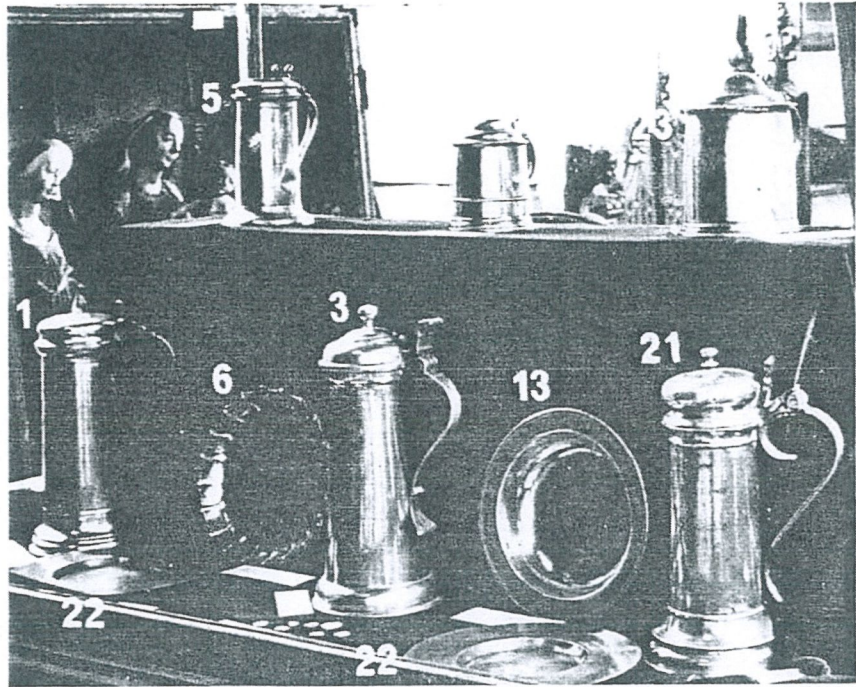


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# PEWTER from NORWICH CHURCHES

A Superb Display  
at  
St. Peter Hungate  
Church Museum

Some flagons and  
offertory plates  
included in the  
Exhibition of Norwich  
Diocese Church  
Pewter



THE quality of our surviving Church plate in silver is well known, but it is not so often appreciated that there are rich treasures of pewter also belonging to English provincial churches, though not of course associated with the highest offices of the church service. Probably more fine pewter is to be found preserved in churches than domestic pewter of the same periods. The flagons now so much treasured in many private collections were probably mostly made for church use.

During this summer, until September, a superb array of church pewter from the Norwich Diocese is being shown at St. Peter Hungate Church Museum, Norwich. It has been organised by Mr. Christopher A. Peal, President of the Society of Pewter Collectors, with the assistance of Mr. P. H. Starling. The St. Peter Hungate Museum comes under the City of Norwich Museums of which Mr. R. R. Clarke is the Curator.

We illustrate a few of the two dozen items shown, and collectors will be interested to have the catalogue descriptions. The numbers correspond with those on the photograph.

1. *Attleborough: Flagon. c. 1635.* Height: 13½ in. Maker: "E.G."—probably Edward Goodman. Engraved with the arms of England and "1638. The gift of Richard Hastings to the church of Attleburgh". Fine specimen of "muffin type". Lent through the Rev. I. F. F. Webb.

3. *Cawston: Flagon. c. 1615.* Height: 17 in. No mark. One of a pair. Repaired under the Blake Marsh Bequest. "CAWSTON" on handle. Magnificent specimen of "1610" type. Lent through the Rev. E. F. W. Ames.

5. *Hapton: Flagon. 1662.* Height: 8½ in. Maker: Francis Seagood of Norwich and King's Lynn. Very attractive small size "beefeater". A false bottom has been added at some later stage. Inscribed "Hapton 1662". Lent through the Rev. A. C. M. Wellings.

6. *Hapton: Dish. c. 1740.* Diameter 10 in. No mark. Very rare style in pewter. Inscribed "Hapton 1752". Lent through the Rev. A. C. M. Wellings.

13. *Norwich. St. Ethelreda: Bowl. c. 1700.* Diameter: 10¼ in. Untraceable mark "I(?)B". Punched on rim "St. Audris". This is corrupted to "Tawdry" Bowl. On St. Audrey's day (October 24), fairs were held at which buttons, ribbons and decorative materials were sold, hence the modern meaning of tawdry. Perhaps this bowl was used for collecting on this date.

21. *Tuttington: Flagon. c. 1635.* Height: 14 in. Mark indecipherable. Fine example of rare type. Inscribed on thumbpiece "A.B." "A.O." and on handle "A.M." "A.R." Parish records have so far not elucidated. Lent through the Rev. H. W. Mossop.

22. *Woodrising: Pair of offertory plates. 1662.* Diameter: 10¼ in. Mark "M.Y." possibly Matthew Young of Norwich. 1637 F. Fine pair of broad rim plates. Both inscribed on rim, under a crown "For the Towne of Woodrising. 1662". Lent through the Rev. A. Taylor.

23. *Woodton: Flagon. 1715.* Height: 7½ in. Mark illegible. It is rare to find an accepted domestic tankard shape used as a flagon. Inscribed "Wotton Robt Suckling Sqr. Matthew Man Chure Wardens 1715". Lent through the Rev. J. W. Parker.