

INVENTORY OF CHURCH GOODS AT
EDENBRIDGE,

AMONG PAPERS AT CHIDDINGSTONE IN POSSESSION OF CAPTAIN
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THIS Bylle made the 3rd yere of King Harry y^e 8th witnesseth that thys ys a true Inve'tory of the Godys p'teyning to the Cherch and p'ysse of Edonbrygge.

Item Impr'is 3 cheles (chalices), 6 massebokys.

It. 2 graylys,* 6 precessynalls (processionals), a nold legiant,† a sequens kev'd with rede led', 2 saut's (psalters) and a newe anteffener (antiphoner) and 2 old and one pryntyd anteffener, 2 manewells, an old ordenall.

It. a messe boke of the geth (gift) of S^r W. Alcorn,‡ a sute of vestment^s, 4 copys, a blew vestm^{ent}, a lenton vestm^{ent}, a red vestm^{ent} of the geffit of M^r Marten, on (one) of the castrys§ hath 14 conoppys of sylver, v corporas, v cessys (?), x teuells (towels), x ault (altar) clothys gode and bade, iii crossys, a cross cloth|| of gryn (green) tontyrin,¶ ii sencers, ii lavyn kerchers, iii touchylls (towels),

* Grail, a gradual or service-book.

† Legend—a Lectionary. "It'm a written legent and iii grayles" (*Inventories of the College of Lingfield, Surrey, 1524*). "ii legions," "a grayle, 'a legend,' and a processioner" (*Arch.*, xliii., 243-4).

‡ Sir William Alcorn was Vicar of Edenbridge. The will of his father Thomas Alcorn of Edenbridge is dated 13 March 1509-10. "To be buried in the churchyard where my wife was buried. Residue to Sir William Alcorn my son, and William Swaynslovd of Cowden, my ex^{or}. To Syr William Alcorn my son for life a messuage with a garden called Spicer, and a croft called Kempysshaugh, lying thereto in Edenbreg, with remainder to my son Morys Alcorn and his heirs, remainder in default to Agnes Alcorn my daughter, wife of John Shoobrig, and her heirs. To Jone my wife for life a messuage and garden in Edenbreg called Haseldens, where she now dwelleth, with remainder to my son Morys and his heirs, to whom I give the residue of my lands in Edenbreg or elsewhere in Kent, and all my lands in Marysfeld, co. Sussex, with remainder to my daughter Jone for life, with remainder to her sons by William Combe, viz. George, Thomas, and John. To my daughter Elizabeth iii^{li} vi^s viii^d at marriage. To daughter Clemens Alcorn xl^s at her marriage. Residue to son Mores." (No probate clause.) (Cons. Rochester, vi., cxxlii.) There is a will of Isabell Alcorn of Edenbridge dated 23 March and proved 8 August 1536 (Cons. Rochester, ix., cxxiii.).

§ Caster, a cloak.

|| Used to cover the rood. "A crosse cloth of grene sylke" (*Arch.*, xliii., 240).

¶ Tatron, tatorne, etc. Tartarin, a kind of silk. "ii tunacles of blue tartron," "ii coopes of black tatorn" (*Arch.*, xliii., 230-241).

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ii o them be blew and the 3^d yelowe, iiij pelowys, a nold chesybill of blew, a carecloth* and a cloth to bere over the sacram^t, 4 clothys for the sepulcer, viii baner clothys, a keverlet off saye† and 12 other keverlets, 2 herse cloths with 2 towells, a cloth to kever the font, a holy wat' stopys, ii standar (standard) canstyks, ii clothys for lent, the rode cloth for lent, iiij shurples (surplices), iii rochets, iii payre of curtens with rings, ii clotheys for to hang before aut' (altar), ii payre of crewetts, iiij sacryng bellys, a chype‡ (ship) for sens', a pyx with a canapy, a brazyn polye, ii plomets o' lead, a newe messe boke off the recoces (vicars) geyft, a vesturement of the geyft of S^r W. Alchorn of whych

It. a vayl cloth of whyte.

It. a fyre pan.§

It. a kercher with 4 tassells for our Lady of pety.||

It. a cope of velvet off the gyft of Mod^r Barnard, ii coshyns off ye gyth of Mod^r Barnard.

It. iii payre bredys and basan and ewer.

It. ii new cruets.

It. an awtere cloth of the gyth of John Woodgat.¶

It. a awtere cloth of the gyth of Anys Chobryage (Shobridge).

It. an awter cloth, ii towells, a coverleth, and a chercher** of the gyfthe of Moder Barnard.

It. a coverleth of the gyth of Thomas Spacherst.††

It. iiij Rochettes of the gyth of M^r Baker.

It. a coverleth and towell of the gyth of Mother Hoggathe.

It. a schethe of the gyft of Thomas Peter.

It. iii Rochettys of the githe of Anys Spachers.

It. a shete of the gyft of Agnes King.

It. a shete of the gufte Margery Dauson.

* A square cloth held over the bride by four men, one at each corner.

† A delicate serge or woollen cloth.

‡ "A ship such as was used in the church to put frankincense in" (Baret, 1580).

§ The fire pan was used to set the incense alight. "A standard of ieron to set a fier pann on" (*Arch.*, xliii., 226).

|| The Virgin with the Saviour on her lap. See notice of an image of our Lady of Pity in Ashford Church (*Arch.*, xlvii., 308).

¶ The will of John Woodgate is dated 14 June and proved 29 June 1523 (Cons. Rochester, vii., cclxxvi.). To be buried in the churchyard. "It^m to by A aluter cloth for the bright aluter iii^e iiiij^d. Marten and Willam my sonnes shall have my six oxen with the harness. To Joane my daughter a cowe. Residue to wife Joone ex^{ix}."

"Corpus meum sepeliendum in cemeterio eccl'ie beatorum petri et pauli de Etunbrugge. Item lego ad emendum pannum coram Sum^oo altari iii^e iiiij^d. To eldest son John tenement called 'Spachehurst of the hole.' To son William tenement called 'lyems.' To John my son the carpenter 'Shalhawe' the olde house and halfe the new barn and a way to come. To son Henry the crotte and the hye fylde and y^e lands called Monteyns. To wife Annes [she occurs further on as the donor of 3 rochets] a rent of xiii^e iiiij^d. She Ex^{ix}. Witness, Sir Morgan [Sir Morgan aprese], curat," etc. (Cons. Rochester, vii., ccxxi.).

** Vail used at the churching of women. See "chercharrys," *post corpus*.

†† The will of Thomas Spachehurst of Edenbridge is dated 8 April and proved 23 May 1524.

It. a cov'ing (covering) of a awt off the gefth of the said Margaret Dauson.

It. a hymnall with nots of the gyft of John Selyard.

Mem^d There is ryngs of silver upon the best cross.

It. an auter cloth and towell of dyapere of the gyft of Mother Beneby.

It. Two copys cacys and iiii chercharrys, one of the gyft of my Lady Bone and another of Mystris Potter.

It. an hersecloth of the gufet of Master Tytchbon.

It. the vale cloth.

It. a cloth to hang before the roode.

It. a gret masse booke.

Mem^d That Mast vecore hath given to the Church of Edenbridg 2 kene in the xvii y^r of King H. 8 for to find four tapers, one afore S^t Peter, one afore the Trinity, one afore our Lady, and anouter afore S^t Kath., and that that is over the finding the said tapers to go to the church box.

Anno Henric VIII., xxvi. Mem^d That Robert Humfry doe owe for the ferm of the aforesaid kene for ii yeres vi^s viii^d.

Mem^d that Jno Fryth hath paid the ferm for the aforesaid kene vi^s viii^d at the day of account in the yere aforesaid.