

ECCLESIOLOGICAL NOTES RESPECTING  
THE DEANERY OF SHOREHAM, KENT.

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IN the *Proceedings of the St. Paul's Ecclesiological Society*, vol. iii., pp. 241—298, will be found a Paper entitled “The Parish Churches of West Kent, their Dedications, Altars, Images and Lights,” and under that heading is collected together the evidence from wills and other documents respecting those subjects. Excepted from treatment were the parishes formerly in the Deanery of Shoreham, which was a Peculiar of the Archbishop of Canterbury; and in order to complete the information to be derived from early wills, etc., on the interior arrangements of our West Kent churches prior to the changes in the sixteenth century, I propose to here set out all the materials at our disposal respecting the churches in that deanery.

It should, however, be borne in mind that nearly all the early wills of persons formerly resident in the deanery have been lost, and that those wills which are now extant are the few to be found in the Prerogative Court of Canterbury\* and in the Archiepiscopal Registers at Lambeth. The information is, as will be seen, extremely scanty for most of the parishes, and in some cases none at all is available: a matter for much regret, since the dedication of at least two churches—Keston and Sundridge—is doubtful, whilst that of Downe cannot be said to be certain.

\* References to these in the following notes are as follows:—(21, Milles), (24, Fetiplace), etc. References to the Lambeth Registers are shewn as—(Reg. Abp. Chicheley), (Reg. Abp. Stafford), etc.; and to the books of the Rochester Consistory Wills, now at Somerset House, as—(Roch., vii., 202), (Roch., vii., 276), etc.

The thirty-four parishes comprised within the deanery were as follows:—

Bexley.	Gillingham.	Malling, East.
Brasted.	Grain, Isle of.	Meopham.
Chevening.	Halstead.	Northfleet.
Chiddingstone.	Hayes.	Orpington.
Eard <i>alias</i> Cray-	Hever.	Otford.
ford.	Hunton <i>alias</i>	Peckham, East.
Cray, Saint Mary.	Huntingdon.	Penshurst.
Darenth.	Ifield.	Sevenoaks.
Downe.	Ightham.	Shoreham.
Eynesford.	Keston.	Stanstead.
Farley, East.	Knockholt.	Sundridge.
Farningham.	Lidsing.	Wrotham.

In the following pages then will be found the whole of the information to be derived from wills respecting the above parish churches in the mediæval period, arranged, as in the Paper in the *St. Paul's Ecclesiological Society's Proceedings* referred to above, under the headings—"Dedication," "Lights, etc." Under the latter are included bequests to lights before images in the churches and references to altars dedicated in honour of particular Saints.

It will not be out of place here to state briefly some of the results arrived at by means of the West Kent church notes in the present Paper, and in that to which allusion has already been made. In every church prior to 1536 there was over the entrance to the chancel a large crucifix called the "High Rood," with the figures of St. Mary and St. John on either side. Within the chancel there was a figure of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of the Saint in whose honour the church was dedicated, and who was called the Head Hallow by our forefathers. Besides these there were in every church images of other Saints, which varied according to the locality, occupations of the inhabitants, etc. In the churches of West Kent, after the Blessed Virgin Mary, St. Katherine seems to have been most honoured; then (in order) St. Christopher, St. Nicholas, The Holy Trinity, St. James, St. John Baptist, etc.

In addition to the foregoing particulars, mediæval wills yield valuable evidence as to the dedication not only of the churches themselves, but also of the chapels within them (we learn for instance that of the aisles at Northfleet one

was dedicated in honour of Our Lady, the other of St. Andrew); of altars other than the high altar, and of many of the mediæval arrangements for Divine Service, all of which are of very great interest. A lack of knowledge respecting these last has too often led in recent times to the destruction of many features in our parish churches, each precious for the history it contained.

Few of the Saints whose images are referred to in the following extracts call for any special remarks, since the names are familiar ones for the most part. St. Blaise, patron of woolcombers, was fairly popular in West Kent, and images of him occur at East Peckham and Crayford in this deanery. St. Loy or Eligius, the patron of blacksmiths, was to be found at Gillingham, where also existed an image of St. Joseph of Arimathea (not St. Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin, who does not appear to have been held in any honour in England in the middle ages). The images of Our Lady varied occasionally. The simple figure existed, as before remarked, in every church, but that known as Our Lady of Pity, a representation of the Mother of our Lord weeping over the dead body of her Divine Son, was extremely popular. Instances are here recorded at Hunton, Otford, Penshurst, Sevenoaks, and East Peckham. At this last there was also an image of Our Lady of Grace, the exact form of which is still a matter of doubt.

The Easter Sepulchre, which played such an important part in the proceedings of Holy Week and Easter Week, is frequently alluded to in mediæval wills. Richard Bery of St. Mary Cray in 1508 wished to be buried "before the sepulchre," and also desired that his tomb might be so raised that it could be used to lay ornaments on for the altar. The desire for burial in this sacred spot was very general, some persons directing that their tomb should be so constructed that it might be used for the sepulchre itself (see under "Sundridge").

If a corresponding series of notes could be extracted from the early wills in the Probate Registry at Canterbury for the eastern half of the county, an interesting comparison might be made, and it is much to be desired that some member of the Kent Archæological Society would undertake this work.

## BEXLEY.

*Dedication.*

OUR LADY.

Ad summum altare beate Marie de Bixle xx<sup>d</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup> Wodeford, 1488. (21, Milles.)\*

To be buried in the church of our lady at Bexley. Thomas Lamendby al's Sparrowe, 1513. (24, Fetiplace.)

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

To be buried a fore the Image of oure lady in the quere of the church of Bexley. 1494. Sy<sup>r</sup> Tho<sup>s</sup> Hardyng, vicary. (14, Vox.)

ST. NICHOLAS.

To maynteyne the light befor Saint Nicolas x<sup>s</sup> to kepe a light for euer. Thomas Lamendby al's Sparrowe, 1513.To be buried in Saint Nicholas Chapell against Sainte Nicolas aulter w<sup>t</sup> in the parish church of Bexley. John Shelley, 1531. (5, Hogen.)

## BRASTED.

*Dedication.*

ST. MARTIN.

Sep.† in ecclesia S<sup>ct</sup> Martini de Brasted. John Rouland, tanner, 1464. (5, Godyn.)Lego fabrice ecclesie Sancti Martini de Brasted in Kanc' xx<sup>s</sup>. Robert Pemberton, clerk, 1502. (3<sup>d</sup>, Holgrave.)*Lights, etc.*

SEPULCHRE.

Sep. infra cancellum ecclesie mee loco scilicet vbi sepulcrum dominicum tempore pascali stare consuetum est. John Chaundeler, Rector of Bradested, 1431. (Reg. Abp. Chichele, part i., 425<sup>a</sup>.)

## CHEVENING.

*Dedication.*

ST. BOTOLPH by local tradition.

[No evidence from wills.]

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

To be buried in o<sup>r</sup> lady ile w<sup>t</sup> in the church of Cheuenyng. 1506. (13, Adeane.)

## CHIDDINGSTONE.

*Dedication.*

OUR LADY.

Sep. in cancello beate Marie de Chedingstone coram summo altare. John Woode, rector, 1486. (3, Milles.)

*Lights, etc.*

ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

Sep. in corpore ecclesie beate Marie Virginis de Chedingstone in australi

\* These and similar references are to the Registers of the Prerogative Court of Canterbury, now at Somerset House.

† This abbreviation stands for "Corpus meum ad sepeliendum."

parte inter altare Sancti Johannis Baptiste et hostium eiusdem ecclesie. John Asshdown yoman, 1488. (12, Milles.)

ST. KATHERINE. To be buried in the p'sh churche afore the aulter ther of Seynt Kateryne by Isabell late my wyfe. John Alfeigh, 1488. (18, Milles.)

EARD *alias* CRAYFORD.

*Dedication.*  
ST. PAULINUS. Ad summum altare Sancti Paulini de Earde xx<sup>d</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup> Wodeford, 1488. (21, Milles.)

Sep. in ecclesia parochiali sancti Paulini de Crayford. John Jebbes, 1494. (26, Vox.)

*Lights, etc.*  
OUR LADY. Lumini beate Marie iij<sup>d</sup>. John Jebbes, 1494. (26, Vox.)

Corpus meum, quum ab hac luce me contigerit migrare, infra ecclesiam parochialem Sancti Paulini de Eard, in capella beate Marie ex parte boriali in medio eiusdem capelle sepeliendum, quamquidem capellam ac sepulturam meam et pro Maria uxore mea intendo, gratia divina, de novo edificare, facere et construere, et in eadem capella pro liberis meis et consanguineis diuina seruicia dei audire. Henry Harman Esq. "clericus corone domini Regis," 1502. (15, Blamyr.)

Lumen super le branchie coram ymaginem beate Marie de nouo construendam quolibet Anno ij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>.

ST. BLAISE and ST. THOMAS THE MARTYR. 'To tapers of a pounce euery pease one to brenne before Saint Blase & the other before Saint Thomas the Martir in the p'isshe church of Yarde. Robert Owtred, 1527. (19, Porch.)

ST. PAULINUS. Before the image of St. Paulinus, in Crayford Church, John Cliderow, Bishop of Bangor, who died Dec<sup>r</sup> 1435, was by his directions to be buried ["Anglia Sacra," vol. i., p. 375].

NUWORKE CHAPEL in the p'isch of Crayford. Lego fabrice constructure seu reparacione capelle beate Marie de Newe in p'ochia de Earde v marc'. Henry Harman, Esq., 1502. (15, Blamyr.)

To o<sup>r</sup> lady in the same chapel vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Ladd, 1504. (Roch., vi., 115.)

## CRAY, SAINT MARY.

*Dedication.*  
OUR LADY.

Sep. in cimiterio ecclesie Marie de Cray. W<sup>m</sup> Wykeherst, 1413. (Reg. Abp. Arundell, part ii., folio 172A.)

Sep. in cimiterio ecclesie parochialis de Saint Mary Craye. Richard Walsh, 1465 (8, Godyn); and W<sup>m</sup> Nunny, 1491 (46, Milles).

*Lights, etc.*  
SEPULCHRE.

To be buried in the high Chaunsell of Seynt Mary Cray bifore the sepulcre ther. Richard Bery, 1508. He also wished "to have a loftie stone on my grave that may s'ue to ley such ornaments on as shall serve to the aulter and thereunto have ij tapers of ij pounds a pece till myn yeres mynde be fully complete." (8, Bennett.)

## DARENTH.

There is no information to be derived from mediæval wills respecting this church.

According to local tradition, the Dedication is in honour of St. Margaret.

## DOWNE.

The only reference to this church I have found in mediæval wills is in that of Thomas Fryth of Chelsfield, dated 27 January, 1492 (Rochester Wills, book vi., folio 136). This begins as follows:—  
"Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie parochialis de Downe. Lego unum cereum coram Imagine Sancte Marie Magdalene vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> imperpetuum."

From this it is possible that the church is dedicated in honour of St. Mary Magdalene, but it is now, locally, assigned to St. Mary the Virgin.

## EYNESFORD.

*Dedication.*  
ST. MARTIN.

Lego summo altari ecclesie Sancti Martini de Eynsford xl<sup>s</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Clerk, 1508. (3, Bennett.)

*Lights, etc.*  
ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

Sep. in capella Sancti Johannis Baptiste in ecclesia p'ochiali Sancti Martini. John Sibbill, Esq., 1502. (8, Blamyr.)

ST. KATHERINE.

To be buried in the church of Aynsford in the chapell of Saint Kateryn w<sup>t</sup> in the same church nygh vnto the place where my mother lyeth buried. Nicholas Gybsonne al's Tailleur, 1528. (34, Porch.)

Lumini lampadis ardentis in cancello vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. John Donett, 1465. (9, Godyn.)

EAST FARLEIGH.

*Dedication.*

This is uncertain—local tradition is said to favour St. MARY.

[No evidence from wills.]

*Lights, etc.*

ST. ANDREW.

To the church of East farlegh sixe ewes to finding and maynteyning of the light of Sainte Andrewe my patrone w<sup>t</sup> in the said church. Nicholas Astyn, 1532. (19, Thower.)

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

To fynding the light of Sainte Thomas of Caunterbury the glorious martir w<sup>t</sup> in the church of East Farleigh. Nicholas Astyn, 1532.

To euery light in the said church having a stocke xij<sup>d</sup>. Nicholas Astyn, 1532. (19, Thower.)

FARNINGHAM.

*Dedication.*

ST. PETER and ST. PAUL.

(See below.)

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY, ST. PETER, and ST. PAUL.

“I will myn executors att my cost and charge doo newe paynte and burnysshe with golde in such plac<sup>e</sup> as can be thought most conveyent the ymage of our lady standyng at the high awter ther—and the ymages of Peter and Poule stonding aboute the same awter after and in lyke maner & forme as of late the ymages of our lady and Seynt Peter and Seynt Powle in the p<sup>r</sup>isshechurch of Swanscombe be paynted and gilted.” Mr Gilbert Carleton, vicar of Farningham 1500, dated “the Sonday on the next morowe after the fest of Lamas callid the advinle of Seynt Petir the apostill.” (17, Moone.)

GILLINGHAM.

*Dedication.*

OUR LADY.

To be buried in the church of o<sup>r</sup> lady in Gillingham beside Robert Piry my firste husband. Johan Wattes of Rochester, 1524. (Roch., vii., 319.)

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

To our lady light in the chauncell xx<sup>d</sup>. Edmund Bamme, 1505. (32, Holgrave.) To be buried in the church of Gyllingham before the ymage of our blessid lady bysyde my seate in the said church. To our Lady light in the high chauncell

ST. NICHOLAS. vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Robert Pirry, 1513. (32, Fetiplace.)

ST. MICHAEL.

Mentioned by Edmund Bamme, 1505.  
To the light afore Seynt Mighell in the chapell of Seynt Nicholas afore saide x<sup>s</sup>. Edmund Bamme, 1505. [He desired to be buried "in the South Chauncell in the Church of Gillingham in the south parte of the awter where wyne and water ys wount to stonde."]

ST. KATHERINE.

HOLY TRINITY, ST. MARGARET, ST. LOY, ST. JOSEPH OF ARIMATHEA, and ST. ANTONY.

Robert Pirry, 1513.  
To the light of our blessed lady w<sup>t</sup> in the Chauncell ij<sup>s</sup>, to euery of the light in the bodie of the church that is to sey to euery of the lighte of the Holy Trinitie, Our Lady, Saint Katheryne, Saint Margaret, Saint Loy, Saint Joseph off Abarimathie and Saint Antony xij<sup>d</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Godfray, 1525. (19, Porch.)

ROOD.

To the Roode light x quarters of Barley. Edmund Bamme, 1505.

An honest and discrete preste to say masse at the aulter under the rode lofte newe made in the saide church. W<sup>m</sup> Godfray, 1525.

#### GRAIN, ISLE OF.

##### *Dedication.*

ST. JAMES.

I Adam London of Seynt James w<sup>t</sup> in the Isle of Greane. 1507. (24, Adeane.)

To be buried in the churchyerde of Saint Jamys of Greene. Robert Warde, 1516. (19, Holder.)

##### *Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY, ST. JAMES, ST. KATHERINE, ST. CHRISTOPHER, ST. PETER, ST. JOHN, ST. NICHOLAS, and ROOD.

HERSE.\*

All mentioned by Adam London who left a "moder sheppe" to each. 1507. (24, Adeane.)

The Cross, St. James and St. Anthony, are mentioned by Robert Ward, 1516.

A cow that the money therof to renewe in wax as ferr as it will streche and the taper to be set aboute the herse when any corse is buried. Robert Ward, 1516.

#### HALSTEAD.

##### *Dedication.*

ST. MARGARET according to local tradition.

[No evidence from wills.]

\* The lights at a funeral or at a commemoration of the departed. See also under "Wrotham," p. 149.

*Lights.*

OUR LADY.

To be buried w<sup>t</sup> in the church of Halsted before the Image of our blisshed lady there. W<sup>m</sup> Petley, yeoman, 1528. (39, Porch.)

ROOD.

Sep. in ecclesia de Halsted ante crucem. W<sup>m</sup> Burys, armiger, 1444. (Reg. Abp. Stafford, folio 124A.)

SEPULCHRE.

To the maynten'nce of the Sepulcre light in Halsted Church a Taper of wax iii<sup>j</sup><sup>lb</sup> weight for euer to be contynued and yerely ayenst Ester to be made of the weight of iii<sup>j</sup><sup>lb</sup> of wax w<sup>t</sup> the weight of the olde stock of the said Taper, and after the light of the holy sepulcre be taken down yerely in the Ester weke I will the stock of the said sepulcre taper be sett before the forsaid ymage of our lady, and it there to be light and brent at conuenient tymes. W<sup>m</sup> Petley, 1528.

## HAYES.

[No evidence from wills.]

*Dedication.*

ST. MARY THE VIRGIN  
according to local  
tradition.

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

Lego picture imaginis b<sup>to</sup> Marie in ecclesia de Heas vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. Richard Aschlegth of Chelsfelde, 1493. (Roch., v., 204.)

## HEVER.

*Dedication.*

ST. PETER.

Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in campanili ecclesie beati Petri apostoli apud Heuere. John Cobeham, 1394. (Proved 1399. Reg. Abp. Arundell, part i., folio 165A.)

*Lights, etc.*

[No evidence from wills.]

HUNTON *alias* HUNTINGTON.*Dedication.*

OUR LADY.

Lego sum. altari beate Marie de Huntynnton xij<sup>d</sup>. Richard Cowper of Ealdyng, 1457. (Rochester, ii., 79A.)

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY OF PITY.

Lego ad vnam capellam faciendam ex australi parte dicte ecclesie viginti libras. I will oone prest to syng dyvyne s'vice in the seid church of Hunton and to sey masse at the aulter of Oure Lady of Pitie sett in the seid church

vnto such tyme as the seid chapell of oure lady be made and fynshed and when the seid chapell is fynshed then to syng att the aulter that shalbe sett oon the south syde of the seid churche praying there for the helth of my soull and the soull of the seid Florence and to have yerly for his salary vij<sup>li</sup> (out of the manors of Burston, Chersounde, etc.). W<sup>m</sup> Heede, 1 June 1513. (18, Fetilplace.)

## IFIELD.

There is no information to be derived from wills as to this parish except—"Lego cooperturo capelle in villa de Shyngyldwelle xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. John Prophete, 1415." (33, Marche.) But whether this refers to Ifield Church or to a separate chapel then existing in the village of Shinglewell is uncertain—probably the latter. Ifield Church is, according to local tradition, dedicated in honour of St. Margaret.

## IGHTHAM.

*Dedication.*

ST. PETER according to local tradition.

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

[No evidence from wills.]

Lego ecclesie de Ightham vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> et lumini beate Marie predictae ecclesie j vaccam. James de Pekham de Wrotham, 1400. (Reg. Abp. Arundell, part i., folio 176B.)

## KESTON.

There is no information respecting this church before the middle of the sixteenth century.

There is no local tradition as to the dedication.

## KNOCKHOLT.

*Dedication.*

ST. KATHERINE.

To the reparacoon of the chapell of Saynt Kateren callid Nocolte ij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Richard Dise, laborer, of West Wickham, 1515. (Roch. Wills, vii., folio 33.)

Ad opus et sustentacoem ecclesie parochialis Sancte Katerine de Scoteis Okolt in Com. Kancie. W<sup>m</sup> Brampton, 1406. (12, Marche.)

*Lights, etc.*

[No evidence available.]

## LIDSING.

*Dedication.*

ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

To Mary Magdalene chappell of Leggyn ten owys there to remayne for

ouer to the most p'fitt of the chapell.  
John Kemsley of Gelingham, 1530.  
(20, Jankyn.)

*Lights, etc.*

ST. MARY MAGDALENE.

To gilding and paintyng of Mary  
Magdalene in Liggyn chappell vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>.  
John Kemsley, 1530.

#### EAST MALLING.

*Dedication.*

According to local tra-  
dition this is in honour  
of ST. JAMES, but the  
following extract in-  
dicates OUR LADY.  
Local tradition is,  
however, fairly trust-  
worthy in this matter,  
and it is possible that  
Thomas Cowhert was  
of West Malling.

My tenement called Desbies sett in  
Well Strete in the p'och of Est Mallyng  
in Kent to be solde and the money to  
the bying of certeyne banner clothes to  
be hadde and bought to the vse and behof  
of the p'issh church of Our Lady of  
Est Mallyng xxxiiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup> Cowhert,  
1490. (26, Milles.)

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

To be buried in the chaunsell of Est  
Mawlinge churche afore the p'icture and  
ymmage of our blessyd lady there. Ed-  
munde Flatchere, clerk and vicar, 1540.  
(28, Alenger.)

ROOD.

To the Crosse lighth of Est Malling xx<sup>d</sup>.  
W<sup>m</sup> Derby of West Malling, 1492.  
(Roch. Wills, v., 191A.)

#### MEOPHAM.

*Dedication.*

ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

Sep. in cimiterio ecclesie parochialis  
sancti Johannis Baptiste de Mepeham.  
Hugh Chiddinstone, 1460. (23, Stokton.)

To be buried in the parysh church of  
Seynt John Baptist in Meopham.  
Richard Adene, gent., 1452. (13, Spert.)

*Lights, etc.*

ST. KATHERINE.

To the light of Saint Kateryn xij<sup>d</sup>.  
W<sup>m</sup> Sprever, 1525. (35, Bodfelde.)

#### NORTHFLETE.

*Dedication.*

ST. BOTOLPH.

Sep. in cancell. ecclesie S<sup>ci</sup> Botulphi  
in Northflete coram ymagine beate  
Marie. Nicholas Baron, clerk, 1424.  
(5, Luffeuam.)

To be buried in the churchyard of  
Seynt Botoll of Northflete, 1508. Tho<sup>s</sup>  
Boydon. (29, Bennett.)

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

In the chancel, will of Nicholas Baron  
(see above).

Sep. in capella beate Marie infra ecclesiam beati Botulphi de Northflete. Thomas Wombwell, 1484. (11, Logge.)

Sep. infra ecclesiam Sci Botulphi de Northflete in capella beate marie coram imagine beate marie. Rich<sup>d</sup> Davy, Esq., 1490. (41, Milles.)

To be buried in the church of Northflete in our lady He. Nicholas Clyfforde, Esq., 1546. (13, Coode.)

ST. ANDREW.

Sep. in quadam insula ecclie p'ochialis sancti Botulphi de Northflete coram altari beati Andree apostoli in eadem insula. John Gurney, 1475. (21, Wattys.)

To be buried in Saint Andrewes channsell w<sup>t</sup> in the p'ish church of Saint Botulphe in Northflete. John Bramston, 1532. (24, Thower.)

ST. NICHOLAS.

Lum. Sci Nic<sup>i</sup> de Northflete. Rich<sup>d</sup> Germain, 1450. (Roch., iv., 180.)

ST. VNCOMBER.

To the parish church of Northflete a stremer of stayned cloth w<sup>t</sup> an image of Sainte Vncomber and my consyaunce of my armes to be sett in the same price of iiij<sup>s</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Swanne, Esq., 1533. (16, Hogen.)

ROOD.

To the p'ish church of Northflete iiij stayne clothes for iiij autres on autur of o<sup>r</sup> lady and the secund the Rode autur and the iiij<sup>de</sup> autur of Seynt Andrew. Tho<sup>s</sup> Coll, 1499. (Roch., v., 316.)

#### ORPINGTON.

##### *Dedication.*

ALL SAINTS according to local tradition.

[No evidence from wills, but it will be seen that there was an image of All Saints in the church.]

##### *Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

To the rep'acion of o<sup>r</sup> lady in the same church of Orpyngton xx<sup>s</sup>. Walter Stable, 1503. (25, Blamyr.) Also a taper before o<sup>r</sup> lady.

ALL HALLOWES.

To all halowen in the same chirche xiiij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Walter Stable, 1503. Also a taper before halowen.

HOLY TRINITY.

A taper before the trinite. Walter Stable, 1503.

#### OTFORD.

##### *Dedication.*

ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

Corpus meum ad sepeliendum in medio nauis ecclesie parochialis beati

Bartholomei Apostoli de Otteforde.  
W<sup>m</sup> Roger, 1475. (23, Wattys.)

Sepel. in cancello capelle Sancti Bartholomei de Otford in parochia de Shoreham cuius rector sum. Tho<sup>s</sup> Hope, LL.D., 1487. (5, Milles.)

To be buried in church porch of Saint Bartholomew in Otford. Robert Multon, 1532. (20, Thower.)

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

Ad sustentacionem luminis beate Marie Virginis vocati le Branche x<sup>s</sup>. W<sup>m</sup> Roger, 1475.

OUR LADY OF PITY.

I will that myn executour shall cause the Image of our lady of Petye to be made and sett in the North side of the newe Ile. Robert Multon, 1532. (20, Thower.)

ST. BARTHOLOMEW.

Not named in any existing wills. Hasted says the image of him here was much frequented by those desirous of becoming mothers.

ST. THOMAS OF CANTERBURY.

Sepeliend. in capella de Otteford ad summum altare coram ymagine sancti Thome. M<sup>r</sup> Thomas Bradewelle, rector of Shoreham and Otford, 1366. (Reg. G., fol. 123B, Ch. Ch. Cant.)

To the church of Otford to maignteign sevyen pounce tapers fyve of them before our ladye and on before the ymage of Saynte Thomas. John Roger, 1537. (2, Dyngeley.)

THE PASCAL.

To Otteford Church a cowe to mayntene the Paschall there for ever. Nicholas Huberd, 1496. (28, Vox.)

#### EAST PECKHAM.

*Dedication.*

ST. MICHAEL.

Ego Ricardus Ecclesley clericus et Rector S<sup>t</sup> Michaelis Archangeli de Est Pecham, 1426. (6, Luffenam.) Also John Cayser, 1491. (45, Milles.)

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

To be buryd in the chancel of our blessed lady w<sup>t</sup> in the church of Est Pecham. Joanna Waller of West Mallyng, 1520. (Roch., vii., 202.)

Lumen beate Marie jacentis in valuis ecclesie Sancti Michaelis de Peckham. Walter Walshe, 1515. (23, Holder.)

To be buried in the chapell callyd the chappell of our Lady in the church

- of Est. Pekham. William Whetenhall, Esq., 1539. (34, Dyngeley.)  
 (There was a chantry founded in Our Lady's chapel by Richard Culpeper. *Vide* Reg. J. Lowe, *Epi. Roffen*, fo. 207A.)
- OUR LADY OF GRACE. To the light before the Image called our Lady of Grace in the same church xij<sup>d</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup> Theecher, 1528. (39, Porch.)
- OUR LADY OF PITY. To the paynting of the image of our lady of Pitie vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. John Cayser, 1491. (45, Milles.)
- ST. MICHAEL. John Cayser, 1491. (45, Milles.)  
 John Arkynbold, 1524. (Roch., vii., 363.)
- ST. NICHOLAS. John Cayser, 1491.
- ST. BLAISE. To the reparacon of Saint Blasys window in the church of Est Pecham, xl<sup>s</sup>. John Cayser, 1491.
- ST. CHRISTOPHER. To the paynting of the image of Saint Cristofer x<sup>s</sup>. J<sup>n</sup> Cayser, 1491.
- ROOD. To the beame light viij<sup>d</sup>. Rob<sup>t</sup> Thecher, 1528.  
 To the reparacion and gilding of the crosse vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. John Cayser, 1491.

PENSHURST.

- Dedication.*  
 ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST. Ad summum altare ecclesie Sancti Johannis Baptiste de Peshurst iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. John Hardy, 1407. (14, Marche.)
- Lights, etc.*  
 OUR LADY and OUR LADY OF PITY. To be buried in the church of Saynt John of Peshurste betuen o<sup>r</sup> lady and our lady of Piety. W<sup>m</sup> Merser, 1522. (Roch., vii., 276.)
- ST. KATHERINE and ST. MARGARET. The altar of the blessed virgins Katherine and Margaret in Peshurst church named in will of Robert Goseborne, clk., vicar. (Canterbury Consistory Court, vol. xiii. Dated 3 July, proved 5 Oct. 1523.)

SEVENOAKS.

- Dedication.*  
 ST. NICHOLAS. Ad summum altare Sancti Nicholai de Sevenok. John Mille, gent., 1459. (21, Stokton.)  
 Sep. in cimiterio Sancti Nicholai de Sevenok. Walter Bedyll. (5, Bennett.)
- Lights, etc.*  
 OUR LADY. Lego capellano beate Marie ibidem iij<sup>s</sup> iiij<sup>d</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup> Mugworthy, clerk, Sevenoke, 1503. (29, Blamyr.)\*

\* There was a chantry of Our Lady at Sevenoaks.

- A cow to fynde lyght to brenne before  
y<sup>e</sup> ymage of our lady in our ladys chan-  
sell in Sevennoke for eu'more. John  
Harysone, 1525. (Roch., viii., 10.)
- OUR LADY OF PITY. Vnum cereum coram ymagine pietatis  
beate Marie in cancello ex parte boreali.  
John Beele of Sevennoke, 1471. (8,  
Wattys.)
- ST. MICHAEL. Sep. in choro ecclesie de Sevennoke  
coram ymagine S<sup>ci</sup> Michaelis. Thomas  
Mugworthy, clk., 1503. (29, Blamyr.)
- ST. PETER. To be buried in Seint Petirs chauncell  
within the p'isshe church of Seint  
Nicholas in Sevennoke. Robert Tottis-  
herst, gent., 1512. (8, Fetiplace.)
- ROOD. Sep. in navi ecclesie ante crucem in  
introitu chori ante hostium cancelli.  
David Vabhokyn, 1474. (15, Wattys.)
- ST. JOHN BAPTIST Lego capellano Sancti Johannis Bap-  
(Hospital of). tiste ibidem iij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>. Thomas Mug-  
worthy, clerk, Sevennoke. 1503.

## SHOREHAM.

- Dedication.* Ad sepeliendum in cimiterio ecclesie  
ST. PETER and ST. PAUL. Petri et Pauli de Shoreham. Thomas  
Wiborne, 1532. (18, Thower.)
- Lights, etc.* To be buried in o<sup>r</sup> lady chapell in the  
OUR LADY. church of Shoreham vnder the stone  
where as my mother was buried. Thomas  
Polley, 1528. (1, Jankyn.)
- SEPULCHRE. Lumini sepulture resurrectionis domi-  
nice in eadem ecclesie xij<sup>d</sup>. Thomas  
Wiborne, 1532. (18, Thower.)

## STANSTEAD.

There is no evidence respecting this church in mediæval times  
available.

The dedication, according to local tradition, is in honour of  
"St. Mary."

## SUNDRIDGE.

- Dedication.* This is usually stated to be "un-  
known," and the few wills of Sundridge  
people extant do not help towards solv-  
ing the question.
- Edward Isley of Sundridge, in 1525,  
desired "to be buried at the discrecon  
of myn executour. Item I bequeth  
to the p'ish church of Alhalowes x<sup>s</sup>.  
Item I geve to the parishe churchē

of Sondrich in Kent a vestment of Chamlett for prest deacon and subdeacon." Whether the "p'ish church of Alhalowes" is Sundridge Church is however doubtful. On the other hand, if the contention of some that the image of the Patron always stood on the north side of the high altar be correct, then the request in John Isly's will, given below, would indicate that Saint Mary the Virgin is the Patron here.

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.  
SEPULCHRE.

To be bured in the high chauncell before oure lady in a tombe in the wall for to sett the sepulcur vpon and a wyndow to be made of the bredith of the same tombe in the church off Sondrich. John Isly, 1494. (21, Vox.)

#### WROTHAM.

*Dedication.*

ST. GEORGE.

Sep. in medio cancelli ecclesie Sancti Georgii de Wrotham. John Sundressch, clerk, 1426. (5, Luffenam.)

To be berid in the chaunsell of Saint George in Wroteham. Th<sup>os</sup> Gauge, clerk, 1470. (31, Godyn.)

*Lights, etc.*

OUR LADY.

Lego lumini Beate Marie ij vaccas. James de Pekham of Wrotham, 1400. (Reg. Abp. Arundell, part i., fol. 176B.)

ST. GEORGE.

Ralf Melcheborn, vicar, legavit pro pictura S<sup>ci</sup> Georgii vj<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup>. 1404. (Reg. Abp. Arundell, part i., fol. 207B.)

A pece of land to fynd a lampe to brenne bifore Saint George for euer, lyyng to a pece of lond callid the Rede. Th<sup>os</sup> Gauge, clerk, 1470. (31, Godyn.)

ST. JOHN BAPTIST.

Vnum cereum ardentem coram Imagine Sancti Johannis Baptiste in ecclesia p'ochiali de Wroteham. Walter Sexten, 1485. (46, Milles.)

ROOD.

To be buried in the church of Saint George at Wrotham before the Rode besyde my wife. Tho<sup>s</sup> Pekham, gent., 1515. (6, Holder.)

THE HERSE.\*

Ad le herse light ibidem. Walter Sexton, 1485. (46, Milles.)

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\* See note, p. 141.