ELTHAM CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS.

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Eltham church as now existing, is not the ancient fabric, which having been undermined in the process of digging a vault, collapsed in June, 1667. The new church that succeeded it, was demolished in 1873, and was in its turn replaced by the present building, opened in 1875.

Historically the parish of Eltham belongs to the Diocese of Rochester; but, in the reshuffling consequent on the creation of the modern Bishopric of Southwark, Eltham became transferred to the new Diocese. This, of course, explains why Eltham, although in the County of Kent, is not to be found in the Parish Registers and Records of the Diocese of Rochester, 1912. It may be recalled that various benefactions to the church and parish of Eltham are recorded in the form of excerpts from early wills, Testamenta Cantiana, pp. 22-3.

The churchwardens’ accounts have not been previously printed unabridged. Extracts, however, selected by George R. Corner, F.S.A., were published, with notes, in Archaeologia, volume XXXIV (1852), pp. 51-64.

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The manuscript of the accounts forms a vellum-bound volume of 167 folios, size approximately 12 by 8 inches. The earliest item occurs under the date 12th July, 1554, whence the accounts continue almost uninterruptedly down to the latest entry on 2nd June, 1618. Here follows the first instalment of the transcript.

ELTHAM, KENT.

A BOOKE OF THACOUNTES
OF THE CHURCHE WARDENS CALLED A
LEDGERE BEGININGE THE XII J DAY OF
JULY IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORDE GODE
1554

fol. 1.

Anno Domini 1554 July 12st.

Mony Recevde by the churche wardens of Eltham That ys to saye Henrye Snoksone and John Lancastr Begininge the xij daye of July Anno dni 1554

Itm first recevded the xij day of July the Same yeare of John thomsone for one wholle yeares rente and a half of his house at pope-streatt ended at or Lady day before

Itm recevved of John Thomson for hauulf a yeares rente dew a michallmas next insuinge the dayt hearof anno

Itm recevved of heme att thañutiasione of or lady next followinge the wich was for half years rent dew at the said day the xxv day of marche

Itm Receaved of parker the potter in pt of payment

Itm the Receaved of ashbe the potter for one holle yeares Reante

xxviiij  vjd

ixs  vjd

ixs  vjd

vs

iijs  viijd
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Itm Received for Light at Easter
Itm Received for Light for mother yeallame

Sm a toll iij xvijs vjd

Receatts for woode

Itm receaved of John briggitt esquire in mony
R. of willin east
R. of Heughe tenche
R. of John Rolfe
R. of Edd' ellyote
R. of Heughe alle
R. of John a lee
R. of Thoms Rediinge
R. of willin carelle
R. of John Lancaster

Sm' tois iiij

f. 1b.

Receatts for woode

Itm receaved of Henry Snokesone
R. of mother Hunte
R. of willin sharpe
R. of Robert Halle
R. of John clarkes
R. of John Joyner
R. of John Spenser
R. of the vicare
R. of Thomas glanvelle
R. of Thoms Linger
R. of John Hodsone
R. of willin Kellerre
R. of Hadcoke
R. of Thoms starkey
R. of John Tomson
R. of John Dire
R. of Lourne
R. of Carbetts widowe
R. of xphoper clarke
R. of John kellere
R. of Britayns widow
R. of walter Holldone

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R. of John Douñer
R. of Henry nealle
R. of skyet
R. of Thomas mumbe
R. of Richard fellton
R. of Henry scoobe
R. of John castellmane
R. of Hoder
R. of John bride
R. of John martindalle

Sm. Lviij

Receates for woode

Received of Henry Howelle
R. of John may
R. of fances colke

viij

i.2.

Anno 1554

Received of Roberte willey
R. of Thomas medcaulffe
R. of xpopher dickinson
R. of willh Hodsone
R. of mother yealañe
R. of Nicholas mosire
R. of John tindalle
R. of John edwardes
R. of Thomas Harvy
R. of Robert clarke
R. of John Harvy
R. of John tayller
R. of mother castellman

Sm. xxiiij viij

Received of m' vikere
R. of John rolfe
R. of John allee
R. of thomas stärkey
R. of thomas pinrell
R. of John birde
R. of fraunces cokes

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£ of John spenser  
£ of thomas Redinge  
£ of John dier  
£ of thomas glanvell  
£ of m^a birde  
£ of nichollas moshire  
£ of x pópher dickinsone  
£ of thomas Linger  
£ of willm sharpe  
£ of John taller  
£ of John clarke  
£ of Roberte Hall  
£ of John castellman  

To^w^r xjlj x^d Sm^a xx^d

f. 2b.

Anno domini 1554

Mony Laid out by John Lancaster and Henry
smoksone churche wardens of eltham In the
yeare of o^r lorde gode 1554

Itm first paid for the charges at the vissita-
tione at brumley before the bishope the xxj
of June

Itm paid the xij day of July for settinge vp
of the highe alter to nell* meate and drinke
and vj bushells of lime for the Same at vjd
the bushelle

Itm paid at the vissitacione for o^r charges
wch wee weare att

Sm^a ix^s iiiijd

The charges of the ij bell

Itm paid to Robert esbruke for TAKINGE
doune of the belle and hanginge of hir upe
agayne and trussinge of the great bell
Itm paid for waigne of the same bell
Itm paid for makinge of the oblygatione†

* There can be little doubt that "nell" and "neall", the paver, mentioned later on, were one and the same person.
† The bond exacted by the churchwardens from the bell founder for the due performance of his undertaking.
Itm paid for carringe of the bell into South- 
warke } vjd
Itm paid for carringe of the bell vnto the 
bellfounders To Henry snowkesone } ijs viijd
Itm paid for Brininge Home of the bell } iiijs
Itm paid for our charges for ij Days warke } iiijs iiijd
Itm paid for on Hondrethe and a haulf and 
vijd of mettell for ye bell a iiijd the ii1
Itm paid to the bell founder for castinge the 
bell } iijd vijs

Sm viijd ijs vjd

Itm paid for vj tapers for the roude lofte } viijsvijd
Itm paid for makinge cleane the gutter } ijd
Itm paid to bourne for makinge of the bell } ys
clapper and for Iron for the same } xjs
Itm paid to neall* for pavinge in the churche } vijs viijd
Itm paid to the cloke maker for hes feye } xvijs iiijd
Itm paid for xxiiij of waxe at ixd the poude } and workeman-shippe of the Same
Sm xxxvs vjd

f.3.

Anno domini 1554

Itm paid for wormanshepp of iiiij of oulde 
waxe at jd the ii1 } iiijd
Itm paid for haulf a ii of frankinsence } ijd
Itm paid for wood and fire } iiijd
Itm paid for Settinge vp of ye Sepulchere } iiijd
Itm paid for Takenge doune of the same } viijd
Itm pd for watchenge the same ij nightes } iiijs
Itm pd for washinge and storinge of ye 
churche clothes for on wholl yeare } iiijs
Itm paid to Mr Hegbe tenche for mony that } iijs
he laid out for makeinge of the warrant for 
the tenne trees in mony

Sm ixjs ijd
Sm to11s payments ix11 xvjs† vjd

* See supra, page 75.
† MS. has d.
Looppes of ye trees
Itm R of garbettes widowe
Itm R of John thomsone for half a yeare }
x^s
Rente dew a michallmas Last
Itm R of master tenche for iij Lode
Itm R of Mr bushie for iij loode
Itm R of John alle for j loode
Itm R of John dier for j loode
Itm R of Nichollas mosher for ij Lodde
Itm R of John baker for ij loodes
Itm R of John bourne for ij loodes
Itm R of clarke for on Lood
Itm R of Robert willye for on Lood
Itm R of John Hodder for on Lood
Itm R at easter for the pascalle
Itm R of the good wif carelle for torche
Light at her fathers burialle and his husbaine }
xix^d
in mony
Itm R of tomson for his huse in popstreth
dew at or Lady day last paste for haulf years
Rente
Itm a loode and a Haulf of poste for est fillde
Sm iiij^l ijs vd

f.3b.

Anno domini 1555
Mony Lade out in the yeare of or Lord god 1555
Itm paid to John spenser for makinge of a
sawe pitt that was made to Saw the tree for
the brige a weston gree
Itm paid the xv day of September the visitation
day at Dethford for or charges and
thers that went wth vs
Itm paid for sawinge of the tree that went
to the mendinge of the brige at weston
grene
Itm paid for the fistines* of the prishe wood
in mony
Itm paid the Laste day of october for frank-
insens
Sm xj^s xd

* Probably meant for fascines, i.e. faggots.
Mony Laid out in the yeare of or Lord 1555

Itmü paid to the cloke maker for His rente the xxvijj day of desember

paid for a new corde for the cloke

paid for wood to make fire to the meding of the cloke

Itmü for a £ of waxe candell that was spent a cristmas day in the morninge

Itmü paid for oyll for the cloke

Itmü paid for fellinge of x okes

Itmü paid for squaringe of the said okes

Itmü paid to the chaunler for workinge of the oulde waxe

Itmü paid for viijj of new waxe and the workemashipp at xj the ii

Itmü paid for nayls and forlockes for the bell while* in mony

f.4.

Anno domini 1555

Itmü paid for Haulf a ii of fraunkeinsens

Itmü paid for fire woode for the chaunlere

Itmü paid for Seattinge upe of the Sepulchere and takenge downe the same

Itmü paid for watchinge the Sepulcher for ij nights

Itmü paide for coolle for the holly fire

Itmü paid for oyll and creame

Itmü paid to mumbey for makinge the woode

Itmü paid for the visitatione at Dartheford the 19 and 20 day of may

Itmü paid for ij bookes to Mr vicar

Itmü paid for carrege of a xj loodes of timber for the churche

Itmü paid for lodinge and onlodinge the timber to the laborers

Itmü paid to ther other of the prishe in bred and drinke

* wheel.
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Itm paid for washinge of the churche clothes for on yeare
Itm paid to Mr draper on of the churche wardens of bromleye the vj day of June for xiiiij yeares at michallmas next cominge as it dothe apero by a quittans of the said Mr willm draper had in mony
Itm paid to bexley for quitrent for the lande at easte ende
Itm paid for a suitt grotte* the Same time Sth toltis soluta iiiij xij iiiijd

f.4b.

Anno domini 1556 & 1557

Mony Receaved the same yeares

Itm Receaved of Mr willm ropere† esquire xl
Itm Receaved of John birde and Roberte allee for the wood a shutters Hill xij iiiijd
Itm receaved of gordo stevensone iiij
Itm Receaved for torches for ould stubbes xijd
Itm Rece' of thomsone the xij† daye of october for His Haulf yeares rent dewe at michallmas last paste ixvj
Itm receaved of Mr rolte the xxviiij daye of november in part of paiment of a more söne dew by hime to the prishe for souche ground as He occupieth of ye prishes iiij
Itm receved of John Rolte and John allee wardens of the xv peny loude to be imploied vpon the reperation of the churche (Marginal note in another hand: reperatio' of the Church.)

* "suit groat." means 4d due as payment in lieu of Suit of Court at Bexley.

† William Roper, eldest son of John Roper and Jane Fyneux, his wife, was born in 1496. He became Prothonotary of the King's Bench. His estate in Eltham was Well Hall, a brick-built, moated house, part of which still stands. He married Margaret, daughter of the illustrious Sir Thomas More, Lord Chancellor of England, and left issue by her two sons and three daughters. He outlived his wife and, dying in 1577, was buried by her side in the family vault at St. Dunstan's, Canterbury.

‡ Apparently xij: written over another date.
Itm received the xxiiij day of desember annis
iiijto & iiiijto Rex (sic) et regina (sic) phillippe
et mari &c John thomsone for on whole
years Rente for his hous in popstrett end
at michallmas next after the date hereof
(Ditto : popestret house.)

Itm Received of John rolte for haufl yeares
rent of the prishe hous at popstreat wiche
he vphouldethe
(Ditto : popestrett house.)

Itm received of the same man the viijth day
of aprille as a gifte as a toward the buinge
of a booke

Itm receavede of robert alle as poelle for
the xl that he ought to the prishe

Itm received at easter for the paschalle

Itm received of Mr diecre for tapers at the
burille of his wef

Itm R for torches at the buriall of ould
thomas adeene

Itm recevede of the bequeste of thomas
adean toward the buimge of a graylle
(The next folio should be numbered "5" ;
by error 6 is called 5 and 5 has no title.)

Anno 1557

Itm for torches at the burialle of Sr thomas
Huplye vicar of Ellthame

Itm R (substituted for "paid") for the
beruelle of Sr chaplene to Sr Henrye
gernygaine† knighte who was buriede wth in
the churche

* s by error in MS.
† Sir Henry Jerningham of Costessy Hall, Norfolk, was foremost
among the loyalists who, in the death of Edward VI, when a traitorous
clique attempted to exclude Mary Tudor from the throne and set up Lady
Jane Grey in her place, hastened to the support of the legitimate sovereign.
He was rewarded by being appointed, on 31st July, 1553, Vice Chamberlain
and Captain of the Guard; and it is conjectured that, in his capacity of
Vice Chamberlain, he occupied the royal Palace of Eltham—hence his
connection with the place.
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Itm for torches at his burille  
Itm of John rolte for the haufl yeares Kent  
of the prishe house that hea inhabetethe  
dewe at michallmas last past 1557  
(Marginal note in another hand:  
John Roult parish hous.)  
Itm of Mr bushe for ceartine oulde skaffall  
poolle  
Itm of John rolte as a fine for the prishe  
hous that he houldethe  
(Ditto: John Roult parish house)  
Itm of John Hanger as a fine for the pryshe  
hous in pope strett wiche hous is letton to the  
Same John for xxj yeares form The feaste of  
St michalle Ao dom 1557  
(Ditto: pope strett house)  
Itm receued of Richard Maynerde  
towarde an albe and a surplisse  
Itm Receaved for xliij of ould Iron wiche  
was the gert bell clapper  
Itm Receavede of Mr willm Roper esquire  
by the hand of Thomas Readinge his svant  
toward the payment of the cannype clothe:  
16 decemb Ao 1557  
Itm receued of Thomas Redinge as execu- 
tore to Sr Thomas Hupley lat vikar of  
Eltham for the pascall mony wiche the sayd  
Sr Thomas receued at ester last paste videlz  
Ao dom 1557  
Itm receved of Mr vikare that now is for the  
pascall mony  
mony layd out in the yeare of or lorde  
god 1556 & 1557  
(no total given)  
Itm paid for Searchinge of iiiij wills for the  
behufe of the prishe  
Itm paid to John Fleminge the xxj day of  
June for Sawinge of burde At xvijd the  
houndrethe in pt of paymente  
Itm paid to ye same John in monye  
Itm paid to the rope maker for a bauldricke  
for the great bell  

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xxiv
Itm p\textsuperscript{d} mor to the Same John Fleminge
Itm paid to ye said John Fleminge for
sawinge quarters
Itm p\textsuperscript{d} for the visitatione at Dartford the
iiij daye of September
Itm paid for a showell & a spaide

(verso)

Ano dni 1556 & 1557 15 (sic).

Itm paid for a thoussande of vj\textsuperscript{d} naylles
Itm paid for copinge of the booke ij times in mony
Itm paid for a roppe for the churche gate
Itm paid for a pounde of fraunkinsenc
Itm paid for a Locke for the chauncell dore
Itm paid for a suit grot\textsuperscript{*} to bexley
Itm paid for iij\textsuperscript{d} of x\textsuperscript{d} naylles
Itm paid for iij\textsuperscript{d} mo of Inglishe naylls
Itm paid for iij\textsuperscript{d} of x\textsuperscript{d} naylle
Itm paid fo j\textsuperscript{d} of lathe naylle
Itm paide to nyicholas Thomas for Sawinge
of v\textsuperscript{d} of Seallinge borde and iij\textsuperscript{d} q\textsuperscript{r}ters bourde at xvij\textsuperscript{d}
Itm paid for ij standinge candelle sticke of
Irone for a hearse and a wicker case for the
challis
Itm paid to Rolte evesbroke carpenter in pt of
payment of his bargaine for the repercetion of
the churche the xxvij\textsuperscript{th} of novembr
Itm p\textsuperscript{d} for a mo of vj\textsuperscript{d} nayll flemishe
Itm p\textsuperscript{d} for a mo of lathe naylle
Itm p\textsuperscript{d} for on lode of lime w\textsuperscript{th} the carriege
for Deatford
Itm p\textsuperscript{d} for one lod\textsuperscript{e} of tilles w\textsuperscript{th} carrege from
colmans
Itm paid for on lode of sand diginge and
carriage and loode of gravell for the churche
gate

* See supra, page 79.
† sic for d ?
Itm payd for a lood of skaffolle poulle bouge of Robert alleyge wth carryage
Itm paid for another of scaffalle pooles carige frome popstrert wth was felde in the prishe gronde
(Marginal note: parish ground)
Itm paid to ij laberers for carrie a lood of scaffalle pooles out of Robert alyghe yarde to the churche
Itm paid to vmfrey tillers for iiij days worke of hime and iiij days worke of his iiij men at ij\s p diem for their iiij
Itm paid to Nicholas thomas for Sawinge of iiij\d of Sealinge bourd at xvij\d the d
Itm paid for v\d of vj\d nayll

f.5 (=6)

Itm paid to Rolt evesbroke for lainge in of plaete by the space for vij dim' of hime self at xij\d the daye and for his iiij men for vij dim' at xij\d the daye and his boye for like tyme at vj\d the daye in all ou\e and beside his taske worke that he toke by greate

Itm paid to John flemynge for Sawinge of q\ter bourd planches and q\ters and steppes amountinge to xj\d at 18\d ye 100
Itm paid mor to wilh cooke tillere for iiij dim (sic) tillinge about the steapell play-steringe and washinge in the churche and vnder pinninge the new walle plate at x\d p di\m
Itm paid to James Jeamy for iiij dais s\vinge the tillers at vj\d p di\m
Itm p\d to ij laberers for caringe out of rubbishe out of the churche and cariagge of the shores and laders
Itm p\d to ij laberers for caringe bondes plankes shells and quarters in to the store huse on crismsas even
Itm paid for haufl a pounde of sines/* to be sette about the churche on crismas morne } vjd
Itm paid to John bourne sen for makinge of the great bell clapp and the littell bell clapp and spike for the carpinter for the dogge one the new beame and ij forlocke for the great belle ower and besides xiiij of ould Irone that he had of the prishs for ij laye vpone them
Itm paid a roppe for the cloke xxd
Itm pd to the cloke maker for lokinge to the clocke and mendinge of hire for this yeares eande at crismas
Itm paid to John fleming on Sb stephens daye for Sawinge of iiij of plankes for seattes in ye churche at xviiij thed
Itm paid to the paynter the iiij day of aprills of londone for paintinge the roode and the mary and John
Itm paid for canvas & fire for to heat his collours viijd
Itm paid to ould bourne for makinge of a bauldricke viijd for haufl a hid of white leathers xxd
Itm pd to the same man for new boult of Irone spike and chekes wth a new bunclee for the bell clapp and diurse other things occupiede about the great bell

6b(5b).

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Itm pd to mills carpinter of hexly for takinge doune of the great belle doune and new hanginge of hire vpe and mendinge of the bell whill be great
Itm geuen to the men that did helpe take doune the bell and hange hir againe & in bread and drinke iiijd

* This appears to be identical with "sisses" and "sise" which occur later on. The meaning is candles of a special make for lighting or decorating the church on the mornings of high festivals.
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Itnutrition to the sayd carpinter for fellinge of elme and squaringe the same at thomsons hous and lainge in of xxj foot of plate at the sayd hous and mendinge diuurse otthe faltes about the same by greate (Marginal note: Tompsō hous at popestreter)

Itnutrition paid for a bottelle and a pint of oyle for the cloke

Itnutrition paid for grease for the bells

Itnutrition paid to williūm couke bricke layere for ij days worke meanginge the payviment in the churche the viij\textsuperscript{th} day of aprille at xij\textsuperscript{d} the daye

Itnutrition paid for vj roulf tilles at j\textsuperscript{d} the peace for the churche

Itnutrition paid to the bayley of the towe (sic) for the Coman fine dewe for haulf a years at or\textsuperscript{d} lady day last past

Itnutrition paide the same man for the quitrente of y\textsuperscript{o} prishe hous and londe y\textsuperscript{t} John rolte houldethe dew at or\textsuperscript{d} ladye day last (Marginal note: John Roult hous belong to the parish.)

Itnutrition p\textsuperscript{d} to Shosmithe for haulf years Reants obitt goinge out of the Sayd hous

Itnutrition p\textsuperscript{d} for xvij\textsuperscript{H} of onewe waxe for the pascall and for the tapers about the ze Pulitzer and the roud loftte wth the iiiij tapers and Judas* lighte at xij\textsuperscript{d} b’ amo\textsuperscript{s}\dagger

Itnutrition p\textsuperscript{d} for workinge of xiiij\textsuperscript{H} of ould waxe at j\textsuperscript{d} the pounde

Itnutrition p\textsuperscript{d} for a pound of sines\ddagger spent on ester in the mornynge

Itnutrition p\textsuperscript{d} for fier for the chaunter workinge the waxe

Itnutrition paid for cooles for y\textsuperscript{o} hallowed fier

Itnutrition paid for setting vp and takinge doune the ze Pulitzer

* An imitation candle, or stock, to hold and heighten a length of real candle, whether the Paschal candle, a candle in the Rood loft, or one in any other part of the church.

\dagger by amount, i.e. sum total.

\ddagger see supra, page 84.
Itm paid for watchinge the Sepulchar iiij
night
Itm paid for oyle and creame
Itm for washinge the churche linnine the
holle yeare and skoringe the candell stickes
Itm paid for the clarkes and singers drinking
on easter day
Itm paid for a quart of lampe oylle

f.7(6).
Anno 1556 1557:
Itm paid for mending churche still
Itm pd for naylls for ye same
Itm pd to henry nockesone for a canapy
clothe
Memorad’ that henry nockesone hathe freelye
guene toward the payment of a canapy
clothe over and a bone the aforsaid iiij*
pounde
Itm pd at the visitatyon at Dartforde about
the xijth of September 1557
Itm paid to Richard Shosmethe for quitrente
of the prishe hous that John Rolte houldethe
dew for hauflf a yeare at michallmas 1557
(Marginal note: John Roult parish hous.)
Itm paid to the baylle of the town the quit-
rent and the coman fine for the Sayd hous
that John rolte houldethe for hauflf ayear at
michallmas
(Marginal note: John Roult parish house.)
Itm paid to the baylley of bexly for quit-
rente for the prishe land at easte ende
Itm pd for a sut groot to bexly
Itm pd for a new graylle the xij of Setembr'
Itm pd for viij yaridges of hollon clothe at xijd
the yarde
Itm paid for vj yard of hollan clothe for an
albe at xd the yarde
Itm pd for hauflf a pounde of frankinsence
Itm pd for grease for the bell

* over "there" erased.
Itm pd for nayls to mende ye lecturne
Itm pd for a holly water sprinkell
Itm pd for ye churche wardens cherge ridinge to Londone to by a graylle and the clothe aforesaid
Itm the iiij day of decem'br 1557 for a new clapper for the great belle wayinge xlvj½
a iiijd the pounde
Itm pd to Robert evesroke in pt of pay-mente of his bargain for the reparinge of the churche our and beside the xlvj½ viijd paid to hime the xxvijd of nomembr laste the sin of xx½ wiche was paid to hime at seu'alle times at crismas
Itm pd to the cloke maker for his wholl years stipende and (sic)
Itm pd to hodder for sawinge of q'r tr out of shells for on day at the same time

f.7b(6b).

Anno domini 1556 : & 1557

Itm for haulf a hundreth of Inglishe iijd
naylle for the seats in the churche
Itm of iijd naylle & ijd in other nayll for the same purpose
Itm pd for haulf a pound of sines* at crismas in the morninge
Itm paid for fetchinge of v'd of pavinge tille from woulwyche vjd wiche till we had of parker in cosideration of the rent that is behind
Itm pd for the churche of ye comman gat in to east fillde viz to bourn for hookes and hinges and a stapell xiiijd viz to John edwardes for for' (sic) squaringe the postes & hanging the gate xvjd an to xpheres palar for makinge the gate xiiijd in all iijd viijd of the wch the churche wardens gathered in the churche xiiijd so the paid our and besides the same xiiijd

(Marginal note: "East feald")

* see supra, pages 84 and 85.
Itm paid for haufl a pound of frankinsence    } iiijd
bought againste crismas    
Itm paid for makinge a new Sr. plise and a } xvjd
new Albe agaynst crismas
Itm pd to the glasier for vij fott of newe } iiijs jd
glase at vijd the fott
Itm pd for ix quarrells of new glase    }
Itm pd for v ells of holland Clothe for ij alter } vs xd
clothes at xiiiid the ell
Itm paid for v ells of course holland clothe } iiijs ijd
for the roode clothe at xd
Itm pd for ij yarde of canvas for the alter } xijd
in the chappelle
Itm paid for paintinge fo the alltr in the } iiijs vjd
chappell
Itm paid for ij cortayns in the quire windows } vjs
Itm paid for a bottell of oyle for the lampe } xjd
Itm paid for sallett oyl for the cloke    }
Itm pd for a line to pull vp the roode clothe } iijd
on palme sondaie
Itm paid to the wax chamller for warkinge } xviijd
of xviijl at jd the pounde

f.8(7).

Anno doñny 1557 1558

Itm paid for xijl of newe waxe at xijd the } xijd
pound
Itm paid for housy reme to worke the said } viijd
waxe
Itm paid for on sake of colles for the hallowed } viijd
fier
Itm paid for washing a yeare    }
Itm paid for watcinge the Sepulcher ij night } iiijs
Itm paid for settinge vp of ys sepulcher and } viijd
taking down the Same
paid for oyl and creame
Itm paid to the clarkees and singers to drinke } iijs id
on ester daye
Itm paid to the clarke for caringe plake to } iiijd
the sawpitte
Itm paid to Joyner in earnest
Itm paid to the good man bourne
Sm. to saluta (sic) of these ij years 2711/2 s 2d

The fulle accompte of Henr. Sknocksone
and John Lancaster Church wardens of the
parrishe of Elthame taken befor Mr. willm Rooper esquire Heughe tenche Henr. bushe cum quidam (sic) alliis of the parrisheners of the same toune the Sunday beinge the xxiiij day of aprille Anno 1558 as followethe

The sů of all the receats of the whole mony
by theme receved for the xij of Julye 1554
vnto the sayde xxiiijth of aprille as in this
pticular booke apperethe
p\textsuperscript{a} by them w\textsuperscript{th} in the said time as by the
said booke apperethe pticularlye
and so this tow churchewardens owethe
vpon this accompte

1558

f.3b(7b).

1557
Wiche is geueu to the Sayd ij acpoñts in consideracion of the travell and labore Sustained hear abouts by the holle assente
of the said prishe Mr. rooper w\textsuperscript{th} the rest

est sic eqz\textsuperscript{*}

per willm rooper
p me henricm bushe
p willm hamonde
p me Johanem rolte
vicar of Elthame
p me Thomam redinge
p hugonem tenche
cm quidam (sic) alliis

in thear is yeat owinge to the prishe yppon
thaccompte of georg stevenson as by a
pticular bill therof remayne the beringe
date the xx of aprill 155(1 ?)

Itm the ys also lyke wese yppon thaccompte
of roberte garbett as by the sayd bill
apperethe

Itm more is owinge for haulf the yers rente
of thomsons hous in popstreat dew at o\textsuperscript{r}
ladye daye in leant 1558

* ? et sic, equat, i.e. balances.
Itn mor is owinge by John rolte for haulf a years rent of the prishe hous last before rememberede
(Marginal note: "John Roult parish house")
And so is electede and chosene newe churchwardens the xxiiiijth of aprill 1558

Heughe alley
John birde

f.9(8).

Monie receaued by the(h)urch wardens of the prishe of Elthame in the year of or lord 1554
more: B the years 1556 and 1557 viz' vnto ye day of february 1558
Sum to his of the receats wheareof
Paid by them in the yeare 1554
mor paide in the yeare 1555
mor paid in the years 1556 and 1557 vnto the xiiiij of februarye 1558
Sum to his of the payments vnto the xiiiij of februarye 1558
Finis quod Henry Sknokesone and John John Langaster
God saue the quene

f.9b(8b) blank.
(Here three folios are missing.)

f.13.

1558

Receates of the rentes belonging vnto the Perrishe of Elthame Begiining at our lady day laste paste in the yeare of or lorde gode 1558
Receaued By the handes of Heughe alley and John Byrde in the same yeare: beinge the v and vijt yeare of ye raigne of or soveraigne lord and kinge phillipp and quene maryl by the grace of god kinge & quene

Ao 1558
Inprimis receaved of John rolte the ij day of may for the parrishe hous In parte payment of a more Smī for the hous that John alley dwellethe the(r)in. (Marginal note: John Roult parish house.)

Itām receaved at the burial of mother Dell vall

Itām receaved of the burialle of Jeromy kinge

Itām receaved of Robert alley in pt of payment of a greater Smā

Itām receaved of John hanger for the prishe hous hous (sic) at popstreate wch tomsoned dwelling In for a quarters rent dew at or’ lady day in Ao 1558

(Marginal note: popestret.)

Itām receaved of John rolte for the reant of prishe hous for the hauflf yeares rent dew at or’ lady day 1558

(Ditto: John Roult parish house.)

Itām receaved of Thomsons widowe for the quarter Rent of the prish house at popstreat dew at ovr lady day in the year of or’ lorde god 1558

Itām receaved by me heugh alley on of the churche wardens of Robert alighe the ij day of october of the last payment that he ought to the prishe in the yeare of or’ lord god 1558

Itām receaved of John Rolt for the rent of the prishe hous of hauflf a yeare dew at michall-mas last paste

(Ditto: John Roult parish house.)

f.13b.

1558

Itām paid of John haunger for ij taper at the buriall of his kūmane

Itām R. of mistris leeanarde for the burilall of bir husbane
Itm paid of mistris leanerd for tapers iiijd
Itm R of Roberte alley viijd
Sum a v l vjs xvijd

Itm So Remaynethe in the handes of
heughe aleye toward the churche vnpaide

vgs vdg ob

1558
Paymentes for the churche of Eltham
by heughe allee being (c)hurche warden
be goome at or lady day last in lente in
the yeare of or lord god 1558

Inprimis paid the ij daye of may to hunte the
Carpentere for the makinge of a whelle for
the littelle belle

Itm paid more to the Smithe for mendinge
of Thestorupe to the Same belle

Itm paid the same day to the carpinter that
makethe the pewes

Itm pd more to the Smithe for a hundræthe
of vjd naylles

Itm paid mor to the Smithe for a hundræthe
of ijd naylles for the pewes

Itm paide vnto the Carpinter tha(t) makethe
the pewes the vij daye of may Anno Domini
1558 In pt of payment

Itm I hade of michalle herate xxx fotte of
silling* boorde for the pewes

Itm paid for sawinge of quarters for the
pewes the sam time

Itm paid for brades for the pewes the xj day
of may 1558

Itm paid to the Ioyner for makinge of sîn
pewes and furnishinge all the wholl worke

Itm paid for brades at the ende of the
makinge of the pewes Anno Domi 1558

Itm for paid for the hinges of mistris Herones
pave

Itm paid for the quit rente of the parrishes
housses

iijjs iiijd ob.

* sillinge by error.
Itm laid forthe the iij day of June for a pound of frankinsens for the churche
Itm laide oute for boordes that I had of m\(r\) east for to meande the whell of the littell belle and the pewes besides
Itm laide forthe by me heughe alley for xxx tills the vij day of september
Itm p\(d\) to John birde for cariage of the tilles the v\(j\)th Day of the same monithe from goodman colmans hous of chesteeste
Itm laid forthe for our charges beinge churche wardens Heughe alle and Iohn birde goinge vnto Dartforde vnto the visitasione the vij\(th\) day of Septembr in the v\(th\) and v\(j\)th yeare of or most soveraigne lorde kinge phillippe and quene mury in the year of or lorde gode 1558
Itm paide to feltone for the quitrent of the prishe lande of Eltham dow at St michall tharkangle A\(o\) D\(mi\) 1558
Itm paid to m\(r\) gouldwelle for a obitt monye A\(o\) d\(ni\) 1558
Itm paid to the same Goudlewelle for quitrent of the prishe lande of bexley
Itm paid to John birde for the caringe of ij lodes of sande
Itm paid to stephene pritt for iiij quarters of lime
Itm paid to John wrene for the slakinge of the lime
Itm paid for the washeing of all the churche clothes
Itm paid to felton for the commane fine of prishe of Elltham
Itm paid for ij tillers for the tillinge of the churche
Itm paid for haulf a thousand of lathe maylls
Itm paid for haulf a pounde of sisses† againste crismas
Itm paid for a hundrethe of lathe

* Omitted by error.    † see supra, pages 84, 85 and 87.
f. 14b.
Itm paid to feltone for the commane fine of Eltham dew at michallmas last past
Itm paid for mendinge of the bell claper
Sm a iiiij xix s vij d Ob

1559
Receates of the rentes belonginge to the prishe of Elltham Received by John byrde being churchie wardens in the yeare of cr lord god 1559
Itm Receaved of heughe alley after his departure whiche Remaynethe in his hande
Itm R of John rolte for on wholle years reante
dew at michallmas laste paste in the yeare
a for saide
Itm receved of John hanger for on wholle years rent
Itm R of mr vicar for half pence
Sm a iiiij xiiii s xd

1559
Pamets by John bird beinge churchie-warden of Eltham form (sic) cr lady day
last paste in the yeare of cr lord god 1559 vn to
the [feast omitted] of St michalle tharke
angelle next insuige the same yeare
Inprimis pd for on quarte of oyle for the lampe
Itm pd for a pounde of frankinsenc
Itm paid for ij waffier cake
Itm pd to the waxe chaunler for newe wax
ix poûd
Itm pd for makinge the same
Itm pd for workinge of xij ofould waxe
Itm pd for settinge vpe the Sepulcher
Itm pd for takinge downe the same
Itm pd for watchinge the Sepulchre ij nithes
Itm paid for nayls for the waxe chaunler for
to hang the taper vpon
Itm paid to John bourne for mending the hasp of the churche gate
Itm paid to Henry Neale for paving in manis palces (sic) in the churche

f.15

1559

Itm paid for a bauldricke for the great bell
Itm paid to Mr Gouldwell for an obitt
Itm paid to the bayleye the quitent
Itm paid for the coman fine to the baylle
Itm paid to bexleye parish for ye xv
Itm paid to Lancaster for helpinge the wax chaunler
Itm paid for the quitrent to bexleye prishe
Itm paid for drinke for the waxe chaunler an Lancaster and other moe that did help the wax chaunler
Inprimis laide out at the visitasione at rochester
Itm to a clarke for writinge a booke of articles
Itm paid the same time at Dartforde for drinke
Itm paid at the visitasione at Dartford
Itm paid for a commynone booke and ij psalters
Itm paid for washinge a yeare
Itm paid for half a pounde of sise*

Suma iiiijj1/2 j8 vijd
And so the said John bird owethe to the prishe

The full accoumt of John bird churche wardene of the prishe of Elthame taken before Mr william Rooper esquire heughe Teneche John Rolte edwarde ellyatte John poolie nicholas mosyer & others the sondaye The xiiiijth day of Januarey A° dmi 1559: for on holle yeare and a halfys reckeninge of ye a forsaide John bird and heughe alley endinge at the feast for St michaillle the arke angelle in the year of cr

* see supra, pages 84, 85 and 87.
lorde god 1559 afor sayd, and so the aforsaid
John birde Remaynethe charged toward the
prishe three shillinge and three pence:
Itm the executors of heughe alley Remane-
the like wise charged towardes the prishe
of Elthame afor saide the Sm of fiue shillil-
inge and fiue pence halfe penye And so are
ellected and chosen againe churche
wardens the a forsaid xiiij day of Januari
1559 Thomas mobbey John skitt

f.16b.

1559

Received and deliu'rede the xviiij day of
februarye in the yeare of o' lord gode 1559

to John birde at the deathe of heughe
alley as followethe*

Inprimis deliu'red to John birde, on Sillver
challis
Itm deliu'red to John birde a cannipey of rede
damaske
Itm deliu'red to John birde one veasteamdeant
of whitte and one redde vestmente and
another veasment of done sattine and to
hankine clothes for the alcere the one of
whitte and the other of reade damaske

Received and deliu'rede the iiijth day of
februarye to John skitte and Thomas
mombeye churche wardens as followethe
of elthame in the Seconde yeare of the
raigne of quen quene Ellizabethe

Itm deliu'red to [skite erased] John birde a
whitt damaske vestment with all thinges
belon'ge ther vnto
Itm ij longe towelles the one dioper and the
other plaine and a cross banner clothe
Itm a whittte damaske vestmente withe a
†fanille and an alb for the same

* With the following items may be compared the Inventory of Church
† "fannel", or, as it is now called, "maniple".
Itūn a vestemente of redd velvitte wth all things belonging ther vnto
Itūn a cope of russite sattine
Itūn a hearse clothe of red vellvite
Itūn a caniipe of read damaske
Itūn a painted latteine clothe
Itūn a vestmente of bodkine worke wth all things belonginge there vnto
Itūn a vest ment of blue damaske wth all things belonginge thear vnto
Itūn ij tunicles and tow cushens, and oulde coverlitte and ij stoules

f.16.

1560

Receavede of the Rentes be (an erasure seemingly "to") the parishe of Eltham begininge at o r lady day laste paste in the yeare of o r lord god 1560
Receaved by Thomas mvmbre and John skitte

Inprimis Receaved of John alle for haulf a yeares Rent of the prishe hous that he dwelleathe in the xxj day of apryll dew at o r lady dai last insuinge
Itūn receaved of John hanger for haulf years rente of the prishe hous at popstreat the xx viij day of aprille dew at o r lady daye last in suinge the date hear of 1570 (sic)

(Marginal note: popestret)

Receaved of master hellmare of deptford-strauede for bushes that was felled at the comane (?)

Recad of Mrs bushe of hir geaftte toward the makinge of the churche stille
Receaved of John bourne for the broken bell claper
Itūn receaved for the belles at the burialle of Mr Roopers child
Receaved of the bruer of wollwiche for a loode of furres

1560
xxvij viijd
ixv vijd

iiijs

viijd
xij(d)

iii'd

iii'd
Receaved of Mr ellyotte for a ealme
Receaved of John bird of ould depts dew to
the prishe
Receaved of Mr parat for furres
Receaved of John allee for haulf a years
Rente of the prishe hous the x day of
november dew at michallmas last in suinge
Receaved of John Handger for haulf a yeares
Rente of the prishe hous at popstretate the
xviiij day of November dew at michallmas
laste past 1560
(Marginal note: popstrete)
Surh iiiij xvij iiij

We haveinge in or handes of the prishe money
at the falle of hit xxvj o'b and loste by the
saide xxvj iiij o'b to the same of vij iiij and
so remaynethe xvij xj o'b to the prishe
Thomas mvmbey and John skitte
1560

f.16b.

1560

Paymentes in the yeare of or lord god
1560 paid by thomas mvmbey and John
skyt church wadens (sic) for the parishe
of Eltham

Itm paid for a bauledrick for the great bell
Itm paid for makinge the churche stille
Itm paid for A pine for the bauledrick
Itm paid for nayles
Itm paid for A post to mende the churche
wall
Itm paid to Richard fellton the quitrent and
the coman fin for the prishe the firste daye
of may dew at thaultiation of or lady in the
yeare of or lord 1560
Itm paid for A bibell
Itm paid for or charges in buinge hit
Itm paid for the claper of the littell bell
Itm paid to John petley for makinge A
whell for the sayd bell

xxvj

ix vj

xvj iiij

ijd

vij

vxvij

xvj

viij

xvij
Itm paid to kowke and his man for A dayes  
worke 
Itm paid for nayls  
Itm paid for A pine for the baldricke  
Itm paid for candells* that was brent at the 
hanging of the bell whille 
Itm paid for mending the storie of the 
bell whille  
Itm laid out at the vititation at dartford  
the 4 day of october  
Itm paid for puttinge downe the alter  
Itm paid to Mr. sümere of bexley for the 
quitreat and the coman fine for on wholl 
yeare the xvij day of october dow at michall-
mas laste past in the year of our lorde god 1560  
Itm paid for the quitrent and the coman 
fine to henry snockson for haulf A years 
reant at michallmas last paste in the yeare 
of our lord god 1560  
Itm paid Gorge gouldwelle of bexley for 
an obit reant the iiiijth daye of november 
dewe at the feast of St. michall in the yeare 
of our lord god 1560  
Itm paid to the vititers at dartford the xvijth 
day of Januarie in the yere of our lord god 
1560  
Itm paid for wasshinge A yeare  
Itm paid for writtinge A yeare  
Smi iiijth xixij  

f.17.  

1561  

Recayete of the rents belonginge to the 
parishe of Eltham receavede by Thomas 
mvmay and John skythe churche 
wardens in the yeare of our lord  

* " of " erased.
Received of John hanger for halfe A yeare rent of the parrishe hous at popestreet the viij daye of Aprille in the yeare of or lord god dew at thauntyaton of or ladye 1561

Itm received of John Allee for halfe A yeares rent of the parrishe hous that he dwellethe in the xij daye of may dew at thauntyation of or lady in the yeare of or lord god 1561

(Marginal note: popestret.)

Itm received of John Allee for halufe A yeares rent of the parrishe hous at popes streat the xx day of novembember (sic) in the yeare of or lord gode dew at michallmas 1561

Itm received of Mr edd's Roper for furs that grew at shuters hill in the hy way

Itm received of edwarde kynge for the burialle of his wife in the church

Sth iiiij xiijd

1561

Paymentes in the yeare of or lord god 1561 for the parish of Eltham paid by thandes of Thomas mvmbey and John skyghte churche wardens of the same prishe

Itm paid to the clocke maker at easter iijs xd

Itm paid for corde for the clocke xd

Itm paid for sawinge to henry snokeson and John corbee xviiijd

Itm paid to John petley for meandinge the pewes iiijs

Itm paid to John bourne for iiij lockes for the churche boxe ijg vjd
Itm paid for a locke for easte fild gate v
Itm paid for ij laborers for helpinge the carpenter A bout the seates } ij s viij d

f.17b.

1561

Itm paid to willm cowke for A dayes worke xij d
Itm paid for nayles vij d
Itm payd At dartford at the vititation for bookes and o r charges the xij daye of maye ij s iiiij d
Itm paid for quart of oylle and A botell viij d
Itm payd to henry snockson the quitrent and the coman fine for haluf A yeares rent the xxviiij day of maye dew at o r ladi day laste xj s j d
paste in the yeare of o r lord god A thousand v c lx i
Itm paid at the vititatione at dardford the the (sic) xxix day of Auguste iiiij s
Itm paid for A rope ij s iiiij d
Itm paid for A quiere of paper iiiij d
Itm p d at the vititation at bromly v j s
Itm p d for A booke of ther charges iiiij d
Itm p d to M r drapper of bromly for v yeares paste of the parrishe hous at popstreate that John hanger dwelleth in the iiiij daye of october in the yere of o r lord god 1561 vs
(Marginal note: popestret.)
Itm p d to willyam cowke for ij dayes worke xij d
A bout the churche
Itm paid for haulf A yebushelle of lyme iij d
Itm payd to Mr Somer of bexleye the xth day of november the quit rent of the prishe lande that lyethe in bexley parish for on wholl yeare rent dew at mycallmas last xvij d ob.
(Marginal note: parish land lyeth in Bexley parish.)
Itm p d for A booke of articlles viij d
Itm payd at the vititatione at dartford the }  xvj
xxj day of marche  
Itm paid to kowe for A dayes worke  
Itm paid to herri snocke son for the quit-
rent and the coman fine of the parrishe for  
half yeare rent the x\textsuperscript{th} day of november dew  
at m michalle mas in the yeare of 0\textsuperscript{5} lord  
god 1561  
Itm paid to John outred for the xv\textsuperscript{th} that  
lyethe in bexly parrishe  
Itm paid for washinge a yeare  
Itm paid for writinge A yeare  
for gresse for the bells

S\dot{m} iiij xij xjd o\dot{d}.

(To be continued.)