

INVENTORY OF PAROCHIAL DOCUMENTS, &c.

THE PARISH OF ST. GILES, HORSTED KEYNES.

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PARISH REGISTERS.

The Parish Registers are continuous from 1638 to 1922, covering a period of 284 years. The "Bishop's Transcript" of the registers, however, commences 33 years prior to this in 1605 (*vide S.A.C.*, Vol. LV., p. 314).

1. One volume, bound in parchment, of mixed registers, containing:
 - Baptisms. 1638 to 1706.
 - Marriages. 1638 to 1706.
 - Burials. 1638 to 1706.
2. One volume, parchment leaves, rebound in leather, mixed registers, containing:
 - Baptisms. 1705 to 1780.
 - Marriages. 1706 to 1754.
 - Burials. 1706 to 1780.
3. One volume, parchment bound, size 16 by 6 ins., mixed registers and scattered entries, containing:
 - Baptisms. 1795 to 1901.
 - Burials. 1700 to 1900.
4. Baptisms. 1781 to 1812.
5. Baptisms. 1813 to 1836.
6. Baptisms. 1836 to 1871.
7. Baptisms. 1871 to 1891.
8. Baptisms. 1891 to 1922.
9. Marriages. 1754 to 1812.
10. Marriages. 1813 to 1837.
11. Marriages. 1837 to 1921.
12. Marriages. 1837 to 1921. (Duplicate)
13. Marriages. 1824 to 1870.
14. Marriages. 1871 to 1916.
15. Marriages. 1917 to 1922.
16. Burials. 1781 to 1812.
17. Burials. 1813 to 1872.
18. Burials. 1873 to 1922.

(In all seventeen volumes of parish registers; No 12 a duplicate of a volume of marriages.)

TITHE BOOKS, VESTRY BOOKS, ETC.

1. Tithe book of the Rev. Giles Moore (Rector, 1655-79.) Besides tithes it contains entries of financial transactions of different varieties, giving an insight into the life of the period. Manuscript, bound in parchment covered boards; size, 12 by 8 ins. Most of the entries are, of course, between the years 1655-79, though there are entries in another hand till 1723.
2. Tithe book of the Rev. John Wood (Rector, 1680-1705.) Entries from 1681 to 1705, parchment bound, size, 15 ins. by 6 ins.
Note—The flyleaf has written on it the form of a certificate necessary for a person to have in his possession in order to gain admittance to the King, to be cured of the "King's evil"
3. Tithe book, bound in parchment, size, 15 by 6 ins. Entries for the period 1706-21. On cover, "Horsted Keins, Anno Dom 1706. G.H." The initials being those of the Rev. George Hay, M.A., rector, 1705-37.
4. Tithe book of Horsted Keynes, 1721 to 1737. Size. 8 by $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
5. Tithe book, 1744 to 1758. Size, $6\frac{1}{2}$ by $7\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
6. Tithe book, 1813 to 1844. Size, 8 by 13 ins.
8. Vestry book of the parish of Horsted Keynes. Manuscript, parchment bound; size, $12\frac{1}{2}$ by 8 ins. Period, 1695 to 1796; there are also scattered entries down to 1870. This volume contains, among other things, fines for snoring, lists of Church marks, lists of briefs read in Church, also a portion of an old church inventory.
9. Vestry book. Parchment covered boards; size, 8 by $12\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Period, 1831 to 1849.
10. Vestry book. Leather covered boards; size, 13 by $8\frac{1}{2}$ ins. Period, 1889 to 1919.

VARIOUS BOOKS IN THE VESTRY.

1. "The Ancient Ecclesiastical Histories; translations from Eusebius, Socrates, Evargius, etc." By Meredith Hanmer. 6th edition. Sold at the sign of the Bible on Ludgate Hill. Size, $11\frac{1}{2}$ by 8 ins. 1663.
2. "History of the Lives, Acts, and Deaths, and Martyrdoms of those who were contemporary with the Apostles." By William Cave. Printed for Richard Chiswel at the Rose and Crown in St. Paul's Churchyard, MDCLXXVII. Rebound and stamped on cover—HORSTEDKEINES. Size, 13 by 9 ins.
3. "Contemplations on the Magnet or Loadstone." By Sir Matthew Hale, Kt. Printed at the "Bible," in Duck (? Duke) Lane, 1695. Rebound and stamped on cover—HORSTED-KEINS. Size, $7\frac{1}{4}$ by $4\frac{3}{4}$ ins.

4. "Contemplations Moral and Divine." By Sir Matthew Hale. Printed at the "Bible," in Duke Lane, 1700. Rebound and stamped on cover—HORSTEDKEINES.
5. "The Primitive Origination of Mankind considered and examined according to the Light of Nature." By Sir Matthew Hale. Printed at the sign of the "Bible," in Duke Lane. Date, c10 10c lxxvii. Rebound and stamped on cover—HORSTEDKEINES. Size, 14 by 9 ins.
6. "Praelectiones Theologicae." Roberti Leighton, Archiep. Glascuensis. Insigne Navis in cemeterio D. Pauli, 1701. Stamped on cover—HORSTEDKEINES. Size, 8 by 5 ins.
7. "A Companion to the Temple, or a help to Devotion." By Thomas Comber, D.D., Dean of Durham. 4th edition. Size, 13 by 9¼ ins. MDCCCL.
8. The Works of the Rt. Rev. Ezekial Hopkins, Lord Bishop of Londonderry, in Ireland. Printed in London. Size, 13 by 9 ins. MDCCCL.
9. "A Body of Divinity, or the Sum and Substance of the Christian Religion." By the Most Rev. James Usher, late Archbishop of Armagh. Rebound and stamped on cover—HORSTEDKEINES. 8th edition. Size, 10¼ by 8¼ ins. 1702.
10. "The Whole Duty of Man." Printed by W. Norton at the sign of the "Bible," in Chancery Lane. Stamped on cover—HORSTEDKEINES. Size, 8 by 5 ins. 1704.
11. "The Whole Book of Psalms, with the usual hymns, and Spiritual Songs." By John Playford. To be sold by John Sprint at the Bell in Little Britain. Stamped on cover—HORSTEDKEINES. Size, 7½ by 4½ ins. MDCCVII.
12. "An Exposition of the Creed." By John, Lord Bishop of Chester. 10th edition. Printed by W. Bowyer for J. Nicholson at the King's Arms in Little Britain. Size, 14 by 9 ins. MDCCXV.
13. The Works of the Rev. John Scott. 2 vols. Printed for Sam Manship, at the Ship, in Cornhill, and Rich. Wilkin at the King's Head, St. Paul's Churchyard. Size, 13½ by 8½ ins. MDCCXVIII.
14. Select works of Archbishop Leighton. (Sermons.) Preceded by extracts from Burnet's life of Leighton. Printed at Edinburgh. Size, 8 by 5 ins. MDCCXLVI.
15. "The method of Teaching and Studying the Belles Lettres, and Instructions with regard to the eloquence of the Pulpit, the Bar, and the Stage." By Mr. Rollin. 7th edition. Size, 8 by 4¼ ins. MDCCCLXX.
16. "The Truth of the Christian Religion." By Hugo Grotius. 3rd edition. MDCCXXIX. Printed at the "Crown," in St. Paul's Churchyard.
17. English Encyclopædia. 10 vols., complete. 1802.

18. New Testament in Hebrew. Size, $9\frac{1}{2}$ by $6\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 1821. Written on the flyleaf is "H. Pauli, Worcester Coll. Oxon. 1848. This is the first edition of the Hebrew N.T. published by the London Society for Prom: Xtny among the Jews, which is not at all a correct one, the later translation by the same soc: is the best."
19. Collection of Hymns. By Thomas Russell. 1827. Designed as an appendix to Dr. Watt's Psalms and Hymns. Size, 7 by $3\frac{1}{4}$ ins.
20. Book of Common Prayer. MDCCCXLVII. On flyleaf, "Parish of Horsted Keynes. 1851." Size, 10 by $12\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
21. The Communion and other services. Cambridge. MDCCCLVII. Size, 12 by $9\frac{1}{2}$ ins.
A map of the Glebe Land in Horsted Keynes parish.

RATE BOOKS, ETC., ETC.

1. An unbound copy of the Highways Act, 5 and 6 William IV. 31st August, 1835.
2. Rate book. Horsted Keynes. 1835.
3. Account book of the Surveyor of the Highways. 1838-40.
4. Highway rate book, 1840-41.
5. A valuation of Horsted Keynes parish for the assessment of the parochial rates. Size, $14\frac{1}{2}$ by 11 ins. 1843.
6. Rate book, 1844-47.
7. Rate book, 1847-48.
8. Rate book, 1848-49.
9. Rate book, 1849-50.
10. Church disbursement book, 1825-35.
11. Receipt and payment book of the parish of Horsted Keynes. 25th December, 1836, to June, 1848.
12. Rate book for the upkeep of the Church, 1844-62.
13. Assessment of the parish of Horsted Keynes for rent charges. Size, 24 by $15\frac{1}{2}$ ins. 1839.
14. Extracts from confirmed apportionment of rent charges on the parishes of Horsted Keynes and West Hoathly, 1867.
15. Copy of altered apportionment of tithe rent charge, 1885.
16. Extracts from rent charge on the parish of West Hoathley, including part of Broadhurst, 1890.
17. Copy of altered apportionment of tithe rent charge, 1895.

PAPERS, ETC.

1. Solicitor's statement of fees for law suit, 1844.
2. Plan of proposed enlargement of Horsted Keynes national schools.
3. A packet of papers, addressed to the Rev. Christopher Rodwell, from the Charity Commissioners, re the schools Leighton Fund, and Lightmaker Charities, 1870.

4. A dozen letters, dated 1869-70, from the Charity Commissioners re the Lightmaker's school and the Leighton Fund.
5. A scrap book compiled by the Rev. J. Smythe (1900-07), containing items of interest connected with the Church.

ON THE WALLS IN THE VESTRY.

1. Framed plan of the monuments in the Church, June, 1885. Morris and Stallwood, architects, Reading.
2. Two framed photographs showing the old box pews, prior to the alteration of the Church. 1885.
3. Small print, framed, of Horsted Keynes Church. 1851.
4. Architect's plan of the Church, framed, 1885. Morris and Stallwood, architects, Reading.
- 5, 6, 7, 8, 9. Framed architect's plans for the alterations to the Church in 1885.
- 10, 11. Architect's plans.
12. Framed coloured lithograph of "The Omnipresent."
13. Photogravure, framed, "Christus in Gethsamene."
14. Framed print, "Communion."
15. Plaque, modelled head of Ridley, full face. Size, 12 by 9 ins.
16. Painted scroll over door leading to chancel with the words, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Note.—A letter in reference to plans Nos. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, giving some historic details of the architecture of the Church, is in the Rev. J. Smythe's scrap book mentioned above (Papers No. 5).