

work of arranging, collating, and analysing all the documents connected with a parish. I am endeavouring to do this for Willesdon, and have succeeded in getting together a mass of details respecting it: the labour grows under my hands, but I hope, with time, to get it into order. Whatever may be the value of such work, it would be incalculably increased if it could be systematically undertaken in all parishes of the county. The work done in one parish is, by itself, comparatively useless, but as part of a larger scheme it would afford valuable materials for a history of Middlesex. It is just suited to an amateur; it gives occupation, while it is not necessarily all-engrossing; and, could such a work be inaugurated under the auspices of our Society, the result would, I believe, be most valuable, and would assuredly greatly redound to its credit.

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## ST. DIONIS BACKCHURCH.

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This is one of the few parishes and churches in England which take their name from the Arcopagite, one of the earliest converts made by St. Paul at Athens, and the first Bishop there. France has taken him for her patron saint; and the miracle of his walking two miles after his decapitation, though well refuted, still obtains credence.

In this country, however, he has not been equally popular; only five parishes and one hamlet\* have had him as their saint, viz., one near St. Austin, in Cornwall, one in Lincolnshire, † a hamlet near Waltham, Hants, one, the parish of St. Dennis, Walmgate, in the City of York, and two parishes in the City of London; St. Dionis, Gracechurch Street, now destroyed, and this parish, which contains about three acres.

When the first church was here founded (for there have been three) is not known. It certainly existed temp. Edw. I., since we have the name of the rector, Reginald de Standen, in 1288. That church, or a portion of it, lasted till the reign of Henry VI., when it was wholly

\* There was the Priory of Denny in Cambridgeshire and there is the Manor of that name.

† Alias Kirkeby la Thorpe. *Possessions of the Hospitalers. Camden Society.*

or partially rebuilt, John Bugge being a great benefactor. His arms were cut in stone upon it in the choir.\* It received some additions.

A book of benefactors is kept, and in that it is stated that Alderman John Darby added to the church "a fair Isle or Chappell, and was there buried about 1466." He was sheriff of London, 24 Hen. VI. † (1445-6). This chapel was on the south side. It is not clear that he died so soon as 1466, for in 1478 John Darby, an alderman, having founded a chapel in the church, left property for the maintenance of two chaplains, who continued till the suppression of chantries. Of this church the only existing part is the arch of the vault, let in 1625 as a warehouse, but afterwards used for burials.

The account books preserved begin in 1625, and are perfect, except from 1762 to 1801. In 1628 there is an assessment "towards the repairing both of the middle aisle of the church and chancel, as also of other defects," in the church. In 1632 the steeple was repaired; in 1639 a new turret built, and the whole "beautified." The great fire, however, entirely destroyed the church. In 1666 there is an entry in the registry of the burial of Francis Tryon, merchant, in the ruins of the chancel, and other subsequent similar entries.

**PRESENT CHURCH.** The parishioners soon set to work to rebuild their place of worship. In 1671 we find that Dr Wrenn was consulted. A subscription was entered into; seven principal parishioners ‡ lent gratis £100 each, and in 1674 the church was finished. It consists of a nave and two aisles, sixty-six feet long and about seventy feet wide. The aisles are formed by Ionic columns supporting an ugly entablature, and an arched ceiling, § in which latter, under groined openings, small circular lights are introduced on either side. At the west end is a gallery, built by Thomas Turgis, occupied by the organ. Another subscription in 1675 was made for opening the church. || On

\* Arms. Azure, three water bougets or: Crest, a morion's head.

† Strype's Stow, B. 2, 152, and B. 5, 120, and Newcourt's Repertorium, p. 329.

‡ Sir Edmund Turner; Sir Robert Jeffreys, ob. 1703; Philip Jackson, ob. 1634; Peter Hoet; Jeffry Rowland; Nathaniel Latten, ob. 1682; and John Archer.

§ George Godwin's London Churches.

|| Other gifts were made by Sir Thomas Cullum; Sir Anthony Ingram, ob. 1681; Sir Henry Tulse, ob. 1689; Sir Robert Jeffreys; Dame Elizabeth Clerk, as the gift of her late husband; Dr. Nathaniel Hardy, rector; Phil. Jackson and Elizabeth his wife; Dr. John Castellan, sometime Parson; and James Church.

the 12th October, 1683, Sir Christopher Wren was to be consulted, and a lanthorn was to be put on the tower, then completed. This tower is ninety feet high; it is unadorned and divided into three storeys by moulded strings or bands of stone. The lanthorn has, however, been removed. There are two brass chandeliers, one of which, containing sixteen sockets, was given by Daniel Richardson. On the 31st May, 1694, the sum of £200 was borrowed on mortgage of the property in Lime Street, noticed hereafter, to enable the churchwardens the better to pay moneys owing for repairs, and in 1758 the parish raised £1,000 by the grant of £80 a-year annuities to six ladies for a similar purpose.

In the Public Record Office, Exchequer, Queen's Remembrancer, 4—70, London, is a neatly written return of the CHURCH GOODS, made 6 Edw. VI., giving us the full particulars not only of the ornaments then preserved and in use, but of those which had been sold.

The yere of owre lorde God 1552.

Saynte Denys Backe chyrch, John Cossen and Thomas Francke Chyrch wardens.

The andswar of John Cosen and Thomas francke chyrchwardens of the parrysh of Saynte Denys Backechyrch unto the artykylls delyverd unto us by my lorde the mayer and other of the kyngs maiestyes cōmyssyoners the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September in the vj<sup>th</sup> yere of the rayne of owre sofferayne lorde kynge Edwarde the vj<sup>th</sup> (1552).

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To the second artykyll we andswar nowe beyng chyrch wardens John Cossen and Thomas francke at thys presente theyre remaynyth in owre possesyon and costody these parsells under wryten, and bysydes these we knowe of none in any other mans possesyon.

ffyrst as foloyth.

- Item ij coppes of Sylver and gylte ffor the cōmunyon tabyll weynge 61 ownesys.
- Item j sylver pot cleane gylt ffor the cōmunyon tabyll weynge 43 ownesys and halfe.
- Item j challys of silver and gylte wayng 16 ownesys.
- Item ij pattens of sylver and gylte wayng 13 ounses.
- Item j lytyll box of sylver parsell gylt wayng 4 ounses.
- Item j greate bybyll and ij bybylls of the leaste volumes.
- Item j parrafracyes apon the gospels.
- Item j parrafracyes apon the epystylls.
- Item ij bocks ffor the sarvys.
- Item xij sanTERS.
- Item i payer of pewter candyll stycks.

- Item ij basons of pewter to take the offering in.  
 Item j pottell pot and a quart pot of pewter.  
 Item j cope of greane badkyn\* being owlde for y<sup>e</sup> parson.  
 Item j beryall cloth of goulde.  
 Item j beryall cloth of crymson velvet.  
 Item j beryall cloth of gold ffor chyl dren.  
 Item j beryall cloth of sylke for y<sup>e</sup> power (poor) and for sarvants.  
 Item ij tabyll clothes of ryche badkyn frengyd with sylk beying ffor the cōmunyon tabyll.  
 Item v dyaper towelles † ffor the comunyon tabyll.  
 Item iiij auter clouthes of lynnyn.  
 Item xxij owlde sorppelessys.  
 Item xiiij rochetes ‡ ffor lades.  
 Item ij crowes of yeron.  
 Item j owlde bell clapper.  
 Item all the payntyd cloth y<sup>t</sup> was wrytyn the whych honged before the rode lofte.  
 Item serten owled tymber, whych was left of y<sup>e</sup> rode lofte.  
 Item v bells in y<sup>e</sup> stepyll and j saunce § bell.  
 Item j payer of greate organs.  
 Item sarten owlde chestes and j owld presse in y<sup>e</sup> vestre.  
 Item in redy mony in owre handes at thys day remaynyng in the box in the chyrch ffor to pay owre clarke and condocks and ffor the reparacyons of owre chyrche . . . . . xxvj li.  
 To the thyrd we andswar that we know not nor canot fynde that any such inventory of the sayde chyrchys goodes was made and sertefyed to the offysers of the late bysshop of London or to any other, nether can we fynde or heare of any counterpayne of any suche inventory, nether any kynd of boks or rejesters makyng mencyon of any the sayde chyrch goods to be there sertenly mencyoned or exprest.  
 To the fourth we the sayde chyrch wardens do andswer that in y<sup>e</sup> yere of owre lord God 1549 then beyng chyrch (wardens) ffor the sayde yere Wylliam francklyn and renould bloke sould these parsells heare after foloyngge, for to repayre the chyrch that was neadefull and to ffornysh necessarys for the new servys.  
 Item soulde to Jaspar fysshier j crosse of sylver and parsell gylt, j pax sylver and gylt, j lytyll crosse of wode coverd wyth sylver, ij chalysys of sylver parsell gylt wyth the pattens, wayn all 225 ownneys and halfe at 5s. 5d. the ownce. lxj li. xvj d.  
 Item sould more to John Waterstone iiij ownnesys and di. and iiij d. wayght of base goulde and for serten buttens of base goulde in pearle and crosse stones. xj li. vij s. viij d.

\* Cloth of gold brocade; two green baudkyns are in the Fabric Roll of York.

† To lay on the altar with the corporal, and for wiping of hands.

‡ Surplices without sleeves for the clerk who assisted the priest at mass, or for the priest at baptisms, that two arms might be free.

§ Bell rung at the Sanctus (Holy, holy, holy).

- Item sould to John Waterstone halfe ownc 3 q<sup>trs</sup> of sylver . . . . . iij s.  
 Item soule to John Clarke and Syr Medcalfe \* ij onlde broken (*sic*) vj s. iiij d.  
 Item sould to Master Heton carvyd crestes gylt and ongylt, and ffor the crosse  
 tres . . . . . xv s. iiij d.  
 Item sould ij chrystall stones in the monster † and ffor a lestowe of an auter  
 tabyll and ffor goulde that wasted of a nemyges. . . . . xij s. iiij d.  
 Item to Thomas hale for chest of a aluter and for stone that was the fote of the  
 crosse in ye chyrch yarde . . . . . viij s. iiij d.  
 The sōm of ye mony of the sayde parsell sould by Wm. francklyn and Renowld  
 Bloke ys . . . . . lxxiiij li. xiiij s. iiij d.  
 Heare begynnuyth the charge payde forth by the sayde Wyllyam francklyn and  
 Renowld Bloke then beyng chyrch wardens as foloyth.  
 There are several entries of no great importance and then \* \* \*  
 Item payde for nayles to mend ye pucs and other thyngs . . . . . xij d.  
 Item payde for a payer greate henges for ye chyrch yard gate wayng 20<sup>li</sup> and for  
 nayls and setyng on the lock and ffor ij stapylls for the bybyll parrafracs  
 vj s. vj d.  
 Item payde to the organ keper for lys wages kepyng the organes and ffor  
 takyng owte of the pypes and for settyng them in agayne . . . . . v s. v d.  
 Item payde for ye changing of vj salters and for j od salter † and for iiij boks of  
 sternall § salmes . . . . . iiij s.  
 Item payde ffor paper ryall to make songe bokes and ffor gym gaules and coperas  
 for to make yncke and for mendyng the albes and sorppelessys . . . . . iij s.  
 Item payde for vij quyers of paper ryall and for bynding of the same in a boke  
 for the rejester . . . . . viij s.  
 Item payde for ij bokes of the sarvys in the chyrch and ffor ij pynte pots for  
 the chyrch . . . . . xiiij s. ij d.  
 Item payde for paper ffor owre bokes and ffor owre fees and for mony spente at  
 the vcytacyon and upon the synger that helpyth in the quyer . . . . . xiiij s.  
 Item payde to Jasper fyssher ffor ij coppes of sylver and gylt wayng 6l ownceys  
 at 7s. 4d. the ownc ffor the cōmnyon tabyll . . . . . xxij li. vj s. iiij d.  
 Item payde to John Waterstone goldsmyth ffor j pot of sylver and cleane gylte  
 wayng 43 ownceys di. at 7s. 1d. the ownc . . . . . xv li. viij s.  
 Summa xlii. xs. v d.  
 Summa totalis of all the payments payde forth by William franklyn and  
 Reynowld bloke ys . . . . . xlv li. iiij s. xj d.  
 To the foverth we the sayde chyrch wardens do andswar that in ye yeare of  
 owre lord God 1550 then beyng chyrch wardens Renowld Bloke and John  
 Bowle y<sup>t</sup> yeare foloyng and they sould these parsells foloyng:—  
 Item soule to Master Maunsell at bylyngs gate a hole sute of vesments || of  
 checkered velvat . . . . . liij s. iiij d.

\* Sir Nicholas Metcalfe. He was incumbent of the Wrotham Chantry.

† Monstrance.

‡ The Psalms.

§ Sternhold's.

|| This seems to include the cope, the chasuble, or chief sacrificial vestment of the Church, the dalmatic, and the tunic.

Item sould to John Heath paynter j owlde vestment of whyght chamlet	ij s. and for j vestment of brygds* satten w <sup>t</sup> a blew crosse	xx d. and for j owlde vestment of blew and yelow w <sup>t</sup> a red crosse	xvj d. all beyng [old] and lytyll worth	v s.
Item soule to John Heath paynter	vj owlde banar staves †			xij d.
Item soule to John Heath	j cope of blak velvat			x s.
Item sould to Wyllyam Peterson	j banar staffe			iiij d.
Item soule to George Daton	j banar stafe and j sauns bell			iiij s. iiiij d.
Item soule to George Mason	j owlde vesment of blak stamell ‡ and ij banner staves			ij s. j d.
Item soule to George Mason	xv brokyn lynen clothes that wer in the corporas § casys			ij s. viiiij d.
Item soule to Rafe Clarvys	groser iiij vestements of blak velvat			xxx s.

Summa v li. viij s. viiiij d.

More soule.

Item soule to Symond Torner	purse maker xviiij corporas casys of dyvers sorts and j vesment of greane badkyn wyth a crosse of collyn goulde			ix s. vj d.
Item soule to Wyllyam Lam	groser ij vestements of blak cloth of goulde and velvat damask worke			xliij s. iiiij d.
Item soule j lyttyl	vestment of bustyam ¶.			xvj d.
Item soule to Wyllyam Laud	j hole sute of vestements of red badkyn wyth egylls and harts of goulde.			iiiij li. v s. iiiij d.
Item soule to Robard y <sup>e</sup>	purse maker j hole sute off vesments of crymson velvet w <sup>t</sup> braunchyd woven gold			xii li.
Item soule more to Robard	j vestment of tynsyn ¶ y <sup>t</sup> was of y <sup>e</sup> gyfe of M <sup>tes</sup> Gayll wyth the apurtynauncys			iiij li.
Item soule to Davyd Vogan	bedmaker and hys ij felows j hole sute of blak o sylver badkyn damaske of blak and of sylver wyth the apurtynauncys			ix li.
Item soule to y <sup>e</sup> sayd Davyd	j cope ffor a chyld eallyd <i>Saynte Nycolas</i> cope.			xiiij s.
Item soule to the sane ( <i>sic</i> )	Vagam j vestement inbrodred callyd the <i>players</i> cote			iiiij s.
Item soule more to Vagam	ij alter clothes and y <sup>e</sup> curtens of connterfet cloth of goulde wyth ij ryche paynes of <i>Mary and John</i> in them			xxxiiij s. iiiij d.
Item soule more to hym	ij aulter clothes of brydges satten ij curtaynens j vesment of yelow and red sarsenet w <sup>t</sup> <i>stars and halfe mones</i> in the crosse			ix s.
Item soule to Vagam	j lyttyll vestment of greane satten ffor v s. iiiij d. j vesment			

\* Made at Bruges in Flanders.

† Banners were in general use in all processions, and in all weddings and funerals however humble, and especially on Rogation days.

‡ A kind of fine worsted.

§ A linen cloth used in the Mass.

¶ A kind of tissue, most probably fustian.

¶ A kind of satin.

- of red badkyn damask w<sup>t</sup> a *blake rosse and stachers* in yt iiij s. j lyttil vesment of blu badkyn and *red crosse with lylys* in yt at . . . . . xxj d.
- Item soulede more to hym ij lytill auter clothes of black badkyn w<sup>t</sup> *grayhoundes* of goulde and j corten of the same sute ij copes of red badkyn w<sup>t</sup> *blake affrayes* and flower of goulde . . . . . xlvij s. iiij d.
- Item soule to Gresythen y<sup>e</sup> taylor in howe lane j cope of red badkyn with *greate brokyn lyons* in the border and the flowers goulde . . . . . xxiiij s.
- Item soulede more to Vagan j cope of oulde crymson velvat and flowers of goulde and greane sylke and y<sup>e</sup> ofarys of greane sylk iiij vestments of red badkyn wyth small *flouers* of goulde and the appurtenaueys . . . . . iij li. vj s. viij d.
- Item soulede more to Vagum iiij vestements of greane badkyn bysshyps myters made in them and j cope of greane badkyn cut in y<sup>e</sup> skyrts iiij vestementes of greane badkyn w<sup>t</sup> *harts and dragons hedes* . . . . . xxxviij s. viij d.
- Item soulede to John Waterskot goldsmyth iiij ounceys iij q<sup>rs</sup> sylver y<sup>t</sup> cam of a vesmet y<sup>t</sup> was burnte . . . . . xx s. viij d.
- Item soulede to M<sup>r</sup> Donkyns in Cornhell \* the ij best sutes of vestements y<sup>e</sup> one cloth of goulde and red velvat the other ryche whyght badkyn havyng iiij copes and iij vesments in every sute . . . . . xl li.
- Item soulede to Vagan j peace of cloth of goulde that was cut of y<sup>e</sup> tabyll cloth y<sup>t</sup> servys for the cōmuniō tabyll . . . . . vj s. viij d.
- Item soulede to M<sup>rs</sup> Loueles j cosshen of oulde greane velvat and ij owlde whyghte cosshens inbroderyd that was of the gyfte of Mysterys Dygbe . . . . . xv s.
- Item soulede to Rojer Tyndale j vestement of whyght damaske w<sup>t</sup> ryche sters and w<sup>t</sup> flouers of goulde and w<sup>t</sup> seyntveyon theyre on and iiij curtayns of whyght sarsenet fyne and newe y<sup>t</sup> perteynyd unto the alters, ij auter clothes of whyghte sarsenet w<sup>t</sup> red demy crossys . . . . . xlvij s. iiij d.
- Item soulede to Davyd Vaghan iiij auter clothes of whyght badkyn w<sup>t</sup> ij rychet paynes of cloth of golde iiij of them and for ij payer of oulde brokyn curtens of sarsnet . . . . . iij li. ij s. iiij d.
- Item soulede to M<sup>rs</sup> Eaton j cope of greane badkyn w<sup>t</sup> blew floers of goulde and the flowers of goulde j vestement of crymsyn velvat w<sup>t</sup> a blew crosse yn yt and greate flouers of goulde and j vestement of blew damaske at v s. and j vesment of greane badkyn wyth *popyn jayes and doges* in the crosse . . . . . xxxiiij s.
- Item soulede to Thomas Sharpe bed maker ij of the beste auter clothes of goulde conteynyng x yardes and halfe at xv s. viij d. the yarde. Summa viij li. iiij s. vj d.
- Item soulede to M<sup>r</sup> Donkyns in Cornhell the cloth of badkyn callyd a care-cloth † . . . . . xl s.
- Item soulede rotten bannars ffor . . . . . v s. iiij d.
- Item soulede to John Heath payntyd cloths as the vale cloth of *Saynt John avangelyste* and y<sup>e</sup> cortens of payntyd cloth and auter clothes and peacys of

\* Robert Donkin bought Waterbearers' Hall and gave it to St. Michael's, Cornhill.

† Held over the bride and bridegroom's heads at marriage.

oulde staynyd clothes y<sup>t</sup> coverd images conteynyng lxxxvj yardes at ij d. the  
 yarde . . . . . xiiij s. iiij d.  
 Item soule to John Heath j tabyll of wayneskot that imagys wer payntyd  
 in . . . . . xx d.  
 Item soule to Thomas Unkyll j oulde lynen tabyll cloth . . . . . ix d.  
 Item soule to Thomas Staynyngs j tabell cloth of lynen . . . . . viij d.  
 Item soule to Harry the paynter xx yardes of payntyd clothes at ij d. the  
 yarde . . . . . iiij s. iiij d.  
 Item soule staynd peacys of lynnen cloth as brokyn napkyns and other lynen  
 clothes . . . . . xij d.  
 Item soule to Davyd Waghan serten apparylles y<sup>t</sup> wer appon y<sup>e</sup> aubes and ffor y<sup>e</sup>  
 stole and fanylls\* and also ffor serten peacys that was cut off the cannype  
 cloth in convertyng yt to a beryall cloth . . . . . xs. iiij d.  
 Summa j<sup>e</sup> v li. xij d.

## More soulde.

Item soule to Davyd Waghan j vestment of raged damask xij d. j chyldes cope  
 of broken sarsenet xij d. j vestment of rotten red velvat w<sup>t</sup> rosys in y<sup>e</sup>  
 crosse xij d. . . . . iiij s.  
 Item soule more to Davyd Waghan j vestement of owlde red velvat w<sup>t</sup> a crosse  
 of greane sarsenet sore brokyn ij alter clothes of whyght damask w<sup>t</sup> *thasomayon*  
 (assumption) imbrothred and ij payer oulde cortens of sarsnet . xliij s. viij d.  
 Item soule mor to Waghan j short polpet cloth of blew badkyn beyng callyd  
*erard* cloth, j cloth of greane badkyn w<sup>t</sup> letters theyrein wroughte, iiij veste-  
 ments of corse greane badkyn with sytyng lyons in yt . . . . . xvij s. iiij d.  
 Item soule to Thomas Sharpe j peace of ryghte cloth of golde yt wente abowte  
 y<sup>e</sup> sepoulter † conteynyng ij yardes q<sup>tr</sup> and halfe at xj s. iiij d. yarde sore  
 dropyd w<sup>t</sup> wex . . . . . xxvj s. viij d.  
 Item soule to a sadler in bysshope gate streate ij copes off blak velvat . . . . . xx s.  
 Item soule ij<sup>e</sup> q<sup>r</sup> and halfe of marbelers mettall that was upon the graves and  
 upon y<sup>e</sup> tombs ‡ sould in lad lane at xxvj s. viij d. the c. . . . . iiij li. iiij s. iiij d.  
 Item soule j payer of small orgaynes wyth thappurtynancys to a portyn-  
 gale § . . . . . xxix s.  
 Item soule to John Dymock y<sup>e</sup> beame of y<sup>e</sup> rode lofte y<sup>e</sup> rode beme xiiij s. iiij d.  
 Item soule to Rychard Kele stasyoner y<sup>e</sup> owld latten boks . . . . . xl s.  
 Item soule ij steps of stone marbeler at Powles . . . . . iiij s. vj d.  
 Item sould to George Smyth j stone wyth a mortys . . . . . xvj d.  
 Item soule to Thomas Unckyll j cheaste that dyd louge to the *morornemas*  
 alter . . . . . iiij s.  
 Item soule to George Eaton xlvj fote of owlde glasse || at j d. the fote iiij s. x d.

\* The fanon or maniple.

† The Easter sepulchre.

‡ The brasses thus destroyed must have been numerous.

§ A Portuguese.

|| Most probably the painted glass of the windows. The whole sold measured 162 feet.



Item sould to John Reade paynter xliij fote ould glass . . . . .	iiij s. iiij d.
Item sould to John Hale Smyth xx fote owld glasse . . . . .	xx d.
Item sould to John Stanton xx fote of ould glasse . . . . .	iiij s. iiij d.
Item sould to Reynould Bloke xxxiiij fote ould glasse . . . . .	ij s. x d.
Item sould to Wyllyam Hetherley j owld streme and j ould banor stole for to syt in iiij d. . . . .	ij s. iiij d.
Item sould ij sanctus bell * . . . . .	iiij s.
Item sold to John Methryngam j torche . . . . .	xvij d.
Item sould to George Mason j torch . . . . .	xvij d.
Item sould to M <sup>r</sup> George Eaton j torche . . . . .	xx d.
Item sould to Master Asshely ij torches . . . . .	ij s. viij d.
Item sould to Thomas Smyth j torch . . . . .	xvij d.
Item sould to John Heath j torche . . . . .	xvij d.
Item sould to Water Browne j torche . . . . .	xv d.
Item sould to Wyllyam Hayles j torche . . . . .	ix d.
Item sould to Reynould Bloke j torche . . . . .	vj d.
Item sould to Pattryke Cewe j tortche . . . . .	n <sup>l</sup> .
Item sould to Harry May j tortche . . . . .	ix d.
Item sould to John Methryngam j tortche . . . . .	x d.
Item sould to John Cossen j tortche . . . . .	vj d.
Item sould to the Parson j tortche . . . . .	n <sup>l</sup> .
Item sould to John Bowle j tortche † . . . . .	ix d.

Summa xv li. v s. ix d.

The totall summa of the money that the parsells sould by Reynoulde Blowke and John Bowell then beyng chyrchwardens ys . . . . . I c. xxv li. xiiij s. v d.

Hereafter foloyth the payments payde forth as by Reynould Bloke and John Bowell beyng then chyrch wardens in y<sup>e</sup> yeare of oure lord God 1550. Among them are these.

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Nessary reparacyons.

Item payde ffor xij hassocks and ffor mates ffor the commnyon tabyll iiij s. ij d.	
Item payde to Hennington for seuyng y <sup>e</sup> fryngs upon the tabyll cloth that servyth for the commnyon table . . . . .	viij d.
Item payde ffor j greate testament and for j boke of the omyleys (Homilies) . . . . .	iiij s. viij d.
Item payde for ij bybylls of the smaler sorte and for the parafracs upon the epystylls † . . . . .	xx s.
Item payde ffor wrytyng the inventory of the chyrch goodes in to the greate boke . . . . .	ij s. iiij d.

Making the summa xj li. xv s. xj d.

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Heare foloyth the raparacyons and charge upon the chyrch the xv<sup>th</sup> day of March in alteryng of the same. Among the payments are these.

\* The bells rung at the elevation of the Host. They were outside the church.

† Making together 16 torches. ‡ Most probably Erasmus.

Item payde j to Wyllyam Chease for garnyssyng of the breall cloth that was made of the canypy cloth xvij s. iiij d. and to John Sharp ffor the lynyng of the beryall cloth that was made of ye canype cloth and ffor (fur) on the frenge . . . . . iij s. iiij d.

Summa of bothe ys xxj s. viij d.

Item payde for makyng of xiiij sorplessys of ould allbes yt longegyde to the chyrch xvij s. and ffor makyng of viij rochets of the same albes . . . . . viij s.

Summa of bothe xxvj s.

Item payde ffor bokes of Tedeum of v partes and for ye mayers offyser for warnyng of George Smyth before ye mayer . . . . . xvij d.

Item payde to Kettyll goldsmyth for myltyng of sylver yt cam of a vestment that was burnt . . . . . xij d.

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Summa totalis of the paymentes layde oute by us John Bowlle and Renould Blowke j<sup>c</sup> li. xj s. vj d. ob.

To the fonerth we the sayde chyrch wardens do andswer in the yeare of owre lord God 1551 then beyng chyrchwardens Thomas Unkull and John Cossen for ye yeare folounge they soule these parsells foloyng.

Item sould to Wyllyam Harrys and Thomas Taylor ij ould copes of sarsenet red and greane w<sup>t</sup> garters on y<sup>m</sup>; iij ould vestments of sarsenet red and greane w<sup>t</sup> garters on ym; j ould vestement of greane badkyn w<sup>t</sup> *orate pro anima*; j ould vestement of greane badkyn w<sup>t</sup> *dogs* in *the crosse*; j ould vestement of greane badkyn w<sup>t</sup> *lyons and popynges*; j ould vestement of wyth *rosys* and *salutacyons*, ij ould satten auter clothes and ij curtens of sarsenet . . . . . xxv s.

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Summa of the mony of these parsells soule by Thomas Unkell and John Cozen then beyng Churchwardens . . . . . lj s. viij d.

Paymentes of the sayde Thomas Unckyll and John Cosen beyng then Chyrchwardens in ye yere of owre lorde God 1551.

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Item payde ffor a bell rope ffor the saunce bell . . . . . xij d.

Item payde to Master Hewe for tewnyng of ye orgaynes . . . . . xx d.

Item payde to John Phylep carpenter ffor a borde ffor workmanshype and for mendyng ye pulpit . . . . . viij d.

Item p<sup>d</sup> for ij bell ropes for ij of ye greate bells xliij yards . . . . . iiij s.

\* . . . \* . . . \* . . . \* . . . \*

Ffor alteryng and mendyng of serten new pues to make them for women that wer fformes ye x of June two sums amonntyng to 51s. 2d.

By another paper\* it appears that there were 63 oz. of plate, of which 59 $\frac{1}{4}$  oz. were gilt and 4 oz. in silver, and that there were no ornaments delivered, but were sold for 6s. 8d. and the ready money found was £17 16s.

\* Land revenue. Church goods. Bundle 445, No. 13.

In the 1st Elizabeth the zeal of the people in the destruction of images ran to excess. Not only images, but rood-lofts, relics, sepulchres, books, banners, copes, vestments, and altar-cloths not already disposed of were committed to the fire, and that with such shouting and applause of the vulgar sort as if it had been the sacking of some hostile city.\* “Not many dayes after this fying of images and church ornaments in London (5th September, 1559), a mightie tempest did rise, which continued about three houres; in the end whereof a thunder clapp and flash of lightening brake foorth more feareful than any that wer before; and at the very same instant one of the south doors and alsoe the vestric doore of Saint Dionyse Church, in Fanchurch Streete, wer beaten thorough and broken. Likewise the spire of All-hallow Church, in Breed Streete, being then of stone, was smitten aboute ten foote beneath the topp, from which place a stone was strucke that slew a dogg, and overthrew a man, with whom the dogg played. The accident was at that time esteemed prodigious by some whose affections rann with a bias, onely because it ensued soe greate actiones of change.”†

The following is a list of the PLATE as it now exists:—

1. A flagon (39 oz.) inscribed “The gift of Edward Cooke, apothecarie, to S. Dionis Backchurch, A.D. 1632.”

2. A flagon (37 oz.) inscribed “the gift of y<sup>e</sup> Rev<sup>d</sup>. father in God John Warner,‡ l. Bp. of Rochester, late parson of the parish of S. Dionis Backchurch.” 1642.

3. A large chalice (17 oz.), paten, and spoon (4 oz.) the chalice inscribed “This chalice, with a paten and spoon, is dedicated to be used for the service of the Lord’s Supper, in S. Dionis Backchurch. 1671.”

The register of benefactors states that Mr. Philip Jackson, on the behalf of a friend (1671) of his, whose name was not to be made known, gave this.

4. A large chalice (16 oz. 15 dwt.) and paten,§ the chalice inscribed “The gift of Mr. Petar Hoet y<sup>e</sup> elder to the parish of S. Dionys Backchurch London the 6th day of June 1674.”

5. An offertory bason (35 oz.) with a like inscription.

6. Two chalices (26 oz.) with patens (9 oz.), the chalices inscribed “The gift of Mrs. Frances Gay to the parish of S. Dionis Backchurch, daughter of Miles Whistler, late parish clerk to this parish. 1767.”


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\* *Machyn’s Diary. Camd. Soc.* 1847, p. 209.

† *Hayward’s Annals of Queen Elizabeth*, Camden Society’s Publications, 1840, p. 29.

‡ He was Rector from 26th September, 1625, till he was made Bishop 14th January, 1637.

§ The two weigh 12 oz. 12 dwts.

7. A large paten (11 oz.), a bread plate without inscription, but with the hall mark , in old English, which is 1762.

The register of benefactors records that, in 1635, John Clarke, Doctor in Physick, gave one silver cup only marked with the touch, but this is not now in the possession of the parish.

THE ORGAN.—The first steps for erecting this after the Reformation or Fire seem to have been taken in the year 1722, when a subscription was set on foot and a committee appointed by the vestry for that purpose, the Rev. John Smith, D.D., being rector. In the same year the committee were empowered to enter into a contract with Mr. Renatus Harris,\* an organ builder, and to obtain a faculty from the ecclesiastical authorities.

The sum raised by voluntary subscription for the erection of the organ, and for every expense connected with it, amounted to £741 9s., Mr. Deputy Hankey (afterwards Sir Henry Hankey, Knight and Alderman,) taking charge of the several contributions, a detailed list of which is preserved in the parish ledger.

During the year 1723 the only entries relative to the organ are three payments in advance to Mr. Renatus Harris, who, when in the following year he was paid the balance due to him, appears to have received from beginning to end the sum of £525 for the instrument.†

In 1724 the organ was ordered to be opened on the second Sunday in June, and Mr. Philip Hart was chosen the first organist. There is an entry in the parish ledger, June 15th, that £10 10s. was paid for singing two anthems. The organ continued nearly in its original state till 1867, when Messrs. Gray and Davison were instructed to rebuild it at a cost not exceeding £200. It was reopened on 7th February, 1868, by Mr. George Cooper, the organist of H.M. Chapel Royal, St. James's.

BELLS.—In 1727 a sum of £479 10s. was raised by subscription for bells, Robert Williams, mercer, having given £25 for one. They have inscriptions. The bell is rung at 8 o'clock A.M. from Lady-day

\* Dr. Rimbault, in his *History of the Organ* (pp. 100-1), is, therefore, in error in ascribing the building of this organ to the firm of Messrs. Byfield, Jordan, and Bridge.

† The parish ledger mentions that on September 18th, 1724, the sum of £52 10s. was paid to "Jno. Harris for some additions and to take care of it for five years."

to Michaelmas, and at 9 A.M. the rest of the year, except on Wednesdays and Fridays, when 11 o'clock is the time.\*

Four small SYRINGES, to put out fires, are kept in the vestry. They are of the form used before the hand-engines now in use. They are 20 feet in length.

CHARITIES, &c.—On 28th April, 1349, John Wrotham, fishmonger and citizen, gave by will tenements in Balle Alley, in St. Stephen's Coleman Street and St. Margaret's Lothbury for the finding of two priests in this church; and Maude Bromeholme, in 1461, gave lands and tenements in St. Botolph's Bishopsgate Street, to find a priest and keep an obit. The will of John Derby, alderman and citizen and clothworker of London, and a freeman,† dated 17th February, 1478 (18th Edward IV.) gives a house, garden, and premises, which form the boundaries and abuttals, as described in the will, and appear to have been on the west side of St. Andrew Hubbard, otherwise Philpot Lane, and other tenements, after the death of his wife, to the rector and churchwardens for the time being, to provide two chaplains for the chapel which he had founded in the parish church, to say masses for the soul of himself and other uses, viz., to keep the obit or anniversary of his death and of the deaths of his late wife and his then present wife, and to distribute 13s. 4d. on such obits between the rector, chaplains, clerk, and poor attending such services as are particularly mentioned. Thomas Bonauntie, Thomas Hodson, and John Hudson gave rents for an obit, and Giles de Kelseye, in 1477, also a tenement for a lamp.

This property came within the statutes of 37 Henry VIII. cap. 4, and 1st Edward VI. cap. 14, vesting all existing foundations and endowments for the maintenance of chaplains to say masses for the souls of the dead and for lights or lamps absolutely in the Crown. We thus find it returned in the Certificates of Colleges, Chantries, &c.‡ made 9th January, 1 Edward VI. (1548):—

The parochie of St. Dennes Backchurche.

*John Darby* sumtymes Alderman of London by his laste will gave unto the

\* *Notes and Queries*, 3rd Series, vol. vi. p. 182.

There used to be chimnes within memory, but the machinery and all have disappeared.

† Inrolled Roll 210, m. 3. *Notes and Queries*, 3 Series, vol. vi. p. 114.

‡ Exchequer Augmentation Office. Certificate 34. No. 114.

parson and wardens ther to fynde two priests and to kepe an obite for his soule for ever landes and teñts (tenements) amountyng to xiiij li.

Whereof to James Sewcaunt Prieste *	vij li.	vj s. viij d.
„ Spent upon thobite . . . . .		xxx s. iiij d.
„ to the wardens at the same obite . . . . .		xvj s. viij d.
„ to the Lady Ferres for quitrent . . . . .		xxvj s. viij d.

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xl li.      iiij d.

And there remayneth clere . . . . . xxxix s. viij d.

*Mande Broincheholme* gave to the same parson and wardens to fynde a priest and kepe an obite for ever landes and teñts amountyng to cvij s. iiij d.

Whereof spent upon thobite . . . . . xij d.

And there remayneth clere . . . . . cvj s. iiij d.

*John Wrotham* gave for the ffyndyng of two priestes to the parson and wardens before mencyoned landes and teñts amountyng to . xv li. vij s. iiij d.

Whereof to Nicholas Metcalffe priest . . . . . viij li. xiiij s. iiij d.

„ spent upon thobite . . . . . xxiiij d.

„ to the kyng for quitrent . . . . . x s.

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ix li.      vj s.      iiij d.

And there remayneth clere . . . . . vj li.      xiiij d.

*Thomas Bonauntic* gave unto the parson and wardens to kepe an obite for ever one annuall rent goyng oute of a teñt in the same parische called *Starre over the hope* by yere . . . . . x s.

*Thomas Hodson* and *John Hudson* gave to the parson and wardens before named to kepe an obite for ther soules for ever one annuall rent by yere

xvj s. viij d.

To the kyngs Majestey for quitrent . . . . . ij s.

And there remayneth clere . . . . . xiiij s. viij d.

*Giles Kelsey* gave unto the parson and wardens to fynde a lampe for ever one teñt by yere . . . . . xl s.

Memor.

Ther is of howselyng people † w<sup>th</sup>in the seid parische the number of cccc persones.‡

Thomas Barfore prieste § is parson of the seid Church and therly value of the same parsonage is xxv li. and the same parson attendyng the cure hymself fyndeth no other priest hym but in tyme of necessite.

\* He had a yearly pension of 100s., and was alive at Cardinal Pole's Pension-list Return 24th February, 1555-6.

† Capable of taking the Sacrament.

‡ In 1732 there were 120 houses. In 1800 there were 138 with 418 males and 449 females. In 1831 there were 124 houses inhabited by 173 families, of whom 400 were males and 410 females. In 1861 they had fallen to 109 houses, occupied by 534 persons, of whom 217 were males and 317 females.

§ He was L. B. and rector from 22 December, 1530, but died in the year 1548.

We find the following entries of the sales of these lands :—

Parcel of the lands and possessions \* founded in the parish of St. Dionis Backechurche in ffanchurche strete in the city of London.

In the parish of St. Stephen in Colman Strete in the city of London of the gyft of John Wrotham fishmonger and citizen of London.

The rent and farm of one Angiport called Balle Alley in the parish of St. Stephen in Colman Strete London, and nine cotages or tenements with their appurtenances in the said Angiport called Balle Alley videlit. one tenement or cottage with the shop and other the appurtenances in the tenure of John Wright xxx s. j cottage in the tenure of Richard Hochonson viij s. another cottage in the tenure of the same Richard Hochonson vj s. viij d. another cottage in the tenure of the same Richard Hochonson vj s. viij d. one cottage lately in the tenure of the widow Herring v s. one cottage in the tenure of Walter Tupp viij s. one cottage in the tenure of Richard Lichefelde viij s. one cottage in the tenure of the aforesaid Richard Hochonson viij s. and one cottage in the tenure of John Pilton viij s. which said several tenements and cottages were given and bequeathed to the said church of St. Dionis Backechurche among others to the rector there and the churchwardens of the same parish by a certain John Wrotham under the name of a Brewhouse and with all utensils and all its appurtenances with the land in the said parish of St. Stephen Colmanstreet London, situate between the tenement of John King on the south now or lately in the tenure or occupation of Sir — Long and the tenements of Thomas Graphigg on the north in the tenure of Richard Hockonson : To hold the said tenements and rent with the utensils and all the appurtenances to the aforesaid Rector and churchwardens of the said church of St. Dionis and their successors freely fully quietly and peacefully to sustain for ever sufficiently all the houses and the aforesaid tenements or cottages and to find two fit chaplains to celebrate divine service in the said church of St. Dionis for the said John Wrotham and for the souls of his father and mother brothers and sisters and all the faithful dead for ever according to the last testament or will of the said John made on Wednesday after the feast of St. Mark the Evangelist (20th April) and in the year of our Lord 1349 to be held at the will of the King, and paying yearly at the four usual principal days of payment £4 8s. 4d.

Memorandum “there is a former particular of the premysses made to Sr Wymounde Carewe emongest other possessions perteyning to the saide churche of Saynte Dennes, and the saide londes and tenements were gyve and graunted for the fynding of twooe chapellaynes emongst other to praye for the soules of the founder his father and mother brytherne and sesterne and for all christian soules as above is declared and as may also appeare in the foundation of the saide churche.”

On 6th June, 1548, these were valued for Richard Hochonson, of London, gentleman :—

The cler yearly value of the premisses iiij li. viij s. iiij d. which rated at xvj years purchas amounteth to . . . . lxx li. xiiij s. iiij d.

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\* Particulars for Grants, 2 Edw. VI., Sir Thomas Bell and Richard Duke grantees.

To be paid all in hand.

The King's Majestic to discharge the purchaser of all incumbrances except leases and the covenants in the same.

The tenure in socage or free burgage.

The purchaser to have thissues from Easter last.

In the parish of St. Margarete, Lothebury, London.\*

The rent of one tenement there with all its appurtenances in the tenure of William Vryne from year to year . . . . . lxxv s. viij d.

The rent of one other tenement there with all its appurtenances in the tenure of Christopher Stubbes from year to year . . . . . xxxix s.

Total cv s. viij d.

Memor<sup>d</sup> these tenements amongst other were given by John Wrotham to finde two prests to singe for ever.

On 20th July, 1548, the tenements were thus valued to Henry Coddendam, of London, gentleman, and William Pendred, of London, haberdassher and Founder, who applied for a grant of them.

The clere yerelic value of the premisses . . . . . cv s. viij d.  
which rated at xv yeres purchase amountethe . . . . . lxxxix li. v s.

To be paide all in hande.

The Kings Majestic to discharge the purchaser of all incumbrances except leases and the covenants in the same.

The tenure in socage or free burgage.

The purchaser to have thissues from Easter laste.

Parish of St. Botolph without Bishop's Gate, London.†

The farm of one tenement with the appurtenances situate and being in the said parish in the tenure of Peter Crowch from year to year yielding for same per annum . . . . . liij s. iiij d.

M<sup>d</sup> this tenement amongst other was gyven by Mande Bromhole towards the fynding of a prest and for an yerely anymadversary for ever, whiche said tenement is verely muche in decaye.

On 13th April, 1549, it was valued for Edward Walshe,‡ but was granted, on application made 26th June, 1549, by John Hulson of London, scrivener, and the before named William Pendred.

The clere yerlye value of the premiss is . . . . . liij s. iiij d.  
which rated at xiiij yeres purchase amounteth to . . . . . xxxvij li. vj s. viij d.

To be paide all in hand.

The Kings Majestic to discharge the purchaser of all incumbrances except leases and the covenants in the same.

The tenure in socage or freeburgage.

The purchaser to have thissues from our Laidy day last.

The rent of one tenement there with all its appurtenances in the parish of St.

\* Particulars for Grants, 2 Edw. VI. Henry Coddendam, William Pendred, grantees.

† Ibid. 3 Edw. VI. John Hulson, William Pendred, grantees (section 2).

‡ He was, I believe, a servant of Sir Edward (then Mr.) Osborne.



Botolph without Bishopsgate in the tenure of the widow Rycrofte from year to year paying for same \* . . . . . xiiij s.

xij yeres purchase viij li. viij s.

Memorandum thys tenement amongst other was geven by Mawde Bromholm to fynd a prest and to kepe an obit for her soul for ever.

Valued 23rd July, 1549, for Robert Bull.

The Kings Majestie to discharge the purchaser of all incombraunces except leasses and the covenantes in the same, and except the rents above allowed.

The tenure in socage.

The purchaser to have thissues from the feast of Thammunciacon of our Lady last paste.

In the parish of St. Dionis Backechurch.† The farm of all that messuage or tenement, with all cellars and houses called warehouses, gardens, with the backeyarde and backegate, and all their appurtenances lying in the parish aforesaid, in which tenement George Heton then dwelt, and let to Benjamin Digby, in as ample form and manner as *John Darby gave the same tenement with the appurtenances to the church of St. Dionis Backechurche.*

Let by Indenture, dated 10th February, 20 Henry VII., 1505, for 90 years, from the feast of the Nativity then last past, fully to be complete and ended, the sum payable quarterly being £8.

The value of the stock.

Memorandum.—This tenement was geven amongst other by John Darby, sumtymes alderman of London, to sing for his sole for ever.

Item I have made a partyculer of the premisses to Sir Wymond Carewe by vertue of a former letter to me directed.

Item ther is belonging to the same tenement a stocke which in parcelles followeithe—

furste in the hall a fyre panne of yron of vj quarters and iiij wheles preased at . . . . . iii s. iiij d.

Item in the chamber called *Jerusalem Chamber* a standyng bedde and a senyng bedde ‡ preased at . . . . . xij d.

Item in the kytchyn entery a standyng lator of pewter wt iiij spowtes preased at . . . . . iiij s.

Item a sesterne of leadde wt a cocke of latten into the kytchyn, preased at . . . . . iiij s. iiij d.

Item two dressers preased at . . . . . ij d.

Item the sheffes in the larder howse and a bredde bynne in the buttery with iiij romes in the same preased at . . . . . iiij d.

Item in the seller a candell chest and two ale giftes preased at . . . . . ij d.

Item in the fore cowrte a sesterne of leadde preased . . . . . v s.

Item in thest yarde a latten cocke standyng in the wall preased at . . . . . viij d.

\* Particulars for Grants, 4 Edw. VI. sec. 2, Thomas Reve and Henry Herdson grantees.

† Ibid. 2 Edw. VI. George Heton, grantee.

‡ A folding bed?

Item in the meynes chamber over the gate a standyng presse and iij powles standyng in the drying lofte clasped with yron into peeces of tymber preased at . . . . . vijj d.

Making a total of xvij s. vijj d.

Memorandum that the tenaunte haith by vertue of his lease all the ymplements aforesaid duryng the tyme in the seid lease mencyoned, and in thende of the seid time to redelyver the same (alweys resonable were and wast of the same to be allowed).

On 9th May, 1548, the premises were valued and granted to George Heton, of London, merchaunt tayllor.

The clere yerlic value of the premisses vijj li. which rated at xxi yerres purchas amounteth to . . . . . clxvijj li.

Add ther unto the said stocke being . . . . . xvijj s. vijj d.

And there is the somme to be paid . . . . . clxvijj li. xvijj s. vijj d.

To be paid all in hand.

The Kings Majestic to discharge the purchaser of all incumbrances except leasses and the covenants in the same.

The tenure in socage or free burgage.

The purchaser to have the issues from Easter last.

Parish of St. Dionis Backchurch.\*

The rent of one tenement there let to Edward Scysson, by indenture, per annum . . . . . xls.

The rent of another tenement there let to William Brown, by indenture, per annum . . . . . xls.

Total iijj li.

Memorandum, these tenements were gyven for the fynding of obitts, lights, and lampes, and there is a former particler delyvered of the tenement in the tenure of William Browne to Thomas Chamberleyn.

There are five sums or entries for other churches, and at the foot the following is appended—29th January, 1549, valued for Charles Belfeld:—

The clere yerely valewe of the premysses is . . . . . xxijj li. vj s. vijj d.  
which rated at xiiij yerres purchas amounteth to . . . . . ccxxv li. xiiij s. iij d.

To be paid all in hande.

The Kings Majestic to discharge the purchaser of all incombrances except leases and the covenants in the same. The tenure in socage or free burgage. The purchaser to have the issues from Mighelmas last.

There were also in this parish one tenement given for an obit at St. Margaret Moyses, and four tenements in Lime Street—partly in St. Andrew's Undershaft—belonging to Walden Chantry in St. Paul's, and one tenement to Dean Moore's chantry there.†

\* Particulars for Grants, 3 Edw. VI. (section 2). Richard Were, Bartholomew Gibbs, grantees.

† These were sold 14th January, 1615, to Edmund Duffield and John Babington, Esquires, and a fee farm rent of 80s. was sold by the Commis-

The following is the property still belonging to the parish:—

By the will of Giles de Kelseye, dated 18th February, 1377,\* (1st Richard II.), he bequeaths to the rector of St. Dionis, for tithes and oblations forgotten, 13s. 4d., and he goes on to say:—"I devise to my executors all my tenements with the appurtenances situate in Lime Street, in London, between the tenement of Richard Preston on the one part and the tenement late of John de Stodey on the other part, and the said street of Lime Street on the east part, and the place called Leadenhall on the west part, to have and to hold to my said executors, from the time of my decease unto the end of ten years then next following fully to be complete, to find thereout and sustain a lamp burning every day and night before the high altar in the aforesaid church of St. Dionis, which said tenement with the appurtenances, after the said ten years fully completed, I devise to remain to the rector and parishioners of the aforesaid church of St. Dionis and their successors, rectors, and parishioners for the time being, to find thereout and sustain the lamp aforesaid burning every day and night before the aforesaid high altar for ever, and the whole of the profits arising from the aforesaid tenement beyond the sustentation of the lamp aforesaid, and the reparation and sustentation of the tenement aforesaid, I leave for the amending and sustentation of the books, vestments, and ornaments of the aforesaid church."

The use of this property (except so far as it found a lamp) did not come within the statutes for preventing superstitious uses,† and it is still enjoyed by the parish; it is Nos. 9, 10, and 11, Lime Street, and warehouse and stable in Leadenhall Place, and is let to Mr. Charles White for £540 a-year, and a small part of Leadenhall Place, sold January 15th, 1857, to the Corporation for £540, and the Rectory House behind the Church, now used as an infant school.

The citizens of London by their custom, confirmed by the Charter of Edward III., had liberty to devise their lands in mortmain or otherwise as they were wont in former times, and by special custom the

sioners, 24th March, 1650, to Bryan Bromeley, of Barnard's Inn, Gentleman.—Augmentation office; counterparts of deeds of sale of fee farm rents, B. 2, No. 11, Bromeley.

\* Court of Hustings. The abstract of these wills is printed in *Notes and Queries*, 3 Ser. vol. vi. p. 104.

† Report of Edward B. Hook, Esq., Vestry Clerk, 19th March, 1857.

parson and churchwardens are a corporation to purchase and demise their lands.\*

It was stated in an old Table of benefactors that in 1490 William Bacon, Alderman, gave the houses in Lime Street to the use of the poor for ever; but no will can be found.

There is however a house, No. 25, Philpot Lane (formerly two houses), devised by the will of John Haddocke, glazier, dated 27th May, 1500.

And, in 1703, when there was a great revival of religion in London, Sir Robert Geffery, Knt., left £400 to the Ironmongers' Company to purchase land and pay a sum to the rector or curate for performing service twice daily, and £2 10s. to the clerk.† The premises were in the Strand, and pulled down in 1838.

REGISTERS.—These commence in October, 1538, immediately on the order, and are perfect; for during the Commonwealth, on 25th September, 1653, the parish clerk, John Bedford, was chosen registrar, and he kept all the entries in the original books. During the whole of the Commonwealth also the church was largely resorted to by persons from a distance for MARRIAGES. Thus we find, 12 Feb. 165 $\frac{1}{2}$ , the marriage of Charles Lord St. John and Lady Mary Leppington; on 8th April, 1657, Sir Thomas Chamberleyn of Oxfordshire and Mrs. Margaret Prideaux, daughter of the Attorney-General;‡ on 18th February, 165 $\frac{1}{3}$ , Francis Warner of St. Giles, and Anne Pettas of Covent Garden, baronetess; on 16th May, 1660, Sir George Blundell, of Cardington Manor, Beds, and Mrs. Elizabeth Yardley, daughter of Christopher Yardley of Greenwich, Kent; on 6th April, 1665, Charles Pelham of Brocklesby and Elizabeth Pelham of Covent Gar-

\* Bohn's *Privilegia Londini*, pp. 12-90.

† *Notes and Queries*, 3 Series, vol. vi. p. 182. There had been a lecturer chosen under the authority of George Hume, rector, dated 25th August, 1642, to lecture in the afternoons of Sundays and Fast days for one year from Michaelmas, but they were renewable, provided that he read divine service according to the rubric of the Common Prayer Book on the first Sunday of his teaching, and the first Sunday of every quarter, but he was not without consent to depute any one to preach in his stead nor perform any other ministerial act within the parish. Addl. MSS. No. 5489, fol. 69.

‡ Edmond Prideaux was Attorney-General from the death of the King till his own death in 1659.

den;\* and also a marriage of Mr. Molyneux † of Surrey to Miss More; whilst, in 1690, we find that John Loudon of St. Martin-in-the-fields followed most strictly the rubric by having his banns published “on three several Sundays or holydays,” viz., Whit-Sunday, 12th, Whit-Monday the 13th, and Whit-Tuesday the 14th May, and was quickly married by the Rector on the Thursday following, the 16th.

The first book ends in 1736. The register of BAPTISMS contains nothing of importance. There are several entries of foundlings called after the parish Dionis, and, about 1690, is a notice of the ceremony having taken place at the font.

The BURIALS contain notices of the large number of deaths in the years of plague. In 1563 there are recorded 33 burials in August, 64 in September, 41 in October, and some up to 8th November. In 1593 they occur from July to November; in 1625, in the months of July, August, September, and October, and in 1665, from 8th September till the end of October. The last burial was of the well-known surgeon, Astley Cooper Key, in the large vault, in 1851.

The living did belong to the prior and canons of Canterbury, but at the Reformation, 1540, it came to the Dean and Chapter of Canterbury, the present patrons. It is one of the thirteen peculiars of the Archbishop in London.

A list is given in Newcourt of twenty-seven Rectors between 1288 and 1680, and the following are those subsequent:—

- 22nd May, 1680 to 1715, Lionel Gatford, D.D., when he died.  
 1715 to 1717, John Grandoge, D.D.  
 1717 to 1756, John Smith, D.D., President of Queen’s College, Oxon, Prebendary of St. Paul’s.
- 24th Dec. 1756 to 1775, Thomas Curteis, when he died.  
 September, 1775 to 1782, William Tatton, D.D., when he died.
- 23rd July, 1782 to 1803, John Lynch, D.C.L., Archdeacon and Prebendary of Canterbury. He died in 1803.
- May 1803 to 1804, William Girmingham, M.A.  
 1804 to 1815, E. Walsby.

\* Fourth daughter of Sir Thomas Pelham of Laughton, Sussex, by his first wife.

† Of the family long settled at Loseley.

1815 to 1828, The Hon. Henry Lewis Hobart, D.D., Dean of Windsor. He died 1846.

1828 to 1852, The Hon. George Pellew, D.D., Dean of Norwich and Prebendary of York, who died 1866.

1853 William Harle Lyall, M.A.,\*

to whom I am indebted for several of the particulars relating to the registers, organ, church-plate, property, &c. of the parish.

FAMILIES.—In early times Fenchurch Street had several good houses. At Denmark House the Russian ambassador was lodged and magnificently entertained in the reign of Mary. In the old church were monuments to *John Paget*, Merchant Taylor and Sheriff in 1536; to *Sir James Harvey*, Lord Mayor, whose wife left a sum still distributed on Maundy Thursday; and *Sir Edward Osborne*, who had been Lord Mayor in 1596, and was the ancestor of the Earls of Danby, subsequently created Dukes of Leeds. On the 6th December, in 1559, Henry Machyn in his Diary † says, “there was bered in Sant Dennys parryche in Fanchurche Stret, the chyrche and the quire hangyd with blake and armes, and the plasse and the strett, *Ser Thomas Cortes* (Curteis) Knyght, and latt Mare of London, and Fysmonger and Puterer. There was iij. haroldes of armes, and ther had my lord mare, and the sword-bayrer, and dyvers althermen had blake, and the residew in vyolett; and there was a c. in blake gownes and cottes; and he had a standard and a v. penon of armes, and a x. dozen skochyons; and ther dyd pryche Master Recherdson the skott:‡ and after to the plasse and the mare and the althermen to dener, for ther was a grett dener, and pore men in gownes and the clarkes of London syngyng; a grett denner for all men that wold come.”

In the church are monuments on the west side to *Thomas Rawlinson* and his family, some of whom were distinguished bibliopoles and anti-quaries, and to *Dr. Oyley Michel* and his wife Ann; on the north wall an elaborate monument with bust to *Dr. Edward Tyson* the Carus of Garth's Dispensary, who died 1st August, 1708, and whose

\* The foregoing are from *Malcolm's Lond. Redivivum*, vol. iii. p. 439, with some corrections.

† *Camden Soc.* 1847, p. 217, quoted by *Strype* in his edition of *Stow*.

‡ He was of St. Peter's in Cornhill, and Reader of Whittington College, afterwards Parson of St. Matthew's and a frequent and popular preacher.