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A SURVEY OF THE
PEWTER
IN THE CHURCHES OF THE CHICHESTER DIOCESE
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This survey was carried out in preparation for an
EXHIBITION of Pewter held in Worthing Museum from
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The Churches visited were those thought to have Pewter
as shown in various records. There is probably still
much unrecorded Pewter in other Churches, and in view
of its present rarity and value I should be glad to
record any other pieces which come to light.

The items marked * were shown in the Worthing
Museum Exhibition.

ARLINGTON (St. Pancras)

- * Flagon, similar to type No. - The Rye Flagon. Inscribed WILLIAM STAPLEY AND NICHOLAS WILLARD CHURCHWARDENS OF THE PARISH OF ARLINGTON 1685 on front. Same Maker as No. - John Emes (Senior) London. 1680 - 1685. Height $10\frac{1}{4}$ " overall.

ASHURST (St. James)

- * Baptismal bowl of plain deep curved form on short moulded footrim. Inscribed ASHURST CHURCH beneath foot. Maker I.H. or H.I. Height $3\frac{1}{2}$ "; diameter $8\frac{3}{4}$ ". Mid 18th century.

BARNHAM (St. Mary's)

- * Flagon with straight sides and spout; domed lid with acorn knob; open 'chairback' thumbpiece and 'broken' handle. Engraved with sacred monogram in glory on drum. Maker's mark YATES inside base. Height $8\frac{5}{8}$ " overall.
- * Baptismal bowl. Engraved BARNHAM and sacred monogram in glory. Made by Richard Yates, London, 1772 - 1807. Height $4\frac{3}{4}$ "; diameter 10".

BOLNEY (Church of St. Mary Magdalene)

Flagon with muffin lid and no knob. Height $10\frac{1}{4}$ " to top of lid. A flat external base, but curved base inside. Initials B P on handle. Indecipherable touch on handle. Date about 1620.

BURY (St. John the Evangelist)

Flagon with knopped lid and solid thumb piece. Height 9" to lip, $11\frac{1}{4}$ " to knob; base 5". No Maker's mark. About 1610.

Plate 9" diameter. Maker S. Spateman. London 1738 - 1768.

Plate 9" diameter. Maker ? Francis Whittle. London 1719 -

CHIDHAM (Church of St. Mary)

Flagon with muffin lid with knop. Height $10\frac{1}{4}$ " to knop. A curved base. A touch mark on the handle ? R..G.. (Cotterell 5884). London. Flagon date c 1620.

Alms dish $10\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter. 1" rim. Maker William Bartlett 1740 - 1770.

Plate $9\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter. $1\frac{1}{8}$ " rim. Maker ? Withers in Aldgate. 1719 - 1730.

CLAPHAM with PATCHING (St. Mary's)

* Flagon with cylindrical drum and spreading base, with 'beefeaters hat' cover and twin cusped thumb-piece. Made by William Witter, London, whose mark is inside the base and hallmarks on cover. Height $9\frac{1}{4}$ " (to top of cover). c. 1660.

* Paten with plain broad flat rim. Virtually identical to No. . Marked on rim with hallmarks and main touchmark of H.T. and an eagle displayed on reverse. Diameter $9\frac{3}{4}$ " (rim $2\frac{3}{8}$ "). c 1660.

* Tankard, William and Mary period, with flat cover with denticulations at front and 'ramshorn' thumb-piece. Made by Robert Isles, London, whose touchmark is inside base and hallmarks on cover. Height $6\frac{1}{4}$ " (to top of cover). c 1695.

CLAYTON (St. John the Baptist)

* Flagon, with cylindrical drum and 'beefeaters hat' cover and 'twin-cusped' thumbpiece. Maker's hallmarks on cover, including initials A.I. (unrecorded). Height $8\frac{3}{4}$ " (to top of cover) c 1660-70.

* Footed plate, the flat tray-top with ridged lenticular reeding at edge, upon a hollow flared and reeded foot. Centre of plate engraved CLAYTON 1716. Made by William Ellwood, London. Height $3\frac{1}{8}$ "; diameter $8\frac{1}{4}$ " (at top). C. 1700-15.

CUCKFIELD (Holy Trinity)

- * Communion set comprising a pair of large flagons and a pair of patens.
The flagons with slightly tapering cylindrical drum and heavily moulded splayed foot; hinged covers of 'muffin' shape with knop in centre.
Engraved on front COCKFIELD (sic).
Marked on back of handle with the touch of the maker (E.G. name unknown).
Height 12" (to lip); 15" (to top of thumbpiece).
c. 1630.
- * The patens of unusual form, with deeply cupped bowl on incurved stem rising from a flat circular foot.
Engraved on base COCKFIELD (sic).
No maker's marks.
Height $2\frac{1}{8}$ "; diameter 6" (at top). c. 1630.

DIDLING (St. Andrew's)

- * Communion cup with large bucket-shaped bowl, on broad hollow stem, knopped in centre, rising from a flat moulded circular foot. Height $9\frac{3}{8}$ ".
Mid 18th century.
- * Paten, the plate with narrow plain rim and shallow well with depression in centre, upon a splayed cylindrical foot.
(This paten was no doubt originally intended for use also as a cover to a chalice or communion cup, but not the one shown here).
No visible maker's marks. Diameter 5" (at top; height approx. $1\frac{1}{2}$ ". Early to mid 18th century.
- * Plate, with shallow well and plain rim.
Made by William Bartlett (provincial).
Diameter $9\frac{1}{4}$ ". c 1740-60.

EAST BLATCHINGTON (St. Peter's)

- * Flagon, Charles I period, with cylindrical drum and moulded foot; muffin-shaped cover with knop in centre and single curved handle.
Marked on back of handle by E.G. (an unknown maker, probably of King's Lynn). Height $11\frac{3}{4}$ " overall.
c. 1630.

Ewer, continental style, inscribed 1838.
probably Swedish.

Plain plate in poor condition.

EAST LAVANT (St. Mary's)

* Flagon, James I period, with slightly tapering cylindrical body and 'bun-shaped' hinged cover, with knob in centre. No visible maker's marks. Height $9\frac{1}{8}$ " (to lip); height $11\frac{1}{4}$ " overall. c. 1610-15.

Paten with broad rim.

Made by H.T. Diameter $9\frac{1}{8}$ " (rim $2\frac{3}{8}$ "). c 1660.

* Silver spoon.

The churchwardens' records state that this spoon was given by the rector 'for removing wasps and flies' from the chalice.

Length 7".

EAST WITTERING (St. Anne's)

Large dish. Diameter $14\frac{3}{4}$ ". Rim $1\frac{3}{4}$ ".

Inscribed Benjamin Cooks 1751.

Maker's touch St. Duncombe 1740 - 1775.

The face of this dish appears to have been treated, perhaps plated at some time.

HARTING (Church of St. Mary & St. Gabriel)

Flagon with knopped muffin lid. Height $13\frac{1}{4}$ " to top of knob. 6" across base. Good condition. No touch. Date c 1630.

Flagon, bun lid with flat knob. Height $11\frac{5}{8}$ " to knob. 5" across base. No touch. Date c 1610. Fair condition except piece of base rim missing.

Two plates $9\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter. Rim $1\frac{1}{4}$ ". Maker William Bartlett 1740 - 1790.

Plate, diameter $9\frac{3}{4}$ ". Rim $1\frac{1}{4}$ ". Maker John Payne (London). 1728 -

Footed cup. $6\frac{1}{4}$ " high; diameter at top $4\frac{2}{8}$ ". No touch. c. 1800.

ISFIELD (St. Margaret's)

- * Flagon with 'beefeaters hat' cover. The flagon has at some recent period been silver-plated and a holy cross finial added to the cover.
Original inscription on front THEFS GIVEN UNTO C. FOR THE USE OF THE P'ISH OF ISFIELD BY RICHARD WILKINGS THE RECTOR OF THE SAYD P'RISH, YEAR AN.D. 1675; later engraved with sacred monogram in glory.
Height $10\frac{3}{4}$ " overall.
- * Plate with gadrooned and lobed 'wavy edge'. Engraved in centre with sacred monogram and silver-plated as flagon.
Diameter $9\frac{3}{4}$ " (rim $1\frac{5}{8}$ "). c. 1770.
- * Plate with narrow rim, not silvered.
Diameter $8\frac{7}{8}$ " (rim $1\frac{1}{8}$ "). c. 1740-60.

KIRDFORD (St. John the Baptist)

Flagon, with cylindrical drum and 'beefeater's hat' cover and twin cusped thumbpiece. No maker's mark. Height $8\frac{1}{4}$ " to top of cover. Diameter of base $5\frac{1}{2}$ ". Date 1660 - 1670.
This piece is heavily oxidised and the lid and cover have been repaired.
A churchwarden's inventory dated 1785 lists:
Two Pewter flaggons (sic).

LANCING (St. James')

- * Flagon, cover missing, of similar type to No. . (The Rye Flagon). Note fine hammering around the drum. Inscribed THIS IS LAUSING CHURCH FLAGON. BOUGHT BY JOHN CAMPION CHURCHWARDEN within mantling. Made by John Emes, London. Height 8". 1680-1685.
- * Plate, with multiple-reeded rim, possibly in use as a paten.
Made by Benjamin Blackwell, London. Diameter $9\frac{5}{8}$ ". c. 1690.

LEWES (St. Thomas at Cliffe)

The Churchwarden's record for 1903 states that a Pewter paten and a large Pewter Flagon are in the Anne of Cleves Museum on loan. The Pewter Chalice belonging is thought to have been disposed of during the rectorship of Rev. W. Graves.

In the Anne of Cleves Museum are:

Flagon of 1765 style with a 'broken' handle, the tail piece of which is missing. The base is very splayed.

Footed plate with gadrooned edge.

Neither of these pieces was examined in detail.

LYMINSTER (Church of St. Mary Magdalene)

- * Footed plate, the top with multiple-reeded rim. Inscribed LEOMINSTER on front. Maker's mark A.H. with a dolphin on underside of plate. Height 3"; diameter $9\frac{1}{2}$ ". c. 1680.

NEWTIMBER (St. John the Evangelist)

- * Plate with shallow well and plain flat rim. Rim inscribed at edge THE GIFT OF THE REVD. MR. JOHN OSBORN 1765. Made by William de Jersey, London. Diameter $9\frac{3}{4}$ " (rim $1\frac{5}{8}$ "). c. 1771-85.

Plate $10\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter; $1\frac{5}{8}$ " rim. Single reed. Inscribed NEWTIMBER 1719. Made by Benjamin Foster (London) 1707 -

OVINGDEAN (St. Wilfran's)

- * Ciborium of cylindrical form, with domed cover surmounted by a cross. Height 5"; diameter $3\frac{3}{4}$ ". 19th century. ? continental.
- * Tankard of large capacity, with plain cylindrical drum and domed cover; scrolled thumbpiece; handle with 'fish-tail' finial. Marked at neck with the maker's hallmarks and his touch inside the base. Made by William Eden, London. Height $8\frac{1}{2}$ " overall. c. 1740.

PAGHAM (Church of St. Thomas a Becket)

Flagon with muffin lid and no knob. The thumb piece is pierced with a heart shape. Height $10\frac{1}{2}$ " to top of lid. A flat base $5\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter. On the base is a wriggle work + with another ? incised +. There is a partly obliterated touch on the handle possibly that of Cotterell 6059. The date of the flagon is about 1630.

Plate 9" diameter. 1" rim shallow bowl.

Plate $9\frac{1}{2}$ " diameter. 1" brim with deep bowl.

Both these plates are by John Townsend (London) 1748 - 1784.

PARHAM (St. Peter's)

- * Communion set comprising flagon, communion cup and two plates.
- * Flagon with spout at front and domed cover with 'open chairback' thumbpiece. Height $13\frac{1}{2}$ " (to top of cover finial).
- * Cup with large cylindrical bowl on knopped stem and domed foot. Height 8".
- * Two plates, the rim of six-lobed 'wavy edge' type with moulded beading. No maker's marks. Diameter $9\frac{1}{2}$ ".

Each piece engraved with the arms of Bysshopp (Barons de la Zouche) and the words PARHAM CHURCH.

All c. 1775.

PYECOMBE

- * Flagon of tapering cylindrical form with flared footrim and domed cover with knob in centre; thumbpiece of 'chairback' form and handle double-curved. Date 1733 crudely engraved on front. No visible maker's marks. Height $9\frac{3}{4}$ " (to top of knob). c. 1730.

RUDGWICK (Holy Trinity)

- * Paten with disc top, cylindrical stem and domed foot. Crudely inscribed on underside of plate relating to its presentation to Rudgwick Church, 1824. Height $4\frac{5}{8}$ " ; diameter of plate 9".
- * Communion cup of approximately similar date to paten. Height $7\frac{7}{8}$ ".

RUSTINGTON (Church of SS Peter & Paul)

Flagon with solid thumb piece and bun lid with knob. Height $11\frac{1}{2}$ " to knob. No touch.
Date c. 1610 - 1615. Very oxidised with hole in base.

RYE (St. Mary's)

- * Flagon with cylindrical drum on spreading moulded foot, and with flat-topped cover of unusual form; thumbpiece of exceptional interest, being formed of twin eagles' heads, cast in relief. (This flagon has an interesting history, details of which are engraved on the front). Made by John Emes (Senior), London, 1680-85. Height $8\frac{5}{8}$ " (to top of cover); height $10\frac{1}{2}$ " overall.

SALEHURST (St Mary's)

- * Pair of Scottish flagons, plain splayed cylindrical drum, slightly dished cover and flat twin-cusped thumbpiece. Body engraved SAINT MARY, SALEHURST (sacred monogram) FEAST OF THE PURIFICATION OF SAINT MARY THE VIRGIN MDCCV (1705). Marked in base with maker's mark (unrecorded). Height $10\frac{1}{2}$ " (to top of cover).
- * Pair of alms dishes with deep well and reeded rim. Each piece engraved around rim as flagons but with date MDCCCXLIII (1843). Made by Thomas Compton, London. Diameter 10". c. 1810.

SELMESTON (St. Mary's)

Quart dome lided tankard with chair back thumb piece. C. 1790.

Plain plate $9\frac{3}{4}$ " diameter. Maker Alderson c. 1750 - 1780. Engraved on rim.

SELMESTON (St. Mary's) continued.

Similar plate at Alciston.

SHOREHAM-BY-SEA (St. Mary's)

- * Flagon, Charles I period, with cylindrical drum and plain 'muffin' cover; heart-pierced thumb-piece. Front of flagon engraved SHORAM NOVA 1639 WILLIAM AVIS THOMAS RUSSEL CHURCHWARDENS. Trace of maker's marks on back of handle. Height $10\frac{1}{4}$ " (to top of cover). c. 1630.
- * Footed plate with ridged lenticular reeding at edge of tray, upon a hollow flared and reeded foot. Made by Benjamin Blackwell, London. Height $3\frac{1}{8}$ "; diameter $8\frac{3}{4}$ " (at top). c. 1690-1700.

SLAUGHAM (St. Mary's)

- * Alms dish in brass of conventional Nurnberg type. Rim engraved with punched ornamentation and well engraved with a large diagonally fluted medallion in centre with a circlet of unintelligible lettering. In centre of boss a medallion of pewter finely engraved with armorials. Around the booge the inscription IN MEMORIAM, EDWARD FRANCIS BIGG, JUNE 14, 1907. Diameter 15". 19th century.

Opinion was slightly divided on the age of this dish. A few thought it much earlier but the majority gave it the above date.

STEYNING (St. Andrew's)

- * Dish, possibly an alms dish, with shallow well and narrow rim with multiple reeding at edge. Engraved EDWARD GORING WILLIAM SQUIRE CHURCHWARDS. STEYNING 1682 on reverse. Diameter $12\frac{1}{8}$ " (rim $1\frac{1}{4}$ "). c. 1675-80. Partly obliterated touchmark on reverse.

THAKEHAM (St. Mary's)

- * Alms dish with narrow plain rim, deeply curved well and bossed centre. Rim engraved ST. GILES. No visible maker's marks. Diameter 11". c. 1640.

WEST DEAN (St. Andrew's)

Plate $9\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter. Engraved crest on rim.
Maker John Home (London). 1754 - 1771.

WEST THORNEY (St. Nicholas)

- * Flagon, similar to No. , but with thumbpiece of a more conventional form used frequently by this maker and his son only. In detrited condition. Made by John Emes, London. Height $9\frac{1}{2}$ " (to top of cover); height $10\frac{1}{2}$ " overall. c. 1680-85.
- * Footed paten, the top of domestic plate form with plain flat rim, adrift from base, and the foot of flared cylindrical form with mouldings at centre and base. No visible maker's marks. Height approx. $3\frac{1}{4}$ "; diameter of rim $9\frac{1}{4}$ ". c. 1740-50.

The Following pieces have been examined since the original survey:-

BODIAM (St. Giles)

Dry goods measure, $\frac{1}{2}$ pint size, with reinforced lip in brass. No makers mark. c.1880 -

Plate 9" diameter. rim 1".
partially obliterated touch on back. c.1760

Dome lidded tankard. Height $7\frac{1}{2}$ ", base $5\frac{1}{4}$ "
Chair back thumb piece, solid with no scroll
Handle with ball finial. The hinge has a brass pin. Maker's mark on base, and "Hall mark" on drum surmounted with an "X". This tankard is in mint condition and has never been used. Its finish and style is later than tankards by the same maker Robert Iles 1695-1735.

The following Churches thought to have had Pewter at some time could find no trace of any:

Littlehampton (St. Mary's). This is now in Littlehampton Museum.

Falmer. St. Botolph's (Adur Valley). South Stoke.

Rottingdean. Slindon (no contact made). Telescombe.

Plumpton. Woodmancote (no contact made). Chalvington.

Firle. Beddingham. Maresfield. Sedlescombe.

Penhurst. Earnley. Heyshott.

Alms dishes have been know to exist at both Sullington and Hard ham Churches . These have disappeared during the last two years.