 207: the bishop is called Heaberhtus.


The following extracts relate to the church and manor:

i. 1290. Folewell, hamlet of. *Close Roll 390.*

Abbas de Oseney attornavit fratrem Willelmum de Kenefar’, canonicum suum, de warantia carte Rogeri de Coddesford et Isolde uxoris ejus de una virgata terre in Folewell.


1317. The manor belonged to Guy de Bello Campo, late earl of Warwick. *Close Roll 491.*

1346. Robert son of Henry de Frankeleyn and John son of Wm le Taillour of Spellsbury & others carried away goods of the abbess of Godstow at Bloxham and Whicchewode co. Oxon and assaulted her men and servants there. *Patent Roll 231.*

**SPELSBURY**

*Patent Roll*

1385

Feb. 6, Westminster

Licence, at the supplication of Thomas de Bello Campo, earl of Warwick, by whose ancestors the collegiate church of St. Mary, Warwick, was founded, and because the endowment
thereof is so scanty that divine services there cannot be honourably maintained without further augmentation, for the said earl to alienate in mortmain to the dean & canons thereof the manor of Haselorc and the advowson of its church, valued at 15 marcs yearly, and the advowson of the church of Wolphamcote co. Warwick, valued at 25 marcs yearly, not held in chief, and the advowson of Wytesford co. Cambridge, valued at 40 marcs yearly, held in chief, and for William de Bello Campo, his brother, to alienate to them in mortmain the advowsons of Spellesbury, co. Oxford, valued at 20 marcs and Chaddlesley Corbet, co. Worcester, valued at 45 marcs, not held in chief, to celebrate divine service for the good estate of the king, queen Anne, the said earl and William and for their souls after death, and those of their ancestors & others.

By p.s.

In Dodsworth MS. 66, Bodleian Library, there are [ff. 113b–114b] extracts from a Cartulary of the college of St. Mary, Warwick.

Early Chancery Proceedings, v. 265

Plaintiff

Robert Charde,
vicar of Spelsbury

Defendant

John Osbalston,
esquire

Cause

Detention of deeds relating to Composition made between the dean & chapter of Warwick & the vicar of Spelsbury for the income of the vicarage and the provision of a parish clerk.

The Osbaldeston family were seated at Chadlington, which is the next parish north of Spelsbury. We find this entry under the year 1528.

Edmond Osbaston for beryall of his brothyr vjs. viijd.


The deacon’s wages: domus Dekyn, rent iijs. iiiijd.

LIGHTS OF THE CHURCH

St Andrew, St Anthony, St Clement, St Christopher, St Erasmus, St George, St Katherine, our Lady, our Lady in the chapel, St Mary of Pyte, St Michael, St Nicolas, Trinity, herse light [pharatri], Torches [fassium], Keepers of the lights, increase of lights, Keeper of the bells.
EARLY CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

REQUESTS TO THE CHURCH

Terells  Wm Kyrtons
poor money list of donors.

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

In 1560 James Suche was fined a strike of malt for refusing the office of churchwarden (p. 59). A strike is a measure varying, according to district, from half a bushel to four bushels (N.E.D.).

Holirode day [May 3]; lodgers; chief rent; water pott; sencer; holy bread box; clock wherl; twist.

Theft from the church box.

Black Monday, i. e. Easter Monday (N.E.D.).

Thomas Peniston, Esquire (p. 63) lived at Cornwell, co. Oxon, a parish about eight miles from Spelsbury.

1575. Every communicant to give one halfpenny for bread & wine (J. C. Cox, 'Churchwardens Accounts', p. 99).

SPELLSBURYE

Robert Prynce xx schype
Thomas Wysse xvj schy.
James Hucwell xv sch.
Robert Gwy xx schy.
W. Harris vj sch.

Chekley x sch.
Trynder x sch.
Lenard xj sch.
Hycks xv schype
John Box xx sch.
Tryndar v sch.

James Hanwell v shepe, surety for these v shepe Thomas Vosse
Payd to mayster xlijjs. ijd. ; payde to John
The pryce off every shepe xxd.
For the x shepe that Cha[ ]1 hath, Robert Rym[an] ys surety for the one [halfe] and Thomas Wysse for the [other] halfe.

[1524]


1 Probably Chakley.
T. Sowche, computatis computandis & allocatis allocandis, reddiderunt ecclesie de claro iiiij. xijxs.

Robertus Charde vicarius.

Lumina sanctorum
Lumen Mychaelis; T. Smythe iijs. iiiijd., & Ro. Wever xvjd.; iiijd. viijd.
Antonii; Ry. Dew, I. Legat viij. viijds.
Trinitatis; Ed. Osbaston, Ry. Belchar.
Campanarum custodes; Ro. Guy & Percy.
Marie pietatis; Wyll. Rouke and Jhon Wyntyr iijs. iiiijd.
Mari in capelle; T. Sowche & Ro. Boke iijs.
Katerine; Meds & Wysse iijs. j. ob.
Nicolai; Maynard, Ry. Ryman vs. vijd.
Clementis; T. Prynce & Wyll. Kyytt ijs. viijd.
Georgii; Webbe iijs. vjd., Ry. Eton vjs. vijd., ii stryke of barley.

Fassium custodes; Wyll. Boxe & Jams Sowche iijs.
Pharatri; T. Ryman & John Syms ijs. vjd.

Crystophery; Jhon Tayler iijs. vjd., Ro. Prynce viij. iijds.
Reditus coll[ecti], viz. iijs. iiiijd.; tenementum apud Wod-stoke vjs. viijd.; tenementum Spellsbury xjs., achra terre incolte iiijd.; acra prati in Sydnall xvjd.; Rychard Damure for the barum ijs. iiiijd., a styke (sic) of wete.

Oves ecclesie

Debita

Increse of lyghts
Inprimis saynt Mychells lyght xd.; Nycolas lyght vijd.; antony xvijd.

Debita
Kyyth debet vs.; Lenard for schyp hyer vs.; Clemens Damery ijs. iiiijd.; Strauke iiijd.; the Welcheman vijd.; the

1 Altered to Percy.
2 Altered to D. Smyth.
3 Altered to Hucwell.
4 i.e. factum (torches).
5 Altered to John Grey.
6 This entry is an insertion.
7 i.e. barn.
8 As the debts for 1524 have been given, this list may belong to another year.
howsse yn Wodstoke for iij terms that ys to sey from the Annuntiacion of owr Lady to Christymas vs.; W. Tayler xxs.; Belchar vj stryke of malt; W. Tayler ij stryke of whett; James Hartt for schyp iij. iiiijd.; M. Vycar xxvij. vs.; W. Tayler for the chyrchbarne; Robert Hawks iijs. viijd.; T. Smyth iijs. iiiijd.; Ro. Prynce for Terle bequest viijd.

Mem. that yt ys agred bytwen the parysche & [Wylliam] Rorke that the sayd Wylliam motest pay by iijyers every yer xiijs. iiijd. [until] xls. be cum upp, dew to them for the bequest of Wylliam Kerton the yer of owr Lord 

Schyp of the chyrche

Jams Hart x schyppe; Jhon Syms xx schype; T. Wysse vj schyppe; W. Ky3th x schyppe; W. Tayler xx schyppe; Jams Huckwell j schyp, precium xvz.; J. Sims to Wynter vj schyppe; James Hucwell j schype of Wylliam Belchard gyft, pryce xviijd.

Incrementa anni 1529

Antonii nil; Nycolai ijs. iiiijd.; Trinitatis viijd.; Cristoferi xviijd.; herse iijs. jd.; Erasmi nil; Georgii nil; Katerine non computat; Mycachelis non computat; Torchys xiijd.; Clementis nil; the bells viijd.

Receperunt gardiani xiiijs. viijd.

[1525]

Thys ys the conte of Master Edward Ossebaston and Thomas Soche the xvijth here of the reyne, payd iijli. vs. xjd. Syms owthe for iij schyp iii st[rilke] bra[ley] & xijd. for ij schyppe.

The chorchemen Rychard Bellchar, William Taylar in the chorchbox iijli. vs. xjd., bysydes the detts.

Increse of lyȝghts ut patet in latere sequente viz anno 1526

Incrése of lyȝghts 1526

Sent Myhells lyȝth xviiijd.; Torchys vd.; Sent Antonys lyȝth xxz.; Sent Nycolas lyȝgt ixd.; Sent George xxz.; the herse lyȝght ijd.

Mem. for Lenard & Tome Hartt iijs. ixd.

Robert Wever debet iij. iiiijd.

Incrementa anno 1527

Of the bells viijs. to be payd at Lentt next; Sentt Myells ijs. xijd.; Erasmus Lyȝght iijs. viijd.; seintt Nycolas ixd.; the hersse lyȝgt xviiijd.; Sentt Cristopheri vd. ob.; seint

1 The sheep for 1524 have already been mentioned; they must belong to another year.

2 i.e. year. The date of this account is Nov. 1524 to Nov. 1525.
George nil; seint Antonys vijd.; Trynite ijs. vijjd.; seint Clements nil; seint Katerins ly3gt iiijs. vijd. ob., non soluerunt.

[1526]

The countte of William Tayler & Rychard Belcher chyrche wardens for the yer endyd at Sentt Kateryns day the xxv day of November the yer of the reyng of kyng Henry the viij the xvii.

All costs, charges, & exspences deductt, & alowyd they brogt yn at the day of ther accowts for the Wytsyon ale ls.

Item they broght yn of the chyrche money recevyd at ther entry yn to the chyrchewardenschyppe iiijd. vs. xjd.

Item for encresys of ly3gtys & rents and hyer of schype & other profets dew to the chyrche xls.

And so they lefte yn the chyrche box, ther accownt fnynshyd yn redy money vijd. xxd.

And yn detts dew at the days assynd as aperyth her befor.

Anno 1526

Sent Erasmus ly3ght kepars G[ ] & Wylliam Ryman; stok viijs. & ij str1 of malt


Sent Antonyse; Ry. Dew & W. Percy; summa stoke xiijs. & v stryke of malt & a halfe

The Trinity; T. Osbaston [altered to Jhon Wynter], Ry. Belcher; iijs. iiijd. and a quarter of barley [altered to xixs.]

The bells; J. Smythe, James Hukwell; iijs. iiijd.

Mary of Pyte; W. Rouke & J. Wynter; iijs. iiijd.2

Howr lady yn the chapelle; T. Sowche, Robert Boxe; iijs. iiijd.

Katerynes ly3ght; W. Meds & Wyse; iiijs. ijd. & ij striyke of malt or xiiijd.

Sent Nycolas ly3ght; Jhon Maynard, Ro. Ryman; vs. vjd.

Sent Clementts; T. Pryne & W. Ky3th; iijjs.

Sent Georges; W. Webe ijs. vjd., S. Russell vjs. vjd.: xs.

The Torchys; Ry. Boxe [altered to Colyng], James Sowche [altered to Ry. Ryman]; stoke viijs.

Herse ly3ght; W. Prince & J. Grey; iijs. vjd.

Sent Cristofer; Ro. Prince, T. Hart; stok iijs. vjd.

Incrementa anno 1528.

Incrementa luminis sancti Antonii ijs.

Md. for the ouyrplus of the dekyns wages vjs. viijd.

1 Altered to Lenard Carpenter.

2 This entry is scratched out. This light is not mentioned any more.
Rentts of the chyrche.

domus Wodstoke vjs. viijd.; kyttyg vs. for the land; sydnall xvijd.; domus Dekyn iijs. iiijd.; domus Sutoris iijs. iiijd.; orium 1 iijs.; the kechyn xijd.; item the overplus of the dekyns wages xiijs. iiijd.; Thomas Gardener vjs. viijd.; M. that the tenant of Wodstok payde on sent Stevyns day to Robert Ryman and Jhon Syms for rentt of the yer past dew at Myhlemas vjs. viijd., of the wych they payd ageyn for cheve rent 2 jd. and for a twest 3 jd.; and so at that day he owde for j quarter xxijd.

Md. that the chyrch howse of Wodstoke was let to rent to the tenant at Mychellmas and so hys yer cumup at Mychllmas
Md that Robert Ryman and Wylliam Geyner, keepers of seynt Georg lyghts, receyyd at their entry for the stoke ixjs., and so remanyth of that stoke to be payd iijs. xd.

The accompt made by Rychard Belcher and Thon Wynter the yer of owr [lord] Mivxxxvij, then chyrchewardens the seyd Rychard and Jhon, all costs and charges dyspacchyd and payd and allowde brost yn at the accompt.

For the Wyton ale xxxiijs.
and for rentts and hyer of schyp and detts of the other yer and encressys of lyghts and other rykenyns dew to the chyrche, and so fynally they lafte to the chyrche yn the box yn olle summe clerly, all thyngs deductyd, with the money of the box of the other yerr, costs and charges allowdde and deductyd of the church, as yt apperyd yn the cowntt of the chyrchwardens at the day of the accomptt the xxvj day of Novembre of the seyd yer, vjli. vjs. iiijd.

And the detts dew for that yer fyrrste for xx schyppe Jhon Syms vjs. viijd.; Wylliam Rouke for xx schy. vjs. viijd.; item Wylliam Rouke for old detts xiijs. iiijd.; item Jhon Smythe vjs. viijd.; Lenard vs.; Wylliam Rouke for the chyrch barne [ ]; Robert Prynce for Terlls bequeste viijd.; Clements Damery xs.

Mem. for the beryall of Mf Osbaston and Jane

[1528]

Computus Jhon Syms and Wynter.

Item Jhon Syms and Jhon Wynter layd owt ther yer for charges of the chyrche as yt apperyd yn a byll of the accompt

1 i.e. the barn. 2 i.e. chief-rent.
3 The flat part of a hinge, fastened on a door or gate, and turning on a hook or pintle fixed in the post (N.E.D.).
yn particular summys, wych byll cam to the summe of vjli. xiijs.

Item they made of the chyrch alle cler xxxs.

and so fynally of the chyrch alle and schyppe hyrr and other dewtes and rentts they left yn the chyrch box at the end of accowmpt iiijli., bysed other detts unpayd as yt aperyth yn the leffe fowloyng:

Incresys of the lyg3ths, non solt.

Seynt Myhells iiiis. viijd.; the bells, nil; Sent Antony, nil; Trynyte [blank]; Sent Erasmus viijd. ob.; owrr lady yn the chapell; Sent Kateryns; Sent Nycolas nil; Sent Clementt viijd.; Sent George viijd.; the torchys ij bushells of barley and viijd.; the hersse ixd.; sent Cristopher, nil.

Incrementa

Owr Lady [erased and ‘trynyte’ written over] viijd.; Nicolaii iiiijd.; owr lady viijd.; George xiiijd.; the bells xxd. [non solt]; sent Erasmus iiis. iiiijd.

Computus Johannis Syms et Johannis Wynter 1528.

oves ecclesie Spellsbury

Robert Ryman x schyppe, the pryce every schyppe xxd., for the space of v yer sett to hym.

Jhon Syms xx schyp for iiij yer, price xviijd. apeece.

Ry Belchar and Ro Prince xx schyp, price xxd. apeece, for iiij yer.

Thomas Wysse vj schype, price xvijd., for iiij yer.

W. Ky3ght x schype, price xviijd., for iiij yer.

Jams Hucwell iij schype, price of on xvijd., and the other xviijd. and xvd.

Wylliam Rouke for the Trinyte lyg3th of Kyrtons bequest ij schyppe.

Lumina ecclesia et custodes

Sent Antonys ly3ght; Rychard Dew, W Percy; the stok xiijs.

Sent Mychells; T. Symthe (sic) and Lenard Carpenter; xxd. and iiijJS. viijd.

The Trynete; Ry Belchar and Jhon Wynter; stoke xixs.

Belchard xvs., and Wynter iiijs. viijd. (altered to vs. iiiijd.).

Sent Erasmus Kypers; Wyllyam Ryman and Wyllyam Meds (altered to Jhon Boxe) xvs. iiijd. ob. and j schyppe price xxd.

1 i.e. ale.  
2 i.e. leaf.
EARLY CHURCHWARDENS’ ACCOUNTS

The bells kepars; Jhon Smythe and Jhon Grey; the stoke ijs. vjd. and a bushell of barley wyche Jhon Smythe hathe.

Owr lady yn the chapel; Thomas Sowche xvjd., Robert Boxe ijs. xd.

Sent Kateryns; Wylliam Meds iijs. viijd. and Rychard Bowden xxd.

Sent Nycolas; Thomas Clyfton iijs. iiijd. and Ry. Sowche vs. xd.

Sent Clementt; Thomas Prince and Wylliam Kyght iiij. viijd.

Sent George; Wylliam Webbe iijs. viijd. and Saunder Russell vjs. vjd.

The torchys; Ry. Ryman [altered to W. Damery] ijs. and

Rychard Coling [altered to Jhon Burley] ijs.

The herse; James Sowche [altered to Thomas Wysse] and

Wylliam Harrys iijs.

Sent Crystofer; Robert Prince xxjd. and Thomas Hartte iijs. iiijd. Summa iiijs. jd.

Debita ecclesie

Wylliam Rouke othe for old detts of the bequest of Wylliam Kyrton xxs. viijd. and for the hyer of ij schyppe viijd.;

Jhon Syms for schyppe hyer vjs. viijd.; Lenard Carpenter vs.; Clemens Damery xs.; Thomas Gardener vjs. viijd.;

Wylliam Kyght for rentt vs.; Wylliam Rouke for schyp hyer vjs. viijd. and for the chyrche barne iijs.; Wylliam Tayler for hyer of ij schyppe iiij yer; owr tenand of Wodstok for the howsse rentt vjs. viijd.;

Robert Wever iijs. iiijd.; Jams Huwell vjs. vjd.;

Thomas Tayler iijs. iiijd.; Thomas Dekyn iijs. iiijd.;

Edmond Osbaston for beryall of hys brothyr vjs. viijd.;

Item for Jans beryall —

Md. that Jhon Wynter and Jhon Syms beyng chyrche-
wardens at the day of ther accomplt wher cast yn aryraghe of iijs. ixjd., the wych they seyd was stollen from them and so they stand at the curtse of the parsche for that money to be payd.

Recevyd schyp hyer xxij. iiijd., item for Sydnnall xvjd.

oves ecclesie 25 Novembris 1531.

Rychard Belcher hathe x schyppe for the space of j yer, the price of every schyp xxj., and hys sewrty is M° Penyston. Ro. Prynsces hath x schyppe for j yer, the pryce of every schype xxj., and his sewrtey ys M° vycar. Ro. Ryman hath x schypes for the space of ij yer, the price of every schype
and hys sewrtey ys M' vycar. Thomas Wyssse hathe vj schype for the space of ij yerrs, the price of every schype xxd., and his sewrtey is Thomas Sowche. James Hucwell hath iiij schypp the space of iiij yer, the price of every schype xxd., and his sewrty ys M" Vycar.

John Symms hathe xx schypp for j yer the price of every schyp xvij.d., and his sewrtes be Wylliam Webbe and . . . Ryman.

Anno 1529

Jhoannes Symms et Robertus Ryman gardiani ecclesie recepe-runt a parochianis in proximo computo in pecuniis numeratis xljs. ixl., et vº die februarii eiusdem anni induxerunt in computo suo pro pecuniis collectis in pentecoste omnibus deductis xvij.s. viijd.; et finaliter reddiderunt in manus ecclesie, allocatis allocandis, cum debitis et redditibus ecclesie in pecuniis numeratis iiijli.

Segueunt debita ecclesie.

In primis Jhon Syms vjs. viijd.; Clemens Damery xs.; W. Kygth vs. for rentt; Ro. Weyer iijs. rec' xxd.; T. Tayler iiijjs. viijd.; Jhon Symms for rentt of the barne iijs.; Jhon Symms of Dene a schyp xijd.; the tenantt of Wodstok vjs. viijd.; Item John Symms for the dekyns wages left behynd iijs. iiijd.; Item Iohannes Symms for the money lost ijs. ixd.

Robertus Ryman et Wyellelmus Percy chyrchemen recevyd of the chyrche at ther yn cumming iiijli.

Wylliam Kygth hathe x schypp for ij yer, the price of every schyp xvij.d., hys swertes be Jhon Wynter and Wylliam D . . . .

anno domini 1530

The accomplt of Wylliam Percy and Robert Ryman chyrchewardens made by them to the paryche the xxv day of Novembre the yer of owrr lord 1529.

Fyrste the stoke of the chyrch recevyd by them at their entrey [——] Item they made of the Whytson alle, awll thyngs deductyd, clerly xxvjs. viijd.; item for schyp hyerr [——]; item for rentts annwall [——]; item for old detts [——]; item yncrese of lyngths [——]; item the ovyrplus of the ovyrly rentt of the college of Warwyke x [amount scratched out].

schypp hyer.

Jhon Damery x schypp for v yerr, price of every schyp xxd., his sewrtey ys Wylliam Medds. Thomas Wyssse x schypp for iiij yer, price of every schypp xxd., hys sewrtey ys

1 i.e. stolen (see ante, p. 44).
EARLY CHURCHWARDENS’ ACCOUNTS


The ly3gths and the kepyrs

The Trynyte ly3gth; Ry. Belcher xxs. and J. Wynter vijs. viijd.; the stok xxiijs. viijd.

Oowr lady ly3gth; T. Sowche Kepar and Jhon Damery; stoke ijs.

The herrsse ly3gth; T. Wysse and W. Harrys; the stoke viijjs. iiiijd.

Seynt Nycolas ly3gth; Ro. Prynce and Ro. Ryman; vijs. jd.

Sentt George ly3gth; W. Webb iiijjs. viijd., and Saunder Russell ixs. iijd.; the stok xiijs. xd.

Seynt Clementts lygth; T. Prynce and W. Ky3th; the stoke vs.

Seynt Kateryns ly3gth; W. Medds, Ry. Boden xxd.; Bodyn iij str of barley.

The bells Kepars; Ro. Gwy and Ny. Chakley iijs. vd.

Sent Erasmus ly3gth; Wylliam Ryman and J. Boxe iijs. and a schyppe price xxd.

Seynt Crystofiers lygth; John Bumpas and Ja Sowche iijs. iiiijd.


Seynt Myhells ly3ht; T. Smyth and Le. Carpenter; the stoke ixs. jd.

The Torche lygth; W. Damery and J. Burley; the stoke iiijjs.

Anno 1531

Wylliam Webbe and Wylliam Percy at the day of the accowmpt renderyd and dellyveryd to the parysche apon seynt Kateryns of the seyd yer for all yncresys and rentts and profetts with the stoke that they recevyd the yer befor all charges deductyd yn redy money vij pounds fyve syllyngs and syxe pens

Ro Gwy & Sowch recept vijli. iiijs. iiiijd.¹

1530

Wylliam Webbe and Wylliam Percy chyrchwardens recevyd of the paryche at their entrey the yer of owr Lord a thousand fyve hundyrd and xxxv the twenty day of November yn money vli. ijs. ixd.

¹ This entry is in other ink.
anno 1531
detts of the chyrche.

fyrst of Jhon Symes owthe to the chyrche for schyp hyerr vjs. viijd.; Item for the chyrch barne iiij.; Item for the
dekyns wages left behynd iijs. iiijd.; Item for money lost
iijs. ixd.; Item for the rentt of the taylers howsse ijs.; Item
Wy. Kygth for rentt vs.; Item Ro. Wever xvd.; Item Robt.
Gwy vs.; Item the tenant of Wodstoke for iiij yer rentt;
W. Buschebeij viijd.; W. Kygth for schyp hyer iijs. iiijd.;
W. Damery for Thomas Boxe iiij.

30 November anno 1531

Wylliam Webb & Wylliam Percy broght yn at ther
accommpt of the stoke that they recevyd vli. ijs. ixd., and
for the Whytson all xxxvjs. viijd., and for schyp hyerr xixs.
viijd., and for rentt xls., and so they dyd deilyver to the
parysche all charges deductyd [. . .] wyche was liij. viijd.
besyde detts remayning [L7 5s. 6d.]

anno 1531

Thomas Sowche and Wylliam Webbe chyrche wardens yn
this yer recevyd of the chyrch yn money viijd. vs. vjd., besyd
the detts that wer dew at sent Katyrins day of that yer, and
they yncresyd and made of the chyrche all at Wytsontyd all
charges dyspachyd xxxjs.; and they renderyd ynto the hands
of the parysche, all charges deductyd, in money xli. ixd.
anno MVXII 1 festum Sancte Katerine.

Thomas Sowche and Robert Gwy chyrchewardens recevyd
of the chyrche and the parysce viijd. iiij.; iiijd.
the chyrche detts

Robert Gwy vs.; Robert Wever xvd.; W. Kygth vs.;
Wylliam Buschebe xijd.; Thomas Burley vs. viijd.
Md that Thomas Sowch and Robert Gey payd to the
dekyn hys wages for crystymas quarter of the chyrch stok,
and Gey and Prince must bryng for that quarter at the
accompt [ ] clere to the chyrch.

Custodes luminum ecclesie

The Trinite lygte; Ry. Belcher xvs. and Jhon Wynter
vijs. viijd. : xxijs. viijd.; ther day to gethyr Candelmas day.
Owrre lady lygte; Thomas Swche & Jhon Damery; iiij.;
the Annuntyacion of owr lady.

1 1532 is meant.
EARLY CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

The hersse lyght; Thomas Wysse, Wylliam Harris, xijs.; any day before alle hallontyd.
Seynt Nicolas lyght; Ro. Prynsse, Ro. Ryman [altered to Jhon James], vs. viijd.
Seynt Clementt lyght; Thomas Prystes & Wylliam Knyght; the stoke vs. viijd. ; sentt Clementts yeve.
Kepers of the bells; Ro. Gwy & Nic. Chakley [altered to T. Molynton]; iijjs. & j str' and a halfe of barley; the Wensday yn Estyr [week].
Seynt Erasmus lyght; Wy. Ryman, Jo. Boxe; iijjs. vjd. and a shippe price xxd. ; sent Stephyns day.
Seynt Cristofers lyght; Jo. Bumpas, James Sowche; iijjs. ; new yerrs yeveyn.
Seynt Antonys lyght; Wy. Percy, Jo. Grey xiijs. ; Schrove Munday.
Seynt Myhells lyght; Tho. Smyth, Lenard Carpenter ijs. and iij bush' barley; sentt Myhells day.
Sent Androsse lygthe.

1533

Thomas Sowch & Robert Gey, chyrchwardens, made of the Whytson ale xis. clere, and so they left yn the stoke at ther goyng furth all charges deducted vjl. xs. [xjd.] 2 The charges of that yer was iijij. xxijd.
The chyrche schyppe anno mcccccxii

Robert Pryncce hathe xx schype for iij yers, the pryce of every schype xxd. & hys sewrtey ys M' Vycar.
Robert Ryman hathe xx schype for terme of iij yers the pryce of every schyp ys xxd. & hys sewrtey is M' Vycar.
Wylliam Ryman hathe xv schype for the space of iij yers, & the price of every schype ys xxd. and hys sewrtey ys Robert Ryman.
Thomas Wysse hath xvj schyppe for the space of iij yerrs and the price of every schyp ys xxd. and hys sewrtey ys M' Vycar.

1 1532 is meant; see below. 2 See the accounts for 1533.
Jhon Damery hathe x schype for the space of iij yer the pryce of every schyp ys xxd. & hys swerty ey Wylliam Meds. Davy Tayler hath x schype for the space of one yer, the pryce of every schyp ys xvijd., & hys swevertes be John Wynter and Wylliam Damery [these names crossed out and M’ yvcar added]. Jams Hucwell hathe iiij schyp, the price of every schyp ys xxd., for the space of ij yerrs & hys sewrty ys M’ yvcar. Jhon Damery hath vj schyp for iij yers, the price of every schyp xxd. and hys sewrty ys John Gwy.

1533


1535

Wylliam Ryman and Jhon Grey chyrch wardens recevyd at their entrey yn the chyrche boxe xvli. xijs. viijd.

Anno 1533.

Robert Gey and Robert Prynce chyrche wardens for that yerr recevyd of the parysch at ther entrey vjl. xs. xjd. [altered to vijl. xjd.]

Debita.


Chakley hathe v schype, pryce xxd. apece, for v yer; hys swerty ey Wylliam Ryman.

Robert Prynsse and Wylliam Ryman chyrche wardens recevyd of the chyrche money at ther entrey xli. xixs. anno 1534. The towne of Dene made of the chyrche alle cler xviijs. Item Spellsbury xxxx., Robert Ryman and John Grey.

1536.

Jhon Grey and Thomas Colyng chyrche wardens recevyd of the parysche at ther entrey viijl. xiij. xijjs.
Debita ecclesie

Robert Gwy othe xxijs. whosse swerte ys Robert Ryman dew to [be] payd by too evyn portyons, that ys to sey at Mydsomer, the other at Mydsomer nexte aftyr enswying.  
Item he promysyth to pay to the chyrchemen at Wytsontyd vs. yn whett.

Kepers of the lyghts

Kepers of the Trinwyte lyght, Ry. Belcher & Jhon Wyntyrd; the stoke ys xxijs. viijd.
Owr lady lyght kepurs, Mr Penyston & T. Colyng; the stoke [blank]
Seynt Nycholes lyght, Ro. Prynce & Humfry Kery; the stoke vjs.
The herrsse lyght, T. Wysse & Wylliam Harrys; the stoke xixjs. xd.
Seynt George lyght, Robert Ryman & Jhon Gyner; the stoke ixxs. & iijs. to receve & xd.
Seynt Clemetts lyght, T. Prynce & Wy. Kytgh; the stoke vs. xd.
Seyntt Katrins lyght, Robert Gwy & T. Tryndall; iijs. ob.
Kepers of the bells, T. Molynton & Robert Gwy; Ro. Gwy ijs. xjd.; & Molyngton iijs. ijd.
Seyntt Erasmus lyght, John Box & Wy. Ryman; the stoke viijjs.
Seynt Cristophyrs lyght, the kepurs James Sowch, Jo. Bumpas; the stoke iiijjs.
Seynt Antonys lyght, the kepurs Wy. Percy & Jhon Grey; the stoke ys xxijs.
Seynt Myhells lyght, the kepurs Lenard Carpenter & Thomas Clyfton; the stoke is ijs.
The kepurs of the torchys, T. Crosse & Ry. Ryman; the stoke viijjs. vd. ob.; Ry. Ryman ijs. jd.; Crosse vjs. iiiijd.
Seynt Androsse lyght, the kepurs [blank]
Kepers of the torche lyght, T. Crosse & Ry. Ryman; the stoke vjs. ixjd. ob.; Crosse vs. jd.; Ryman xxjd. ob.
Tryndar hathe ten schyp, price of every one xxjd., hys suerty ys Kery, for j yer. Lenard hath xj schype, xvjd. apese, hys swerty ys John James, for ij yers.
The rent of chyrch kechyn to the bocher ijs., with the reparcions to hym
The decon for hys howse iijs., with the reparacions to the chyrche

[1537]

Thomas Colyng & Thomas Molynton, chyrchewardens, recevyd of the parysch at ther entrey xjli. xixs. iiijd.

Item Nyclas Caclay for v shype for the pryse of every shyppe xxd.

Item a shyppe that the vicker hath in hys hande.

Davy Tayler for schype vijs. vjd.

Ther ys yn chorche box xjli. xjs.

Wylliam Frenche hathe fortey schyppe, xxd. a pece, for the terme of iij yerrs.

The kepars of the torchys T. Crosse & Rychard Hucwell; Hucwell ijs. iiiijd., Crosse ijs. xjd., more recevyd of Rob. Guy vs. viijd.

The yncresse of the torchys yn Crossys hands & yn Ry. Hucwells xxjd.

Anno domini 1538

Md. that Thomas Molyntwn & Robert Ryman be chosyn chyrchewardens & they recevyd at theyr entryng clerly yn the chyrche bokxe xjli. xjs.

Here foloyte the kepars of the chyrche lyghts that were & what the stoke be.

In primis Jhon Wynter & Jone Bellchar be kepars of the Trynyte lyght; Jhon Wynter hath yn hys hand vjs. vjd. & Jone Bellchar hath yn hur hand xvs.

Item Wylliam Webbe keper of owr lady lyght; the stoke ys iiijs.

Item Robert Pryns & Humfry Kery kepers of saynt Nycholes lyght; the stoke ys vjs.

The hersse lyght kepers Tomas Wysse & Wylliam Harris; the stoke ys xijs. xd.

Kepars of saynt Gorge lyght, Robert Ryman & Jhon Gynar, the stoke ys vijs. viijd.

Seynt Clementts lyght, kepars Thomas Pryns & Wylliam Kyght, the stoke ys vs. xd.

Seynt Katrins lyght, kepars Robert Guy and Thomas Tryndall; the stoke ys howle yn Tryndalls & yt ys iijs. iiijd.

Thomas Mullyngtwn, Robert Guy, kepers of the bells; the stoke ys vs. xd., devyded be evyn betwene them.

Seynt Erasmus lyght, Jhon Boxe & Wylliam Ryman, & the stoke ys vjs. viijd.

1 Elsewhere Checkley.
EARLY CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

Seynt Crystophyrs lyght, kepers James Sowch & Jhon Bumpas; the stoke ys iijs. ijd.
Seynt Antonys lyght, the kepers Wylliam Percy & Jhon Grey; the stoke ys xiijs.
Seynt Myhells lyght, the keper Lenard Carpenter, stoke iiiijd.
Thomas Crosse & Ryc. Ryman kepers of the torch lyght; the stoke ys ijs. vjd.
Rychard Hucwell hath xx schype, xxad. a pece; Ro. Ryman sewrtes & M'. Vycar
Md. that Robert Gwy oythe to the chyrche xxiijs., the one halfe to be payd by Myhelas next, that is to sey at Wytsontyde a quarter of whet & the rest of that half at Myhelas; the other half at Myhelas next after the other yer.

[Dec. 1539 to Dec. 1540]
The lyghgts stoks.


John Wynter hathe yn the chyrche boxe of Dene xiijs. ijd.; Kery and Gynar hathe yn the chyrche stoke xxjl. vjs.; Humfrey Kery and John Gynar left yn the chyrche box all thyngs alowd and dyschargyd at the day of the aecompt the vjth day of December yn the yer of owr lord 1540 xvijl. xiijs.

Dene stok for this yer xiijs.

1541

Md that John Gynar and Humfrey Kery at the day of the aecompt wer cast yn rerage fyve marks to be payd by the seyd John and Humfrey by sent Kataryns day yn the yer of owr lord 1542

1 A year's accounts must be missing here; the churchwardens would be Robert Ryman and Humfrey Kery.
2 The churchwardens for the year ending Dec. 1540 were Kery and Gynar; for the next year evidently Gynar and Prince; then Prince and Jams; then Jams and French; then French and Robert Ryman.
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Wylliam Hytts hathe xv schyppe pryce of every schyppe xxd., & hys seurty ys Rychard Elkins both for the stoke and hyer.

Dene stoke yn the holle ys xxvs. ijd. yn Crossys hands.

Robert Prynce and John Gyner chyrchwardens recevyd of the paryche at the cownty day xvijd. xij.s.

John Box othythe to the chyrch for xx schyppe xxxiij.s. iiiijd., dew to be payd at May day next yn the yer of Criste 1542.

Robert Guy othe xvjs, iiijd.

Md. that M' Penyston hathe recevyd at the handds of Wylliam Frenche fyve marks for forty schyp bequethyd by mastres Osbaston and Rychard Belchar to a wsse 1 known by the testament, and also of the yncrese xxiiijs. viijd.

Md. that Wylliam Webbe of Spellsbury hathe recevyd foorr pownds sterlyng at the hands of M' Penystone for to by forty schype of the money that Master Jone Osbaston and Rychard Belcharre dyd by legacy gyve to a wse declaryd by their testaments; the sayd Wyll to rendyr by the ye[ ] for the space of fyve yerrs xjijs. iiiijd. for the terme of v yerrs, M' Penyston beyng sewrty for the stoke and for hyer bothe, and of the same stoke Rycarde Elkens have resevyd xs. iiiijd. for v yeres, payeng xxd. evere yre; hys sowrtey ys John Grey. 2

[Dec. 1541 to Dec. 1542]

Robert Prynce and John Jams chyrchwardens chosyn recevyd at ther entry xxiij. xij.s.

Robert Prentyse ys in debet to the chyrch xxxxs., to be payde at Holye Roode day next comynge.

Ryc' Huckwell debet for the torch ly3ht for this yere xxiiijd. 3

[Dec. 1543 to Jan. 154$]$  

Wylliam Frenche and Robert Ryman chyrchwardens of Spellseburye have recevyd at theyre entre viz. the xvj day of December the yere of owre lorde 1543, xxiij. viijd. iiiijd.

Robert Gwye othe to the chyrch xvijs. iiiijd., the one halffe to be payde at Mydsomer next and the other halffe at Mydsomer after that.

1 i.e. use.
2 Elkens no doubt was to buy five sheep with the 10s. 4d.
3 A year must be missing here; the churchwardens would be Jams and French.
Md. that Robert Ryman and Wylliam French have reseyvyd of M' Penyston of the deakyns wages for the last yere xs.; also thye have reseyvyd of Lenerde Carpentar xiiij$s. viijd.

[Jan. 154$ to Dec. 1545]

Robert Ryman and John Box chyrch wardens of Spellsburye have receyvyd at theyre entre viz the xvij day of Januarye the yer of owr lorde 1544 xij$/i. xvs.

The forsayde chyrch men must make there accownts upon saynt Nycholaus day in payn of vjs. viijd. apese except a lawfull cawse.

In Robert Rymans hande and Wylyam Frenchys hand that they must accownt for, fyrst that they lent to the paryshe xxvjs. viijd.; thys summe above wryttyyn the parysh pro-

mysyth to pay upon saynt Nycholas day anno domini 1545.

Item that they lende to Bryxxe xs.

Item that they lende to Wylyam Harrys lijs.

Item that they left yn Ryc. Collyngs hande iiiijd.; thys before must Robert Ryman and Wylliam French make answer fore.

Robert Gwyew owyth off the oxe money viij$s.

Leonard Carpynter owyth to the chyrch vijs.

Rychard Huckwell hath off the torch stocke and renewys xvj$/d.

Item Ryc' Sowch hath of the torch stocke which he receyvyd of Thomas Crosse ijs. vjd.

Phyllyp Huckwell and Edward Margetts wardens off the torche lyght have receyvyd at theyr entre iiijs. viijd. devydyd betwyxt them by evyn porcyons.

[Dec. 1545—Dec. 1546]

John Box and Wyllym Ryman churchwardens of Spells-

burye have receyvyd at theyre entry viz the vj day off December the yere off owre lord 1545. xiiij$/i. iiijs.

All thyngs deductyd Wyll. Ryman and John Box muster and have broght in xj$/i. xijd.

Md. that Wylliam Webbe doth owe to the chyrch of Spellsburye for part of hys shepe hyre which he shulde have payd to Wylliam Ryman and to John Box vjs. viijd.1

1 A year is missing here; the churchwardens would be William Ryman and John Hosyer.
Humfrey Kyere and John Hosyer otherwyse Fletcher church wardens off the parysh off Spelsburye have receyvyd at theyr entrye viz. the xxj day of December the yere of owre lord 1547 xijl. xijd. wheroff John Box ys in debet xvjs., which he must pay at saynt Mychaells tyme next ensuyng the date here off.

Item receyvyd other wyse ixli. xij.s. vjd.
so that theyre whole recepte ys xxli. xijjs. vjd.
remaynyth xvlii. iiijs. vjd. ob.
Thys ys to be notyd that it ys agreyd amongst the parishners here that the accounpt off the church goods shall yerlye be made by the chyrchwardens upon sayntt Mathias day in Februarii upon payne off vjs. viijd. apese that the sayd wardens shall paye to the church for lacke of the sayd accounpt.

The xxiiiij day of Februarii in the yere of oure lord god 1550 there remayneth in the pore mans box iijs. iijd.

Anno domini 1550 et anno Regis Edwardi sexti quinto die mencys Februarii
Oumfray Kyrry and James Suche of Fullwell churche-wardens of Spellesbury have receyvd of the church stoke at the hands of the parrych ixlii. iij.s.

Anno domini 1551 et anno Regis Edwardi sexti sexto Thomas Cowlyng of Deane churchwardens of Spellesbury have receyvd at theyre entre of the church stoke by the hands of the parrych xijli. iij.s.

Anno domini 1552 et anno Regys Edwardi sexti sexto Thomas Cowlyng of Dene and Dave Fleccher churchwardens of Spellesbury have receyved at the hands of the paryche xlii. xvjd.

Md. that Thomas Cowlyng and James Suche oyeth to the

1 Kerry and Hosyer must have been churchwardens for the next year as well, if the rule was followed that every man must hold office for two years.
church for the hyer of shep of Nicoles Chekley, James Hanwell and Phyllyp Hucwell xs.

Md. that Thomas Trendar hath delyvered up the church stoke of shep wych he had that ys viij. iiiijd., the wych summe ys not in the great stoke of xlvii. xvij. above notyd.

Here ys to be notyd also that the church howse wych Cristofer Lankeforde nowe dwellyth in ys rentyd be the yere xs. viijd.

[Feb. 1553 to Feb. 1554]

Anno domini 1553 24 die mensis Februarii et anno Regis Edwardi sexti septimo Dave Flyeccher and Thomas Mullington churchwardens of Spellesbury have receyvyd at theyr entry at the hands of the parych xlij. ixs.

Note that Dave Fleccher ys suretie for Nicoles Chekley for the hyer of hys shep iijs. iiiijd.

[Feb. 1554 to Feb. 1555]

Anno domini 1554, 24 die mensis Februarii anno primo Marie prime Regine

Thomas Mullyngton and Nicolas Hobbe churchwardens have receyvyd at theyere interie at the hand of the parrych xlij. xviijs.

Note that Philyp Hucwell must pay to the church at Mychellmas nex xxvs. xxjd. for the hyer thereof above the upper great summe and Wylliam Hyx must pay to the church also xxx., that ys to wyt at Holirode daye in Maye nex vs., at Mydsummer nex after that vs., at Mychelmas nex after that vs., and at the countie daye nexte other vs.

Thys ys above the greate summe.

Wylliam Frenche suerte for Wylliam Hyx.

Note further that Nicoles Chekeley must paye to the church at Mydsummer nexte iijs.; thys ys in the great sum; note further that John Churchehowse must paye to the church at Holirode day next xs.; note Philip Hucwell payde thys hys dew to the churche wardens in the presence of Mr. Peniston the vicar with other of the parryche the last day of September anno domini 1554.1

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1 This last sentence is added as a side-note to the statement that Philip Hucwell was to pay 25s. 20d. at Michaelmas.
Anno domini 1554, the 24 die mensys Februarii et anno primo et secundo Philypei Regis et Marie Regine
Nicoles Hobbe and Robert piman churchwardens have receyvyd of the hands of the parych at theyere entery viijli. viijs. vjd.
Note that John Churchhowse must pay at Mychelmas nexte xs.
Note also that Nicoles Chakeley must pay at Holirode day next xxd.
Both thees be above the greate sum; John Byller seurtie.

Anno domini 1555 the fyrst day of March and iijdo et iijcio Phyllyppy et Marie Regis et Regine
Robert Piman and Thomas Crosse churchwardens have receyved at the hands of the parych at theyre intery viijli. xs. viijd.
Note that Wylliam Shurley hathe boroed of the church stoke xls., to be repayed at saynt Lukes day nexte cummyng; suretes Wylliam Ryman and Humfrey Kyrry, to be payd the 25 daye of October 1556.1
Note that the holle paryche ar agreed and condecended together to have the church cownt from and after thys tyme to be all wayes upon saynt Lukes day the Evangelist nexte cummyng, and soo and then ever after to contynnew upon that day; anno 1555, primo mercij.

18th day of October
Thomas Crosse and John Tayler 3li. 6s. viijd.
The 18th day of October in the iijth and iijth yers of Philip and Mayrg [sic] and anno domini 1556.
Thomas Crosse and John Tayler churche wardens have receyved at the hands of the parych at theyere enterye iijli. vjs. viijd.
Hyt ys ag[r]eeyd by the paryrchcyoners that the tenaunts wyche dwell in the churche howsys shall kepe the repercacions thereof over and above there rent.
Hyt ys alsoo agreyd that the best be made of the church meade namyd Sydnoll to the church behofe and advantage

1 This last clause seems to be an addition.
Md. that Thomas Wyse must pay to the churche use at Wytsontye nexte a styrike of mawllte; so then he hath payed bothe the stoke and the rent for hys parte of the churche-shepe.

James Hanwell hath payd the 24 day of October the same yer iijjs. ijd. ; so that he ys cleane dyschargyd for the number of hys v shepe, both for the stoke & the hyer thereof.

Item the churchewardens have receyved at the hande of Master Walter Peniston of the gyfte of hys father to the churche xls.

Thys ys over the greate summe; soo the hole summe ys 5li. 6s. 8d.

hyt ys agred by the holle parrych that the churche med named Sydnoll ys rentyd for xxd. by the yer.

[Oct. 1557 to Dec. 1558]

The 18th day of October in the iiiijth and viith yers of Philip & Marie by the grace of god Kyng and Quene of England, Spayne &c. Anno domini 1557.

Humfrey Kyrre and John Jiner churchwardens have receyved at theyer entre at the hands of the parrych iijli. xjs. [altered to ljs.]

Note hyt ys agred by the hole parrych that John Tayler shall have xls. of the church stoke, the on hafe to be payed unto the churchwardens at Holyrod day in May nexte and the other at Michelmas nex after that; sewrtys for that John Jiner and Rychard Graye; thys ys besyds the ljs.; remaynet in the holle 3li. 3s.

[Dec. 1558 to Dec. 1559]

Note that Humfray Kere and John Joyner hath gyyvn a count before the parycye the iiiijth daye of Dyscembre in the first yere of our soveren lady Quene Elyzabeth and hath deleyvered into the hands of Davy Flecher and John Boxe iiijli. vd., and the count to be made the Sonday before sent Nycholas day.

Anno primo Elyzabethe

Note thatt Mr John Osbaldeston hathe to aunser to thys church for hys fathers and hys uncle Mr Anthonis wylls¹ in theyere wylls towards thys churche

¹ 'and mothers' is inserted here.
There remaineth in the church stoke the iiij day of December, anno domini 1559, iiiijl. ijs.; that day was the church cownt gyven before the whole parryche there and Thomas Prynct and Dave Fleccher to contynnew churche wardens for that yere.

Note that John Games hathe bequethyd to the church halfe a quarter of barley.

Thyes note be withowte the upper summe.

[Dec. 1559—Dec. 1560]

The church cownt was made befor the parrych the fyft day of December in the yer of our lord 1560, wyche was the Sunday befor saynt Nicolas day. Then was chosen to be churchwardens Rychard Hucwell and Thomas Gy and they have receyved at the hands of the parrych the summe of iiiij. xvijs. Hyt ys agreed by the holle parrych that whosooever refusyth to be churchwarden shall pay to the church use ij stryke of mawlte.

[Dec. 1560—Dec. 1561]

The churche count was made before the parrych the vij day of December the yere of our lord 1561. Rychard Hucwell and Thomas Gy churche wardens cownted and delyvered in the presence of the hole parryche the summe of vi. xjs.

James Sowche and Thomas Gye churche wardens and they have resevyd of the parryshe vii. xjs. summa totalis viijl. vijs. iiiijd.

Note James Suche oyethe to the churche, forsakynk to be churche man in the yere of our lord 156[0], ij stryke of malte, to be payd at Wytsunytyde nexte to cum to the use of the sayd churche. An order taken the same yere for the chosynge of the chyrche men, that every yere from hence forthe to change on yerly, and he that refusythe to take the office to pay to the chyrche use ij bosshell of malte, and to have the conte at saynt Luke's day, upon payne of vjs. viijd.; so that the chyrchmen can have ther moneye that theye doo lend in to the parryhye.

[Dec. 1561—Nov. 1562]

1563. Note Wytsun Alle xls.

The church cownt was made befor the parrych upon saynt

1 This name is written above 'John Boxe' erased.
2 'James Such' was written first.
Andros day in the yere of our lord god 1563, and anno quinto Elyzabeth regine; then wesse chosen churche man Robert Piman to be with James Such, and they have receyved at the hands of the parrych the same daye and yer viijl. vs.

[Nov. 1562—Oct. 1563]

1563 anno quinto Elyzabeth regine.
Hyts agrede by the consent of the holle parrych that the churche acount shal be contynnually every yere upon saynt Lukes day the Evangelyst upon payne of vjs. viijd. for every falt therein made to be payed by the churche men.
The Churche cownte was made upon saynt Lukes day before the parrych anno domini 1563 et anno quinto Elyzabeth regine and then was chosyn blank to be with Robert Pyman; and they have receyved of the parrych that day in the churche cownte the summe of vii.

[Oct. 1563—Oct. 1564]

The church cownte was made befor the parrych upon saynt Lukes day anno domini 1564 et anno sexto Elyzabeth regine, and then was chosyn churchwardens John Web and Rychard Hucwall, and they have receyved at the hands of the parrych the some of iiiijl. iiijs.; Humfrey Kyrre must paye to the parrych for refusyng to be church man ij styke of mawlte.
Made at Wytsuntyd all thyngs cowntyd xxxvs.
Summa totalys vii. xixs.

[Oct. 1564—Oct. 1565]

The churche cownte was made upon saynt Luckes day anno domini 1565 et anno septimo Elyzabeth regine. The ar chosyn churche men Dave Flecher and Cristofer Lankeford, and they have receyved of the paryche viij. iiijd.


The churche cownte was made upon saynt Lukes day anno domini 1566 et anno octavo Elyzabeth regine. Dave Flecher and Cristofer Lankeford remayne yet styll thys yere churchwardens and they have receyved at the hands of the parryche xvs. xd.
The churche mede of Sydenowle ys by the yere xxd.
Mr John Osbaston hathe hytt nowe in hys occupacyon.

1 1562 is meant; St. Andrew's Day in 5 Eliz. was Nov. 30, 1562.
2 Humfry Kyrry was written first.
The churche rent ys by the yere ix.s. viijd.; note xs. viijd.
Dave Fleccher payeth to the parrych of the munney wyche remayneth in hys hands, of the summe of munny that he receyvyd when he was constable, he owyethe iiijs. viijd. yet to peye.

[Oct. 1567—Oct. 1568]
The cownte of the churche was mad upon saynt Lukes day in the yere of our lord god 1567 et anno nono Elyzabeth regine Thomas Tayler and Edmund Fleche then chosen churchwardens and they have receyved of the parrych at theyere entery xxxs.
Cristofer Lankeford payeth by the yere to the churche xijs. iiijd. and owte of that the lords rent must be deducte or taken.
Howghe Wodforde payeth to the churche yerely iijs., whereof the lorde hathe no parte.

[Oct. 1568—Oct. 1569]
The churche cownt was made upon saynt Lukes daye anno domini 1568 et anno Elyzabeth regine decimo.
Humfrey Kyrrrey and Edmunde Flecher chosyn churchwardens have receyved att the hands of the parryche then xls. iiijd.

The churche accompt was made the Sunday next before the feste of Simon and Jude thappostles being the xxiiij of October anno domini 1569 made by Humfrey Kery and Edmonde Flecher then being chuchwardens.
The churche account was made upon saynt Lukes daye anno domini 1569 et anno xj Elyzabethe regine. Ambros Rokeye and Thomas Cowlyng chosyn then churchwardens have receyved at the hands of the parryche at theyre entre xxxjs. viijd., were off ys accounted iijs. iiijd. dewe for Sydenowille as parcell of the sayde summe.

[Oct. 1570—Oct. 1571]
The churche cownt was made the xxij day of October in the xijth yer of Quene Elyzabeth 1570; Ambroese Rocke 2 and Robert Lankeford choson then churchwardens have receyved at the hands of the parrzychioners xvs.

1 'St. Lukes day' is written above this, and the whole paragraph has been crossed out.
2 'Wylliam Ryman' was written first.
EARLY CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS

note Sydenowle be hynde unpayd 1571 iii yers rent xx\text{d.}
by the yere.

Summa totalis for Sydenowle iii yers vjs. viijd.

Mr. Osbeston owyeth for Sydenowle ij yers rent iijs. iiiijd. 1571
Mem. the rent of the churche ixs. iiiijd.; of Mr. Peniston for
Sydenowle 1571 xx\text{d.}

Summa totalis xxvjs.

Layde owte in expencys:
smok farthyngs xx\text{d.}; to Martin for the bells xx\text{d.}; in
expencys at ij visitacions xvjd.; to the apparitor for warnyng
the courts viijd.; to Ambroes Hucwell for hys feys viijd.; to
Martin for logers iiiijd.; for bred and wyne xvjd.

The hole sume remaynyng in the churche stoke the xvij\text{th}
day of October 1571 ys xxiiijjs. [originally xvijjs.].

Item for the water pott iijs. payd; Item for the ij candle-
strycks xx\text{d.} to be payd at Cristinmas nexte; ffor a tablecloth
xijd., for ij crosse a sencer ijs. iiiijd.

[Oct. 1571—Oct. 1572]

The churche cownte was made the xvij\text{th} daye of October
beyng saynte Lukes day; then was Thomas Kyrry and
Wylliam Belcher chosyn churchwardens the yere of our lord
1571 et anno xij Elyzabethe nunc regine, and they haue receyved
of the parryche at theyre entry xxxs. iiiijd.

The rent of Sydenowle xx\text{d.}

[Oct. 1572—Oct. 1573]

The churche cownt was made upon saynt Lukes day 1572
et anno xiiij and then were chosyn churchwardens Rycharde
Hucwell of Fulwell and Rycharde Fletcher. In the churche
stoke viijd. There remayneth unpayd wyche Mr. Osbaston
owyeth to the church iijs. iiiijd. for the rent of Sydenowle.

[Oct. 1573—Oct. 1574]

The church cownt was made upon saynt Lukes day 1573
et anno quinto decimo Elyzabethe nunc regine and then were
chosyn churche wardens Leonard Ryman and Henry Paxford
and they haue receyved of the church at theyre entre
xjs. ix\text{d.}

1 The xvijjs. first altered to xixs.; then to xixs. xx\text{d.}; then to xxjs.
viijd.; then to xxiiijjs., i.e. by the sale of ornaments mentioned in
the text.
The churche cownte was made upon saynt Lukes day 1574 et anno sexto decimo Elyzabethe regime. Then were chosyn churchwardens John Chowlyng and Robert Web and they have receyved at theyre entere at the parryche hands ixs. xid.; and for a box viijd.; for the holy bread box ijd.; and the clock wherl xxd.; for bras, and ij cruets viijd.

All ys xiijs. jd.

Spellesburi 1575. Munney gyven to the pore of thys paryche by the worshepfull Thomas Peniston Esquyer, Water Peniston and Michaeell Peniston jentylmen the xxvijth day of May 1575 anno xvijth Elyzabethe nunc regime

1. Hewghe Wodford xijd. 2. Wylliam Bylson xijd.

Al xvjs.

Spellesburi 1575 yt ys agreed by the worshepfull and all the parrycyoners there that every communicant within the paryche shall gyve one ob. to by bred and wyne for the blessed communion not only agaynst Easter but to serve for every monethe in the yere for the same purpose, as yt ys there ministred and receyved; and that every howse howlder shall auncer and pay for all thoes that be within hys howse, and the tythyng man within every towe and vilage shall gether or take up the same sume of every hose howlder, and the same so gethered or taken shall withowte delay delyver the same unto the churche wardens for that tyme beyng; and they to provyde for bred and wyne at all tymmes, as ys before named; and further yt ys agrede that yff any howse howlder denye to paye for all the communicants within hys howse, that then the sayde tythyngman shall strayne for the same sum and the stres to kepe tyll yt be auncered.

Robert Web and John Colyng churche wardens have geyned to the church at Wytsontyde 1575 all thyngs counted de claro liijd. iijs.

1 The total shows that xijd. is meant.
The churche cownte was made the Sunday after saynt Lukes daye wych was the xxiiij of October 1575 et anno Elyzabethe nunc regime 17°; then wer chosen churchwardens Robert Lankeforde and Wylliam Suche and they have receyvyd att the hands of the parrycioners att theyere entery lixs. vjd.
PYRTON

The parish of Pyrton, with its hamlets of Clare, Golder, and Portway, is in Oxfordshire, one mile north from Watlington and eight miles south-west of Thame. It is thus described in Bacon's Liber Regis (1786):

Pyrton V. St. Mary cum capella Standell destructa, Mon. Norton in Cheshire proprietor or propr. now Dean & chapter of Ch. Ch. Oxon.

Dugdale (vi. 313) says that the rectory of Pirtona was worth £20. It was given to the Augustinian priory (later made an abbey) of Norton, which was founded circa 1135 by Wm. Fitz Nigell at Runcorn, and removed by his son William to Norton in the time of Stephen; it is mentioned in Carta Rogeri Constabularii Cestrie, who was living in 1194 (Red Book of the Exchequer, 87).

The Simeon family were landowners: in 1571 Francis Simeon was churchwarden, and on June 24, 1619, the famous John Hampden married at Pyrton Elizabeth, daughter of Edward Simeon, Esq., then lord of the manor (Dict. Nat. Biog.). She died in August 1634. In 1548 mention is made of Edmund Symeon. In the Visitation of Oxfordshire in 1634 will be found a pedigree of Symons (sic) of Pyrton.

Arms: per fesse sa. and or a pale counterchanged and 3 trefoils slipped of the 2nd.

We have gathered together the following items relating to the bells of the church: sanctus bell, sanctus bell-rope, making of sanse bell, casting white leather used for the bellropes, trussing of bells (TRUSS, v. 10, N.E.D., to tighten up a bell on its stock after it has worked loose), bolling the clappers, suting (i.e. shooting or splicing of bell-ropes, see SHOOT, N.E.D.), Bellfry, bellfry dore, bell whole, Baldrick or Bawdrick, balryd (the leather gear with its appurtenances by which the clapper of a church bell was suspended, N.E.D.),
great bell, fore bell, middle bell, bell cast at Buckingham, casting of gudgeons or axles of bells (N.E.D., Wells Cath. MSS. ii. 51), gosshaweke for the great bell (not in N.E.D.).

The following books are mentioned in the accounts: processioneer (J. C. Cox, Churchwardens' Accounts, 109, 110), manuell (Cox, 106–11), portes (Cox, 106–11), common prayer, Bible, binding the new bibell (Cox, 118), book marker for Bible, service book, book of canons, book of articles, Register book of parchment, book bought at Dorchester, carrying books to Oxford, boke of the quere (Cox, 110, 112), homelyes and King's injunctions (Cox, 116).

Visitations were held at Henley, Ewelme, Watlington, Oxford, Dorchester, by the archdeacon, by the bishop, and by the archbishop of Canterbury. In 1548 the King's visitation was held at Oxford, and the apparitor had a fee for warning the churchwardens to the assizes and to the visitations. Mention is made of smoke farthings; generally the sum of xvijd. ob. was paid at the visitation. It is sometimes called smoke silver (Cox, 74).

At Mary's accession things were restored in the church: among others, a haircloth (spelt hearaclot) for the altar; but soon after her death we have entries as to pulling down the altar and wiping out the images, the rood-loft was pulled down and the pulpit set up, and mention is made of the lord's table.

There are interesting entries respecting the church acre, such as felling, weeding, cocking, ploughing, harrowing, mowing and yearing, seed barley, seed oats, threshing the church barley, 28s. received for barley, all referring to this church acre.

Animals were owned by the church. We read of the delivery of the lampe cowe, and compare the following which occurs in the will of John Middelton, of Longfield, Kent (Testamenta Vetusta, 781):

1511 to the mayntenance of the rode light in the said church a cowe the which I wille in the keepinge of some honest person to the said use, according to the discretion of my executors.

We also find mention of the rent of 20 sheep belonging to the church.
Collections were made for the church of Arthuret, a village in Cumberland on the Esk: the parish church was rebuilt in 1609 by means of a brief issued on Sept. 24, 1606, but the persons employed in the building going off with a considerable portion of the money collected, the tower was left unfinished, towards which Dr. Todd, the rector, contributed about £60, and procured contributions of £20 to £30 more (see Church Briefs, by W. A. Bewes, p. 99).

The following interesting miscellaneous items found in the accounts have been brought together: Maimed soldiers and hospitals (Cox, 332, 340), glazing of windows and quarrels (Cox, 87), chalice sold, summer pole (see under summer, N.E.D.; Cox, 283), brack (probably breach in a wall), banner clothes (Cox), payntyn of the dowme (a pictorial representation of the Last Judgement, painted on the chancel arch), three tapers for rood, helping to brew the church ale, increase, inventory of church goods, rate made by parishioners, church mound, whytyng of the church, font-taper (Cox, 37), cope, pascal, encle, inkle (N.E.D., a kind of linen tape used to make a bookmark (register) for the Bible; the word is mentioned three times in Wells Cath. MSS. ii. 280).

These celebrated persons are mentioned in the accounts: Dr. Drury (John Drury, LL.D., rector of Witney, archdeacon of Oxford 1592, ob. 1614); Sir Francis Stonor (see Visitation of Oxfordshire, 1574); Mr. Warcopp (see Visitation of Oxfordshire, 1634); Mr. Dounch (see Noble’s Memoirs of the House of Cromwell, ii. 189–203); Mr. Simoons (see above).

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[1548]

These parcells foloynge we have layd owt syns owr last Acompt fyrst for castyng of the grett bell vli. vjs. viijd.

Item to the carpynters for hyngyng of the same bell iijs. iiiijd.

Item for costs when he went to Bockyngham to cast the bell xviiijd.

Item payd to Thomas Dowson for makynge a byll of covenantts betwene the belfounder and us iiiijd.
Item spent when I went to Rysborow for herne to heng the bell iiijd.
Item payd for a presentment at Oxford when the kyngs vycytation was iiijd.
Item for owre costs at the same tyme viijd.
Item payd for owre costs at Dorchester at the last syttyng for the kyng iiijd.
Item for owre costs at Watlynpton at ij chapter days viijd.
Item payd for a bell Rope ixld.
Item payd for smocke ferthyngs xviiijd. ob.
Item payd for bollyng and mendaung of ij bell clapurs and a locke iij.
Item payd for the homelyes and the kyngs iniuntionns xiiiijd.
Item payd for makyng the medyll bell whele xiiiijd.
Item for bordyng hym that made the whele ij dayes vjd.
Item payd for a bell Rope xjd.
Item payd for neyls for the bell whele ijd. ob.
Item whyt enkle to make Regesters for the byble ob.
Item payd for mendaung the medyll bell bawdrycke ijd.
Item for a copy of the kyngs injunctions iiijd.
Item payd to Woodkock for mendaung the heggeh in the chyrchyerd ijd.

Summa Soluta vjli. iiijs. ijd.

Anno secundo Edwardi vjth

And so the sayd wardens have leyd owt xxij. vijd. and paid more then they receyvyd.

The acompt of Robert Carpynter and Edmond Yats made the syxt daye of Maye the seconde yere of the reyne of owre sovereigne Lord Kynge Edward the syxt.

The same daye Robert Carpynter owythe to the chyrch

[This has been erased and the sum owed is illegible.]

Wardens chosyn the vj daye of maye Edmond Yats and Thomas Walys.

The sayd wardens have receyvyd in the chyrche box the same daye xiiiijd.
Item rec' of John Webbe iiijd.
Item receyvyd at the chyrche at Wytsuntyl clerr to the chyrche xixs.
Item resevyd for olde brasse xviijs. viijd.
Item leyd oute for a boke ffor the churche vjs.
Item ffor payng of smocke ferthyngs xviiijd. ob.
Item ffor mendaung of ij belle clappers xviiijd.
Item ffor exspensys at the chapter day vd.
Item ffor exspensys and a boke bowt at Dorchester vjd.
Item ffor exspensys at Henley at ij tymes xxd.
Item ffor exspensys at Henley at ij tymes xvjd.

[Against the two last items the words goodman 3ats and goodman Walys are written in the margin.]

Item the delyveryng of the lamppe kowe iiijd.
Item payd Edmund Symeon that the cherch ovyde hym vjs. viijd.
Item ffor exspensys at Henley viijd.
Item ffor exspensys xxd.

a cowtt made by Edmund 3ats and Thomas Walys the xxvijth day of may in the iiij yere of the reygne of our soveryn lord kyng Edward the syxxt and all thynys a lowed and remanyth in the box xvs. viijd. and now cherche wardens William Dene and Thomas Wallys.

Item that the cherche wardens William Deven and Thomas Walys have reseyvyd at the cherche ale xiijs. iiiijd.

there rema[n]yth iijs. xjd.

Item Harry Slatter recevyd of William Deven ffor gatheryng and carying of stones iiijs. viijd.
Item Jhon Deryke iiiijd.
Item to Richard wyff vjd.
Item to Thomas Lane ffor viij lods caryng iijs. iiiijd.
Item William Deven for xiiij lode caryng vs. vd.
Jhon Devon ffor spredyng of stonyss ijd.
Item for the boke of the quere iijs. viijd.
Item leyed out for smoke verthyngs xviiijd. ob.
Item for expensys iiiijd.
Item for mendiynge of the meddell clapper xviiijd.
Item for a belle rope xjd.
Item for a lode [erased].
Item to Jhon Boltor for gatheryng of stons iiijd.
Item for a bell rope xijd.
Item for mendiynge of a loke ijd. ob.
Item at Dorcester iiiijd.
Item for caryng the boks to Oxford iiiijd.
Item at Watlynton at the chapetor day iiijd.
Item for lyme viijd.

xxiijs. xjd.

A cownte mayd be William Dewene and Thomas Wallyll (sic) the xvityne daye of maye in the fowr yere of the rayne of Kyng Edward the syxxt and all thyngys aloyd there remanyt in the boxe xis. viijd.
and nowe chyrche mene Wylleam Deven and Tomas Lane.
Item to Robart Tyler for whytyng of the churche vs. viijd.
Item for lyeme viijd.
Item naylys jd.
Item ij lowd of wood xixd.
Item to Tom Edwards for gatheryling of stons vjd.
Item to Derycke iiijd.
Item to Rychard Warde iiijd.
Receavyd off the churche ale xxxxs. ijd.
Item payd to the goodman Yeates for Caryng of stons viijs. xjd.
Item to the goodman Carpynter for Caryng of stons vjs. iiijd.
Item to the goodman Laene for Caryng of stons vs. vjd.
Item to the goodman Devens for Caryng of stons vs. xjd.
Item Rychard Warde for stons iiijd.
Item a balryd for the gret bell xvijd.
Item for smoke ferthyngs xvijd. ob.
Item for expensys ijd.
Item to Pryse wyf for gatheryling of stons xxd.
Item Rychard Bokeland for makyng a loke iiijd.
Item at Dorchester at chaptyter viijd.
Item for the Injuncions and makyng of oure byll iiijd.
Item at Watlynton at the capiter iiijd.

A count mayde the iiij day of may be Wylliam Devyn and Tomas Lane in the vyere of oure soverant lord Kyng Edward the syxt and now ar church men Robart Andros and Thomas Lane and there ys delyverd wnto them xs. vjd.
And mayd at the church ale the same yere xxxixs. iiijd.
They be chargyd wytt in all ls.

leyd owt

Item payd for makyng of the lords tabull xs. viijd.

Reset

Item for the banner clothys xxd.

A count mayd the xx day of may by Thomas Laene and Robart Andros the vij yere of owr soverant lord King Edward the vijt and there ys delyveryd unto them xxx. vd. and now are churche men the goodman Symons and Robart Andros

Item mayde of the churche ale xxvjs. jd.

leyd owt

Item payd unto Jhon Wefer iiijs. xjd. Item payd to the goodman Yeates for beryng of stonyrs xs. Item for expensys at Henley xixd. Item payd to Gyelles for layng of the stone xvjd. Item payd for smoke farthyngs xvijd. ob. Item for expenses at the capeter daye iiijd. Item for a boke of Comen
Praar sset forthe be the kynge iiij.s. Item payd to Jhan Wever for hys labor goyng to Henle vjd.

Item spent at Newhellme vij.

Item payd for bred and wyne for the communyon iijs. iiijd.

The cownt mayd the vij off maye by Edmund Symonds and Robart Andros the vij yeayr off the rayne of ouer soveraine lord king Edward the sixt and there remaynes in the chyrche boxe xviijs. vjd. and nowe are church wardynes Edmund Symonds and Thomas Hollan.

Item payd to Jhan Wever for hys labor goyng to Henle vjd.

Item spent at Newhellme vij.

Item payd for bred and wyne for the communyon iijs. iiiid.

The count mayd the vij off maye by Edmund Symonds and Robart Andros the vij yeayr off the rayne of ouer soveraine lord king Edward the sixt and there remaynes in the chyrche boxe xviijs. vjd. and nowe are church wardynes Edmund Symonds and Thomas Hollan.

Item payd for the commynyon iijs. iiijd.

Item reseved at Ester for smoke farthynges iijs. vijd.

Item reseved at the Wyton ale xviijs. vijd. ob.

The aconte of Edman Semeon and Thomas Hollan xxvj daye of aprill in the fyurste of quen Mary.

Theys passelles foloyng we have layd owt synnys oure laste aconte fyyrste for glasyng of the wyndo in the chyrche xxvjs. vijd. Item payde smoke farthyngs xvijd. ob. Item delyvered to Thomas Hollan to mend Kneythe bryge vjs. viijd. Item payd for a paten for chalys xiiijs. ixd. Item payd for a passe boke vjs. viijd. Item payd for makynge of the seuper altare viijd. Item payd for makynge of the paschall and the wantapar xvijd.

The following items are erased:

Item the same daye Edman Yates hoys iijs. iiiijd.

Item the same daye Robarte Carpynter hoys xxiijs. iiiijd.

Item the same daye Thomas Hollan hoys xiijs. viijd.

Summa of the receyts xls. viijd. ob.

Summa of the expenses lviijs. vjd. ob.

Summa of the dus xviijs. xjd. the which was dyscharged by Robert Carpenter.

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Anno Domini
Resets

Item that Edmun yeats and Thomas Holande mayd of the ale at Wytsontyd and all costs and chargys borne xxxixs. iijd.

Item resevyd of Robart Carpynter vjs. viijd. ob.

Item resevyd of Master Byrt of Shabynton iijs. iiiijd.

Item resevyd of Robart Carpynter a bussell of barley for Wylliam Po... (this item is erased). Item resevyd at Ester iijs. xjd.

liijs. viijd.
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leyd owt

Item for makeng the pascall and fant taper iijs.
Item payd to the vycar of Sherbord (sic) for a cope & iiiij vestments xls.
Item for mendyng the church box iiijd. Item payd for smoke ferthyngs xvijijd. ob.
Item at the chapyter day iiijd. Item for a manuell iijs. viijd.
Item for a precessyner iiij$. Item leyd out when y went to Oxford to by bokys ijd. Item for the workemanshype about the auter ijs. iiiijd.
Item for charyng a lode of chacocke and a lode of yeart and a boshell of lyme xijd. Item at the chapiter day at Henley iiijd. Item naylys about the sepuker jd. Item for hanggyng of the great bell xiiijd.
Summa lvijs. viijd. ob.

Anno domini

1555
7 May

Item mayde of the Wytsom alle xxxiijs. iiiijd. Item resevved at Ester vs. xd. Item resevyd of Robert Carpynter off a mor som part of payment vs. Item payd ffor a cros and a parys xxxs. Item payd ffor haft a portes iijs. Item payd for mendynge of the byell and nayls ijs. iiiijd. Item payd for dryssyng of the pykes vjd. Item resevyd ffor the pascall at hester (sum erased). Item payd ffor makynge off the pascall and the fchantaper ijs. viijd. Item payd ffor a byell roope xxjd.
Thes passell dotte remayne in the bokys the day and yere abowesayd xxxvijs. vjd.

Anno domini 1556.

Receytes Receyvedde
Item made of the churche alle xxxvijs. vjd.
Recevid of the goodwife Simion vs. iiiijd.
Recevid of the gatheryng for the pascal and the fante tapar at Ester ijd.

Laid owt

for a heare to the altare xvd. for a bell rope xxd. for mendinge the churche yate ijs. for a portus ijs. vjd. Item for mynding off ye baudrike of the medell belle jd. Item in part of payment for the Rode and the other imagis xxvjs. viijd. for nayles and a seyve iiiijd.
for the stapilles and the hoks for to hange uppe the Rod viijd.
for a pese of ashe of Androse the pryse iiijd.
Item for a day worke to Androse and bording xd.
for a stapul to the Rod iiijd: for trussing of the belles xijd.
for the nayles and the hinchys for the belles ixd.
for bording of the carpenter xijd. for making of a dore for
the stepul xjd. for mending of the bere iijd.
Item for making of the pascal and the fant tapar and to
pound of wixe ijs. viijd. for making of thre tapars for the
Rode and a pound of wixe and a quarterne xxd.
satisfecit

Anno domini 1557.

Churche men Edmonde Yates Jhon Parsons.
Recyvedd the xxi of June xljs. iiijd.
Item receyvedd off Mistris Strete vjs. iiijd.
Item reseyved of Edmond Symon of a more sum vjs. viijd.
Item reseyved off Jhon Carpenter iijs. viijd.
Summa recep lvijs. iiijd.
Summa expens lvijs. iijd. ob.
Summa detts xiiiijd.
satisfecit monys gathered for the pascal laid owt
lvijs. iijd. ob. Leyd owt
Item leyd owt for payntyng of the hy awter vjs. viijd.
Item payd for payntyng of the dowme xiijs. iiijd.
Item for ij bell ropys ijs. ixd.
Item myndyng of the bell and for naylys xxd.
Item for smoke farthyngs xvijd. ob. Item for ij quartans
of say to hange over the piccks xiiiijd. Item for myndyng of
the church and workemanshipe therof xxiijs. iiijd. Item for
hys borde and hys manys borde xvjd. Item for mending
of the bellys xijd. Item for owre dyners at chappyter day viijd.
Item for fellyng of the church aker viijd. for makinge a bawd-
ricke to the myddell bell xiiiijd. Item for mendinge the
myddell bell and nayles xijd.
Summa lvijs. iijd. ob.
in the margin for mendinge Mr Starts grave xijd.

Anno domini 1558

church men Robert Androse and Wylliam Devyn are
church wardens.
Item mayd of the churche ale lvs. ijd.
Item layd oute at the chapter daie xviiijd. ob.
Item for ij bellropes ijs. viijd.
satisfecerunt
Item resoved of John Copper of Sherborne xijd.
Item geven to the cherche by Alies Devon iiiij busshells of barlie
Item receyvde for the pascall ijs. viijd.

[These six items are erased.]

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churchemen  Jhon Reding  Jhon Wodos
Recyved xxxvijs. iijd.
Item mayded of the cheyrche ale xliijs. viiiijd.
and so they be chargyd with iiiijd. xijd.

Mony layd owt by Jhone Readyng and Jhone Wodehowse
In primis at tuyme at the quens vysytatyone for ouer chargys and thos wyche wear with us xxd.

Item for maykyng and puttyng in ouer byll ther viijd.
Item for the injunctyons vd.  Item for the boke off comon prayer and a plaine boke vjs. viijd.  Item for tylyng the churche porche iijs. viijd.  Item for truesyng the bells ijs. vjd.
Item to the clark for pullyng downe the alter viijd.

Sumys layd owt xvjs. iijd.

For the Witsone ale anno domini a thousand v hundred lx

[1560]
Made of the Whytson ale xijs. ijd.

layd oute the yer aforesaid fyrst for the smoke sylver iiijs. viijd.

Item for glasinge the windo and lime and nailes xs. iiiijd.
Item paid to the somner iiiijd.  Item for the tables xxd. ob.
Item for wipinge oute of the Images xviiijd.  Item for our expenses at Henli xijd.  Item paid to the somner for warneng us to appere at Tame iiiijd.  Item paid to Harre Slatter vjd.
Item layd oute for bred and wine before Wels boutie anie vjd.
Item for mendinge the churche yate ijd.  Item lent to good manne Yates vjs. summe off that wyche ys layd owt xxvijs. ob.
and so remaynythe in the box xliijs. jd. ob.

[1561] to May 12 1562

Churche wardens  John Carpenter  Baldwen Reygnolde

payments

In primis payd at the busshop of Canterburyesvisitacyon xxd.
Item payd for dressinge of goodwyle Symeons grave vjd.
Item payd for the trussynge of the bells vs.  Item for nailis for the same bells viijd.  Item for a pese that went over the
frame and mendyng of yt viijd. Item for mendynge of the belle whele iiijd. Item for mendynge of the gudgyn of the bell jd. Item payd to Robert Tyler for dressynge of the churche xvjd. Item for v pecks of lyme vd. Item payd at Watlyngton in smoke farthyngs xviijd. ob. Item in expences at Watlyngton viijd. Item for makynge clene of the churche whe[n] the Rode lofte was pulled downe iijd. Item for a plate of iron that jonethe the byble boke jd. ob. Item for mendynge of surplesses jd. Item expences at Henley xxd.

Summa totalis xiiijs. xd.

Acontt made the xij day off May in the iiiij yere off the rayne off our e ssoverentt lade Elysabeth be Jhon Carpyntor and Balden Ranolde and all charges a lойd them ther remanyt clerley ffor them to ansar xlviiis. ob.

[1562]

Churche wardens Baldwen Reynolde John Carpynter
Item payd for mendynge of the belle frame vjs.
Item payd for trussynge and nayles and the gudgyn xijd.
Item at the vycytacyon at Watlyngton in smoke ferthings xviiijd. ob.
Item in expences at Watlyngton viijd.
Item payd for a santse bell rope xixjd. Item at Henlye at the vycytacyon at Henlye xvjd. Item payd to the somner iiijd.
Item payd at Henlye for the makynge of the inve[n]torye of the churche goods iiijd. Item payd for a baldrycke for the mydle belle xvjd. Item payd for belle ropes vs. Item payd for the baldrycke of the greate bell xviiijd. Item for mendynge of the surpies iiijd.

Summa totalis xxs. ixd. ob.

Item that we receved xxvjs. ijd.
Item that we gayned vs.
Item that Jonne Deven ouithe too bussyll of malte

[1563]

Churche wardens Balden Ranolde Rychard Deven

Some totale xijs. xd. ob.
The counte made the 7 of maye by Rychard Deven and Rannolde Balden and in the syxe yeare of the range of oure
soverant ladie Quene Elizabethe and al things decharges
theare remaynethe in the churche boxe xxs. vd. and nowe
church wardens Rychard Deven and Androwe Hawse

Item made of the churche ale xvjs. ijd.

Item receved by the hands of M' Barnard vycore of Pyrton
given by the Deane and chappyter of Chryste Churche to the
burdinge of the stale of the same churche xxs.

Item more recevied of M' Barnard iijs. iiiijd.

The following account is out of place on fo. 147 b.

Item for chariges of earth to Good carpynter iiijis.

Item for chariges of stone to goodman Eates iijs.

Item for chariges of stone to goodman Reddinge ijs. iijijd.

Item for sande flettinge js. ijd. Item for earthe flettinge
js. viijd.

Item for geatheringe of the stones vjd. Item for lyme
iijs. ijd.

Item for workemanshype theareof viijjs. viijd. Item for
mendinge of the lede vs. iiijd.

Item payde to the Somner iijijd. Item for charges at the
fisitacion js. vjd. ob.

Item for expences theare ixd. Item for felinge of the
tymber and ssaringe vijs.

Item for chariges theareof iiijis. Item for sawinge xiijs. viijd.

Item for charges at Henlye viijd.

Some liiijs. vd.

The counte made the 6 of maye in the 7 yeare of the raigne
of oure soverante ladie quene Elyzabethe by Rychard Deven
and Andros Havese and theare remaynes in the churche boxe
and all things aloued xvjs. iiiijd. and nowe churche wardens
Edmond Eates, John Honnte

Item recevid for thinkes solde viijd. Item recevid of Good-
man Symeon and goodman Woddos xxviijs. viijd. Item
recevid mor of Edmunde Symeon and John Charpynter
xxviijs. viijd.

Item mad and gainid by the churche alle xxs.

[expenses]

[of Edmund Eates and John Hont churche wardens]

fyrst to the carpenter for bordinge the setes and makeinge of
the yate xiijs. Item for hayles iijs. ijd. Item for ij laborars
to abate the grownd ijs. Item for fellinge one oke and the
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squaringe ijs. Item for the sawinge of the said timber vs. Item for sawyng one other bordstoke iijs. viijd. Item for nayles xvj d. Item for mendinge of the belleclapper iijs. Item for shotinge of ij bellropes iijs. Item at the chappiter at Henli ix d. Item for smoke farthinges xix d. Item paid to the somner iiiijd. Item laidowght at Dorchester vijd.

Some xxxviijs. vd.

The counte made the xix daye of maye in the yeare of oure lorde god 1566 and in the 8 yeare of the rayne of quene Elizabethe by Edmonde Eates and John Hunte and theare remaynth in the churche boxe and all things aloued iiijd. xvs. xijd. and nowe churche wardens Edmonde Eates and Roger Gregorey.

first for the chapiter for the laying of the wetherbore and makinge of the seates of the courcke xvijs. Item layde forthe to stapele and a hape ijs. Item fore makinge of the beere and timber ijs. viijd. Item for smoke fartheng xixd. Item payde to the summen iiijd. Item payde at Dorchester iiijd. Item for the makinge of a lader and woode for the roune xxijd. Item payde at Hlnly xijd.

sum xxiiijs. jd.

Item received of Edmund Eates iijs. iiijd.
Item received smoke fertheng viijijd.

The acounte made the xv daye of maye in the yeare of oure lorde god 1566 and in the night yeare of the rayne of quene Elzabeath by Edmund Eatis and Roger Gregorey and ther remaeneth in the churche boxe and all thynge aloued iiijd. iiijs. ixjd. and now churche wardens

Roger Gregore and Rychard Simion

Layd owght by Roger Gregore and Rychard Simion as folowithe

fyrst for the makinge of the sanse bell xvs. vjd. Item for hanginge of the bell to Bokeland xiiijd. Item for iiij newe bellropes iiijjs. xd. Item for nayles vd. Item for j bord to make the yate xd. Item for smoke farthinges xvijjd. Item to Wigginton the carpintor for one dais worke xijd. Item at the visitasion at Watlington vjd. Item for makinge of our byle ijd. Item at the visitasion at Henle vjd. Item for ij hinges and one hoke to hange the yate . . . . Item paid to the somner viijd.

som of the layenges owght ys xxvijs. ixjd.
The accownt made by Roger Gregore and Rychard Simion churchwardens the x yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth and so ther remainthe in the churche boxe all things alowd xxviijs. iijd. and now churchwardens William Laurense and Richard Simion

Item resevid of Robart Androse xijd.

Laid oght by William Lawranse and Richard Simion as folowith

fyrst laid oght for makinge of ij bawdrikes xijd.


Som of the layngesoute xxiijs. jd.

An acownt made by William Lawrense and Rychard Simion the xijth yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth the first of may and all thinges to them alowde there remainith in the churche box xxiijs. iijd. and now churchwardens William Lawrens and William Sadlar

Item for the visytacion at Watlington xviijd. Item for a baudrek xvjd. Item for a booke xijd. Item for smoke farthyngs xviijd. Item for the visytacion at Henly vjd. Item for the somnor iiijd. Item for iiiijd. ball (sic) roppes vs. viijd. Item makynge a churche alle the encrease of it xxxiiijjs. iiiijd.

Item for the mending of the bellse vs.

An acownt made by William Lawrans and William Sadlar the last of Aprill in the xijth yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth as folowithe and all thynges alowd ther remainithe in the churche boxe xlvijjs. iiiijd. . . . of the rente of the shepe one yere

Allso resevid of Fransis Simion for the shepe iiijs.

Allso resevid of Jhon Carpinter ijs. viijd.

and now churche wardens William Sadler and Franses Simion.

Item gaynede by the churche ale xlijs.

Item recevyd of John Carpenter xiijs. (?) Item laide out by Frauncis Semeon and William Sadler as folowith

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Item laide oute for castinge of oure lede xxxs.
Item laide oute for lede that we lacke xxxvjs.
Item laide oute for takinge oup of our lede and laynge
doune vs.
Item laide oute for soderringe of the lede ijs.
Item laide oute for expenses when we wher at Reding
xiijs. vjd.
Item laide oute for hanginge of the bell iiijs.
Item laide oute for castinge of oure bell iij/i. vjs. viijd.
Item layde oute at the vicitacion at Walyngton xvijd. ob.
Item laide oute the same daye for our dinners vd.
Item laide out to Sharpe for a days worke vjd.
Item laide oute at the vicitacion at Henlye xd.

An aconnt made by Franses Simion and William Sadler
the xxvijth daie of Maye in the xiiiith yere of the raine of
quene Elizabeth and all thinges accownted for the churche
owthe unto Franses Simion churchewarden xjs. vijd. And
now churchwardens Frances Simion and Jhone Reddinge
Item laide oute by Francis Semeon and John Redyne as
folovyth
frieste (sic) laide oute for mendinge of the glas vs. vjd.
Item laide oute for a bell rope vjd.
Item laide oute for smoke farthinges xvijd. Item laide oute
for his dinner iiijd. Item laide oute for have a hide of wyt-
lether ijs. Item laide oute at the vicacion at Henly ijd.
Item laide oute more in carges vjd. Item laide oute at the
vicacion at Watlynton ijd.

A counte mayde by Francis Semeon and John Redinge and
al thyngs alouyde ther remaned in the churche boxe vijs. vd.
and noue church wardens John Redinge and Wylliam Yeates
Item that John Reddinge and Wylliam Yeats hathe gote
by the churche ale xxxvijjs. iiiijd.
Item that thaye have receved of Reanolde Balden vs. iiiijd.
that they recevid and made of the churche alle ys ljs. jd.
Item laide oute by John Redyne and Wylliam Yeates as
folowyth
Item laide oute at the visitacyon at Watlyngton xxjd.
Item laide oute for mendinge of the bell wele iijs. vd.
Item laide oute for makinge of a bell wele vjs. viijd.
Item laide oute for a newe bibill xxvjs. ijd. Item laide oute
at the visitacion at Henlye xijd. Item laide oute for tow
nu bell ropes ijs. xd. Item laide oute for makinge of a clapes
and nails iiiijd.

Some of the lainges owte ys xlvjs. ijd.
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An acounte made the iiij daye of maye in the xvth yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth by Jhon Reddinge and William Yates all thinge accowntid and alowde there remaineth in the churche boxe iiij. xjd. and nowe churche wardens William Yates and Baldin Raynowld

Item the said churche wardens have resevid the daie of the account vjs. viijd. for the her of the shepe and also for the owld bybell ijs. vjd. so there remainith in the boxe xiijs. jd.

Item resevid for the challis xxxjs. iiijd.

Item resevid of Edmond Yates xijs. ixl.

Item layde oute by Wylyam Yeates and Balden Remnouls as foloweth

Item for liijld. of soder . . . . (torn)

Item for x days att xd. the day . .

Item layde oute more for soder xijd. Item layde oute to Vygenton for mendynge of the frame . .

Item layde oute for nails xxijd. Item layde oute to the somner viijd. Item layde oute for hys borde ijs. iiijd. Item laide oute at the vicatcion at Watlynton ijs. ixd. Item laide oute for mendynge of the greate bell js. iiijd.

Some of the layenges owte ys iijld. iiijs. xjd.

The accownte made by William Yates and Balldern Raynowld the ixth daie of maye in the xvijth yere of the raine of quene Elizabeth all thinges alowed and reconed the churche owth to the said William Yates and Ballden Raynold ixd. and now churchwardens Balden Raynowld and Jhone Deven.

Resevid for the shepe vjs. viijd. Item for the hier of the church accre xxijd.

Item laide ought by Baldine Raynold and Jhone Deven as folowith


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. . . the churche owth to the churchwardens & Francis Symeon vjs. xd. and to Mr Barnard for the communion boke vjs. viijd. and now churchwardens Jhone Deven and Edmond Yates

Item for the buryall of Mr Gregore vjs. viijd. Item for the
sommer pole xvd. fyrst gained by the churche alle xlviijs. vijd. whereof paid to M'r Barnard vjs. viijd. and to the churche wardens and Francis Simeon vijs. xd.

Layde owte by Edmond Yates and Jhone Deven as folowith fyrst to M'r Barnard vjs. viijd. Item to the churche wardens and Francis Simion vijs. xd. Item for dressinge the bell clappers iiijs. Item for dressinge a bell clapper iijs. iiijd.

Item at my lorde of Canterberis visitasion and for a boke at Henle xiiiijd. Item at the visitasion at Oxford afore the saide visitors iijs. vjd. Item at one other visitasion at Oxford afore the said visitors iijs. xd. Item one other visitasion at Oxford before the said visitors xvd. Item at the visitasion at Henlie before M'r Cennolle vjd. Item for smoke farthinges xviiiijd. ob. Item for a belle rope xxjd.

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the xviiijth yeare of quene Elizabeth and all things reconed the shepe hire the rente of the churche acer and the noble of M'r Gregore and the sommer pole acounted for there remainithe cleare in the churche boxe xxxixs. ixdl. and now churchwardens Jhone Deaven and William Woddos Item made and gained by the churche all [ale] all things accounted for xxxxjs.

fyrst layd owte by the said churche wardens as folowith In primis for makinge the bele whele to Johne Rine vjs. Item to Thomas Reddinge for one borde vjd. Item to Baconshawe for hellpinge the cooke xd. Item for the staple for the Stokes iiijd. Item for mendinge of the bawdrikes vjd. Item for the visitation at Watlington and smoke farthings xxjd. Item at the visitasion at Henle xd. Item for the hope apon the bell whele xd. Item for Iorne worke abowe the bell whele iiiijd. Item at the visitasion at Henle viijd. ob. Item for whete to Drewe Andros ijd.

An acoounte made by Jhone Deaven and William Woddos the xixth daye of Maye in the xixth year of the raine of quene Elizabeth and all things accounted for there remaineth in the churche boxe xlix. xvjs. viijd. the heyer of the shepe the heyer of the churche acare paid and accounted for and now churchwardens William Woddos and Deven Androse memorandum that xjs. of the monne ys to be paid by Jhon Deven and xs. by Edmond Yates
Anno 1585 the xxvij yeare of the reigne of Queene Elyzabeth
churchwardens  Andrew Hause  Hughe Thomas

Remayning in the Churche box vs. iijd.
Layde owte for smoke farthings xiixd.
Item for the Apparitors fee iiijd.
Item for receaving the presentment ijd.
Item for trussing of the great bell xiiijd.
Item for whittleather iijs.
Item for makeing of baunderikes vijd.
Item for tow bussheells of lime vjd.
Item for a goshawke for the great bell xx$d.
Item to the Smith for his labor vjd.
Item for nayles jd.
Item to the parator for warning the churchwardens to the
sises iiiijd.
Item to the Aparitour for warning the churchwardens to the
visitation iiiijd.
Item for receaving the presentment ijd.
Summa xvs. x$d.

Anno 1586 the xxvij yeare of the reigne of Queene Elyzabeth
Churchwardens Andrew Hause, Hugh Thomas

An accompate made the viij of may anno 1586 in the xxvij
yeare of the reigne of Queene Elyzabeth all things accounted
for, the churche remayneth in debte to Hughe Thomas
iijs. viijd.

Inprimis receaved of M' Semens for the rent of xx sheepe
by Androw Hause and Hughe Thomas churchwardens vjs. viijd.
the viij of may 1586.

Item receaved for the rent of the church aker iijs. iiiijd. by
Hughe Thomas the xij of May 1586.
Inprimis layde owt the last of May 1586 in eyght and
twentith yeare of the reigne of Queene Elyzabeth for a booke
of omilies and prayers viijd. To the Aparator for warning
iiijd.  Item for my dinner vjd. Item the last day of September
for a prayer booke iiijd. Item for on of the sides mens
dinner & mine owne xijd.

Layde owt by Hughe Thomas
Item for a gudgeon for the great bell xx$d.  Inprimis layde
owt for a presentment xijd.  Item for my dinner and on of
the sides men xijd. Item to the Aparator for warning iiijd.
Item for a presentment at the assises iiiijd. Item for a present-
ment at the Quarter Sescions iiiijd.  Item for a present-
ment at the Assises iiiijd. Item for apearing at Oxford for
want of presenting the defaulte of Mr Stevens mounde ijs. xd.  
Item for my dinner vjd.  Item to goodman Wigginton for mendinge the churchyard gate xvijd.  Item for nayles iiijd.
Item for a hooke iiijd.

Item to Wraction for mending the seates in the church porche and pairinge a grave and other worke aboute the church ijs.  Item at Michaelmas layde oute for smoke farthings xvijd.  ob. the 2 day of May laide owte at Waddington for a presentment iiijd. to the Aparatour for warning iiijd. for Hughe Thomas his dinner vjd. for makeing a clapper vs.

The Sum is xxvjs. vd. ob.

Receaved for the rent of the sheepe vjs. viijd.
Receaved for the rent of the Churche Aker iijs. iiijd.

This accompte was made the xxj day of May in the xxix yeare of the reigne of Queene Elyzabethe 1587  All things accompted for, the churche remayneth in debte to Androw Hawse and Hughe Thomas xjs. vd. ob.

The xxj day of May 1587 were chosen for churchwardens Androw Hawse, Hughe Thomas layde owt by Androw Hawse in the yeare of our lord 1587 for a bell rope xxjd. for a quarter of lime ijs. for fetching stones and lime ijs. to goodman Barnie for his worke in repaying the churche vijs. for lath nayles iiijd. for exhibiting a presentment at the Sessions iiijd. to the aparator iiijd. for a presentment at the visitation iiijd. for my dinner at the visitation vjd. for glass vijd. for tow bawderickes viijd. layde out by Androw Hause at the last visitacion being the xxix of Aprill for war[n]jing iiijd. for receving the presentment iijd. for my dinner vjd.

A Rate made by the parishioners of Pyrton the xxix of October 1587

Receaved of Mr Semons iijs. iiijd.
Goodman Yates xvjd.
of goodman Smith xxad.
of Mrs Bernard xd.
of goodwife Semon ixjd.
of goodman Deven viijd.
of Mr Lee xiiijd.
of goodman Carpenter vjd.
of goodman Rose iiijd.
of goodman Lane iiijd.
of goodman Androes iiijd.

sum is xjs. iijd.
This accounte was made the v day of May in the xxx yeare of the rainge of Queen Elyzabeth 1588 all things accounted for, the churche remayneth in deyte to Androw Hause iiijs. ixd. ob.

The v of May 1588 were chosen for churchwardens Androw Hause, John Carpenter

xiiiij of July the yeare above written the churchwardens gott to the churche of Pyrton iiijl. xjs. ob. whereof iiijs. ixd. ob. was payd to Androw Hause.

Layd out the xxiiij of September 1588 by Androw Hause iijs. iiij ob. for smoke farthings [—] for a presentment at the Archdeacones visitacion iijd. to the Aparatour for warning iiiijd. for my dinner vjd.

Layd out the xij of Januarie 1589 by Androw Hause churchwarden Item for carryng out the moule from Mr Lees grave iiijd. for makeing a diche iiiijd. for whiteleather and mendinge the great bell rope vijd. for a buckel and nayles to the great bell iiijd. for a bushel of lime iiiijd. for a baudricke for the fore bell xijd. for a presentment iiiijd. to the plummer for soulder and his work about the church xvs. xd. for mending the church dore and for laying Mr Lees grave ijs. vijd. for a bussell of lime and the fetching iiiijd. for mending the church dore lock iiijd. for giving in a presentment to doctor Drurie iiiijd. for servise booke for the vicker iiijs. for a surplisse xiiijs. iijd. [16s. 11s. 5d.]

the xx of Aprill received of M't Lee for her husbands buriyng in the church vjs. viijd. by me Androw Hause churchwarden 1589

1589

Received then for the rent of the church acre iijs. iiiijd. received for the rent of xx shepe vjs. viijd.

This accompte was made the xj of May 1589 all things being accompted for there remaynes in the church box xxxixs. iijd. the xj of May 1589 were chosen churchwardens Androw Hause, John Carpenter

laide oute by me Androw Hause at the bishops visitacion for 3 of our dinners xiiijd. for a presentment at the same visitacion viijd. to Cooke for seeking out a woman which was suspected for conveying the church goods away iijs. vijd. for my owne charges and goodman Devens viijd. payde for halfe a hundred of lathes v/d. payde for smooke farthings the last of October 1589 xixd. for not appearing at the visitacion
and for exhibiting a presentment ijs. for 2 bawdrecks viijd.
for my dinner at Oxford vjd. for nailes ijd. layde out by me
John Carpenter for articles vijd. to the Aparatoure iiiijd.
for my charges ijd.

Sum is xiis.3d.

This accomplte was made the xxiiijth of May in the xxxij
yeare of Queene Elyabeth 1590 all things being accounted
for, there remayneth in the church box xxxixs. vijd.
the xxiiijth of May 1590 were chosen churchwardens John
Carpenter Henry Yates
Received for the sheepe vjs. viijd. received for the Acker
iijs. 4d.

Layde out by me Henry Yates Inprimis for a wheele for
the fore bell vjs. viijd. for exhibiting of a presentment at the
bishops visitacion ijs. to the Aparatoure for his fee viijd. for
smoke farthings at Michaelmas xvijijd. for carienge of it to
the Aparatour iiijd. for naieles and woorkemanship about the
bells xvijd. layde out by Henry Yates for casting the bell
brasses vs. vjd. for tow plates for the belles ijs. vjd. at the
Bishops visitacion for our charges and the sidesmen 22d.
John Carpenter for Articles and exhibiting a presentment and
to the Aparator and delivering the presentment 8d. for
our charges at Watlington to the Aparator and delivering the
presentment 20d.

for casting the bell brasses vs.
for a dayes worke about the belles xiijd.
for makeing a presentment xiijd.
This account was made the ix of May 1591 all things
accounted for, ther remayneth in the church box vs. xjd.
received for the sheepe vjs. viijd.
the 9 of May were chosen churchwardens Henry Yates, Thomas Childe.

1591 Hanrie Yates
Glasing worke dunne this yere at our chirche xxj of March
Item new leded xxvij fotte at iij the fotte vijs.
Item repared and mended xvij fotte at jd. the fotte xvijd.
Item stopped in iiiij score and xv quarels at jd. the score
vijs. xijd.
at the visitation at Easter last xixd.
The sum is xvjs. iiiijd.

In the yeare of our lorde god 1591
churchwardens Henrye Yates, Thomas Child
Item at the last Asdecin visitacion for your chargis xijd.
Item for smocke farthinge layd out xviijd. Item the parri-
tour for his fe iiiijd. Item the presentment iiiijd. Item layd
out for the balrick xiiiijd. Item layd out for mowing of
the church acar viijd. Item layd out to the parriour viijd.

Item for chargis for threshing of the church berlie viijd.
Item for mending the second bell clapper ijs. vijd. Item for
smokefarthings xviijd. Item for a bell rope for the middell
bell xxijd. Item for a balrick vjd.

This accompte was made the vijth of May 1592 all things
accounted for there remayneth in the church box xviijs. vjd.

1592 the 14 of May were chosen for churchwardens Jherome
Lane, Thomas Childe.

Inprimis to Wigginton for a wheele for the midle bel
vijs. iiijd. layd out at Michaelmas at the visitation for our
charges, a booke, delivering the presentment and smoke-
farthings iiijd. jd. At the visitation at Easter ijs. for a
bauericke viijd.

An account made the 27 of May 1593. the churche is in
debt vjd. all things being accounted for. receyved then for
the rent of the sheep vjs. viijd. so the debt being payd there
remayneth in the church box vjs. ijd. The church is in debt
to Richard Vere whiche layd out for the saunce bell xixs. iiiijd.
the 27 of May were chosen churchwardens Jherome Lane
Joel Bernarde

Inprimis layd out for paving a grave xiiijd. for weeding
mowing and cocking the church aker xvjd. for threshing the
barlie xd. for fourteene bushel of barly sould after xijd. the
quarter xxjs. for a bell rope xxijd. for nayles to mend
the bell wheeles ijd. for a presentment iiiijd. for another present-
ment iiiijd. for a prayer booke vjd. for washing the surples
ijd. for smokefarthings for tow yeares iijs. jd. for a present-
ment iiiijd. for expenses ijd. for expenses at the Quarter
Sessions xxjd. for expenses at the visitation xd. for casting the
sant bell xixs. iiiijd. for exhibiting and carrying a present-
ment iiiijd.

An counte made the xij day of May 1594 the xxxvijth
yeare of Queene Elyzabeth Received then for the rent of the
sheepe vjs. 8d. all things accounted for there remayneth
xviiijd. in the box.

and now churchwardens Joel Bernard John Poffley
Received for the barly of the church aker xxiiijs.
Layd out for wetherboords for the belfree whiche came to
96 feete iiijs. xd. Item for mending of the church windowes
and findeing the glasier meate and drinke vs. Item payd for
smokefarthings xvijd. ob. Item to John Hambledon for three dayes worke iijjs. Item to Wigginton and his man for on dayes worke iijjs. Item to Wigginton for halfe a dayes worke vjd. Item for delivering tow presentments vjd. Item for mending and makeing of bawdericks for the bells xjd. Item for suting of 2 bel ropes ijd. Item for warning to the visitation iiijd. Item for nayles to wetherboord the steeple ijs. Item to the smith for worke about the bells xvijd. Item for warning to the visitation iiijd. Item for expenses at the visitation vjd. Item to the glasier xvijd. for warning to the visitation iiijd. for expenses at the visitation vjd. Item for delivering a presentment iiijd.

This accounte was made the first day of June anno domini 1595 and in the xxxvijth yeare of the raigne of our Soveraygne lady Queene Elyzabeth all things being payd and accounted for, there remayneth in the church box a halfepeny Item received then for the rents of a score of sheep vjs. viijd. so that there is now in the church box vjs. viijd. ob. and now are chosen churchwardens John Poffley, William Woodhouse

Layd out at the visitation at the feast of St Michael the Arckangel for smokefarthings xixd. to the Aparatour viijd. expenses at Henley for churchwardens and sidesmen xxijd. for a presentment iiijd. for a presentment at the Assises iiijd. for a presentment iiijd. for nailes about the bel wheele jd. for a bel rope xxd. for a bawdericke vjd. for a bawdericke xijd. for yeering the church land xijd. for sope jd. at the visitacion at Easter to the Aparatour iiijd. for our dinners xvjd. for a presentment iiijd. for sowing the church land xijd.

This account was made the ixth of May in the xxxvijth yeare of the raigne of Queene Elyzabeth 1596 all things being payd and accounted for there remayneth in the churche box iiijd. ob.

Item received then for the rent of a score of sheepe vjs. viijd. so that there is now in the church box vjs. xijd. ob. and now are chosen for churchwardens William Woodhouse, William Thomas.

Layd out for smoakfarthings xvijd. ob. to the Aparatour iiijd. for a rope for the saunce bell viijd. for felling the church aker viijd. for weeding the church aker vjd. for cocking the church aker iiijd. for a booke iiijd. to the Aparatour for carying and delivering a presentment vjd. for binding the byble vijs. ijd. for plates and staples for the bells
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ijs. ixd. for suting the great bell rope and a new rope for the fore bell ijs. for charges at the visitation at Easter xxijd. to the Aparatour for warning to the visitation iiijd. for exhibiting the presentment iiijd. received for viij bushels of barley after iiijs. the bushel of the church aker xxviijs.

This accounte was made the viijth day of may in the xxxixth yeare of the raigne of our Soveraigne lady Queene Elyzabeth 1597 all things being payd and accounted for there remaineth in the church box xvs. iiijd. Item received then for the rent of a score of sheepe vjs. viijd. so that there is now in the box xxijjs.

and now are chosen for churchwardens William Woodhouse, William Thomas.

payd for a booke iiijd. payd for a key for the belfrydore vjd. payd for varinge of a land xvjd. payd at the visitation for smokefarthings xviiijd. ob. payd for warning to the visitation iiijd. payd at the visitation my dinner vjd. payd for exhibiting the presentment vjd. payd for three bushells of lime xviiijd. payd for nayles ijd. payd for the masons woorke iijs. viijd. payd for halfe a hundred of boards to goodman Shervill iijs. vjd. payd to tow carpenters for a dayes work ijs. payd for a hundred of nayles viijd. payd for spreading dung iiijd. payd for warning to the visitation iiijd. payd for our expenses at the visitation after Ester at Henley xixd. payd for exhibiting our presentment iiijd. payd for shoveling a load of sand ijd. payd for a bushel and a halfe of seede barley vs.

This account was made the iiiijth day of June in the xxxxxth yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne lady Queene Elyzabeth All things being payd and accounted for there remaineth in the church box with the vjs. viijd. which was payd for the rent of a score of sheepe iijs. ixd.

and now are chosen churchwardens William Woodhouse Androw Hause.

Received of John Poffley the vijth daye of August ijs. vjd. which Robert Deven did bequeth to the church of Pyrton payd for iiiij bussheell and halfe of ootes at xijd. the bushell iijs. viijd. payd for gudgion for the middle bell x jd. for nayles and a dayes woork to East xiiijd. for plowing the church aker and harrowing ijs. ijd. to the Aparatour iiijd. expenses for our selves at Henley the last visitation viijd. for exhibiting the presentment iiijd. for a hinge for the bellrey doare ijd. [Sum] xs. vd.
PYRTON

Item for a register booke of parchment ijs. xd. payd for smoke farthings xixs. at the Archbishops visitation for our selves and the sidesmens dinners xxd. payd to the Aparatour xijd. for exhibiting a presentment viijd. for weeding the church aker viijd. for mowing the church aker viijd. for cocking the church aker viijd. for carrying the barly vjd. to the maymed souldiers vs. vd. for a bawderick for the great bell xvijd. for conduct money to the maymed souldiers ijs. xd.

Received for xij bushels of barly xxvijs.

[In margin] This account was made the xx may 1599 RR Eliz. 41°
due to the church ijs. xjd. Received for the sheepe vjs. viijd.
so now is remayning in the church box ixs. vijd.
and now are chosen churchwardens Androw Hause, Drue Androe
the xxx of September layd out for the maintenance of maymed souldiers iiij. to the spittle house viijd. for tilling and harrowing the church aker ijs. vjd. for three bushels and a peck of otes to sow the church aker iiijs. iiijd. Item payd for smoakfarthings xixd. Item our chargis at the visitation xvjd. Item to the Aparatour iiijd. Item for exhibiting a presentment iiijd. Item for carrying a quarter of barley to Henley xijd. Item to the maymed souldiers iijs. vijd. Item for mowing the church aker ixd. Item for cocking and carrying the church aker xijd. Item for 2 bellropes iijs. vjd.

Received for tow quarters of otes and a bushell xvijs.
Item for nayles to mend the bell wheele jd. Item at the visitation the xiiijth of Aprill 1600 for our dinners xijd. Item to the Aparatour and exhibiting a presentment viijd.

This account was made the fourth day of May in the xxxxij yeare of the raigne of Queene Elyzabeth all things being payd the church remayneth a penny in debt. Received then for the rent of the church flock vjs. 8d. so the penny being payd there remayneth in the church box vjs. vjd. and now are chosen for churchwardens Androw Hause, Drue Androse

[in margin May the ix]
layd out to the glasier for new ledding twentie three footes of glass at iijd. the foote vs. ixd. to the glasier at the same time for lxxv quarrells vjs. iiijd. received of the glasier for the old lead of the glass vjd.

Anno Domini 1601 May 17 Regni Elizabethe 43.
The churchwardens Drew Andrewes  Andrew Hawes


**Layings out by us ut sequitur**

Imprimis unto the plumer of Aylsburie for mendinge the leades of the churche **xxs.** Item for glazinge of the church windowes **xijs.** Item unto Henry Yats for Billatt for the church **xd.** Item payd more unto Andrewes Hawes which he layd out of the church box **ijs. ijd.** Item unto goodwife Widowes for helpinge about the Ale **ijs.** Item then unto Bastian Belsonn for helpinge **xijd.** Item at Watlington at the visatacion the 13 of October for the smoakfarthings **xvijd.** ob. Item unto the Apparitor for warninge us **iiiijd.** Item then our expences **xvijd.** Item unto William Hambledoun for mendinge the bells **iiij.** Item for nayles **iiijd.** Item unto Richard Gregorie of Watlington for a bell wheele and mendinge the clapper of the forebell **xxs.** Item unto John Dodd of Stoke Talmage for boards for the church doore **ixs. iiiijd.** Item unto Gregorie of Watlington for iron woorke for the church doore and the bells **xxvjs. viijd.** Item unto William Hambledon of Watlington for him and his boy six dayes aboute the church doore **xijs.** Item unto him for 33 pound of leade to fasten in the hookes **ijs. ixd.** Item unto a mason aboute the doore **xiiiijd.** Item unto Bower of Watlington for one hundred and a half of **viijd.** nayles **xijd.** Item at the visitacion at Hendly uppon the twenteth of Aprill our dinners their and then **xvijd.** Item then for delivering of a presentment unto Higgs the Apparitor **viijd.** Item for warninge us unto the visitacion then being the **xxth** of Aprill **iiijd.**

Summa totalis **vli. xiiiijs. viijd. ob.**

This account was made the **xvijth** day of May in the **xxxxiiij** yeare of the raigne of Queene Elyzabeth all things acounted for there remayneth **xxvjs. ob.** in the church box and Androw Hause hath **iiijd. xiiiijs. iiiijd.** which is the church flock and now are chosen for churchwardens

Androw Hause  Thomas Quatuormaine

Imprimis layd out at the visitation at Michlemas for smoke-farthings **xvijd.** ob. for exhibiting the presentment **xijd.** for three bauderickes and tow buckels **xxd.**

to the Aparatour for warning **viijd.** At the visitation at Easter to the Aparatour for warning us and carrying a presentment and delivering it **viijd.** for our expenses at Henley **xvd.** paid to the joyner of Chalgrove for a seate and a pulpett **xls.** paid to the mason for settinge up the pulpett **xijd.** Item paid to the smyth for hookes **ijd.** paid for hayre and lyme **vjd.** received of Henry Yeats for the rent of the church acre **vijs.**
This accompt was made the ixth daye of May in the fowre and fortith yeare of the raygne of our Soveraigne Ladye the Queenes Majestie all things accounted there remayneth iijs. vjd. in the church boxe and Androwe Hawes hath iiijl. vjs. which is the church Stocke and nowe are chosen for churchwardens

Thomas Quatermayne  William Rose

Imprimis to a souldier iiijd. Item payd for smokefarthings at Michaelmas xixd. Item payd to the aparator for warning us to the visitation iiiijd. Item payd for delivering the presentment iiiijd. Item payd for my dinner vjd. Item payd at the visitation at Easter for my dinner vjd.

Item delivered to the aparator for warning to the visitation iiiijd. Item for delivering of the presentment iiijd. Item for my dinner at the visitation at Henley vjd. Item for tow bell ropes ijs. xd.

This acount was made the xxj day of May in the first yeare of the raigne of King James the first all things accounted for there remayneth in the box iiij. vjd. and now are chosen for churchwardens William Rose, Thomas Childe

Received for the rent of the church aker vjs. Item layd out at the visitation at the feast of St. Michell for smoake farthings xixd. for our dinners xvijd. for exhibiting a presentment vjd. to the Aparator iiiijd.

payd to William Rose xvijd. at Easter at the visitation payd for our dinners xijd. for exhibiting a presentment vjd. to the aparator iiijd. for a prayer booke viijd.

Received for the church flock vjs. viijd. received for the rent of the church aker vs. Androw Hause is to answer yearely unto the parish the church flock which is three pounds for the which he is to pay for the rent of the same flock vjs. viijd.

This account was made the xiiijth of May in the second yeare of the raigne of our Sovereigne lord King James all things accounted for there remayneth in the church box viij. iijd. and now are chosen churchwardens Thomas Childe, Richard Simons

received of Drue Androwes xxs.

The seventh day of Aprill in the third yeare of the raigne of our soveraigne lord King James 1605 were chosen churchwardens (no names)

Item laide out for tow bawderickes ijs. viijd. for the booke of the Canons xvijd. for a booke of Articles vjd. for the churchwardens and sidesmens dinners xvijd. for exhibiting the presentment xijd. to the aparator viijd. for sope ijd.
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for a service book viijs. for exhibiting a presentment iiijd. for the churchwardens and sidesmens dinners iijs. iiijd. to the aparatour iiijd. for one of the sidesmens dinners vjd.

Frauncis Semons, Thomas Child churchwardens.

This account was made the 5\textsuperscript{th} day of May in the third yeare of our Sovereigne lord King James all things accounted for there remayneth in the church box vijs. ixd.

Received for the rent of the church flock vjs. viijd.

received for the rent of the church aker vs.

Item there remayneth in the church box xviijs. ixl.

Inprimis layd out unto the plumber and glasier for mending the lede and glaswindowes xixs. Item layd out for timber xxvijs. Item for sawing the timber vijs. ijd. Item layd out for casting two bells xliijs. iiijd. Item for expenses at Reading xvijd. Item to the carpenter for all his worke iiijl. xjd. Item unto the smith for ironworke about the bells xxxvijs. ixd. Item for spoakes for the bell wheeles xliijd. Item for sending for the bellfounder viijd. Item for an arme for the bell wheeles xvjd. Item unto William Stasie for his cartline xxijd. Item layd out at the visitation at Michelmans for our dinners xvjd. Item to the apparatour for warning us vijd. Item for delivering the presentment iiijd. Item layd out for not repairing the bells in time iijs. viijd. Item for bellropes and bawdrickes vijs. Item for timber vs.

Summa totalis xiiij. ijs. vjd.

note of the recepts

Inprimis received of Sir Francis Stonor xxs.

Item received of Mr. Warchopp xxs.

—— Mr. Dounch xxs.

—— Mr. Simoons xxvs.

—— Pirton towne xiiijjs.

Item of Henric Yeates of the church stocke xls.

Item received of Drew Androse xiijs. iiijd.

Item received for the summer pole xxd.

Drue Androse oweth unto the church xls.

summa totalis ixli. ijs. ixd.

This account was made the xxvij\textsuperscript{th} day of Aprill in the fourth yeare of the raigne of King James all things accounted for the church remayneth in debt iijli.

1606

Item received for the rent of the church aker vs.

Francis Semons John Carpenter churchwardens
1606 at the visitation after Easter layd out to the aparatour viijd. the presentment vjd. for the churchwardens and sidesmens dinners ijs. xd. for mending the surplis iiijd. at the visitation at Michaelmas for the churchwardens and sidesmens dinners ijs. to the aparatour viijd. for exhibiting the presentment vjd. for nayles ijs. iiijd. for carying the bell to Reading ijs. ixd. for washing the surplis ijd. for shutting the bell ropes ijd.

Received of Sir Francis Stonor xxs.

1607

This account was made this xijth day of Aprill in the vth yeare of the raigne of King James all things accounted for there remayneth in the church box xjs. iiijd.

John Carpenter Richard Deven churchwardens
our receaytes commeth to vli. xviijs.
Item layd out to the paynter iiijli. Item payd to the plumer xxxixs.
Item payd to Rychard Reve for mend[ing] the beles iiijs.
Item payd for hanging the beles and the smiths work xviijs.
Item layd out at the Archbishop's visitation vjs. viijd.
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Somme is vjli. ixs. jd.

1608

This account was made the xxviiijth of March in the viijth yeare of the reigne of King James all things accounted for the church is in debt xd.

Received then of Thomas Yates for tow years rent for the church aker xs.

Richard Deven Thomas Yates churchwardens
John Wiggins William Mundy sidesmen
Received of Mr Rodolph Warcpp for a legacie which his uncle bequethed to the church of Pyrton xls.
Rec' for the rent of the church aker vs.
gayned by the church ale iiiijli. xs.
Imprimis layd out for lime and ridgtiles viijd.
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for washing the surplis and to the glasier ijs. vjd.
for all chargis at the visitation iiijs.
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Summa totalis iiiijd. vs. vijd.

1610

This accounte was made the ix day of Aprill in the viijth
yeare of the raigne of King James all things accounted for
there remayneth in the church box xlixs. vd.
Richard Deven Thomas Yates churchwardens
Robart Androes Nartha Munday Sidesmen
Inprimis layd out at the visitation at Henley after Easter
vs. vd.
Item at the visitation at Watlington vs. Item for a bell
wheele ixs. iiijd. Item for clapse for a wheele iiiijd.
Received for the rent of the church aker vs.

1611.

This accounte was made the last day of March in the ixth
yeare of the raigne of King James all things accounted for
there remayneth in the church box xxxiiijs. iiiijd.
Thomas Yates William Bradshaw churchwardens
Nathaneel Mundie Edward King sidesmen
Inprimis layd out at the visitation vs. ixd. for a baudrick
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mason for three dayes woork iijs. to Richard Deaven for
carying sand vijd.
for halfe a hundred of brick viijd.

Summa xxvijjs. jd.
1612

This account was made the xiiiijth of Aprill in the tenth yeare of the reigne of King James all things accounted for ther remaineth in the church box xviij. xijd.

Received then for the rent of the church aker vs. this five shilling is parcell of the sum above written

William Bradshaw. Henry Yates churchwardens
Edmund King, William Barine sidesmen

Inprimis layd out by mee Henry Yates for myselfe at the quarter Sessions xviijd. Item for a bawderick xviiiijd. Item at the visitation at Henley vs. vd. Item at the purchased Sessions at Oxon xxijd. Item at the Quarter Sessions ijs. Item for mending of a bawderick iijijd. Item at Watlington at the visitation vs. iijd. Item for the presentment xiiijd. Item spent ijd.

1613

This account was made the xviiijth day of Aprill in the eleventh yeare of King James all things accounted for the church remayneth in debt iijijd.

Received then for the rent of the church aker vs.
Item payd to Henry Yates iijijd.
Item there remayneth in the box xli. iijis. viijd.
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Open Fields and Inclosure at Marston, Oxfordshire

The picturesque village of Marston stands on the top and the southern slope of a low gravel hill, and is the last village which the River Cherwell passes on its left before it joins the Thames at Oxford. It is a compact village of the type usual in Oxfordshire: all the farm-houses, except one, stand close together on the two sides of the village street or in the short branches at the top and bottom of it. Besides the one isolated farm-house there is only one other out-lying building older than living memory, the inn at the ferry over the river. The church, of which the oldest parts seem to belong to the late twelfth century and of which the first written mention is in the time of King Henry I, stands not in the main street but a stones-throw from the corner, still called ‘The Cross’ from the village cross which used to stand there, where the high road takes a right-angle turn near the top of the village on its way towards Elsfield and Beckley. Like the plan of the village, this position of the church is not uncommon in these parts.

The parish contains, according to the Ordnance Survey, rather more than twelve hundred and twenty acres, the higher ground being gravel and the rest the Oxford clay, a circle of which, scarcely higher than the river and much of it liable to flood, surrounds the village on all sides, so that some geologists think the site must once have formed an island between an old course of ‘lusty Cherwell’ and the present stream. According to philologists the name of Marston is derived, exactly as the layman would guess, from the Anglo-Saxon equivalents of Marsh-town,1 and the various fields of the eastern strip of low ground have long had such

1 Alexander, Oxfordshire Place Names, pp. 150-1. The earliest forms of the name (‘Mersce’ and ‘Mersttune’ in the charters of Edward the Confessor and William the Conqueror mentioned below on p. 3, n. 5) are not given by this author.
names as the Marsh and Marsh Ditch. On that side, the boundary of the parish is a brook which runs along the road to Wood Eaton, known to the maps as the Bayswater Brook and to the inhabitants as the Wash Brook. This joins the river at the north end of the parish, which is then bounded by the river itself as it runs down to the King’s Mill, just outside Oxford. From here the line follows a short lane to the road between Oxford and Marston and, except that there is one patch of land on the other side of the road, it follows the road to a point about three quarters of a mile from the Wash Brook. That remaining bit of the boundary is an arbitrary line traced first along the hillside which rises towards Headington and then down again to the brook in the low ground. There is no reason to think that this boundary has varied much since first it was traced.

So far as the history of its fields is concerned, Marston is not a typical English village. The typical village would be hard to find, but there are at least three things which disqualify Marston from being taken as such. First, it has a city for neighbour, and this has meant for centuries what it means now, that it has a number of watchful investors near it who will buy and sell land without being much concerned in agriculture. In recent times also, and perhaps a good way back, the town’s demand for dairy and garden produce has made the development of Marston different from that of remoter places. A second point in which Marston is unlike the pattern village of the text-books is that it is not a separate manor but a hamlet of the great manor of Headington. In its economy, indeed, it seems to have been exactly like an independent manor in the whole period covered by existing records, and quite possibly it was once a manor to itself and was joined to Headington by William the Conqueror or someone else; but in the records it appears as one of several members of the composite manor of Headington, and it would be unsafe to assume that this was merely a matter of record and corresponded to nothing in the management of the estate. On the other hand, it would be equally dangerous to suppose that every statement that was true of the
nanor of Headington was also true for the hamlet of Marston, and that is a pity, for if we could be sure that Marston was included in the remarkable agreement made in the late thirteenth century between Hugh of Plessis and his men of Headington,\(^1\) some of Marston's mediaeval history would become plainer. As it is, there must remain a little doubt whether its legal subordination to Headington had not substantial consequences. A third point in which it was an exceptional community is that, like the rest of the manor, it was in the forest. Except where it marches with Headington the parish boundary is also the boundary of the forest,\(^2\) and the tenants exercised rights of common in the rest of the forest until it was disafforested by Charles II. Then they were compensated for their loss by the grant of common rights in Grunsell Copse,\(^3\) and the village poor still get at Christmas their 'forest coal' which is the last local echo of the word. It would be hard to say how the agricultural history of the parish was affected by the forest law, but it must not be said that it was not affected at all.

It is a history which begins scantily. From palaeolithic times\(^4\) to the Anglo-Saxons it is a blank. The evidence of the name, position and lay-out of the village are enough in themselves to make it fairly clear that there was a settlement before the Norman Conquest, and there is actually an Anglo-Saxon document which seems to relate to Marston, a grant by Edward the Confessor of a half-hide of land there to the abbey of Westminster.\(^5\) But this piece of information about the ownership of part of the land of Marston, like many of the hundreds of similar facts that are known from later cen-

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\(^1\)See Calendar of Patent Rolls, 1354-8, pp. 301-2.
\(^2\)See the perambulation in Cartulary of the Abbey of Eynsham, ed. Salter (Oxford Hist. Soc.), ii, 96.
\(^3\)Calendar of Treasury Books, vii, iii, 1551.
\(^4\)For two palaeolithic finds in the parish see Manning and Leeds 'An Archaeological Survey of Oxfordshire' in Archaeologia, lxxi, 249.
turies, tells nothing about how the fields were divided and cultivated, the subject with which this essay specially deals. It is the same with the earliest documents relating to the church, which begin with the grant of the church, which of course means the rectory and more particularly its tithes, by Henry I to the monastery of St Frideswide in Oxford in 1122.¹ Three church documents from the time of Hugh Plessis contribute a little. The first mentions as the boundary of some land, part of the road from Oxford to Marston apparently where it is now.² The second is a confirmation by Hugh of a grant, amongst other things, of all the tithe from his demense and the lands of his ‘agricolae’ in Marston; so that by this time Marston is divided, like the regular mediaeval estate into the lord’s demesne and the land of the villagers. The third document is Hugh’s grant of the half hide with which St Nicholas’s church was endowed in the time of Henry I.³ This consists of four half virgates, two virgates being the normal amount of the glebe of a parish. At the present time there is no glebe: it must have been alienated, perhaps at the Reformation, when the canons of St Frideswide’s ceased to be rectors. The only other fact useful for the present purpose that can be gathered from the early ecclesiastical notices of the parish is the mention of mills in the apportionment of tithe between the canons and their vicar when the chapel became a church and the vicarage was regulated under Hugh of Welles, bishop of Lincoln (1209-35).⁴ So, one by one, the features of the thirteenth century village emerge—the high road, the demesne, the glebe, the mills or mill. They may all have been there for centuries, but we do not know, and in this the records of Marston are disappointing, because in Domesday Book its figures are lumped together with those of Headington and cannot be disentangled.

For a survey of the community we have to wait until

The return bears every sign of describing a community which has undergone many changes. There is considerable variety in the terms on which the cultivators hold their land. There are seven villeins with one virgate each, but although they all do sixteen ‘operaciones’ they make money-payments on three different scales. Twenty-six have half a virgate each and do as much work as if they had a whole virgate. In the ‘Buriende’ there are eight men, six with cottages and two without, who have one virgate, and all eight do the work for one virgate, but pay more than is paid for the most expensive of the other virgates. After these comes a man with one ‘forera,’ one strip of land, and he pays the same as five cottagers who follow him, making altogether forty-seven cultivators who are not free. The free holders (‘liberi tenentes’) are enumerated last, a miscellaneous and interesting little group. Ralph le Wal and Walter de Pilers, ‘piscatores Oxonie,’ have the manorial fishing and a ferry over Cherwell. A few years later they or their successors were in trouble for interpreting their fishing-rights too freely, but they handled considerable sums of money and were no common poachers. Thomas, son of Thurstan, simply holds one virgate freely, paying four shillings a year and scutage for one virgate. William, vicar of Marston, has one piece of the demesne called Budelcroft for life. John of the Mill (‘Johannes de Molendino’) is a more interesting figure. He has one bit of land (‘unam placiam’) on which he has built, and one ‘forera’ of grass and a mill called Sctepilche. Where this mill was it seems impossible to tell, though its ownership can be traced nearly continuously to the present day. In 1406, when it had not long passed out of the hands of Thomas atte Mull, son and heir of William atte Mull of Marston, there was no mill standing in the croft or enclosure upon which

1279, when the township is described in the Hundred Rolls.  


2 Oxford City Documents, ed. Rogers (Oxford Hist. Soc.), pp. 209–10; from Calendar of Close Rolls, Edward I, ii, 176, it looks as if they sold some or all their rights.
was once a mill called Pulchermulne,¹ but late in the fifteenth century Shippulche Mill seems again to exist² and Brasenose College, the ultimate successor of Thomas and William atte Mull, had a mill in 1540.³ A mill-stream may dwindle and become unrecognizable in a very short time and the mill may have stood somewhere on brooks which are now very small and weak.⁴

It is clear from one entry in the Hundred Rolls that Marston at this time had the three-field system and that the demesne-land lay together all in one piece: 'Est quaedam terra in campo de Merstona latra dominicum que . . . eo anno quod seminatur reddid in d. obulum quadrantem . . . et semper in tercio anno nichil reddid quia iacet warectum.'⁵ This is a starting-point for the history of the actual fields. By itself it does not tell much. This bit of ground cannot be identified and so the outline of the scheme of cultivation cannot yet be fitted to the map; that becomes possible only when the mediaeval evidence is interpreted in the light of that of the seventeenth century. Fairly soon after the Hundred Rolls there begin the deeds relating to particular pieces of property, and these give, first of all, an idea of some of the changes of ownership which took place in the middle ages. The Brasenose property, acquired in 1525 shortly after the foundation of the college, was a composite holding, containing besides the Water Mylne already discussed, three cottages with their bits of land (ten, twenty and twenty-five reputed acres), one half yardland and half quarter, another half yardland and a close, one messe place and one yardland with it and finally one principal messuage with one yardland.

¹B.N.C. 7. References will be given in this form to deeds in the muniment room at Brasenose College, the numbers being those of the Marston section in Hurst’s manuscript Calendar of the muniments. ²B.N.C. 29, 37. ³B.N.C. 60.

⁴From a document of 1398 in *Public Works in Mediaeval Law* (Selden Soc.), ii, 123, it is clear that beside the mill was a bridge on a public cart-road. The editor’s guess on p. xxii at the etymology of ‘Shutpulche’ is disproved by the form of the name in the Hundred Rolls. ⁵No. 59, p. 70.
Thus it seems to represent the holdings of some half-dozen of the holders of Edward I’s days. The process by which these were added to one another can be traced from the middle of the fourteenth century, and the principal share in it seems to be that of a family called Hye, Hye or Hay. John HyJE was forester of Stow Wood (‘Stowode’) in 1406 when he acquired the Mill, and the power of the family in Marston nearly coincides with the fifteenth century. They appear to have lived at the principal messuage which has the yardland of freehold. Its name is Court Place—a name which first occurs in 1477 and is still used—and parts of the old house still stand, with fine moulded beams of that period. Traces of a moat, the only one in the village, may still be seen in the orchard, and, as will appear later, there is reason to think that amongst the fields which slope down from it to the foot of Headington Hill lay the original demesne.

Besides information about the ownership of the land, the deeds contain here and there field-names, some of which are still used and many of which can easily be placed on the map. The earliest are in an isolated deed at Oriel College, which records the gift to the college in 1349 of an acre of lot-meadow divided into four roods in four places of which three long kept their names. In the sixteenth century the information of all kinds becomes fuller. Not only has Brasenose College got its estate, but Corpus Christi College, Oxford, also gets an endowment in the parish from its first president John Claymond. Magdalen becomes the owner.

1For the names of these see Brasenose Quatercentenary Monographs, No. vi, p. 22, and for further particulars B.N.C. 44, 55.

2In 1386 a Magdalen deed (Headington 16) refers to John Hay ‘raungere de Shot tore,’ presumably the same man. Besides the Brasenose deeds, especially Nos. 7-37, there is a Marston deed of the Hyes, as the Rev. H. E. Salter kindly tells me, at Bridgewater (Oxford, No. 115, 12 March, 1493).

3[636]: also discovered by Mr Salter.

4Wood, History and Antiquities of the University of Oxford, iii, 394-5. I have not seen any deeds relating to this property.
of forty-two acres of meadow, and all these colleges kept their records carefully. The Magdalen meadows went with the King’s Mill, which lies outside the parish. From Henry III’s time this had belonged to St John’s Hospital of which Magdalen was the successor. Magdalen in 1520 began to buy out the common rights of the other tenants of the manor, and besides money payments to individuals spread over a long period of time, covenanted to give annually to the churches of Marston and Headington one of the best sheep from the meadows, or, if the churchwardens so choose, £3 4s. and a bushel of malt or 10d. The Marston payments in kind are recorded in the Churchwardens’ Accounts; but the greatest interest of this transaction is that it is a small beginning of inclosure, the buying out of the right of common of pasture from one block of land which lay, conveniently, all together and on the outskirts of the parish. It is in the reign of Henry VIII that the local Churchwardens’ Accounts begin. From them it appears that the churchwardens used to draw rent from several small closes, of which all but one have since been alienated, and from several pieces of the green roads which, besides being the only roads there were, served also as pasture. From early in Queen Elizabeth’s reign they also let the town water or common waters, the fisheries which had probably been acquired by buying out the owners in the days of Edward I. Besides letting the green roads they had other functions in managing the common agricultural concerns. They kept in repair the village pound, the gate at the town’s end, a bridge. They did a good deal of ‘scouring’ of ditches and setting up or repairing of hedges, especially at the Cowleas, a big field.

1 Magdalen Deeds, especially Headington 24, 33, 59.
2 Ibid., Headington 1, 12, 31, 32.
3 See my forthcoming edition of those for the sixteenth century (Oxfordshire Record Soc.).
4 See above p. 6, l. 2. Magdalen College owns the lower part of the fishing; the boundaries of 1477 and 1486 are given in Magdalen Deeds, Headington, 6, 31, those of 1551 in Magdalen College Register, ed. Macray, new series, ii, 27, but I cannot exactly identify them.
of forty-five acres which seems to have been a common cow-
pasture. They also made trifling payments of 'earnest' to
the herd, woodherd and hayward.

In 1605 comes a most valuable survey of the township.
This is a survey in a far more literal sense than that of the
Hundred Rolls, for it is given in two beautiful coloured
maps bound in a book of estate maps at Corpus Christi
College and both inscribed as 'drawne in November Anno
Domini 1605.' They show the northern and the south-
ern halves of the parish and are evidently both the work
of Thomas Langdon who signs one and who worked also
for Brasenose and All Souls Colleges about the same time.
Wherever it is possible to check the measurements they
are very accurately surveyed. They show the main out-
lines and the strips in the open fields held by Corpus with
those abutting on them. They do not show all the strips,
and there is one part of the parish, to the east and south-east
of the village, which they do not show, although in some
ways it is important. Some additions can be got from other
sources, especially the terriers of one of the farms (Spurrier’s)
belonging to Brasenose College, of which the earliest dates
from 1613 and represents substantially the same state of
affairs.  

The Corpus maps show that the college estate was, according
to the summary in the corner of the northern map:

The ij" Tenements and a lamas close adiyninge
do conteyne
The landes and leaes in marsh field being in nom-
ber xxvij esteemed xiiiij rod doe conteyne by
statute measure
In Colterne field xxvij sellions by estimacion
xiiij do conteyne
In west mead and forward hamme five parcell by
estimacion iij ac i ij ro di conteyninge
In Sutton fieldle xxxij ridges by estimacion xvij ac i ro
In Horseleaes x leaes by estimation iiiij ac di and
i qle ro and they conteine

1B.N.C. 80.
In Brooke Field xxij landes and leaes by estimation xij di conteyninge
Summa Totalis xlvj ijro xxvpt

Besides comon for xv beasts and lxxy sheepe. And besides his meadowe in the lott meade for every xxro one acr dim.

Besides the two colleges twenty or twenty-one names of owners or occupiers are given, and of these a good majority have surnames which are found in the Churchwardens' Accounts of the preceding years and in Brasenose leases, so that they may be presumed to have lived in the parish. The total amount of arable in the parish was, as nearly as I can reckon from the modern Ordnance map, somewhere about 600 acres, or about half of the whole area. How the rest was divided between pasture, lot meadow, meadow-land held in severalty, wood, the village itself with its closes, the roads, water and osier-beds, I cannot calculate. The furlongs into which the fields were divided are not all shown in the maps: the terriers add a few for each field. Except two single and nine double strips of a reputed acre and two or three quite small strips, all the Corpus strips are reputed half acres, and in most of them a reputed acre is less than a statute acre in area.

Now let us take one by one the differences between Marston of 1279 and Marston of 1605 and see what explanations of them can be got from the documents and the ground, avoiding as far as may be conjecture and theories. The first obvious change is that there are no longer three arable fields, but four: Marsh Field, Colterne Field, Sutton Field, Brook Field. Can the original three be identified? There can be little doubt that they were Marsh, Colterne and Sutton Fields. These three are roughly equal in size and each of them is distinctly bigger than Brook Field. The holding of Corpus is fairly equally apportioned between these three but not equally between all four. The three all lie close to the village, filling three quadrants of a circle of which it is the centre, and they are mainly on the higher gravel while much of Brook Field lies low and all of it at some distance

1 See the lists of field names, below p 22.
from the houses. We know that in many places additions were made to the arable land in the course of the middle ages, and here it looks as if Brook Field had been added to it. There is little to show when, how or why this can have come about. Two of the furlongs of Brook Field are named, and a third mentioned without its name, in a Brasenose document of 1488, so that it cannot well have been after then; but this document is one of a series of three extracts from the lost early court rolls of the manor relating to some exchanges of land between William Hye and others in 1488-1502, and, since such exchanging of land is exactly what we should expect to find when a new field was made, it is possible that this may be not merely a time when Brook Field was in existence but the very time when it came into existence.

A fourth field has been added, but the demesne is nowhere to be seen. That fact seems definitely to fix its position. The fourth quadrant, not occupied by the three old fields, is the south-east quadrant which is mostly left blank in the map because Corpus has nothing there; but at its apex stands Court Place, and this is exactly what the map might have been expected to show if the demesne farm had been the land attached to that house. The position of the demesne is thus satisfactorily accounted for; but, in any case, some earlier lord of the manor must have sold the greater part of it, perhaps to the Hyes. After the middle ages the lords of the manor seem to play no part in Marston’s history, except that their stewards hold their manorial courts and collect the usual dues from copyholders. No glebe is shown on the maps, presumably because the glebe had already been sold. No mill appears except Suscot Mill which is just outside the parish to the north; but there is one outlying building in the Marsh which does not exist at the present day. There is no sign of the position of the ferry. The other features of the map are sufficiently shown in the diagram here given; but it may be added that in many parts of the fields the

1 B.N.C. 29. 2 The other are B.N.C. 30 and 37.
ridges now to be seen correspond so closely with the strips of the Corpus map as to leave no doubt at all that they are the old strips themselves.

Whatever view we take about the general nature and causes of inclosures, there is now less disagreement about those of the seventeenth than about those of either the sixteenth or the eighteenth centuries because there has been less of ill-informed theorizing about them. Whatever view we take about the general movement it is probably safe to say that in 1605 the parish of Marston was ripe for inclosure. It had several of the features which Mr H. L. Gray has shown to be favourable for it. It was small; it was by the riverside; in it the three-field system had already been abandoned. Unhappily I do not know at all precisely when or why, how or by whom the parish was inclosed. The earliest dated reference I have seen is in a Brasenose lease of 1689 which refers to the 'late' inclosure of the parish, but there are no dated Brasenose leases between 1650 and that date, so that the leases fix the limits only forty years apart. The mere-stones which divide the consolidated holdings of Brasenose and Corpus in Colterne Field bear the date 1691; but on the other hand Antony Wood speaks of the parish as 'lately inclosed' in a passage which, according to his editor, would seem to belong to 1662-3; a marginal note gives the year 1657 which cannot well be meant for any of the other parishes named in the same passage. There is no inclosure award in the custody of the clerk of the peace nor in the printed lists of such awards; but the inclosure is often referred to as having been made 'by commissioners,' so that I do not despair of finding a record of it in the records of the court of chancery or the exchequer.

It is possible to see in outline what was done when the parish was inclosed. The next map which is useful for comparison is the plan made for the Tithe Commutation Award. The award is dated 8 June, 1843, and was confirmed on 30 June: it gives the names, owners, occupiers, area and con-

1 *English Field Systems*, p. 120, l. 4 and *passim*. 2 B.N.C. 93. 3 B.N.C. 92. 4 *City of Oxford*, i, 52 and Introduction, p. 32.
dition (arable, pasture, &c.) of all fields. Almost two centuries had, of course, elapsed since the inclosure, but, besides college muniments, there are new materials which partly bridge the gap, especially the Court Rolls, which run from 1720 to 1800 and then, after a gap, from 1866 to the present day. The map of Oxfordshire made by Richard Davis of Lewknor in 1793-4 (published in 1797) is of little use for comparison: the natural features are so inaccurately drawn that it is impossible to feel confidence in the representation of the hedges.

The four open fields have, of course, disappeared, as have also the big stretches of meadow and pasture. They have been cut up into well over a hundred closes. For practical purposes the division was perhaps excessive in the first instance: there are four or five places in the parish where hedges standing in 1843 have now been grubbed up, and this process began certainly as early as the early eighteenth century. Not only has the whole area thus been hedged and sub-divided, but everything that can be called 'common,' except the rather puzzling green roads Marsh Lane and Copse Lane and the rough patch of Peasemore Piece, has disappeared. The last field on the Wood Eaton road is named the Poor's Common of Marston, but it is not a true common, being a field left by a charitable benefactor for twelve selected poor. The fact that no common is left does not, of course, necessarily mean that anyone has been unjustly deprived of common rights. There is no means of knowing how far the operation was carried out equitably, but the general nature of the inclosure was to exchange the old

1 They are now in the custody of Mr W. E. B. Walton, of St Michael's Street, Oxford, the steward of the manor, to whom and to the lord of the manor I am much indebted for permission to use them. The earlier volumes are numbered ii (1720-37), iii (1738-75), iv (1775-1800): No. i is missing.
2 See the Court Rolls of 1761 for a reference to the formation of Litchfield's Meadow (No. 69 on the Tithe Map) by the throwing down of a fence. Coventry Litchfield who did this died in 1739.
3 Mary Brett's Charity, 1650: see Abstract under Gilbert's Act.
combination of land and common rights for freehold or copyhold land alone. Thus Corpus, for its old forty-six acres odd with rights of grazing and hay in the lot meadows, got rather more than seventy-two acres. From the voluminous but scrappy information of the Court Rolls it is clear that at the end of the seventeenth century there were a number of quite small holdings, and, though nothing like a list of these can be compiled, it seems clear that they lay mostly in the southern part of the parish, where, it must be admitted, the best land is not to be found. That part was, throughout the eighteenth century, divided between many owners; the three oldest fields and the more northerly meadows and pasture were cut up into larger blocks. Colterne Field fell mostly to three owners.\(^1\) Marsh Field in 1843 was mainly divided among one of these and three others; but two of these allotments may very well have been at first in the same hands. An area roughly corresponding to Sutton Field and the fringe of meadow between it and the river was made into four compact farms of somewhere in the region of thirty acres, each with its own arable, pasture and riverside meadow. Court Place farm has consisted since the inclosure of two main blocks of fields, one about four hundred yards from the house and the other about half a mile further, about 100 acres in all. These larger portions include more than half the parish. The rest was so much sub-divided and its closes changed hands so often from the time of the inclosure onwards that it is not possible to say much about how the work of inclosing it was carried out.

Before 1843 it seems impossible to compile a list of the owners or occupiers, but enough is clear about some of the owners and their affairs to throw an interesting light on the local agricultural history. The permanent and stable landlords were, of course, the colleges; Corpus, Magdalen with its forty-two acres of meadow, Brasenose, the largest landowner of 1843, with 237 acres. Amongst private individuals

\(^1\)Hodgkin’s Charity for Manciples’ Widows bought in 1690 a meadow here which formerly belonged to one of these, a Croke: see Charity Commissioners’ VI Report (for 1821), 1822, pp. 405-6.
there is much buying and selling. The most remarkable of them were the Crokes. Unton Croke, the fourth son of Sir John Croke, knight and justice of the king's bench, married Anne, daughter and heir of Richard Hore of Marston, by which Anne, according to Antony Wood, he got half a yardland at Marston worth £40 per annum, and he built a house thereon.¹ His eldest son was about eleven years old in 1634,² so the marriage was probably in about 1622. Stupid modern alterations have left a good deal of the interior of the house unspoilt: two wainscotted rooms, the oak hall-screen, arched stone doorways and armorial tiles show, like Delamotte's old drawings, that it was built expensively and well. Unton Croke lived long and flourished: he was a master in chancery and a sergeant-at-law, and acted as verderer at the forest court at Headington in 1636 when King Charles I revived the forest law, and two Marston husbandmen were fined £5 for felling and removing an oak. A few years later Unton Croke had to make room in his house for Lord Fairfax's headquarters, whither Prince Rupert came to negotiate the surrender of Oxford city.³ His second son and namesake, Colonel Unton Croke, made a considerable figure as a Parliamentary commander of horse, and at the Restoration the father had to give a bond for his peaceable demeanour: such was their substance that the amount was fixed at £4,000.⁴ The elder Unton's heir, Sir Richard Croke, recorder of Oxford, did not long survive his father, and was succeeded at Marston by Wright Croke who lived into Queen Anne's reign.⁵ By what stages the Crokes added field to field I do not know, but the half virgate was not all they held and cannot by itself have been worth £40 a year. It is natural to suppose that this legal family had something to do with the inclosure.

¹Wood, Life and Times, i. 195; see also ii, 214; iii, 40.
³Dictionary of National Biography; Coxe, Royal Forests of England, p. 263. ⁴Cal. of State Papers, Dom., 1660-1, 29 December 1660, ⁵Monumental inscriptions in Marston Church and the Parish Register; see also Sir Alexander Croke, Genealogical History of the Croke Family.

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The Croke property did not hold together for long. Wood tells us that about 1690 Wright Croke sold part of it to Thomas Rowney of Oxford. Thomas Rowney was an attorney, and, like his son whose portrait hangs in the town hall, sat in parliament for Oxford city. Other families before and since have sold land to attorneys, and the Rowneys may have bought from others in Marston beside the Crokes. The Crokes may also have sold to others besides the Rowneys; indeed as late as 1770 Wright Croke’s granddaughter, Mrs Anne Yorke (née Bishop) of Hampstead, had a message and a few scraps of land to sell to John Leake of Witney, gentleman. But whether or no they got it all from the Cokes, and whether or no it included the bulk of the Croke land, the Rowneys had altogether over a hundred acres scattered over the parish and including some of the large portions of the old fields. Not all the fields can be clearly identified, because the Rowney holding split up. The successor of Thomas Rowney the younger in 1760 was the Rev. Rowney Noel of the University of Oxford, afterwards D.D. and rector of Kirby Mallory, Leicestershire. He gradually disposed of his eight copyholds. The greater part went to John Stevens of Oxford, who was a cook, and was followed by his son, an apothecary. Like Mary Phillott of Mortlake, widow, who held it in 1843 and let it all to one tenant, they were presumably absentee small proprietors. The remainder of Dr Noel’s land went to Barbara Smythe of Cuddesdon, spinster, who in 1753 had inherited two yardlands in Marston, from her father and her grandfather, Sir Sebastian Smythe, a rich inhabitant of Oxford. She died in 1787 and was succeeded by her cousin, Sir John Whalley Smythe Gardiner, Baronet, but he soon began selling land and by the end of the century there were half-a-dozen owners of what had been Smythe land: the steward of the manor, two Marston yeomen, some non-residents.

It would be tedious and useless to enumerate the many other eighteenth-century sales of copyholds recorded in the Court Rolls; but one or two general remarks may be made about them. No large property was put together at this time;
the tendency was rather the other way. Besides the lands of the Rowneys and Smythes, some smaller accumulations were dispersed. Hearne tells us 'Mr Coventry Litchfield of Oxford, Barber (a single man, Brother to Mr Leonard Litchfield the Printer) hath an Estate at Marston near Oxford of seventy libs. per an. and more. He hath likewise an estate at Iffley.' A William Litchfield is mentioned in the Churchwardens' Accounts, in 1588, as renting from the churchwardens a piece of common, but there is nothing to connect him with Coventry tenant, who seems to have got his estate by two purchases. He was succeeded by three brothers and at last by a clerical nephew and a still more magnificent clerical grand-nephew, the Rev. Coventry Townshend Powis Litchfield, but these had only part of the inheritance and by the end of the century the Litchfields were selling. In these transactions there are several features which are repeated in others. The clergymen play a characteristic part. No less than seven of them appear between 1720 and 1800 as the owners or married to the owners of copyholds in Marston. They were all absentees, the most respectable members of the numerous and very mixed set of people living outside the parish who inherited bits of Marston land. Besides those who have been named already, there were such others as Mr Tubb, upholsterer of Drury Lane in London, Mr Swinton, timber merchant of Sandbach in Cheshire, Mr Rumbull, another college cook, his brother, a peruke-maker, and even John Smith of Ifley, shepherd. A good many of them mortgaged their land as soon as they came into it: they were small landowners but not agriculturalists. So were the small absentee purchasers like Coventry Litchfield, Stephens and Higgs the cooks, Halse the saddler, the Rev. Bernard Hodgson of Hertford College, Hobley the hosier, Matthew Hyatt the baker of Stanton St John, Sayer the butler of Balliol College, and Vincent Shortland the carpenter. In comparison with these the resident yeomen who purchased land were few, but there were some such, like the Sims, whose descendants still own some

1 Collections, ix, 387.
of his land, and Joseph Bleay, whose descendants are still in
the village but own land no longer.

Fortunately there exists a description of the parish writ-
ten in the year 1800, from which the following sentences
are taken:

The town, as it is called, of Marston consists of 45 dwelling-
houses; the number of inhabitants are about 250. There is no home,
no house or habitation in any other part of the parish except the hut
of a solitary fisherman on the bank of the Cherwell, where he resides
for the purpose of attending his nets and his wheels.

No person above the rank of a yeoman dwells in this parish at pre-
sent ... An ale-house, distinguished by the sign of the White Hart
in the possession of Mr Joseph Bleay, an old and respectable in-
habitant, who carries on the triple employments of a farmer, a baker,
and a publican. [Unton Croke's house] is now inhabited by six
families of paupers ... There is a great quantity of excellent bacon
cured here, which is disposed of in Oxford ...

The inhabitants of Marston may be divided into three classes,
_viz._ farmers or yeomen, labourers, and paupers. There are but three
or four mechanicks in the place; a blacksmith, a carpenter, and a
weaver. Luxury has not yet extended to Marston, near as it is to the
University and a populous city. The farmers are most of them persons
possessed of considerable property, yet they live in the most
frugal and plain manner. The names most general are Sims, Bleay and
Loder; and there are several families bearing each name.

... The ague was formerly an almost universal distemper, but for
the last 14 years it has been hardly known. Its successor is the rheu-
matism. There are three females deaf and dumb, of whom two are
sisters. The poor are numerous and expensive, notwithstanding the
attention and liberality of Dr Curtis and the charity of some of the
principal inhabitants. The Doctor also keeps several poor children
at his own expense.

... The land is very rich, and yields good crops, and of all kinds of
corn and pulse, especially beans. I cannot, however, compliment the

1 _Gentleman's Mag._, lxx, pt. i, 105-8; the author is J. S-m-ds.
2 The census of 1801 made it 264.
3 The Rev. John Curtis, D.D., fellow of Magdalen College, who
is sometimes mentioned as vicar, but does not so appear in Dr Old-
field's manuscript 'Clerus Diocesis Oxoniensis,' in the Bodleian and
was probably curate-in-charge.
farmers here, on the neatness of their husbandry. A considerable number of house-lambs are raised here; the breed of sheep are chiefly the Berkshire kind. ... Here is a great variety of good fruit for which a market is found at Oxford.

... [There are] great numbers of cray-fish, which are sold at Oxford for three shillings the hundred. Angling is permitted, and is a favourite diversion with the gentlemen of the University.

The more exact but less picturesque details of the Tithe Award may be regarded as a supplement to this description: the only great change in the interval from 1800 to 1843 was the ending of the old Poor Law. The award shows 267 acres of arable, 884 of meadow and pasture. There is only one owner of more than 100 acres, Brasenose College, which has 237. Five owners have between 100 and 50: Corpus, two non-residents (Mary Phillott and the Rev. Robert Wintle of Culham), two resident women, both of the farmer class, but one belonging to a family which came to Marston in the nineteenth century. Nine own between fifty acres and nineteen, namely, Magdalen, three yeomen living in Marston or near, one gentleman living near by at Cutslow, one gentleman who lived at a distance, one gentleman of Oxford University, and one cabinet maker of Oxford. There are thirty-five persons who own less than nineteen acres, eleven non-residents (including widows) who may be called 'gentry,' one solicitor and one plumber of Oxford, an innkeeper of Cheltenham, butchers in London, one yeoman of Chilworth, and in Marston itself the blacksmith, six yeomen, four widows or other women of the yeoman class and one labourer. In this parish, then, which is not typical, the small landowner had not disappeared, and the large landowner had not arisen; but this statement must be qualified by the remark, which is true of more places than is sometimes thought, that the small landowner was by no means always a cultivator of the soil.

The amount of land owned by different owners does not show the size of the farms. Brasenose had from the sixteenth century let off its land to three lessees, and some of these sub-let to farmers. In 1843 the tenant of Favians (of which
Wright Croke once held the lease and on which a house had been built in 1559-65\(^1\) leased also from Corpus the garden and homestead called Hill's Farm (half-way up Mill Lane or Sescut Lane) and almost all of the Corpus land. Thus he had well over a hundred acres and was the largest farmer in the parish. His Corpus land and his Brasenose land was divided by the imaginary line between the two mere-stones already mentioned: this one farm with two landlords lasted thus from 1691 until a few years ago. The tenant of Court Place had also one of the farms into which Sutton Field had been divided, making altogether more than a hundred acres. Along with these two substantial men were three more with over a hundred acres, two with between sixty and a hundred, half-a-dozen between twenty and thirty acres, six more with smaller holdings which yet were larger than the patches of garden held by labourers. But amongst the two last groups of six were several who probably had other land outside the parish. Except for those who had only gardens there were, roughly speaking, seven small and six still smaller farmers and two or three small holders.

By the time when the Tithe Award was made the old times in Marston were near their end, and the economic history of the parish sank rapidly into being not an independent story but simply a local example of changes which are sufficiently known from national statistics. What has happened since then may be summarized quickly. In the southern half of the parish the town has begun to encroach: about 1880 a working-class suburb called New Marston began to be built, so that the population of the whole parish went up quickly after that date. Even before then it had risen until 1851. The census figures are:

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\(^1\)B.N.C. 69. \(^2\)p. 12 above.
Colleges of the University absorbed one field after another for playing fields. Some of the old landowners wanted to sell, and in the twentieth century the holding of Brasenose College rose to more than 400 acres. No other large property was built up, though there were many sales. One yeoman family went down and another came up; arable declined and, as a consequence, the scale of farming became even smaller so that the old village is now a village of small dairy farmers, most of them owning a little land and renting more. There are few labourers and between them and the farmers are gardeners (whose bicycles take them into Oxford) and small holders some of whom own cottages, gardens and closes. Two fair-sized fields have been broken up into allotment gardens. The blacksmith has gone as the weaver and the baker went before him, though for a good many years there have been a builder and a small woodyard. A school was built in 1851. The telephone has come but not yet the motor 'bus. The old stone houses have begun to attract residents from the town.
**LIST OF FIELD NAMES**

In this table the third column gives the names in the Corpus Maps (1605) in Roman type, in italic the variants and additional names in the Brasenose Terrier of 1613 (B.N.C. 80). The second column gives, with reference in the first column, the earliest form of the name known to me; the fourth, the form it had assumed by the time of the Tithe Award in 1843. The initial F. stands for ‘Furlong.’

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