



The Churchwardens' Accounts of the Parish of St. Mary, Thame.

Commencing in the year 1442.

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Here folowyth an Inventory of the Vestimentes and ornaments and other thinges pertaynyng to the Chirche of Thame for John Manytorn, Thomas Bons and their fellows A.D. MCCCXLVIII.

Fyrst a sute of Blew imbroudyd wt gold wt Antlopp & byrdes of gold, the orffrayes* wt crownys and sterres of gold, that ys to say ij. copes wt all the aparell for Prest Dekyn and Sub-Dekyn, the whiche was of the gyfte of William Bates and Crystyn hys wyffe delyvrd and beyuth yn the keypynth of W. Bates, the which by the assent of the Parish servyth for Witsunday.

Item. ij. copes the grond of rede Sylk wt white Byrdes & white Branches wt a cope of Rede Sylk wt the grond wt white flowers & skalabes† of gold.

Item. A chesebyll‡ the grond of rede Sylk wt byrdes & branches of gold wt aube§ Amys|| stole & ffanon¶ the orffray co'tenyng.

A 3 M y crownyt and pertenyth to Seynt John's Auter.

Item. An Auter Cloth of Rede Sylk wt Byrdes & Branches of of Blew wt a frontell¹ & corporas² purse of the sam pertenyng to Seynt John ys Auter.

Item. ij. Redells³ of Rede Sylk wt rays to the saide auter.

* Orffrayes—Bands of rich embroidery on the vestments.

† Skalabes—Scallops.

‡ Chesebyll—Chasuble, an outward vestment nearly circular in form.

§ Aube (albe)—A vestment of white linen with sleeves less full than a surplice.

|| Amys—A slip of linen worn round the shoulders of the priest.

¶ Ffanon—Embroidered scarf worn round the left arm of the priest.

¹ Frontell—A hanging of silk, satin, damask or cloth of gold richly embroidered for the front of the altar.

² Corporas—A fine linen cloth for covering the sacrament.

³ Redells—Curtains.

- Itm. a croce of tre⁴ gylt wt a clothe of Sylk to kepe hit.
- Itm. a sute of grene & blak wt white hundys⁵ & Chapletys of gold and Egyllles of ye same, that ys to say : A Cope wt all the Aparell for Prest deken & subdekyn wt a clothe to kepe hem to s'rve holy Thorsday Trynyte Sonday of the gyft of John Crouch.
- Itm. a sute of white damask clothe of gold wt orfrayes of grene welwet with buddys of gold pouder & blak & rede wt a hole corporas of the same & with a Cope of the same sute, that ys to say, wt all that pertenyth for Prest Dekyn & Subdekyn & remayneth now in ye kepyng of John At Hille.
- Itm. a frontell of blew & grene baudkyn wt flowers of white & rede wt a cloth of ye same to heng under ye same frontell wt a reredose of ye same to henth abow the Auter wt a crucifyx. And ij. custos redeldes* for the same Auter, on of blew tartryn And of the gyft of henry Clerke & Agnes his wyffe. And remayneth yn kepyng of the saide Agnes to s'rve for the v. days of our lady & remayneth yn ye kepyng of John At-hille.
- Itm. ij. towellys to s'rve to hesill† wt at Estr & i. Chaleyse.
- Itm. a cope of Rede embrowdyd wt golde and wt ymages off the assumpcion of oure lady, the Orfraies of grene sylk embroudyt wyth gold off the gyft of maystr Nycholas Bobwyth, Byshupp of Bath.
- A sute of grene Sylk & Rede for the Preste wt ymages of gold & rede satten. And for the Dekyn wt Orfrayes of gold the grund of Rede Sylk wt archangels of Gold. And for the subdekyn the Orfray of grene welvet & Rede wt lyons & Roses of white wt a cope of the same sute wt a stole & fanon of clothe wt Byrdes, & a stole & fanon of Rede thick Sylk wt an Amyse Amyte of grene wt a sterr & crounes of gold wt a cloth of Sylk to kepe hem, And remaynes wt W. lukenor.
- A sute of grene Satayn wt skalappes, mones & sterres of gold for Preste dekyn, & subdekyn a Cope wt Orfrayes onely of the same sute wt ij. clothes to kepe hem, And a frontell of cheker velvet.
- Itm. a Chesebyll the grond Rede Sylk wt Aube fanon & Stole wt beres & Byrdes of gold, & an Amyte of the same to s'rve for mydsom' day & other dayes of apostles.
- A hole sute of Blew yelow colo' the grunde except ij. stoles & A fanon & wt a cope of the same sute.

⁴ Tre—Wood.

⁵ Hundys—Hounds.

* Custos redeldes—Side curtains.

† Hesill (houses)—To take the sacrament to the sick.

- A Chesebyll the grunde of White Sylk wt Popynjays of gold, the Orfrayes of grene welvet wt ymages of gold yn tabernacles wt stole fanon Albe & Amys the Orfrayes of the same wt a cope the grund Rede Sattayn wt ymages of gold the Orfrayes of grene Sattayn y set wt byrdes & Chaplets of gold of the gyft of Bugwyth.
- A Chesebyll of yalow Sylk wt Orfrayes of gold wt Albe Stole & fanon of Bordalysander wt an Amyte of Sylk rede & grene.
- Item. ij. sencers of copyr gylt wt a Shyppe of copyr gylt, ij. crowets of Sylv'r wt a croce of sylv'r & gold and a shaft yr to sylv'yt & gylt wt a baner of grene Sylk wt Armys & schochons.
- Also ij. clothes of gold the grund of Rede Baudkyn wt pyne-applys of gold contenyng in lenght x. yards of the gyft of Dame John Bechame lady of Burgewny & remayne wt John Manitorn.
- Item. ij Copys of Rede Sylk wolken wt grene Sylk and Dragowns off gold the Orfrayes of cheker velvet wt strakys of gold off the gyfft of Robert Chacom.
- Item. A parrell for the Autr of Steyned warke of the Natyvyte of oure lord wt a clothe before ye autr & a Reredose of the same wt ij. custos wt angels off the gyfft of Will'm. Kyllingwolm'sh.

(To be continued.)

Bisham Abbey.

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The custodian of Queen Elizabeth referred to in the last article was Sir Thomas Hoby, the brother of Sir Philip, says Murray, in his "Berkshire," although since the appearance of the second part of this article on the Abbey, the author has been informed by the owner (Sir H. J. Vansittart-Neale) that unfortunately the residence of the princess cannot be verified. It is known that she came here as Queen and held a Council, but previous to her coronation