



Some Further Notes on Buckinghamshire Churches, formerly in the Old Archdeaconry of St. Albans.

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WINSLOW, GRANBOROUGH, LITTLE HORWOOD AND ASTON ABBOTS.

A VERY complete Inventory of Church Goods in the Archdeaconry, dated 1638, has recently come to light amongst the Archdeaconry Records.

ASTON ABBOTS CHURCH.—“An Inventory of the Goods of the Church of Abbots Aston. Imprimis a Communion table fairly rayled in with a faire grene Carpet for the same, fringed about with a faire deepe silk fringe, a holland cloth for the tyme of the Communion, a pewter flagon, and a silver chalice with a cover for the consecrated bread and wine at the same.

Item a great Bible of the last translation, the booke of Common Prayer with the forme of Ordination of Priests and Deacons, a boke for the 5 of November, Bishoppe Jewells works and Erasmus Paraphrase.

Item a Cushion of grene for the Pulpit and a faire large holland Surplise for the Minister to official in in tyme of divine Service.

Item a Chest with 3 locks and Keyes and another little chest for the safe custody to the safe custody of the Church goods with the Register booke and booke of accounts.

Item a font of Stone leaded within and a cover for the same for the Sacrament of Baptisme.

Item a clock and fower bells with all things thereunto belonging.

Rob Hitchcock
John Pubnam
Rich Betham.”

GRANBOROUGH CHURCH.—“A true intended account of all such goods as belong to the Church of Granborow, taken the 26th of Aprill, 1638.

Imprimis a Communion Table with a faire silke carpett A linnen covering belonging to the same.

Item also a new Sett of Rayles provided for the same.

Item five bells and a Sts. Bell in the Steple of the same.

Item a Pullpitt with a faire green cushion to the same.

Item a faire Silver Challice with a cover to the same.

Item a faire pewter flaggon provided for the wine.

Item a decent large Linnen Surplis.

Item a large faire Bible of the best adition.

Item two bookes of Common Prayer or service one for the Minister the other for the Clarke.

Item a faire stone Font for Baptisme.

Item a Chest with 2 Lockes.

Item a book of Cannons.

Item the booke called Jewell an Hardinge.

Item a poore Man's boxe.

Item 2 Longe Matts for the people to kneele at the Railes.

Item a Beare with a Hearse for Buriall.

Item a Regester Booke for Christ^s Marria^s and Burialls.

Samuel Macarnesse, Minister,

Benedict Holland, Thomas Mountegue, Churchwardens,

Benedict Holland, Sidesman."

LITTLE HORWOOD.—"A true note indented of all the moveables belonging to the parish Church of Little Horwood, in the county of Bucks and within the Diocesse of London, made by the Minister and Churchwardens for the time being, Aprill 26th, Anno Domini, 1638.

Imprimis a Communion Table with a Decent Rayle.

A Carpett with a linnen table cloth, A pewter Flaggon, A Silver Challice with a cover.

One Chest to put in the Church goods.

One Surplis, a great Bible, with a Church Psatter or Communion booke, one booke of Jewell and Harding, a booke of Homelies, a booke of Cannons and Constitutions, a register booke, A Pulpitt cloth and a Cushion, Three bells and a Sance bell.

One beare to Carrie our Dead uppon.

John Harris, Vicar,

George Williat,

The mark of Thomas Illing, Churchwardens,

Henry Smyth, Sidesman."

The Winslow Inventory is unfortunately missing.

From brief notes in the various Visitation Books we gather the following items.

1684—18 July.

ASTON ABBOTS.—To buy a plate and a Common Prayer Book. There are loose leafes in the Bible.

GRANDBOROW.—To certify the repayre of the fence.

HORWOOD PARRA.—The Church to be whited and there wants a booke of Common Prayer, a Carpet to be bought and a pewter plate to be bought, and admonished to take down a brass or copper plate.

WINSLOW.—A Book of Common Prayer.

1669—21 April.

WINSLOW.—We "present that the defects in the pavements are already amended though the line allowed by the Court be not expired the windows also are amended and have much done to them already and shall be fully amended before the time allowed be expired. There is also some leade sunke this winter which the season of the year did not suit for the amendment of but now we have taken order about it and will have it repaired fully within those months."

LITTLE HORWOOD.—We "present that there are some small defects in the leads and windows of our Church which we will amend before the next Visitation."

1687.—28 April.

ASTON ABBOTS.—"Jonathan Marshall of Aston Abbots clerk of the said parish, Mr. Hitchcock owneth him to be his parish clerk."

(To be continued.)

WALTHAM ST. LAWRENCE.—What may prove to be a somewhat interesting discovery was made here recently, when some horses at plough broke into an old excavation in a field, where already many old Roman remains have been found. The entrance to the hole is about 2ft. 6 wide and descends for about 9ft., and here it opens out into two or three caves. I have arranged that it shall not be further disturbed until it can be properly opened and explored. I thought that you might like to know of the find. I am told that somewhat similar places have been found before on the same land. The crust through which the horse broke was only about 9 inches. It seems strange that it has stood for so long, as heavy machinery, to say nothing of ploughs and carts frequently have crossed the spot.—GREY NEVILLE.