

INVENTORIES OF CHURCH GOODS AND
CHANTRIES IN CHESHIRE,

TEMP. EDWARD VI.

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THE following extracts are made from documents in the Public Record Office, and contain some information not hitherto generally known. They show how scantily the churches were left, with the barest necessaries for Divine service; the conversion of the old vestments into use in the reformed church; and, in a few instances, the number of the communicants or houselling people within certain parishes:—

THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST AND ST. MARY. *Inventory of all the goods, chalices, and bells delyvered unto the Dean and Chapter, the 27 day of May, anno Regis Edw. vi, by the Kyng's comissioners, there by theym to be saef and faerly kept without imbecilment or alienacon, untill the king's majesties farther plesure be therein knowen.*

- ij chalyses of sylver gylt, with pattents to the same, ponderantes xxxvij ounces.
- iiij diaper table clothes.
- ij long diaper towells.
- a pillo made of an olde tunnycele for the Comuneon Table.
- a carpet for the Deans stalle.
- a covering of Dornyx sy... the pulpet.
- a covering for the Comuneon, the oon side of crymsyn velvet the [other] side of grene satten and whit p... and in the meddes a pane of an olde vestment of dornix.
- iiij carpet queyssshens for the Quere.
- a payre of organs.
- iiij bells in the steple by the quere and a clok.

ij great bells in the new steple.
 j vele hangyng on the wall where the ... was.
 ... the boks now used in the church.
 ... cofers or chest.

per me Willm. Cliff decanum, per me Will. Walls,
 per me Nicolaum Bucksey, per me Johannem
 Lepington.

S. OSWALD'S. *Inventory of goods delivered to the Churchwardens.*

a chalice with a patent of silvar, ponderans xvi ounces.
 a charpet for the comunion table.
 ij bells in the steeple being now altered into oon.
 j other chalice with a patent of silver, ponderans xxij oncs
 ij cofers or chests.

S. JOHN'S WITHOUT, CHESTER. *Inventory of goods delivered to the Churchwardens.*

j chalyce of silver with a patent gilt, ponderans vij ounces
 and di.
 ij chestes.
 iij bells with the steple with a clocke.
 a boulter of dun velvet.
 ij coysshens.
 iij table clothes and a surples.
 a whyte damaske cope altered into a table cover.
 a payre of organs.
 a coveryng of old sylke.
 all the boks now used in the church.

In the college of Santions above sayd remanyth iij great
 bells to the K^{es}. and Quens ma^{ts}. usse, over and above
 besydyth that which is sold, and also a great quantyte
 of lead upon that part of the churche, it was gyven to
 the Kynge Edward and successors, L. R.

S. MARY-AT-HILL. *Inventory of goods delivered to the Churchwardens.*

a chalyce with a patent of sylver, ponderans x oncs.
 ij cofers.
 iij table clothes.
 a payre of organs.
 a hanging for the table of lynnem.
 a pillio of silke.
 v greate bells in the steple and a anthem bell and a klok.
 iij towells.
 a surples.
 all the bokes in the churche nowe used.

HOLY TRINITY. *Inventory of goods delivered to the Churchwardens, May 28.*

a chalyse with a paten for the same of sylver, ponderans xv oncs iij quarters.]
 vj lynnen towells.
 ij table clothes.
 ij surplices.
 iiij^{or} bells and oon anthem bell.
 ij coffers.
 all the boks now used in the church.

S. PETER'S. *Inventory of goods delivered to the Churchwardens, May 28.*

a chalyse of sylver with a patent for the same over ytt, ponderans x oncs.
 iiij^{or} bells in the steple and oon anthem bell. [A local name for the Sanctus Bell.]
 ij chests.
 a payre of organs.
 j tabull clothe of lynnen and a coveryng of green and yalo satten.
 ij surplusses.
 all the boks now used in the church.

S. BRIGETT. *Same date.*

oon chalyse of sylver with patent gilde, waying xij oncs and a quarter.
 a pello of grene saersnet.
 ij cofers or chests.
 a chene of yron over the font. [To hold the font cover.]
 iij table clothes.
 iij bells in the steple and oon anthem bell.
 ij surplusses.
 iiij towells.
 and all the boks now used the churche.

S. MICHAEL. *Same date.*

j chalyse with a paten for the same over gylt, ponderans xvij oncs.
 ij vestments of grene and red satten nowe altered in to a carpet for the Comuneon table.
 a red cope to make a carpet for the pulpet
 ij albes
 iiij towells.
 iij bells in the steple.
 all the boks nowe used in the churche.
 ij chests or cofers.

S. MARTIN. 28 May.

a chalyce of sylver with a patent for the same, parcell gilt,
ponderans xiiij oncs.
ij bells in the steple.
ij tabull clothes.
ij olde pilloes.
ij surpleses.

S. OLAVES.

a chalice with a patent of silver, ponderans vj oncs.
ij bells in the steple.
ij cofers.
ij towells.
all the boks in the Churche nowe used.

THE SPITTELL OF BOUGHTON.* *Goods delivered to Rauf Thorneton,
Master.*

a chalyce with a paten of sylver, ponderans iiij oncs
ij tabull clothes
ij small bells hanging in the church.
The comunyon boke nowe used.

HOSPITALL OF ST. JOHN WITHOUT THE NORTHGATE.† *Goods delivered
to John Levesey, Chaplen.*

A chalice with a patent for the same of sylver, parcell gilt,
ponderans x oncs.
j bell in the steple.
iiij table clothes.
All the boks now used in the church.

CHURCH ORNAMENTS.

MAY 23, 7 EDW. VI.

Parcelles of clothe of gold and tyssho by the said Comissiones
receaved and now delyvered unto Arthure Stoerton, Esqwuyer,
master of the Kings highnes Wardrop by indenture unto the
Kings Maiesties use.

a cope a vestment and two tuny [cles of clothe] of golde.
ij copes a vestment and ij tunycles of grene velvet [tys]sho.
a cope of purple tyssho.
a cope of red velvet tyssho.

* St. Giles' Hospital, for lazars, Foregate Street, founded by Earl Randal Blundeville, destroyed in the civil wars.

† Little St. John's, a hospital founded by Earl Randal for a master, 3 chaplains, and 13 poor pensioners, destroyed in the civil wars, and rebuilt by Col. Roger Whitley.

The chalices by the said Comysysoners retained and now delyvered by the said Comysysoners by indenture unto the Master of the Kings gracs fuel house unto his highnes use.

iiij chalyces with patens for the same.

a crysmatory of silv[er.....] in the same, ponderans in toto ^{xx}iiij oncs.

ECCLESIA CATHEDRALIS CHRISTI ET B.M. The goodes, copes, vestments and other ornaments of the same Cathedral Church, except before excepted, were sold by the said Comysysoners apou the apprecement thereof for vLi. xjs. iiiid.

Parochia S. OSWALDI IBIDEM	for	iiijli. iijs. ijd.
„ S. MARIE SUPER MONTEM.....	for	xli. xiijs. vjd.
„ S. JOHANNIS.....	for	xjs. ijd.
„ S. TRINITATIS	for	vjli. ixs.
„ S. PETRI	for	xxiijs.
„ S ^{ca} . BRIDGITTE	for	xiijs. iiijd.
„ S ^{ca} . MICHELIS	for	xvs. ixid.
„ S ^{ca} . MARTINI (gyven to the pore as of so small valewe)		nihil.
„ S ^{ca} . OLAVEI (distributed unto the pore)		nihil.

HOSPITALL OF SAYNT JOHN AND SPYTEL OF BOGHTON (distributed unto the pore) nihil.

Totall somme of the ornaments, etc. solde...xxxli. xiiid.

There was a greate bell in the Cathedrall churche whiche hanged in the new Steple there, which was taken doune and sold by the dean and chapter, the iiiijth day of May, Anno Regni Regis iv^o for the somme of xxxiiijli. alleged by them to be payd unto the Ministers of the same churche for there stypend. They solde a crosse and ij sencers of sylver ult. die

Januarii anno regis Edw. VI, ii^o for the somme of ^{xx}iiijli. bestowed upon reparacon of their howsses. Nicolas Bulay clk was bound to answer for the same before the commissioners June ij.

There is a roll of chalices and patens and bells belonging to the Churches in the county; the following are the more noticeable details:—

BREWETON, ij bells. *It.* one bell broken, lyenge in the churche, whiche is solde for the necessary reparacon of the churche, that is to say, to by leade to cover the yle and to glase wyndowes and to deck the churche wales with storyes.

CAXALL. Pixes white j.

NAMPTWICHE, on cross of wood plated with silver, v bells and
j litle anton bell.

WIBUNBURY, iiij bells and j litle Seints bell.

BARTOMLEY, iij bells and a sakering bell.

MALPAS, a pece of a broken crosse sylver.

CHANTRIES, 2 EDW. VI.

ST. JOHN'S COLLEGE, being a parish church of itself, having
MCC parsellyng people.

Rychard Walker* of the age of 46 yeares, deane, hathe for
his stipend xxviii. xijs. iiij*d.*

David Pole† Prebendary, of the age of L yeares, viij*li.*
[100*£* elsewhere.]

Robert Fowler Prebendary, of the age of 18 yeares, viij*li.*

Thomas Suerle Prebendary, of the age of 60 yeares, lxxvjs.
[50*£* elsewhere.]

Peter Mainwaring,‡ of the age of 66 yeares, lxxvjs. [100
marks elsewhere.]

Richard Smith, of the age of 70 yeares, lxxvj. [30*£* elsewhere.]

[John] Whytely,§ of the age of 50 yeares, lxxvjs.

Wotten, lxxvjs. [20 marks elsewhere,]

Robert Bowyer, Thomas Latwys, Richard Crosse and Roger
Houghton, Vicars xi*li.* each.

Thomas Ratcliffe, Clerke xxviijs. iiij*d.*

Philip ap Gryfythe, Sereton xxvjs viij*d.*

The two former were appointed Vicar and Assistant of the
parish church.

The Chauntry named the Pety Chanons,|| Peter Brereton, Prest,
of the age of 70 yeares [over and above xx*li.* in other
places] Cs.

FRATERNITY OF ST. GEORGE, 2 Incumbents, clere value vs. viij*d.*
A Stipendiary in Trenity and St. Bride's churches.

THORNETON, lands for a yerely obit, ijs.

BEBINGTON, lands for the maintenance of a lampe light, viij*d.*
yerely valewe.

* R. of Wirral, Eystham and Leek, archdeacon of Stafford and Derby, canon
of Lichfield and dean of Chester, 1558, d. 1567.

† Prebendary of Lichfield, Bishop of Peterborough, 1557.

‡ Prebendary of Chester, 1544, d. 1570.

§ Prebendary of Chester, 1550.

|| In the reign of Rich. II the Brereton family held a prebend here called the
Petit Canonry.

FRODESHAM. The Chantry called Grene chapel yerely valewe lijs.
Lands apperteyning to the chapell of St. Laurence in the
said parish xjs. ij*d.* yerely valewe.

WALLEYSE. Stypend of one prest vs. j*d.*

FERMDON, lands for the mayntenance of a light viij*d.*

ALFORDE, do.

The Colledge of BUNBURY with the rectorye or parsonage be-
longynge to the same, having M howslyng within the
same, and hath a vicar and one assistant appointed to
serve the cure there. John Woodward Warden (besydes
xviii*li.* in other places) vij*li.* xijs. iiij*d.* Rawf Banister,
James Brooke, Richard Prestland, John Bussshell, Robert
Ockwerd, brethren, having yerely a pece lxxvjs. viij*d.*
Rauf Broke and Thomas Symonds, conducts,* having
yerely a pece xxvjs. viij*d.* Goods and ornaments Cs. vj*d.*
yerely valewe xlix*li.* xs. viij*d.*

Chantry of BUNBURY, yerely valewe xij*li.* ijs.

The *Four Seruyces* in the same church. Four chaplains having
each iiij*li.* xijs. iiij*d.*

NANTEWICHE, a great toune hathe Mcccc howslyng people, a
vicar and one assistant. A chantry clere valewe vj*li.*

Frechappell of Sent Laurens and Sent James† in the toune,
yerely valewe lxxvjs.

Frechapell of Sent Nicholas‡ vij*£* xs.

NORTHWYCHE. The Chantry xvjs. viij*d.*

NETHERNOTFORD. Landes pertaining to a Chapell and Gramer
skole, cxvjs. j*d.*

WYDENBURY. Chantry lxixs. vid. Stok of ij heifers xvjs.

GYTAFORD. Landes gyven for the reparacon of the church xxs.

The Chantry, yerely valewe payd by Syr Edmund Crawforde,
cvjs. viij*d.*

NEWTON. Chappell of, lxxijs. iiij*d.*

MERTON. „ „ liijs. iiij*d.*

MACCLESFELDE. The Savage Chantry,§ vj*li.* xijs. iiij*d.* being a
chapell of ease, and distant from the parish church two
myles, and hath oon assistant appointed to serve the cure.

* Called erroneously by Lysons (546) vicars and choristers. The conduct is
a stipendiary [conductitius] chaplain. The name is still preserved at Eton
College.

+ A lazar hospital in Welsh Row.

‡ A hospital founded by the Lovell family.

§ So called from the founder, Abp. Savage of York, who died, 1508; the
chapel bearing his name.

The service of iij Prests called the Rode Service* and the Trinity Service, clere valewe vij*li*. vis. *xd*.

OBERPEVER. Chantry, yerely valewe iij to vjs. iij*d*.

CHADKERKE. Chantry, vj xiijs. iij*d*.

CHEDYLL. cvjs. viij*d*.

MABBERLEY. iij xiijs. iij*d*.

DISTEYLEYDEAN. xxj xxiijs. iij*d*.

Sir Peter Leigh claimed it as part of his inheritance.

POTTE. The iij Chantries yerely valewe xii to xiijs. It is a Chapell of Ease distant from the Parish Church thre miles, and hath iij houslyng people and is necessary to have a Curet appointed to serve the same.

NORTHEN. The Stipendiary or Service within the said Church, lxxvjs. *jd*.

MIDELWICHE. The Service called the Rode Service v*l*.

BOWDON. Chantry iij*li*. xviijs.

Exclusive of the last, the sum total of all chantries, colleges, brotherhoods, etc.

Clear value ccccxiij*li*. vjs. *xjd*.

Plate and jewels iij^c iij^{xx} xix oncs.

Ornaments xxv*li*. xv*s*.

Stock money ccvii*li*. xiijs. iij*d*. lxxiiij kyne xxx*li*.

Woodhed in Londendale, Malpas, Prestbury, Lyme, Sowden, Lyme, Acton, Stooke and Aldelem had each a stipendiary, and Wylmeslawe two.

* A service or mass sung at the Altar of Jesus or Holy Rood.