

Inventories of St. Dunstons, Canterbury 1500 - From The Gentlemen's Magazine 1837 (July to Dec)

May 12, 1837...Mr. Urban, As I see that you sometimes insert Inventories of the Goods and Chattels which formerly belonged to different churches, I send you the following if you feel disposed to rescue from oblivion the fading contents of an old (and I may say) curious manuscript, employed for its last office as a covering of an ancient book of accounts, containing a Schedule of the Goods of the Parish Church of St. Dunstan near Canterbury; as set forth in an instrument, dated May 1st A.D. 1500, and made between Master Clement Hardyng, Vicar, Master John Roper, with others of the Parishioners, and the Wardens of that Church, then having the custody of those goods. I remain, Mr. Urban, yours, &c.  
V.S.D.\* - \*Vicar of St. Dunstan's - J. B. Bunce

"A worke off copper and gyltt, w ixj angells off ivorye, and yn the mydds a berall'1, wt dyvers releks off sayntts.

Another worke off coper, and a image off coper and gyltt, w a berall' yn the fott; theryn beyng dyvers releks off sayntts.

A purs off red sylke, wt dyvers releks off sayntts. A pax<sup>2</sup> off sylver and gyltt, wt a pece of the holy crosse there yn, wey'ng iiij unc's di.<sup>3</sup>

The best chalys, slyr and gyltt, weyng xxi unc's, off the gyfte off Harry Boll'

ij oruetts, off sylvr, weyying x unc's di. off the gyfte of Sr. John Ocborn.

ij other chalys, off sylver and gylt, weyng xxxiiij uncs.

A box off ivorye, bownd wt silvr.

A angell, off bornde<sup>4</sup> golde, wt a ston off berall bownd yn sylvr.

The best crosse, off laten<sup>5</sup> and gylte, wt the fott and a staffe gyltte, off the gyfte off John Phylpott.

A baner<sup>6</sup> clothe off our Ladye, to the same crosse, off the gefte off Als the wyff off Ric. Wells.

The second crosse, wt a image off coper and gylte, wt a crosse off tre perteynyng ther to, and a clothe ther to, callyd a baner.

A old crosse off coper.

A pax borde, off latyn, wt Marye and John, off the gyfte off John Bedyll.

A crucyfyx, for a pax borde, off coper and gyltt.

A pix<sup>7</sup> off latyn, wt a lytyll pece off sylvr theryn, for to howsyll wt, and a sudary<sup>8</sup> to the same.

A basyn, off latyn, for the offeryng.

A basen, off laten, for crystynyng.

iiij candellstyks, off latyn, for the hye auter<sup>9</sup>

ij grete candellstyks, off latyn, off the geft of John Phylpott, for mortuaries.<sup>10</sup>

A grete candellstyk, off latyn, for mortuaries. iiij candlellstyks, off yren, for mortuaries.

A stope,<sup>11</sup> off latyn, wt a styke off latyn to ye same.

ij sencers,<sup>12</sup> off latyn.

A culver,<sup>13</sup> off latyn, to ber frank-and-cense yn.

A stope, off lede, for the holy watr atte the churche dore.

A braunche, off yron, for vij tapers, and a lytyll candyllstyk, of latyn, wt iij feet.

A panne off yron, to ber cols thereyn.

A princypall mass boke.

An antyffener<sup>14</sup> off the gefte of Thoms Att Well and the paryshe togyder.

ij other masboks, j new bownde.

A masboke, prynt as good.

An old antyffener.

A manewell,<sup>15</sup> goode.

A manewell, febyll.

A ordinall,<sup>16</sup> goode, off the gefte of Sr. Wyllly'm Wyggs, sum tyme vicare of thys church.

A marteralage,<sup>17</sup> and a sawter,<sup>18</sup> off the gefte of John Rollyng.

A prymier,<sup>19</sup> notyd, off the gyft off Sr. Clement Smythe.

Anther prymier, notyd.

Another prymier, wt chapters and colects wtyn thys same, off the gyfte off John Hendome.

A boke off expwnacions, and a sequens<sup>20</sup> boke, notyd.

ij legens,<sup>21</sup> a grett and small, febyll.

ij old sawcers, on off the gefte off Margaret Bocker, and a other off the gyft of John Belshere, the elder, wt waffys yn the pand.

ij old awntyffeners, febyll

ij processinars, <sup>22</sup> ij goode and one febyll; the best of the gefte off Sr. John Elys.

A lytyll auntyffener, notyd

ij newe queers<sup>23</sup> off the story of Seynt Donston, and ij olde queers off thys same.

A queer off the story of Seynt Thomas, and the Dedycacion, and Saint Mathy the Apostell, and Saynt Katteryne.

A queer off Corpus Xi. and Saint Anne

A old queer off the story of Corpus Xi. wt the legent, febyll.

A queer of the respons off ye Trinite, and awntems off our Lady, notyd.

A queer off ye zelekks of Seint Anne, and the legent of Benit Hewe.

ij quayers, one of the story off Corpus Xi. and halhoywyn.

A quayer off the legent off Seynt Thomas the Apostyll, and the legent off Cristmas.

A grayll,<sup>24</sup> of the gefte of Mastr Harry Loveryke.

Another grayll, off the gefte off Sr. Wyllyam Fordmell.

ij new legents, one off the sainctor, and other off the temporale, off the gefte of the paryshe, and off the mony off the shafte<sup>25</sup>

The best vestment, off blewe clothe off tyssowe, that ys a say, a coppe<sup>26</sup> a chosebyll<sup>27</sup> ij tonecls,<sup>28</sup> iij awbs<sup>29</sup> wt the paramits,<sup>30</sup> iij amys,<sup>31</sup> ij tonecls, iij phanonns, <sup>32</sup> ij corporis,<sup>33</sup> off blew clothe of tyssew, off the gefte off John Philpott.

The ijd vestment, of grey sylke, yt ys to say, a coppe, a chosebyll, ij tonecls, iij awbs wt the paramits, iij amys, ij tonecls, iij phanonns, a vestment wt cokks,<sup>34</sup> off the gefte of my Lord Byshop Kempe, wt awbe and paramits.

A vetemtn off red velvett, wt awbe and paramits.

A vestment, callyd Seynt Edmond's vestmetn, wt awbe and paramits.

A vestment, off gren, for sonndays, wt awbe and paramits.

A vestment off red sylke, wt awbe and paramits.

A vestment, off blew worstede.

A whyte vestment, off fustyan, wt awbe and paramits for lent.

ij awbs for chyldryn, wt ij amys, iij surplyces, ij goode, ij febell.

iij rocketts<sup>35</sup> for men

A frontlett<sup>36</sup> off whyte, off clothe off gold for the hy Awter.

A rode frontell, of saten wt rosys.

A frontell, off blew, wt harts off golde.

A frontell of dragons of golde.

A frontell of egyptys of golde.

A howslyng tewell, hempyll.

A littel tewell, off dyaper, and one playne.

ij awter clothys, off the gyffte of Amys Grey to Saynt Ann's Awter and to Saynt John's Awter.

A frontell, off whytt, to Saynt Ann's Awter.

A frontell, off red velvett, for Saynt John's Awter.

ij small tewells for the lavatoreys.

A clothe for weddyng.

v auter clothys, febyll.

xi corporas casis and x corporasses.

A clothe, staynyd, off the resurreccion, for the sepulcr.

A clothe, staynyd, for the purificacion off women.

A staynyd clothe, to kepe the ymage off our Ladye.

ij staynyd clothys, off yelewe, wt a ymage of Saint Anne, for Saynt Annys awter, off the gefte off the brothers and sisters

iiij curteyns for the sayd auter, stynyd wt angels

A staynyd clothe for the rode lofte, off the gefte off Jonne Belser and Avelyn Bollyng.

A clothe, staynyd, for to haung under the rode of pyte.<sup>37</sup>

viiij baner stavys, stayned rede, off the gefte off Robert Tonge.

A baner staff, payntyd yalowe.

viiij banor clothys, longgythe to the stavys.

A pynyon<sup>38</sup> off Saint Donston.

A garment for the roode off pyte, off Cypress, off the gefte off Margery Roper.<sup>39</sup>

A garment off velvett, off the gefte off Ric. Denyes and Kateryn Barton.

A kercher<sup>40</sup> for our Lady.

A chapplett,<sup>41</sup> a powdryd cap for hyrsonne, off the gefte of Margery Roper.

A clothe for the quer,<sup>42</sup> for tyme of lent.

A udary, off whytt sylke, for mortuaries, wt a case coveryd wt blew sylk, wt a crucifix off Mary and John for yt same sudary.

A nothyr sudary of whytt sylk; contyneynge ij yards and a qrtr long.

ij superaltarys.

ix cussyns, of sylke.

iiij chests, for to kepe yt sayd stuff.

A carpett, of the gefte of John Rollyng.

A dobyll crosse, off coper, wt dyvers stonys.

A canope, for to ber on Corpus Xi. day, of the gefte off the brothern off John's.

A pekkyd candylstyck, nosled.

A red pell, febyll.

A pece off green carceryk, for the crystmatory.

A crysmatory,<sup>43</sup> off tyn.

A vestment, for Saint Nicholas tyme<sup>44</sup> wt crosyar and myter.

A coverlett for chyld-wyffe.

ij bells for mortuaries.

A lityl bell, to ber to for the Sacrament.

A lantern.

A banor clothe, off blak, wt dragons off sylvr, off the gefte off Ric Amys.

A basyn, off latin, off the geft of Jonne Drewry.

Another basyn, wt ewyer, off the geft off Denys Chesman.

ij porteres,<sup>45</sup> off the gefte off Syr Ryc. Long; on notyd, and anothis febyll.

j olde masse booke, feble.

j breviatt ordynall,<sup>46</sup> wt masses and dyryges therin, feble.

j booke of the sequens, notyd, feeble.

j qweyre, de no'i'e Jh'u, the visitac'on and transfigurac'on, noted, wtoute legent.

j stremer, of rede bokeram, wt a dragon of Saynt George therin, and a rode baner staff 'longyng thereto.

iiij litell laton bellis, for Corpus Xp'i cloth

j crosse clothe, of white, wt swannes off goulde.

j ymage of our Lady therin, of the gyfte of Alyce Wellys.

Of the same Alyces gyfte ij pryncypall aulter clothes, steyned, and ij curtenys apperteynyng therto; the grownde therof rede damske worke.

xxxiiij newer lenteyn clothes; j wt curteyns for the aulters and imagies of dyvers pyctories of the passion of Cryste; of the gyfte of the saide Alyce.

A new cope, of blewe welffet, adornyd wt bellis and angells, bought wt money of the bequeste of Sir John Jerman, iiij.pounds and wth the money that came of the pyx, that was solde for the sume of x pounds. vjs. viijd; It'm xxs. of the bequest of Julian Moton.

A lytel clothe, and a greater, to the heyge auter.

Anor little clothe, of the same, to Seynthe Anne's awter, ofthe gefte of (the name illegible)

A vestment of welvet, of the gefte of Mastr Stephyn Chantry Preste.

An olde towelle, of dyaper.

A pillow of velvt, of the gefte of Isabelle Coboyte.

vij awter clothes, of dyaper, and iij plyne clothes, good.

A littil awter clothe, wroughte wt nedill werke.

ij cushyns for rectores cori.

1. A precious stone, of a greenish cast, called a beryl
2. An image, given to be kissed, when the congregation went to the offering
  3. One half
  4. Burnished
  5. A kind of alloyed metal
  6. Wood
  7. A box for the consecrated host
  8. A napkin, or small piece of linen
  9. High Altar
  10. Funerals
  11. A stoup, or vessel for holy water
  12. Perfuming or incense pans
  13. An incense box
14. Antiphoner, a book in which anthems are noted
  15. A manual, or small book of prayer
  16. A book of religious ceremonies
  17. A book of martyrs
  18. A psalter, or book of Psalms
  19. Primier, or Popish prayer book
  20. A book of responses
21. A book, called the Golden Legent, containing the lives of the Saints.
  22. A book of responses, sung at processions
  23. Quire
24. A book, comprising the gradual part of the mass, sung between the Epistle and the Gospel
  25. Money in the hands of wardens, for the use of the church
26. Cope, a priest's vestment, clasped, and hanging from the shoulders to the heels
  27. Chasuble, another kind of cope worn at mass
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  29. ...vestment, used by the priest in divine service
  30. Parements, facings to the sleeves of the priest
  31. Amice, a linen thrown over the priest's shoulders.

**32. Fannel, an ornament, like a scarf, worn about the priest's left arm**

**33. Purses, wherein the priest put the linen, on which he deposited the host and chalice**

**34. Perhaps garbs. ie w armorial bearing of the K**

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**37. Rood of Pity; a figure of the Virgin lamenting over the body of Christ upon the cross**

**38. Supposed to be a relick; but qu. pennon?**

**39. The family well known from their connection with Sir Thomas More.**

**40. Handkerchief**

**41 A string of beads**

**42. Choir**

**43. A vessel wherein the chrism, a mixture of oil and balsam, consecrated by the bishop on Easter eve, was kept for the ensuing year, to be used in baptisms, confirmations, extreme unctions, &c.**

**44. For the Boy Bishop, on St. Nicholas's day**

**45. Portois, or porthose, a pocket breviary of prayers**

**46. A book, containing the services**