

THE ACCOUNTS OF THE CHURCHWARDENS OF WING

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WHEN, about the 23rd or 24th year of Queen Elizabeth, the Lady Stonor was reproached by the Judges for her constancy in the Catholic religion, she answered: "I was born in such a time when Holy Mass was in great reverence, and brought up in the same Faith. In King Edward's time this reverence was neglected and reproved by such as governed. In Queen Mary's it was restored with much applause; and now in this time it pleaseth the state to question them, as now they do me, who continue in this Catholic profession. The state would have these several changes, which I have seen with mine own eyes, good and laudable. Whether it can be so, I refer it to your Lordships' consideration. I hold me still to that wherein I was born and bred; and find nothing taught in it but great virtue and sanctity: and so by the grace of God I will live and die in it."¹

The following article is an attempt to show how these successive changes in religion are reflected in the contemporary accounts of the Churchwardens of Wing. Their publication in full is impracticable on account of their great length and for seven years only have they been printed verbatim; some items from other years,² which illustrate the course of the Reformation, have however been included.

While there is little to show how the inhabitants regarded the innovations a few signs may perhaps be detected. The sale of church goods in 1549 and the secreting of the proceeds, the alacrity with which the old service was restored in Queen Mary's time and the evident reluctance with which the recently rebuilt altars were taken down on Queen Elizabeth's accession, all suggest that the new doctrine found little favour in the parish although, no doubt, an outward conformity prevailed. Even so late as 1640 the subsidy rolls name seventeen recusants in Wing: this persistence of Catholicism may be due in part to the influence of the Dormers, a family noted for its staunch adherence to the ancient Faith.³

The churchwardens were four in number, one from Wing and one from each of its hamlets of Ascott, Burcott and Crafton. They were elected annually on Trinity Sunday and although they are said to be 'chosen' the office seems to have fallen in turn upon certain ancient houses. Thus, in 1565 Robert Goodman 'or his successor' was chosen for Crafton and in 1604 'Daver's house' had to provide a warden for Ascott.

The volume extends from 1527 to 1723. It was repaired in 1850 and is now in very fair condition and only occasionally defective.

<i>f. 1.</i>	The lyg(ht)men		
Md that Wylyame Hawys Wylyame Gefes lyghtmen too the rudde lyght haith remanyng in their handes all thynges dyschargyde	vjs	vjd	
Item Richarde Dygger and Henry Nycoles lyghtmen to Sancte Kateryns and Sancte Margaret lyghes haith re- manynge in there handes all thynges dyschargyde	xxs	xjd	
Item Roberte Fontans Thomas Buckmaister lyghtmen too Sancte Thomas and Mary Magdaleyns haith remanyng in their handes all thyngs alowyde	xjs		
Item Nycoles Lucas and Johne Lewys lyghtmen too our Ladys lyght haith remanyng in their handes all thyngs alowyde a quarter of malte too bushels of barley and in redy money	xvs	iijd	
Item Thomas Wynchester and Nicoles Fontans torchemen haith maide theyr accountes for too yers paiste of ther hought ayls and haith remanyng in handes all thynges alowyde	xxixs	viijd	
Summa totalis that the lyghtesmene haith remanyng in ther handes all thynges dyschargyde is iiijli iijs iiijd			
Md that theys be the ornamentes of the paryche church of Wynge an ^o dni m ^o d ^o xxvij ^o die vero mensis Junii vigesimo secundo.			
Inprimis, fyve chaleyces of sylver, too thorowgylde, and thre parcell gylde.			
Item too pyxys, one sylver ungyld, and the other copper and gylde somtyme of the gyveytt of Joane Foontans.			
Item one pax, sylver and gylte, and too olde paxys.			
Item one sylver senseurs, ungylt savyng the towars and pennacklyes of the same with other ceyrtaune places.			
Item too crossys cooper and gylte and other too olde crossys.			
Item thre crosse staveys, one copper and gylte, and too of woode.			
Item thre crosse cloythys, one of greane sarsneytt, and too olde.			
Item syx banner clothys, and foure streyners, and eyght pools too the same.			
Item too canopye kyrchevys, one of neidle worke, and the other of lawne.			
Item a clothe for the canopye of saytteyn the color of vyolett, with foore stavys unto the same.			
Item too cooppyes, one of blew welveytt, (a nother of wyte ^d) and other course cooppe.			
Item too hangynges one of blew for the hye alter and an other of wheytt fustiane for oure ladys alter.			
Item a borthor of clothe of goolde for the hey alter of the gyvytt of Syr Radulphe Werney. ⁶			
Item a paille for the Sepulcher of brauncheyde worke.			
Item a gyrdeyll of neidle worke for the Sepulcher.			
Item foore corpraxys, and foore caysys too the same.			
Item too qwheyshynges for the alters			
Item threttyene alter clothys good and badde, of the wyche fyve be payntyde.			
Item syx westmentes wythe theyr albyes and all other thynges partenynge ther too, one of blew velvet, and an other of greyn, the thyrd of blew dammaske braunchyde, the foorte of reide satteyne wyth a tunyckle too the same of the same sooytt for a decane, the syxt of whytt satteyne.			
Item thre course vestmeyntes one for every Sondey, and too for every workeday.			
Item too chesablys wyth out albeys.			

f. 1b.

Item ix dryyng towells for the alters, good and baidde.

Item six cruettes and thre sacryng bells and a lavor too washe wyth att the crystnyng of chylther and too hande bells.

Item too reyve surpleys for prestes, and syx playne for clarkes, and other syx olde surpleys for scolers.

Item a vayle cloth for lent, and other thre, one for our ladys alter and an other for our lady and the thyrde for Sancte John of bapteyste.

Item syx curteyns, too for the wheyr, too for the rude loveytt, and too of dyapper for Sancte Kateryns loveytt.

Item a coverlett for the heyrse, the color greane.

Item too standers of lattyne for the hey alter, and too smalle lattyne kandylstyckys for the same.

Item too candylstyckes of latyne for Sancte Cateryns alter, and syx for the heyrse.

Item too standyng deskes too reide lessons off.

In bookes

Inprimis the cheve antyphoner wrytt.

Item fyve antyphoners besydes, too prynt and thre wrytt.

Item thre graylls, too manuells, one legent prynt, too hymners wrytt, foor messe bookes thre wrytt and one prynte, and syx precessyoners, foor wrytt and too prynte.

The nappery weyr beyng in the custody of the Churche wardeyns.

In primys, thre dyapper towells, and too of playne cloothe.

Item one dyapper table clothe, and syx playne table clotheys.

Item one payre of sheyttes and too halfe sheyttes.

Item a clothe for the rude.

Anno. domini. millesimo. quingentesimo. vigesimo. septimo. die vero mensis Junii xvj^o finis.

f. 2.

Anno domini m^od^oxxvij^o

M^d that thes be the accountes of me Wylyam of Welde Thomas Saunders Henry Nycolas and Rafe a Borro cheurche wardens of Wynge from the fest of the blessyd trynitye in the yere of our lorde gode m^od^oxxvij^o unto the same day twewlfe monthe an first our reseytes for the hole yere and nexte for our dyscharges for the same yere.

Inprimis resevyd yn redy mony of Mr Roberd Dormer John Godarde Wylyame Lucas John Copper church wardeyns in the yere last paste xxx and also a c quarters of maulte the weche was solde unto Wyllyam Clarke & hothers for xxjli xiijs iiijd of the weche ys payd in hande iiij li vjs viijd and the reste xvijli vjs viijd to be payde at the fest of Sancte Michaelle nexte cumyng autter the datte afore rehersyd & thus the encrement of thys yere.

Sum xxiiij li xijs

Inprimis resevyd of Alys Koe sextors to the torchlyte	iijs	iiijd
Item resevyd of Bartlet of Ledborn ^a	vjs	iiijd
Item resevyd of Roberd Taylar for rent	iiijs	
Item resevyd of Mr Vykerie for rente ⁷	vjs	
Item resevyd of Wynchester for rente	xs	
Item resevyd of Nycolas Prestman for rente		xxijd
Item resevyd of the Mayall & awle costys & chargys borne ^d	xxxxs	iijd
Item resevyd of Thomas Wynchester & Wyllyam Hause lytmen to the blessyd sepulkur lytte	xs	
Sum of thys yeres receytes iiijli xjs ix d		

Summa totalis of owre whole yeres charge xxvijli iijjs ix d

f 2b.

Inprimis for washyng of the cherche gere	iijs	iiijd
Item payde for wallyng & grund pynnyng of the barne	iijs	iiijd
Item payde unto Wynchester for stud tymber		viijd
Item payd for ij lode of strawe for the same barne	ijs	
Item payde for a lode of roddys for the same barne	ijs	viijd
Item payde unto the masun for makyng the chemny & the hovyn	xijjs iiijjs	
Item payde for iiij quarters of lyme		
Item payde unto Hary Nycolas for caryge of bryke & erthe & sond & stonys	iiijjs	iiijd
Item payde unto Grase of Trynge for viij treys & the fellyng	xijjs	xd
Item payd for bred & drynke for caryg of the sam tymber		vijd
Item payd unto John Smythe for tymber	vijjs	vjd
Item payd for caryg of the sam tymber	vjs	viijd
Item payd unto Mr Vykary for iij treys	iiijjs	
Item payd for makyng of the huse hofer the chemny and the hovyn	xiijs	iijd
Item payd for ij m tyle	vijjs	
Item payd for caryg of the sam tyle	iiijjs	
Item payd for a m tyll at Brykehyll	vs	
Item payd for a quarter of lyme at Brykehyll		xvjd
Item for caryg of the sam tyle & lyme		xijd
Item payd for iij c lathe		xxjd
Item payd for xij c lathe nayle		xijd
Item payd for gret nayllys		vjd
Item payd unto the sauers for sawyng the frame of the kechyn hus	ijjs	vjd
Item payd unto the tayler for vj days warke	ijjs	
Item payd for the sam tylars bord		xviijd
Item payd unto Brynkeley for sarvyng the sam tylar	ijjs	
Item payd unto the klokemaker		xxd
Item payd for mendyng of a loke & a new key for the stapul dore		vjd
Item payd for mendyng of a vestemente		xvjd
Item payd for mendyng of the beste cope		ijd
Item payd for changyng of a chalys	vs	
Item payd for a lantern		viijd
Item payde for a vyer chule		vijd
Item payd for whyte threde		jd
Item payd for the lordes rentt of the cherhuse		xviijd
Sum vli xvijjs iijd		

f. 3.

Item payd for the nelyng of the hovyn		viiij
Item payd to Dyxsun for dygyng of herthe		ij
Item payd unto Thomas Leucas for caryge of herthe		xij
Item payd unto Marten for palyng	viijs	ij
Item payde for a senser & a holywater stoope	vij	
Item payd for ij pakys		xj
Item payd unto the plomer	vs	
Item payd for nayllys & collys		iiij ob
Item payd for Bartelates huse of Ledburne for mersements		vj
Item payd for ij new aubbys	vs	vj
Item for caryg of the sam haubys		ij
Item payd unto the sexten	xs	
Item payd for goyng ij tymys unto the chapter corte		iiij
Item payd for borde to make a dore & a wyndo in the new huse		xij
Item payd for ij hanggys & ij hokes for the sam dore		vd
Item payd for makyng a the same dore & wyndo		vd
Item payd unto Thomas Lukas for hyptyllys		viiij
Item payd unto Thomas Noddys for daubyng & grundpynyng & hutte sett of olde dett that he hoytte to the cherche iiij		viiij
Sum xliijs ij ob.		

Summa totalis of owre whole dyscharge viij li xvij ob.

So there remaynythe there in the chyrche boxe xixli ijs ij ob.⁹

1534-5

f. 16.

Item payd a pon hochmys day to the gylder	xjli ¹⁰	
Item payd to a paynter that Robart Funten set a wark ¹¹		xvj

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f 17.

M^d that this is the totall summe of all the recetes of Wyllyam of the Welde Nicolas
Bucmaster & there feyloys & ye summa totalis xxix li xvjs ijd ob.¹²

f 17b.

M^d that thys be the passellys that be payde¹³

Item payd for iij m tayle	xvs	
Item payd for iij quarter leyne	iijs	
Item payd for hepys & cherstys		xijd
Item payd for thymber	iijs	vijd
Item payd for the cheryge of the thayle & thymber	vs	
Item payd for c rodys		ijjd
Item payd to Tebbald for makynge of a gemev for the chofer		jd
Item payd for heyyearn worke for the lofte		xjd
Item payd for makynge of John Bakys howse to Wynggrave	ijs	jd
Item payd for a c lathys		vijd
Item payd for vj c layyt nayle		vjd
Item payd for the fettyng of them		jd
Item payd to the sawyer		xjd
Item payd to the gyldyr	vjs	viijd
Item payd to the paynter	iiijl	
Item payd to scher Homfre	vjs	
Item payd for a stokeloke		vd
Item payd to the taylers for xvj days worke	xiijs	iiijd

f. 18.

Item payd to Jhon Baker for vj dayys worke and for hys mete & drynk	ijs	iiijd
Item payd to John Samwell for x days worke	ijs	vjd
Item payd to Tomas Loucas wyffe for xvj dayys borde for the taylere and for x dayys of John Samwell	viijs	ijjd
Item payd for xx bossell of layme	iijs	iiijd
Item payd for v crestys and for iiij gotter taylys		vijd
Item payd to Tomas Lowcas for charryng of them		xijd
Item payd for a c of v pene nayle		vd
Item payd to Brownn for wyndyng and for dawbeyng of John Bakers house		xd
Item payd for charryng of vj lode of sonde & yerthe		xijd
Item payd to the bellhangyr for trussyng of the bellys	vjs	ixd
Item payd to the smyght for naylys for the bellys		ijjd
Item payd to the plomer	xxs	iiijd
Item payd for ix c. nayllys for the plommer	iijs	
Item payd for vj dosson rynggys		xxiijd
Item payd for iiij dosson herdys of rebond & a halfe		xxiijd
Item payd to the smyght for makynge heyharens for the rode lofte cortens	iijs	

f. 18b.

Item payd to the smyght for a therndyll afore the rode		viijd
Item payd for a leyne for the same tryndyl		iiijd
Item payd for makynge of the wether choke	iijs	
Item payd to John Smyght for makynge a shafte for the whether choke		iiijd
Item payd to the same smyght for makynge of the heyyerns for the byllys		ijjd
Item payd to Wynchester for medsomher quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd to the landyr for medsomyer quarter		xd
Item payd to Tomas hoke banke for trussynge up of the rode		xiiijd
Item payd for a m taylor & for cherrynge of them	vjs	
Item payd to the landyr for mykylmas quarter		xd
Item payd to Wynchester for mykylmas quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd for a dosson and a halfe of rynggys for yowyer lady of gesofe ¹⁴		vjd
Item payd to the paynter	vijjs	ijjd
Item payd to the thaylers for ij dayys worke		xvjd
Item payd to Dennys for ij dayys worke to sarve the taylers		iiijd
Item payd to Bucmaster whefe for ij dayys borde of the taylers & Denys		xvijd

f. 19.

Item payd to Wyllyam Chapell for makynge of the cherche yate		xijd
Item payd for a dosson yerdys of rebon for corten a fore your layd of gesof		iiijd
Item payd to the taylers for ij dayys worke		xvjd
Item payd to John Loucas for ij dayys worke to serve the taylers		iiijd
Item payd to Bucmaster wyfe for ther borde ij dayys		xviiijd
Item payd to the lordys rente for mykelmas day		ixd
Item payd for kepyng of derge & mas		xviiijd
Item payd to the glayser	ijs	vjd
Item payd to the plommer Robert Sandyr		xvd
Item payd to the cloke makyr		xxd
Item payd to the landyr for kyrstemas quarter		xd
Item payd to the smyght for makynge of the heyorn before lady of gesuf		ijjd
Item payd to Annys Bucmaster for makynge of the corten a fore the same lady & for mendynge of ij aubys and for makynge of ij auter clothys		vjd
Item payd to Wynchester kyrstemas quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd for payntynge of schen Nycolas meyster and cros- heyer staffe ¹⁵		xiiijd
Item payd for mendynge of ij chalysys and a crose	ijs	

f. 19b.

Item payd to the smyght for stapuls for the fante and for ij hokys for the rode & for hys labor for schettyng of them		xvjd
Item payd to Annys Bucmaster for mendyng of ij aubys and ij hamysys		iijd
Item payd to the landyr for your lady daye quarter		xd
Item payd for cholys		ijd
Item payd for wexse for the sepolker layte	xls	xd
Item payd to the lordys rente for your layd daye		ixd
Item payd for a loke for the wante		ijd
Item payd to Alys Hore for skoryng of the canstykyss		vd
Item payd to the boke byndere	vjs	ixd
Item payd for ij stolys	ijs	
Item payd to the landyr for medsommer quarter		xd
Item payd to Annys Bucmaster mendyng of ij aubys and a hammys		iijd
Item payd for makyng of the grete bell claper	iijs	
Item payd to the smyght for makyng of a bokel for the gret belyll		ijd
Item payd to the smyght for makyng of a storop for the therde bell whele		ijd
Item payd to the laundyr for mykelmas quarter		xd
Item payd for kepyng of dorge and mas		xviijd
Item payd to Wynchester for your lady day quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd to Wynchester for medsommyr quarter	ijs	vjd

f. 20.

Item payd to Wynchester for mykylmas quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd to Banyster for a tabyll		viijd
Item payd to the smyght for makyng of the grete byll claper	iijs	iiijd
Item payd to the cloke makyr		xxd
Item payd to Wynchester for kerstemas quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd to Wyllyam Loucas for makyng of vij quarter & vj bussell of malte	iijs	iiijd
Item payd to the landyr for kerstemas quarter		xd
Item payd for a c wyx	xlviijs	iiijd
Item payd to Cherstofer for charryng of the same wyx		xd
Item payd for baner clothys	xjs	iiijd
Item payd to the landyr for your lady day quarter		xd
Item payd for cholys		ijd
Item payd for vj hellys of lenen clothe	iijs	ixd
Item payd to the lordys rente for your lady day		ixd
Item payd to Annys Bucmaster for mendyng of iiij haubys and iiij hamysys & for makyng of a tabyll clotheyt		vd
Item payd to the same Annys for makyng of iij schorplesys		xvd
Item payd for a hengys for the chyrche howse dore		ijd
Item payd for iiij dossen platers	iijs	iiijd
Item payd for a markyng heyyern to markyng wyt		ijd
Item payd to Wyllyam Lowcas for iiij quarter barly	xxs	
Item payd for x quarter barly	xxxixs	iijd
Item payd for makyng of xix quarter & halfe of malte	viijs	jd

f. 20b.

Item payd to the smyght for makyng the loke of the kofer		ijd
Item payd for a lyn & for mendyng of a hames		iijd
Item payd to Wynchester for your lady day quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd for chanyng of the crose and for haloyng of ij chalysys	xijs	iiijd
Summa totalis xxiiijli iijs jd		

M^d that these byn the charches of the chirche men of Wyllyam of the Welde & Nicolas Bucmaster & their felows for the tyme of ij yerys wyche whas in the yerys of lorde m^{lmo} ccccc^o xxxvj^o & m^{lmo} ccccc^o xxxvij^o.

M^d all tynkyngs a lowde & a contyd & so ther remenyth in the chirche box in reyd money vjli xijs jd ob.

1537-8

f. 21b.

payd to the carver for makyng of the tabernacle ¹⁶	xixs	vjd
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1538-9

f. 25.

Item of Robart Fowyntan and Thomas Buckemaster for Mary Magdalens lyght ¹⁷	xxvs	
Item reyseyvyd yn the paryche of devotion for the ornamentes	xxxvijs	ixd. ob.

f. 25b.

Item of Wylleam Brynkelo & Wylleam Browne for oure ladys lyght	xjs	ijd. ob.
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f. 26.

The expenssys

In primis payd for the orgayns & the ornamentes that came from Woburne	ixli ¹⁸	
to Robart Hardyng for a lowde of stuffe from Hoburne		xvd
to Wylleam Lucas for a lowde of stuffe from Woburne		xvd
to Jhon Chapell for a lowde caryde from Woburn		xvd
for mete & drynke when we went for the orgayns to Woburn & for workmen	ijs	vijd
to Sir Thomas for setting of ye organs ¹⁹	vs	
for a glasse wyndo boght at Woburne	iijs	iiijd
for takyng downe of ye windo and ye chargys of hyt		vijd
to Sir Thomas for kyppany ye orgayns	vs	

f. 30b.

1539-40

payd to Mayn for a cloth to bryng hom the Bybull ²⁰		ijd ob.
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f. 39.

Anno dni milesimo quingentesimo quadragesimo iij^o

Md that theyr be chosyn church wardens for thys yere Robart Fox John Lucas
Wyllyam Chappman John Cowper and they have receyvyd in to the church box
vli ix s vjd.

Item that ther be chosyn to the ceper of the rooude lytte Thomas Wynchester &
Rychard Chappman.

sum xli xviijs iiijd

Item receyvyd of the bequest of John Norcott		xijd
Item reseyyvd of Edward Ward at medsomer last past	iijs	iiijd
Item reseyyvd of Edward Ward at myghellmas	iijs	iiijd
Item reseyyvd Leburn rent at myghellmas last paste	vjs	viijd
Item reseyyvd of Thomas Wynchester at myghellmas	ijs	vjd
Item reseyyvd of Thomas Buckemaster of the bequest of Jone Lucas		iiijd
Item reseyyvd of Thomas Wynchester for our lady daye rent	ijs	vjd
Item reseyyvd of the sepoulker men	xxs	ijd ob
Item reseyyvd of the hocc men	xvs	viijd ob
Item reseyyvd of the occ ale of Croftun		xxd
Item reseyyvd of master vecar for the hole yeres rent	vjs	
Item reseyyvd of John Bacar for the hole yeres rent	iijs	viijd
Item reseyyvd of Sir Thomas	ijs	
Item reseyyvd of Wyllyam Banyster	ijs	
Item reseyyvd of John Howen		xvjd
Item ye church men have made of the church wax	iijs	vijd
Item reseyyvd of the Wytsun ale iiij nobulls xijd	xxs	viijd
Item recyvyd of Thomas Bucmaster sent mare way	vjs	ijd

Sum of Recetes vli vs viijd.

f. 40.

Thus		
Item payd to Wynchester for medsomer quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd to the lander for medsomer quarter		xd
Item for the churche gattes mendyng for tymber & warman-shypp		xxijd
Item for the sanse bell roppe		iiijd
Item payd to the orgayn playar for mydsomer quarter	iijs	vjd
Item us churche men have delyverd to Thomas Wynchester for the roode lyght	iijs	
Item payd to the lander for myghellmas quarter		xd
Item payd for a m ^l of tyle & a quarter of lyme & a m ^l of lathe nayles & on c of lathes & v crestes	ixs	vd
Item for all sone dyрге & mase yt us gave to pore folke for cherete	iijs	iijd
Item for mendyng of the clocke		xxd
Item for goyng ij tymes to chapter		ixd
Item payd to the lordes bayle for the churche rent		ixd
Item payd to the westment makar for mendyng of the churche honormentes		xxd
Item payd to the orgayn playar for myghelmas quarter	ijs	ixd
Item payd for wyar & tape & thred		vjd
Item payd to the lander for crystmas quarter		xijd
Item payd to Wynchester for crystmas quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd for a cord for the churche gate & a locke & a stapull & mendyng of the gappe at the churche gatte		vijd
Item for mendyng of the churche howse	ixs	vd
Item for mendyng of Saynt Catern hele & the sowthe syde of the churche	vijs	vjd
Item payd for crystmas quarter to the orgayn playar	iijs	iijd
Item payd for ij bocules for the badryces		iijd
Item payd for wax xls & xld		
Item payd to John Lucas for sande & claye		ixd

f. 40b.

Item payd to the lander for our ladyday quarter		xijd
Item payd to master bayle for the churche rent for the churche howsys halfe years rent		ixd
Item payd to the orgayn playar for our lady daye quarter	ijs	iiijd
Item payd for skowryng of the churche canstyces & a bosshell of coles & mendyng of the botre dore & the atche of the churche howse		xjd
Item payd for a awlter clothe for our lady hele		xxijd
Item for mendyng of the churche buckes	xxijs	
Item for makyng of wax & weke	iijs	jd
Item for mendyng of the banar clothys		ijd
Item payd for the hand belles	vs	vjd
Item payd to the clarcke for a yeres wryghtyng		iiijd
Item payd for our expencys for goyng to the chapter court		iiijd
Sum vijli ijs vd		

f. 44b.

receyvyd of the rode men ²¹	xs	
receyvyd for xvj pounde wax solde	ixs	jd
receyvyd of the Sepulchar men	xxiijs	vid

f. 47b.(1548-9)²²

Item payd for ale to Rychard Buckmasters wyfe		ijd
Item we payd for our costes & chargys at the beshope vysytacyon at Alyesbury uppon the fryday before med- somer day last past & for our byll makyng		xxiijd
Item payd to the sexten for medsomer quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd to the lander for medsomer quarter		xijd
Item payd for tyls		vjd
Item payd for mendyng of the churche gattes to the carpenter		xviiij
Item payd for hoke & the caryge of the same	viijs	vijd
Item payd for mydsomer quarter to the clarke	viijs	ijd
Item payd to the smythe for mendyng of the churche gattes		xiiiij
Item payd to the sexten for myghelmas quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd to the lander for myghelmas quarter		xijd
Item payd to the sexten for a thyng to set the sacarment of of the awlter		ijd
Item payd to the lorde for myghelmas rent		ixd
Item payd for the expencys of ij churche wardens goyng to the chapter court		viiij
Item payd to the clarke for myghelmas quarter forthe of the churche box	viijs	
Item for the dyrge of all sone day layd owt of the churche box	vjs	jd
Item payd to Robert Dopeley for palyng in the churche howse yarde	xiijs	ijd
Item payd to the sexten for chrystmas quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd to Agnys Gyllam for iiij lodys of stones		xvjd
Item payd to the carpenter for makyng of Wylkys byrge	xxvjs	iiiij
Item payde to the sayers	vs	
Item payd to Thomas Benet for caryge of tymber	ijs	
Item payd to John Barnard for carynge of a molde & old tymber		xd
Item payd to Thomas Benet for caryge of stonys to the byrge	ijs	viiij
Item payde to ye carpyntar for mendyng of the bells	vs	
Item payd to ye sexten for two day & a halfe workyng with ye carpyntar		xijd
Item payde to Cole for workyng at ye brudge		xd
Item payde to ye launder for chrystmas quarter		xijd
Item payde to lame Em for scowryng of ye candlestyckes		jd
Item payde to Brynklow for rayles		vjd
Item payde to ye clarke for crystmas quarter	viijs	ijd
Item payde to Kockesys wyfe for kepyng of ye chylde a fortnyght		xvd
Item payde to the sexten at ye buryng of ye chylde ²³ to ye brudge xxxviijs ijd		ijd

f. 48.

Item payde for a iron to mende ye belles		jd
Item payd to the clarke for makynge of the inventory of the church goodes ²⁴	ijs	
Item payd to the smythe for mendyng a loke		iiijd
Item payd to the sexten for our ladyday quarter	ijs	vjd
Item payd to the sexten for mendyng of a cloke roppe		ijd
Item payd to the lander for our lady daye quarter		xijd
Item payd to John Lucas for caryge of stones to the byrge	vs	
Item payd to the lorde for rent for our lady day		ixd
Item payd to the clarke for our lady day quarter	viijs	
Item payd for a quarter of lyme & the caryge	ijs	xd
Item payd to Sander & hys man for whyt lymyng of the church	vs	vd
Item payd to Wyllyam Sotton for gatheryng of stones	ijs	vjd
Item payd for the expencys of ij church wardenes goyng to the chapter court & the byll makynge		viijd
Item payd for the church boke ²⁵	iiijs	ijd
Item payde to workemen for makynge of ye causy at ye brudge & mendyng of the same	xiiijs	iiijd
Item payde to ye clarke of Leyghton for bokes to synge on		xvjd
Item payde to ye smyth for nayles & a buckle for ye bell		vjd
Item payde to Thomas Bokemaster for sertayne tymbre to ye brudge		xiiijd
Item payde to Wyllyam Bannaster for a grounsyll & sertayne pale		xijd

Sum viijli xs iiijd.

f. 48b.

Item recevyd of Jone Wynchester for halfe yerys rent	vs	
Item recevyd of Wyllyam Whyght for halfe yerys rent	iijs	iiijd
Item resevyd of Whyght of Leborn for our lady daye rent	iijs	iiijd
Item resevyd of Sir John ²⁶ for a hole yeres rent	vjs	
Item resevyd of Wyllyam Bannaster for ye shoppe		xvjd
Item resevyd of ye sayd Wyllyam for a nacre of lande		viijd
Item resevyd of Jone Wynchester for a halfe yeres rent	vs	
Item resevyd of John Bacar for a hole yeres rent	iiijs	viijd
Item resevyd for ye maye ale	xxijs	
Item resevyd for stuffe the whyche was solde of the church goodes	xvjli ijs	

Summa totalys xxvli xs iiijd

1549-50

f. 49.

Recevyd in the churche box ²⁷	vli	
Recevyd for the gylt of the images ²⁸		iijs

f. 49b.

payde for two sawter bokes	iijs	viijd
payde for expenses when ye bokes were delyvered		xvjd

1550-1

f. 50b.

payde for wasshyng out of ye dome in ye rode loft ²⁹		xvjd
payde for ye takynge downe of ye aulters & ye dressyng of the walles agayne	iijs	ijd
payde for makynge of the table		iiijd
payde for the omelyes		xiiijd

1552-3

f. 53b.

payde for wrytynge agaynst the aperaunce before the kings comysyoners at Aylisbury ³⁰	iijs	iiijd
for the commynyon boke ³¹	iijs	ijd
payde to John Newlande when he went to borowe a boke		ijd
payde for breade & wyne		iiijd. ob.

f. 54.

payde at the delyveraunce of the churche goodes at Aylesbury for our costes & for the makynge of the indenture & for a vestment yt was lackynge ³²	iijs	xd
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f. 54b.

Anno dni M^occcccliij^o

M^d there be chosyn for this yere churche wardens on Trynytye sonday anno supradecto for Wyng John Northcott for Burcot Thomas Chaple for Ascott John Hurnedale for Croftone Thomas Welles who have resavide into their handes in the churche boxe the some of xlvijjs.

M^d thatt the xxvth daye of June in the vijth yere of the reinge of our soveraigne lorde King Edward the John Northcote Thomas Chapell John Hurnedale and Thomas Welles have resavide of William Jackman and William Stapleton which was deliveryd to them to the use of all nessasaries thatt the pishe shall have nede of att all tymes thatt ned shall require the some of xls.³³

M^d the xth daye of Septembre John Norcot & John Hurnedale have receyvvyd of Thomas Bokmaster xls.

Item recevyd for the bequest of Thomas Founten	xxs	
recevyd of Whyte of Ledburne for myghelmas rent	iijs	iiijd
Item recevyd of Wyllyam Bannaster in full payment of vli the whyche was in his kepyng	xxs	
Item receved of Wyllyam Whyte for our ladyday rent	iijs	iiijd
Item recevyd of Thomas London for his yeres rent	vjs	
Item recevyd of Johan Wynchester for hyr yeres rent	xs	
Item recevyd of John Baker for his yeres rent	iiijs	viijd
Item recevyd of Wyllyam Bannaster for hys rent for the shop & for an acre of leyes	ijjs	
Item recevyd of John Cowper for land that he doth occupye		iiijd
Item the may ale	xliijs	jd
Sum xjli xixs ix d		

f. 55

Item payde for a wyne bottell		iijd
Item payde for breade & wyne from Trynyty sonday to mydsomer day		ixd
Item payde for a key to the store howse dore		iijd
Item payde to the clarke for mydsomer quarter	viijs	vjd
Item payde to the sexten for mydsomer quarter	vs	
Item payde to the launder for mydsomer quarter		viijd
Item payde from mydsomer to saynte James day for breade & wyne		viijd
Item payd for brede & wyne		iijd. ob.
M ^d delyverd the xxx daye of July for nessesaryys dysschargeys for the hole parysshe in presens of Wyllyam Jakman Thomas Buckmaster George Lygo	xxxjs	ijd
Item payd for a masse boke ³⁴	vjs	viijd
Item payd to Sir John for his costes at Oxford		vjd
Item gevyn in rewarde to the byshope of Oxford servant for hys peynes takynge at the holyng of the chalyce & ye corpus		vjd

Item payd to Sir John for schoynge of hys horse		ijd
Item payd to Adams for ij days worke abowte the hygh awlter		xiiijd
Item payd to Edwarde Warde for servyng the mason at the same tyme		viijd
Item payd for bread & wyne for the churche		viijd
Item payd to Thomas Smyth for makynge of the bell clapers	xvs	viijd
Item payde to John Lucas for ij vestmentes	vijs	iiijd
Item payde to the sexten for myghelmas quarter	vs	
Item payde for lyme	vs	
Item payd at myghelmas for the lordes rent		ixd
Item payde at Aylsbyry at the chapter courte for makynge of oure byll & for ij mennes costs that went with us		xijd
Item payde to the launder for myghelmas quarter		viijd
Item payd for castynge of the saunce bell	vjs	ijd
Item payde at Thomas Fontens dyрге		viijd
Item payde the morowe after all soll day	ijs	iiijd
Item payde to the clarke for myghelmas quarter	viijs	vijd
<i>f. 55b.</i>		
Item payde for carrynge of a pece of tymbre from Leyghton		iiijd
Item payde for tymbre & for the sawyng to repare the churche howse	ijs	vjd
Item payde to the carpyntare		xijd
Item payde for lathe & nayle & pynnes		xxjd. ob.
Item payde to the tyler & to his man	vjs	ijd
Item payde to the sexten for chrystmas quarter	vs	
Item payde to the launder for chrystmas quarter		viijd
Item payde to the clerke for chrystmas quarter	viijs	jd
Item payde to Ellyn London for scowrynge of the sensers		ijd
Item payde to the myllers wyfe for mendynge of a surples		ijd
Item payd to the sexten for our lady daye quarter	vs	
Item payd for a bocke	ijs	ijd
Item payde for an other boke		xxd
Item payde for ij candlestyckes besyde the money that was gethered		xd
Item payde to the sexten for mendyng the hole under the chaunsell		ijd
Item payde to the lorde for our lady day rent		ixd
Item payde to the launder for our lady day quarter		viijd
Item payde to the clarke for our lady day quarter	vjs	xjd
Item payde at the chapter courts for the makynge of our byll & for our costes there		xjd
Item payde for carrynge of stones for the makynge of the aulters		vjd
Item payde for carrynge of sande for the tyler to the makynge of the aulters		iiijd
Item payde to Edwarde Warde for makynge of the frame aboute the sepulcre		xd
Item payde to Londons wyfe for scowrynge of the cannapy		jd
Sum vijli xvijs viiijd.		

1556-7

f. 58b.

payde for the rode & hokes & stapels & nayles
payde for the crosse & a pax

xxixs
ijs

jd
viijd

1558-9

f. 60b.

payde to the sexten for watchynge of the sepulcre³⁶

viijd

1559-60

f. 61.

for a boke for the ministeringe of the sakerment in Yngllis
layde owte³⁸
payd at the vysittasyon at Allysberi for our byll and for other
chargys³⁷
for takynge downe of the rode
for wyne³⁹
layde owt at allhallowde dyрге³⁹

vs

vjs

ijd

xxd
viyd
vd
ijd

1561-2

f. 64.

to ye sumner to kepe us from Lincoln for slacknes of our
auters⁴⁰
to hym for warnyng the archdeacons visitation at Alesbury
for takyng downe ye south autler
toward ye price of ye paraphrases (which cost xvs) we layd
out
payde for the table & other two lytle bokes

vijs
ijs

viijd
iiijd
iiijd

iiijd

1562-3

f. 65.

payde to the sexten for takynge downe of our rode lofte
payde to London & Nasshe for takyng awaye the robell of ye
auters & laynge downe of the stone of the auter agayne⁴¹

ijs

xvjd

f. 66b.

Anno dni mcccclxiii^o

There are chosen this yere (on Trinitie sonday) for ye church wardens as foloweth for Wyng Edwarde Norcote for Ascote Richard Sawcott for Byrcott Thomas Cowper and for Crofton Thomas Woodman And ther is delivered in to their handes by the last church wardens in ye presence of the parish the summe of sixtene shelinges & sixe pence.

Receytes

Item Resavyd of Ser Grafes ⁴² for mychyllmas rentt	viijs	
Item Resavyd of the goodman Sere of Crofton for hafe a yeres rentt for the cherche land		iiijd
Item Resavyd of Wyght of Leborne for hafe yers rentt	iijs	iiijd
Item Resavyd of John (<i>sic</i>) Wenchester rentt dewe at myghellmas	ijs	iiijd
Item Resavyd of Johan Wenchester rentt dewe at owre lady daye	ijs	iiijd
Item Resavyd of Wyghtte of Leborne for hys hafe yeres rentt dewe at oure lady daye	iijs	iiijd
Item Resavyd of Ser Grafes for oure lady day rentt	viijs	
Item Resavyd of Sere of Crafton for the cherche land		iiijd
Item Resavyd of Wyllyam Chyllborne a quarter rentt for the shope		iiijd
Item Resavyd of the maye ale	iiijl	ixs
Sum of owre Resetts vli xiiij s vd.		vijd

Anno dni m^vclxv

M^d that this yere at Whytsontyde was chosen for the lorde John Taylor of Ascot and Catheryn Chapman of Crofton.

Note an ordre mentioned in ye end of this boke for ye lord & lady at Wytsonyde made this yere 1565.

f. 175.

"An order taken for ye lord & lady 1565." "M^d that Sir Wylliam Dormer knyght Frauncis Darrell & John a More gentlemen with the consent of the churche wardens then beyng & the rest of the parryshe have a greed & taken an order that all suche yonge men as shall hereafter by order of the hole parryshe be chosen for to be lorde at Whytsontyde for the behofe of the churche & refuse so to be shall forfeyt & pay for the use of the churche iijs iiijd to be levyed upon the sayde yonge men & theyr fathers & maysters wheare the just default can be founde & every mayde refusing to be lady for the sayde purpose to forfeit unto the sayde use xxd to be levyed in lyke order as is before expressed And yt is provydyd that all suche howses out of the whiche the sayde lordes or ladyes or one of them are chosen to stand fre from that purpose & charges for the space of vj yeres then next ensuyng. This order was taken agreed upon & in this boke noted the xth day of June in the yere of our lorde god mccccclxv."

(The only instance of this fine being exacted occurs the following year, 1566, when "Harrye Kene was chosen lord and refused and so paid to the church iijs iiijd".)

Anno dni 1564
Exspences & payments

Mylksope⁴³

In prymis pd to the plowmere for soder & hys workmanshyps	vs	xd
Item pd to Nashe for the nalles		iijd
Item pd to Harry Ward for mydsomer quarter	vs	
Item pd more to Harry Ward for wytyng the cherche		xvjd
Item pd to Rychard Gyere for mending the cherche howes		viijd
Item pd for wassing of ij serplysys & the fontt clothe		jd
Item led forthe at the vysitasion at Alsebere		xxjd
Item pd the sextyn for mykyllmas quarter	vs	
Item pd the haff yere rentt at mykyllmas for the cherche		ixd
Item pd to Emoine ⁴⁴ for the fontt clothe for ij serplysys the tabull clothe for the wassyng of them agenst crystmas		iiijd
Item pd to the pore of Alsolls daye		iiijd
Item pd to Emoine for the fontt cloth & ij serplys the tabull clothe for the wassyng of them agenst ester		iijd
Item pd to Harrye Ward sextyn for chrystmas quarter	vs	
Item pd the cherche rentt for oure lady daye		ixd
Item pd to Harry Ward sextyn for hys wagys dewe at oure lady day	vs	
Item led forthe at the vycitacyon at Allsebere of ocke monday		xxd
Item bowtte a roppe for the cherche gatte		iiijd
Item pd to Thomas Nas the smythe for a belle clapper	iijs	iiijd
Item pd to the clarkē toward hys wagys for the holle yere owtt of the boxe	xxjs	xd
Item pd for bred & wyne for the olle yere		xxd
Item pd to the sextyn for trossyng of ij bells		xxd
	Sum iij li ijs xd	
And so remayneth in the churche boxe all the chardgs above deducted	ljs	vijd

APPENDIX

An inventory made 23rd July, 1552 of all goods pertaining to the parish church of Wing between Sir Francis Russell, Lord Russell; Sir Robert Drury and William Tyllisley, esquire, commissioners by virtue of the King's commission to them dated 16th May, 1552, and Henry Nycholas and Thomas Mayne. All which goods are committed to the safe custody of the said Henry Nycholas and Thomas Mayne until such time as the King's pleasure be further known.

In primis ij chalices with their patents of silver & gilt

It' a paxe of latten/a paxe of copper

It' iij crosses of copper/ij pyppes of copper for the crose staffe

It' ij candilsstykes of brasse for to sett tappers uppon the aulter

It' in the steple iij great bells & a sanctus bele/one hand bele & ij sacryng bells

It' iij canapic clothes to hange a bowte the pyxe ij of nedle worke & one of pleyne clothe

It' one sute of vestyments for the prist deacon & subdeacon of whyte damaske

It' ij rede vestyments of silke bothe for prists

It' a blewe vestymment of sylke

It' ij vestyments of grene silk for the pryst

It' one olde vestymment of silke almost rottyn

It' iij coppes wherof one of white damaske/one other of blewe velvet/the iijde of silk almost rotten/It' vj albes

It' vij corporace casys & fyve corporace clothis

It' ij aulter clothes hangyng before the aulter one of chungeable silk the other of whit fustaen

It' iij aulter clothes yt be hole/& other fyve broken

It' a payer of organs/It' a holywater stope of brasse

Francys Russell

Robt Drury

Wyllm Tyldesley

(endorsed) This Inventory wantithe a nold vestment

Walweyn.⁴⁵

(Exch. Q. R. Church Goods 1/37.)

NOTES

¹ Henry Clifford, *Life of Jane Dormer, Duchess of Feria*, p. 39.

² Some extracts from these accounts, made by the late Mr. F. Ouvry, have appeared in *Archæologia*, vol. xxxvi. Oddly enough, these extremely rare and interesting accounts have never been printed in the *Records*, though a few extracts were given in vol. x, pp. 374-8. Very few other places can boast a comparable series of entries covering both pre- and post-Reformation times. Amongst them may be mentioned the Churchwardens' Accounts of Croscombe, Somerset.

³ Jane, the wife of Sir Robert Dormer and aunt of the above-mentioned Lady Stonor was the sister of Sebastian Newdigate the martyred Carthusian. Her son Sir William Dormer thwarted the proclamation at Aylesbury of Lady Jane Grey. Thirty years later his son Robert was reputed to be an harbourer of papists and one who habitually entertained priests. A cross in the margin of the parish register distinguishes the baptism of his children.

⁴ Interlined in a different hand.

⁵ Sir Ralf Verney of Penley, by his will proved 1525, ordered that "the gownes of dame Anne Verney late my wife doo make vestments to be geven to churches".

⁶ In 1489 Robert Covell gave by will a tenement in Ledburn to keep his yearly obit. Notwithstanding the Chantries Act it was retained by the Church.

⁷ John Clarke, Vicar of Wing.

⁸ The May or Whitsun ale was the most constant and considerable source of revenue throughout the sixteenth century yielding from £9 to £10 yearly towards its close.

⁹ These accounts do not quite balance. The payments seem to refer chiefly to the building, or reparation, of the church house which formerly stood at the entrance to the churchyard.

¹⁰ The sum of £4 3s. 4d. has been deleted and £11 substituted.

¹¹ Both this and the preceding item probably refer to the embellishment of the rood screen which was often lavishly decorated. Further payments to the gilder and painter occur later in the year.

¹² The receipts for the years 1535 and 1536 are not detailed.

¹³ As is shown by his signature to a deposition made in 1538 (*Court of Requests*, III, no. 139), the payments throughout were written by Nicholas Buckmaster; his hand is by no means illiterate although his spelling is unusually capricious.

¹⁴ "Gesine"—derived from the French "gésir" which meant to lie in bed or in child-bed—was a regular term for a representation of the Nativity. "The image of our blessed Lady in jhesyn" is mentioned in the will—proved 1518—of John Blakhede of Tring. The late Mr. F. G. Gurney has suggested that, as the third person singular of the imperfect tense of the verb occurs at times in Normandy as "gesovt", Buckmaster saw some such inscription as NOSTRE DAME OV GESOVT, the final letter of which had become illegible.

¹⁵ The festival of the boy-bishop was kept on St. Nicholas' day, 6th December, no doubt by the "scolers" mentioned in the inventory of the church goods.

¹⁶ John More, by his will proved this year, gave "to our lady tabernacle xxs".

¹⁷ The injunctions issued by Thomas Cromwell on 5th September this year prohibited the setting of any light before images or pictures, only the rood light, the light before the Sacrament and the light about the sepulchre were suffered to remain "for the adorning of the church and divine service". Consequently the lightmen delivered their funds to the wardens. St. Katharine's light does not occur; as the lightmen, Robert Daubeney and Nicholas Mayne, are said to owe 50s. to the church, it may be that they had in some way misappropriated their funds. In 1547 Robert Doblewe still owed "of olde dett" 22s. 2d. which the parish gave him liberty to pay 2s. yearly.

¹⁸ Robert Hobbes, abbot of Woburn, had been hanged before his own gate for expressing doubts regarding the King's supremacy; the goods of his monastery were sold about midsummer.

¹⁹ Sir Thomas Brabant was the organist until 1541; he received a salary of 20s. a year. Repairs to the organs show that they were still in use at the beginning of the seventeenth century but by 1637 they were "in decay" and in 1644 "ye argone pipes" were sold for 13s. 10d.

²⁰ The injunctions of 1538 had ordered that a large English bible should be set up in every church; there is no record of its purchase.

²¹ The funds of the rood and sepulchre lights were transferred to the wardens as a result of the injunctions, issued soon after the death of Henry VIII, which ordered the removal of images and the abolition of these lights. The altar lights alone were suffered to remain "for the signification that Christ is the very true light of the world". Although there seems to have been some attempt to suppress them in 1549 it is evident that they were still in use so late as Lady-day 1551 when 2d. was paid for scouring the candlesticks.

N.B. The expenses for both 1546-7 and 1547-8 are missing.

²² These accounts are undated and for this year alone the wardens' names are unrecorded, perhaps because the sale of church goods had been prohibited. But it may be of significance that the writing of the accounts must have coincided with the Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Rising of 1549. (See *Oxoniensia*, vol. xxii.)

²⁵ Thomas "found of a child under a bushe in Ascot field, neither father nor mother knowne; but hee kept of the charitye of the towne" was buried 10th February, 1548/9 (Parish Register).

²⁶ On the 15th February, 1549 the Council issued instructions to commissioners in every shire to make a true inventory of all church ornaments, plate, jewels, vestments, etc. and to forbid the sale or embezzlement of any part of the same (S.P.Dom., Ed. vi).

²⁷ The Prayer Book, authorised by the Act of Uniformity passed in January 1549, came into use on Whit Sunday, 9th June, 1549.

²⁸ John Holyman, a zealous Catholic, succeeded John Clarke as vicar in 1546. Sometime a monk of Reading Abbey, he had been one of the five learned clerks who, at Oxford, had refused to admit the legality of the King's proposed divorce from Queen Katharine. He was consecrated Bishop of Bristol 18th November, 1554, and died in 1558.

²⁹ Although there was a credit balance of £17 at the end of the previous year only £5 was delivered to the incoming wardens. In 1553 it becomes evident that £12 had been intrusted to certain parishioners until such time as it was needed by the church. The inventory of 1552 mentions no money in the church box.

³⁰ An Act against books and images, passed in January 1550, ordered that the old service books were to be given up and that the images which remained were to be destroyed.

³¹ Some slight traces of the Doom were found by Mr. E. Clive Rouse in 1933 when he examined the church for wall paintings. Its obliteration about mid-summer was followed by the destruction of the altars against which Ridley had opened the campaign on 11th June when, without any warrant of law, he pulled down the high altar of St. Pauls "in the night time". Not until 19th November does the King note in his *Journal*, "There were letters sent to every bishop to pluck down the altars".

³² On 21st April, 1552, the King notes in his *Journal*, "It was agreed that commissioners should go out for to take certificate of the superfluous church plate to mine use and to see how it hath been embezzled. (See the Appendix.)

³³ A second Act of Uniformity, passed in April 1552, ordered that a revised edition of the Prayer book of 1549 was to come into use on the feast of All Saints. The next item is followed by the first mention of bread and wine for the Communion.

³⁴ Of the goods which, with the exception of the bells and organs, were surrendered soon after Easter 1553, only a chalice, table-cloth and surplice were returned to the church. Nor was the chalice tolerated for long; a visitation made in 1569 inquired if "they ministered in any profane chalice heretofore used in the Mass or a decent communion cup" and it is evident that it was then replaced by the existing cup, which, like many others, bears the date mark for that year.

³⁵ Edward VI died 6th July, 1553, and it was no longer necessary to conceal the fact that £12 had been secreted in 1549. The receipts for this year account for £9 of that sum, the remaining £3 had been repaid by Thomas Norcot in 1551.

³⁶ Although it was not until October that all the Edwardian innovations were abrogated by a single Act of Parliament, it will be noted that a missal was acquired and the high altar restored shortly after the proclamation of Queen Mary on 19th July.

³⁷ Queen Mary died 17th November, 1558, and this entry which occurs at Easter 1559 is the last reference to the sepulchre.

³⁸ Yet another Act of Uniformity was passed in April 1559. It authorised, with a few amendments, the second prayer book of Edward VI, which was to come into use on midsummer day.

³⁹ This was the royal visitation appointed in June 1559. Its principal work was to administer the oath of the Supremacy Act and to enforce the use of the new Prayer book. Injunctions, based on those of 1547, directed that all monuments of superstition should be destroyed and that altars should be taken down and tables set in their place.

⁴⁰ For the Communion at Michaelmas.

⁴¹ This is the last mention of the dirge, thereafter alms were given to the poor on All Souls day for many years.

⁴² These entries occur about midsummer, the table was provided about Michaelmas.

⁴³ These entries also occur about midsummer. The altar stone, which lay in the floor for nearly three centuries, disappeared during a restoration of the church in 1849-50.

⁴⁴ Robert Grave, vicar of Wing, buried 24th August, 1591.

⁴⁵ Probably the plumber's name.

⁴⁶ Em Owen.

⁴⁷ John Walweyn of Aylesbury.