



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

Commencing in the year 1442.

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Itm. i. Aut' clothe steyned.

Itm. i. Vestment of blew damaske wt orfray of Cloth of gold wt the trinite on the bak of the gyfft of *Isabel Chapman* otherwise called Cokks.

This Inventory pertaynyth to the Chapel of Seint John.

Fyrst a masboke of the gyft of Wm. Bate & Cristyne hys wyffe.

Itm. a cheseble of Rede Sylke wt Byrdes & branches of gold wt Aube Amyte stole & fanon of the same the orfray co'tenyng A & M crownyt And off the gyfft of *Robt. Chacombe* & leticie Ux<sup>r</sup> sue.

Itm. An Aut' cloth of Rede Sylke wt Byrdes & Branches of blew wt a frontell & a corporas purse of the same.

Itm. ij. Reddell of Rede Sylke wt Rayes.

Itm. i. Cheseble of Bordalisander wt Albe stole fanon & Amyte of the gyft of *Agnes Bryghtwell.*

Itm. i. corporas wt a Purse of blew grene & white.

Itm. ij. Bordcloth wt a towaylle.

Itm. i. Paxbrede.

Itm. i. stenyd cloth wt ymages of Sent Katrine, Sent John Baptiste & Sent Nicholase.

Itm. ij. Crewets of tyn & a sacr'yn bell.

Itm. A lettryne for a massboke.

Itm. A lamp wt a bassyn of laton.

Itm. i. hongyng candelstike of laton wt v. lyghttes.

The folwyng partayne to the Altar of the Blessed Marie  
in le Jesan.

Fyrst a palle of Rede wt lyonnes of gold embroudyd.

Also a cheseble of blew wt Orfrayes of white wt an Amyte of Bordalisander and Albe the Orfreyes wt Rede & ymages of gold.

Also an aut<sup>r</sup> steynet wt an ymage of our lady & an ymage of Gabriel wt ij. custos of the same sute.

Also a cloth of blew card to c<sup>vr</sup> the ymages in lent wt ij. custos of the same.

Also iiii. Bordclothes & iiii. towaylles for the Aut<sup>r</sup>.

Also a pelow\* of grene & another of Rede wt byrdes of yolow.

Also a nother pelow of Rede blew & grene chekyred.

Also a Pax brede of cop<sup>r</sup> wt a crucifix & Mary & John.

Al so a Sacrynbell.

Ite. we payde for mendyng of ye grete bell	...	ii <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we payde to ye clerke for kepyng of ye Clocke		
for halfe yer fro Est <sup>r</sup> on til Mielmas last past	...	xx <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we payde for makyng of ye grete belle rope...		iiij <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we payde for mendyng of ye bowes for ye bel		
ropis	... ..	ii <sup>d</sup> ob
Ite. we payde for oyle to ye lampys in ye rode loft		ii <sup>d</sup> ob
Ite. we payde for skowryng of ye lampys...	...	ob
Ite. we payde for makyng of ye gret belle whele		
agayne Cristemas for ye lab <sup>r</sup> & for bondis of		
yron to ye whele...	... ..	vi <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we payde for naylys to ye sam whele...	...	ob
Ite. we payde for a burde to make wt ye sam whele		ij <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we payde for wex to ye rode lyght at Cristmas		
last & for tapur candyllis fro Est <sup>r</sup> on til Cristmas		vi <sup>s</sup> ix <sup>d</sup> q <sup>t</sup>
Ite. we payde for makyng ye poleys for ye crowne		
wt ye lampis	... ..	i <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we have payde to ye Carpunters for mendyng		
of ye Chirch howse yt Baker Dwellyth in	...	xi <sup>d</sup>
It. we payde for stodes to ye wallys	... ..	ij <sup>d</sup> ob
Ite. we payde for lathis	... ..	ij <sup>d</sup> q <sup>u</sup>
Ite. we payd for lath nayl	... ..	i <sup>d</sup> q <sup>u</sup>
Ite. we payd for oth <sup>r</sup> naylis to set on stodis &		
twistis† of ye dorys	... ..	obq <sup>u</sup>
Ite. we payde for iij. carteful white erth ‡...	...	iiij <sup>d</sup>

\* Pelow—cushion.

† Twistis—part of the hinge that is fixed to the door.

‡ Wakyng—watching.

Ite. we payde for dawbyng of ye wallys & mending of a twist & a hoke ... ..	v
Ite. we payde for Roddis ... ..	ij ob
Ite. we payde for iiij. postis of Oke ... ..	i <sup>d</sup> ob
Ite. we payde for hey <sup>r</sup> to make ye mort' ... ..	ob
Ite. we payde for stonys ... ..	xiii <sup>d</sup> ob
Ite. we payde for groude pynnyng & mete & drynke	iiii <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we payde for John Kyngys labur a bowte ye sam howse ... ..	ij ob
Ite. we payde for dawbyng of ye howse yt was longys	v <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we payde for Roddis to ye sam howse ...	iiii <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we payde for stodis to ye sam howse... ..	ii <sup>d</sup>
It. we payde for naylys to set on stodys & for oth' thyngs ... ..	ob
Ite. we payde for white erthe to dawbe ye wallys	viii <sup>d</sup>
It. John Kyng stodyd hit hym self for his lab <sup>r</sup> we low hym ... ..	i <sup>d</sup>
It. we payde for straw to make ye mort' ... ..	ob
Ite. we have payde for m tyle ... ..	ij <sup>s</sup> vi <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we have payde for Raftur loggys & a post ...	vii <sup>d</sup> ob
Ite. we have payde for hewyng of yem & for ye mete & drynk ... ..	ij <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we have payde to Thomas flynt Wakyng* in ye Chirche at Est'ne ... ..	i <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we have payde for Rydyng to Mayst' Rede ...	iiij <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we have payde for wasshyng of ye best aut' clothis to ye hye aut' ageynist Cristemas ...	ob
Ite. we have payde for a burdon to ye grete leger	ob
Ite. we have payde for setting on of ye claspe to ye mas boke ... ..	i <sup>d</sup> ob
Ite. for mending of ye bagge of ye grete leger ...	i <sup>d</sup>
It. for mending of ye Rectory boke ... ..	i <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we spent at Cristemas whan we made owr Rekenyng wt ye owt p'she ... ..	i <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we have payde to ye clocke maker ... ..	xx <sup>d</sup>
Ite. we have payde for makyng of owr boke ...	iiij <sup>d</sup>
Sm Exp'nsys iiij <sup>li</sup> viii <sup>s</sup> ix <sup>d</sup> ob.	
Et Sm receptg iiij <sup>li</sup> ij <sup>s</sup> i <sup>d</sup> ob q <sup>tr</sup> .	
the chirchewardeyns have remaynyng in ther hondes xiii <sup>s</sup> iiij <sup>d</sup> q <sup>r</sup> .	

\* White erth—chalk.

The aforesayd Rich. Orpyn retyres and in his place is electyd John Benet jun<sup>r</sup>.

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The accomptes of John Kyng and John Benet, jun<sup>r</sup>., Proctours or Yconomi of the prebendal Chirche of Thame for the Newe Towne from the xviii. day of Januar A.D. MCCCCLXY.

RECEPTES.

*(To be continued.)*

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## **The Victoria County History of Berks.**

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[The Editor has much pleasure in publishing this writer's observations on the History of Berkshire, which are valuable, as they are the work of a learned and painstaking antiquary. The Editor of the V.C.H. heartily welcomes all criticisms of the volumes, in order that if any errors occur they may be corrected. It must not, however, be understood that the Editor agrees with all Mr. Peake's conclusions. Some of his statements are open to controversy, but all are worthy of consideration, and will not escape the attention of those who are responsible for the volumes, or for the special articles therein contained.]

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**T**HE first volume of the New History of Berkshire has now been issued to the public for nearly a year, and there has been time to digest its contents, and to appreciate its great value. There has been time, also, to notice its deficiencies and inaccuracies, which, though singularly few in number, require recording, that they may be corrected, if need be, in subsequent volumes. In these articles I am endeavouring to find fault, as far as I can, with the latter half of the first volume, not, I trust, in the spirit of a captious critic, but that in the cause of historical accuracy the volume may be subjected to the severest criticism possible. I am doing this fully conscious of my own limitations, realising that my knowledge of the antiquities of Berkshire is confined for the most part to the south-eastern portion of the County, viz., the Hundreds of Faircross and Kintbury