

BLECHINGLEY CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS,
1546—1552.

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IN the fourth volume of the Society's *Collections*, p. 101, is printed another copy of these Accounts, evidently only a draft. Those printed below were found among the Loseley MSS., and are presumably a final copy. They show many important differences. They no doubt came to Loseley among the papers of Sir Thomas Cawarden, of Blechingley, to whom Sir William More, of Loseley, was executor.

BLEACHINGLIGHE. THE ACCOMPTE of John Dawber¹ and Christopher Chapman¹ churche wardens of the parishe churche of Bleachinglighe from the Feaste of St. Mighell the archangell in the yere of our [Lord] m^lv^cxlvi j unto the Feeste of Saint Mighell the archangell in the yere of our Lorde m^lv^clij as followeth.

RECEIPTTES.

First the said churche wardens charge themselves with the receipte of lv ^s as so moche money by them receyved of Richard Chomley ² to the behof and use of ye said churche	lv ^s
Item receyved more of Thomas Rowce	v ^{li} x ^d
Item received more for the buryall of the Lady Putnam ³	vj ^s viij ^d

¹ John Dawber was a plasterer. Whatever the original name of the family, perhaps Dawborne, it seems that his trade had caused it to be spelt as here. Chapman was a mason.

² Chomley, or Chamley, was bedell of the Manor. Was he ex-churchwarden with Rowce?

³ "Lady Putnam," died 1545, was daughter of Sir John Gainsford of Crowhurst, and widow of Sir George Puttenham of Sherfeld in Hants., who held the Manor of Tandridge. She remarried Mr. William Saekville of Blechingley, who was Member for the borough in 1541. After his wife's death he went to live in Dorking, where his father had lived.

Item received more of the hognell money ¹ at the feaste of the Nativite of our Lord in the xxxvij yere of the reigne of our soveraigne Lord King Henry the vij th	xxiijs vjd
Item received more of M ^r Sakvyle for iij yeres rent of a parell of laude called Bell Crofte ²	iijs
Item received more one yere for pascall money	ij ^s ij ^d ob.
Item received more an other yere for pascall money	iiijs vijd ob.
Item the said accomptauntes charge themselves with xxvij ^{li} xvjs x ^d receyved of one Cooke goldsmythe ³ as so moche money by theym receyved by the handes of M ^r Cawerden for broken plate whiche was solde for the repairing and garnisshynge the church by the consente of the parissioners of the same. The expensys and charges appeare hereafter particularye	xxvij ^{li} xvjs x ^d
Item they charge themselves with celxxij pounde of broken latten ⁴ solde to a candlestiek maker at xx ^s a hundreth amounyng to liiij ^s ij ^d ob. as so moche money by them receyved by the handes of M ^r Cawerden and employed to the same use by the parissioners consente	liiij ^s ij ^d ob.
Item receyved more for waxe solde by the said church wardens Roger Foster beyng present	xx ^s iiijd
Item received more for the buryall of Turnours wyffe	vjs viijd
Item received more of William Martyn for iij yeres rent of church landes	xxiiij ^s

Sum totall of the receipttes xliij^{li} xvij^s viij^d

Paymentes of the same church wardens
syth the yere within wrytten viz.

First paide by the said accomptauntes for xxvij ^{li} ^{li} of waxe	xiijs iiijd
Item paid to the plommer for mendyng of the leaddes there	xiiij ^s iiijd

¹ "Hognell Money," probably a customary payment upon the number of "hogglings" or "hoggets," *i.e.*, sheep in their second year. But see *New English Dict.*, *sub voce* "Hogglers."

² Sackville, *see above*. Bell Croft was land north of the Workhouse.

³ Tandridge Manor was sold or mortgaged to John Cooke, of London, goldsmith, in 1542, by the son of Sir George Puttenham. For the "broken plate," see *Surrey Arch. Collections*, Vol. XXIII., p. 30, "Inventories of Church Goods, &c."

⁴ "Latten," a metal like brass, rather inferior. Remains of Church ornaments or furniture.

Item paide to Christofer Chapman for serving of the plommer ij dayes	xij ^d
Item for making of the churche waxe	ij ^s ij ^d
Item to Brande for woodde for the plommer	v ^d
Item for setting upp the Roode Lofte ¹	x ^d
Item for nayles for the same	ij ^d
Item for cooles	iiij ^d
Item to Brande for watehyng the sepulchre ²	viiij ^d
Item for scowryng of candlestickes	x ^d
Item for swepyng of the leades and sonnyng of the ornaments	iiij ^d
Item for tallowe for the belles and making cleane of the tables of the Roode Lofte and for small nayles	vj ^d
Item to John Bridgehill and Robert Wright for mending the wyndowes in the steple and goyng to London for the churche stuffe at the Blakeffiers	ij ^s vj ^d
Item for a bell rope	xiiij ^d
Item spent at the visitacon at Letherhed	viiij ^d
Item to Thomas Shorter for mending ij bawderikes ³	v ^d
Item for half a hyde of whyte lether	xv ^d
Item for a shovell and a spade	xj ^d
Item for a wombe ⁴ of lether	iiij ^d
Item to Robert Eyton for mending of the seates	xv ^d
Item for grese for the belles against halowtyde	iiij ^d

Summa pagine xxiiij^s vj^d

Item paide for newe colleryng of a surples	ij ^d
Item for mendyng of fyve albes	iiij ^d
Item for mendyng of a clapper	iiij ^d
Item for xxviiij ^{lib} of waxe	xiiij ^s
Item for makyng of the same to Thomas Shorter	ij ^s ij ^d

¹ The Rood Loft was retained, perhaps made a music gallery, though the Rood on the beam over it was removed, and the King's arms put up on the beam, or on the Loft.

² After the Mass of the Presanctified on Good Friday, the Host, and the Crucifix from the Altar, were laid in the Sepulchre and watched till Easter morning. The practice seems to have gone on at Bleehingley later than could be expected. But Brand has his emoluments cut down to half, and finally "watches the vestry" for a quarter only of the original payment. Is it possible that, by a compromise with reforming opinion, the Crucifix and Host were finally laid in the Vestry?

³ "Bawderickes," the bands by which the clapper was fastened in a bell.

⁴ "Wombe," leather cut from the hide of the belly.

Item for making ij tapers	ij ^d
Item for ij torches	viijs ^s vj ^d
Item for lyme	vjs ^s
Item to M ^r Hewes for mending the organs	ijs ^s iiij ^d
Item for wasshyng the churche clothes	ijs ^s
Item for scowring of all the churche stuffe	ijs ^s
Item for mendyng of a bawderykke	ij ^d
Item for painting of the pascall post ¹	vj ^d
Item for cooles	iiij ^d
Item for a boxe	iiij ^d
Item for makyng of a surples	vj ^d
Item to Brande for watchyng the sepulere	viijs ^s ij ^d
Item to Robert Wright for makyng a deske	v ^d
Item for haunsyng ² the thrid bell	ij ^d
Item to Brande for going to Reygate at Whitsontyde	iiij ^d
Item to John Dawber, Christofer Chapman, Richarde Chomley, John Turnour and Richard Smythe going to the visitacon at Croydon, expensys	ijs ^s vj ^d
Item paide the same tyme for comyng out from the chauncellour ³ from the Archedeacon	ij ^d
Item for e sixe peny nayle	vj ^d
Item for iiij m ^l di of greate nayles for ye painters	iiij ^s viij ^d
Item to Geyle for lathe	iiij ^s vj ^d
Item for careage of the lathe	xij ^d
Item for caring of alder poolles	iiij ^d
Item for caring of sande	ij ^d
Item to John Dawber and Christofer Chapman going to Darkyng to M ^r Sakvyle	xij ^d
Item for mending of a locke	iiij ^d

Summa pagine lvjs^s iiij^d

Item payd to Walter Grome paynter for payntyng the hole body of the churche and for all maner of colours to the same with his mens waiges	xviij ^{li} vs ^s jd
Item to William Johns for payntyng the queere the Roode loft the kinges armes and the owt yle ioyning to the queere and for the colours and stuffe therunto apperteyning	vij ^{li} xv ^s ij ^d
Item to John Lambe bricklayer for paving and haunsyng the place for the communion to be mynistrad	l ^s
Item for iiij m ^l bricke to the same	xx ^s
Item for ij lodes of lyme to the same	x ^s

¹ "Pascall post," the large candlestick for the Easter light.

² "Haunsyng," raising.

³ "Chancellour" is "chancel" in the draft accounts, printed in Vol. IV. Probably "chauncellour" is a mistake.

Item for a table for the commnyon to be ministred uppon ioyned upon a frame ¹	viijs xs
Item for iij longe formes to the same ¹	xs
Item for iiij seattes with dowble deskes for the singing men to sitt in and to lay their bookes on	xxs
Item for ij upper particons in the quere and chaunsell	xij ^s
Item for quarters and tymber to the same	vj ^s
Item for nayles occupied theraboutes in the same church	vj ^s viiij ^d
Item for removing the seattes and setting the pulpitt and mendyng of diverse thinges	xs
Item for lathe nayles and heare	v ^s
Item for pluckyng the alters, plastering the walles and mending of diverse places ¹	vij ^s
Item for c. of fyve peny nayle	v ^d
Item for nayles of Thomas Whatman	iiij ^d
Item to labourers for poolyng downe the Roode ²	xxiiij ^d
Item to William Whatman for a lode of lyme	vj ^s
Item the expensys of John Dawber and Christofer Chapman churchwardens John Turnour and Thomas Lamb syde men being at the visitacon at Ewell	ij ^s
Item to John Mathewe for ij days worke	x ^d
Item for beryng of stuffe out of ye church	xx ^d
Item for xj lode of sande	xxij ^d
Item to Whatman for a bell clapper	xx ^d

Summa pagine xxxiiij^{li} x^d

Item for peys for the paynter	xiiij ^d
Item for cc. of fyve peny nayle	x ^d
Item for nayles to the paynter	v ^d
Item for woodde	ij ^d
Item for felling and caring of polles	xij ^d
Item for caring of a lode of lyme	vij ^d
Item to Shorter for lathe	iiij ^d
Item for the writing of a bill to be shewed to the Kinges commissyoners	viiij ^d
Item the expences of the said church wardens at the same tyme	ij ^d
Item expensys at the last visitacon at Letherhed	xij ^l
Item for the parishes parte for the paraphases	v ^s
Item expensys at the last visitacon at Ewell	xij ^d

¹ The movement for pulling down altars, and substituting wooden tables, was begun in 1548, in London, and was ordered generally in 1550. The "longe formes" do not mean that the Communion was taken seated. There were no altar rails, and the forms were to kneel against.

² This must have been done before. The entry seems out of place.

Item to John Monyell for v days paling	ij ^s vj ^d
Item to Christofer Chapman for v days paling at ye same tyme	ij ^s vj ^d xij ^d
Item to John Monyells brother for ij days worke	xij ^d
Item to John Dawber for caryng of ij lodes of pales	xij ^d
Item the expenses of Christofer Chapman and John Dawber churche wardens, Richard Chomley, John Turnour, John Stevin and Thomas Lambe being at Reygate before the comissioners when they enquired of the said parishioners an inventory of the churche goodes	ij ^s vj ^d xij ^d
Item for making of the inventorye ye same tyme	xij ^d
Item at an other tyme when the inventorye was delyvered to the churche wardens	xij ^d
Item for washing of the churche clothes by the space of iij yeres	iiij ^s
Item the expensys of John Dawber and Christofer Chapman going to the visitacon at Kingston	xij ^d
Item the expensys of John Dawber when he alone went to the visitacon at Kingston	vj ^d
Item for xix bussshels of cooles at diverse tymes for the paynters	xix ^d
Item for nayles for scaffoldes and to reparaire the seattes in the churche	iiij ^s iiiij ^d v ^d
Item to Christopher Kyllick for one days labour	
Summa pagine xxxiiij ^s vj ^d	
Item for certen polles occupied aboute the scaffolde	v ^d
Item to Robert Eytton for mending ye seates in ye churche	x ^d
Item to Robert Wright for a paire of highe trestels	xij ^d
Item for iiij quarters to the same Robert Wright aboute reparacons	viiij ^d
Item to Thomas Whatman for mendyng of the lytle bell clapper	ij ^d
Item to Raffe Laker for a peece of corde for the bynding of the scaffold	vj ^d
Item to the paynters for shredde or peeces for the reparacon of the churche	xviiij ^d
Item for iiij payles which are broken that Richard Shorter had	viiij ^d
Item to John Mathewe for ij days worke for the churche	x ^d
Item for iiij m ^l of sprigge ¹	iiij ^s vj ^d
Item to Richard Geyle for latthe for the reparacon of the churche	iiij ^s vj ^d xij ^d
Item for the cariage of the same	xij ^d
Item for the cariage of xiiij lode of sande	iiij ^s

¹ "Sprigges," small nails.

Item to Whatman for mending of a locke	ii ^j d
Item to Dawber for c. of v ^d nayle	v ^d
Item to Thomas Whatman for nayles	iii ^j d
Item to William Whatman for a lode of lyme for the reparacons of the churche	v ^j s
Item for the expensys of John Dawber and Christofer Chapman, churche wardens, John Turnour and Thomas Lambe being at the visitacon at Ewell	ij ^s
Item delyvered a bill to the visyters of London for horsemeate and mans meate	xv ^d
Item for the delyvering of the bill	iii ^j d
Item for ve. of fyve peny nayle	x ^d
Item for caring of polles out of M ^r Cawerdens more	xi ^j d
Summa pagine xxxij ^s j ^d	
Item for the cariage of a lode of lyme	v ^j d
Item to Thomas Shorter for lathe for ye reparacons of ye churche	ii ^j d
Item to Robert Wright for the bolstring of the ij ^{de} bell	xx ^j d
Item to him for mending of the greate bell whele	vii ^j d
Item to him for a boxe for the seconde bell	iii ^j d
Item to him for mending of the lytle bell whele	ij ^d
Item to him for mending of the other bell	j ^d
Item to Thomas Whatman for ij b ⁵ of cooles	ij ^d
Item to him for nayles	ij ^d ob.
Item to him for making of the irne worke for the same belles	iii ^j d
Item to Robert Wright for more nayles	j ^d
Item to Thomas Shorter for making of iii ^j tapers	iii ^j d
Item to Cowper for ij bell ropes for the belles	ij ^s iii ^j d ob.
Item to him for a newe rope for the cloeke	xvii ^j d
Item the expensys of John Dawber, Christopher Chap- man, John Stevin and Thomas Lambe beyng at the visitacon at Ewell	ij ^s j ^d
Item for a pounce of blake sope	ij ^d
Item to the sextan for wassing of ye seattes	iii ^j d
Item to John Brande for watching of ye sepulere	iii ^j d
Item to John Dawber, Christopher Chapman, Richarde Chomley, John Turnour, Richarde Smythe and Thomas Lambe for their expensys at Croydon	ii ^j s vii ^j d
Item to the churche wardens for commyng out of the chauncell ¹	ij ^d
Item to William Ferrant for ij lode of lyme	v ^j s
Item towarde the making of ij torches	ij ^s iii ^j d
Item for scowryng of all the churche stuff	ij ^s
Item for mending of a bawderik	ij ^d

¹ See note ³, p. 28.

Item for wasshyng of the churehe geer at ij severall tymes	iiij ^s
Item to Richard Ferlighe for writing of the accompt- mentes	vj ^d
Item to the said churehe wardens for dressyng upp of the said churehe	[blank]
Summa pagine xxx ^s vj ^d	
Item to John Dawber for vij wekes and a half after v ^d by the daye	xviiij ^s ix ^d
Item to Christofer Chapman for xxij dayes at v ^d by the daye	ix ^s ij ^d
Item for a pounde of sope	j ^d ob.
Item for ij busshels of cooles	ij ^d
Item to the plumer for v ^{lib} and a quarter of soulder	iiij ^s vj ^d
Item for his waiges	x ^d
Item to the labourer that served him	vij ^d
Item to the same plommer for the gutter betwene the parishe and ye person, the one half ¹	ij ^s xj ^d
Item to the labourer the same tyme	vij ^d
Item for the expensys of the churehe wardens and William Martyn, syde man, being at the visitacon at Bansted	xviiij ^d
Item for the expenses of the said churehe wardens, John Turnour and William Martyn, being at the busshopps visitacon at Ewell	xviiij ^d
Item for making of a bill the same tyme	ij ^d
Item for receyving of the same bill	j ^d
Item for a locke to sett uppou the chest in ye churehe	v ^d
Item for ij busshels of lyme	v ^d
Item to John Hooke for [holyng] ² of the grave in the churehe	viiij ^d
Item to John Hooke for mending of a hole over the vestrye	ij ^d
Item to John Brande for watchyng of ye vestry	ij ^d
Item to John Bullen for shoring of the churehe gate	ij ^d
Item to the glover of Merstham for whyte lether for the bawderickes	vj ^d
Item to John Kyllick of Nutfeld for mendyng of ij bawderykkes	iiij ^d
Summa pagine xliij ^s viij ^d ob.	
Item to Edwarde Kyllike for casting of a banke saffegarde of the churehe pale	ij ^d

¹ The gutter between the Chancel roof, repaired by the rector, and the roof of the nave, repaired by the parish.

² "Holyng," *i.e.*, digging. See "Draft Accounts" in Vol. IV.

Item to John Mathewe for keaping of the clocke by the sight of Thomas Lambe	ix ^d
Item to Shorters wyffe for grese for the belles	j ^d
Item to Anne Shorter for sope for the belles	j ^d
Item to William Martyns wyffe for grese for the belles	j ^d
Item to Robert Eytton for haunsyng of the thrid bell	ij ^d
Item for wryting of this accompte	iijs
Item to Dirik and Saxby for iij days worke aboute necessaryes for the furnytüre of the place for the commnyon	ij ^s
Item to John Hooke for one days worke at the churche	ix ^d
Item the expenses of ye churche wardens at the visitacon at Kingston	xij ^d

Summa pagine viijs j^d

Summa totalis } denarii recepti } ut antea patet }	xliij ^h xvij ^s viij ^d	Summa totalis } soluta ut per } particules plenius } apparet }	xlv ⁱⁱ viijs v ^d ob.
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And so

All thinges reconed and accompted allowed payd and discharged the churche and the parishe is and standeth indebpted unto the churche wardens for money by them layd out more then yet receyved as by this booke of accompte may and dothe manifestly appere the sum of

l^s ix^d ob.

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