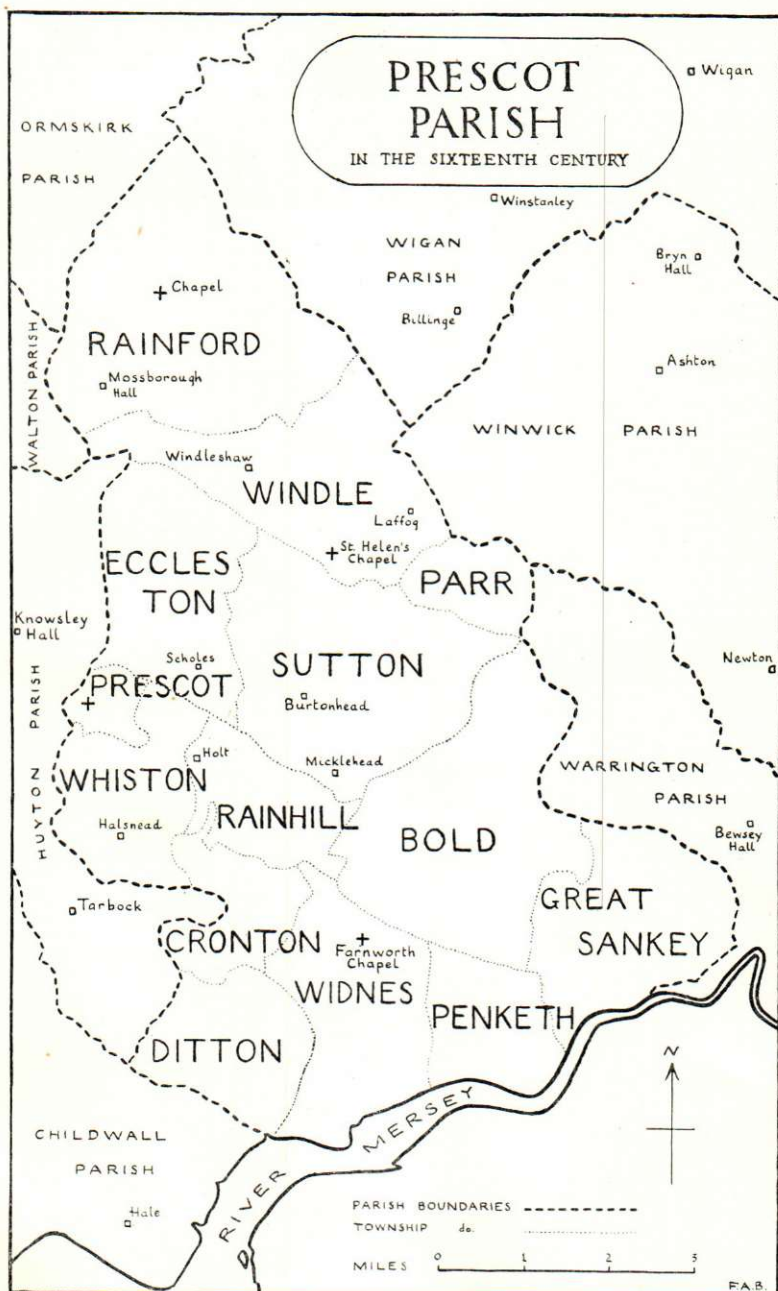


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1523 - 1607

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Introduction

THE ancient parish of Prescott in South Lancashire covered an area of fifty-eight square miles and contained fifteen townships. By 1523, when the present series of records begins, the parish had become virtually divided into two. The southern half, known as Farnworth Side, comprised the townships of Bold, Cronton, Cuerdley, Ditton, Great Sankey, Penketh and Widnes. Here, at Farnworth, in Widnes, was an already-ancient parochial chapel, believed to have been built by the Barons of Halton¹ in the twelfth century. In 1523 there were no longer any Barons of Halton, and the knightly family of Bold, resident at Bold Hall, had assumed the leading position. The semi-independence enjoyed by Farnworth Side is evidenced by the keeping of a separate Parish Register, which is still preserved from 1538.² As the present volume shows, Farnworth Side had its own churchwardens, who no doubt kept separate accounts, though these have not been preserved. The Churchwardens' Accounts of Prescott therefore relate only to the northern half of the parish, or "Prescot Side," except as regards the levy of the church rate or ley for the upkeep of the parish church, to which Farnworth Side had to contribute almost equally with Prescott Side in addition to maintaining its own chapel.³ As the present records show, this liability was repeatedly challenged, and was enforced only by invoking the superior authority of the Bishop's court, which upheld the rights of Prescott Church and was prepared if necessary to order the suspension of Farnworth Chapel.

1. Halton Castle, near Runcorn, was the seat of the Constables of the Earldom of Chester, who also held the Barony of Widnes.
2. Published for the years 1538-1612 by the Lancashire Parish Register Society in Volume 80 (1941), ed. F. A. Bailey.
3. A church ley from Prescott side totalled £4, and from Farnworth Side £3 16s.

Prescot Side comprised the remaining eight townships of Eccleston, Parr, Prescot, Rainford, Rainhill, Sutton, Whiston and Windle. For administrative convenience the townships were grouped into intermediate units called quarters, as seems to have been usual in the large parishes of this region, if not generally throughout the North. Prescot parish was however exceptional in that both Prescot and Farnworth sides had their own quarters, so that the parish as a whole contained *eight* quarters. This presumably was the reason for setting up a body of Eight Men by episcopal decree of 5th August, 1555, with authority to appoint Churchwardens, audit accounts and decide what leys should be imposed. By an extraordinary misunderstanding, it would seem, the Eight Men, who should logically have represented the eight quarters of the whole parish, were chosen by each of the eight townships of Prescot Side only, and thus did not represent Farnworth Side at all.⁴

Two further chapels of ease existed in this period, in the townships of Windle and Rainford.⁵ These being more recent did not possess the status of Farnworth, both being within Prescot Side. The accounts throw little or no light on the history of these chapels, which must have been maintained by funds entirely separate from those of the parish churchwardens.

The living of Prescot was a Vicarage in the gift of King's College, Cambridge, by whom the Rectory had been appropriated in 1448.⁶ The profits of the Rectory were farmed out to the Earls of Derby,⁷ whose park of Knowsley adjoined the township of Prescot, and who figure in these accounts more prominently than the College, the Earls being important also as Ecclesiastical Commissioners and Lord-Lieutenants. The Vicars were non-resident during much of the period and accordingly have scant mention, but there are many references to the other clergy, especially in the early years when they included chantry priests.

4. This was partially remedied in a further decree of 15th January, 1619/20, which recites the text of that of 1555 and an earlier decree of 1291. The full text is published in F. G. Paterson's *History of Prescot* (1908), pp. 83-90.

5. That at Windle, dedicated to St. Helen, became the centre around which the town of St. Helens has since grown up. (The modern County Borough of St. Helens comprises the ancient townships of Windle, Sutton, Parr and parts of Eccleston).

6. *Prescot Records* (Record Soc. of Lancs. & Ches., Vol. 89), p. 2.

7. *ibid.*, p. 3.

The following were Earls of Derby during this period :
EDWARD STANLEY, third Earl of Derby, succeeded 1521,
died 1572.

HENRY, fourth Earl (son of last), 1572-93.

FERDINANDO, fifth Earl (son of last), 1593-4.

WILLIAM, sixth Earl (brother of last), 1594-1642.

The following were Vicars of Prescott :

ROBERT NOKE, M.A., presented 1509, died 1529 (non-resident).

SIMON MATTHEW, B.D., presented 1529, died 1541 (non-resident).

ROBERT BRASSEY, D.D., presented 1541, died 1558 (resident prior to his appointment as Provost of King's College in 1556, and of conservative religious views).

WILLIAM WHITLOCK, D.D., presented 1558, died 1583 (non-resident).

THOMAS MEAD, M.A., presented 1583, died 1616 (resident, and of strict protestant views).

Unlike churchwardens' accounts of later times, these accounts do not depict a settled order, but rather one in a state of flux and development. Even the numbers of churchwardens, and their date of appointment, varied. At first the number of wardens was two, but in 1546, when religious changes seem to have forced on a crisis, the number was increased to four, one for each quarter of Prescott Side, and this system was subsequently retained.⁸ But the date of appointment and of audit, which seems at first to have been St. Catherine's Day (25th November), was altered to Easter in 1546, then restored to St. Catherine's Day apparently in 1553, and altered again to Easter in 1606. The accounts continually reflect Tudor legislation, not only in matters strictly ecclesiastical, but also as regards civil or secular matters such as killing of vermin, care of armour, detention of rogues, relief of the poor and of maimed soldiers, upkeep of gaols and repair of highways.

Even the diocese was altered. Down to 1541 Prescott was in the Archdeaconry of Chester in the vast diocese of Lichfield, but in that year the Archdeaconry of Chester was

8. The church has still four Churchwardens, although the parish is now limited to Prescott township. All are elected by the Vestry, there being no "Vicar's Wardens."

transferred to the Province of York and combined with the Archdeaconry of Richmond to form the diocese of Chester. The Bishops in this period were :

(Lichfield)

GEOFFREY BLYTH, appointed 1503, died 1531.

ROWLAND LEE, consecrated 1534, died 1543.

(Chester)

JOHN BIRD, translated from Bangor 1541, deprived 1554.

GEORGE COATES, consecrated 1554, died 1555.

CUTHBERT SCOTT, consecrated 1556, deprived 1559.

WILLIAM DOWNHAM, consecrated 1561, died 1577.

WILLIAM CHADERTON, consecrated 1579, translated to Lincoln 1595.

HUGH BELLOTT, translated from Bangor 1595, died 1596.

RICHARD VAUGHAN, translated from Bangor 1597, translated to London 1604.

GEORGE LLOYD, translated from Sodor and Man 1605, died 1615.

Much of the interest of the accounts is due to the light which they throw on the impact of the momentous religious changes of these years upon parochial life. This aspect has been examined in two papers published by the Historic Society of Lancashire and Cheshire,⁹ to which the reader must be referred for further elucidation, both of this and other matters which space does not permit to be discussed here. This is a mine not only of local information, but also of material of general value in view of the scarcity of such records during the Reformation period. Nowhere else in Lancashire are there Churchwardens' Accounts dating back earlier than the middle years of Elizabeth I.

Not less remarkable than the matter they contain is the manner in which these records came to light. Prior to 1937, nothing seemed to be known of the existence of Prescott churchwardens' accounts prior to 1638, save for a few odd sheets found by the present writer in the parish chest in 1933.¹⁰ In 1937 a parcel posted to the then Vicar of Prescott, Canon J. P. W. Lovett, by Mrs. E. S. Weeks, of Clitheroe, with a covering letter stating that these were some old papers which appeared to relate to Prescott, and had been in the

9. Vols. 92 and 95 (1940 and 1943), under the title "The Churchwardens' Accounts of Prescott, 1523-1607," by F. A. Bailey.

10. Also a fragment separately preserved (see p. 31n).

possession of her late husband, the well-known Clitheroe antiquary, was found to contain practically all the material published in this volume, forming almost a complete series from 1523 to 1607.¹¹

The manuscripts thus restored to the parish were very tattered and frail, and Canon Lovett immediately handed them to me for examination. This disclosed that they had apparently once been part of a bound book, with numbered pages, but the binding and covers had completely gone, and many page numbers had been lost through disintegration. Many pages were still in sections, but others were detached, and all were in confusion. From internal evidence of matter and handwriting I have endeavoured to put them all into the correct order, but the task was complicated by the discovery that some belonged to a separate and subsidiary series of accounts known at first as the Wax Book and later as the Book of Burials.¹² The Wax or Burial Book does not seem to have borne page-numbers. The main series was known as the Ley Book. From the fact that the earliest known portion of the Wax Book dates from 1556, one may conjecture that the keeping of two separate series of accounts was inaugurated at the same time that the Eight Men came into being. Perhaps to meet the objections of Farnworth Side, the new system was introduced in order that expenditure of the leys could be restricted to the essential purposes for which they were levied.

The text of the accounts is printed here in its entirety, but in order to conserve space, the items, which occupy separate lines in the original, with the amounts usually columnated on the right, are here run on. Abbreviated words, both Latin and English, are here mostly extended, but otherwise, original spellings are retained. The handwriting shows considerable variation, but preserves throughout a good standard of neatness and legibility. The linguistic interest is no doubt considerable, and a selection of words, chosen rather arbitrarily, is listed in a Glossary.

Prior to the discovery of this series, the extant Churchwardens' Accounts at Prescott began in 1638.¹³ There is, therefore, still a gap or hiatus between 1607 and 1638, which

11. It is not known how or when Mr. Weeks acquired them, or why he did not disclose their existence. He may have put them by for examination at some time when leisure might permit.
12. See Index for page-references in the present volume.
13. F. G. Paterson, *op. cit.*, pp. 31, 41, with extracts. Also Report of Committee on Local Ecclesiastical Records, Diocese of Liverpool, 1910, appended to Volume 35 of the Lancashire Parish Register Society, 1909.

is a pity, as it was in this period that the church was largely rebuilt and the charming Jacobean chancel panelling, altar rails and choir stalls added. An ancient poor-box, still preserved, may be that made in 1588-9, and the old parish chest, of sixteenth-century character, remains in the vestry. The vestry itself is a fifteenth-century structure. Apart from these and a plain font of very early date (restored to the church in 1936), and an ancient bench-end on which a griffin (from the arms of the Bold family)¹⁴ is carved, there is nothing left of the church—possibly in part at least timber-framed—which then stood on the present site. The chronic state of disrepair which these accounts attest, and which made necessary the rebuilding of the church in 1610, was one of the causes of the episcopal decree of 1555, wherein we read that “there is so great ruins and deformities and dilapidations in the roofs, ornaments, walls and windows, that unless speedy remedy be taken, the said church is in a short time likely to fall down to the ground.”¹⁵

Not least interesting, for the local historian and the genealogist, are the lists of persons buried within the church, the fees from this source being a regular source of revenue for the parish. The Parish Register, which is extant from 1573 on, may thus be supplemented.¹⁶ Amongst many other points of interest is the rediscovery of the former dedication of the church to All Hallows (see p.11); the only dedication hitherto known was the existing one to St. Mary. An exceptional passage (p.37) regarding tapers for the “dedication” and the “feast of All Saints” suggests that the change may have occurred on the restoration of Catholic worship in the reign of Mary. Notable also are the references to Lancashire bellfounders, which antedate those revealed by the researches of the late F. H. Cheetham in his excellent series of papers entitled “The Church Bells of Lancashire,” published by the Lancashire and Cheshire Antiquarian Society, Volumes 32-40 (1914-22).

I wish to thank the Vicar of Prescott, Canon O. L. Martin, and the Churchwardens, for permission to publish these accounts, and for allowing me all the facilities I desired.

F. A. BAILEY.

14. The Bolds had a chantry chapel in Prescott Church, besides others at Farnworth and Warrington. Old manuscript plans (subsequent to 1610) show that the Bold Chapel at Prescott was at the east end of the north aisle of the nave.
15. Paterson (*op. cit.*, p. 53) mistakenly assigns this passage to the decree of 1291.
16. The Register for the years 1573-1631 has been published by the Lancashire Parish Register Society, Vol. 76 (1938), ed. F. V. Driffield.

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[pp. 1-29 missing.]

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1523-4

[p. 31.] Thes ben the names of knyghtes and gentilmen of the paroch of Prescott that gaf trees towards to (sic) the bellframe and floryng, anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo tercio [1523].

In primis, Sir Thomas Gerard, knyght, a tree. Item, Sir Richard Bold, knyght, a tree. Item, John Eccleston esquier, a tree. Item, John Eltonhed gentilman, a tree. Item, John Ogle gentilman, a tree. Item, Henry Trauers gentilman, a tree. Item, vxor Peter Wetherbe, a tree. Item, Robt Lyon, a tree. [remainder of page blank.]

[p. 32.] Memorandum, that the secund day of Marche anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo secundo [1522/3], before John Eccleston esquier and other gentilmen of the paroch of Prescote, ther is delyuerd to the handes of Henre Madok and Thurstan Lyon, chosen churchewardeyns of the said paroche for this yere cummyng, in parte of resayt of other summes folowyng.

In primis, delyuered to the said Henre and Thurstan the said day and yere, xxvijs. xd. Item, delyuered to the said wardeyns in money, iijs. xd. Item, the said wardeyns haue receyued of Edward Bower for certen tymber, ijs. vijd. Item, the said wardeyns haue sold to Miles Hayward ix peces of the old tymbur of the bell frame, the price, ijs. Item, the said wardeyns most receyve for the buriall of the wif of George Gernet, of sir Henre Sherdeley, xxd.

Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo tercio.

In primis, recepta in festo Sancte Katerine, iijs. jd. Item, in festo Sancti Stephani, ijs. Item, in festo Circumscisionis domini, x... Item, in dominica proxima post id festum, ijs. Item, in dominica proxima post festum Epiphanie, xd. Item, in festo Sancti Antonij, vjs.

Item, receyued of devocion money of Raynhill town, by the hands of Henre Penketh and Thomas Johnson, ijs. xjd. Item, receyved of devocion money of Raynforthe, by the hands of Henre Roby, iijs. ix. Summa pagine, iijli. xv...

[p. 33.] Anno domini millesimo quingentesimo vicesimo tercio. Memorandum, that these byn the names of the persons that haue byn buried within the body of the churche of Prescotte. In primis, Oliuer Gernett, ijs. Hugh Ley, ijs. Item, John Bernes, ijs. Item, vxor Thome Potter, ijs. Item, Elizabethe Croft, ijs.

Anno domini millesimo CCCCC^{mo} xxiiij^{to}. In primis, Gilbert Shay, ijs. Item, Edward Prescot, ijs. Item, Jane Bower, ijs.

[p. 34] Memorandum, receyued of Willyam Smyth and Robert Salter of the ley of Farneworthe side the xxth day of Nouember, xxvs. v... Item, receyued of sir Ric' White, sir Ric' Denton, William Smyth and Ric' Blachurst of money broken and holl to the devocion bell, ijs.

Percells and sommes of money receyved by sir Ric' Potter,¹ Henre Madok and Thurstan Lyon of a holl church ley laid in the paroch of Prescot, towards the henglyng of the bells, the fyfthe day of December, anno regni Regis Henrici viij¹ xv^{mo} [1523]. Furst, receyved of the ley of Prescot, by the handes of Oliuer Fryth and Brian Sutton, xs. Item, receyved of the ley of Parr, by thands of Edward Lassell and Rauff Knollis, vjs. vijd. Item, receyved of the ley of Sutton, by thands of Hugh Parr and Thomas Whitlow, xv... Item, receyved of the ley of Wyndill, by thands of Henre Derbeshire and Robt Mosse, xs. ... Item, receyved of the ley of Raynfforth, by thands of Hugh Cropper and Gilbert Raynfford, ix. x. Item, receyved of the ley of Raynhill, by thands of Willyam Holland and Robert Webster, iijs. vd. Item, receyved of the ley of Whiston, by thands of Thurstan Lyon and Robert Laurence, ... Item, receyued of the ley of Eccleston, by thands of [unfinished], ... Item, receyvit by Henre Madok for a pece of tymber sold, viij... Summa pagine, iiijli vijs. ...

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[p. 36.] These byn the paymentes that sir Ric' Potter, Henre Madok and Thurstan Lyon, churchwardeyns of the church of Prescot, electe for the yere of our Lord God a thousand fyve hundrethe and xxiiij, haue payd vnto dyuerse persons for the necessaries of the said church as hereafter folowithe, videlicet.

In primis, paid by the said wardeyns to Edward Bower for iij yards of white fustian to make stoles and fannones of, ijs. Item, paid for shapyng, sowyng and threde to the same, xd. Item, to the suffragan² for halowyng theym, iiijd. Item, paid the xvijth day of May to Rauff Holland for makyng of the grate at the church stele in to the marketh stid, by iiij dayes and a half, euery

1. Presumably the curate in charge, as the Vicar, Robert Noke (1509-29), was non-resident.

2. The Bishop of Lichfield (Geoffrey Blyth) was also Lord President of Wales from 1512-24, and apparently delegated his duties as bishop to a suffragan. A reference in the next paragraph indicates that the not uncommon practice of employing an Irish bishop for this purpose was followed,

day iijd, xiiij. ob. Item, for the burd¹ of the said Rauff the said v dayes, xd. Item, to John Deyn for wirkyng at the same with the said Rauff v dayes, xvd. Item for the burd of the said John vj dayes, giffyng his labor one day, xijd. Item, for mete and drynk to theym that made the hole vnder the grate and sett and laid the stones, iiijd. Item, paid for nayles, jd. ob. Item, paid for cariage of the tree that Maister Eccleston gaff, ijd. Item, paid to Jamys Watmogh for makyng a lok, a stable, a barre and bosts (*sic*) to the fonte, ii... Item, to the same Jamys for mendyng the bande of the north durre of the churche, ij... Item, paid for costs of sir Ric' Potter, Robert Bethum and Willyam Coney when they went to Chester for the decree,² iijs. ijd. Item, paid the xxvth day of August to Rauff Holland, sir John Halsall and John Deyn for takyng down of the bell and mendyng of the rode awlter, ix. Item, in burd ...

[p. 37.] Item, for costs to Bewseey, Farnewurthe and Bold, Frodsham and Weryngton, xjd. Item, paid to Peres Bernes for copyng of bull and instrumente, iiijd. Item, paid to Jamys Watmogh for a lock and a key and bands to Farnorthe, xd. Item, to sir Henre Sherdeley for his costes at ij tymes to Farnewurth, vjd. Item, paid and delyuerd to Edward Hetton and Robert Bethum for theyre costes to Lychfeld, iijs. xjd. ob. Item, paid to an Irych bisshoppe for halowyng of ffoure superaltareis (*sic*), iijs. Item, paid to the bell man in earnest, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid to sir Henre Sherdeley for his costs and a cytation and suspension for Farnewurthe, xiiij. Item, delyuerd of the wax money to Henre Madok to pay for the werke as aperes by the boke, ijs. Item, paid to Jamys Watmogh to gif sir Henre Sherdeley for costes to Chester to Mr Officiall, iis. jd. Item, paid to Thomas Barker for his reward, iijs. xd. Item, to Jamys Watmogh for weyng the bell and metall and dressyng of the metall, xijd. Item, paid in cost to Preston on the Hill to the carior of the belles, vjd. Item, paid to John Pasmych for his costes, iiijd. Item, for fetchyng hym, ijd. Item, paid the xiiijth day of October to Rauff Holland for iij dayes and di., xiijd. ob. Item, in burd, xd. Item, in burd for Thomas Deyn, ijd. Item, paid the same day to John Deyn half one day, jd. ob. Item, in burd, ijd. Item, paid the xvijth day of October to Rauff Holland for iij dayes, ix. Item, in burd, vjd. Item, paid the same day to John Halsall for iij dayes, ix. Item, in burd, vjd. Item, paid in costes to the cariors of the tymber, iiijd. Item, paid the same day to Henre Madok ijd. Item, in burd, ijd. Summa pagine, xxxs. vjd. ob.

[p. 38.] Item, paid the xxiiijth day of October to Rauff Holland for gettyng and brekyng of the tymbur towards the

1. Board or table, *i.e.*, meals.

2. References which follow indicate that this was part of proceedings to enforce payment of the church ley (*see* Introduction) due from Farnworth side of the parish,

hengyng of the belles by vj dayes wurchyng, xviiij. Item, in burd, xij. Item, paid the same daye to John Halsall for vj dayes, xviiij. Item, in burd, xij. Item, paid the same day to Henre Madok for vj dayes, xij. Item, paid the same day for mete and drynke to the cariors of the tymbur, iiij. Item, paid the same day for goyng in the paroche for the tymbur vj dayes, vjd. Item, paid the xxvijth day of October to Willyam Gillor for carage, iiij. Item, paid the xxxijth day of October to Rauff Holland for ij dayes, vjd. Item, in burd, iiij. Item paid the same daye to John Halsall for ij dayes, vjd. Item, in burd, iiij. Item, paid the same day to John Deyn for ij dayes, vjd. Item, in burd, iiij. Item, paid the same day to Henre Madok for ij dayes, iiij. Item, in burd, iiij. Item, paid the same day for mete and drynke to the cariors of the tymbur Item, paid to John Lyon for goyng to Hale, ijd. Item, paid the xxjth day of November to John Pasmych for makyng of the bell frame by iiij dayes and di., xxd. Item, in burd, xd. Item, paid the same day to Willyam Abbot for iiij dayes and di., xiiij. Item, in burd, xd. Item, paid the same day to Rauff Holland for iiij dayes and di., x... Item, in burd, ...

[p. 39.] Item, paid the same day to Henre Molynex for iij dayes and di., xd. ob. Item in burd, viij. Item, paid the same day to John Halsall for iij dayes and di., xd. ob. Item, in burd, viij. Item, paid the same day to John Deyn for iiij dayes and di., xiiij. ob. Item, in burd, xd. Item, paid the same day for the costes of John Gernett, Willyam Smyth and Robert Salter dyuerse tymes cummyng, xxjd. Item, paid the xxvijth day of November to John Pasmych for vj dayes, ijs. Item, in burd, xij. Item, paid the same day to Rauff Holland for vj dayes, xviiij. Item, in burd, xij. Item, paid the same day to Willyam Abbot vj dayes, xviiij. Item, in burd, xij. Item, paid the same day to Henre Molynex for vj dayes, xviiij. Item, in burd, xij. Item, paid the same day to John Halsall for vj dayes, xviiij. Item, in burd, xij. Item, paid the same day to John Deyn for vj dayes, xviiij. Item, in burd, xij. Item, paid the same day for the costes of Willyam Smyth and Robert Salter, iiij. Item, paid the same day to Henre Tailior for gettyng of the coles, vjd. Item, paid the same day to Henre Madok for iij dayes, vjd. Item, in burd, vjd. Item, paid the vth day of December to John Pasmych for v dayes, xxd. Item, in burd, xd. Item, paid the same day to Henre Madok for iij dayes, vjd. Item, in burd, vjd. Summa pagine, xxvijs. vijd. ob.

[p. 40.] Item, paid the same daye to Willyam Abbot for iiij dayes and di., xiiij. ob. Item, in burd, xd. Item, paid the same day to Rauff Holland for iiij dayes and di., xiiij. ob. Item, in burd, xd. Item, paid the same daye to Henre Molynex for iiij dayes and di., xiiij. ob. Item, in burd, xd. Item, paid the same daye to John Halsall for iiij dayes and di., xiiij. ob. Item, in burd, xd. Item, paid the same day to John Deyn for iiij dayes

and di., xiiij. ob. Item, in burd, xd. Item, paid the same day to Jamys [Watmogh] for sex score and xij poundes of erne, vijs. jd. Item, for mete and drynke to the cariors of ij trees, iiij. ob. Item, paid the xijth day of December to John Pasmych for iiij dayes, xvjd. Item, in burd, viij. ob. Item, paid the same day to Willyam Abbot for iiij dayes and di., xd. ob. Item, in burd, viij. ob. Item, paid the same day to Rauff Holland for iiij dayes and di., xd. ob. Item, in burd, viij. ob. Item, paid the same day to Henre Molyneux for iiij dayes and di., x . . . Item, in burd, . . . Item, paid the same day to John Halsall for iiij dayes and di., . . . Item, in burd, v. . . Item, paid the same day to John Deyn for iiij dayes and di., xd. . . Item, in burd, viij. ob. Item, paid in cost to Farnewurthe to speke for the gablerope and the ley, ijd. Item, paid to Gilbert Dalum for cariage of the gablerope to and fro, ijd. Item, paid for x pounds and di. of hemp to make the bell ropes, x. . . Item, paid for lether houg' to make the shakles of, . . . Item, paid to Thomas Flecher to bye lether houg' for his cost . . . Summa pagine, xxxiijs. ij. . .

[p.41.] Item, paid to Robert Waynwright for viij pounds of brasse to the steppes, xvd. Item, paid to Agnes Smythe for viij pounds of brasse, xvd. Item, paid to Edward Holland for makynge of ij bell ropes and iiij cordes, vijd. Item, paid the sixth day of December to John Pasmych for vj dayes, ijs. Item, in burd, xijd. Item, paid the same day to Willyam Abbot for vj dayes, xvij. ob. Item, in burd, xijd. Item, paid the same day to Rauff Holland for vj dayes, xvij. ob. Item in burd, xijd. Item, paid the same day to Henre Molyneux for vj dayes, xvij. ob. Item, in burd, xijd. Item, paid the same day to John Halsall for vj dayes, xvij. ob. Item, in burd, xijd. Item, paid the same day to John Halsall (*sic*) for vj dayes, xvij. ob. Item, in burd, xijd. Item, paid the same day to Henre Madok for vj dayes, vjd. Item, in burd, vjd. Item, paid for the burd of John Gernett xv dayes, ijs. vjd. Item, paid the same day to Robert Gernett for xiiij dayes wurchyng, ijs. iiij. ob. Item, in burd for xiiij dayes, ijs. iiij. ob. Item, paid the same day for vij payre of gloves, vijd. Item, paid the same day to Edward Bower for CCC and xl nailes vd. ob. Item, paid the same day to Ric' Gernett for wurchyng in his smythie and with his toles, viij. ob. Item, paid the same day to Jamys Watmogh for makynge of three shakles, vjd. Item, paid to the wif of Rauff Holland for gresse and tallow, ijd. Item, paid in cost to Bold and Farnewurthe iiij tymes, iiij. ob. Item, paid to Henre Webster for lether houg', ijd. Item, paid to the wif of Henre Madok for gresse, ob. Summa pagine, xxixs. viij. ob.

[p. 42.] Item, paid to the wif of Olyuer Fryth for gresse, ob. Item, paid for iiij pounds of wax to poynt v sureges before the Rode, the price le pound ix. ob., ijs. iiij. ob. Item, paid for makynge the said sureges, iiij. ob. Item, paid to Jamys Watmogh for xij pounds of erne and mendyng of the clapper of the first bell and

hengyng of the sacryng bell and for a loke and a key, baundes and gogyons to the steple dur, xxd. Item, paid to Rauff Holland for wurchyng a cover to the fonte and a dur to the steple by iij dayes, ix. Item, paid to the said Rauff for sawyng a day and a half, iiij. ob. Item, in burd the said iiij dayes and di., xd. Item, paid to John Deyn for wurchyng with the said Rauff iiij dayes and di., xiiij. ob. Item, in burd, xd. Item, paid to Mergett Lathum for mendyng three albes and for threde, ijd. Item, paid of the buriall money to Jamys Page for payntyng ij clothes and a banner, iiij. Item, paid to the said Jamys for payntyng the pascall Cryst and trayle, iiij. Item, paid to Rauff Holland for wurchyng three peces about the sepulcre by the space of three dayes, ix. Item, in burd, vjd. Item, paid to Jamys Watmogh for mendyng of the klok, xii. . . . Item, paid to the said Jamys for erne and mendyng of two clappers and a crosse, . . . Item, paid to John Halsall for sawyng the ouerplus of the tymbur giffyng to the bell frame and to the henglyng by the space of iiij dayes and a half, x. . . . Item, paid in burd, . . . Item, paid to John Deyn for sawyng with the said John iiij dayes and di., x. . . . Item, in burd, x. . . . Item, paid to a tynkler for mendyng the ledds ouer sancte Jamys chapell, vj. . . . Item, paid to Jamys Watmogh for vij pounds of erne and takyng up the iiij belles that were lose in the heddes . . . Summa pagine, xxvs. . .

[p. 43.] Item, paid the same day to Rauff Holland wryght for helpyng the said Jamys and his table, viij. ob. Item, paid by the desire of Mr. John Eccleston vnto Evan Webster of the foresaid money receyued by Henre Madok, vs. Item, paid by the desire of Ric' Holland vnto Edward Bower of the ley of Sutton, vs. Item, paid to Thomas Deyn by the desire of the gentilmen of the paroch of Prescot, xs. iiij. Item, paid for the costes of Peres Bernes ij dayes wrytyng, ijd. Item, for paper to make a boke of, jd. [Summa partis] xxjs. iiij. ob.

Memorandum, that the Church wardenes of Farneworthe syde of parte of theire leye for werkyng of the irne werk of the hengyng of the belles at Prescote not charged vnto the Church wardenes of Prescote, but to be allowed to the said wardenes of Farneworthe, have paid to John Gernett, viijs.

[Summa] pagine, xxixs. iiij. ob.

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1524-5

[p. 45.] Anno xvj^{mo} Regis Henrici octau[i] [1524]. Parcels and sommes of money receyvit by Brian Parre and James Pemberton, church wardenes of the paroch of Prescote for this yere aboue writen, that is to saye for the buryalles in the said church.

First, receyvit the xth daye of May anno predicto for the buryall of Robert Lyon of Eccleston, ijs. Item, recyauyt of

Wyllyam Smetht the vij daye of Junius, and Thomas Worsley, xixs. Item, receyvit of Thomas Worsley and William Smythe for the leye of Farneworth syde ouer viijs. paid vnto John Gernet the last yere, the xviijth daye of June, anno predicto, xjs. Item, receyvit of Thomas Worsley and William Smyth of the leye of Farneworthe syde to paye to sir Richard Potter for money by hym laid doune as apperes by his accompts made the sixth daye of June, anno xvjo predicto, before John Bolde, Thomas Penketh, John Dichefeld and other,¹ xiijs. vd. ob. Item, receyvit of the saide Thomas and William as for their costes at three tymes cumyng to Prescote, xijd. Item, receyvit the xijth daye of Juyl for the buryall of William Hardware, ijs. Item, receyvit for the buriall of Peres Lathome, ijs. Item, receyvit for a burde sold by Rauff Holland, vjd., and an other by sir Ric' Potter, ijd, viijd. Item, receyvit for the buryall of sir Rauff Denton prest afore the Rode, ijs. Item, receyvit of sir John Northman towards seyntus bell, xd. Summa pagine, liijs. xjd. ob.

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[p. 47.] First, receyvit on Seynt Kateryne daye to her lyghtes, ijs. vd. ob. Item, receyvit on Seynt Stephen daye and the daye after, ijs. jd. Item, receyvit opon Newyeres daye, xvijs. Item, receyvit opon the xijth daye after, ijs. xd. Item, receyvit opon Seynt Antony daye, iijs. iiijd. Item, receyvit opon Sondaye after for Seynt Antony light, xvijjd. Item, receyvit for the price of an arke, vjd. Summa totalis receyvit opon diuerse seyntes daies, xxxjs. viijd. ob.

[p. 48.] Payd herof, ffirst, to Richard Webster for xij pound of waxe, ix. s. vijd. Item, paid to Thurstan Fairehurst for iij pound roche waxe and for a pound, a quartron and a half of other waxe, ijs. xjd. Item, paid to Van Webster for v poundes of waxe, iijs. vjd. ob. Item, paid to Edward Bawer for a pound and iij quartrons of waxe, xvd. Item, paid to Paton the waxemaker for his labure, xvijjd. Item, for the burde of the said Paton ij daies, and drynk to hym and his helpers, xd. Item, to sir Richard Potter for his lab^r and table, to helpe the (*sic*) breke and temper the waxe, vjd. Item, paid for wekeyorne, ijd. Item, paid to Thomas Potter for fire, iiijd. Item, to Robt Webster, Scoler (*sic*), for his reward and lab^r to helpe theym ij daies, iiijd. Summa pagine, xxs. xjd. ob.

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[p. 50.] Anno xvjm^o Regis Henrici octau[i] [1524]. Paymentes made and payd by Brian Parre and Jamys Pemberton, church wardenes of Prescote for the yere above writen, as hereafter foloweth.

First, paid to Robt Rachedale, mason, and John Pasmyche, wryght, for their lab^r and costes cumyng to Prescote to see the steeple and bellefraye bfore Mr Bolde and other gentilmen of the

1. *i.e.*, the leading gentlemen of Farnworth side.

parochie, xd. Item, paid to the wiff of Rauff Holland for mete and drynk to the cariors of tymbre fro Terbok and Huyton Heye the xijth day of June, vd. Item, paid to Robt Rachedale for worchyng twoo daies in the steple to make the holes and stoppyng of theym twoo daies, for his hyre, viijd. Item, for his burde the said twoo daies, iiijd. Item, paid to Rauff Holland for his hyre to goo to Terbok and Huyton Heye to chose twoo trees, and also for cumyng from his werk to Prescote a holle daye, iiijd. Item, paid to the said Rauff and twoo men with hym for werkyng and dressyng of the said twoo trees at Terbok and Huyton Heye by twoo daies, xxd. Item, for theire burde the said twoo daies, xijd. Item, paid by Brian Parre for gettynge a tree from Bolde, cariage and mete and drynk in all thynges, xvd. Item, paid to Rauff Holland his twoo men for fallynge and swarynge a tree in Sutton, gyff by Mr Norres, by one daye, xd. Item, for theire burde the said daye, vjd. Summa pagine vijs. xd.

[p. 51.] Item, paid to Rauff Holland for werkyng of tymbre to staye the fflores in the steple, first half a daye ijd., and his mete, ijd., iiijd. Item, paid to the said Rauff and his two men for werkyng at the said werk by twoo daies, xxd. Item, for theire burde the said two daies, xijd. Item, paid to the said Rauff Holland and his twoo men for werkyng and fynysshyng the said werk by iij daies, ijs. vjd. Item, theire burde the said iij daies, xvijjd. Item, paid to Thomas Grene for helpyng to lyfte and wynde the tymbre and for his mete and drynk, iiijd. Item, paid for spykyng nayles to the said werk, ijd. Item, paid for di. wyndell lyme to the stonewerk, ijd. Item, paid to James Holte for dyghtyng the flores, ijd. Item, paid to James Watmogh for mending a claper of the best bell, ijd. Item, paid for a potte of ale to the helpers and hevers of the tymbre in to the steple, vd. Item, paid for ffeccchyng and bryngyng home of the gable rope of Farneworthe, iiijd. Item, paid to Rauff Holland for drawyng vppe of the belles, by one daye werk, iiijd. Item, for his burde the said daye, ijd. Item, paid to Jamys Watmogh for his labr and werk the same daye, and for his burde, vjd. Item, for v pounds irne to the said werk, iiijd. Summa pagine, xs.

[p. 52.] Item, paid to Jamys Gardiner for castyng of the sayntus belle, ix. . . Item, paid to Edward Holland to bye hempe to the leste of the foure belles and for makyng of the same and for makyng of iij other small ropes, xjd. Item, paid to belleman to make vppe his holle somme and the money goten at the yeld, xxd. Item, paid to the said bellman for his costes and reward, ijs. Item, paid to Jamys Watmogh for his hyre for kepyng of the shakelles of the belles, xvjd. Item, paid for a rough horsse skynne bought of Jamys Raynfford of Parre for the shakelles of the belles, xd. Item, paid to Thomas Wodes for ffeccchyng a hoggeshed and a grete standyng vesell aynest the (?) yerd from Knowsley and bryngyng home, vjd. Item, paid to Rauff Holland

and John Deyne for saynge of a tree in bordes to the churche vse, ijs. vjd., of the gyft of Mr Terbock, and for theire burde, ijd., . . . Item, paid to Mergett Lathum for makynge of twoo rochettes for the Clerk and Robt Holte, viijd. Item, paid to Hamelett Haryngton for half C of slateston to amende the churche porche, iiijd. Item, to Hugh Bawer for gettyng mosse to the same, iiijd. Summa pagine est xxijs. vd.

[p. 53.] Item, payd for a replevy to ffeche home the sayntus bell, ijs. iiijd. Item, paid to Rawlyn Parre for his costs to Wigan twoo tymes for the said belle, vjd. Item, paid to Thomas Woddes for caryng half hundreth slate stone from Huyton Heye for the parochie, vjd. Item, ffor the costes of Brian Parre rydyng twys to Wigan and also sendyng his servante an other tyme to the Mayor with a lettre in the name of the gentilmen of the parochie for the seyntus belle, xvjd. Item, I hyred a servante to goo to the vndershrieft to speke and lab^r for a replevyn for our said belle if nede had ben, iiijd. Item, paid to sir Richard Potter for his superplesage upon his accomptes of the last yere as apperes by his bylle, xiijs. vd. ob. Item, paid to sir Richard Potter for resyn to cense, jd. Item, paid to James Watmoghe for hengynge of the seyntus belle and for irne to the (*sic*), viijd. Item, paid to John Halsall for stoppyng the rode wyndowe, and for nailes to the same, ijd. Item, laid downe by Jamys Pemberton and Thurstan Lyon for money laid downe to the belletur, xvd. Item, paid for the costes of the churche wardenes of Farneworthe syde, xijd. Summa pagine est xxs. iijd. ob.

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[p. 55.] Fryst, receywit on Seynt Kateryne daye to her lyghtts, iijs. ixd. Item, receywith on Seynt Stephen daye and daye after, ijs. vjd. ob. Item, reywith upon New yeres daye, xiijs. xd. ob. Item, reywyth upon the xijth daye and the Sunday after, iijs. iijd. Item, receywyth upon Seynt Antony daye, iijs. ixd. Item, receywyth upon Sondag after for Santh Antony lights, vjd. ob. Item, resevyt to the lyght of dyuerse persons, iijd. ob.

Item, receywith of the bereall of sir Rauff Dentun, xvjd. Item, receywith of the bereall of the wyff off Henre Trawas, ijs. Item, receywyth of the bereall of John Sale and hys wyff, iijs. xd. Item, receywyth of the lath wyff of Wylliam Eltunhed for a bordde, price xijd. Item, receywyth of Oliuer Freth for a bordde, price xijd. Item, receyvyth owt of the box brokyn money wheche was sold for ijs. viiij. Item, receyuyd of Rauff Holland wryght for tymber, ijd. ob. Item, receyuyd of Jamys Watmoght for v peses of the bellfframe, price ixd. Item, receyuyd in the schurche the xviiijth day of March, ijs. vjd. Summa totalis pagine, xlvs. iijd. ob.

[p. 56.] Anno xvij^o Henr viijth [1525]. Paymentes made and payde by Henre Holland and John Standysch, church wardeyns of Prescot for the yere aboue wrytyn, as herafter foloyth.

Furst, payd to Gefferay Sheryngton for ij dosan of wax, price euery li., vjd. ob., sum, xiijs. Item, payd for costes and karyng of the same wax, iiijd. Item, payd to Ewan Webster and Ryc Webster for xij li. vax. price euery li., vijd. ob., sum, vijs. vjd. Item, payd to sir Ryc Potter, prest, and Robt Webster, ffor castyng and temberyng iiij dayes, viijd. Item, for thar burddes, vjd. Item, payd to Thomas Wytestonys for makyng shurges ij dayes, viijd. Item, hys borde, iiijd. Item, payd to sir Ryc Potter, prest, for amying and makyng the shurges iiij dayes, vjd. Item, in borde, vjd. Item, payd to Thomas Potter, for ffyre and house rowme, iiijd. Item, payd to the wyff of Olyuer Frythe for weke yorne, ijd. Item, payd for gresse and whyte candylles, jd. ob. Item, payd to Merget Shay for scoryng pottes and pannes, jd. Item, payd to Seth Sutton for dyuerse tolles, iiijd. Item, payd to John Deyne for planyng the vax borde, ijd.

[p. 57.] Item, payd to Robt Cokeson of Wegan ffor a new cresmatore to the church, price, ijs. vjd. Item, payd to the seyd Robt ffor ij pypes to putt in extremo uncio, price a pece iiij, summa viijd. Item, payd for ij li. ensens, price vjd. Item, payd to Robt Cokeson for xij yerds of chenyng to henge vp the sacramentes ouer the auter, price ijs. ijd. Item, payd to Thomas Pole, glacier, ffor wyrkyng xj flotes of glasse, price euery flote jd., summa xjd. Item, to the same Thomas ffor mendyng dyuerse wyndoys in the churche, vjd. Item ffor sawder and naylys, iiijd. ob. Item, ffor hys tabull vj dayes, xijd. Item, payd to Ewan Webster for a stone of lede, price vijd. Item, payd ffor new glasse, ijs. ijd. Item, payd ffor candylles and turffe, jd. ob. Item, payd to Jamys Watmogh for reparacion of chakylles to the belles, xvjd. Item, payd to Edward Holland ffor a bell rope, price xiiijd. Item, payd to Thomas Tynkeler for soderyng and rychyng other nessessares on the sowth syde the churche, vjd. Item, to Jamys Holte ffor encens, jd. Item, payd to John Chaydok for j li. of vax, viijd. Item, payd to Rauff Holland ffor makyng the church yate, vjd.

[p. 58.] Item, payd to Hugh Wanwryght for soder, . . . Item, vxor John Ogle ffor lyme, . . . Item, payd to Jamys Holte in festo purificacionis Marie ffor encens, jd. Item, payd to Rauff Holland for takyng the grete bell, vd. Item, payd to Jamys [Watmogh] for mendyng the same bell and erne with hys labour, viijd. Item, payd for iiij sakes of lyme, price xvjd. Item, payd for v sakes of lyme, price euery sake iiijd., summa, xxd. Item, payd for iiij quares of glasse and setting in the same, iiijd. Summa solucionis, xlvs. vjd. ob. Vnus dz domino Ricardo Potter, iiijd.

Allca^r

This accomptes was made and takyn afore Mr Halsall and other the gentilmen of the paroch and afore Mr Brech, Thomas Penket and other of the gentilmen of Farnworth side vpon saynt Edwardes daye . . . xiiijth daye of October, anno xviiij^{mo} H viij [1526].

1528-9

[p. 59.] Memorandum, that Mr Eccleston with the aduyse of the parysshe, elected and chose Rauf Holland of Prescote, wright, and Alexandre Roughley church wardenes of the parysshe church of Alhallowes of Prescote, the xv day of Octobre, the xx yere of the regne of Kyng Henre theght [1528].

Item, rec' on Saynt Kateryns day towards her lyght, ijs. viiijd. ob. Item, on the Sondag after for the same, vjd. Summa, iijs. ijd. ob.

Item, on Saynct Stephyn daye toward his lyght, xxd. Item, on New Yeres day for our Lades Newyeres gyft, xvjs. Item, ou the Sondag after for the same, xviiijd. Item, on the xij daye toward the lyghtes, xvjd. Item, on Saynct Antonyes day toward the lyght, vs. iijd. Item, on Sondag after for the same xvjd. Summa, xxxs. iijd. ob.

Et inde sol' pro cera, price le li., vijd. Item, payd for v li. and di. of waxe, iijs. ijd. ob. Item, paid to Geffray Sheryngton for iij doss. of waxe, xxjs. Item, paid to sir Ric' Potter for makyng of the same, vs. jd. Item, payd to Edward Heton for ij li. waxe, xiiijd. Item, paid to James Holt for getheryng the droppeyng of waxe, jd. ob. Item, paid to James Watmought for mendyng of the boxe, ob.¹ Item, paid for waxe more then was getherd in the church, iijd. Summa alloc, xxxs. xd. ob.

[p. 60] Item, payed to James Holt for, jd.¹ Item, payed to Hamnet Grene for xiiij stonne of leede, price ix. d. le stone, xs. vjd. Item, for the cariege therof, iijd. Item, paid to James Watmough for bowderykes for belles, xvjd. Item, pd to the same James for irne, leede and for his labor for mendyng of the grete dore at the church ende, xxd. Item, paid for the bryngyng of the gable rope to Farnworth, jd. Item, paid for a li. of ffranke ensens, iijd. Item, paid for the costes of Alex' Roughley and Rauff Holland to Farnworth iij tymes when we went for the lees . . . Item, pd at Wygan to the scribe and the scnor² at the vesitacion, ix. d. Item, for our costes there, iijd. Item, pad at Legh when the church wardenes were sited for the insufficiense of the ornaentes of the church, and for byyng and sellyng in the church and yorde, to the official clerke and the scnor², xd. Item, pd for the costes of Alex' Roughley to

1. These items are cancelled.

2. An abbreviated word, perhaps "scrivenor." The second letter might, however, be "t."

Leght, . . . Item, paid for writyng of a bill of receytes and other thynges when Alex' was away, . . . Item, Alex' Roughley hath payd xx as it aperith by a bill redy to be shewed, xxd. Summa alloe solut' de pecunia paroch', xixs. jd.

[p. 61.] The resceyte of the leys wythyn the parysshe of Prescote to the Church, the vijth day of July, the xxj yere of the Regne of Kyng Henre theght [1529].

Item, resceyued the half of the leye of Farneworth, xxxviij. s. Wherof alowed to Willm Smyth and iiij other persones for there costes that payed the said ley, xd. Som ou' of Farneworth, xvijs, ijd. (sic).

The resceyte of the parysshe of Prescote besides Farneworth, the day and yere afforesaid. Item, in primis, of Parre leye, xijd. Item, rec' more or Parre by the handes of Willm Halsall, ijs. Item, of Eccleston for the same, iijs. Item, rec' of Whiston, iijs. viijd. Item, rec' of Raynehill, iijs. vd.

[p. 62.] Rayneforth Church leye. Item, resceyued of James Colley and his felowes for the church leye, iijs. iiijd. R' of Willm Colley for the church leye, iijs. viijd. Sutton. Recepc' de Henrico Rayneforth pro mis ecclesie, xvijs. Wyndill. Recepc' de Willelmo Wodfall sen' colector pro mis ecclesie, vs. Summa recept' de pecuni paroch, xlvjs. jd.

1529-30

[p. 63.] Richard Webster de Qwiston and Cryst' Ley entered in the office of church wardenship of Prescote the yere of our Lord MLV^c xxix and the xj day of Nouembre [1529].

Item, the said Richard and Crist' haue resceyued in the church boxe the day and yere aboue said, iij li. iijs. vd. Item, resceyued for the sepulcre of Thomas Potter, ijs.

In primis, resayuyd of the church leye of Eccleston by handes of Master Eccleston the thred day of Jule, vs. jd. Item, of the handes of Henre Wylliamson, iiijd. Item, of Robart Prescot, jd. Item, of Adam Hey, vd. Item, of Wylliam Colley of the leye of Raynforth, iiijd. Item, of George Lathum of the leye of Qwyston, iiijd. Item, resuyd of Wylliam Tyreare of Knowseley for ledd heskys. xvjd. Item, of Robart Glouer of Knowseley for ledd, xvjd. Item, of Wylliam Smyth and Roger Smyth of the leye of Farnorth, xiijs. iiijd. Item, of Ryc Thomasson of Raynell leye, ijd. Item, for lattes, ijd. Item, of Oleuer Fryth for iiij bordes, xvjd. Item, of Rauff Hollond for a pese of tymber, viijd. Item, for the beryall of Jamys Cropper, ijs.

. of the leye on Prescott syde . . . gethryd, xxvijs. ijd. In the boxe, ijs. jd.

Re' iiijli. xiijs. iiijd.

Payd owt, iiijli. xjs.

. the handes of Wylliam Smyth and the felowes . . . of Farneworth syde, xxiijs. . .

[p. 64.] Paymentes made and payd by Cryst' Ley and Ryc' Webster, church wardyns of Prescote for the yere aboue sayd, as here after apperys.

In primis, payd for halfe a yarde of ryght (*sic*) satyn, price iijs. iiijd. Item, to Sed Webster for mendyng a vestemente with the same satyn, viijd. Item, to Jamys Wattemought for the sanctus belle, xs. Item, to Edward Holland for a bell roppe, ijs. iiijd. Item, to Rauffe Holland for mendyng of the kyrke stele and nayles to the same, jd. ob. Item, for a knot of threde, ob. Item, for cost of Cryst' Ley when he bought the satyn, jd. Item, to Jamys Wattemough for mendyng the shakyls of the belles, xvjd. Item, for the payntyng of a clothe to the he auter, xiiijd. Item, for tymber to Persavell Haryntun, xijs. Item, for ledyng of the same tymber, xvijd. Item, for meyte and drynke when the tymber was ladde, xd. Item, to Rauff Holland for brekyng vp of the tymber by the space of xvij days, iijs. vjd. Item, for faychyng the plymmer, iijd. Item, when the plymmer came to se the werke, iiijd. Item, when he toke downe the leyde, vjd. Item, for hys meyte and drynke and thaym that halpe hym at the same tyme, vjd. Item, to Rauffe wyffe Houghtun (*sic*) for meyte and drynke to Wylliam Sherlocke when he toke downe the slates, iijd. Item, for fyre to melte the leyde with, vjd. Item, for faychyng a pon at Knowesley, jd. Item, when the church revys were assytyd to Weryntun, ijd. Item, for naylys to the mode, ob. Item, to the wyffe of Rauffe Holland for the burde sertayn werke men, by the space of xvij dayes, euery daye iijd., iijs. vjd. Item, to Robarte Wetherbe for naylys, vjd. Item, to Rauffe Holland for worchyng of the tymber and laying it vp, by the space of vij dayes, iijs. iijd. Item, to the wyffe of Rauffe Holland for meyte and drynke at the same tyme, iijs.

[p. 65.] Item, to Wylliam Sherlocke for sklatyng stones, iiijd. Item, to the plymmer for setting the mode, viijd. Item, Laurans Holte for faychyng the plymmer a nother tyme, iijd. Item, to the wyf of Rauffe Houghtun for meyte and drynke when George Gresse broughte the leyde, iijd. Item, for meyte and drynke when the other plymmer came, ijd. Item, to the plymmers for castyng the leyde and laying it vp, iijs. viijd. Item, to the wyffe of Rauffe Holland for thayr mete and drynke the same tyme, ijs. jd. Item, to Laurans Holte for cuttyng the wodde, jd. Item, for cost to the church at dyuers tymes, ijd. ob. Item, vnto the wyffe of Laurans Holte for getyng sond and water, iijd. Item, for the burde of Wylliam Sherlocke and hys seruand by the space of vij dayes, iijs. ijd. Item, in cost when we came to pay for mete and drynke, jd. Item, to Wylliam Sherlocke for sclatyng, xijd. Item, to the same Wylliam another tyme, xvjd. Item, to Thomas Woddys for clay to the church, iiijd. Item, to Henry Webster for a loyde of sonde, iijd. Item, to the wyffe of Rauffe Houghtun for the bord of Wylliam Sherlocke and hys seruande, by the space

of iij dayes, xviiij. Item, to Wylliam Sherlocke for mending ouer the chapell, iiij. Item, for ij C slate stones and for the caryage, xxij. Item, to Henry Holland for leyde that was bought at George Gresse, xiijs. iiij. Item, to George Gresse for leyde, vjd. Item, to Robart Wetherbe for nayles, xjd. Item, to Wylliam Sherlocke for sclatyng, xxjd. Item, to Jamys Tayleor for whyte lyme, iiij. Item, to Oleuer Frythe for iij bowsell of wytelyme, xij. Item, to sir Ryc' Potter for vj bowsell of lyme, ijs. Item, to the wyffe of Rauff Houghton for the bord of Wylliam Sherlocke, iiij. Item, to the wyff of Rauffe Hollond for a syffe, jd.

[p. 66.] Item, for cost wyn the church wardyns were asytyd to Ormyskyr, iiij. Item, for costes of Chrystor (*sic*) Ley, iiij days abowte the church besynes, iiij. [remainder of page blank.]

[p. 67.] Memorandum, that Cryst' Ley and Ryc' Webster, churche reuys, haue resayued of the monay to the making of the lyght as hereafter apperyth.

In primis, resayued on Saynct Katheryns daye to hyr lyght, ijs. xd. Item, on the Sunday after to the same, xjd. Item, on Sanct Steuen day, xvjd. Item, on Newyeres daye to Our Ladyes Newyeres gyft, xvjs. ixd. Item, on the Sundaye after, xvd. Item, on the xijth daye, xij. Item, on Sanct Antonys daye, vjd. Item, on the Sunday after, viij. Summa, xxxjs. iiij.

In primis, payd for iiij dosand of wax, xxiijs. Item, payd for iij ponde of wax, xxd. Item, payd to sir Ryc' Potter for making the same wax, vs. Item, for proper costes of the sayd Cryst' and Ryc', jd. Item, for paper, ob.

Memorandum, on Saint Katerins day in the yere of our Lord God, M^oCCCCxxxth, Christefer Ley and Ryc' Webster hath made thayr accomptes of thys for said yere and be mett.

1530-1

[p. 68.] Parcelles and sommes of money receyvit by Hug' Stondysch and Ryc' Gernet, churche wardenes of the paroch of Prescott for this yere aboue writen, videlicet.

In primis, resauit on Sant Katerins day to hyr lyght, ijs. vijd. Item, on Sant Steuen day, xvjd. Item, on Nevyeres day, xiijs. viij. Item, on the twelfth day, ijs. iiij. Item, on the Sunday after the twelfth day, xd. Item, on Sant Antones day, vs. ixd. Item, on the Sunday after, xij.

In primis, payd to sir Ryc' Potter for xx pond of wax, xs. Item, to Van Denton for pykyng of the shurges the last yere, jd. Item, to Gefera Sheryntun for ij dosand of wax, xijs. Item, to Rauffe Denton for the same wax, jd. Item, payd to sir Ryc' Potter for maykyng of the lygth, vs. Item, to sir Ryc' Potter for half a pond of wax, iiij.

[p. 69.] Anno . . .

Parcelles sommes of money recayvit by Hug' Stondysch and Ryc' Garnet, churche wardenes of the paroch of Prescott for this

yere aboue writen, that is to say, for buryalles in the churche and other thynges belongyng to the same.

In primis, resavitt the xxiiijth day of December, anno predicto, for the buryall of Raufe Hollond gentyllmon, ijs. Item, resayvit of James Watmoughth for sparres, vjd. Item, resayvit for the bereall of Raffe Rothgley, [blank]. Item, resaywyt for ij bassys and a borde of Robart Kerwer, xijd. Item, resaywyt for ij stone and a half leynd of Alle Colley, xxd. Item, resaywyt for a stone of leynd of James Worsley, viijd. Item, resaywyt for a stone and x pond of leynd of Geferra Scott, xiiijd. Item, resayvyt for a stone of leynd, Sesele Glouer, ix d.

[p. 70.] Paymentes made and payd by Hug' Stondysch and Ryc' Garnet, churche wardynes of Prescott for the yere aboue writen, as hereafter aperys.

In primis, to Thomas Woddes for maykyng of clay, vd. Item, payd to James Watmoughth for mendyng of the shaykyls of the belles, xvjd. Item, to a tynkeler for maykyng chenes to the sensers and mendyng them, ijd. Item, viij yardys of flaxū to mayke sir Henre Sherdeley a surpplys of, iiij s. Item, for the maykyn of the same surpplys, xijd. Item, payd to Wyllyam Sherlocke for mossyng the north syde of the chyrch, ouer howre layde chapell, vd. Item, for his table, iiij d. Item, for maykyng of doyme and berryng it to the church, ijd. Item, to Raufe Hollond for helpyng to hengyll to (*sic*) bell, ijd. Item, to Ryc' (*sic*) for iij pond of herne and the smythynge thereof to fasten the belles, ijd. Item, to James Watmoth for taykyng vp the belles and maykyng thaym fast in the heddes, and for erne to mayke lockett, vd. Item, to Van Gernett for helpyng hym, jd. Item, to Merget Boydell for gettyng mosse, jd. Item, to Wyllyam Sherlocke for claytyng and mosyng the chyrche porche, ijd. Item, for paper to mayke the boke of, jd.

[p. 71.] Memorandum, that Hug' Stondysch and Ryc' Garnet, churche wardyns, hath resayued towert the lygth. In primis, on Sanct Kateryns day, ijs. ijd. Item, on Sanct Steuens day, ijs. iiij d. Item, on New yeres day, xvs. iiij d. Item, on the Sunday after, ijs. Item, on Sanct Antones day, vs. ijd. Item, on the Sunday after, xvd. [Sum] xxixs. ijd.

Payment mayd of the sayd sommes. In primis, to Thurstan Kylcheshay for xliij pond, xxijs. Item, for a pond of virgen wax to Brockefeltes servant, vijd. Item, for a pond of virgen wax to Hug' Stondysch, vijd. Item, for the cost to bye the same wax and carege, iiij d. Item, to sir Ryc' Potter for maykyng of the lyght of the chyrche, vs. Item, to sir James Traues for maykyng of a shurge with flowres afore the rode, iiij d. Item, for half a pond of waxe to Jhon Wobster to mayke flowres of, iiij d.

[Pages 72 and 73 missing].

1533-4

[p. 74.] Anno domini MCCCCxxiiij (*sic*) [1533]. Perselys and summes of money resyuyd by Thomas Deyne and Jamys Taylyer, Church wardynes of the parach church of Prescott for the yere aboue wrytyn.

In primis, resyuyd on Sanct Kateryns day to hyr lyght, iijs. Item, on Sanct Steven day, xxjd. Item, Newyerys daye, xiijs. vjd. Item, on the Sondag after, iijs. Item, on the twelfth day, xxd. Item, on Sanct Antonis day, vjs. Item, on the Sondag after, xvijd. Summa, xxxjs. iiijd.

Paymentes mayd and payd of these sumes aforesayd. In primis, payd for xxj pond of roche waxse, xjs. iiijd. Item, to Edward Chaydocke, ij pond of vergynwax, xijd. Item, ij dosaynd of roche waxse, xiijs. Item, for caryhyng thereof from Wegayn, iiijd. Item, ij pond and di. of vergynwaxse, ijs. ob. Item, to sir Ryc' Potter for makying of the legth, vs. iiijd. Item, to Van Denton for pykyng of the shurches, iiijd. Summa of thes parcelles, xxxiijs. vd.

[p. 75.] Anno domini MCCCC xxiiij^o (*sic*) [1533]. Parcelles and summys of money resyuyd by Thomas Deyne and Jamys Taylyer, for thys yere a boue wryten.

In primis, for the beryall of Nycolas Collay, ijs. Item, of John Lathum for the beryall of the wyffe of Tomas Byspam, xijd. Item, for the beryall of the wyffe of Henre Brokefelld, ijs.

Paymentes maid and payd by the aforesaid Tomas and Jamys. In primis, for bell ropys, xvjd. Item, for mending of the bell heddes, vd. Item, for wyte candylles to syng matyns with in the Crystynmaistyme, ijd. Item, to Jamas Whatmough for tenting of the bell shaklys, xvjd. Item, to the glasyer for xviiij fote of glasse and setting it vp, vijs. vjd.

Item, that ther is owhyng for beryalles in the church. In primis, John Lathum of Mossebarow for the beryall of the wyff of Thomas Byspam, xijd. Item, for the beryall of Rauff Roughley, ijs. Item, for the beryall of the wyff of Thomas Grene, ijs.

1534-5

[p. 76.] Anno domini MCCCC xxxiiiij^o [1534]. Parcelles and summys of money reseuyd by Van Pyck and Rychard Grene ffor thys yere aboue wryttyn.

In primys, apou Seynt Kateryns day towyrd the lyght, iijs. iiijd. Item, apou Seynt Steuyns day towart the lyght, xixd. ob. Item, our Ladys Newyere gyfftes, xvs. Item, receuyd apou Sondag after Newyeres day, ijs. viijd. Item, apou the xij day, xxjd. Item, receuyd apou the Sondag next after, vijd. ob. Item, receuyd for the buryall of George Blundell, ijs. Item, receuyd for the buryall of Knowylls wyff of Petrre (*sic*), ijs. Item, receuyd apou Seynt Antonys day, vs. Item, apou the Sondag after, ijs. Item, for the buryng of the wyff of Perys Wanwryght, ijs. Item,

receuyd of William Sutton for to defend hym ffor beyng the churchereue, xxd. Item, receuyd for the buryall of William Lathum, ijs. Item, receuyd ffor waxe, xd. Item, receuyd for the buryng of Jamys Watmought wyff, ijs. Item, receuyd of Farneworth syde, xijs. Item, receuyd of Robt Webster for wax seluer, xxjs. viijd. iij li. xviijs. jd.

[p. 77.] Paymentes paid by Van Pyck and Rychard Grene, Anno M^o CCCC^o xxxiiij^o.

Item (*sic*), for brede and wyne, xvd. Item, to Merget Webster for tempering wax at ij tymys, vd. Item, for our costes when we went to the chalys, iiijd. Item, payd for wyne, vijd. Item, to Van Denton ffor pykyng suerges, iiijd. Item, to Robt Webster ffor throwyng candeles, jd. Item, to Edward Holland for a belrope and cordes, ijs. Item, for whyte candelles and nales, ijd. ob. Item, to George Tyrer for ij pound di. and qua. of vyrgen wax, xxd. Item, to Hewe Tatlock for a pound and qua. and di. qua. of vyrgen waxe, xd. ob. Item, payd for di. pound of vyrgen wax, iiijd. Item, for wyne and caryng of ij dosan wax, vjd. Item, when the wax lyght was taken doune and maltyd (*sic*), ijd. Item, for mette and drynke, wycke gresse when the lyght was in makyng, ijs. vd. Item, to Jamys Taylyeur for iiij dosan and di. of wax, xxixs, iiijd. Item, ffor makyng of Seynt Mary candell and wyck yourne, xiiijd. Item, for makyng of Seynt Mare candeles, xiijd. Item, for wyne, jd. Item, spend when we went to Hyton, ijd. Item, on the kerver, jd. Item, spend on George Johnson, ijd. Item, for a skyne to couer bokes wyth, ijd. Item, to Edward Bower for syngyng brede, jd. Item, for blew thred, ob. Item, for a M syngyng brede, vd. Item, for wax to Judas lyght, viijd. Item, for wyne, ijd. Item, for waschyng of the church clothes, iiijd. Item, for yourthen pottes to the church, jd.

[Pages 78-83 missing.].

1536-7

[p. 84.] Anno domini Millesimo CCCC xxxvj^{to} [1536]. Parcelles and summys of monay resyuyd by Adam Hayward and Robert Webster, church wardyns of paroch church of Prescott, the yere aboue said.

In primis, resyuyd on Saynct Kateryns day, iijs. Item, apon Saynct Steuyns day, xvijd. ob. Item, apon Newyerys day to owr Ladys Newyerys gyfte, xxs. ijd. ob. Item, on Sanct Antansday to the lythe, vijs. Item, resyvyd for a ston of led, viijd. Item, resyvyd of Ryc' Grene, ijs. iiijd. Item, resyvyd for the beryall of the wyffe of Bryan Watmough, ijs. Item, resyvyd for the beryall of Wylliam Accurs, ijs. Item, resyvyd for the Sanct Marie candyll, xxs. Item, resyvyd for the waxse monay of Farnorth syde, xijs. Item, resyvyd for a gowne of the gyfte of

the wyffe of Raynold Santdeley, viijs. Item, resyvyd a chalys of the gyfte of sir Perys Lancaster. Summa, iiij li. viijd.

[p. 85.] Parcelles and summis of monay payd by Robart Webster and Adam Hayward, the yere aboue spesyfyd.

In primis, payd for iiij dosand of waxse in Chester, xxxijs. Item, for costes and caryache of the same waxse from Chester, xijd. Item, payd to Edward Chaydacke for waxse, ix. Item, payd to Bertelmew Hethe for waxse, ix. Item, payd for bred and wyne, x. Item, payd to Jhon Wodfall for mendyng of a glasse wendaw, iij. Item, payd for wyte candelles and resyn, jd. ob. Item, for bred and wyne, viij. Item, for waxse to Van Pyke, ijs. jd. Item, to Edward Hollond for bellropys, ijs. jd. Item, to Wylliam Hyll for waxse, xjd. ob. Item, payd to Roger Trauas for waxse, viij. Item, payd for berd (*sic*) and wyne, x. Item, payd to the wyff of Henre Webster for waxse, ix. Item, payd for gresse and fyr to make the lygth with, vjd. Item, for the makyng of the Sayct Marie candell, viij. Item, payd for bred and wyne, xjd. Item, payd to the vestment makyr for mendyng of ij copys, ijs. iiij. Item, for makyng a clothe afare the hey alter, xxd. Item, to Jamys Taylyer for bokyram and threde and sylke for to mend ij copys withe, iijs. vd. Item, for bred and wyne, x. Item, for bred and wyne, xjd. Item, for syttyng at Ester for the waxse monay, x. Item, for a pond of weke yorne, iiij.

[p. 86.] Item, for ale, jd. Item, payd to sir Ryc' Potter for makyng of the church lygth, vs. iiij. Item, payd to sir Ryc' Potter for a pond of weke yorne, iiij. Item, payd for brede and wyne, ix. Item, payd for mete and drynke when the lythe was in makyng, to sir Ryc' Potter and me, and for owr drynkynge betwene melyn, iijs. Item, for bred and wyne, vd. Item, for a botell, iij. Item, for howr costes when the churche revys were assytyd to Weryngton, x. Item, payd to Jamys Watmough for shakelyng the belles, xvjd. Item, for costes to Chester when the churche revys were assytyd, viij. Item, payd for mendyng of the sense sheppe and ij sensers, iiij. Item, payd for pesyng of the claper of the therde bell, iiij. Item, payd for bred and wyne, xjd. Item, payd for halfe a thowsand of bred, iij. Item, payd for wyne and karyage, xvd. Item, payd for wyne, ix. Item, for bred and wyne, xjd. Item, for bred and wyne (*sic*), xjd. Item, payd to Jhon Deyne for makyng of the greate bell wele, viij. And for naylys to the same and candelles, jd. ob. Item, payd for wassyng the churche clothys, xvjd. Item, for bred and wyne, xjd. Item, to Jamys Watmough for mendyng of the greate bell, iiij. Item, for a horse hyde to make schakylles to the belles, vjd. Item, payd to Van Pyke, iiij. Summa, iij li. xixs. xjd. ob.

1537-8

[p. 87.] Anno domini M^{mo} CCCC^{mo} xxx^{mo} septimo [1537]. Parcelles and summes off money resayuyd by Jamys Watmough

and John Kenwryck, churchwardyns of the parysche of Prescott the yere aboue specyfyed.

In primis, on Sanct Kateryns day, ijs. xjd. Item, on Sanct Stephans day, xvijd. ob. Item, on Newyers day to owr Ladys Newyeres gyft, xxs. vjd. Item, on Sanct Anthonis daye, vijs. vjd. [Four succeeding items are inked completely over.] Item, for the beryall of Edward Heyton, ijs. Item, for the beryall of Edward Stocley, ijs. Item, for a leye of Wyndyll, ijs. viijd. Item, reseuyd of the hondes of Alexandre Rughley, of Parr leye, xd. Item, reseuyd of the hondes of Wylliam Hallsal, of Parre leye, xijd. Item, of the waxe sylluer of Fernorth syde, xjs. xjd. Item, gethert in the paryche to the payntyng of Sanct George, iijs. jd. Item, for wax of Mr Ecclyston, iiijd. Item, for wax, viijd.

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[p. 89. This is a repetition, more carefully written, of the items on p. 87, omitting (1) the four inked over and (2) the two burial items, and adding two further items as follows:] Item, the waxe silluer of Sanct Marye candyll, xxijs. Item, of Sutton leye, ijs. vjd.

[p. 90.] . . . James Watm. . . anno domini MCCCCxxx . . . [1537].

In primis, for wasshyng of the church clothes, vxor Laurens Holt, xvijjd. Item, for throwyng smale candels, iiijd. Item, to James Tayleor for incense, vjd. Item, for iiij sakes off lyme, xvjd. Item, for nayles and setting a bord ouer Sanct George, ijd. Item, for petchys, iijd. Item, for lyme to the north syde of the kyrke, xvijjd. Item, for costes when the church wardyns were cytyd to Waryngton, xvjd. Item, to the paynter for payntyng Sanct George, vijs. Item, for amendyng the glas wyndowys, vs. Item, to James Wursley for lyme, ijd. Item, to the wyfe of James Taylyor, ob. Item, iij li. of wax at Henre Hytchmough, xxd. Item, for shacklyng the belles, xvjd. Item, for amendyng of ij belles in the hedes, iiijd. Item, for wyte candels, jd. Item, to Edward Holland for syttyng at Ester,¹ xd. Item, for whyte candels, ob. Item, to Evan Denton for pykyng wax, ii . . . Item, to Hugh Tatlock for iij li. of wax, ijs. Item, to Robert Rughlye for j li. and dim. of wax, xijd. Item, to Thomas Eden for iij dosand and iij li. of wax, xx . . . Item, to Evan Heyton for ij li. off wax xvjd. Item, to Edward Cropper ij li. and dim. off wax, . . . Item, to Thomas Smethers for j li. and quarter off wax, xd. Item, to the wyfe off Peres Chadoche for j li. and quarter off wax, ixd. Item, to Gylbert Cropper for iij li. off wax, ijs. Item, for fyr to makyng the lyght, iiijd. Item, to the wyfe of John Cowper ij li of wax, . . . Item, j li. of wax and a quarter, . . . Item, j li of wax at the wyfe of Robert . . . Item, for weke, . . .

1. No doubt to receive the customary offerings or "Easter money" or "wax silver," and to record them on the "Easter roll."

[p. 91.] Item, to the wyfe of Rafe Holland for weke, iiijd. Item, to Ales Balye for redde yorne to the surges, jd. Item, to sir Potter (*sic*) for makynge the lyght, vs. iiijd. Item, to Merget Deyne for temperyng wax, viijd. Item, for tablyng makys of the lyght, ijs. vi. . . Item, at malyng the wax, for ale, jd. Item, for gresse to the lyght, ijd. Item, for nayles to a bord in the revestree, jd. Item, to Robert Webster for throwyng Sanct Marye candell, viijd. Item, to sir Ryc' Potter for wax, xiiijd. Item, to the wyfe of Peres Tunstall for j li. and quarter of wax, ix. Item, to Evan Atherton for j li. and quarter of wax, ix. Item, to the strynger of Bycurstat for wax, js. vjd. Item, to Merget Lathum for amending albes and other vestures, vd. Item, for wrytyng the bokes, viijd. Item, for bred and wyne, xjs.

1538-9

[p. 92?]¹ [Parcels and sums of money received by us, . . . and] John Kenwrycke, churche w[ardens of Prescott anno domini MCCCCC] xxxviii^{mo}.

In primis, on Sanct Katheryns daye . . . Item, on Sanct Stephans daye, xvjd. Item, to Our Ladeys Nuyers gyft on nuyers daye, xvijs. Item, on Sanct Anthons daye, vjs. iiijd. Item, of the waxe syluer of this paryche, xxjs. xd. Item, of the waxe syluer of Farnorth syde, xjs. jd. Item, receyued of Wyndyll leye, ijs. iiijd. Item, of Raynforth leye, viijd. Item, of Parre leye, ijs. ijd. Item, of Raynell leye, [blank]. Item, of Ecclyston leye, jd. Item, of Whyston leye, iiijd.

[p. 93?]² [Payments by . . . and] John [Kenwrick the year abovesaid].

[In primis] . . . gyrdyls . . . ijd. Item, to Elisabeth Lathum, for amending a vestment, jd. Item, vxor Jams Talyor, for candyls to the lygt and matyns, ijd. Item, fyr to the lygt, iiijd. Item, to Edward Holland, for gresse and weke, xij. Item, to Thomas Eden, for ij dosand of waxe, xvs. Item, to Rafe Baron, for iij dosand of waxe, xixs. vjd. Item, for amending the rode lygt, vd. Item, vxor Robert Webster, for meate and drynke at the lygt makynge, ijs. iiijd. Item, Mergett Deane, for helpe at lygt makynge, viijd. Item, to Robert Webster, for makynge Sanct Mary candyll and other smale candels, xd. Item, to the wyfe of Rafe Houghton, for bredde and ale at pascall makynge, ijd. Item, vxor George Plumpton, for gresse to the pascall, and her mayde to temper it, jd. ob. Item, vxor Laurens Holt, for wasshing kyrke clothes, xviiij. Item, to Sir Ryc Potter, for a payntyd² to the sepulcre, viijd. Item, Sir Ryc Potter, for makynge church lygt, vjs.

1. The 36 lines which follow are from a leaf found in a separate parcel in the church chest. (*see* Introduction).

2. The word "cloth" is apparently omitted. *See* Glossary.

[p. 94?] Item for bredde and wyne, iij s. ix d. Item, for bredde and wyne, xvjd. Item, for amending the best sute,¹ vjd. Item, for halowyng ij corporas, ijd. Item, to Edward Holland, for mending ij bell rops, vjd. Item, in bredde and wyne, ix d. Item, in bredde and wyne, xvd. Item, for wrytyng the boke, viij d. Item, for shaklyng the bells, xvjd. Item, for mending ij bells in the hedds, vjd. Item, for bredde and wyne, xij d. Item, for iiij sacks of wyte lyme, xvjd.

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[p. 96.] Parselys and summes of money resyued by vs, Jamys Watmough and Robart Webster, churche wardyns of Prescott in the yere of our Lord M^{mo} CCCC^{mo} xxxix^{mo} [1539].

In primys, resyvyd of the old ley of Farnorth syde of Thomas Salter, xvs jd. ob. Item, of Prescott of a new ley, ix s. jd. Item, of Eccleston ley, ix s. vijd. ob. Item, of Qwyston the howlle ley, vs. Item, of Raynell the howlle ley, vs. Item, of Raynforth, vs. jd. Item, of Sutton, vijs. Item, resaut off Thomas Salter off the old ley, vs. xd. Summa, iij li. xxjd.

[p. 97.] In prymis, for iij lockes and keys, and makynge ij payr of bandes vnto ij cesors (*sic*) and ij penyworth of naylys, xviij d. Item, when the churche wardyns of Farnorth came to her the countes, iiij d. Item, at the castyng of ovr bokes, iiij d. Item, Ryc' Hollond for ij day werke at the churche stele, vjd. Item, ffor hys servande for ij days and a halfe, vd. Item, to Robart Prescott and hys servande ij days and a halfe, xij d. Item, to Jhon Crosbe for makynge a gappe in the vecarache dyche, jd. Item, for mete and drynke at the same werke, ijs. Item, to the glayser for mending the glasse wyndowes, and for glasse, vjs. viij d. Item, for powder to make sader with, xd. Item, ij stoune of led and iiij pond, . . . Item, for mete and drynke when the glayser wroght, iij s. vijd. Item, for a kye to sir Ryc' Potter, jd. Item, for costes when the mason came to se the werke, iiij d. Item, for xxxvj asseler stonys, xviij d. Item, for bred and ale when the stonys were caryd, vd. Item, for helpyng to heve the same, jd. Item, to Layvrance Mawbon for werkyng at the stepell by the space of iij wekes, xs. Item, to Robart Mawbon for wanne weke, iij s. iiij d. Item, to Wylliam Raychedayle for ij whekes, vjs. Item, to Jamys Ryckobe for seruyng the sayd massons by the space of iij wekes, for hys mete and hyre, iiij s. ijd. Item, to Jamys Whatmogth mete and drinke, behyng with the masons a fortenet for to gett thym suche thynkes as was nedfull, ijs. iiij d. Item, to Rauffe Whatmough for shakelyng the belles, xvjd. Item, for belle ropys, xviij d. Item, for iij score stone and viij pond of ledde, xxvjs viij d. Item, for mending the bandes of the batellyng dore, ijd. Item, to Jhon Crosbe for makynge a gape in the vecarache dyche, jd.

1. *i.e.*, suit or set of vestments.

[p. 98.] Item, when Jamys Watmough whente to Farnorth iij tymys for the ley, iijd. Item, for sond and dychehyng the church stele, iijd. Item, for shapponhyng the masons axes, ijd. Item, a basyn to ber the mortor in, jd. Item, for v wyndelys of wytelyme, xxd. Item, for cordes to the sanctus bell and to the clocke, xxd. Item, for fachehyng halffe a bussell of lyme at Skylyntons, jd. Item, for fachehyng iij wyndelles of lyme at Eccleston, jd. Item, for fachehyng stonys in the parke for to pyn abowd the stepel, jd. Item, for a sefe, jd. Item, to Nycolas Whallay for hys costes when he came to se the stepell, iiijd. Summa, iij li. xixs. xjd. Debt to the wardens, xviijs. ijd.

1540-1

[p. 99.] Sommys and parcelles of money receuyd by the handys of Jamys Watmough and Robt Webster, churche wardens of Prescott in the yere of our Lord God a M^o CCCCxl, as her after apereth.

Item, inprimys, receuyd of Raynford ley, iijs. ix. ob. Item, of Eccleston ley, iiijd. ob. Item, of Wyndell ley, lakying of harche viijd, ix. xd. Item, of Sotton ley, xijs. Item, of Parr ley, vjs. viijd. Item, of Thurstan Parr, viijd. Item, of Farneworth syde for Bold quarter, xixs. Item, of Farneworthe syde, xixs. Summa, iij li. xjs. viijd.

Paymentes.

Item, inprimys, ffor mossyng of the northe syde of the church and the porche, and ryggyng with clay, and for ther mett and dryng when they dyd wyrke, ix. iiijd. Item, for castyng the clay, tredyng, and the fire, xijd. Item, ffor gettyng of mosse to the churche, xxijd. Item, to John Fayrhurst for on lode sclatt, vijd. Item, for ledyng the same and mett and dryng, viijd. Item, to Rychard Holland and John Webster for makyng the churche yaye, for hyr mette and dryng, xxd. Item, to sir John Webster for tymbre to the yate and lattes to the porche, ijs. ijd. Item, ffor ther drynkyng when the sought the tymbr, ijd. Item, for castyng of lede to the stepull and coueryng hytt, iijs. iiijd.

[p. 100?] Item, payd to Jamys Watmough for schakelyng the bells . . . Item, payd for syngyng brede, . . . Item, for wyne, . . . Item, payd to Margere Holt for wasshyng, . . . Item, for ale when the masons came from Farneworth, jd. Item, payd to sir Rauff Worseley for hyllyng ij of the churche bokes, ijd. Item, payd for wyne, ijd. Item, payd for the costes to the churche wardens [of] Farneworth when they came to se the step[ull], iiijd. Item, for the costes of ij masons that came from [Farneworth] to se the stepull, . . . Item, to Thurstan Kylkeat for ij dosan of . . . Item, payd to Van Denton for pykyng wax, . . . Item, payd for makyng of candelles to syng . . . Item, payd for wyne, . . . Item, payd to sir Rychard Potter for makyng wax, vs. iiijd. Item, payd for wyne a nother tyme, ix. ob. Item, payd to

Marger Holt for wasshyng, iiijd. Item, for brede and wyne, xjd ob. Item, when we rekenyd our bokes, ijd. Item, for small candeles and wax, vijd. Item, for wynne, iiijd. Item, for wasshyng of churche clothes, vjd. Item, for whytte candelles and syngyng brede, ijd. Item, payd for wynne, iiijd. ob. Item, payd to Robart Webster for syttyng at Ester for the waxse siluer. xd.

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1542-3

[p. 102.] Somys and parcelles of money receuyd by Jamys Watmought and Robt Webster, churche wardens of Prescott in the yere of our Lord a M^o CCCC^o xliij^o [1542].

In primys, the wyff of Ryc' Grene by the gyft of William Smyth, iijs. iiijd. Item, for ij stone of lede, xiijd. Summa, iijs. vd.

Paymentes the same yere.

Item, to William Skyllinton for iiij wyndelles lyme and caryage therof, xviijd. Item, to William Hychen and hys seruantes for mendyng of the churche stuff, and mett and dryng for them, iijs. ixd. Item, Alys Bayle for xx yardes crule to mend the vestementes with, xijd. Item, for iiij quarters saten bryges¹ to mend a westymment wyth, viijd. Item, for vj yardes of grene bokeram to lyne the best cope with, and for thred and sylke iijs. vijd. Item, for a bell rope, . . . Item, schakelyng the belles, . . . Item, for whytlymyng of the north syde in the churche, . . . Item, for wasscheng to Margere Holt, . . . [remainder of page—about a quarter—torn away.]

1543-4

[p. 103.] Somes and parcels of money payd by the handes of Jamys Watmought and Robt Webster, churche wardens of Prescott in the yere of our Lord a M CCCCC xliij^o, vnto the xx day of Nouembre in the same yere.

Item, in primys, to the wiff of Lawrans Holt for wasschyng of the churche clothes, xviijd. Item, for v seckys of whytlyme, xxjd. Item, for iiij gyrdels for the prestes to syng masse with, iiijd. Item, to Ryc' Croft for whytlymyng and prochetying in the churche, iijs. Item, for schakelyng the belles, xvjd. Item, for pessyng a claper of the iiij bell, and a band to a coufer and yerne, iiijd. Item, to Robt Worsley for a bell rope, iid. Item, for dyghtyng the lytyll baterlyng, jd. Summa, xs. jd.

The contys of Robert Webster and Jamys Watmought, churche wardens of Prescott, herd, alowyd and concluded by Mr Thomas Eccleston, Mr Henre Halsall and other of the gentellmen of Prescott syde, and Thomas Salter, John Apulton, churche wardens of Farneworth syde for iiij yeres past, that ys to say, xlj, xliij and xliij yere of our Lord etc.

1. *i.e.*, Bruges satin.

The pariche othe to the churche wardens of Prescott the forsed day, xxxs. vijd. ob.

[signed] *per me* HENRICUM HALSALL
per me RICARDUM LANCASTER
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1546-7¹

[p. 106.] Parcels and sommes of money receyved of Peter Eccleston, Robt Worseley, John [Kenwrick] and Robt Webster, church wardyns [of Prescott] in anno domini MDxlvj, a festo Pasche . . . festum prox' sequenc'.

In primis, receyved at Ester for waxe syluer at Prescott in the said yeare, xxs. vd. Item, rec' of the gyfte of William Lawe towards the churche light, ijs. iiijd. Item, receyved of Thomas Salter for waxe syluer from Farneworth syde, xijs. Item, rec' of the same Thomas for parcell of an olde leye, ix. Item, rec' for parcell of an olde ley in Parr, of Alen Lont, xviijd. Item, rec' for the buryall of James Worseley, ijs. Item, rec' for the buryall of John Standische, the greate bell rope gyven by Georg Standisch, his sonne. Item, rec' for the buriall of Geffrey Travers, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of the wife of Hugh Ley, ijs. Item, rec' for our Ladyes New Yeares gyfte, vijs. iiijd. Item, rec' for the buriall of Annes Nayler, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of the wife of Ric' Garnett, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of Robt Waynewright, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of the wife of Ewan Garnett, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of a childe of John Accours, xijd. Item, rec' for the buriall of John Latham of Mosbarow, ijs. Item, the buriall of the wife of Ric' Bower, ijs. Summa totalis, iij li. xs. vjd.

[p. 107.] Paymentes by the said churchwardeyns in the said yeare of our Lorde, MDxlvjth, a festo Pasche predicto.

In primis, payde to Robt Webster and James Watmough for suche some of money as the parish did oughe vnto theym when the made their last accomptes, xijs. iiijd. Item, payd for waxe at Chestre, xviijs. Item, payd to Hugh Tatlocke and dyuerse other for waxe, ix. Item, payd for bredd and wyne to saye masse withall, xijs. vd. ob. Item, pd for makyng the churche light and the sepulcre light, vjs. Item, pd for meate and drynke to Robt Webster, Robt Worseley and Elisabeth Latham when the light was in castyng, fascyonyng and makyng, iiijs. vjd. Item, pd to the said Elisabeth for temperyng of the waxe, vjd. Item, pd to the same Elisabeth for weke yorne, vjd. Item, pd for turves, greyse

1. What follows is evidently a new scheme, with four churchwardens instead of two, and with the financial year beginning at Easter instead of St. Catherine's day. The fact that the accounts for the two previous years, and only *one sheet* of the book, are missing, suggests a crisis in the affairs of the parish at this time. See Introduction.

and blacke yorne, vd. ob. Item, pd to Robt Webster for throwyng of the Saynt Marye candyll, viijd. Item, for mendyng of albes and syrplees, ijd. Item, payd when we went to Latham to speake to my lorde¹ for a clerke, jd. Item, payd for fetchyng a calfe gyven by Mestres Pemberton of Halsenett towards the light of the sepulcre, ijd. Item, spente at Leigh when we dyd appeare afore the bisshopes officers, iiijd. Item, pd for an hundreth of sclates, ix. Item, pd for leadyng of the same, viijd. Item, pd to Thomas Sharloke for sclatyng the church porche, ijs. vjd. Item, paid for the table and bord of the said Thomas and his men, iijs.

[p. 108.] Item, payd for fetchyng a tree gvyng by Mr Eccleston to make lattes and an aysyng borde to the said porche, vijd. Item, payd for nayles to the said church porche, viijd. Item, pd to the wyff of Laurence Holte for wasshyng the churche clothes, xvij. Item, payd to James Watmoug for shackelyng of the belles, xvjd. Item, pd for a baner, vjd. Item, payd for costes of Peter Eccleston to Chestre anendes Saynt Katheryns stocke,² xiiij. Item, pd for payntyng of a baner, xjd. Item, payd for costes of Peter Eccleston, sir John Webster and Robt Worseley in laboryng to my lorde to speake for a clerke, viijd. Item, payd for mendyng the locke of the chauncell doore, jd. Item, payd to the wyfe of Laurence Lawe for wasshyng clothes affore this said yeare, vjd. Item, payde to Edward Stockeley for syttyng to receyve the said wax syluer at Ester, xjd. Summa totalis, iiij li. ijs. jd.

The parishe doyth (*sic*) the church wardenes the yere aboue wryton, xjs. vijd.

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1547-8

[p. 110.] Somes and parcels of money receyved by thandes of Peter Eccleston, Robt Wursey, John Kenwright and Robt Webster, churchwardeyns of the paroche of Prescott, anno domini MDxlvij^o, a festo pasche vsque ad idem festum prox' sequen'.

In primis, receyved for wax syluer of Prescot at Ester, xvs. viijd. Item, rec' of Thomas Salter for the wax syluer of Farneworth syde, xijs. Item, rec' for smale candels, ijd. ob. Item, rec' for the buriall of Henry Almont, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of the sonn of Robt Garnet, ijs. Item, rec' of one Banke dwellyng in Wegan, iijs. vjd. Item, rec' of Rauff Houghton of Sutton for a forme pease in owr Lade Chapell on the northe syde, xjd. Item, rec' for our Ladyes New Yeares gifte, viijs. ijd. ob. Item, rec' for the buriall of the wif of Thurstan Par, ijs. Item,

1. The Earl of Derby, whose principal residence was Lathom House, near Ormskirk. See Introduction.

2. *i.e.*, concerning the funds of the chantry gild of St. Catherine, perhaps with a view to keeping them to support the school. See further note on page 28.

rec' for the buriall of Willm Sharlocke, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of sir Ric' Fradesham, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of George Stockley, ijs. Summa totalis, lijs. vijd.

[p. 111.] Paymentes by the said churchwardeyns in the said yeare of our Lorde a MDxlvijth, a festo pasche predicto.

In primis, payd to Raffe Olton for makyng a payre of indentures betwix the perochē and Roger Colley, xvijjd. Item, pd to Robt Derbeshire for mendyng the bells, xijd. Item, payd to the same Robt for stuff, jd. Item, payd to the wiff of Laurence Holt, xvijjd. Item, payd for mendyng of a glasen wyndall, vjd. Item, pd for waxe bought of James Potter, xvijjd. Item, pd to John Thomasson for waxe, xxjd. Item, pd to the wife of Rondulf Hough for waxe, vjd. Item, pd to Robt Derbeshire for a key, jd. Item, pd for waxe bought in Weryngton, ix. s. vijd. Item, pd to one Brecke for waxe, ijs. viijjd. Item, pd to John Terbocke for wax, ijs. iiijjd. Item, pd to the wife of Olyuer Fenney for wax, xxd. Item, pd to Ric' Bellarbie for wax, iiijjd. Item, pd to Rauff Watmough for wax, xxijd. Item, pd to Robt Webster for waxe, ijs. Item, payd for wax moreouer, xvijjd. Item, paid for waxe, iiijjd. Item, pd for the makyng of the churche light and the sepulcre light, vjs. Item, pd to Robt Webster for throwyng the Saynt Mary candell, viijjd. Item, pd for meate and drynke to Robt Worseley, Robt Webster and Elsabeth Latham when the light was in temperyng, castyng and makyng, iiijjs.

[p. 112.] Item, payd Elsabeth Latham for temperyng of the said wax, vjd. Item, payd for turves for makyng the tapers withall, iijjd. Item, payd for greyse and yorne to the same, vjd. ob. Item, payd to Edward Stockeley for gatheryng the wax syluer at Ester, xijd. Item, payd to Homfrey Bayly for fetchyng of wyne dyuers tymes, iijjd. Item, payd for bredde and wyne to the preistes to saie masse withall, the hole yeare, xiijs. ivd. Summa totalis, lvijs. xd. ob.

The parishe oyth to the churchwardines the yere aboue wryton, vs. iijjd. ob.

1548-9

[p. 113.] Somes and parcels of money receyved by thandes of Peter Eccleston, Robt Worseley, John Kenwright and Robt Webster, churchwardeyns of the parish of Prescott, anno domini MDxlviii^o, a festo pasche vsque ad idem festum proximum sequens.

In primis, receyved at Ester for wax syluer of Prescott, ix. s. iiijjd. Item, receyved for iren which stode and was in the churche, as appeareth hereafter,

In primis (*sic*), rec' of Henry Halsall gent., iiijjs. ijd. Item, rec' of Rauff Sutton, ijs. jd. Item, rec' of John Accours, xiiijd. Item, rec' of the wife of Thomas Gresse, vjd. Item, rec' of Christopher Ley, vjd. Item, rec' of Robt. Derbeshire, vjd. Item, rec' of James Watmoughe, vjs. viijjd. Item, rec' of Homfrey

Denton, ix*d*. Item, rec' of Robt Cowper, xiii*d*. Item, rec' of Homfrey Gleest, x*d*. Item, rec' of Ric' Rygbye, xi*d*. Item, rec' of Richarde Denton, xviii*d*. Item, rec' of Henry Bower, xi*d*. Item, rec' of the said Robt Derbshire, i*s*. v*d*. Item, rec' of Peter Eccleston and Robt Worseley, ix*d*. Item, rec' of Mr Thomas Eccleston, ii*s*. Item, rec' of Laurence Potter, xii*d*. Item, rec' of the said Peter Eccleston, v*d*. Item, rec' for brasse and pewter in the church, iii*s*. iii*d*. Summa totalis, xlii*s*. iii*d*. Item, rec' of Adam Bancke of Wegan for ij candelstekys, vs.¹

[p. 114.] Paymentes to the said churchwardeyns in the said yeare of our Lorde, a M D xlviiith, a festo pasche predictae.

In primis, payd for costes when Peter Eccleston and Robt Worseley were at Chester abowt a clerke, vi*s*. v*d*. ob. Item, payd when the said Peter and Robert were at Walton at a syttyng theare, ix*d*. Item, pd when the churchwardeyns were at Wegan before the kynges visiters there, xix*d*. Item, pd for costes to Laurence Potter, Roger Colley, Edwarde Parr and William Watmough cyted to apeare at Wegan for the parisch, i*s*. viii*d*. Item, payd when the said churchwardeyns were at Leigh, iii*d*. Item, paid to Peter Eccleston for expenses of his horse at dyvers tymes in rydyng abowt busynes of the parisch and the church, xv*d*. ob. Item, payd when the said Robt Worseley and Peter Eccleston were cyted to Wygan before the kynges surveyors there, v*d*. Item, pd to Robt Derbshire for takyng downe the iren in the church and for weyng the same, iii*d*. Item, pd to the same Robt for weyng and cuttyng the said iren, i*d*. Item, pd for meate and drynke of Robt Worseley, Robt Webster and Robert Derbyshire when the iren was taken downe, vi*d*. Item, paid to James Watmough for shackelyng the belles two yeares, i*s*. v*d*. Item, payd to the same James in parte of payment of vii*s*. which the parisch did oughe to the said James, v*s*. viii*d*.

[p. 115.] Item, payd to Robt Webster for throwyng the Saynt Mary candell, viii*d*. Item, payd to the wife of Laurence Holte for wasshyng the church clothes, x*d*. Item, pd to Elsabeth Latham for mendyng surples, j*d*. Item, pd to Edward Stokely for receyvng the wax money at Ester, xi*d*. Item, payd to Robt Wudfall of Wyndell for wax, x*d*. Item, payd for ij belle strynges, xviii*d*. Item, pd for ropes to pese the belle strynges wyth at dyuers tymes, viii*d*. Item, payd to John Webster for makyng the lectourne in the church for the bybell, j*d*. Item, payd for bred and wyne for the priestes to saie masse wythall, xi*s*. x*d*. Summa totalis, xlii*s*. viii*d*.

The churchwardenes oyth to the parische the here aboue wryton, iii*s*. viii*d*.

1. From the above list it is evident that as many as possible of the objects of metal belonging to the church were disposed of to forestall possible confiscation. See further references below.

1549-50

[p. 116.] Sommes and parcels of money receyved by the handes of Peter Eccleston, Robt Worseley, John Kenwright, and Robt Webster, church wardens of the parishe of Prescott anno domini MDxlix^o, a festo pasche vsque ad festum Penticost^o proximum sequens.

In primis, receyved for the buryall of Thurstan Parr, ijs. Item, receyved for the buryall of Dorytie Lathum, ijs. Item, receyved for the buryall of the mother of Lawrence Potter, ijs. Item, rec' for the buryall of the wyfe of James Garnett, ijs. Item, rec' for the buryall of Hugh Standishe, ijs. Item, rec' for the buryall of Ronolde Lathum, xxd. Item, rec' for the buryall of Henry Robie, ijs. Item, rec' for the buryall of Annes Lathum, ijs. Item, rec' for smalle kandles, jd. Summa totalis, xvs. ix^d.

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[p. 118.] Paymentes by the said churchwardens in the said yeare of our Lorde a MDxlix^o, a festo pasche predicto.

In primis, payed to the wyfe of Lawrence Holt for wesshing the church clothes, xxd. Item, payed for ropes to mende the bel strynges, iij^d. Item, payed for one hole belle stringe, xvd. Item, spende when Peter Eccleston and Robt Worseley went to Lathum to obteyne my lordes letter for the forthering of the free scolle,¹ vd. Item, in expens when Robt Worseley went to Farneworthe for money due for the wax, ijd. Item, in expen' for making smalle kandles att sondry tymes, iiij^d. Item, payed for weeke yorne, jd. Item, payed for the costes of Peter Eccleston, Robt Worseley and Robt Webster when they appered at Golborne Coppe, when they presented the church goodes, vd. ob. Item, payed to Robt Webster for making tapers and other smalle kandles, ijs. Item, in expen' att the making therof, iij^d. Item, payed for bread and wyne to celebrate² with, xijs. iiij^d. Item, payed for a botell of pewter, viij^d. Item, payed to James Watmoug for reparing the organs, iiij^d. Item, in expen' at the reparing therof, iij^d. Summa totalis, xixs. xjd.

The parishe oyth to the churchwardenes the here above wryton, iiij^s. ijd.

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[p. 120.] Parcels and sommes of money receyved by the handes of Peter Eccleston, Robart Worsley, Jhon Kenwryght and Robert Webster, churchwardens of Prescott, in anno domini MDl and lj, a festo passc, for buryals.

1. From other sources it is known that the funds of the three chantry gilds of this parish were allowed to be retained for the maintenance of the grammar school. (*See Trans. Hist. Soc.*, vol. 86, p. 12). This was apparently an exceptional grant, procured, as this item shows, through the intercession of Lord Derby.

2. The usual phrase "to sing mass" is significantly absent.

In primis, for the buriall of George Garnet of Qwiston, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Wylliam Stryngfellow of Reynhyll, ijs. Item, Merget Trevas, the doughther of Robart Trevas, ijs. Item, Elsabeth Wetherbie of Qwiston, ijs. Item, the buriall of Roger Tytle of Parre, in the handes of Robart Webster of Prescott, ijs. Item, the wyffe of Wylliam Garnet of Reynehyll, vnpayed in the handes of James Garnet gentylman, ijs. Item, Robart Cowley of Wyndyll, ijs. Item, the buriall of Harry Brockfeld of Knosley, in the handes of Robart Webster of Prescott, ijs. Item, the wyff of Lourenc Potter of Reynhyll, ijs. Item, Edward Boier of Prescott, in the handes of Robart Boier, ijs. Item, Henry Penketh of Reynhyll, ijs. Item, Thomas Edwardson of Qwiston, ijs. Item, Mergere Brasse of Prescott, wedo, ijs. Item, that I, Robart Worsley, receaved owt of the poure mans box, xiiijd. Item, that I, Robart Wursley, receyvyd off Rych Rygbye for leayd, iijs. Summa totalis, xxvijs. ijd.

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1550-1, 1551-2

[p. 122.] Paymentes by the handes of Peter Eccleston, Robart Worsley, Jhon Kenwright and Robart Webster in the yeare of our Lord M D l and lj, a festo pasche.

In primis, Thomas Halsall for mendyng a bell whele, xijd. Item, for a communion bocke^t bowght at Chester, iijs. iiijd. Item, for costes of mete and drynck of me and my horse the same tyme, ijs. Item, a roppe to the great bell, xijd. Item, to the wyff of Lourence Holt for washyng the clothes, xvijjd. Item, the costes of mester Peter Eccleston and Robart Worsley at a Visitation befor my lord at Ormskyrck, ijs. Item, for roppe to mend the belles, iiijd. Item, for costes at the takyng downe of alterstones and castyng of yearth, and a table to mynester on, vs. Item, at Visitation in Ormskyrcke, before mester Boldes brother and other the Kynges Commysioners by me Peter Eccleston and Robart Worsley, xd. Item, to Thomas Halsall for mendyng the churchstyle, and for mete and drynk the same tyme, to the same Thomas, ijs. Item, to Thomas Sherlock for mendyng a wyndo on the church, xxd. Item, for my costes at Chester to bye a Communion bocke, xijd. Item, to sir Edward Garnet and Wylliam Kereson for to writ a part of a Communion bocke, for ther costes at Frodsam, ijs.

[p. 123.] Item, payd for a Communion bocke at Alsolday, viijs. Item, the costes of Peter Eccleston and Robart (*sic*) at aparance before my lorde at Knosley, ijs. Item, to Nycolas Cartwryght for lattes, iiijd. Item, for nayles to the churchwyndo, vjd. Item, to Van Dentons wyff for gettyng mosse, iiijd. Item, to the same Vanes wyff for washyng clothes, iiijd. Item, for

1. *i.e.*, the Prayer Book of Edward VI.

a roppe to the great bell, ijs. Item, for mendyng the fyrst bell whele, ijd. Item, that I, Robart Worsley haue leyd downe for a surples to sir Edward Garnett, ijs. Item, vnpayd to Thomas Sherlock for meytt and drynk, iijs. Item, vnpayd to Roger Colley for sclattes and leydyng the same to the church, vjs. viijd. Item, vnpayd to Thomas Sherlocke for sclatyng of the rode lofte wyndowe, ijs. Summa totalis, vjs. ijd.

The parishe oyth to the churchwardenes the here above wryton, xvs. iiijd.

[p. 124.] Item, oyng to the parishe for the berryall of Edward Bore.

Anno domini M^{mo} D^{mo} fyfty and twoe, and fyfty and iij, Peter Ecclyston, Robt Webster and John Kenwrycke notter receyued ner payd nothyng.¹

Memorandum, accomptes taken of the fornamed church wardyns in the paroch church of Prescott the vth day of Februarij, anno primo et secundo Regni Regis Philippi et Marie etc. [1554/5], of all thynges in this boke beffore writen and all thynges conteyned in this same boke charged and allowed. And the paroch is in debt to the said church wardynes the sum xxxjs. viijd. ob. This accompt is not throughly allowed by the gentylmen and other the parichoners.

[p. 125 blank.]

1553-4

[p. 126.] Receyvyd by the handes of Jamys Watmough, Roger [Colley, Ralph] Houghton, Van Pyke, church wardens off Prescott fr . . . of Saynt Kateryn in the yeare of our Lord God M^{mo} . . . vnto the said fest then next foloyng.

In primis, for a peace of a nold bel roppe, . . . [remainder of page blank.]

[p. 127.] Expendyt by . . . church wardens, the said yeare.

In primis, to Wylliam Stopforth for the church goodes bought before my Lord of Derby at Latham, xiijs. Item, to Ryc' Bellarbie for facyng Ryc' Worsley, ijd. Item, in expences in the paroch besynes by the space of xxij days at Candelmas terme, for the obtaynyng of an indenture and oblygation that the church and chappell goodes shuld be restored to that vse wych they where fyrst gyven vnto, xxxjs. Item, payd to Wylliam Jarod for takyng payne in the said business at the same tyme, xxvjs. viijd. Item, for neyls to meynd the church dowre and the sepulcoure, iijd. ob. Item, payd for paper, ijd. Item, payd to Jhon Reynforth and his felow for mendyng the church dowre, ijd. Item, payd for a

1. As appears below, new churchwardens took office as from St. Catherine's Day (25 November), 1553, the authority of the existing wardens being apparently repudiated. Meanwhile, in July, 1553, the Catholic Queen Mary had succeeded to the throne.

corde, iren and wyre to the pascall, iiijd. Item, payd for makyng a payre of bandes to the stepull dowre and mendyng the lock and hyt on the same dowre, iijd. Item, for peysyng the sheris of the great bell and trussyng of the same, iijd. Item, for neyls to mend the belles whelis, ijd. Item, for a bel roppe to the great bell, ijs. ijd. Item, to the wyff of Van Denton for scouryng the chanleres and wasshyng the church clothes, ijd. Item, for makyng our boke and in laboryng in the parysshe busenes dyuerse tymes at metynges fo the parisshe causes, xxd. Item, expendit at Wygan when the church revis were cyted to appere before Mr Chancelere, vjd. Item, for shacklyng the belles, xvjd. Item, payd for viijth yards of halland cloth to make a alter cloth and on towell, vjs. viijd. Soma, iiij li. vjs. iiijd. ob.

1554-5

[p. 128.] Resavyd by the handes of Roger Colley, Ja[m]es Watmogh], Raffie Houghton and Van Pyke, church ward[ens of the] church of Prescott from the fest of San . . . in the yere of our Lord God M^o . . .

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[p. 129.] Exspences by the church wardens, Roger Colley, Jamys Watmoght, Rauffe Houghton, Van Pyke, churchwardenes of Prescott in the yere of our Lord God, M^{mo} D^{mo} liiij.

In primys, payd to Henry Wylcoke for a bellrop, xxd. Item, to Wylliam Careyson for a kee and pessyng of a bellrop, ijd. Item, to the same Wylliam for pessyng of an other bellrop, jd. Item, for mendyng of the sanctus belle, ijd. Item, for trustyng of the greed belle at to sunderye tymys, iijd. Item, for mendyng of the greed belle whele and the second bell whele, . . . Item, for shackellyng of the belles, xvjd. Item, to John Crossebe for goyng to Farnorth to gyffe warnyng to the church reues to be mosstet to here the countes of the church wardens, ijd. Item, when the churchrevis were sieted to appere at Leyghe before Mr Chanciler, viijd.

[p. ?]¹ . . . the space of iij yeres . . . Item, for the dynyers of the church [wardens and] the church wardens of Farnorth syde [and] syche as came with thym to here the accontys, and to se what reparasyons the church ded wante. Summa, xviijs. vjd.

1. The following 13 lines are transcribed from a fragment which has been preserved independently, being pasted in the end of a volume of the later seventeenth-century accounts. The Eight Men here mentioned, who occur regularly in the accounts from this time on, were a body set up by a decree of the Bishop of Chester dated 5 August, 1555, for the purpose of appointing the churchwardens and "hearing, allowing and concluding" their accounts. (F. A. Bailey, *The Churchwardens' Accounts of Prescott, 1523-1607*, in *Trans. Hist. Soc. Lancs. & Ches.*, Vol. 92, 1940, pp. 176-9). This and the following three pages are all from odd sheets from which the page-numbers, if any, have been lost. (See Introduction).

The parochie is indetted vnto Jamys Watmoughe, as apereth by [this] boke, vli. iijs. vd. ob.

The accountns taken of Jamis Watmough, Roger Cowley, Rawff Howghton and Van Pyke, churchwardens of Prescott, hard, allowed, and concluded by theyght men whose names be vnder-written, for ij yeares past, that is to day MDliij and MDliiij. Edward Parre, Richerd Denton, John Terbocke, Hugh Wygan, Rawff Heyward, Henry Co[ney], John Accurs, Hugh Grene.

[p. ?] Resaved by the handes of Jamys Watmogh, Roger Colley, Rauff Houghton, Van Pyke, churche wardenes of the parishe churche of Prescott, from the fest of Sanct Kateryn in the yere of our Lorde God M CCCCC^{mo} liiij.

In primys, of Sanct Nycolas bouxce, xvjs. . . . Item, att Crystemas, appon Newyers day and twellte day, ixs. . . . Item, resauyd for waxce sylluer for Prescott syed at Ester, . . . Item, for Farnothe syed for waxce money resaved by John Torbock, . . . Summa, liijs. viiij.

Resaved in the yere abovesayd for buryalles. Item (*sic*), for the buryall of George Pemberton, . . . Item, for the buryall of Hugh Roughley, . . . Item, the buryall of John Lancaster, . . . Item, the buryall of Mathew Pottot, . . . Item, the wyffe of John Lancaster, . . . Item, the buryall of . . . llm Scott, . . .

[p. ?] Parcelles and somys of money . . . handes of Jamys Watmogh, Roger Colley, Rauffe Houghton, Van Pyke, churche wardens of Prescott in the yere of our Lord God M^{mo} CCCCC^{mo}liiij, begynnyng at Sanct Kateryn day and endyng that day twellmont.

Item, for ix pond of waxce bought in Chester, viijs. vd. Item, to Van Gernet for j ponde of waxce, xd. Item, to Jamys Chaydock for hallue a pond and a quarter of waxce, vjd. Item, to Rauffe Houghton for a pond of waxce and a nonce, xjd. Item, to Thomas Colley for a poon of waxce and a nounce, xjd. Item, to Henry Roghley for iij pondes and a quarteron of waxce, ijs. ix. Item, a pond of waxce gyffen by John Terbok [blank]. Item, to Bryan Arrosmyth for iij pond of waxce, ijs. ix. Item, for mett and dryngk wen the lyght was in makyng at Crystenmas, vs. Item, for wyett condells, jd. Item, for ale at the laying vppe of the tre in the chancell . . . Item, for paper, jd. Item, to Rauffe Wattmogh for ij pond of waxce, xxjd. Item, to Henry Coney for ij pond of waxce, xxd.

[p. ?] The accountes taken of Jamis Watmough, Roger [Colley], Rawff Howghton and Van Pyke, churchward[ens of] Prescott, hard, allowed and concluded by theyght [men] whose names be vnderwritten, for ij yeares past, [that is] to say, MDliij and liiij^o. Edward Parre, John Terbock, Rawff Heyward, Henry Coney, Hugh Grene, Richerd Denton, Hugh Wygan, Robt Whitlow, John Accurs.

The parish oweth vnto James Watmough, ix li. xixs. vjd.

1555-6

[p. 132.] Resaved by the handes of . . . [Th]omas Gernet, Bryan Ley, Thomas Cowper, churche wardenes of the parishe church of Prescot, in the yere of our Lord God M^{mo} D^{mo} lv, begynnyng at Sanct Caterins day and endyng that day twellmond.

Resaued for too leys of Prescot syde. In primis, of Wyston for too leys, xs. Item, of Raynhell for too leys, ix. s. iiiijd. Remaynyth of the same leys in the handes of Mr Lancaster, viij. d. Item, of Prescot for too leys, xiiij. s. iiiijd. Item, off Robart Wylliamson for the hawl off Prescott for the same ij leys, vj. s. viij. d. Item, of Sutton for too leys, xls. Item, of Eccleston for too leys, xxs. Item, of Raynforth for too leys, xix. s. ix. d. Remaynith vnpayd of the same leys, in the handes of the wyffe of Olyuer Smethurst, iij. d. Item, of Parre for too leys, xix. s. x. d. Remaynyth vnpayd of the same leys in the handes of Tomas Colley of Arslem howse, iij. d. Item, of Wyndell for too leys, xix. s. iiiij. d. Remayneth vnpayd of the same leys in the handes of these persons after wryton, Thurstan Farehurst, iij. d. . . yster Dyke, iij. d. Tomas Eccess, iij. d. Grace Orme, iij. d. Some resauyd of the holle, vij. li. xvij. s. xj. d.

Remayneth vnpayd, xiiij. d.

[p. 133.] . . . yere aforesayd of too leys . . . of Farnehurth (sic) by the said Jamys Watmogh, Tomas Gernet, Bryan Ley, Tomas Cowper, churchwardens of Prescot.

Item, for too leys of Dytton by the handes of Wylliam Dychefeld, xx. s. iiiij. d. Debeth of the said leys in the handes of Grace Dychfeld, j. d. Wylliam Irlom, ob. Tomas Skarcebreke, ob. Remaynyng vnpayde in Penketth vpon Master Hassheton syde and in the handes of Thomas Hyll, beyng constable, the sum of vs. viij. ob., wech ys the halffe of Penkett ij leys, and resaued of the sayde ij leys by Ryc Lancaster the other halffe, weche ys vs. viij. ob. Item, for to lees of Bold by the handes of John Williamson, xxxiiij. s. viij. d. Item, for to lees of Wydnis by the handes of John Dychffeld, xxxiiij. s. viij. d. Item, for ij leys of Sonke by the handes of Henry Smyth, xvij. s. iij. d. Remaynyng vnpayde of the sayde ley in the handes of Thomas . . . sse, iij. d. Resaued att the handes of Thomas Smyth for ij leys of Curdeley, xv. s. x. d. Item, vnpayde of the same ij leys in Crointon, belongyng to the sayme quarter, xv. s. x. d. Resaued of ij leys of Cranton by the hands of [blank] the iiiijth daye of December, xv. s. viij. d. [In margin] v li. vj. s. x. d.

Resavid of Prescot and Farnorthe for ij olle leys, the some of xv li. xij. s.

[p. 134.] Perselles and somys of money payd by the handes of Jamys Watmogh, Tomas Gernet, Brian Ley, Tomas Cowper, churche wardenes of the parishe church of Prescot, in the yere of our Lord God M^{mo} D^{mo} lv, begynnyng at Sanct Caterins Day and endyng that day twellmont.

For reparacions of the churche of Prescott payd to the glayssyers as hereafter foloyth. Item, for xij ston of leyde, xiijs. Item, for xij ponde of soder bought of the glacers, viijs. ijd. Item, for xiiij pound and a di. of olde pewter to make soder off, vijs. xd. Item, for Ric' Bellorby for facheing Tomas Gernet, John Accors and Hugh Grene, jd. Item, to the wyffe of Ric' Bellorbe for facyng lyme and sond and iron at John Terbockes, ijd. Item, to Laurans Malbon for commyng to see the church to haue his advyse for reparacions. Item, for makyng and pessyng and stretching of bars and locketes of irron for the glace wyndows, ijs. ijd. Item, for to pondes of wyt candeles, vjd. Item, for contyng of to loodes of wode and leydyng the same, vijd. Item, to Van Glest, for torves, jd. ob. Item, to James Tayler for xxxiiijth poundes of irron, iijs. vjd. ob. Item, payd to Ric' Russell the glayser for old glase and part new glasse to amend sertan plasis in the wyndows, iijjs. iiijd. Item, payd to the same glasser for xxxjth fote and quarter of new glasse at ix. the foote, xxiijs. vd. Item, for setting of ix skore foote and on fote and di. of old glase for setting it new in the wyndows in the church, at iiij. every foote, xlvs. iiijd. ob. Item, to the same glaser for mendyng broken holys in the wyndows, xvijd. Soma pagine, v li. xijs. vd. ob.

[p. 135.] Item, to the wyffe of John Bower for mendyng the table (*sic*) off Rychard Russell and ij off his serwantes, by the space off iij wekes, iijs. Item, for iij wyndylles off whitlyme, xxjd. Item, for castyng off yearth from the churche walles, iiijd. Item, payd for a syve, ijd. ob. Item, payd for the expensys off suche as dyd attende to the glayers, to gett them thynges necessarye, for the space off iij wekes, vjs. Item, payd for bandys, locke and key for the lyttle battelyng dore and dressyng off the same battelyng, ix. Item, for costes off Jamys Watmough and Henry Conay for laboryng to Farnewurth concernyng churche leys and to speke wyth Laurence Malbon, viijd. Item, spend vpon the west wyndowe over and besydes the other, as shall appere here after.

In primis, for iiij stone off leade, iijjs. viijd. Item, for wurkyng xliij ponde off yron in lockettes and barres, and for wurkemen for setting the same, and for a masun to sett vp ij stones, viijs. Item, for candylles and rosyn to the glayser, iijd. Item, for cuttyng and leadyng a loade off wood, iiijd. Item, to James Tayleor for v ponde off yron, vjd. Item, to John Terbocke for xij pond off yron, xvd. Item, for setting lx fote off old glasse, xvs. Item, for xxvj fote off new glasse and wurkyng hyt, xixs. vjd. Item, for mendyng off the glayers borde wages by the space off iij wekys and iiij days to the wyffe off Ewan Glest, . . . Item, payd to Edward Holland for helpyng to wryte part of thess bocke, . . . Summa pagine, iij li. vjs.

[p. 136.] Item, for the expenses off one off the churche reves for overseyng the glasers and to se them do there dewtye,

by the space off vj weakes, xijs. Item, to the glaysers for mending off ij wyndowys in the rewestrye, xijd. Item, the churche wardyns for laboryng to Wygan to the vysitation, xxd. Item, to Laurance Malbon for cumyng to Prescott at the request off the churche wardyns to se how thay cold agre wyth hym for pontyng the churche and other necessaryis belongyng to the churche, vjd. Item, for the costes of Jamys Watmogh in laberyng to Farnorth and to Bold for to calle for the leys of thayr syde, iiijd. Item, the same Jamys another tyme in laberyng for the same leys by my lordes comandement to haue an anssware of thaym, and for my hors and myselve, vjd. Item, the same Jamys, his hors and hym sellue in laberyng an other tyme for the same leys of Songke to Mr Boutteler, vjd. Item, the same Jamys and Tomas Gernet an other tyme in laberyng for the same lees to Farnorthe, vjd. Item, payd to Lawranse Malbon for ponntyng the church walle, the sixth day of Aprell for on wyke foloyng, iijs. viijd. Item, to Robt Casse the same weke, xvjd. Item, to Lawrans Malbon the xxvj day of Apprell for on weke foloyng, iijs. viijd. Item, payd to Robt Casse the same weke, xxd. Soma paygne, xixs. iiijd.

[p. 137.] Anno domini M^{mo} D^{mo} lv.

Item, payd for helpyng the masson vp wyth stonis and for naylis to make his tronnges with, ijd. Item, payd for ledyng a lode of sonde, ijd. Item, payd for a nesshyn to care water and syffe to syfte lyme and sond with, vd. Item, pay to Laurans Malbon the iiij day of May for on weke foloyng, iijs. viijd. Item, to Robt Casse the same weke, payd by Tomas Cowper, ijs. Item, payd to Laurans Malbon the xj day of May for on weke folloyng, iijs. viijd. Item, to Robt Casse the same weke, payd by Jamys Watmogh, xvjd. Item, to Van Gernet the same weke for helpyng the masson a day and a halfe, vjd. Item, the same weke for facyng sond at the pastur yate, jd. Item, the same weke for mending a ladder, jd. Item, payd to Laurans Malbon the xx day of May for one weke foloyng, iijs. viijd. Item, payd to Robt Casse the same weke by Jamys Watmogh, ijs. Item, for caryng sond the same weke, ijd. Item, payd for caryng of sond in June and July at sonderry tymys, vjd. Somma pagine, xxjs. vd.

[p. 138.] Item, for pessy[ng] . . . , ijd. Item, for trussyng the seconde bell and for nalis to mend the wellys of the others belles, ijd. Item, that John Terbocke hathe payd for li wyndelles of lyme to mend the churche with, xxvs. Item, payd to John Terbocke for irne xvij pondes, of June, xxjd. Item, payd to Laurans Malbon the xv day of July for too weke foloyng, ixs. iiijd. Item, to Robt Casse the same weke, payd by John Torbocke, and for cordes to drawe vp mortar to the stepull, iijs. vjd. Item, payd to Lawrans Malbon the xiiijth day of Julij for to wekis foloyng, ixs. iiijd. Item, payd to Robt Casse for on weke foloyng, ijs. Item, payd to Homfre Annglesdall for on other weke foloyng, iiijd. Item, payd to Lawrans Malbon the thryd day of August

for iij wyks foloyng, xiijs. Item, payd to Van Gernet the thryd daye of August for on weke foloyng to helpe the masson in the stepull, iijs. Item, payd to Edward Gernet the same weke for helpyng the masson to make hockys of irne, xijd. Item, payd to Jamys Watmogh the same wyke for makyng of hockys of irne, vjd. Item, payd to John Terbock for xxxviiijth pounds of irne to make hockys of to the stepull, iijs. xjd. Item, payd to Van Gernet for helpyng the masson in the stepull and for makyng of hockis of irne by the space of viijth days and halffe, iijs. iijd. Item, payd for colys to werke the same irne with, iiijd. Item, for a collock to draw mortar in to Van Gernet, iijd.

[p. 139.] Item, payd for irne to mende the clocke with and for mending of the same, iijd. Item, payd to Laurans Malbon the xxvth day of August for on weke foloyng, iijs. viijd. Item, to Van Gernet for to days the same weke, helpyng the masson, xijd. Item, to Edward Gernet for on day the same weke, ijd. Item, payd to John Potter for x wyndels of lyme, vs. Item, payd the xjth day of September for the dyners of Jamys Watmogh and Henry Coney when parte of thes bocks were makyng, vjd. Item, payd the xiiijth day of September for the deners of the same Jamys and Henry, for makyng more of the same bockes, vijd. Item, payd Ric' Webster for goyng to Farnhurth (*sic*) to gyffe the churche wardens knowlege that thes syd kold not be rede at sech tyme as wasse aponed, ijd. Soma totalys, xv li. xjs. vd. ob.

The churche wardens howeth vnto the parishe by thes bocks the . . .

Item, xxijth day of September for the denners of the wardins of this side and wardins of Farnorth side, and the company that came with thaym to se the accontes of the wardens of Prescott syde . . .

["Wax Book" 1555-6]

[p. ?] [Receyv]ed by the handes of James Watmough, Thomas Garnet, Thomas Cow[per], chyrche wardens of the peroeche chyrche of Prescote, in the yere of our Lorde God M CCCCC lv, begynnynge at Sanct Katerynes daye and endyng that daye twellmonth.

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In primis, on New Yeres daye and on the Sondaye after, and on the xijth daye, xs. vijd. ob. Item, vpon Sanct Antons daye, xd. Item, for wax mone at Ester vpon Prescote syde, xxjs. vjd. Item, for wax sylluer vpon Farneworth syde, xijs. Item, for the buryall of John Bower, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Wylliam Scotte, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Chrystofer Leye, ijs. Item, for the buryall of the wyffe of Thomas Edwardeson, ijs. Summa, lijs. xjd. ob.

[p. ?] Anno . . . lv.

Payde by the handes of James Wattmoth, Thomas Garnett, Bryan Ley, chyrche wardens of the parochie chyrche of Prescote, in the yere of our Lorde M CCCC lv, begynnyng att Sanct Katerynes and endyng that day twellmonth.

In primis, to Thomas Edan for ix li. of wax and for fechyng yt, . . . Item, to Johan Wegan for a ponde and a quartron of wax, . . . Item, Thomas Terbocke iij quartrons of a ponde, . . . Item, to Otuwell Hoghton, hallffe a ponde, . . . Item, to James Talyer for a ponde of weke yorne, . . . Item, to James Talyer for iij quare of paper to make the regester bocke for the k . . . and other necessarys pertaynyng to the same, . . . Item, to Robart Webster for makynge of the Sanct Mary candelles and other sm . . . candelles and for meatte and drynke, . . . Item, to the same Robert for makynge viij surges for the hey allter, . . . Item, Thomas Shay for ij ponde of wax, . . . Item, Jane Wodes for a ponde and a quartron and halffe a quartron of wax, . . . Item, James Garnett iij quartrons and a nonce of wax, . . . Item, Margaret Roghley a ponde and a halffe a wax, . . . Item, Rauffe Watmough iij li. and a hallfe and ij ounces, . . . Item, Thurstan Marshe, a li. of wax, . . . Item, the wyffe of Ryc' Robartson, a li. and a d. of wax, . . . Item, Jane Wodes, d. a li. of wax, . . . Item, to the wyffe of Edwarde Hallsall for a ponde of weke yorne, . . . Item, to Robart Webster for makynge the sepulture lyghtes and the pas . . . other lyghtes to sett vpon the he allter, . . . Item, for meate and drynke att the makynge of the same lyghtes and castyng . . . wax and for fyr and grease, . . . Item, to Jane Wodes for wasshyng of xvij peces of the chyrche clothes, . . . Item, for a li. of wax to Robart Cowper of Eccleston, . . . Item, to Wylliam Mollenex for payntyng a cloth to the he a . . . , Item, for nales to mende a cofer with, . . . Item, for makynge of ij surges, . . . Item, for wax the same lyght, . . . Item, for wyne to saye masse with, . . .

[p. ?] Item, to Jane Wodes for a li. and quarteron and a halffe quarteron of wax, xvjd. Item, for paper to make bockes for the wardens of the stockes, iijjd. Item, for meate and drynke to syr James Jackson when he came to be hyred the fyrst tyme, xjd. Item, the same daye to ernes sir Robart with, vjd. Item, to Bryan Ley which was payde to Kereson for herknyng vs of a prest, iijjd. Item, to Laurens Marshe for a li. of wax att the dedycatyon day, xijd. Item, to Johan Pynyngton of Pymbow for ij li. and a quartron and hallffe off wax agaynst the fest of All Sanctes, ijs. iijjd. Item, for brede and wyne, iijjd. Item, to Maud Flecher for wasshyng the surples, ijd. Item, for bred and wyne, vd. Item, for bread and wyne, iijjd. Item, for wyne, ijd. Item, for makynge vj taperes, ij att the dedycatyon and iij att the fest of All Sanctes, vjd. Item, for temperyng of the same wax,

1. The funds of the chantry gilds, now taken away from the school and restored (for a brief period) to their original uses.

ijd. Item, for syngyng bredes, ijd. Item, for wyne, ijd. Item, for threde and fo makyng of an albe, iiijd. Item, for paper to make a bocke for the vnite and for the reiester bocke, iiijd. Item, for enteryng into the corte bockes the surrender of Robart Worslay,¹ ixd. Item, for enteryng the wyll of sir John Sherdelay into the corte bockes of the gyffe of the howses (*sic*) that Edward Holande dwelleth in², iiijd. Summa, xlvjs, ixd. ob.

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[p. 142.] In . . . payde the . . . daye of September for dynneres of the wardens of this syde and the wardens of Farneworth syde and the company that came with them to se the accotes of the wardens of Prescote syde, vjs. viijd. Item, for mendyng of the bellframe and trussyng of the belles vpon the Tuysdaye, Wednesday and Thursday nexte after the fest of Sanct Luke, to ij workemen for meate and hyre, iijs. Item, for yrne to make doges and lockettes to the sayd belles, viij li., xijd. Item, for smythynge the sayde erne with mendyng sum other peces, iiijd. Item, for tymber to mende the bell frame with, ijd. Item, to Thomas Sherlocke for sclatyng, payde the xxth daye of October, wech sum remaneth vnpayde syns the yere of our Lorde MCCCC l, Peter Eccleston and Robert Worsseley beyng chyrche wardens at the same tyme, xxd. Item, for paper to make the paroche bocke of, jd. Item, towards the cost of hym that brought the ley of Cranton, jd. Item, to James Watmough for shacklyng the belles, xvjd. Item, to John Dene and Thomas Grene as shall apere hereafter for makyng the rode lofte wyndow. Item, to John Dene for iiij days and d. nexte after the fest of All Sanctes, ijs. Item, to Thomas Grene for ij days and d. the same weke, xxd. Item, to Johan Dene and Thomas Grene for one hole weke foloyng, vjs. iiijd. Item, to Merget Denton for gettyng mosse to the same wyndo, iiijd. Item, to Johan Dene and Thomas Grene fo the thryde weke after the fest of All Sanctes, vjs. iiijd. Item, to Jhon Terbocke for xiiij pondes of irne to make locketes and standeres to the same wyndow, xvjd. ob. Item, for workyng the locketes and barres to the same wyndo, to the value of xx pondes of erne, ixd. Item, to Tomas Sher (*sic*) and his servante for sclatyng the rodelofte wyndo and mendyng the sowthe syde of

1. The roll of Prescott court leet, 5 June, 1556, records the surrender of a "messuage or burgage" in Prescott by Robert Worsley to the use of James Watmough of Eccleston and Thomas Garnet of Whiston, churchwardens, and their successors, for the benefit of the parish church (*Prescot Records*, p.131).

2. The same court roll records the admittance of Henry Coney, Thomas Shaw, James Watmough and John Accors, as wardens of the stock of Our Lady, to the use of the profits of a messuage in the occupation of Edward Holland, in accordance with the will of John Sherdley, priest, made in 1514 (*ibid.*, p.132).

the chyrch, the xvijth and xvijth day of November, ijs. iiijd. Item, payde to Ryc' Lancaster for bryngyng of the halffe ley of Penketh syde, ijd. Item, to John Bower for iij hundreth of stone nales to the fore sayde wyndo, ix. Item, to Johan Dene the iiijth weke after the festes (*sic*) All Sanctes, ijs. vijd. Item, xvij stone and a d. of leade to the rode lofte wyndo and to mende other places ouer Sanct Kateryns allter whech was of the leade whech was in the stepull . . . Ryngng with the same leade the rode lofte wyndo and mendyng . . . Sanct Kateryns allter by the space of iij days, xvijd.

[p. 143.] Item, Wylliam Genhyll for xxx fotes of glasse to the rode lofte wyndo, xxjs. ix. Item, payde to the same Wyllm the xiiijth day of November when he brought the glasse to the chyrch, ijd. Item, to the same Wylliam for viij score latt nales, ijd. Item, to Johan Terbocke for hempe to make a bell roppe of, ix. Item, to the same Johan for ij hundreth of sclates, ijs. Item, to the same Johan ij hundreth of spykynge, ix. Item, to Thomas Hyll when he brought the halffe ley of Penketh, Thomas Garnett beyng presente, towards his costes, jd. Item, to Johan Dene for ij days and d. next after the fest of Sanct Andrew, xxd. Item, to a man to helpe the same John to cutt and cleve tymber, vjd. Item to Edmonde Bolton for nales to mende a bell, ob. Item, for mendyng a surples and wasshyng and the towelles, iiijd. Item, to Edward Goodycarr for caryng tymber fro Prescote Wod, iiijd. Item, to Johan Terbocke for a wyndyll of lyme, vjd. Item, payde by handes of Johan Terbocke for threde and viij yardes of cloth towarde the makyng of the surplys and rochet, iijs. Payde for the makyng of the surplys to the wyffe of Edward Sutton, xijd. Item, for a yarde and a quarter of cloth to make oute the surples with, xd. Item, to Kereson fo a pece off a wayne roppe and for pecyng the greatte bell stryng, . . . Item, to the wyffe of Evan Pyke for wassheyng the surples and lenyng yt . . . Item, the viij yardes of holande cloth that was bought by Roger Colley, Evan Pyke the yere of our Lorde M^{mo}CCCCliiij, iij yardes of yt mayde in an allter cloth and the other v yardes was putt [to] the viij yardes and a quarter that was bought by Jamys Wattmogh and John Terbock to make the rochet and su[rples] . . . yardes were nott payde for by Roger Colley and Ev[an Pyke] . . . by Johan Terbocke and James Wattmogh in the . . .

["Wax Book" 1556-9]¹

1. Here begins a section of 22 apparently consecutive pages from which the page numbers, if any, have been lost through dilapidation. They appear to have been bound up together, but are too numerous for the available gap, as the known page numbering re-commences at page 152. The contents suggest that they formed part of the separate "Wax Book" or "Book of Burials." (See Introduction).

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A[nnno domini MCCCCC] lvjth.

Resavyd by the handis of John Terbock, Jamys Watmogh, Ric' Denton, Tomas Gernet, church wardens of the parish church of Prescot, begynnyng at Sanct Kateryns day and endyng that day twellmond.

Item, resavyd apon Newyeres day for our Lades Newyers gyft, xiijs. viijd. Item, resauyd by John Terbocke of Sant Nycolas bowxse, xiiij . . . Item, resavyd appon Sanct Anttonne day, . . . Item, for the berreall of the wyff of Wylliam Watmogh, . . . Item, for the bereall of the wyffe of Jamys Watmogh, ijs. Item, for the bereall of sir Perys Lancaster, ijs. Item, for the bereall of Kateryn Lathum, ijs. Item, for the berreal of Ricard Lancaster, ijs. Item, for the berreall of a chyld of Mr Parre, [blank]. Item, for the beryall of Grace Sweffete, ijs. Item, for the buriall of James Taler, ijs. Some Totall, xliijs. vjd. ob. [This total is cancelled.]

Anno domini MD1 . . .

In primys, resavyd at Ester for waxe money, xviijs. iijd. Item, resavid of waxe money of Farnorthe side, xijs. Soma totall, iij li. xiijs. viijd. ob. [Remainder of page blank.]

Anno domini M^{mo} D^{mo} lvjth.

Payments by John Terbocke, Jamys Watmogh, Bryan Denton, Tomas Gernet, church wardens of the parishe church of Prescot, begynnyng at Sant Katerins daye and endyng that day twellvmonth.

Item, payd by John Terbocke for xvj li. of waxce to Rauffe Seccerston, x . . . Item, payd to Robt Webster for makynge of lyght before the rode and Sanct Nycolas, xxijd. Item, payd for hempe, ix. Item, payd for lyme, blank. Item, payde to the wyffe of Raffe Segerston for xij li. of wax, . . . Item, for wyne to saye masse with, . . . Item, for bred and wyne, . . . Item, for makynge of xvj surges, . . . Item, for temperyng of the wax and bred and drynke, . . . Item, spende the same daye that we cast the bokes vpon the chyrch . . . Item, to the wyffe of Edward Halsall for a li. of wax, . . . Item, to Robert Webster for ij li. of wax, . . . Item, to the wyffe of Thomas Pycavance for a li. of wax to make small candeles of to saye masse with and to syng matyns with on Chryst[mas] daye, . . . Item, for whyte candelles to ryng with and to do serves with, . . . Item, for makynge of iij surges to the alter, . . . Item, to the wyffe of Edward Sutton in part of paymente for makynge the surples, . . . Item, for wyne to saye masse with, . . . Item, for syngyng bred, . . . Item, for a li. of wax to Laurens Marsshe, . . . Item, for wyne to saye masse with . . . Item, for ij pondes of waxe throwyng to serue at Matyns with on Chrystynmas day and the other holy days, and to say masse with, . . . Item, payd to Robart Webster for throwyng of ix pondes of waxe in the

Sanct Marye kandyll, . . . Item, for makyng of ij . . . hey alter, . . .

payd to the wyffe of Rauffe Seckerston for xxvj pondes of Roche wayxe, xxjs. viijd. Ester waxse mayd xlvij li., ijs. xjd. Item, for makyng of viij surgys for the hegh awter, viijd. Item, for makyng of iij shurges, ij for Sanct Antones awter and othe ij for the perche before the hegh auter, iiijd. Item, for throyng of ij pondes of wax in the Postelles lyght and to say masse with, iiijd. Item, for meet and dryngke at the castyng of parte of the waxce and amying of hit and temperyng and for fyre and greess, ijd. Item, for ij pondes of waxce bight of Seckerston wyffe, xxd. Item, for breed and wyne to say mase with, xijd. Item, for a skyn of parchment and wayxe, vd. Item, for mendyng of a vestment and a tynnakle and thryd, vjd. Item, for wyke yorne to George wyffe Gernet and naylys to the sepuker, iijd. Item, for waysshying of the churche clothes, vjd. Item, for vj li. of waxe, boght of John Terbock, vjs. Item, payd to the wyffe of John Bower for wyne, iiijd. Item, for iiij hunderthe and di. of syngyng bread to John Terbock, vd. Item, for a bouxce to care oyntmente ijd. Item, payd to Henry Wayssyngton for goyng to Oxceforth to serve the preveceall apon Docter Smyth,¹ xijd. Item, paid to Edward Stockeley for drawyng instrocsyons for the churche materes, viijd.

Item, payd to Jamys Stopfford for to be solyster for the churche materes in the doche chamber, and to laber thayme at Ester Terme, . . . Item, for castyng and wrytyng of the waxce bocke and for the deners of thos that so dyd cast and wryt the same bocke, vjs. Item, payd to Edward Holland for syttyng Ester (*sic*) by the space of v dayes to gether the waxce bocke and money, and for meet and dryng the same tyme, ijs. iiijd. Item, payd for paper, jd. [Lower half of page is torn away, and next page, being the reverse of this, is blank.].

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Resavid by the handes of Rychard Denton, Thomas [Garnet], Van Pyke, Thomas Justys, churchwardens of the parish of Prescott in the yere of our Lord God M^{mo} D^{mo} lvij, begynnyng at Sanct Katerin day and endyng that day twelmond.

In primys, resavid for the beryalls of dyuerse wech remaynethe with Rychard Denton, xxxijs. Item, Our Laedyes Newyeres gyft, getheryd on Newyeres day and the twelt day, xs. ixd. Item, resawyd for the buryall off James Garnet, ijs. Item, resawyd

1. A writ of privy seal served upon Dr. Richard Smith, of Oxford University, in connection with a legal action brought by the churchwardens for payment of a bequest made by Gilbert Lathom, Archdeacon of Man, for maintaining a free grammar school at Prescott. Lathom died in 1552, and Smith was one of his executors. The churchwardens needed this money to make up for the loss to the school of the funds of the restored chantry gilds. (*See Trans. Hist. Soc.*, vol. 92, pp. 184-7).

of wax money, xxs. iiijd. Item, resauyd off wax money for Farneworth syd by Thomas Smyth, John Wylliamsun, Wylliam Dycheveld, xs. iiijd. Item, by the handes of sir Robart Nelsun for part of a buryall, xijd. Item, of old wax money and new wyche was vnpayd, iijs. iiijd. Item, for x buryalles, xxs. Item, for torchys at buryalles,¹ iijs. jd.

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Paymentes by the churche wardens, Ryc' Denton, Thomas Garnet, Ewan Pyke, Thomas Justys, churche wardyns off the parrowche of Prescottt for the yere affore sayd.

In primis, to Robart Webster off Prescottt for syngyngbrede, viijd. Item, to the same Robart Webster for makynge lyght for the alters agaynst All Sanctes Day, xijd. Item, to Henry Watmought for mendyng a claper off a bell, iiijd. Item, to sir Robart Nelsun for wyne, ijd. Item, to John Deane for mendyng the auctor in the rodde loft, xvjd. Item, for vj pond off waxe, vjs. Item, to a boye in Chester to seke the channselers man, ijd. Item, to the channselers man, iiijd. Item, to sir James (*sic*) for dyghtyng of ymages, jd. Item, for syngyngbrede, ijd. Item, for a cruett, ijd. Item, to John Bower for ij pond off wax, ijs. Item, for a belrope, xvijjd. Item, to Rauff Wattmough for wax, iijs. Item, to Wylliam Cowper for wax, xxijjd. Item, to Robart Cowper for wax, xijd. Item, to Ryc' Webster for wax, xjd. Item, to Henry Pendyltun for iij bordes to the yate, to Mr Eccleston for iij bordes to the yate, and for workyn off the same yate, iijs. iiijd. Item, for waxe, xjd. ob. Item, to Edwarde Garnett wyffe for wax, ix d. Item, to Ryc' Marshall for ij pond and a quart, ijs. jd. Item, to Henry Halsall for wax, ix d. Item, to Ryc' Denton for wax, xjd.

Item, for makynge the sepulker lyght and the pascall and [the] parowche lyght beefore the rode, and Sancte Antonye and [sm]all candylles for the appostelles lyght and for meate and dryngke and fyre and gresse and for temperyng the same lyght, vijs. Item, payd to Edward Lyon for a li. and a quart off wax, xijd. Item, mendyng off the locke off the churche dore, xijd. Item, to the clarkes wyffe for wasshyng the churche clothes, xvjd. Item, payd to Edwarde Cowper for strey, xd. Item, to Ewan Pyke for strey, xjd. Item, to Edward Stockeley off the churche goodes, vjs. viijd. Item, to Wylliam Carysun for shayckelyng the belles, xvjd. Item, to Robart Prescottt for a wayne rope, viijd. Item, for wyne, xvijjd. Item, for wax, xijd. Item, for a quart of sacke and the caryage, vjd. Item, for ij quartes of wyne, xd. Item, spend in goyng to Farneworth v tymes for the wax money, vjd. Item, spend at that tyme the church lyght was in makynge, by the space of ij days and ij nyghtes,

1. Resin was burnt in torches at burials in time of plague. A severe epidemic was then afflicting South Lancashire. (*See Trans. Hist. Soc.*, vol. 90, pp. 31-2.).

vd. Item, to Thomas Grene for makyng iij bellropys, viijd. Item, to the wyffe of Ryc Gyller for throwyng iij pond and iij quartrons of wax in small candylles at sundrey tymes to serue the churche with, vjd. Item, for throwyng the Sanct Mare candyll and for meate and drynke, fyre and grese to Ather Bower and his temperer, xxjd.

Item, for weke yorne vjd. Item, for syngyngbredes at sundrye tymes, x . . . Item, spend at Ormschurche when I dyd go to speke with Gylbart Brekeale to get hym to cum to Prescott to se owr lyghtes agayns Ester, ijd. Item, spend by Evan Pyke, Edward Holland at that tyme we dyd agrei with Gylbart Brekeale for the lyghtes makyng . . . Item, for paper to make the wax bocke with and other nedes, . . . Item, skowryng the senseres and the chandelers aganyst Ester, . . . Item, for rosyn to be insence, . . . Item, for makyng the waxse boke and syttyng v days to gether yt, and for his meate and drynke, . . . Item, to Ather Bower for a torche, xx . . . Item, to Elsabeth Pyke for mendyng a olde albe, jd. Item, for dyghtyng the leade over the revestrey and the grate at the churche stele. Item, for v yardes of flexen to make a nalbe off price eche yard vjd. ob., the sum, iijs. jd. ob. Item, for shewyng the albe and for threde, . . . Item, for shewyng the amyce wyche Bartholo[mew] Hetly wyff gave, and for tagges to yt, . . .

Item, for a bowtell to kepe wyne in the churche, vd. ob. Item, to Pers Rougley for a pond lackyng j once of wax, xd. Item, to Thomas Synghyltun for wax, xvd. Item, to Bryan Tunstall for wax, iijs. Item, to John Wygan for wax, viijd. ob. Item, to Robert Lathum for wax, iijs.

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Accontes taken the xvijth day of Dyssember in anno domini MDlvijth, by Mr Henry Eccleston, Mr Rychard Eltonhed, Jamys Pemerton generoso, Wylliam Holland generoso, and others of the honest of the parish, the said countes beyng maid by the churche wardenes, there dothe remayne in money ouer thaire paymentes weche thay mayd deliuiere thereof, the some of xxvjs. v . . . And also in new waxsse, xiiij li. Item, more remaynyng in the parishe handes as shall [appear] here after of buryalls, Thomas Shay, ijs., sir Edward Gernet, ijs., vxor Robt Bethewm, ijs. Item, in the handes of Van Pyck, iijs.

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Resaved by the handes of Henry Coney, Thomas [Ashton], Edward Holland, John Rotherforthe, churchwardenes of the parishe churche of Prescote in the yere of our Lord God M^{mo} D^{mo} Lviijth, begynyng at Sanct [Catherine's] day and endyng that day twellmont.

Item, resavyd of the hold chercwardens in money, xxvjs. . . . In primys, resavid by the handes of sir Jamys Ja[ckson] for Sanct Nycollas money, xiijs. xd. Item, resavid of our Lade Newyeres gifte, xs. . . . Item, resavid for the waxse money at Ester, xxjs. viiijd. Item, resavid for the buryall of the wyffe of George Standysh, ijs. Item, for the buryall of the wyffe of Raffe Haywayrd, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Mr Thomas Eccleston, ijs. Item, for the buryall of sir Homfrey Cartwryght, ijs. Item, for the buryall of sir Jamys Jackson, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Wylliam Wodfall, ijs. Item, for the buryall of the wyffe of George Bowre, ijs. Item, for the buryall of John Accers, buryalls of Raffe Tunstall and his wyffe, iijs.

Item, for the buryall of Wylliam Wynstanley, ijs. Item, for the buryall of the mother of Mr Halsall, ijs. Item, for the buryall of John Gernet, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Kateryn Charnok, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Robt Webster, ijs. Vxor Adam Hey, ijs. Vxor Thurstan Pare, ijs. Vxor Thomas Gresse, ijs. Robt Travers, ijs. John Knyghtley, ijs. Item, for the buryall of the wyffe of Roger Tyckell, ijs. Soma, v li. xs. iiijd. ob.

Paymentes maid by the churchwardens of the parish of Prescott, Henry Coney, Thomas Haston, Edward Holland, John Rotterforth, in the yere of our Lord God MDlviii, begynnyng at Sanct Katerin day and endyng that day twel[month].

In primis, Thomas Wytlow for a pond and di. of waxse, xvijd. Item, Bryan Teckell for a pond and di. of waxse, xvijd. Item, Hugh Parre for iij pond and di. of waxse, iijs. iiijd. Item, Thomas Potter for syngyngbred, jd. Item, Rauffe Watmogh for ij pond di. qua., ijs. Item, Henry Browne for a pond and qua., xiid. Item, spent on the churche wardens, seche tyme thay loke for nessaries abowt the churche, ijd. Item, for ij pond and di. of waxse bought of a stranger, ijs. . . . Item, John Roughley for a pond and qua. of waxse, xiiijd. ob. Item, Henry Halsall for a pond of waxse, xjd. ob. Item, for iiij li. of waxse bought of a stranger, iijs. vd. ob. Item, Edward Waynewryght a pond of waxse, xjd. Item, to Essabell Gye for fatcheyng a M^{mo} breidis at Crosbe, iiijd. Item, pay for the M^{mo} breidis, ixd. Item, Hugh Cropper for di. pond of waxse, vd. ob. Item, John Botell (*sic*) for iij pond qua. of waxse, iijs. jd. Item, John Letherlond for a pond waxse, xjd. Soma partis, xxiijs. xjd.

John Colley for a pond qua. di qua. waxse, xiiijd. ob. Item, Henry Sutton for vij pond of irne to make ij bandes for the northe dowre and the werkmanshap therof, xxiijd. Item, for doble spykynes to nayle the said bandes vpon the dore, ijd. Item, Thomas Hayston for a pond and once of waxse, xijd. Item, Wylliam Traves a ij pond and quarte of waxse, xxiijd. Item, the wyffe of Thomas (*sic*) for iij pond and di. waxse, iijs. ijd. ob. Item, Robt Byllynge for ij pondes iij qua. of waxse, ijs. vd. Item, vxor Bryan Ley for iij qua. and once waxse, ixd. Item, Hamlet

Hechen for halfe pond di. qua., vjd. ob. Item, to the wyffe of Rychard Gyller for throyng of the Sanct Mare candell vpon hir costes, xvijjd. Item, John Deyne for mendyng the churche yate, ijd. Item, for a quart of mavisse and the carrege, xd. Item, for makyng the sepulker lyghtes, the passecall and the parishe lyghtes, and x surges for to serve the heye awter with, and mete and dryngk, with fyre and gresse, vijs. iiijd. ob. Item, to John Crosbe for mendyng the prosession gate, xxijjd. Item, exspe (*sic*) vpon Tomas Houghton wen he came to see the stepis of the bellis, ijd. Item, to Rauffe Lathewat for fatchyng ij steppis at Wegan for the greet bell, viijd. Soma partis, xxvs. viijd.

Item, to Rauffe Lathewat for fatchyng the bell fonder at Wegan to come to Prescott to see the broken bell, vd. Item, exspent vpon the churche wardens and others that were with [them] at the greying with the bell fonderes for the castyng of the bell, vjd. Item, payd for the dener of the bell founder for his horse met, to the wyffe of Thomas Potter, vjd. Item, for payntyng of ij stonderces afore the awter, iiijd. Item, payd to Van Gernet for a pece of tymber to make a gyll barell of, ijd. Item, payd to Thomas Grene for ij bordes to make staves for the lyghtes, xd. Item, for naylis to make the stays of the surges and the bell whelys, iiijd. Item, to the wyffe of Ryc' Gyller for throwyng of the pascell lyghtes with other to serve the churche with, iiijd. Item, for a quart of wyne, vd. Item, for gresse to the bellis, jd. Item, for getheryng of the waxse mone at Ester, ijs. iiijd. Item, for a bell rope to the lytell bell, ijs. Item, for wyne, xvd. Item, exspent vpon the wardens wen the were abowt the churche bussenes, ijd. Soma partis, ixs. viijd.

Item, exspent vpon sir Robt Nelson, Edward Holland, Wylliam Caryson at Hyton to get a cope of a commynion bocke,¹ iiijd. Item, for bred and wyne sythens the communion tyme xiiijd. Item, to Edward Houghton for makyng a stondert for the letteren to the byble, ob. Item, for a sawte to Wylliam Caryson to serve the churche with, xijd. Item, for mendyng of the parishe syrplis and wassing of hit, ijd. Item, for a coppe to serve the communion with, viijd. Soma partis, ijs. ijd. ob. Soma, iij li. ijs. viijd. ob.

The churche wardens ar in debethe to the parishe as apearythe by this bock, xlvijs. [cancelled.]

The accomptes of Henry Coney, Thomas Assheton, Edward Holland and John Rotherforthe, churche wardens of Prescott, taken the xxth day of Januarij 1559² for one yere laste passed,

1. The new Prayer Book issued by Queen Elizabeth, whose reign began on 17 November, 1558.

2. *i.e.*, 1560 by modern reckoning. Prior to 1752 the official date for starting a new year was 25 March (Lady Day). Nevertheless, January 1st was popularly observed even then as New Year's Day, this being the occasion of the New Year offertories frequently mentioned in these accounts.

before the viij men with the consent of the gentilmen of the parishe.

Names of the viij^{te} men: Ric' Denton, Hughe Parr, Edmonde Colley, Evan Glest, Rauff Hayward, Robt Whitlaw, Ric' Harden, George Dayne.

At whiche tyme the said wardens weare founde in arrearages to the parishe, videlicet, iijs. iiijd. ob. Memorandum at the same tyme, Robt Prescott, Ric' Bower, Hughe Greene and Edward Cowper weare elected bie the viij^{te} men to be church wardens for this present yere.

[signed]	EDWARD HALSALL	RYC' ELTONHED
	WYLLIAM HOLLAND	JOHN OGLE
	ix ^o die Maij	

At whiche day it is ordered and agreed by the churche wardens and viij men with thadvise of Mr Vicarr and the gentlemen and other parissioners beyng then assembled to gethers abowt the reparacion of the churche and other matters, that whereas ij seuerall leyes have heretofore ben layed through the whole parisshe, aswelle for the reparacion of the said churche as for other necessities apperteynyng vnto the same, whereof parcell is al redie gathered and the rest remaneth as yet not payed, that all suche somes of money as do remayne vn timer payed shall be levied, gathered vp and deliuered vnto the churche wardens of the same churche on thisside and before the feast daye of the Ascension of our Lord next ensuyng, towards the reparacion of the same churche, beyng now in decaye vpon parcell thereof ensuyng.

[signed]	WILLIAM WHITLOKE, VICAR	EDWARD HALSALL
	JOHN OGLE	RAUFFE SOUTTON ¹

[p. ?]² Rec. off Edward Berns, for Raynfforth, quit, for the stocks, vs. vjd. Item, off Robart Cowper, for Eccleston, quit, iijs. viijd. ob. Item, off Henry Potter, for Wyndyll, iijs. ijd. Item, off Henry Houghton, ijs. xd. Item, off Thomas Justice and Ryc Accurs, for Suttun, quit, viijs. vjd. Item, off Henry Conay, iijs. Item, off Edward Henrysun, iijs. iiijd.

. . . Jacsun, iijl. xvs. . . . [Web] ster, viijs.

. . . es of the churche wardens of . . . the x day of Februarii, anno [domini MD] lvij. [Edward] Berns, vs. vjd. [Henry] Coney, xvjs. vjd. Thomas Justice and Ryc Ackers, xvjs., [Henry] Roughley, ijs. viijd., [Edward] Henryson, iijs. iiijd., . . . iijs. iijd., . . . iijs. . . .

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1. Here ends the 22-page section (see note on p. 39). Four separate sheets of uncertain numeration, which seem to be of this date, are here printed next.

2. The following 12 lines are from a sheet found in the church chest.

[“ Ley Book ” 1558-9]

[p. ?] Resavid by the handes of Henry Coney, Thomas Hayston, Edward Holland, John Roterforthe, church wardens of the parishe church of Prescott in the yere of our Lord God MDlvij, begyning at Sanct Katerins day and endyng that day twellmont.

Resaved on Prescott syde of the parishe as parsell of to leyes. In primis, in Prescott, xvijjs. Vnpayd of the same, ijs. Item, in Eccleston, xvijjs. vjd. Vnpayd of the same, xvjd. Item, in Whyston, ix. s. xd. Vnpayd of the same, ijd. Item, in Sutton, xxix. s. Vnpayd of the same, xjs. Item, in Raynhyll, [blank.] Item, Wyndell, [blank.] Item, in Parre, [blank.] Item, in Raynforthe, [blank.] Resavid on Farnor syde, parsell of on holle ley, in Bold, xvjs. xd. Item, in Dytton, xijs. vjd. Item, in Wydens, xvijjs. vjd. Item, in Curdeley, viijs. vd. Item, in Cronton, vijs. ijd. Vnpayde in Cronton in the handes of Nycollas Gresse, vd., Ric' Sallter, ijd. ob., John Gernet, vjd., Thomas Sallter, ob.

[p. ?] Item, Penkethe, [blank.] Item, in Songke, [blank.] Item, resaved for the hold steps of the bellis, xijd. Soma, vij li. viijs. xd.

[Remainder of page blank.]

[p. ?] Payments mad by the churchwardens of the parishe of Prescott, Henry Coney, Thoms Hayston, Edward Holland, John Roterforth, in the yere of our Lord God MDlvij, begyning at Sanct Kateryns day and endyng that day twellmont.

In primys, payd to the belfonder for castyng of the bell, iiij li. xs. Item, to the sayd belfonder for the wast of the bell, being in wegt vij honderth di. at iiijjs. euery honderth, xxxs. Item, payd to John Skot of Wegan for viij new steps for to serve all the bells with, being in wegt lxij li. di., euery pond the metell and the castyng vjd., xxxjs. Item, payd to Thoms Hayston and John Pyke for carryng of the bell to Wegan and brynyg hit home agayne, with thayre carrege, vs. Item, wen the bell went to Wegan, at a nale howse in Byllynge expsent, ijd. Item, at the same howse for corne and haye to the bese, iiijd. Item, in Wegan in bred and ale weche we gave the belfonder and his company weche dyd helpe hym, xijd. Item, for the deners of thos weche went with the bell in Wegan, ix. d. Item, at nyght for drenkyng, vd. Item, the morow after for the dener of thayme weche went with the bell, ix. d. Item, for the mete of the oxsen and horsys long as thay were in Wegan, xvijjd. Soma partis, viij li. xijd.

[p. ?] Item, the same morow before we came away, expsent vpon the belfonder and seche as was with hym and howre selfes, vjd. Item, wen we came home in Prescott for howre deners, viij. d. Item, wen the belfonder, came to Prescott for his money, for his dener and ij of the sayd wardens, ix. d. Item, more expsent the sayd tyme wen we payd hym hys money and his horse mete,

X vjd. Item, expsent wen the gentelmen of Farnorth syde with the wardens and others of this syde met, in lyke at Prescott, vd. Item, to John Deyne for makying the wendlas to let the bell downe, and for takying vppe all the bellis and laying of the new streps (*sic*) and for makying of other tymber werke in the churche for the lyghtes, weche was viij days in doing of the same, vs. iiijd. Item, expsent vpon on of the syde wardens (*sic*) being with the sayd John, viijd. Item, to Ryc' Fayrehurst for helpyng the said John to sae the tymber for the wyndelas, viijd. Item, to Thoms Bushell for a new axselltre for the wayne weche cared the bell to Wegan, and puttyng in the welis, vjd. Item, to Henry Sutton for xiiij li. and di. of irne to dresse the bellis with, ijs. iiijd. Item, for a locke and a kee with a bolt of irne for the yate of the churche yorde, viijd. Soma partis, xiijs.¹

1559-60

[" Book of Burials "]

[p. ?] Resaved by the handes off Robart Prescott, Rychard Bower, Hug Grene, Edward Cowper, churche wardens off the parishe churche off Prescott in the yere off our Lord God a M^{mo} CCCC^{mo} lix, begynnyng at Sanct Katherins day and endyng that day twelmont.

In primis, recewyd at Ester for brede and wyne,² vijs. Item, for the buryall off the wyffe off Robart Bethum, ijs. Item, for the buryall off John Garnett, ijs. Item, for the buryall off Robart Webster, ijs. Item, for the buryall off John Knyghtley, ijs. Item, for the buryall off Agnes Marche, ijs. Item, for the buryall off the wyffe off Peter Bower, ijs. Item, gyuyn by Robart Qwyttlowe for suche thyng as is nedefull to the church, vjd. Item, gyuyn by Henry Lyon to the box, ijd. [cancelled]. Item, receywyd for brede and wyne thys last Ester, xiijs. xd. [cancelled]. Item, recewyd for the buryall of Henry Rycharson, ijs. Som' recet', xxjs. vjd.

[p. ?] Paymentes made by the churche wardyns off Prescott, Robart Prescott, Rychard Bower, Hug Grene and Edward Cowper the yere affore sayd.

In primis, to Edward Stockeley for syttyng at Ester for brede and wyne, ijs. vjd. Item, to Henry Suttun for mendyng the stepull locke, ijd. Item, payd to Ewan Garnett for pullyng downe the hegh alter, viijd. Item, spent by Robart Prescott, Rychard Bower, Hug Grene and Edward Cowper when we toke downe the other thre alters, xiiijd. Item, to Wylliam Keryson for syngyngbrede, vjd. Item, for x botelles off wyne, xxd. Item,

1. The concluding portion of this account appears to be missing.

2. With the cessation of expenditure upon ritual candles, the old "wax money" is devoted to the purchase of bread and wine for Holy Communion.

to John Laytun for the homelye bocke,¹ ijs. Item, for the change off a new bootell for the old to kepe wyne in to serue the church with, viijd. qua. Item, for wyne at dyuerse tymes bought, xjd. Item, for halff a quare off paper for the regester bocke, ijd. Item, payd for paper when the gentyllmen off the paroche dyd sytt about the church busynes, jd. Item, payd to Edward Holland for getheryng the money for bred and wyne, ijs. Sum paid, xs.vjd. Debethe, xjs. vjd.

[“ Ley Book ”]

[p. 152.] Recewed by the handes off Robart Prescott, Ryc' Bower, Hug Grene and Edward Cowper, church wardens off the paroche church off Prescott in the yere off owr Lord God M^{mo} CCCC lix begynnyng at Sanct Kateryn day and endyng that day twellmont.

In primis, rcewyd off the too old leys in Wyndyll, xiijs., xs. vjd. Item, in Parr, xijs., ix. Item, in Raynhill, ix. vjd., vijs. iijd. Sum recet' xxxvs. vjd.

Parsell of ij leys in the parish of Prescott be not yet payd. In primis, in Prescott, ijs. Item, in Whiston, ijd. Item, Raynhill, vjd. Item, Ranforth, xxs. Item, in Eccleston, xvijd. Item, in Sutton, xjs. Item, in Wyndell, vjs. Item, in Parre, viijs. Item, in Farnorth syde of the parishe. Item, in Bold, xvjs. In Penkethe, xjs. ijd. In Wyddens, xvjs. xd. In Cronton, viijs. vd. In Dytton, xjs. ijd. In Curdeley, viijs. vd. In Sonke, xvjs.

[p. 153.] Paymentes payd by Robart Prescott, Ryc' Bower, Hug Grene and Edward Cowper, church wardens off the paroche church off Prescott the yere affore wrytyn.

In primis, to Thomas Grene, Henry Tayleor and Robart Prescott for iij pesys off tymber to mend the sough syde off the church with, iijs. xd. Item, to Thomas Grene and on with hym ij days and a halff apon thayre own table, in workyng about the sough syde off ye church, ijs. ixd. Item, spend apon Thomas Sherlocke when he toke downe the sclates of the sough syde the church, ijd. Item, for goyng to foche a sawe at Andrew Lathum, jd. Item, to John Laytun for sclates, xijd. Item, for beryng the sclates from the hall off Prescott and dyghtyng the batellyng, iiijd. ob. Item, for lattes, iiijd. ob. Item, to Thomas Sherlocke for sclattyng at the church, apon his owne table with his servantes, vijs. Item, to Thomas Potter for nayles, iiijd. Item, to Hug Grene, Edward Cowper and Robart Prescott for thayre costes in helpyng the wryghtes and other necessities at the church, xixd. Item, by the falle of the money was lost of the leys in the handes of the churchwardens,² ix.

1. A book for church readings in lieu of sermons, the latter being forbidden to all except licensed preachers by royal proclamation in 1558.

2. The reform of the coinage by the substitution of sound for debased money was carried out in 1560.

[p. 154.] Item, spent apon Robart Prescottt, Ryc' Bower, Hug Grene and Edward Cowper at the visitation at Wegan, and for thayre horse meate, ijs. vjd. Item, to Henry Taleor for nayles to lat (*sic*) under the sclates, vijd. Item, to Henry Wattmough for makyng a shakell to the thryd bell, ijs. vjd. Item, for makyng a qwelle to the thryd bell and a arme to the same, and for nayles to the same, xxijd. Item, for nayles to mend the grett bell qwele with, jd. Item, spend by Edward Cowper and Hug Grene at Farneworth when the whent to aske the old money for breade and wyne, iijd. Item, to John Deane for clevyng syngyls, xxd. Item, for mendyng a staple to the bell, jd. Item, to Ewan Garnett for amending the church yord wall that fell down, viijd. Item, payd for wrytyng off owr bookes, vjd. Sum solut' xxxvjs. Debeth in this bocke, viijs. vjd.¹

[p. 155.] The accomptes of Ryc' Bowre, Hugh Grene, Robart Prescott, Edward Cowper, churche wardens of Prescott, taken the xxth of Janewarij in anno domini MDlx for on yere laste past before the heght men with the consent of the gentyllmen of the parishe.

Names of the viij men. Ryc Denton, Hugh Pare, Edmund Colley, Van Glest, Rauff Hayward, Robart Wytlow, Ryc' Harden, George Deyne.

At weche tyme the sayd wardens were fond in arerages to the parish, all thynges alowed and accompted for, xxiijs. vd.

Memorandum, at the same tyme, Hugh Pare, Edmund Colley, George Bowre and John Ledbetter are ellected by the heght men to be churche wardens for this present yere.

[signed.]	EDWARD HALSALL	HENRY CONEY
	WYLLIAM HOLLAND	MATHEW TRAVES

1560-1

[p. 156.] Receywyd by the handes off John Leadebeter, Edmynde Colley, Hug Par, George Bower, churche wardyns off the parochie churche off Prescottt in the yere off owr Lord God a thowsand fyve hundreth and thre scowre, begynnyng at Sanct Katheryns day and endyng that day twellmont.

In Prescottt receywyd off the old ij leys, ijs. In Raynforth for ij leys, x . . . Item, in Wyndyll for thayre ij leys, . . . Vnpayd, xviij. Where off ys lost by the fall off money in the handes of Robart . . . Item, in Parr for thayre ij leys, vijs. . . Vnpayd in the handes off Ryc' Parr off Laughocke, xijd. Item, in Suttun for thayre ij leys, iijs. xjd. Vnpayd in Suttun, vjs. jd. Item, Qwyston vnpayd, ijd. Item, in Raynhyll vnpayd, iijd. Item, in Eccleston vnpayd, iiij. in the handes of George Dentun. Item, off Farnorth syde for there leys. In Bold, xvjs. xd. Item, in Dyttun, xjs. ijd.

1. An indication that separate books of accounts were kept. (*See* Introduction).

Item, in Penketh, xs. xjd. Vnpayd, iijd., Duttun wyffe jd., Peter Ronakers jd., Ellyn Hyll, jd. Item, in Wyddyns, xvjs. xd.

[p. 157.] Item, in Curdeley, viijs. vd. Item, in Sonkey, xvs. ijd. Vnpayd in the handes of Homffrey Tayler, xd. Item, in Crontun for theyre leys, vijs. viijd. Vnpayd, ixd. Sum rec', vj li. vs. vjd. [Remainder of page blank.]

[p. 158.] Payd by John Leadebeter, Edmvd Colley, Hug Parr and George Bower, churche wardens the yere afore sayd.

In primis, payd for on tre at Bold Wod to make syngle off, xjs. Item, payd to George Bower for carying off on lowde off that tre and helpyng the wryght to sawe it in pesys, xx . . . Item, to John Deane for goyng to Bold Wod to sawe the tre in pesys and helpyng to loyde them, iiij . . . Item, for bred, ale and chese to have with the carages to Bold Wood, xijs. vjd. Item, spent apon v that were with the caryages when we came home at Thomas Potters, xd. Item, for the paynes off John Leadebeter in goyng to Bold Wood to help them with the same caryages, iiijd. Item, to Henry Watmough for makyng ij shackelles to the grett bell and the thryd, viijd. Item, to John Deane for goyng to the Lee Wood to se tymbre there, iijd.

[p. 159.] Item, spent by John Leadebeter, Edmvd Colley and George Bower when we went to Farnorth on tyme and another tyme to Bold Wod, xiijd. Item, for iij hundreth of dowble spykynges, ijs. ixd. Item, for a hundreth of sengle spykyns, vjd. Item, for borde nayle, jd. Item, for iij hundreth and a halff off sclattes [bought] off John Fayrehurst at Raynforth Delff, vs. iijd. Item, to Thomas Sherlocke for skaffetyng [for the] sclates at the delff, vjd. ob. Item, for the karyage off the sclattes from Raynforth to the churche, iijs. ixd. Item, to John Deane for iij wekes and v days werke at the churche abowte nessarys there at xd. le day, xixs. ijd. Item, to Thomas Sherlocke and his seruanntes for workyng at the churche in slatyng and mossyng yt, xxxjs. iiijd. Item, for mosse to the churche to serue Thomas Sherlocke with, iijs. viijd. Item, to John Leadebeter for helpyng the wryght and the sclaters by the space off xxiiij days apon his owne borde, xvjs.

[p. 160.] Item, for the charges of the iiij churche wardens and iij off the vj men in goyng to Farnorth abowt the churche busynes, ijs. iiijd. Item, to Thomas Bushell for his bying off the tree that Thomas Grene gave to the churche, iiijd. ob. Item, for vj wyndylles of qwyttlyme and halffe a wyndell and for the caryage from Terbocke, Huytun and Woolfall Heghe, . . . Item, for xxxth lattes to the churche, . . . Item, for a hundreth and a halff off dowble spykyngs, . . . Item, for stone nayle, . . . Item, spend in goyng to Weryntun to by the nayles apon me John Leadebeter and my horse, iijd. Item, for iij hundreth off dowble spykynges, ijs. ixd. Item, for sengle spykynges, iijd. Item, for goyng a nother tyme to Weryntun to bye the nayles,

for my costes, iiijd. Item, for a horse skyn to make shakelles to the belles, xiiijd. Item, for the costes of John Leadebeter, Edmvd Colley and George Bower in goyng to Farnorth to call for the leys, . . .

[p. 161.] Item, to . . . Webster for goyng to Farnorth to bryng a byllett whatt euery towne owght to pay, ijd. Item, a nother tyme John Leadebeter, Edmvd Colley and George Bower when the went to Farnorth for part off the leys, xijd. Item, to George Bower for goyng to Bold Wod [for a] tre to make shenggle off, iiijd. [Item, payd] for a tree at Bold Wood to make [shenggl]e off, xvjs. xd. [Item, for c]utting off the sayd tree, iiijd. Item, for caryages to Bold Wod to facche the afore sayd tre, vs. Item, for the costes off them that came wyth the caryages to the churche, viijd. Item, for another tyme George Bower when he laboryd to Farnorth to call for the leys, iiijd. Item, spend in goyng to Wegan to the vysytatyon by Edmvd Colley and George Bower, xijd. Item, for a hundreth and a halff off dowble spykynges, xvjd. ob. Item, for sengle spykynges, jd. Item, for the costes of John Leadebeter ij sundrye [times] to facche the leys, viijd.

[p. 162.] Item, for halff a hundreth off dowble spykynges, . . . Item, for sengles spykynges, . . . Item, for borde nayle, . . . Item, for the costes of John Leadebeter in goyng to Newton to gett Wyllyam Lowe to cum to se worke at the stepull ij sundry tymes, . . . Item, payd for drynke to Wyllyam Lowe when he came to se the stepull, ' . . . Item, for the costes off John Leadebeter when he laboryd to Farnorth to gyue them warnyng to cum to Prescott to here thayre acontes, . . . Item, to Edward Holland for wrytyng off theyre bockes all the holle yere, xijd. Item, expsent at that tyme the bocke was in makyng vp, viijd. Item, for the decay of money, vjd. Som payd, vij li. xjs.

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1563-4

[p. ?]¹ Payments² payd by John Leadebeter, Hug Grene, Wyllm Cowper and Henry Roughley, churche wardens of the paroche churche of Prescott, the yere aforesayd.

Item, for a bootell of wyne, ijd. Item, to Alys Dycundoughter, for wasshyng of the syrplys and on alter cloth, and mendyng the surplys . . . Item, for a bootell of wyne, ijd. Item, for ij echys for the bells, to Hug Grene, vjd. Item, for a bootell of wyne, ijd. Item, for washyng the surplys, ijd. Item, to Edward Stockeley, for syttyng at Est[er] . . . for breade and wyne . . . Item,

1. The following 45 lines are from two sheets found in the church chest. They were probably part of the "Book of Burials," as otherwise there would not be room in the numbered or "Ley" book for the receipts for 1563-4.

2. Receipts and payments for 1561-2 and 1562-3, and receipts for 1563-4, appear to be missing.

to Master Deane, for an homely bo[ok] . . . Item, for a bootell off wyne . . . Item, for a lock to the batellyng dorre . . . Item, for mending the churche dorre . . . Item, for a bootell off wyne . . . Item, spend by Hug Grene and Wy[llm] Cowper] at the tyme thay were at Chester [to see my] lord bysshoppe concernyng the chu[rch], on them selves and theyre horsys . . .

[p. ?] Item, payd at the same tyme for feys to the offycers there, iijs. viijd. Item, for a bootell off wyne, ijd. Item, spend when the alters were takyn downe, jd. Item, payd for on to go to Farnorth to se when John Lytherlond wold cum qwyte lyme the churche, jd. Item, for qwyte lymyng the churche and for lyme, iijs. viijd. Item, spend by Mathew Travas in goyng to Chester [to see] wether the roode lofte cold haue ben lycensyd [and le]ue stand for the ease of the parоче, ijs. [Item, for ij bo]otells of wyne, iiijd. [Item, to Tho]mas Eltunhed, for takyng the . . . the roode lofte downe, iiijd. [Item, for a bootell of] wyne, ijd. [Item, spent on men] to take the roode lofte [down, their] hyre and meate and dryngke, ijs. viijd. [Item] . . . quorum nomina¹ to Thomas Grene, ijs. iiijd. [Item . . . sin]gyng brede that Laurence Gorsuche [bought at C]hester, vjd. [Item, for a boo]tell of wyne, ijd. [Item, to Edwar]d Holland, for wrytyng of owr [book] . . .

[p. ?] And so the churche wardens have layed owt more then they haue receyued this yere, xxs. ijd.

25 die Novembris, Anno domini 1564. At whiche daye, all thyngs accompted and allowed for the thre yers last past, the said churche wardens were in dett to the parisshe ijd., whiche to thym is allowed by the whole parishe, besids viijs. for the burialls of the wiffe of Ric Rigbie, the wiffe of John Traves, George Livesey and Robt Wudfall jun., whiche is remytted to be receyued by the churche wardens the next yere. And so the said John Ledbeter, Hugh Grene, Wm Cowper and Henry Roughley quieti sunt.

Owyng to the parisshe for burialls, as appereth vpon the accompts befor, viijs. Item, for old leyes, xj . . . as foloeth. Sonke . . . Humphrey Tayler . . . Penketh . . .

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1564-5, 1565-6

[p. 168.] Receyved bie Edward Stocleye, Brian Hayward, John Rigbie and Henrye Garnett, churche wardens of the parisshe of Prescott within the countie of Lanc', for the space of towelve holle yeare, anno domini 1565.

1. The *quorum nomina* was a form of citation or summons to an ecclesiastical court in which the persons cited had to be *named*. References in Childwall Churchwardens' Accounts (unpublished) suggest that it was used for dealing with defaulters in the payment of leys, etc. The term frequently recurs below, with a variety of spellings.

First, receyved of the lee of Eccleston, ix. s. xd. ob. Item, rec' of the lee of Prescott, vjs. ijd. ob. Item, rec' of the lee of Whiston, iijs. xjd. Item, rec' of the lee of Raynforthe, ix. s. xd. Item, rec' of the lee of Raynhell, iijs. xd. Item, rec' of the lee of Sutton, xix. s. ixd. Item, rec' of the lee of Parre, vijs. iijd. Item, rec' of the lee of Wyndle, vijs. vjd. ob. Item, rec' of the second lee of Sutton, xix. s. ixd. Item, rec' of the second lee of Whiston, vs. Item, rec' of the second lee of Eccleston, xs. Item, rec' of the second lee of Raynhell, vs. Item, rec' of the second lee of Raynforthe, xs. Item, rec' of the second lee of Wyndle, vijs. ijd. Item, rec' of the second lee of Parre, vijs. vd. Item, rec' of the second lee of Prescott, vs. viijd. Item, rec' of the lee of Sonkye, vijs. vjd. Item, rec' of Farneworthe syde in part of payment of there twee lees, iiij li. xs. xd. Sum, xij li. iijs. ijd. ob.

Behynd vnpayed of the said towe lees as hereafter dothe more at lardge appeare. Fyrst, behind vnpayd in Eccleston in the handes of John Giller and Henrye Wybrocke, ob. George Wackefeld and vxor Thomas Holme, ob. Thomas Garnett and Robt Gyller, ob., which ys in all, jd. ob.

[p. 169.] Item, vnpayed in Prescott of the first lee, Richard Stockley, iijs. ixd. ob. Item, vnpayed in Prescott of the second lee, John Thomsson, iijs. iiijd. Item, vnpayed in Whiston, John Ince, jd. Item, behind in Raynforthe in the handes of Thomas Travas, ijd. Item, behind in Raynhell, Hugh Ley, jd. Item, behind in Sutton, ijd. ob. Item, behind of the fyrst lee of Parre, in the handes of Rycherd Parre of Laughocke, xvd. of Brian Byron, ijd. ob., of Thomas Raynforthe, ijd., of Thomas Chaydocke, jd., which ys in all, xxd. ob. Item, behind of the first lee in Wyndle in the handes of Robt Colleye, vd., of Rycherd Colleye, vd., Grace Orme, jd., Ryc Parre and Henry Colleye, iijd. ob., Nycolas Tayler, jd., Henrye Leadbetter, ijd. ob., which ys in all, xviijd. Item, behind of the second lee in Sutton, Robt Sherlock, iijd. Item, behind of the second lee in Wyndle in the handes of Henrye Leadbetter, ijd. ob., of Thomas Derbeshyre, iijd., xiijd. ob. Item, behind of the second lee of Parre in the handes of Rycherd Parre of Laughocke, xvd., of Thomas Raynforthe, ijd., of John Wackefeld, ijd., which is xixd. Item, behynd vnpayed of towe lees of Farneworthe syde, lijs. viijd.

[p. 170.] Paymentes payed bie the saide Edward Stocleye, Brian Hayward, John Rigbie and Henrye Garnett, church wardens of the said parisshe of Prescott in the yeare afforesaid.

First, spend when three of the said wardens were at Chester about the cherche busynesse and for a quorum nomine, xjs. xd. Item, payed to a glayser for mending the windowes, xxiijs. iiijd. Item, p. to the same glayser for nayles, jd. Item, spend in ale at the takinge downe of bourdes in the rode loft wyndowe, jd. Item, p. for turves to the glayser, ijd. Item, p. for wasshinge the surplssh- ijd. Item, p. for the costes of Edward Stocleye goinge

to Aughton to gett a mason to loke vppon the steeple, vjd. Item, p. to the masons for ther paynes at towre tymes, ijs. Item, p. for ale to them, ijd. Item, p. for the iiij churchwardens dynnyers, xijd. Item, p. for the costes of on other mason for to have his vise and for his paynes, vjd. Item, p. when the gentlemen of Farneworthe syde and our gentlemen dyd mete together, ijs. iiijd. Item, p. to Hughe Webster for to bringe word to Farneworthe that the gentlemen shuld come to Prescott, ijd. Item, p. to John Bustwell and John Fynne for poynting the steeple from the toppe vnto the myddest of the wyndoes, v li. xs. . . . Item, spend on ale when Edward Stocleye and John Heye were in the parke to se ollers for ladders, ijd. Item, spend when the masons receyved ther moneye, ijd. Item, p. for iij ropes for the dressinge of the steeple, xvjs. Item, p. for the caryedge of them home, iiijd. Item, p. to Percevall Potter for lyme to the steeple, xvs. Item, p. for the costes of Edward Stocleye when he bought the said ropes in Lerple,¹ iiijd. Sum partis, ix li. viijs. xjd.

[p. 171.] Item, payed for iiijth ollers to make ladders and the scaffold with, xd. Item, p. for the caryedge of the same ollers, iiijd. Item, spend at the pullinge and settinge vppe of ladders, iiijd. Item, p. to John Heye for working iij dayes and his man foure dayes, ijs. Item, p. for ther table the same tyme, ijs. Item, p. to Humfreye Haughton for a cheane to the paraphrases² and for barres for the churche wyndowes, ijs. iiijd. Item, p. for the costes of John Rigbie and Henrye Garnett goenge to Farneworthe for the lee money, vjd. Item, p. for caryenge sand and water at sundrye tymes when the steeple was poynted, vijd. Item, p. for nayles, iiijd. Item, p. to John Heye for takinge downe and settinge vppe agayne the fayne of the steeple, viijd. Item, p. to Richerd Guye for mendinge the fayne with brasse and to Humfreye Haughton for mendinge the same with iron, xjd. Item, p. to John Heye for goenge to Hyton Heye Wod to se tymber for the revestrye, and spend in ale, iiijd. Item, p. to plummers for takinge downe the lead of the revestrye, ijs. viijd. Item, spend in ale to them, jd. Item, p. to Van Webster and Van Garnett for goenge to Farneworthe at towre sundrye tymes, vd. Item, p. for sclates, vjs. Item, p. for the caryedge of them, ijs. iiijd. Item, p. when the gentlemen of Farneworthe syde dyd mete at Prescott about the lead of the revestrye, xxiijd. Item, p. to a sclater for settinge vppe the sclates in the steeple wyndowes, ix. viijd. Item, p. for sclates and for the caryedge of them, ijs. Sum, xxxvijs.

[p. 172.] Item, p. to Edward Stocleye for writinge the bokes and for other wrytinges the wholle yeare, . . . Item, p. for wyne

1. A popular rendering of Liverpool. (Leland, c. 1540, has "Lirpoole.")

2. The book *Paraphrase of the New Testament* by Erasmus, ordered to be placed in all churches by injunctions of Henry VIII, Edward VI and Elizabeth.

at towe tymes, iiijd. Item, p. for cariedge of the great rope to Leverpole to be sold and for the cariedge of the same home agayne, iiijd. Item, p. for settinge vppe of the churche wall which was trowen downe with beastes at the fayre¹ in tow places, ijd. Item, p. for makinge a dore in the steeple and for his table which made the dore, xjd. Item, p. for wasshinge the surplusshe, ijd. Item, p. for gudgeons for the steple dore, vijd. Item, p. to a mason for pullynge downe of ollers groweing in divers places vppon the churche and for taking downe stones and settinge a gudgeon in the steple dore, ijs. Item, p. for settinge bourdes in the loft wyndowe and for nayles, iiijd. Item, p. to Henrye Watmoughe for mendinge the clocke and makinge of shacles for the belles, xijd. Item, p. to Edward Stocleye for writinge the Easter boke new and for getheringe the Easter moneye, iijs. Item, p. for wyne at sundrye tymes, xijd. Item, for fetchinge of wyne at sundrie tymes, ijd. Item, p. for mosse, jd. Item, p. for carienge the leade into the revestrie and spend vppon the churchwardens when the gentlemen shud last have met togethers about the churche businesse, viijd. Item, p. for wyne, ijd. Item, p. for a locke for the steple dore, viijd. Item, p. to Homfreye Haughton for mendynge a brydge of one of the belles, ijd. Item, spend in ale when the churchwardens and the eight men dyd mete togethers for to take the churchwardens accomptes at to sendery tymes, ijs. Sum, xijs. ix d.

[p. 173.] Item, payed for paper, jd. Item, p. to Thomas Potter for ixth yardes of hollande clothe to make a surplusshe to serve the parisshe with, after xvd. the yard, xjs. iiijd. Item, p. to Ales Dycknonsdoughter for makinge the said surplusshe and for threde, xvjd. Item, p. for the expenses and costes of Brian Hayward and Henrye Garnett at the visitacion at Wygan, xijd. Item, p. for the costes of the foure men at the same visitacion, xvjd. Item, p. for the costes of the iiij churchwardens metinge about the churche busines at sundrye tymes, xvjd. Item, for paper and wrytynge the bokes, vijd. Item, p. for wasshinge the surplusshe, ijd. Item, for pullinge downe of ellers, ijd. Item, p. to Hughe Grene for a bell rope, ijs. Summa totalis, xij li. xixs.

[p. 174.] The accomptes of Bryan Hayward, Edward Stockley, John Ryggbie and Henry Garnett, churche wardens of the parisshe churche of Prescott, taken the laste of Januarie, anno domini M^{mo} D^{mo} lxxvj^{to} for ij wholle yeares endinge at St Caterins daie laste paste, before the eyght men beyng elected by the gentlemen and parisioners of the same paryshe. The names of the said viij men. Thomas Potter, Ric' Watmoghe, Hughe Parre, Thomas Garnet, Robt Jollybrand, Evan Gleaste, Henrie Coney, Robt Wudfall.

1. An annual fair was held at Prescott on the vigil, feast and morrow of Corpus Christi under a charter of 1333. The wall referred to may have been that of the churchyard.

At which daie and tyme the parishe is fownd in arrerages, all thinges allowed and accompted, to the said churchwardens the some of xiijs. ix. ob.

Memorandum at the same daie and tyme . . . [entry broken off.]

[p. 175.] Memorandum, that the eyght men of the paryshe of Prescottt haue leyde one wholle leye to be gethered of the inhabitantes of the same parishe for reparacions and other necessaryes belonginge to the same church, the tenthe daye of Januarie, 1567.

In the Prescotte syde of the same paryshe, iiij li. Item, in Fayrneworthe [syde] of the same paryshe, iij li. xvjs. The names of the eyght men that did ley the same ley. [As above.]

[p. 176.] Sold to John Laton, one wyndle of lyme yee (*sic*, yet?) not payed fore, after viij. the wyndle. Item, sold to Thomas Assheton, one halfe wyndle of lyme after the same pryce. Item, to Thomas Standleye gent., fourtie and ten sclattes. Item, to Thomas Dytcheheld, xxxijth poundes of lead.

Towe oller ladders in the handes of Edward Stocleye. Item, one greatt rope which the masons had at the steple, one other rope of the lengthe of a wayne rope and vj other shorter ropes which were in peaces, to fasten ladders with at the poyntinge of the steple.

[p. 177.] Memorandum, the xvijth day of December, anno domini MDLxvj^{to}, the gentlemen and parisheners of the parishe of Prescottt haue assembled theym selves together in the parishe church there concernyng the election and nomynacion of theis eight men, whiche they have elected the day and yere above said as foloweth.

Prescottt, Thomas Potter. Eccleston, Robt Gilibrond. Whiston, Thomas Garnett. Wyndle, Mathew Traves. Raynehill, Henrie Coney. Raynforthe, Hughe Parr. Sutton, Richerd Watmoughe. Parr, Evan Gleast.

[signed]	EDWARD HALSALL.	HENRY GEARARDE ESQWERE.
	RYC' ELTONHED.	JAMIS PEMBERTON.
	RAUF SOUTTON.	WYLLIAM STANDYSHE.
	WYLLIAM HOLLAND.	EDWARD OGLE.

[“ Book of Burials ” 1564-6.]

[p. ?]^t Receyved bie Edward Stocleye, Brian Hayward, John Rigbie and Henrye Garnett, church wardens of the parisshe of Prescottt within the countie of Lanc., for the space of tow whole yeares, anno domini 1564, begyning at Saynt Katerens daye and endinge that daye towe year[es].

Fyrst, receyved of Jackeson, in part of a lee that was behind, ijs. xd. Item, for the buryall of Hyds wiffe, ijs. Item, for the

1. The following 47 lines are from two sheets found in the church chest.

buryall of the wiffe of John Travas, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Thomas Pemberton, ijs. Item, for the buryall of tow chyldren of Robt Woodfall, ijs. Item, for the buryall of vxor Wynstanleye, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Sir Rauffe Richerdson, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Elsabeth Travers, ijs. Item, for the buryall of a chyld of Symons Garnett, ijs. Item, receyved at Easter, vs. Item, rec. at Easter, iijs. [viijd.] Sum, xxxs. vd.

Payments payed bie the saide Edward St[ockley, Brian] Hayward, John Rigbie and Henrye Gar[nett, church wardens] of the said parisshe in the yeare [MDlxiij].

First, payed for wyne at iiij sundrye tymes, [viijd.] Item, payed to Thomas Potter for ix yard . . . holland clothe, to make a surplesse, after xvd. the [yard] . . . Item, p. to Ales Dickons-doughter, for makinge the surplesse, xiiij[d.] Item, p. to Richerd Holland for getheringe the Easter moneye, ijs. Item, p. for the expenses of Brian Hayward and Henrye Garnett at the visitacion at Wygan, xijd.

[p. ?] Item, p. for the costs of the foure men at the same visitacion, xvjd. Item, p. for threde to sowe the surplesse with, ijd. Item, p. for wyne at towe sundrye tymes, iiijd. Item, p. for wyne at on other tyme, ijd. Item, p. for fetchinge wyne dyvers tymes, ijd. Item, p. for wyne at on other tyme, ijd. Item, p. for the costs and expenses of the church wardens metinge abowt the church busynesse divers and sundrye tymes, viijd. Item, p. for paper, jd. Item, p. for writinge the boks, vnto Edward Stocleye, vjd. Item, p. for wasshinge the surplesse, ijd. Item, p. for pullinge downe of ollers growenge vppon the sclats, and feyenge the gutters of the battlements, ijd. Item, p. to Hughe Greene, for a bell rope, ijs. Item, p. to Edward Stockley, for makynge the [Ea]ster booke and gethering the same money, iijs. Sum, vjs. vjd. ob.¹

Accompts taken by the eyghte men of the [church] wardens aforesaid, the laste of Januarye anno domini [MD]lxxvj,² for ij wholle years endinge at St. Caterins [day] laste paste, at whiche daie the said church [wardens] are in dett to the parishe the some of ix s. jd.

[p. ?] Buryalls behind vn timer. Henrye Gerrard gent., for his wiffe. Thomas Kenwrycke, for his wiffe. Thomas Assheton, for his sone. John Travas, for his suster. Wyllm Colleye, for Anne Lathum. [Remainder of page torn away. Reverse blank.]

1. Of the above 18 items, numbers 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 are cancelled, as if disallowed, presumably as being more appropriate to the alternative accounts or "ley book," where in fact they occur. (See previous pages).

2. i.e., 1566/7.

1566-7

[p. 180.] Resayid by us, Bryan Arrosmythe, Edward Holland, Thomas Sherlock and John Naylor, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescott in anno domini M^oD^olxxvj, begininge at Sanct Caterin day and endyng that day twellmont.

In primys, of the holde ley of Wyston, of John Ince, jd. Item, of the holde ley of Sutton, by Henry Terbocke and Robart Sherlock, iijd. Item, of the holde ley of Wyndell, of Robt Colley and others, xvjd. ob. Item, of the holde ley of Parre, by Bryan Byrom, Jamys Ranforthe and John Wackefylde, vjd. Item, of Prescott holde ley, iijs. iiijd. Item, of Prescott new ley, xs. Item, of Eccleston ley, ix. xd. Item, of Sutton ley, xvijs. ijd. Item, of Wyndell ley, ix. ix. Item, of Ranforthe ley, ix. ix. Item, of Whyston ley, vs. Item, of Ranyhill (*sic*) ley, iijs. iijd. Item, of Parre ley, ix. viijd. Sum rec' iiij li xijd. ob. (*sic*).

[p. 181.] Pamentes by the saide church wardens in the yere of our Lord God before speciffyed, viz.

In primys, for one boke of Parrafraces, to John Laton in parte of payment for it and others, xs. Item, for paper, jd. Item, to Homfrey Anglesdale for shackleing of the bells for the holle yere, xvijd. Item, for wyne at sendery tymes, xijd. Item, for Communion bred to serve the church with, boug in Chester, xiiijd. Item, for a coram nomina getton for one yere at the sineg^r at Weryngton, ijs. vjd. Item, for the charges of the church wardens the same day withe thayre horses, xjd. Item, for wasshing of the syrples at sendary tymes, iiijd. Item, exspent by Thomas Sherlocke at Farnorthe, beinge there to demande that parte of the holde ley which was vnpayd, iijd. Item, exspent at Farnorthe by to of the church wardens and to of the Eghte men, being there to demande the said ley which was vnpayd, xiijd. Summa partis, xviijs. xd.

[p. 182.] Item, payd for wyne, xijd. Item, exspent apon the church wardens and the Eight men wat tyme thay met for the church matters the eght of August, xjd. Item, exspent by Edward Holland and John Naylor at Farnorthe, beinge there to demande thayre ley, vjd. Item, payd to Mr Man to be of counsell with us for the church maters, ijs. vjd. Item, for wyne, xd. Item, for wasshyng the syrples dyuers tymes, iiijd. Item, for wyne, vjd. Item, for wasshyng of the syrples, ijd. Item, for wyne, vjd. Item, exspent when the church wardens met to make thayre boke of accomptes and reconing, xvjd. Item, for makyng of the boke of accomptes, viijd. Summa partis, ix. iiijd. Summa totalis, xxvijs. jd.

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1567-8

[p. 184.] Resavid by Bryan Arrowsmyth, Edward Holland, Thomas Sherlock and John Nayler, churche wardens of the parishe churche of Prescott in anno domini M^o D^o lxxvij, begynninge at Sanct Caterin daye and endynge that day twellmont, viz.

In primys, of the holde ley of Farnothe syde of the parishe which was behynde, lijs. Item, resavid by the handes of Thomas Corran, one of the wardens of Farnorth, being parsell of on ley of that syde of the parishe, iij li. xvs. iiijd. Sum rec' vj li. vijs. iiijd.

Vnpayd of the leys of the parishe as folloythe. Eccleston, Nycolas Cartwryght, ijd. Sutton, Wan Gernet and Hugh Leytherland, xijd. Wyndell, Hugh Martindall and Grace Hollande, iiijd. Ranforthe, Thomas Traves, iiijd. Prescott, Thomas Carter, ob. Item, Thomas Corran for Farnor syde, viijd. Summa, iijs. ijd.

[p. 185.] Paments by the said churche wardens the yeare afforesaid viz.

In primys, expsent at Farnorthe by Bryan Arrowsmythe, one of the churche wardens, being there to demande thayre ley money, iiijd. Item, expsent at Farnorthe by to of the churche wardens and to of the Eght men, being there to take som order for thayre leys, xijd. Item, expsent at Farnorthe by to of the wardens, being there to speke with Mr Bolde abowt the same leys, vijd. Item, expsent by to of the wardens at Weryngton, being before the Commyssioners for the lottre,¹ vjd. Item, expsent by all the wardens being at Farnorthe, apoyned (*sic*) by Mr Bold to have a full answare of the leys that where vnpayd, xijd. Item, a nother tyme being ther to be fully answarehed and cold not be then answarehed nether, iiijd. Item, payd to Ellizabeth Sutton mending of the syrples, iiijd. Summa partis, iijs.

[p. 186.] Item, for wyne at sendery tymes, xijd. Item, expsent at Wegan vpon the church wardens and the towneshypps, being there at the visitacion, xiiijd. Item, for wryting of the presentment which was put to thaime at the same tyme, vjd. Item, expsent by Edward Holland being at Lathum by the space of ij days and one nyght to attend vpon my Lord Bysshopp to get the susspencion for Farnorthe chappell, xiiijd. Item, payd for the susspencion and the confirmation of the compossession, xxxvijs. viijd. Item, expsent apon the churche wardens, John Laton and Thomas Corran, wen the said Thomas came to Prescott to take order for to have a day of metynge for bothe sydes of the parishe, iiijd. Item, expsent at Farnorthe by Edward Holland and the curet of the churche of Prescott when thaye where there

1. *i.e.* Lottery. A scheme for a state lottery, under the Queen's patronage, was being tried out at this time, in aid of the repair of harbours. 40,000 chances were to be sold at 10s. each, the prizes being "plate and certain sorts of merchandises."

to susspende the chapell, vjd. Item, payd for a cope of the sytacion whiche the scole master of Farnorthe served vpon the churche wardens of Prescot to apere at Chester, iiijd. Summa partis, xljs. viijd.

[p. 187.] Item, for wyne at sendery tymes, xd. Item, to Edward Stockley for wryting a cope of the susspencion, vjd. Item, payd to Henry Tayler for ix yardes and iiij quarters of holland clothe to make a syrples to serve the parishe with, at xiiijd. the yarde and on jd. ouer, at all, xjs. vd. ob. Item, for thred to make the same syrples with, iiijd. Item, to Ellizabethe Sutton for makynge the same syrples, xxiij. Item, for wyne, vjd. Item, for synging bred, viij. Item, expsent by Edward Holland and Thomas Sherlocke wen thay went to the Shaye Parke [to] by tymber for syngles ij syndery tymes, xiiij. Item, for washeing the ij syrples and for sope to thayme, iiij. Item, for paper, jd. Item, payd to Edmond Lont for mendyng the bells, ix. Item, for nales, ij. Summa partis, xviijs. vijd.

[p. 188.] Item, to John Standyshe for mendyng the iron geyre which belonged to the bells and fyndyng iron of his hone, xviij. Item, for mete and dryngk to thayme wen thay were in mendyng the bells, xd. Item, expsent by Edward Holland and Thomas Sherlock being at Werington at the syng, ix. Item, Homfrey Anglesdall for shaykleing the bells for one holl yere, xviiij. Item, payd for a coron nomina at Chester, ijs. vjd. Item, for the charges of the churche wardens laberyng to Chester to mete the parisenors on Fornorthe syde there, abowt the parishe matters being then in varyans, to Mr Man, iijs. iiij., and to the Reister xvjd., to a clerke that wrot the coron nomina, for expsedysyon, iiij., vs. Item, for the charges of the churche wardens being there, for mete and drynge for thayme sellves and thayre horses by the space of ij days and ij nyghtes in labering thether and home, viijs. Item, payd to Thomas Standley for iiij tres to be for syngles to the churche, besydes a pece of a tree weche [he] gave of is gud will, liijs. iiij. Summa partis, iij li. xiijs. iiij.

[p. 189.] Item, payd for brekyng of the same tymber, xjs. viij. Item, for leydyng of the same tymber from the Shaye Parke to the churche, xijs. Item, for caryng of the same tymber in to the churche when it came home, viij. Item, expsent at seche tyme the churche wardens mett to make thayre boke of accomptes, xxd. Item, for makynge of the bocke of accomptes, xij. Summa partis, xxvijs. Summa totallis, viij li. iiijs. vijd.

[p. 190.] The accomptes of Bryan Arrowsmythe, Edward Holland, Thomas Sherellocke and John Nayler, churche wardens of the parishe churche of Prescot, taken the xxvth of Nouember, being Sanct Caterin daye anno domini M^oD^olxviij, for ij wholle

yeres endyng this Sanct Caterin day, before the Eyght men being electhed by the gentellmen and parishiners of the said parishe.

The names of the Eyght men. Henry Tayler, Edward Roughley, Robart Cowper, Wm Tunstall, Andrew Lathum, Peter Lancaster, Rauff Hayward, Bryan Hayward.

At wheche day and tyme the churche wardens arr fonde in det to the parishe, all thyngs allowed and accompted for, the ij yeres, the some of xvs. viiijd.

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[p. 192.] Memorandum, it is agreed by the Eght men, the secvnd day of Febrewarij in the yere of our Lord God a thowseand fieve hundrethe three score and eght, that one hole ley shalbe geythered in the parishe of Prescott and Farnorthe syde for the reparacions and amendment of the parishe churche, in syngleing of the roffe of the said churche and other thyngs apertening to the same churche viz. In Prescott syde of the parishe, iiij li. In Farnorthe syde of the parishe, iij li. xvjs.

The names of the Eght men. Peter Lancaster, Robarte Cowpare, Bryane Haywarde, [Entry unfinished. Remainder of page blank.]

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The accompts of Bryan Arrowsmyth, Edward [Holland], Thomas Sherlock and John Nayler, churche wardens [of the] parishe churche of Prescott, in the yere of our Lorde [God] MDlxvj, begyning at Saint Kateryns daye and endyng that day twellve-monthe.

Furst, resavid at Ester of the parishenors, to by breed and wyne with other nesessarys, xxiijs. ijd. Item, for the buryall of the wyf of Robt Worsley, ijs. Item, for the buryall of the wyff of Thomas Kenwrek, ijs. Item, for the buryall of John Ayscou, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Anne Traves, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Merget Lathum, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Sir Roger Wytfyld clerk, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Kateryn Tayler, ijs. Item, for the buryall of Anne Lathum, ijs. Item, for the buryall of the wyf of John Ledbeter, ijs. Item, resavid of Edward Stockeley, that was remaning of thayre accompts, ix s, jd. Sum, ljs. iiijd.

Payments mayd by the fornamyd churche wardens, Bryan Arrowsmyth, Edward Holland, Thomas Sherlock and John Nayler, in the yeare of our Lord God MDlxvj, begyning at Sanct Caterins Day and endyng that day twellvemont.

Imprimys, to Henry Coney, for syttyng at Ester for the resaving of the parishe money for breade and wyne, ijs. Item, for a tree bought of Hugh Ley to be for the roffe of the revestre, with the carege of the same tree, vjs. jd. Item, paid to Jamys

Waynewryght, for makynge the revestre roffe new, apou his one table, xvjs. Item, expent apou seche company as dyd hellpe vpe withe the somer in the revestre, viijd. Item, Thomas Sherlock, for his charges being with the wryghts and the plommer, what tyme the revestre was makynge, the roff, ijs. vd. Item, for careage of claye to the plommer, ijd. Item, spent at wat tyme the revestree was sclated where the lead dyd [wa]nt, iiijd. Item, to Van Gernet, for castynge of claye to the beddynge of the lead when the plommer (*sic*), ijd. Item, for a hundrethe of spykyns to the revestre, vijd. ob. Item, payd for a hundreth of stone nales, ijd. Item, payd to Van Dowson, for covering the revestre with leade, xvs. Item, paid for soder for the same work, iijs. ix. Item, for nales to nale the bords where the leade dyd want apou the revestre, jd. Sum, xlvjs. vjd.

The accompts of Bryan Arrowsmythe, Edward Holland, Thomas Sherlock and John Naler, church wardens of the parishe church of Prescott, anno domini MDLxvij, begynning at Sanct Catherin Day and endyng that day twellmonthe.

Imprimys, resavid for the buryall of Mrs Hallsall, ijs. Item, for the buryall of a chylde of Mr. Parre, ijs. Item, for the buryall of the wyf of Rauff Fletcher, ijs. Item apou newyeres day, towards a syrpples, which was gevyn by the paryshners, iijs. iiijd. ob.

Item, expent going to Ormeschurche to hyre a pryst, xijd. Item, for one that went to Lathum for Rauff Sutton abowt the church busynes, ijd. Item, to John Nayler, expent at dyuers tymes, xvjd. Item, the day of our accompts, expent on the eyght men and the church wardens, xijd. Sum, iijs. vjd.

The accompts of Bryan Arrowsmyth, [Edward] Olland, Thoms Sherlock and John Nayler, church wardens of the [parish] church of Prescott, taken by the [eight] men, the xxv of November, being Sanct [Catherine's] Day, for ij holle yeres endyng this [day], at which day the church wardens where indetted to the parishe, all thyngs allowed and accompthed, the som xs. vijd. ob.

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[p. 194.] Receyved bie Richerd Worsleye, Robart Wodfall, John Parr and Laurance Marshe, church wardens of the parishe church of Prescott within the countie of Lanc', Anno domini M^oD^oLxviiijth, begynnyng at Saynt Katerin daye and endinge that daye twelmont.

First, receyved of Edward Holland which remayned in his handes, xijs. Item, receyved of Brian Arowsmythe which likewise remayned in his handes, xijs. Item, receyved of sir Robart Whytlocke, Vicar of Prescott, for the half price of a boke named

and called the Apologie,¹ vjs. Item, receyved of the lee of Prescott, xs. Item, receyved the lee of Sutton, xxs. Item, receyved the lee of Whiston, vs. Item, receyved the lee of Raynforthe, xs. Item, receyved bie the handes of Wylliam Garnett which was behynd of an old lee in Sutton, xvd. Item, receyved bie the handes of Nycolas Cartwhright and Henrie Coney which was behind of an old leye in Eccleston, ijd. Item, receyved of the lee of Rafnhill, vs. Item, receyved of Edward Houghton for tymber, xxd. Item, receyved of the lee of Eccleston, xs. Item, receyved of the lee of Parre, xs. Item, receyved of the lee of Wyndle, xs.

[p. 195.] Receyved at the handes of Hughe Litherland which was behind of an old lee in Sutton, vijd. Item, receyved of Jackeson of Sutton which was behind of an old lee, ijd. Item, rec' bie the said church wardens of Farneworthe syde, one whole leye which ys iij li. xvjs.

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[p. 196.] Paymentes payed bie the saides Richerd Worsleye, John Standishe, Robart Wodfall and Laurance Mershe, church wardens of the said parisshe church of Prescott in the yeare last afforesaid.

First, payed for the boke called the Apologie, xjs. viijd. Item, spend when the said church wardens dyd fotche the said boke at Werington, iiijd. Item, paid for halfe a horse hyde for to shackell the belles with, vjd. Item, paid to George Tapleye for fotching a shingler at Tervyn, and for other service, ijs. Item, paid to the said shingler of Tervyn for his cost and paynes in cumenge to Prescott, xvjd. Item, paid for a bottell of wyne, ijd. Item, spend vppon Saynt Blase daye when the church wardens did meete abowt the parisshe busynesse, viijd. Item, paid for towe buccles for the belles, iiijd. Item, paid for a keye to a coffer, ijd. Item, spend when the church wardens dyd fasten and sett the clevinge of the shingle, ijd. Item, paid for paper, jd. Item, spend when the church wardens dyd meete abowt payeing for tymber, vjd. Item, spend vppon the shingles, ijd. Item, paid to George Tapleye for fotching a sawe at Bybbyes, jd.

[p. 197.] Item, paid to Thomas Stanley for tymber, xls. Item, paid to the shingler, xlvijjs. Item, paid to John Taylior for mendinge the belles, ijs. viijd. Item, paid to George Tapleye for goenge to Windle shawe and pylinge vppe the shingle, vjd. Item, paid to Edmund Lunt for leadinge and pilinge vppe the shingle in Windle shawe, xvjd. Item, paid to John Taylior for

1. Bishop Jewel's *Apology, or Defence of the English Church*, was first published in 1562, and prescribed for all churches. This and further references below indicate that the Vicar, William Whitlock, D.D., was asked to defray the cost, and consented to pay half. They indicate also that the Vicar was non-resident; the churchwardens were evidently not aware of his correct Christian name. He had however signed the accounts in 1559 (see p. 46).

mendinge the belles, iijd. Item, paied to Humfreye Anglesdayle for shakelinge the belles, xvijjd. Item, payed for wyne, ijd. Item, paied for leadinge and pylinge vppe the shingle in the churche, iijs. ijd. Item, paied to Edward Stocleye for makinge a letter to Mr Vicar for moneye to bie the Apologie, ijd. Item, paied to John Taylior for mendynge a bell wheele, ijd. Item, paied to Robt Birchall for goinge to Windle shaw, ijd. Item, paied for a bottell of wyne, ijd. Item, spend at sundrie tymes bie the viijth men and the churche wardens, vs. iijjd. Item, payed to Robt Sherlocke for speakinge with the shingler to come to Prescott, vjd. Item, paied for a commvnyon boke, vs. iiijd. Item, paied for cariedge of a letter, bienge and cariedge of the commvnyon boke, xd. Item, paied for wyne, ijd. Item, spend at chosinge the viijth men, ijd. Item, paied for the Bible, xxiiijd. Item, paied to Van Garnett for mendynge the churche wall which was throwen downe, iijd.

[p. 198.] Item, paied to Edward Stocleye for writinge the boke of accomptes, xijd.

The Accomptes of Richerd Worsleye, Robt Wodfall, John Standisshe and Laurance Marshe, churche wardens of the parisshe churche of Prescott, taken the tenthe daye of December Anno domini M^oD^olxiix for one whole yeare, endinge at Saynt Katerin daye last past, which said accomptes was taken before the eight men and gentlemen of the said parisshe.

The names of the eight men. Edward Holland, Symond Garnett, Thomas Foxis, Mathewe Ellum, Hughe Sefton, Robt Baull, Henrie Watmoughe, Thomas Browne.

At which daye and tyme the churche wardens are found in dett to the parisshe, all thinges allowed and accompted for the said yeare, the some of xxixs. xjd.

[p. 199.] Memorandum, that the churche wardens last before mencioned were agreed with the said shingler to laye the shingle vppon the churche, and he to have for his paynes after xxvjs. viijd. the roede.

Memorandum, that one peace of tymber yet remayneth in the Shawe Parke to the parisshe vse.

Memorandum, that it is agred by the Eight Men the x day of December, anno domini M^oD^olxiix, that owen holle ley shalbe geythered in the parishe of Prescott apou bothe sydes of the parishe for the reparacions of the parishe churche of Prescott, in syngleng and slating the same and other necessities to the said churche nedefull viz. Item, in Prescott syde of the parishe, iiij li. Item, in Farnorthe syde of the said parishe, iij li. xvjs.

[Names of Eight Men, as above, repeated.]

i. i.e., Windle Shaw, as above.

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The accompts of Wyllm Turner, Robt Wyke, Peter Birchall and John Dyke, churche wardens of the parisshe churche of Prescott, anno domini MDlxix, begynninge at Saynt Kateren Daye and endinge at that day twelmont.

First, receyved for the buriall of Clemense Traves, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Otewell Houghton, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wiffe of John Tunstall, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wiffe of M^r Henrie Gerard, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Edward Wainwright, ijs. Item, for the buriall of a daughter of Rauffe Hayward, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Thomas Pemberton, ijs. Item, for the buriall of a daughter of George Bower, ijs. Item, for the buriall of M^r Wetherbie, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Rauffe Halsall, ijs. Item, for the buriall of ij children of John Traves, ijs. Item, for the buriall of a daughter of Rauffe Halsall, ijs. Item, for the buriall of a child of Robt Wyke, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Margaret Worsleye, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wiffe of Edmund Turner, ijs. Item, for the buriall of John Tunstall, ijs. Item, for the buriall of George Wasshinton, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Van Garnet and his wiffe, iijs. Item, for the buriall of the wiffe of Thomas Leye, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Richerd Stocklye, ijs. Item, for the buriall of a child of M^r Henrie Gerard, ijs. Item, for the buriall of M^{rs} Laton, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wiffe of Robert Croper, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Andrew Lathum, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Peter Houghton, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Roger Blondel, ijs. These buryalls ar unpayd. [Mr] Edmond Geylybrand, ijs. Robt Laton, ijs. [The wife of] Henry Roughley, ijs. Sum resept', iiijl. ijs.

[Expende]d by the churche wardens for a syllver cope to have in the churche, weche cost iiijl. vijs. iiijd. Item, for labering to Chester abowt the same, ijs. viijd. Sum, iiijl. xs.

So the parishe is in dett to the churche wardens at this Saint Katerin Day, anno domini [MDlxx], the some of viijs.

[p. 200.] Resavid by Robart Wyke, Peter Burcheall, Wm Tourner and John Dyke, churche wardens of the parishe churche of Prescott within the Countie of Lanc', begynning at Saint Katerin daye in anno domini M^oD^olxx and ending that day twellmonthe.

In primys, resaid of Richard Worsley beinge on of the olde wardens, seche money as was in thayre handes, xxixs. xjd. Item, resavid of the holle ley of Parre, xs. Item, resavid the holl ley of Eccleston, xs. Item, resavid of Wyndell ley, ix. viijd. ob., vnpayd of the same by Grace Orme, jd. by on Hug Martyndall, ijd. ob. Item, resavid the holl ley of Sutton, xxs. Item, resavid the ley of Raynforthe, xs. Item, resavid the holl ley of Prescott, xs. Item, resavid the holl ley of Ranyll, vs. Item, of Whiston

holl ley, vs. Item, resavid by the handes of Robart Hechemogh, Ric' Donbill and Wm Standyshe for one holle ley of Farnorthe syde of the parishe, iij li. xvs. viijd., vnpayd of the same ley in the handes of Peter Lancaster, iijd. ob., Robt Gyll, ob. Summ recept', ix li. vs. iijd. ob.

[p. 201.] Resavid by Robart Wyke, Peres Byrcheall, Wm Turner and John Dyke, church wardens of the parishe church of Prescott, begynning at Sanct Katerin daye in anno domini M^oD^olxxj and endinge that day twellmonth viz.

In primys, resavid for hold synles sold to Edward Stockeley and others, vs. Item, for on holl ley of Parre, xs. Item, of Wyndell ley, xs. Item, of Sutton ley, xixs. iiijd., vnpayd of the same, viijd. Item, of Whyston ley, vs. Item, of Ranill ley, vs. Item, of Raynforthe ley, xs. Item, of Priscot ley, vjs. viijd. Item, vnpayd of same by Nycolas Tyldysley, ijs. iiijd. Summa iij li. xvs.

Item, of Farnorthe syde of the parishe, recavid by the church wardens afforesaide . . . [the line is cancelled, and the amount rendered indecipherable.]

[p. 202.] Paymentes mayde by Robart Wyke, Peter Burcheall, Wm Turner and John Dyke, church wardens of the paryshe church of Priscot for three holle yeres, begynning at Sanct Katerin daye in anno domini M^oD^olxix^o and endyng at Sanct Katerin day in anno domini M^oD^olxxij^o.

Item, payd for costes and charges of Wm Turner [and] Peter Burcheall when thay whent to Chester by the apoyntment of Byshopp, iijs. viijd. Item, payd to Mr Heskethe for making of our bocke weche we put vpe to the Byshop, iiijd. Item, to Robart Plompton for a horse skyn to shayckell the bells with, xd. Item, payd to Homfrey Anglesdall for making the shayckells of the bellis, xd. Item, payd for wyne at sundrey tymes, viijd. Item, payd for paper, ijd. Item, payd for a bell rope, ijs. Item, payd for nayles to mend the bell wheles with, jd. Item, for wyne, ijd. Item, payd to Wm Grene, nayler, for sengle spykes and other nayles to be for the syngleng of the sowthe syde of the church, xxvjs. Item, payd to the synglers for covering of the sowthe syde of the church with syngles, being apon thayre howne charges, iij li. ijs. iiijd. Item, spent apon the church wardens and the said synglers at seche tyme thay where payd thare money and had maid a nend of thayre work, xvjd. Summa, v li. vd.

[p. 203.] Item, spent by the church wardens at seche tyme as thaye dyd mete to geyther to present the gent' and freholders of the parishe to the Byshop,¹ vjd. Item, spent by Wm Turner at Farnorthe when he whent for thayre ley, jd. Item, payd in expences by the church wardens at seche tyme thaye mett

¹. This, and similar later returns, were perhaps required with a view to combating recusancy.

X to make thare reconings and bocke for the churche bussenes, vjd. Item, payd for wyne at sundre tymes, vjd. Item, for a rope for the clocke, xvjd. Item, spent in going to Farnorthe by ij of the churche wardens iij syndre tymes, ixd. Item, payd to the wyf of Edward Guddycar for washing the churche clothe, xijd. Item, spent in going to Farnorthe by ij of the churche wardens for thayre ley money, vjd. Item, spent when ij of the churche wardens where at Chester abowt the parishe bussines, xijd. Item, payd for a coram nomina at Chester to the Chancellor, ijs. vjd. Summa, viijs. viiij.

[p. 204.] Item, payd to Homfrey Anglesdall for shaycklyng the bellis for on holle yere, xviiij. Item, payd for one hundryth nayles to mende the northe churche doure, ijs. viiij. Item, for facheing the same nayles, ijd. Item, to John Tayler for mendyng the bells, iiij. Item, for nayles to the same, jd. Item, for wyne, ijd. Item, spent by the churche wardens when thay mett to make thayre accomptes affore the eght men, iiij. Item, payd to Wm Chaydocke for on rode of slattes at xijs. le rode, xijs. Item, payd to John Waykefilld for stapleing the same sclates, xvjd. Item, payd to Robert Leytherland for mending parte of the church wall, xxd. Item, to Robart Lee for hellpyng the said Leytherland, iiij. Item, to Van Gernet for makyng of a hedge apone the church wall where it was decayed vntill it was maid with stones, jd. Item, paid to Petter Terbocke for ij wyndles lyme to mend the church wall, xvd. Summa, xxjs. xjd.

[p. 205.] Item, payd to John Tayler for mending the bellis and for nayles, vjd. Item, for wyne, ijd. Item, payd for a horse skyne for shackeling the belles, xd. Item, payd for peceing of a bell rope, iiij. Item, for facheing the horse skyn, jd. Item, for wyne, ijd. Item, exspent when we mett abowt the church bussenes, ijd. Item, spent when the church wardens and the iiij men where at Wegan at the vicitations, iijs. ixd. Item, payd for three bokes there to Mr Chancellor for the parishe vse, euer[y] bocke vjd., xviiij. Item, payd for wrytyng the presentment, xvjd. Item, payd the same tyme at Wegan at seche tyme thaye toke thare hothes, iiij. Item, payd for reiestering the names of the church wardens and the fowre men, iiij. Item, exspent apone the said wardens and fore men for mette and dryngke and at sendry tymes when thay mett abowt the parishe bussines, xvjd. Summa, xjs. xd.

[p. 206.] Item, payd to Wm Traves and Wm Robe for leyding of slattes frome Ranforth delffe being a rode and more of sclattes, xs. Item, payd to Homfrey Anglesdall for shackleng the bellis on holle yere, xviiij. Item, payd for nayles to sclatte the sowthe syde of the church to on Grene, nayler, vs. Item, payd for xij wyndles of lyme to poyntt and laye the same sclattes in mortar at vjd. ob. le w., vijs. vjd. Item, payd for carrage of the same lyme, xijd. Item, spent by on of the wardens

being in hellpyng the sclater to dayes, vd. Item, payd to John Wackfilld for sclattes the sowthe syde of the yle of the churche being sett vpon greatt¹ to hym, xxijs. Item, payd to George Tapley for mending the shackells of the bellis, iiijd. Item, payd to Robart Accers for makyng the turne yate of the churche yorde being agrehett with apon great, xijs. Item, payd to John Tayler, smyth, for iron and makyng hopes, plattes, pykes and latches for the same yate, ijs. Summa, iij li. xxjd.

[p. 207.] Item, payd to Wm Turner for ij trees to make parte of the yate, vjs. Item, for caryage of the same ij trees, xijd. Item, to Robart Wyke for tymber to the said yatte and for lattes to the sclating of the sowthe syde of the churche, vs. viijd. Item, payd for a corm' nonia', ijs. vjd. Item, payd to John Thomson for ij bordes to the churche yate, vijd. Item, payd for wyne, iiijd. Item, payd to Edward Marsheall for going to Chester to know of the lawdaye when there was sertane persons sitehd apon Farnorth syde, viijd. Item, exspent when the Eght men and the churche wardens mett abowte the parishe cawses, vjd. Item, payd for cariage of ij wyndells lyme by Robart Turner, ijd. Item, payd for wyne, iiijd. Item, payd to Adam Allerton for helpyng to sawe at the churche yorde yate xijd. Summa, xviijs. ix^d.

[p. 208.] Item, payd to John Standyshe for a kee to a coffer in the churche, ijd. Item, payd to Edward Guddycar for gettyng of mosse to the sclatters, xvjd. Item, exspent at sendry tymes when the churche wardens mett to make thayre accomptes, ijs. Item, payd to Ric' Worsley for dyuerse thynges that he had bought to the parishe vse and was vnpayd at his accomptes making, xiiijd. Item, payd to Robart Wyke for leyding of timber to the churche yate, iiijd. Item, payd to Edward Gudycar for washing the churche clothe on holle yere, xijd. Item, payd to George Tapley for mending the shales (*sic*) of the bells, ix^d. Item, payd for nayles to the sclaters when thaye dyd want at the later ende of thayre worke, viijd. Item, exspent when the eight men and the churche wardens mett abowt the accomptes at wat tyme thaye wolld not take the accomptes be cawse the holle leys of Farnorthe syde of the parishe was not comen in, iijs. iiijd. Item, exspent at Wherington at the visitasion for the charges of the wardens and for on boke, xvd. Summa, xijs.

[p. 209.] Item, spent in labering to Farnorthe by the churche wardens sendry tymes for thayre leys, ijs. iiijd. Item, exspent at the vicitacion at Wegan by the churche wardens and the iiij men and for bockes weche we where compelyd to by², xijs. xd. Item, payd to Edward Stockeley and Edward Holland for labering to Mr Francis Bolde with the churche boke to here

1. See Glossary, "Upon great."

2. See footnote on p. 80.

the accomptes of the church wardens, viijd. Item, payd to George Tapley for mending the shakells of the bellis and making new ons for on holle yere and mending the belle ropes and for bockles for the shaykells weche he maid new, ijs. vjd. Item, payd to Edward Guddycare for washing the church clothes on holle yere, xijd. Item, payd to Edward Gudicare for caring of sclattes in to the church, vjd. Summa, xixs. ix d.

[p. 210.] Item, expsent by the wardens at seche tyme Mr Francis Bolld and others dyd mette at Priscot abowt the accomptes, viijd. Item, expsent another daye weche theye dyd apoynt to mete agayne and came not, vjd. Item, expsent by the said wardens the thred tyme thaye poynted to come to take our accomptes and thaye came not, vjd. Item, expsent the same nyght by ij of the wardens being torbleid (*sic*) with water that they colde not geet home but laye at Edmund Tunstall, vjd. Item, payd for making of our bockes to Edward Stockley at sendry tymes, ijs. Summa partis, iiijs. iij d. Summa totales, xij li. xixs. iiijd.

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[p. 212.] Resavid by Robart Wyke, Peter Burchell, Wm Turner and John Dyke, church wardens of the parishe church of Priscot within the Countie of Lancaster, begynning at Saint Katerin daye in anno domini M^oD^olxxij and ending that daye twellmonth.

Item, resavid for on hole ley of Farnorthe side of the parishe by the handes of Richard Donbill and Lancelot Plomton, the some iij li. xvjs. [Remainder of page blank.]

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[p. 214.] Paymentes mayd by Robart Wyke, Peter Burchall, Wm Turner and John Dyke, church wardens of the parishe church of Priscot, begynning at Saint Katerin day in anno domini M^oD^olxxij and ending that day twellmonth.

Item, payd for wyne iij sendrye tymes in filling the church bottell, euery tyme ijd. vjd. Item, expsent by the iiij church wardens and the iiij men in travelng to Chester, being assythed to apere there for the parishe causes, by the space of iij dayes being the xxj of May, anno predicto, xxiijs. Item, expsent by the said church wardens being at Chester, on of thym and his horse by the space of iiij dayes in the assice weke, at what tyme the bysshop had the hereing of the mater betwene the pariseners of Farnorth syde of the parishe and thes syde, Mr Bolld being there hym selfe and others upon the on parte, and Mr Hallsall and Mr Eccleston upon the parte of Prescott syde, vs. iiijd. Item, expsent by iij of the church wardens being asyted to Chester the viij day of December as predic' for the parishe cawses, ix s. Item, payd to Wm Traves for leyding of ij loode of slates at vjd.

le lood, xijd. Item, to Edward Guddicar for washing the church clothes all the yere, xijd. Summa partis, xls. xd.

[p. 215.] Item, expsent in going to Derbe Court¹ to ansswere there for the crow heddes, vd. Item, expsent in traveyling to Ormyskyrke at the Quarter Scessions abowtt the rogges,² vd. Item, expsent by on of the church wardens in labering to gett Mr Bold and Mr Halsall to mette abowte the church matters, iijd. Item, expsent the same daye thaye mett, iijd. Item, expsent by one of the church wardens in traveyling to Farnorthe iij sundre tymes, for thayre leye, idx. Item, expsent by on of the church wardens on day being me[n]ding the comewnton table, iijd. Item, payd for a bell rope, ijs. vd. Item, payd to George Tapley for shayklinge the bellis all the holle yere, ijs. Item, for vj bottles of wyne bought by Edward Holland at sendre tymes, xijd. Item, for nales to mende the cherche yate and the comewnton table, jd. Item, expsent by the church wardens at the making vpe thayre bokes for the hole yere, xijd. Summa partis, viijs. viijd. Summa payd in toto for on holle yere, xlixs. vjd.

[p. 216.] Item, payd to Thomas Elltonhed for making a pullis for the church yate and mending the cherche yate being broken, ijs. iiijd. Item, to John Tayler, smyth, for a step and a pyne to the pulles, vijd. Item, to Thomas Chamberlayne for mending the church wall by the space of ij dayes di., xvjd. Item, to Edward Gudicar for hellping the said Chamberlane the said ij dayes and di., viijd. Item, to John Smythe for mending the church doure and locke with a plate, xd. Item, John Dyke and Robert Wyke for x yerdes of buckeram for the table, viijs. idx. Item, payde by Peter Byrchall for expenses vppon the chyrch wardyns at sundry tymes, xxd. Item, payde for croos headdes to John Wylliamson of Prescott, vjs. xjd. Item, paid to Harre Coney for maken the boke of accomptes for iiij yeares, iijs. Summa partis, xxiijs. jd.

The accomptes of Wylliam Torner, Robart Wycke, Jhon Dicke and Peter Berchall, cherche wardens of the pariche church of Prescott, takeng the xviiijth daie of Decembar, anno domini a thowsand fyve hundreth lxxiiij, for foure hoole years ending at St Katrens daie laste past, which said accomptes was takeng before the viij men and gentlemen of the pariche.

The names of the viij men. Hught Ley, Thomas Garnet, Rc' Holland, Jhon Knowles, Thomas Wynstandley, Hught Parre, Edmund Torner, Robart Cowper.

1. The Hundred Court of West Derby, where the churchwardens were probably being sued by John Williamson (*see* below) for payments for crows' heads due under a statute of 1566, which introduced a scale of remuneration, payable in each parish, for the destruction of various kinds of "vermin," *i.e.*, animal and bird pests.

2. The first of many references to the parish being used by the Justices of the Peace for carrying out the "Acte for the Punishment of Vacabondes and for the Releif of the Poore and Impotent" passed in 1572. The word *rogue* originated as a cant word for vagabond or vagrant.

At wyche daie and tyme the church wardines are fonde in dett to the pariche, all thinges alowed and accompted for the said foure yeares, the sum of vs. vd.

[p. 217.] Memorandum, that it is agreed by the eight men the xxiiijth day of May, anno domini 1574, that one holle ley shalbe gathred in the parishe of Prescott vpon both sides of the parishe for the reparacions of the seid churche and other necessities thereunto belonging.

The names of the eight men. Richarde Worsley, James Accars, James Wainwright, John Ley, Thomas Tickle, William Robie, Edward Lion, Hugh Webster.

X Resavid of Farnorthe side of the parishe viz., of Bolld j hole ley, xvjs. xd. Item, for Dytton and Penketh on hole ley, xvjs. xd. Item, of Curdley ley, viijs. vd. Item, of Songke ley, viijs. viijd.

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[p. 218.] Receaved by Edwarde Holland, John Williamson, Edmunde Loonte and Rawffe Fenaye, churche wardens of the parish church of Prescott in anno domini M^oD^olx^oxiiij^o, beginnunge at Sanct Catherines daye and endinge that daye twelmonthe.

Inprimis, resavid of William Turner beinge on of the olde churche wardens, suche money as was in their handes ouer their accomptes, vs. vd. Item, receaved for the church ley of Prescott, xs. Item, receaved for the church ley of Ranhill, vs. Item, receaved for the church ley of Whiston, vs. Item, receaved for the church ley of Eccleston, xs. Item, receyued for the church ley of Ranforthe, xs. Item, receyued for the church ley of Wyndle, xs. Item, receyued for the church ley of Parr, xs. Item, receaved for the church ley of Sutton, xixs. jd. Vnpayde in the handes of Master Edwarde Halsall for Burtonheade groundes, xjd. Summa recept', iiij li. vs. vd.

X Receyud for the church ley of Farnworth syde, v^{to} die Januarie, anno domini 1574 and anno Eliz. Regine xvij^o. For Bold, xvjs. xd. Ditton and Penketh, xvjs. xd. Cuerdeley, viijs. vd. Sonkye, viijs. viijd. Wydnes byhynd, xvjs. xd. Cranton byhynd, viijs. vd.

[p. 219.] Paymentes made by Edwarde Hollande, John Williamson, Edmunde Loonte and Rawffe Fennaye, churche wardens of the parishe churche of Prescott in anno domini 1573, and endinge that daye twelmonthe.

Inprimis, payde to Edwarde Houghton for makinge a stele to the churche anenes the house of John Heye, viijd. Item, for wyne at three sundry tymes, vijd. Item, for a rope to the turne yate, ijd. Item, spente by Edwarde Holland, Rawffe Fenaye and Henry Rougley at Wigan the xxiiijth day of March, when the church wardens were called thether by Master Fletcher of London with the regester booke, xxd. Item, payde there the same daye

for the admittinge of the regester booke, viijd. Item, spent by Edwarde Hollande at Ormsechurche the xijth day of Julye, when he was appointed by Master Edward Halsall to goe thether to take order as concerninge the money for the rogges, iiijd. Item, payde to Rodger Sonky of Ormsechurche the vth daye of August to wardes the keepinge of the rogges there for the hole parish of Prescott for one yeare, xxvjs. xd. Item, spent by the same Edward the same day, iiijd. Item, allowede in Quiston to Henrye Coke, Rawffe Shawe for the cariage of one roge to Wigan, xijd.

[p. 220.] Item, allowed in Eccleston to William Colley and Lawrance Farcloughe for bringinge of three rogges to Ormsechurche, ijs. vjd. Item, allowede in Eccleston to Henry Heye and Thurstan Pyke for bringinge two rogges to Ormsechurche, viijd. Item, payde for wyne, iiijd. Item, payde to John Taillior for mendynge the thirde bell in the step and the dyall for the clocke, vjd. Item, payde to on of my Lorde Bishop of Chesters men the xxvijth of September, which came to se reformation in the church of certen ceremonyes, accordinge to the articles appointed, and for a cotype of the same articles, xxd. Item, payde to sir Olyuer Orell for a bottell of wyne, vjd. Item, payde to William Harden for syxtene wyndles of whitlyme, after euey wyndle viijd. the whole summe, xs. viijd. Item, payde to Hugh Greene for takinge the acquitance for the rogges and billes of allowance to Wigan at the Quarter Sessions, and making answare for the church wardens the xjth daye of October, iiijd. Item, payde to Thomas Sherlocke for sclatinge ouer the wyndowe vppon the south syde of the church, by the space of a daye, hym self and two seruantes, vppon his owne table, xxiij. Item, payde to James Dichefelde for nayles for the same windowe, ijd. Item, payde to Edmund Loonte for makinge the firste bell while and the greate bell while, by the space of three dayes and a half, vppon his owne table, ijs. iiijd.

[p. 221.] Item, for bordes payde to Edmund Loonte for the same whyles, xviiij. Item, to the same Edmund Loonte for lytell nales, iij. Item, to John Taillior for makinge longe nales for the same whyles, and to Henry Taillior for tacket nayles, ijd. Item, Edmund Lunt fowre dayes in makinge the northe church dore, vppon his owne table, ijs. viij. Item, for fowre boardes and ribbes for the same doare, iijs. vjd. Item, payde to Henry Taillior, Edward Hollande and John Hey for boardes to be lyninge for the northe church dore, xxjd. Item, to Henry Taillior for dowble spykinges for the northe church dore, jd. Item, payde to John Taillior for mendinge the bandes of the northe church dore and nayles for the same bandes, and ten longe nayles for the new single which was lost vppon the church, vjd. Item, payde to George Tapley for shacleinge the belles and mendinge the ropes for one hole yeare, ijs. Item, payde to

Edmund Loonte for two dayes workinge at the churche porche, vppon his owne table, xvjd. Item, for two soles and gable boardes to the same porche, xxd.

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[p. 224.] The accomptes of Edward Holland, John Williamson, Edmund Lonte and Raffe Fenney, churche wardens, taken the xth daye of Januarye anno domini 1574, before the eyghte men last before named, for one wholle yere, vpon whiche accomptes all thenges allowed, there remayne in the sayde churche wardens handes xxxiij. s. id. over and besydes suche dettes as appereth owinge before in this boke.

Churche wardens neweyle elected the said xth of Januarye : Hughe Grene, Thomas Justyce, William Tunstall, Bryan Hayward. Eyght men elected at the same tyme : Thomas Potter, John Standishe, John Dyke, John Nayleor, James Ackers thelder, Henry Ackers, William Tvrner, Petur Lyon.

[“ Book of Burials ” 1573-4]¹

Resaved by Edwarde Holland, John Williamson, Edmund Loont and Rawffe Fennay, churche wardens of the par[ish] church of Prescott in anno domini MCCCClxxiiij, beginninge at Sainte Catherynes Day and endinge that daye twelmonth.

Imprimis, for the buriall of the wif of Robart Robie, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wif of Adam Allerton, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Cecely Tunstall, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wif of Peter Cowper, ijs. Item, for the buriall of a childe of Symon Garnet, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wif of Omfreye Roughley, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wif of James Worsleye, ijs. Item, for the buriall of a child of Adam Hayworth, ijs.

Paymentes made by Edwarde Holland, John Williamson, Edmund Loonte and Rawffe Fennaye, church wardenes of the parishe church of Prescott in anno domini MCCCClxxiiij, begininge at Sainte Catherynes Day and endinge that day twelmonth.

C Imprimis, to Thomas Stanley, for mendinge of the clocke . . . Item, to Thomas Sherlocke, for sclatyng vppon the reuestrie wh . . . withe leade, by the space of a daye, hymself and his two seruantes, vppon theyre owne table, xxijd. Item, for nayles to the same, jd. Item, to the wyf of Edwarde Goldicar, for gettinge sande [to] make morter to the reuestrie, jd.

Vpon the accompte mayde to the viij men by the churche wardens, the xth of Januarie 1574, there remayneth in theyre hands, all charges allowed, the some of vs. viijd., besyds ijs. owynge by Adam Haworth, as apereth before in this boke.

X Payd to the constables of Wydnes and Penketh theyr allowance of the cariage of rogges to Ormschurch and Wigan, which was allowed them [by] Master Halsall, iij. s. iiijd.

1. The 29 lines which follow are from a sheet found in the church chest.

1574-5

[p. 225.] Receaued by Bryan Haywarde, Hughe Greene, William Tunstall and Thomas Justice, churche wardens of the parish churche of Prescotte, anno domini M^oD^olxxiiij, beginninge at Saincte Katherins daye and endinge at that daye twelmonte.

Receaued of Edwardde Hollande with thother churche wardens ouer theyre accomptes the last yeare as appeareth by this booke, xxxiijs. jd. Receaued for a churche leye in Cronton, viijs. vd. Receaued for a churche ley in Widnes, xvjs. xd. [Remainder of page blank.]

[p. 226.] Payde by Bryan Hayewarde, Hugh Greene, William Tunstall and Thomas Justice, churche wardens of the parish churche of Prescotte, anno domini M^oD^olxxiiij^o, beginninge at Saincte Katherins daye and endinge at that daye twelmonte.

Inprimis, to Greene of Winstandelewe for dooble spykinges and syngle spykinges to fasten the newe shingle with, viijd. Item, for wyne bowght by sir Oliuer Orrell, iijd. Item, for wyne bowght at Chester, vd. Item, for a bell rope to the seconde bell, ijs. ijd. Item, to John Tayllior for xxxijth longe nayles for the newe shingle, xvjd. Item, payde to the glaysor of Ormeschurche for mendinge the churche windowes abowt the churche and morteringe theym after the sydes, and fasteninge theym to the barres with leade, vjs. Item, to William Harden for fiue windelles of whitlyme, iijs. iiijd. Item, to Edmund Lunte for workinge one daye vppon his owne table in fasteninge the newe shingle where as yt was lose, viijd. Item, for one of the churche wardens table in helpinge the said Edmund the same daye, iiijd. Item, to John Tayllior for longe nayles to the same woork, vjd. Item, spende by William Tunstall and Thomas Justice in laboringe to Preston by the space of fiue dayes beginninge the xxjth day of Februarie, and so procedinge forther, by the commaundement of Henrye, Earle of Darbie and other commissioners, xs. Item, payde to Mr Manne for wrytinge the presentemente, xijd. Item, spende the xvijth of Aprill by the churche wardens at Ormischurche when they were called thither by the Justic, concerning the statutes for the crowes, xijd.

[p. 227.] Item, spende by the churche wardens at Ormischurche the vijth of Maye, at such tymes they shoulde haue payde the moneye concerninge the crowes, vjd. Item, spende by Thomas Justice at Wigan the xjth of Maye at that tyme the churche wardens weere appoynted to bringe the money to the commissioners for the crowes, vjd. Item, payde to Oliuer Frodsome for mendinge the church yate, jd. Item, payde for a bottell of wyne at Liuerpole against Whitsundaye, iiijd. Item, payde for a pewter bottell to serue the churche, xd. Item, payed to John Taillior for makinge a bande to staye the greate bell wheele to the bell heade, iijd. Item, payde for three hundreth of stone nayle and

xxiiijth longe spykinges, to Greene of Winstanleye for the church porch, viij^d. Item, payed to John Taillior for makinge fowre bandes to the church yate, and nayles for the same of his owne iron, viij^d. Item, payde to Perciuall Potter for a bushell of whytyme for the church porch, and other necessaryes, ijs. iiij^d. Item, spent at Wigan the fyrst daye of August at the visitacion by the church wardens and two of the sworne men, ijs. iiij^d. Item, payde for takinge of theyre othes, iiij^d. Item, payde for wrytinge theyr presentemente, xij^d. Item, payde at the receauinge of theyr presentmente, iiij^d. Item, payde for a bottell of wyne the xxjth of August, iiij^d. Item, for a hundreth singeing breade, ijd. Item, payde to John Heye for layeing of two easinge boardes after the church porch, jd. Item, for a bottell of wyne the thyrde daye of September, iiij^d. Item, payde to George Wackefeilde for takinge the olde scates besydes the church porch and coueringe newe agayne, by the space of three dayes and a half vppon his owne table, ijs. viij^d. Item, payde to Edward Goldicar for helpinge the said George downe with the olde scates, and caryenge sande and water to make mortar with, iiij^d. Item, payde to John Taillior for makinge a latche to the church yate, iij^d.

[p. 228.] Item, payde to Henry Wooddes, masune, for fowre yardes of crisps stone for the church porch, ijs. Item, payde to Percyuall Potter for halfe a bushell of whitlyme to laye the crisps vppon the porch with and other necessities, xiiij^d. Item, payde to John Taillior for makinge a plate and vij hopes for the greate bell heade and one pyn, viij^d. Item, for a bottell of wyne the x^t of Nouember, iiij^d. Item, payde to George Tapleye for makinge shackels to the belles and mendinge the olde ropes, ijs. Item, payde to Crissell Goldicar for washinge of the priest surples and other thinges belongenge to the church, xij^d. Item, payde for a bell rope for the greate belle, ijs. vjd. Item, payde for wrytinge of the bookes all the whole yeare, xij^d. Item, spent by the church wardens when they made vp theyr booke, vjd.

The charge of the church wardenes lade owt the yere of our Lord 1575, as apereth by thes acount taken before the viij men and part of the gentillmen, the som of liijs. iiij^d., so remaneth in our handes vs. jd.

Church wardines elected by the viij men, the ij of December. Jhon Pyck, Thomas Eltonhed, Robert Kenwrick, Ric' Traves.

[“Book of Burials” 1574-5]¹

Receaued by Bryan Haywarde, Hughe Greene, William Tunstall and Thomas Justice, church wardens of the parishe church of Prescotte, anno domini MDlxxiiij, beginninge at Sayncte Ketherens daye and endinge at that daye twelmonthe.

1. The following 16 lines are from a sheet found in the church chest.

Imprimis, receaved for the buriall of a childe of Adam Haywarde, ijs. Item, for the buriall of M^r Richarde Ecleston, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Edward Stocleye, ijs. Item, for the buriall of George Awen, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wyf of William Leadebeter, ijs. Item, for the buriall of William Ascrofte, ijs. Item, for the buriall of William Hollande gentleman, ijs. Vnpayed, for the buriall of Richarde Cowper, ijs., Isabell Robie, ijs., John Leye, ijs. Receaved for burialles of the last yeare afore, as appeareth by the accomptes in this booke . . .

Vppon the accompt mad to the [vij men] and part of the gentelmen by the ch[urch] wardenes, the ij of December 1575, remaineth in their handes xxj . . . besydes iijs. leys as ap . . .

1575-6

[p. 229.] Receaved by John Pyke, Robarte Kenwricke, Richarde Traves and John Dyke, churche wardenes of the parishe churche of Prescotte, anno domini M^oCCCCC^{lxxv}^o, beginninge at St Katherins daye and endinge at that daye twelmonthe.

Receaved of Hughe Greene and Thomas Justice with thother churche wardenes ouer theyre accomptes the last yeare as appeareth, xxvjs. ixd.

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[p. 230.] Payde by John Pyke, Robt Kenwricke, Rychard Traves and John Dyke, churche wardenes of the parishe churche of Prescotte, anno domini M^oCCCCC^{lxxv}^o, beginninge at St Katherins daye and endinge at that day twelmonthe.

Inprimis, spende at Chester by John Dyke and Robt Kenwricke and theyre horses from Mondaye in the morninge vntil Wednesday at night, at suche tyme as churche wardenes were called thither by processe, vijs. Item, spende at Wigan at the justice seate abowte the roges moneye, by John Pyke and Rycharde Traves, xijd. Item, for paper, jd. Item, for wyne bought at Liuerpole and cariage, vd. Item, for a horse hyde to be bell shackles, ijs. iiijd. Item, vnto George Tapleye for shackleinge the belles and mendinge the belle ropes for the yeare, ijs. Item, spende at Farneworthe, beinge there to speke with the churche wardenes of Farneworth syde abowte the roge moneye, ijd. Item, another tyme at Prescotte abowte a reckning, iijd. Item, to John Smithe for mendinge the locke of the reuestrie dore, iijd. Item, to the same John for a bocle to a beame whele and a stable to the haspe for the belles, iiijd. Item, for xj powndes of brasse to an olde stepp of the thirde bell, and castinge newe of the same steppe by Christofer Swetinge of Wigan, vijs.

[p. 231.] Item, vnto John Smithe for goeing vnto Wigan with the brasse for the stepp and for his charges beinge there two dayes, xxd. Item, vnto Edmund Loonte for makinge the thirde bell a wheele, he fyndinge all the stuff to yt, iijs. Item, for wyne at Penthecost, iiijd. Item, for wyne at St Luke daye,

iiijd. Item, to the wief of Edwarde Goldicar for washinge of the churche close, xijd. Item, for belle rope and cariage, ijs. Item payde for wrytinge of the booke all the yere, xijd. Item, spente by the churche wardens when they made vpp theyre boocke, vijd.

The names of the eighte men : Henrye Tailler, Hughe Leye, Henrye Robye, John Knowles, Thomas Garnett, Hughe Webster, Thomas Winstandley, Richarde Howghton.

The charges of the churche wardenes lade owt the yere of owre Lord 1576, as apereth by there acownt taken before the viij men and pert of the gentellmen, the some of xxxjs. ixd., and so remaneth in there handes ixs., besydes the beriales, as apereth by the bocke of the beriales.

The names of the churche wardens chosen by the Eight men : Rainfforthe, Edward Lyon. For Sutton, William Harden. For Parr, Nycholas Ellum. For Whiston, William Greene.

[pp. 232 and 233 missing.]

[“ Book of Burials ” 1575-6]¹

Receaved by John Pyke, Robarte Kenwricke. Rycharde Traves and John Dyke, churche wardens of the parishe churche of Prescotte, anno domini MCCCClxxv, beginninge at St Katherins Daye and endinge at that daye twelmonthe.

Imprimis, for the buriall of Edward Wolfall, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wief of Robt Garnett, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Nycholas Wirrall, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Bryan Hayworthe, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Thomas Kenwricke, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Clemens the wief of Edward Stocleye, ijs. Item, for the buriall of John Leye, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Mergerett Hollande, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wief of Rychard Dyke, ijs. Item, for the buriall of John Leadebetter, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wief of Thomas Sherlocke, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Isabell Robye, in tholde churche wardens accompte, ijs.

Vpon the acownt made to the viij men and other of the gentilmen by the church wardens, the xvij of Desember, 1576, and so remaneth in there handes ixs. . . . and xs. to be gethered for buriall., as apereth by this bock.

1576-7

[p. 234.] Item, to Edmunde Turner for fyve bordes to mende the rooffe betwene the church and the chansell, ijs. Item, payde to George Tapleye for mendinge the northe syde of the churche with shingle that was remayninge in the revestrie, and mendinge the rooffe with the fyve bordes afforesaide, and one to serve hym, vppon theyre owne table, by the space of three dayes and a half, iijs. ijd. Item, for wyne boght at Liuerpole and the cariadge

1. The following 18 lines are from a sheet found in the church chest.

home, vd. Item, for a hunderthe of singeing breade, iijd. Item spent by William Greene at suche tyme as there was no wyne, to one to goe to Knowsleye to gett wyne to serve folkes with, jd. Item, for paper, jd. Item, spent the xxvth daye of November when the churche wardens were called before the deanes, iijd.

[p. 235.] Item, payde for washinge the surples all the whole yeare, xijd. Item, payde for wrytinge of the boke all the yeare, xijd.

The charges of the churche wardenes, anno domini 1577, doth amont to xvijjs. vjd. as apereth by the acompt taken by the viij men at Sent Kateryns daye, and so remayneth in there handes ix. s. vjd., besydes iijs. that is to be receuyd that is owynge for buryalles.

The names of the Eight men : Thomas Potter, James Ackers thelder, William Potter, Rycharde Ackers, William Burchall, Peeter Terbocke, William Tunstall, John Denton thelder.

The names of the churchwardens : Prescottt, Whiston and Raynehill, John Glover ; for Sutton, Wylliam Sutton ; for Eccleston, Hughe Webster ; for Wyndle, Robarte Billinge.

[" Book of Burials " 1576-7]¹

Receaved by William Greene, [William Hawarden], Edward Lyon and Nycholas Ellum, chur[ch wardens] of the parishe churche of Prescottt, anno [domini MDlxxvj], beginninge at St Katheryns Daye [and ending] that daye twelmonthe.

Imprimis, receaved of the xs. that did [remain unpaid] . . . Vnpayde of the same, in the handes of Thomas Sherlocke, for the buriall of his wyff, ijs. Vnpayde in the handes of John Dyke, for the buriall of his mother, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of the wyff of Thomas Terbocke, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wyeffe of Thomas Pemberton, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wyff of Rodger Hayworthe, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wyff of Ellyce Gleaste, ijs. Item, for the burial of Rawff Haworthe, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wyeff of Rycharde Dobson, ijs.

1577-8

[p. 236.] 1577

Receaved by Hughe Webster, William Sutton, John Glover and Robarte Billinge, churchwardens of the parishe churche of Prescotte, anno domini M[CCCCC]lxxvij, begynnynge at St Katherins daye and endinge at that daye twelmonthe.

Inprimis, receaved of tholde churche wardens at their handes that was remayninng in their handes, ix. s. vjd. Item, receaved of George Bower because he refused to be churche warden accordinge to custome, ijs. Summa recept', xjs. vjd.

[p. 237 blank.]

1. The following 14 lines are from a sheet found in the church chest.

[p. 238.] 1577

Paymentes made by Hughe Webster, William Sutton, John Glover and Robarte Billinge, church wardens of the parishe church of Prescotte, begynnynge at St Katerins daye in the yeare of our lorde M CCCCC lxxvij and endinge at that daye twelmonthe.

In primis, to John Smithe that the olde church wardens sholde have payde for mendinge of the belles the last yere, ijs. Item, for wyne bought at iij seuerall tymes, xijd. Item, in communion breade, jd. Item, in wyre vnto the clock, ijd. Item, a rope to the clocke, xxd. Item, for a bell rope boughte at Warington by William Sutton, ijs. iiijd. Item, to Edmund Loonte and John Smithe for mendinge of the frame belles, viijd. Item, to the glaysier of Ormeschurche for mendinge of the church windowes, iijs. xd. Item, for mendinge of the church yate, iiijd. Item, to George Tapleye for shackeling of the belles, ijs. Item, for washinge of the surples all the whole yeare, xijd. Summa partis solut', xvjs. jd.

[p. 239.] Item, to John Smithe for mendinge a haspe to the thirde bell, ijd. Item, spende at Ormeschurche when the church wardens were called thether to appere before the Commissioners, beinge twoe of the church wardens by the space of twoe nightes and three dayes, iijs. Item, payde at the visitacion at Wigan before the Archebishop of York his deputie, for one booke of articles, xijd. Item, for the examinacion of the church wardens and sworne men, viijd. Item, for the charges of the xij men viz., the olde church wardens for the last yere iiij, the iiij church wardens for this yeare, and the iiij sworne men, vjs. Item, for wrytinge the boke all the yere, xijd. Item, spent by the church wardens when they were called before Frances Midcalf abowte the catechismes,¹ vjd. Summa part' solut', xiijs. iiijd. Summa totalis solut' in hoc anno 1578, xxixs. vd.

[p. 240.] 1578

The feaste daye of St Cateryn, 1578. The charges of the church wardens the yeare paste dothe amounte to xxixs. iiijd., and theyre receyptes dyd come to xjs. vjd., so that there is owinge to them by the sayde paryshe the somme of xvijs. xjd.

Item, they haue receyued of Mr Lancaster, whiche he alledgeth to be the xlth parte of the vycar his benefyce, to be distributed to the pore as the discrecion of thinhabitantes of the whole paryshe, or most of them, shall thinke good etc. [no amount given.] Whereof is paid to thinhabitants of Farenworthe out of the sayde somme, [no amount given.]

The names of the Eyght men newlye chossen, whiche toke the sayde accownte : Henrye Tayleor, William Parre of Rainforthe,

1. As later references show, the Little Catechisms were books or tracts which the churchwardens were expected to give or sell to parishioners. These were perhaps the "books which we were compelled to buy" in 1572.

Elys Gleaste, Adam Hayward, James Waynewright, George Rachedale, Edward Henryson, Ric' Traves.

Churchwardens appointed by the said Eight men : George Kenwryck, Henry Sutton, Hughe Sefton, Thomas Tycle.

[p. 241.] Memorandum that it is agreed by the Eightmen, the ixth daie of Januarie in the yere of the Lorde God 1578, that one whole leye and half a leye shalbe gathered in the parishe of Prescotte vpon bothe sydes of the parishe, for the reparacions of the said parishe, and other necessaries thervnto belonging.

The names of the Eightmen. [As above.]

[" Book of Burials " 1577-8]¹

Receaved by Hugh Webster, William Sutton, John Glover and Robarte Billinge, churche wardens of the parishe church of Prescotte, the yere of our Lord God a thowsande fyve hundrethe three score and seventeene, begynnynge at St Katheryns Daye and endinge at that day twelmo[nth].

Imprimis, receaved of Thomas Sherlock for the buriall of his wief . . . Item, receaved of John Dyke for the buriall of his mother, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Em Cropper, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wief of James Tunstall, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Edward Holland, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Cunstance the wief of John Burton, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Richarde Watmogh, ijs. Item, for the buriall of a childe of the goodman of [the] Scholes, ijs. Item, for the buriall of [Rau]ffe Webster, ijs. Vnpaide, in the handes of Richarde Worsley, for the buriall of a childe of William Smithe his sonne in lawe, ijs. Sum, xxs.

1578-9

1579

The accomptes of Hugh Sefton, Thomas Tycle, Henrie Sutton and George Kenwrithe, church wardens of the parishe church of Prescotte, taken bye the Eightmen, the xvijth daie of December anno domini 1579 predicto, beginninge at St Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelmonthe.

Imprimis, receyved of the Cunstables of Prescotte for one leye and an half towards the necessaries of the said parishe church, xvs. Item, receyved of the Cunstables of Whiston, vijs. vjd. Item, receyved of the Cunstables of Raynehill, vijs. vjd. Item, receyved of the Cunstables of Sutton, xxxs. Item, receyved of the Cunstables of Eccleston and Rainforthe, xxxs. Item, receyved of the Cunstables of Windle and Parre, xxxs. Summa totalis, vj li.

Item, theire is behind and vnpaid vpon Fernorth syde of the parish one whole leye and half. Imprimis, in Bolde [amounts

1. The following 15 lines are from a sheet found in the church chest. The beginning of the accounts of 1578-9, which come next, are a continuation of page 241.

of this and the following six items not given.] Item, in Widnes. Item, Ditton. Item, in Curdeley. Item, in Cronton. Item, in Sonkie. Item, in Penketh. Item, receyved of Henry Tayleor, for bricke iiij C and one half and tenne odde bricke, iijs. vjd.

[pp. 242 and 243 missing.]

[p. 244.] Item, pd for the tabley of Edwarde Sutton vj daies, for worke done to the vse of the church, xxd. Item, expended of vs, Thomas Tyle and Henrie Sutton, church wardens afforesaid, oone daie in goinge to Fernorthe for the church leye, vjd. Item, pd for makinge of our accomptes and writinge one obligacion and diverse bills, ijs. Item, expended of vs, the said church wardens, one daie at the metinge of the Eightmen for the taxacion of one whole leye, ix. Item, expended of vs, the said church wardens, one daie in goinge to Winwick, beinge then called beffore Commissioners for certen causes, xijd. Item, pd for one other bell rope bought at Warington, ijs. Item, expended of me, Henrie Sutton, church warden afforesaid, one daie in goinge to Fernorthe for the church ley, iij. Item, pd to Henri Tayleor for fuell towards the vse of the castinge of the newe bell, iijs. iij. Item, expended of vs, the said church wardens, when we came beffore the gent' and the viij men to yelde vppe our accomptes, which accomptes were not admitted, xijd. Henrie Sutton two dayes to Fernorthe, vjd. Summa, vij li. xvijs. ijd. Item, paide to Richarde Berrye for mending of the clocke, viijs. Summa huius pagine, viij li. vs. ijd.

[p. 245.] Paymentes pred'. Item, to John Taillior for makinge a bell clapper, iijs. iij. Item, to Gyles Lyon for repairinge the frame of the first bell, vjd. Item, to John Webster for mendinge of one bell whele and other necessaryes, ijs. vjd. Item, to Henrie Sutton for one key, iij. Item, to Ellen Sutton for the washing of the surples, xijd. Item, to Alexander Hollande gent. for nene hundrethe of bricke, xvs. Item, to John Houghton for leadinge fowre loades of bricke, ijs. viij. Item, to the same John for leadinge iij loades of claye, ix. Item, to John Williamson, alias Tomson, for killinge of crowes accordinge to the statute, vs. Summa partis, xxxijs. Summa totalis of all the paymentes, ix li. xvijs. ijd.

[p. 246.] The accomptes of Hughe Sefton, Thomas Tyle, Henrie Sutton and George Kenwrighte, church wardens aforenamed, beinge taken by the Eight men whose names be subscribed, and in the presence of Henrie Eccleston esquier and other of the gent' of the same parishe, the xvth daye of Januarye, anno domini 1579 predicto, at which daye it dothe appere that the parishe ys in debted to the said churchwardens as appereth by this boke, lvijs. vijd. The names of the viij men which toke the accomptes of the said wardens : of Prescott, John Pyke ; Whiston, James Ackers senior ; Raynehill, Henrie Ackers ; Sutton, Henrie

Garnett ; of Eccleston, Richarde Bower ; of Raynforthe, John Nayler ; of Windle, Thomas Winstanley ; of Parre, John Knowles.

[signed] HENRY ECCLESTON. ALEXANDER HOLLAND.
HENRYE LATHOM. WILLM STANDISSHE.
HENRIE CONEY.

Item, this present day of their accomptes taken, there remaynethe vnpaied on Farneworthe syde of this parishe one whole leye and a half, the some of fyve powndes xiiij. X

Item, the said churchwardens are to be charged with leade which did remayne in the parishe church and not yet answered, to the valew of xls.

[signed] HENRY ECCLESTON.
HENRIE CONEY.

[p. 247.] This present xvth of Januarie 1579 the Eight men did electe to be churchwardens for this present yere, these persons whose names ensewe : for Prescottt, Whiston and Raynehill, Henrie Browne ; for Sutton, Thomas Justice ; for Eccleston and Rainforthe, Thomas Terbocke ; for Windle and Parr, Henrie Lyon.

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1579-80

[p. 248.] 1580

The accomptes of Thomas Justice, Henrie Browne, Henrie Lyon and Thomas Torbock, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescotte, of theire receiptes, taken by the Eight men the seconde daie of December anno domini predicto, beginninge at St Katherins daie and endinge at that daie thelue month.

Receyved of Farneworthe syde of the parishe for one whole ley and a half. Imprimis, of Bolde, receyved the somme of xxvs. iiijd. Item, receyved of Cuerdley, xijs. vijd. ob. Item, receyved of Widnes, xxvs. iiijd. Item, receyved of Sonkie, xiijs. Item, receyved of Ditton, xvjs. xd. Item, receyved of Penkethe, viijs. vd. Summa totalis recept' v li. xvijs. iiijd. ob. Item, vnpaid in Cranton of the said one leye and an half, xijs. vijd. ob. X

Memorandum, Bryan Fells of Prescotte in the Countie of Lancaster, yoman, receyved of vs the said churchwardens, the xiiijth daie of Auguste, anno domini 1580 predicto, seaven score and nyne pices of organ pypes.

Hiis testibus, ROGERO DEVIAS, CLERICO.¹
EDWARDO SUTTON, cum aliis.

[p. 249.] 1580.

Paymentes made by vs, Thomas Justice, Henrie Browne, Henrie Lyon and Thomas Torbocke, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescotte, in anno domini 1580 predicto, beginninge at

1. Roger Devias was curate at Prescott Parish Church. He subsequently became Vicar of Huyton, 1587-1608.

St Katherins daie, and endinge at that daie tweluemonth, in manner and forme folowing.

Imprimis, expended of vs, Thomas Justice and Henrie Browne, church wardens afforesaid, iiij daies at Manchester, beinge called there beefore Commissioners for causes ecclesiasticall, vijs. Item, expended of me, the said Thomas Justice, at Manchester afforesaid, iij daies and an half, when the book of the names of the parishners was deliuered to the said Commissioners there, ijs. vjd. Item, expended of vs, Thomas Justice and Henrie Browne, church wardens afforesaid, at the visitacion of the L. Byshoppe of Chester at Wigan,¹ xvjd. Item, paid for fyve bookes at Wigan called the bookes of the earth quake,² xxd. Item, pd for one book of articles the same tyme at Wigan, xd. Item, pd for the examinacion of vs, the sd Thomas Justice and Henrie Browne, vpon the same articles, at Wigan, xvjd. Item, pd for the deliuerie of the same examinacion, iiijd. Item, expended of vs, the said Thomas Justice and Henrie Browne, iiij daies in goinge to Ferneworthe for the church ley, xvjd. Item, expended of me, the said Thomas Torbock, iiij daies in goinge to Ferneworth for the church ley, vjd. Item, expended of vs, the said Thomas Justice, Henrie Browne and Thomas Torbock, in goinge to Ferneworth at the receipte of parte of payment of the said ley, vjd. Item, pd for writinge of the names of the parishers, iiijd.

[p. 250.] Item, pd to Gyles Lyon for the makinge of the turned yate, iijs. iiijd. Item, pd to John Tayleur for yron and workmanship to the bells, and to the sd turned yate, iijs. iijd. Item, pd to George Tapley for shaclinge of the bells for the last yere, ijs. Item, pd to Robt Orrell for mendinge of the stepes of the bells and other necessities at the bells, xxd. Item, pd for meate and drinke to certayne persons which assisted the sd Robert the same tyme, aboute the takinge vp of the same bells, xd. Item, pd to George Tapley for one litle rope to the turned yate, and layinge of stoness to the same yate, vjd. Item, pd for wyne at seuerall tymes, vjd. Item, pd for wyer to the clocke, ijd. Item, expended of vs, the said church wardens iiij daies at Prescott, towching the writinge of the parishners names, and other thinges necessarie, xd. Item, pd to Henrie Sutton and others his fellowes church wardens of the last yere, beefore the gent' of the parishe, in their olde accomptes, xvijs. vijd. Item, expended of vs, the sd church wardens at Prescott, in removinge of thinges from the leade vpon the church, iijd. Item, pd to Richard Leadbeter for goinge to Sefton for a wright to the bells, vjd. Item, pd to Edward Houghton and his man, for mendinge and reparinge

1. Apparently the primary visitation of William Chaderton, who was appointed Bishop of Chester in 1579.

2. A work containing prayers and lessons inspired by the earthquake which damaged St. Paul's Cathedral on 6th April, 1580 (Strype's *Annals*, Vol. 2, p.668).

the bell frame, and layinge of the gochens of the bells, ijs. ix^d. Item, pd to John Tayleor for yron and workmanshippe to the bells, xvjd. Item, paid for the table of the sd Edward Houghton and his man, iijs. viij^d. Item, pd for one bell rope bought at Warrington, ijs. iiij^d. Item, pd to George Tapley for shaclinge of the bells, ijs.

[p. 251.] Item, expended vpon certen persons at the howse of Gyles Lyon, for ringinge vpon the daie of the coronacion of the quenes matie that nowe is, for the last yere, ijs. Item, pd for a horse hyde for the bell collors, ijs. Item, pd to John Webster for rushes to stray in the cauncell at the cominge of the l.l.¹ to Prescotte, vjd. Item, pd to Ellin Kenwright for tallowe to the bells, ijd. Item, expended of vs, the said churchwardens at Wigan, when wee were called theire beffore the Jurie of gent' for causes ecclesiasticall, xxd. Item, pd for writinge and makinge of our accountes, ijs. Item, expended of vs, the said churchwardens, when wee were beffore the Jurie of gent' at Prescotte, for causes ecclesiasticall, xijd. Item, expended vpon certen persons, for ringinge vpon the daie of the coronacion of the Quenes matie that now is etc., xvjd. Item, pd to Bryan Fells, which assisted the said Edward Houghton and his man, the wrightes afforesaid, in takinge vp of the bells, vjd. Item, paid for great nayles to the vse of the shingle vpon the church, xijd. Item, pd to Edward Sutton for the washinge of the surples, xijd. Item, pd to the same Edward, which assisted the sd wrightes in takinge vp of the said bells, vjd. Item, pd to Myles Mather for mendinge and reparinge of the frame of the bells, ijs. Item, pd to John Tayleor for makinge of twoe stables to the bells, iiij^d. Item, expended of vs the sd churchwardens at Prescott when wee were determined to deliuer vpp our accomptes vpon St Katherins daie vnto the viij men, and then not receyved, vjd.

[p. 252.] Item, expended of vs the sd churchwardens at Prescotte when wee were called to appere beffore one Midcalf, for the havinge of litle Cathéchismes to be ed' amongst the parishners, viij^d. Item, expended of vs churchwardens at Newton, when wee were called there beffore the jurie of gent' for causes ecclesiasticall, xijd. Summa totalis solut', iiij li. iiij^d.

The accountes of Thomas Justice, Henrie Browne, Henrie Lyon and Thomas Terbock, churchwardens, beinge taken bye the Eightmen whose names hereafter be subscribed, and in the presence of Thomas Lancaster esquier and others, the secounde daie of December, anno domini 1580 predicto, at which daie it doth appere that the sd churchwardens are founde in debt and arreraiges to the parish, all thinges allowed and accompted vnto them for this yere, as apperethe bye this booke, the somme of xxxvijs. ob. [signed] THOMAS LANCASTER.

1. *i.e.* Lords, probably the Ecclesiastical Commissioners, viz., Lord Derby and the Bishop of Chester.

The names of the Eightmen which toke the accomptes of the said wardens: of Prescott, Edmund Turner; Whiston, William Thomasson alias Edwardson; Raynhill, Peter Lancaster; Parre, Bryan Martin; Windell, Henrie Gerrard; Rainforth, James Lyon; Eccleston, Edmund Lonnte; Sutton, Robt Lea junior.

Churchwardens appointed by the sd viij men; for Prescott, Whiston, Raynehill, Thomas Sherlock; for Sutton, Richard Houghton; for Windell, Parre, John Sefton; for Eccleston, Raynforth, Edward Fairrhurst.

1580-1

[p. 253.] 1581

The accomptes of Thomas Justice, Thomas Sherlock, Edward Fairehurst and John Sefton, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescotte, of their receiptes taken bye the Eightmen the viijth daie of December, anno domini predicto, beginninge at Sainte Katherins daie and endinge at that daie thelve monthe.

Imprimis, receyved bye me, the seid Thomas Sherlock at the handes of the olde church wardens, ouer their accomptes the last yere as appereth bye this booke, xxxs. jd. ob. Item, remayninge in the handes of me, the seid Thomas Justice, for the last yere of a counpte (*sic*) as apperethe, vjs. xjd. Item, receyved of Robt Norman, collector of Cronton, for one whole ley and a half, due the laste yere as apperethe, xijs. vijd. Item, receyved of the Cunstable of Sutton for one half ley, xs. Item, receyved of the Cunstable of Prescotte and Windell, xs. Summa recept', iij li. ix. vijd. ob.

Behinde and vnpaid of the seid half ley, as foloweth: Imprimis, in Whiston, . . . Item, in Raynforthe, vs. Item, in Raynehill, . . . Item, in Parre, . . . Item, in Eccleston, . . . Item, there is behinde and vnpaid vpon Ferneworthe syde of this parishe, one half leye. Imprimis, in Bolde, . . . Item, in Cronton, . . . Item, in Widnes, . . . Item, in Sonkie, . . . Item, in Ditton, . . . Item, in Penkethe, . . . Item, in Cuedley, . . .

[p. 254.] Memorandum, that it is agreed bye the Eightmen the xiiijth daie of Auguste in the yere of our Lorde God 1581^o predicto, that one half leye shalbe gathered in the parishe of Prescotte, vpon both sydes of the parishe, for the reparacions of the seid parishe church and other necessities thervnto belonging.

The names of the Eightmen. [As before.]

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[p. 255.] 1581^o

Paymentes made bye vs, Thomas Justice, Thomas Sherlock, Edward Fairehurst and John Sefton, churchwardens of the

parishe church of Prescotte in anno domini 1581^o predicto, beginninge at Saincte Katherins daie, and endinge at that daie thelve monthe, in manner and forme followinge :

Imprimis, paid to William Heye for bourdes and workmanshippe to the coveringe of the turned yate, viijs. Item, paid to the seid William and his man for his tymber and theire workmanshippe in the amending of the shingle vpon the church, xxd. Item, paid to George Taple for shacklinge of the bells, ijs. Item, paid to John Tayleor for yron and workmanshippe to the bells, vjd. Item, spent by me, Thomas Sherlocke, vpon the Eightmen when they came to take the accomptes of our predecessors the churchwardens, vjd. Item, expended by me, Thomas Sherlocke and apon Edward Sutton, ij daies in helpinge the seid William Hey in his worke at the church, ix. Item, expended by me, Thomas Sherlock, at three seuerall tymes, at the takinge vpp of the great bell, and other necessities, vijd. Item, paid to Edward Bedson, the wright, for tymber and makinge of the church yate, ijs. iij. Item, paid for wyne at seuerall tymes, viij. Item, pd to John Webster the yonger for writinge of the names of one quarter of the parishe, for the havinge of the litle Catechismes, iiij.

[p. 256.] Item, paid to Thomas Browne the glasier, for reparinge of the windowes in the church, vijs. iiij. Item, expended by me, Thomas Sherlock, ij daies in assistinge the said glasier in his work, vijd. Item, pd for twoe hundrethe of sngle spykinges, xd. Item, pd for one half hundrethe of doble spykinge nailes, vd. Item, pd for ij bell ropes, iijs. iiij. Item, expended at Winwhick aboute the litle Catechismes for the parishners, vjd. Item, expended of vs, Thomas Justice and Thomas Sherlock, churchwardens afforesaid, ij daies in goinge to Ferneworthe for the church ley, ix. Item, pd for mendinge of the surplesse and clothe to the same, vd. Item, pd to George Wackfeild for settinge fourthe of a hundrethe of sclates, iij. Item, expended of vs, the seid churchwardens at Prescotte, when the viij men came to the church for the taxacion of half a ley, vijd. Item, pd to Bolten men^r for scowringe and dressinge of armor, xvjs. Item, pd to the same men for nailes, buckles and oyle, xix. Item, pd for reparinge of the north side of the church with newe sclates, and mossinge of the same, viijs. Item, pd for gettinge of mosse, bestowed vpon the seid north side of the church, ijs. Item, pd for slate and leadinge of the same, iijs.

[p. 257.] Item, expended vpon certen persons for ringinge vpon the daie of the coronacion of the Quenes ma^{tie} Elizabeth, that nowe is, ijs. vjd. Item, pd to John Tayleor for workmanshippe

1. No doubt those who served for Prescott in the militia or trained bands of the county, which met for annual exercises at Bolton. The Government was becoming concerned about the country's defences at this time.

to the bells, xiiijd. Item, pd for leade, xvd. Item, pd for mendinge of a bell wheele, and gresse to the bells, xd. Item, pd for washinge of the surplesse, xijd. Item, pd for a bell rope bought at Warington, ijs. vjd. Item, pd for a bill of presentmente ed' to Mr Chauncelor at Prescott, iiijd. Item, pd for wyne at seuerall tymes, viijd. Item, pd for makinge of our accountes and other writings, ijs. Item, pd for paper, jd. Item, expended of vs, Thomas Justice, Thomas Sherlocke, churchwardens afforeseid, in goyng to Farneworthe for the churche ley, vjd. Item, paid for wyer to the clock, vjd. Item, paid for xx^{tie} litle Catechismes to the vse of the parishners, ijs. vjd. Summa totalis solut', iiij li. viijd.

The accomptes of Thomas Justice, Thomas Sherlocke, Edwarde Fairehurst and John Sefton, churchwardens afforeseid, beinge taken bye the Eight men whose names hereafter be subscribed, and in the presence of diuerse of the parishners, the viijth daie of December, anno domini predicto viz. 1581^o, at which daie it doth appere that the seid churchwardens are founde in debt and arreraiges to the parishe, all thinges allowed and accounted vnto them for this yere, as apperethe bye this booke, the somme of xjd. ob.

[p. 258.] The names of the Eight men which toke the accomptes of the seid wardens: of Prescotte, John Tayleur; of Parre, Edwarde Henrison; Whiston, Alexander Fraunce; Windell, Peter Torbocke; Raynehill, James Waynewright; Rainforthe, Hughe Brecke; Sutton, William Harden; Eccleston, William Cowper.

Churchwardens appoynted viij^o die mensis Decembris et anno domini 1581^o predicto, bye the seid Eightmen as followeth: for Prescotte, Whiston and Raynehill, Edmund Turner; for Eccleston and Rayneforthe, Thomas Garnette; for Sutton, Roger Hawarde; for Windell, Parre, Edmund Mosse.

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1581-2

[p. 259.] 1582

The accomptes of Edmund Turner, Thomas Justice, Thomas Garnet and Edmund Mosse, churchwardens of the parishe churche of Prescotte, of their receiptes taken bye the Eightmen the xiiijth of December, anno 1582^o, beginninge at Sainte Katerins daie and endinge at that daie thelve monethe.

Imprimis, receyved bye me, the seid Edmund Turner, at the handes of the olde churchwardens, ouer their accomptes this last yeare as apperethe bye this booke, xjd. Item, receyved by me, the seid Edmund Turner, of the Cunstables of Rainforthe for one half ley, vs. Item, receyved bye me, the seid Thomas Garnette, of the Cunstables of Eccleston, vs. Item, receyved bye me, the seid Edmund Turner, of the Cunstables of Raynehill and Whiston, vs. Item, receyved of the Cunstables of Parre, vs.

Item, receyved of the Collectors of Ferneworthe syde of the parishe, for one half ley towards the reparacions of our parishe church, xxxvijs. xjd. Item, receyved for leade of Thomas Sherlocke, xvd. Summa recept' in hoc anno predicto, iij li. iijs. jd.

Memorandum, that Bryan Fells ed' hoc anno to Thomas Foxxe of Sutton gent', xxiiij sclates without the consent of the said wardens.

[signed] THOMAS LANCASTER.

[p. 260.] 1582°

Paymentes made by vs, Edmund Turne, Thomas Justice, Thomas Garnett and Edmund Mosse, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescotte in anno domini 1582° predicto, beginninge at Sancte Katherins daie and endinge at that daie thelve monethe, in manner and forme following :

Imprimis, spent vpon the Eightmen when the toke the accountes of our predecessors the churchwardens, viijd. Item, paid to George Tapley for shacklinge of the bells, ijs. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for white lyme and workmanshippe done, xijd. Item, paid to Richard Berey, the clockmaker, for makinge of a wheele to the clocke and other reparacions thervnto, vs. viijd. Item, expended vpon vs, the churchwardens and the swornemen, metinge at the church for causes ecclesiasticall, xijd. Item, paid for a little rope to the turned yate, iijd. Item, paid to Edmund Lonnte for makinge of a wheele to the secounde bell, and tymber for the same, iijs. ijd. Item, expended bye me, the seid Thomas Garnet, in the assistinge the seid Edmund Lonnte then in his worke, iiijd. Item, expended of vs, the seid churchwardens at Wigan when wee were called theire beffore the l.l. in causes ecclesiasticall, ijs. ixd. Item, expended of twoe of vs, the seid churchwardens, at seuerall tymes in goinge to Ferneworthe for one half ley, xvjd. Item, paid to John Sefton for leadinge of slate, xijd. Item, expended of vs, the seid churchwardens, at Prescotte, metinge together vpon causes ecclesiasticall, xd. Item, paid for washinge of the surplesse and other clothes of the church through the yeare, xijd.

[p. 261.] Item, paid for makinge of our presentment at Ormiskirke, being called thither beffore the l.l. at a Quarters Sessions, xijd. Item, expended of vs, the seid churchwardens, at the seid Quarters Sessions at Ormiskirke, xxd. Item, paid to John Tomson for killinge of croes accordinge to the statute, vjs. iiijd. Item, paid for wyne diuerse and sundrye tymes, xvjd. Item, paid to George Wackfeilde, the sclator, for mossinge and reparinge the church with newe sclates and shingles, vs. vjd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for gettinge of mosse for the vse of the church, xvd. Item, paid for a bell rope bought at Warrington, ijs. vjd. Item, expended of vs. the seid churchwardens, one daie when wee mette together to make our accountes at Prescotte, xijd. Item, paid to John Tayleor, the smythe, for workmanshippe done to

the bells, ijs. Item, expended of vs churchwardens at Warington when wee were called beffore Mr Chauncelor of Chester there at a visitacion, xvd. Item, expended vpon diuerse persons for ringinge of the bells vpon the daie of the coronacion of the Quenes matie, Elizabeth that now is, ijs. vjd. Item, paid for makinge of our accountes and other writinges for the vse of the church, ijs. Item, paid to John Sefton for leadinge of stone, viijd. Item, paid for twoe bell ropes bought at Warington, iijs. vjd. Item, paid for cariage of three bell ropes bought at Warington, vd. Item, paid to Ric' Berry, the clockmaker, for killinge of rattes and pyes accordinge to the statute, xjd. Item, pd for a little rope to the turned yate, ijd. Summa totius solut', lvs. xjd.

[p. 262.] 1582

The accomptes of Edmund Turner, Thomas Justice, Thomas Garnet and Edmund Mosse, churchwardens afforesaid, beinge taken bye the Eightmen, whose names hereafter be named, and in the presence of Thomas Lancaster Esquier and diuerse others, the xiiijth of December anno domini 1582^o predicto, at which daie it doth appere that the seid churchwardens are founde in debt and arreraiges to the parishe, all thinges allowed and accounted vnto them for this yeare, as apperethe bye this booke, the somme of vijs. xjd.

The names of the Eightmen which toke the accomptes of the seid wardens: off Prescott, James Dichefeilde; Raynehill, Hughe Lea; Parre, William Turner; Eccleston, Hugh Webster; Whiston, Thomas Garnette; Sutton, Henrie Roughley; Windle, Edward Cowper; Raynforthe, Hugh Sefton.

Churchwardens appointed, xiiijth of December et anno domini 1582^o predicto, bye the seid Eightmen vt sequitur: for Prescott, Whiston and Raynehill, Alexander Fraunce; for Eccleston, Rainforthe, John Nayler; for Sutton, Hugh Barnes; for Windle and Parre, Bryan Martin.

[signed] THOMAS LANCASTER

[p. 263.] Memorandum, that is agreed bye the Eightmen, the xxvth daie of August in the yeare of our Lorde God 1583^o, that one half ley shalbe gathered in the parishe of Prescotte, vpon both sydes of the parishe, for the reparacions of the seid parishe churche and other necessities thervnto belonginge.

The names of the Eightmen [As above].

["Book of Burials" 1581-2]¹

The accompts of Edmund Turner, Thomas Justice, Thomas Garnett and Edmund Mosse, churchwardens of the parishe churche of Prescotte, of theire receipts, taken bye the eightmen the xiiijth of December, beginninge at Saincte Katherins Daie and endinge at that daie [twelmonth].

1. The 15 lines which follow are from a sheet found in the church chest. Then p. 263 is resumed.

Imprimis, receyved for the buriall of a childe of Robt Woodfall, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the mother of James Ackers the yonger, ijs.

The accompts of Edmund Turner, Thomas Justice, Thomas Garnett and Edmund Mosse, church wardens afforenamed, taken beefore and bye the eightmen, and in the presence of Thomas Lancaster esquier and diuerse of the parishners, the xiiijth of December, anno domini 1582 predicto. At which daie it doth appere that the seid churchwardens are indebted to the parishe, as apperethe bye this booke, the some of iiij s.

1582-3

Anno domini 1583.

The accomptes of John Webster, Alexander Fraunce, Hugh Barnes and Bryan Martin, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescott, of theire receiptes taken bye the Eightmen, the vijth of December 1583^o predicto, beginninge at Saint Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelvemonethe.

Imprimis, receyved at the handes of the old churchwardens ouer theire accomptes this last yeare, as apperethe bye this booke, vijs. xjd. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Farneworthe syde of the parishe for one half ley, towards the reparacions of our parishe church, xxxvijs. Item, receyved of the Cunstables of Prescott for one half ley, vs. Item, receyved of the Cunstables of Whiston for the seid half ley, ijs. vjd. Summa huius libri, liijs. vd. hoc anno predicto. Summa totalis of all receiptes, iij li. xjs. vd.

Behinde and vnpaid of the seid half ley as followeth. Imprimis, in Raynehill, ijs. vjd. Item, in Windell, vs. Item, in Sutton, xs. Item, in Eccleston, vs. Item, in Parre, vs. Item, in Rainforthe, vs.

[p. 264.] 1583^o

Paymentes made bye vs, John Webster, Alexander Fraunce, Hugh Barnes and Bryan Martin, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescott in anno domini 1583^o predicto, beginninge at Saint Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelvemonethe, in manner and forme followinge.

Imprimis, paid to George Tapley for shacklinge of the bells, ijs. Item, expended by me, the seid Hugh Barnes, at Wigan, beinge appointed to mete Mr Worsley¹ aboute certayne sommes of money to be paid vnto him for the roges, vjd. Item, expended of vs, the seid wardens, at Prescott aboute the necessarie busynes of the church, vjd. Item, paid to a yongeman for goinge to the howse of Hugh Barnes in Sutton, aboute the busynes of the parishe, ijd. Item, expended of vs, the seid wardens, aboute the collection of

1. Robert Worsley of the Booths, Esquire, undertook to maintain a gaol for recusants at the New Fleet, Manchester, together with a house of correction for vagabonds. The project aroused strong local opposition, although the establishment of a house of correction in every county had been made compulsory by statute in 1576.

the money which shold haue ben paid vnto Mr Worsley, iiijd. Item, expended of vs, John Webster and Alexander Fraunce at Ormiskirke, aboute the money that shold haue ben paid vnto Mr Worsley, ijs. Item, expended bye me, the seid John Webster, at Ormiskirke afforesaid, at a other tyme at the Quarter Sessions aboute the same matter, xijd. Item, paid by me, the seid Alexander Fraunce, for wyer to the clocke, vjd. Item, paid bye me, the seid Alexander, for a bell rope bought at Warington and the cariage therof, ijs. jd. Item, paid for cariage of a tree to Farneworthe, ijd. Item, spent bye vs, the seid churchwardens, when wee met together at Prescott one daie about the money which shold haue ben pd to Mr Worsley for the roges, iiijd.

[p. 265.] Item, paid to John Taileor the smithe, for workmanship done to the bells, ijs. ijd. Item, paid for mendinge of the churche yate, xijd. Item, paid for a corde to the clocke, xd. Item, paid for wyne bought at Leuerpolle, iiijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens when the Eightmen came to the churche for the taxacion of a half ley, iiijd. Item, expended of vs, the seid churchwardens, and vpon the old wardens at the visitacion holden at Wigan beffore the Byshoppe of Chester, vjs. vjd. Item, spent bye vs, the seid wardens one daie when wee mette together to make our accountes at Prescotte, xvjd. Item, paid by me, the seid Alexander Fraunce, for mendinge of the church yorde syde, iijd. Item, paid for greyse to the bells, iijd. Item, paid for ij mettes of whytelyme and the cariage therof, xd. Item, paid by me, the seid Alexander, to the wief of George Washington, for killinge of rattes accordinge to the statute, iiijd. Item, spent of vs, the seid John Webster and Alexander Fraunce, churchwardens afforesaid, iij daies in goinge to Farneworthe for the church ley, xvjd. Item, paid to John Taileor for mendinge of the bells one other tyme, and a lache to the churche yate, xvjd. Item, paid to Edmund Turner for a pece of timber to be for shingles to the churche, ijs.

[p. 266.] Item, expended vpon diuerse persons, for ringinge the bells vpon the daie of the coronacion of the Quenes matie Elizabeth that nowe is, ijs. vjd. Item, paid for washinge the surplesse and other clothes of the church the whole yeare, xijd. Item, paid for tenne yarde of flaxen clothe at xiiijd. the yarde, to make a surplesse to serve for the vse of the parishe, xjs. xjd. ob. Item, paid for makinge of our accountes and other writings for the vse of the churche, ijs. Item, paid for iij yarde of flaxen clothe to serue for the Commvniion table, iijs. vjd. Item, spent vpon the viij men when the toke the accountes of vs the churchwardens, viijd. Summa totalis of all paymentes, ljs. ix. ob.

The accomptes of John Webster, Alexander Fraunce, Hughe Barnes and Bryan Martin, churchwardens afforesaid, beinge taken bye the Eightmen whose names herafter are subscribed, and in the presence of diuerse parishners, the vijth daie of December 1583^o predicto, at which daie it doth appere that the seid church-

wardens are founde in debt and arreraiges to the parishe, all thinges allowed and accounted vnto them for this yeare as appereth bye this boke, the somme of xixs. vijd. ob.

The names of the Eightmen which toke the accountes of the said wardens: off Prescott, James Atherton; Whiston, William Sutton; Raynehill, Peter Lancaster; Sutton, John Dyke; Parre, Edward Johnson; Windell, Peter Torbocke; Eccleston, William Cowper; Rainforth, William Tunstall.

[p. 267.] Churchwardens appointed by the seid viij men, vj^o Decembris 1583^o predicto: for Prescott, Whiston and Raynehill, James Waynewright; for Sutton, Richard Ackers; for Windell, Parre, Myles Coeley; for Eccleston, Rainforthe, Lawrence Webster.

Memorandum, that it is agreed bye the Eightmen, the xxviijth daie of Aprill in the yeare of our Lorde God 1584, that one whole taxacion or ley shalbe gathered in the parishe of Prescotte, vpon bothe sydes of the parishe, for the reparacions of the said parishe church and other necessities thervnto belonginge.

The names of the Eightmen. [As above.]

[“ Book of Burials ” 1582-3]¹

Anno domini 1583. The accompts of John Webster, Alexander Fraunce, Hugh Barnes and Bryan Martin, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescott, of their receipts, taken bye the Eightmen, the vjth of December, 1583 predicto, begininge at Saint Katherins Daie and endinge at that daie thelve monethe.

Imprimis, receyved for the buriall of Robt Cropper of Rainforth, ijs. Item, for the buriall of a childe of Thomas Gerrarde, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wief of Thomas Garnet of Whiston, ijs. Item, for the buriall of the wief of John Marshall of Rainhill, ijs. Item, for the buriall of James Garnet of Sutton, ijs. Item, for the buriall of a childe of W lowe, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Christopher . . . of Rainforth, ijs. Item, for the buriall of M^r John Tr . . . of . . . nt, ijs. Item, for the buriall of William Turner of . . . , ijs.

The accompts of the churchwardens aboue named, taken beffore and [by] the eightmen, in the presence of diuerse parishners, the vjth of December . . . At which daie it dothe appere that the seid wardens are indebted to the parishe, as apperethe bye this booke, the some of xvijjs., whereof is allowed of this some aboue said ijs. vnpaid in the handes of William Turner of Parre.

1583-4

[p. 268.] Anno domini 1584^o

The accomptes of James Waynewright, Lawrence Webster, Richarde Ackers and Myles Coeley, churchwardens of the parishe

1. The 20 lines which follow are from a sheet found in the church chest.

churche of Prescotte, of theire receiptes taken by the Eightmen, the xjth daie of December anno domini 1584^o predicto, beginninge at Saincte Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelvemonethe.

Imprimis, receyved at the handes of the old churchwardens over their accountpes this last yeare, as apperethe bye this book, xixs. vijd. ob. Wherof is to be allowed ijs. for the buriall of William Turner of Parre, as apperethe by the booke of burialls. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Parre for one half ley, vs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Rainforthe for one half ley, vs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Raynehill for one half ley, ijs. vjd. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Sutton for one half ley, xs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Windell for one half ley, vs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Eccleston for one half ley, vs. X Item, receyved of the Collectors of Farneworthe syde of the parishe for one whole taxacion or ley towards the reparacions of our parishe churche, iij li xvjs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Prescotte for one whole churche ley, xs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Parre for one whole churche ley, xs.

[p. 268a.]¹ Item, receyved of the Collectors of Whiston for one whole churche ley, vs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Sutton for one whole churche ley, xxs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Eccleston for one whole churche ley, xs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Rainforthe for one whole churche ley, xs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Windell for one whole churche ley, ix. s. vijd. Behinde and vnpaid of the same ley in Windle, vd. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Raynehill for one whole churche ley, vs. The whole somme of all receiptes as well of this booke as also of the booke of burialles as maye appere is xj li. xvs. viij. d. ob.

[p. 268b.] 1584^o

Paymentes made by vs, James Waynewright, Lawrence Webster, Richarde Ackers and Myles Colley, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescotte, in anno domini predicto, beginninge at Saincte Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelvemonethe, in manner and forme followinge.

Imprimis, paid to Ellin Sutton for makeinge the surplesse and threede for the same, iijs. iiij. d. Item, paid by me, the seid James Waynewright, for a bell rope bought at Warrington and the cariage therof, ijs. xd. Item, paid to Richarde Burie, the clock maker, for mendinge of the clocke, viijs. Item, paid for wyne bought at Liuerpolle, iij. d. Item, paid to Bolton men for dressinge and scowringe of armour, xvjs. Item, expended at Wigan of vs, the seid wardens, and vpon the churchwardens for the last yeare, beinge called thether before a jurie of gentlemen for causes ecclesiasticall, iijs. ijd. Item, expended of one of the seid wardens

1. The pages here numbered 268a and 268b were part of the regular numbered series but, evidently through inadvertence, were not numbered.

at Wigan one other tyme, for the deliuerance of a bill vnto the jurie of gent', xijd. Item, paid to John Tayleor for makinge of gochens for the bells, xiiijd. Item, paid to the seid John for makinge of booster and bandes to the great bell, xiiijd. Item, paid to John Tomson for killinge of croes according to the statute, vs. Item, paid to George Tapley for the like, xiiijd.

[p. 269.] Item, expended vpon the Eightmen comminge three tymes vnto the church for taxacion of leyes, ijs. Item, expended by me, the seid James Waynewright, in goinge to Farneworthe with a bill for a whole ley, iiijd. Item, paid to Gyles Lyon for makinge of a deske to the pulpitt, iiijd. Item, paid for a Cummunion book to the vse of the parishe, ijs. Item, paide for wyne, breade and cariage of the wyne from Liuerpolle, vjd. Item, paid to Richarde Shakeshaffe, the plommer, for castinge of leades, and provydinge of leade of his owne charges, iij li. xvjs. viijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for helpinge the seid plommer in his work, ijs. ijd. Item, paid to Edward Houghton for makinge of a frame to cast the leade in, viijd. Item, paid for turffe and sande towards the castinge of the leade, xvjd. Item, expended by vs, James Waynewright and Lawrennce Webster, in goinge to Farneworthe twoe sundrye tymes for the church ley, xvjd. Item, expended by me, the seid James Waynewright, in helpinge the seid plommer in castinge of the leade twoe daies, vjd. Item, expended vpon the seid plommer and others at thende of his worke, vjd. Item, paid to John Tayleor for workmanshippe to the bells, xijd. Item, paid for nayles to the vse of the seid frame, ijd.

[p. 270.] Item, paid to Thomas Sherlocke for the reparinge of the olde slate vpon the sowth syde of the churche, vijs. Item, paid to William Browne, the glasier, for mendinge of the glasse windowes, vijs. vjd. Item, paid to the seid Thomas Sherlocke for the mendinge of the old slate vpon the north syde of the revestrie, xijd. Item, paid to Thomas Tayleor for xxxij mettes of whytelyme bought at Liuerpolle and for cariage therof, xiijs. iiijd. Item, paid for a seiffe for whitelyme, ijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for poyntinge and whytelyminge the churche, xjs. Item, paid for bell rope bought at Warrington, ijs. Item, paid for leadinge of sande to make mortar with, viijd. Item, paid more to the seid Edward Sutton for poyntinge and whitelyminge the churche, ix. Item, paid for grese to the bells, ijd. Item, paid for wyne, ijd. Item, expended vpon diuerse persons, for ringinge the bells vpon the daie at the coronacion of the Quenes ma^{tie} Elizabeth the that nowe is, ijs. vjd. Item, paid for washinge of the surplesse and other clothes of the churche the whole yere, xijd. Item, paid for paper, iiijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for shacklinge of the bells, ijs. Item, paid for nayles, ijd. Item, paid for the dynner of Thomas Sherlock at the howse of Henrie Tayleor, when he toke downe the slate from the sowth side of the churche, ijd.

[p. 271.] Item, paid to John Webster of Prescotte for reparing the churche with newe sngle vpon both sides of the churche, vjs. viijd. Item, paid for wyne bought at Liuerpolle, iijd. Item, paid for a horse skynne to make bell collers, xxd. Item, expended by me, Lawrennce Webster afforeseid, in goynge to Warington to appere at deanes courte, iijd. Item, to John Tayleor for a shackle to the bell, ijd. Item, paid to John Tayleor afforeseid for nayles to the churche dore, iijd. Item, paid to the seid John for ij plates of yron, and xvij nayles to the rooffe of the chappell called the ladies chappell, vijd. Item, paid to William Hey and his men for one daies work in reparinge the seid rooffe, fyndinge them selves meate and drinke, xd. Item, paid for makinge of our accomptes and diuerse writings for the vse of the churche, ijs. Item, paid to James Forster for killinge of moldes, or want heades accordinge to the statute, ijs. Item, expended vpon diuerse persons for ringinge the bells vpon the daie of the coronacion of the Quenes matie that nowe is, paiable sixe yeares since vnto the wief of John Tayleor of Prescotte, ijs. Item, spent vpon the Eightmen when the toke the accomptes of vs, the seid churchwardens, viijd. Summa totalis of all paymentes, x li. xs. vd.

The accomptes of James Waynewright, Lawrennce Webster, Richarde Ackers and Myles Coeley, churchwardens afforeseid, beinge taken bye the Eightmen whose names hereafter are subscribed, and in the presence of diuerse parishners, the xjth daie of December 1584^o predicto, at which daie it dothe appere that the seid churchwardens are founde in debt and arreraiges to the parishe, all thinges allowed and accompted vnto them for this yeare as appereth by this booke, the some of xxvs. ijd. ob.

[p. 272.] 1584

The names of the Eightmen which toke the accomptes of the seid wardens: off Prescotte, Richard Worseley; Whiston, Richard Harden; Raynehill, Hughe Greene; Sutton, Thomas Eltonhed; Parre, John Knowells; Windell, Gilbt Crofte; Eccleston, John Alcocke; Rainforthe, Robt Parre.

Churchwardens appoynted by the said viij men, the xjth of December 1584^o predicto: for Prescott, Whiston, Raynehill, William Greene; for Sutton, John Barnes; for Windell, Parre, Edward Houghton; for Eccleston, Rainforthe, Edmunde Barnes.

[“ Book of Burials ” 1583-4]

1584^o

The accomptes of James Waynewright, Lawrence Webster, Richarde Ackers and Myles Coeley [churchwardens] of the parishe of Prescott of their receipts, taken by the Eightmen the xjth daie of December anno domini 15[84], beginninge at Saint Katherins daie and endinge at that daie thelve monethe.

Imprimis, receyved for the buriall of William Turner of Parre, ijs. Item, receyved of Thomas Potter of Prescotte for the buriall

of his daughter Marie, ijs. Item, receyved of William Ackers of Windell for the buriall of William Robie, his father-in-law, ijs. Item, receyved of Henry Coney thelder gent. for the buriall of his mother-in-law, ijs. Item, receyved of William Trauers of Windell for the buriall of Anne Hawarde, widowe, ijs. Item, receyved of John Standishe for the buriall of his wief, ijs. Item, receyved for the buriall of Robt Latham of Rainforthe, ijs. Item, receyved of Myles Peresson gent. for the buriall of his sonne, ijs. Item, receyved of Robt Sutton of Eccleston for the buriall of his wief, ijs. Item, receyved of Robt Malbon for the buriall of Thomas Barton of Eccleston, ijs. Item, receyved for the buriall of Mr Henrie Gerrarde of Raynehill gent., ijs. Item, receyved for the buriall of Ales Hawarde of Parre, widowe, ijs. Item, receyved of Richard Cowper for the buriall of Jane Barton, spinster, ijs. Item, receyved for the buriall of Mr Henrie Gerrarde his wief, ijs. Item, receyved for the buriall of Margaret Lyon of Raynehill, widowe, ijs.

The accomptes of the churchwardens affore named, taken beffore and bye the Eightmen in presence of duerse parishners, the xjth daie of December 1584°. At which daie it dothe appere that the seid wardens are indebted to the parishe, as apperethe bye this booke, the somme of xxxs.

1584-5

[p. 273.] Anno domini 1585°

The accomptes of William Greene, John Barnes, Edward Houghton and Edmund Barnes, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescotte, of theire receiptes taken by the Eightmen the xth of December 1585° predicto, beginninge at Sainte Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelvemonth.

Imprimis, received at the handes of the olde churchwardens over theire accomptes this last yeare, as appereth by this booke, xxvs. ijd. ob. Item, received of the parishners for bookes called the litle Catechismes, appointed by the L. Bishoppe of Chester, that euerye howseholder within the parishe wantinge the same, to haue and buy one of the said bookes, ijs. ixd.

Memorandum, theire is remayninge on our handes and custodie, three dosen and twoe bookes called the litle Catechismes not yet sold to the parishenors.

The whole somme of all receiptes, aswell of this booke as also of the book of burials as may appere, is xxxvs. xjd. ob.

[p. 274.] 1585°

Paymentes made by vs, William Greene. John Barnes, Edward Houghton and Edmund Barnes, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescotte in anno domini predicto, beginninge at Sainte Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelvemonth, in manner and forme followinge.

Imprimis, paid for breade and wyne, viijd. ob. Item, paid for twoe bell ropes, iijs. viijd. Item, paid to Gyles Lyon for reparinge the wheele of the great bell and workemanshippe, xvijjd. Item, paid to John Tayleor for worke done and yron to the great bell, vjd. Item, paid to Edmund Lonnte and to one other for mendinge the bell frame, xd. ob. Item, expended by vs churchwardens, beinge called beffore the Deane, twoe seuerall tymes for matters towchinge the churche, xvijjd. ob. Item, paid for breade and wyne, ix. d. Item, paid for a bill of presentmente made of vs churchwardens and the swornemen, when wee were called beffore Mr Deane, and our expenses, xvijjd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for shacklinge of the bells, ijs. Item, paid to the glasier for glasse and reparinge of the old glasse windowes, ijs. iij. d. Item, paid to Richarde Burie, the clockmaker, for yron and workemanshippe to the clocke, ijs.

[p. 275.] Item, paid for breade and wyne, vd. Item, paid to John Williamson, alias Tomson, for killinge of croes accordinge to the statute, ijs. vjd. Item, paid for breade and wyne, vjd. Item, expended by vs churchwardens at Prescotte, when we were called thether aboute the litle Catechismes, ix. d. Item, expended vpon diuerse persons for ringinge the bells vpon the daie of the coronacion of the Quenes matie Elizabeth the that nowe is, ijs. vjd. Item, paid for washinge the surplesse and other clothes of the churche the whole yere, xij. d. Item, paid for gresse to the bells, iij. d. Item, paid for makinge of our accomptes and diuerse writings for the vse of the churche, ijs. Item, paid to one Richarde Golde for fyve dosen of litle Catechismes, appointed by the L. Bishoppe of Chester, for euery howseholder within the parishe wantinge the same, at the least to buy and to haue one of the said Catechismes, vijs. vjd. Item, for nayles and newe shingle, with the workemanshippe in reparinge the sowthsyde of the churche, ijs. vjd. Item, spent vpon the Eightmen when the toke the accomptes of vs churchwardens, viij. d. Summa totalis of all paymentes, xxxvijs. xjd. ob.

[p. 276.] 1585

The accomptes of William Greene, John Barnes, Edward Houghton and Edmund Barnes, churchwardens afforesaid, beinge taken by the Eightmen whose names hereafter are subscribed, and in the presence of Thomas Lancaster Esquier, the xth of December 1585^o predicto, at which daie it doth appere that the parishe is founde in debte and arreraiges to the said churchwardens, all thinges allowed and accounted for as appereth by this booke, the somme of ijs. xjd.

The names of the Eightmen which toke the accomptes of the said wardens are theise: of Prescottt, Thomas Potter; Whiston, Thomas Garnett; Raynehill, Hugh Lea; Sutton,

John Eltonheade; Parre, Thomas Ticle; Windle, Thomas Winstanley; Eccleston, William Cowper; Rainforthe, Edwarde Fairehurst.

Churchwardens appointed by the said viij men, the xth of December 1585^o predicto: for Prescottt, Whiston, Rainehill, George Rachedale; for Sutton, Robt Lea junior; for Windle, Parre, Robt Turner; for Eccleston, Rainforthe, John Alcocke.

[signed] THOMAS LANCASTER

Memorandum, it is agreed bye the Eightmen beffore named, the xvijth of Maie in the yeare of our Lord God 1586^o, that twoe whole taxacions or leyes shalbe gathered in the parrishe of Prescotte, vpon both sydes of the said parrishe church (sic), towards the castinge and reminge of the fourthe bell and other necessities of the said parishe church.

1585-6

[p. 277.] Anno domini 1586^o

The accomptes of John Alcocke, George Rachedale, Robt Lea and Robt Turner, churchwardens of the parrishe church of Prescottt, of theire receiptes taken by the Eightmen, the xvijth of December in anno predicto, beginninge at Sainct Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelvemonethe.

Imprimis, receyved of the Collectors of Prescottt for twoe church leyes, xxs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Whiston and Raynehill for twoe church leyes, xxs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Sutton for twoe church leyes, xls. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Eccleston for twoe church leyes, xxs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Rainforthe for twoe church leyes, xixs. viijd. Vnpaid of Rainforthe in the handes of John Tunstall, iiijd. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Parre for twoe church leyes, xxs. Item, receyved of the Collectors of Windle for twoe church leyes, xixs. viijd. Vnpaid of the said Windle in the handes of Robt Coley, iiijd. Item, receyved of Forneworthe side of the parrishe, of the Collectors theire, towards the castinge of the great bell at the said parrishe church of Prescotte, and other necessities therto belonginge, for twoe whole church leyes, vij li. xijs.

[p. 278.] Item, receyved of Robt Orrell, the belfounder, for mettall which remaineth over the castinge of the great bell, xs. Item, receyved of the wief of Andrewe Lathum for one hundrethe of bricke, xxd. Item, receyved of Alexander Fraunce for xltie bricke, viijd. Item, receyved of George Rachedale for fourtie bricke, viijd. Item, receyved of Sir Roger Devias for eight score and tenne bricke, ijs. xd. Item, receyved of Antonie Patton of Prescottt for bricke, xijd. The whole somme of all receiptes, aswell of this booke as also of the booke of burialls, as maye appere, is xvij li. xs. ijd.

[p. 279.] 1586°

Paymentes made by vs, John Alcocke, George Rachedale, Robt Lea and Robt Turner, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescott in anno domini predicto, beginninge at Saincte Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelvemonethe, in manner and forme followinge.

Imprimis, paid to the olde churchwardens for arreraiges dewe for the last yeare, ijs. xjd. Item, paid to Marie Parker and Isabell Bowker for wyne at fyve seuerall communions, ijs. vjd. Item, paid to the wief of Thomas Potter for breade to the vse of the said communion, and to Ellen Patton, vd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for makinge shackles to the bells, ijs. Item, paid to the same Edward for goinge to Wigan to buy mettall, and for cordes to the bell moulde, xijd. Item, paid to the said Edward for his paynes taken at the castinge of the bell, and goynge to loede bricke, and fetchinge other necessities neadefull, xijd. Item, spent bye the churchwardens at the breakinge of the bell the first tyme, ijs. Item, spent by the said churchwardens at the castinge and takinge vpp of the bell at the first castinge, ijs. Item, paid to Thomas Tayleur for fetchinge of a rope from Burscowe, and bringinge the same agayne, ijs. Item, paid to Mr Sutton for three loedes of woede, ijs. Item, paid to John Pyke for the leadinge therof, xvijjd. Item, paid to the same John for one loede of turffe, xiiijd.

[p. 280.] Item, paid to Thomas Tayleur for coeles, xijd. Item, paid to Mr Sutton for woede at the seconnde castinge of the bell, ijs. Item, paid to John Houghton for leadinge of the same, xijd. Item, spent vpon certayne persons cuttinge woede in Knowesley parke wherewith to melt the bell, xd. Item, spent by the churchwardens at the breakinge and castinge of the bell the seconnde tyme, ijs. Item, spent by the said churchwardens at the takinge vpp and hanginge of the same bell, ijs. Item, paid to Richard Shawe and John Alcocke for woede at the thirde castinge, and for leadinge therof, iijs. Item, paid to Robt Orrell for coeles, vjd. Item, paid to John Houghton for leadinge therof, ijd. Item, paid to Robt Orrell for gatheringe stones wherewith to make his furnace, xjd. Item, paid to Frauncis Watmoughe for eight hundrethe and odde bricke, xjs. Item, paid to John Houghton for leadinge of xij loedes of claye, ijs. vd. Item, paid to John Webster for leadinge of one hundrethe of bricke and three loedes of clay, xvijjd. Item, paid to Hughe Hollande and William Alcocke for fetchinge a rope from Burscowe at the third castinge, and bringinge the same agayne, ijs. Item, paid to John Roper for cordes wherewith to make the bell mouldes, xiiijd. Item, paid for twoo bell ropes bought at Leuerpolle, vs. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for gresse to the bells, iijd.

[p. 281.] Item, paid to Edward Sutton for fetchinge of them, iijjd. Item, spent by the churchwardens at the Deanes

courte, vijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens first at the agrement and afterwardes at the seallinge of the obligacion made by the bellfounder, vijd. Item, spent vpon the Eightmen at theire metinge for the taxacion of a ley, viijd. Item, paid to Edward Chawner for the makinge of one gill, xvijjd. Item, paid to Boolton men for scowringe of armour for x men, and xv heade peaces, beinge in the custodie of M^{res} Tildesley,¹ and iij calivers, xs. Item, paid to Gyles Lyon for makinge of one pullice, amendinge the heade of the litle bell, and the reparinge of the church yate, xijd. Item, paid to the wief of Richard Marshall for candells at the first castinge of the bell and the seconnde, xijd. Item, spent by vs, John Alcocke and Robt Lea, churchwardens afforesaid, in goinge to Farneworthe to demaunde one half ley, viijd. Item, spent by vs, John Alcocke and George Rachdale, churchwardens afforesaid, in goinge to Farneworthe to demaunde one whole ley and a half, viijd. Item, spent by vs, the said George Rachdale and Robt Lea, in goinge to Farneworthe to demaunde the said ley and half, the seconnde tyme, viijd. Item, paid to John Tayleur for makinge gochens, bandes and staples, and other necessities, iijs. vjd. Item, spent by me, John Alcocke, in goinge to Chester aboute gettinge the ley taxed vpon Farneworthe side, and for a citacion, ijs. xd. Item, spent by the churchwardens at the hanginge of the great bell, ijs. vjd.

[p. 282.] Item, spent by me, John Alcocke, at the visitacion at Wigan, beinge called beffore the bushoppe concerninge matters ecclesiasticall, xvijjd. Item, paid for Dialoges² at the visitacion, and to the cryar, xd. Item, paid for a presentment at the said visitacion and for regestringe therof, xxd. Item, spent vpon the belfounder at the takinge vpp of the furnace wherin the bell was melted, iijd. Item, paid to the wief of Richard Marshall for candells at the thirde castinge of the bell, vijd. Item, spent vpon the churchwardens of Farneworthe at the receipte of money taxed for theire syde, viijd. Item, spent by vs, John Alcocke and George Rachdale in goinge to Mr Frauncis Bolde to crave an absolute answere concerninge theire ley, viijd. Item, spent vpon certayne persons in ringinge for ioye that the conspiracie was prevented and the trators reveled,³ xijd. Item, expended vpon diuerse persons for ringinge the bells vpon the diae of the coronacion of the Quenes matie Elizabeth the that nowe is, ijs. vjd. Item, paid to John Williamson, alias Tomson, for killinge of croes

1. This lady was then in occupation of Prescott Hall (*Prescot Records*, p. 28).

2. No doubt an exposition of doctrine, in dialogue form, of which a number were published in this period.

3. The famous Babington Plot of 1586. One of the "traitors" was John Travers, gentleman, of Whiston in this parish, who was among the fourteen conspirators to suffer execution.

X accordinge to the statute, vs. iijd. Item, paid for a corde bought at Leuerpolle for the clocke, iiijd. Item, paid for wyer bought at Warington for the clocke, iiijd. Item, spent by vs, John Alcocke and George Rachedale, in goinge to Farneworthe Chappell to bringe thether a citacion to cite the churchwardens theire, viijd.

X [p. 283.] Item, paid to Edward Fynnne for killinge of croes and mouldes accordinge to the statute, xijd. ob. Item, spent by me, John Alcocke, in goinge to Bolde twoe seuerall tymes to speake with Mr Bold concerning the ley, viijd. Item, paid to Alexander Withington for reparinge the church walles, xd. Item, spent vpon me, John Alcocke and others, furthering him in his worke, viijd. Item, paid to James Snarte for one hundreth and fyfytie poundes of brasse mettall to the bell, iij li. ijs. ijd. Item, paid to William Cotterell for brasse mettell for the bell afforesaid, ix. s. Item, paid to James Snarte for half an hundreth and eight poundes of brasse mettell for the bell afforesaid, xxvijs. jd. Item, paid to James Marshe for twentie and eight poundes of tinne mettell to the said vse, xvjs. iiijd. Item, paid to William Fourthe for xv^{tie} poundes of pewter and tinne to the said bell, ix. s. iiijd. Item, paid to Robt Orrell, the belfounder, for castinge the great bell, iij li. vjs. viijd. Item, paid to William Hornbie for one pewter dishe, xvjd. Item, paid to Ellen Patton, wief of Antonie Patton, for one pewter dishe, xvjd. Item, paid to Katherin Stockley for one pewter dishe, xiiijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for clevinge of woode, ijs.

X [p. 284.] Item, paid to Roger Devias, clerke, for makinge of one obligacion with other billetes and notes, viijd. Item, paid for makinge and castinge of our accomptes and writinge other notes for the vse of the parishe, ijs. Item, paid to John Tayleor for mendinge the clapper, for hanginge the great bell the last tyme and for one pridde of iron to the thirde bell, xiiijd., Item, paid to John Tayleor for the wast of his barres of yron which the belfounder had to the furnace, beinge in weight viij poundes wasted, xijd. Item, paid for washinge of the surplesse and other clothes the whole yeare, xijd. Item, paid to one person to sollicite our matter at Chester against the churchwardens of Forneworthe in deteyninge our right, ijs. Item, paid to the mould catcher for mouldes accordinge to the statute, iijs. vd. ob. Item, paid to James Forster for mouldes or wantes accordinge to the statute, iijs. vd. Item, paid to Henrie Jolibrande for the like, xvijd. Item, spent vpon the Eightmen when the toke the accomptes of vs churchwardens, xijd. Item, paid to Ather Winstanley for an earnest for the makinge of a yate and a grate, iiijd. Summa totalis of all paymentes, xvij li. viijs. viijd.

[p. 285.] 1586

The accomptes of John Alcocke, George Rachdale, Robt Lea and Robt Turner, churchwardens afforesaid, beinge taken by the Eightmen whose names hereafter are subscribed, and in the

presence of Thomas Lancaster Esquier, the xvjth of December 1586°, at which daie it dothe appere that the churchwardens are founde in debt and arreraiges to the parrishe, all thinges allowed and accompted for as apperethe by this booke, the somme of xvijjd.

The names of the Eightmen which toke the accomptes of the said wardens are theise : off Prescott, James Atherton ; Whiston, James Ackers ; Raynehill, Peter Lancaster ; Sutton, Richard Houghton ; Windle, William Penington ; Parre, Bryan Hawarde ; Eccleston, John Standishe ; Rainforthe, Edward Fairehurst. Churchwardens appoynted by the said Eightmen the [no date] : for Prescott, Whiston, Raynehill, Christopher Kenwrick ; for Sutton, William Webster ; for Windle, Parre, Nicholas Ellam ; for Eccleston, Rainforth, Robt Parre.

[signed] THOMAS LANCASTER.

1586-7

[p. 286.] Anno domini 1587.

The accountes of Christopher Kenwricke, William Webster, Robert Parre and Nicholas Ellam, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of their receites taycken by the Eight men the xxvth of November in anno domini predicto, begininge at St Katherins daye and endinge that daye twelue month, in maner and forme followinge.

Inprimis, receaved of the ley gatherers of Prescott for one half ley, vs. Item, receaved of the Collecters of Whiston for one half ley, ijs. vjd. Item, receaved of the Collecters of Raynhill for one half ley, ijs. vjd. Item, receaved of the Collecters of Sutton for one half ley, xs. Item, receaved of the Collecters of Eccleston for one half ley, vs. Item, receaved of the Collecters of Raynforth for one half ley, vs. Item, receaved of the Collecters of Windell for one half ley, vs. Item, receaved of the Collecters of Parre for one half ley, vs. Item, receaved of the Collecters of Fayrnworth syde of the parish for one half ley, xxxvijs. Item, receaved of John Alcocke, beinge churchwarden for the yeare before, which was remayninge of their accovntes, xvijjd. The whole somme of all receiptes of this boocke and of the boucke of burialles as may appeire is, summa totalis, 4 li. 19s. 6d.

[p. 287.] 1587.

Paymentes made by vs, Christopher Kenwricke, William Webster, Robert Parre and Nicolas Ellam, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott in anno domini predicto, beginning at St Katherins daye and endinge at that daye tweluemonth, in maner and forme followinge.

Inprimis, paid for bread and wine, vijd. Item, paid for a paire of yates and a grate for the church yord, xvijs. Item, paid for ayrne geare for the yates, xvjd. Item, paid for the cariage of the same yates and grate, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid to a worckman

for helpinge to sett the same grate one day and a half, viijd. Item, spent on them that caried the same yates and grate, xijd. Item, spent on Winstanley and his men when they sett the same yates and grate, xvjd. Item, spent by vs, Christopher Kenwricke and William Sutton, when we weire seeinge the foresaid yates and grate settinge, three seuerall dayes, ijs. Item, spent when the church wardens and the Eight men met to lay a ley, towe seuerall tymes, xvjd. Item, paid for a horse hyde to the parish vse, ijs. Item, spent vpon the mayson and my self when I agried with him to mende towe windowes, vjd. Item, paid for a staple and a haspe to the church yate, ijd. Item, paid for mendinge of towe windowes, vs. iiijd. Item, paid for the cariage of the stones to mend the same windowe, xvjd. Item, paid for the mayson, his supper and my owne when he had made an end of the windowes afforesaid, viijd.

[p. 288.] Item, paid for my diner owne (*sic*) daye when I was with the mayson, vjd. Item, paid to the glasier for glasinge of towe windowes and mendinge the rest of the windowes, xijs. Item, paid for the glasier his supper one night, iiijd. Item, spent by me, Christopher Kenwricke, being with the glasier towe dayes, xd. Item, spent vpon Bryan Felse and Edward Sutton when they toucke the glasse to laye it vp in the reuestrie, iiijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for helpinge the glasier with fyre and other necessities, iiijd. Item, paid to John Taylier for mendynge the beles and the bares of the glasse windowes, xijd. Item, geuen to the church wardens of Farnworth syde when they brovght the half ley, iiijd. Item, spent by William Webster when he went to Farnworth to crave the half ley three tymes, vjd. Item, spent when the church wardens and foure sworne men mett to make presentment at the assise, xvjd. Item, spent by William Webster when he went to the assise, xijs. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for colleringe the belles, ijs. Item, paid for a bell rope, ijs. ijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for poyntinge the battellinge ouer the belles, xijd. Item, spent by the church wardens and sworne men when they appeired at the Deines court, xvjd. Item, paid for a bell rope, ijs. vjd. Item, paid to James Forster for chachinge of movldes, vs. Item, paid to John Woodes for cachinge of mouldes, xvijjd. Item, spent by Robert Parre when he went to Ormeschurch about the lead that was stovlne, iiijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for goeing with Robert Parre for the same matter, iiijd.

[p. 289.] Item, paid to Robert Webster for mossinge and mendyng the shingels of the south side of the church, vjs. Item, paid for towe mettes of lyme and for cariage of the same, xijd. Item, paid to Robert Webster for mendinge the lead in the tower battelling with lyme and sand, and gettinge and cariing of the same sand, ijs. Item, paid to John Taylier for mendinge the bels and clocke and the hommer of the clocke, xvijjd. Item, paid to

Gyles Lyon for mendinge the heade of the third bell and other nessessaries about the bells, viijd. Item, paid for grease to the bells, iiijd. Item, spent vpon John Taylor, Gyles Lyon, William Greine and others when they toucke vp the third bell, vjd. Item, spent by Christopher Kenwricke the same daye that the bell was tacken vp, iiijd. Item, paid for washinge the serples and other church clothes, xijd. Item, spent vpon dyuers persons for ringinge vpon the crownation day, ijs. vjd. Item, paid for candells, jd. Item, paid for paper, ijd. Item, spent by vs, Christopher Kenwricke and William Webster vpon the crownation day, iijd. Item, paid for wrytinge to the church vse, iiijd. Item, spent vpon the Eight men when they toucke the accounte of the church wardens, xijd. Item, paid to the writer of the boockes and other nessesaries for the church, ijs. Summa totalis of all paymentes, v li. iiij s. vd.

[p. 290.] 1588.

The accovntes of Christopher Kenwricke, William Webster, Robert Parre and Nicolas Ellame, churchwardens afforesaid, beinge tacken by the Eight men whose names hereafter ar subscribed, and in the presentes of Thomas Meade, vicker of Prescott, the xxvth daye of November 1587, at which daye it doth appeire that the parish are indebted vnto the churchwardens, all thinges beinge accounted for as appereth by this boocke, the somme of iiij s. xjd.

The names of the Eight men which tovcke the accovnt of the said wardens are theise; off Prescott, Richard Shaw; Whiston, Henrie Ashton; Raynhill, Thomas Sharlock; Sutton, Roger Haward; Windell, Edward Roughley; Parre, Thomas Tickle; Eccleston, Hewe Webster; Raynforth, John Naylier. Churchwardens appoynted by the said Eight men: for Prescott, Whiston, Raynhill, James Atherton; for Eccleston, Raynforth, Thomas Webster; for Windell, Parre, Thomas Winstanley; for Sutton, Roger Johnson.

1587-8

Anno domini 1588

The accontes of Thomas Webstor, Gilbert Crofte, Roger Gonson, chorch wardenes of the parish chorch of Prescott, ther resetes taken be the Eght mene the xxx day of Nouember as foleth.

Item, of the Cunstabels of Prescott, vs. Item, the ley gederes of Rannell, ijs. vjd. Item, the liye geders of Sutton, xs. Item, the liye gederes of Par, vs. Item, the liye gederes Windell, vs.

[p. 291]. Item, of the Collecters of Raneforth, vs. Item, of the Collecters of Ecclestonn, vs. Item, of the Collecters of Whistone, [blank]. Item, of the Collecters of Farnworth, xxxvijs. Reaceaued for buriales. Imprimis, of the doughter of Thomas Garnett, ijs. Item, of John Nalier, ijs. Item, of the wife of Henrie Ashton, ijs. Item, of Thomas Winstandley. Item, of Allexander Holland. Item, of the daughter of John Naliar. Item,

of Anne Williamsson of Whiston. Item, of Elin Greene of Prescotte. Item, of Alles Pycke. Item, of William Potter. Item, of James Atherton of Prescotte. Item, of Rodger Watmough, for towe burialles. Item, of John Webster of Prescotte. Item, of William Greene of Prescotte. Item, of the wife of James Atherton.

Paiments made by vs churchwardens, Thomas Webster, Gilbert Croft, Rodger Jonson, schurchwardens of the parish schurch of Prescotte in anno domini predicto.

Imprimis, to the ould schurchwardens, iijs. xjd. Item, for a belrope and the cariage, ijs. Item, for repairing the cloke, ijs. iiijd. Item, for wyer to the clocke, xjd. Item, for bords to the church gate, xvijd. Item, for mending the church wale, viijd. Item, for repairing the church gate, viijd. Item, for bread and wine, xd. Item, for repairing the while of the church gate, ijd. Item, spent at the Quartercessions at Wiggan, ijs. Item, spent at the Deanes court, ijs. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for dressing the belles, ijs.

[p. 292.] Item, paid to John Talior for mending the belles, xvijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for washing the serplese and grase to the bells, xvjd. Item, paid to the Deanes court at Warrington, xvjd. Spent at the same tyme, xiiijd. Spent with going to Farnworth for halfe a ley, and bringing the same to Prescott, xvijd. Item, spent at the Quarter Sessions at Ormeschurche, ijs. Item, paid for a cord to the clocke, xd. Item, paid for a belrope, ijs. iiijd. Item, paid for a locke, xvijd. Item, paid to Francis Watmough for malpe hedes, xd. Item, paid to John Tompsonne for crowes hedes, xiiijd. Item, paid to Thomas Pycke of Prescotte for malpe hedes, iiijd. Item, paid to James Forster for mouldiwards, xvjd. Item, paid to John Talior for mending the belles, xijd. Spent at the justiseat at Ormeschurche, ijs. Spent at Lanchester, xiijs. Item, paid to Gyles Lyon for shifting the lecture, jd. Spent at the visitation at Prescotte, xijd. Item, spent at the Quartersessiones at Wigen, iiijd. Item, spent for mending the [blank] with lyne and workmanship, xxd. Item, remaining of the burialles vngathered, xxiijs. Summa totalis, iij li. xjs. iiijd. Remaines in the ould schurch wardens handes, ijs. iiijd.

1588-9

The accountes of John Sefton, Thomas Tarleton, Rodger Jonson, Hugh Greene, schurchwardens of the parish schurch of Prescotte anno domini 1589.

Imprimis, reaceued of the Collectors of Farnworth, xxxvijs. Item, reaceued of the Collectors of Prescotte, vs. Item, reaceued of the Collectors of Whistone, ijs. vjd. Item, reaceued of the Collectors of Rainforth, vs. Item, reaceaued of the Collectors of Eacleston, vs. Item, reaceued of the Collectors of Sutton, xs.

Item, reaceaued of the Collectors of Windle, vs. Item, reaceaued of the Collectors of Par, vs. Item, receaved of the Collectors of Ranehill, ijs. vjd.

Reaceaued for buriales. Imprimis, William Potter, Rainhill, ijs. John Webster of Prescotte, ijs. Vxor Lawranc Webster of Eacleston, ijs. James Atherton of Prescotte, ijs. Vxor James Atherton of Prescotte, ijs.

[p. 293.] Item, Henrie Fairehurst of Billinge, ijs. Item, the wyfe of Edward Roughley. Item, James Garnet. Item, William Prescotte. Item, the daughter of Henry Gillibrand. Vxor Will Harden. Summa receptorum, v l. xixs. iiijd.

Paimentes made by vs schurwardens, John Sefton, Thomas Tarleton, Rodger Jonson, Hugh Greene, anno domini predicto.

Imprimis, Edmund Lunt for panels to the deske, ijs. iiijd. Item, paide to John Flatcher for bordes, xvijd. Item, paide for iiij postes and j solle, ijs. Item, paide for railles and cariage, iijs. Item, for cariage of the panell, ijd. Item, for the workemanshipe, xs. Item, for wyne fetce from Chester, iijs. Item, paide to the clarke for the reparation of the beles, ijs. Item, worke done to the church as followeth: first in eirne and the workmanshipp to all the belles, and for expences in meate and drinke and wages, xs. 2d. ob. (*sic*). Item, paide for towe belropes, iijs. viijd. Item, spent in going to Childwall, vd. Item, spent at the Quartersessiones at Ormeschurc, xvjd. Item, paide for the cariage of the wyne and one peny loufe, vjd. Item, paide to the clirke for washing the serplease and for grease to the belles, xvjd. Item, in expences spent in the church besydes, ix (*sic*). Item, spent when the serueiers¹ were chosen, vjd. Item, spent in our miting before the visitation, xvd. Item, spent aboute the church besydes, ix (*sic*). Item, spent in our mitinge aboute the church besydes, xjd. Item, payde for cariage of the pore mans boxke, ijd. Item, spent at Ormeschurc at the Quarter Sessiones, viijd. Item, spent at the visitation at Wigan, vs. viijd. Item, spent with staing aboute the poremans gathering, ijd. Item, spent at Chester, ijs. Item, paid for a locke and a band for the poremans boxke, iijs. Item, spent when wee reaceaued the halfe churc ley from Farnworth, vijd. Item, to Thomas Ealtonhed for the pore mans boxke, ijs. vjd. Item, paide to Edmunt Lunt for shingles to the church, vs. viijd.

[p. 294.] Item, paide for vj hundreth of nailes, iijs. Item, paide for worke done to the church and for meat and drinke, vs. Item spent at Wigan at the Quartersessiones, iijs. Item, paide for keeping the clocke in reparation, xjd. Item, in paper, jd. Item, spent in Leuerpoule, viijd. Item, paide for ringing for the

1. Parish surveyors of highways should have been appointed annually at the Vestry meeting by the statute of 1556. There is a reference to them in the Prescott court roll of 1576 (*Prescot Records*, p. 198).

Quines grace, ijs. vd. Item, spent in our miting when we came togethe to make our accountes, xijd. Item, paide for mending of the clocke when it was broken, ijs. Item, for wryting, ijs. Item, paide to John Thomasson of Prescott for fyfe skore crowes, iijs. ijd. Item, paide to Richard Burie of Prescotte for malpes, ijs. Item, paide to Henrie Ashton of Whiston for malpes, ijd. Item, paide to Richard Williamson of Whiston for malpes, vijd. Item, paide to Henry Oliuerson of Prescotte for crowes, iijd. Item, paide to James Foster for mouldiwardes, iijs. Item, paide to Randall Seftonn for mouliwardes, vjd. Item, paide to Francis Worsley for hurchanch,¹ viijd. Item, paide to John Beisley for hurchuch, iiijd. Item, paide to Randall Sefton for hurchantes, ijs. Rich Burie for croes, jd. Payde to Henry Oliverson for the nursinge of a child for j weake, xijd. Spent at Wigan at the Quarter Sessions, ijs. xd. To the Deanes corte, xijd. Edward Stockly for xxx crowes, xd. For lache and bande to the deske, vijd. To Richard Marche for his charges to Wigan, xd. For nayles, iiijd. Summa expensorum, v li. ijd. ob. Sic in arrerages in the old churchwardens handes, xixs. jd. ob.

[p. 295.] The accountes of John Sefton, Thomas Tarletonn, Rodger Jonson, Hugh Greene, schurchwardens afforesaid, being taken by the Eight men whose names hereafter are subscribe

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1589-90

[p. 296.] Anno domini 1590

The accoumptes of Richard Houghton, Richard Green, Thomas Garnett and Humfrey Standley, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescott, of theire receiptes, taken by the Eight men, the ffowrth day of December in anno domini predicto, begininge at St Katherins day and ending at that day tweluemonth, in maner and forme followinge.

Inprimis, receaued of Robert Lyon of Raynforth for 3 church leyes, xxxs. Item, receaued of Edmund Arrowsmith of Parr, xxxs. Item, receaued of Raffe Forster of Windle, xxxs. Item, receaued of Myles Fenney of Sutton, iij li. Item, receaued of James Gleast of Eccleston, xxxs. Item, receaued of Henrie Ackers of Raynhill and Edmund Farehurst of Whiston, xxxs. Item, receaued of John Davie of Prescott, xxxs. Item, receaued from Farnworth side, xj li. viijs. Item, receaued for the old shingle sold to Robert Poughden, xxs. iijd. Item, receaued for sapes of one tree sold to Edmund Turner, ix. Item, receaued for a parcell of old timber sold to William Lyme, vs. viijd. Item, receaued for the rest of the old timber sold to Henrie Casse, iijs. Item, receaued of the old churchwardens, xixs. jd. ob. Item, receaued for burialls as

1. *i.e.* urchins or hedgehogs, which with crows, malps (bullfinches), pyes (magpies), wants or mouldwarps (moles), etc., were accounted vermin.

appereth by the boucke of burialls, the somme of xxs. Item, receaued for slate sold vnto Mr Phillip Layton, xvs. Summa receptorum, xxvij li. xjs. ix. ob.

[p. 297.] 1590.

Paymentes made by vs, Richard Houghton, Richard Greene, Thomas Garnett and Humfrey Standley, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescott in anno domini predicto, begininge at St Katherins day and endinge at that day tweluemonth, in maner and forme followinge :

Inprimis, paid to Sutton the clarke for louckinge to the bells dewe at Christonmas last, ijs. Item, paid for mendinge the locke of the revestrie, for three great nayles, and for a newe key the vjth of Aprill, vjd. Item, paid for wine at a communion, vjd. Item, for bread at the same tyme, jd. Item, for halfe a horse hyde to the vse of the bells, xvijjd. Item, spent the fiste of March, iiijd. Item, for wyne at a communion the xxvjth of Aprill, iiijd. Item, for bread the same tyme, jd. Item, for the cheane at the church yate to George Sumner, xxiijd. Item, spent the xxvth of Aprill in goinge to diuerse slate delfes and byinge of slate, beinge iij in cumpenie, viijd. Item, for wrytinge of our presentment at Ormeschurch at the Quartercessions in Lent, iiijd. Item, spent for the charges of Tho : Garnett and Humfrey Standley at the said Quartercessions, xd. Item, paid to Edward Stockley for makinge of nine preceptes to the seuerall towneshipes in the parishe for the collectinge of the church leyes, iiijd. Item, for the diner of Humfrey Standley stayinge vpon the parishe busines the xth of May, iiijd. Item, paid for paper the same day, jd. Item, to Richard Burie for mendinge the clocke the same day, xijd. Item, paid to James Sale of Manchester for a bell rope, xxiijd. Item, paid for a Booke of Artickles at Wigan at the vicitacion of the Archbishopp of Yorke, xijd. Item, paid for wrytinge our presentment at the same tyme, xijd. Item, paid for the charges of Humfrey Standley and Tho : Garnett the same tyme, xvjd. Item, paid for wrytinge our presentment at the Quarter Cessions at Ormeschurch, iiijd. Item, for the dyett of iij men and ij horses the same tyme and place, ijs.

[p. 298.] Item, paid to Lawrence Perrett and Jeffrey Heaton for slate, xlijs. Item, for the charges of Humfrey Standley the same tyme, iiijd. Item, paid to Thomas Lumas for timber at Bold woode, xxjs. Item, paid for the felling and barckinge of the said timber, xiiijd. Item, paid for mending the church gate to Gyles Lyon, ijs. Item, paid for the charges of Richard Houghton and Richard Greene goinge to the slate delf, viijd. Item, paid to Perrett the slater for slate, xjs. Item, paid to Henrie Garrard, Robert Mosse and Henrie Gowden towards the leadinge and cariage of slate, at xijs. the roude, xliijs. Item, paid to Henrie Taylier, churchwarden of Farnworth side, for the bringinge of the money, xijd. Item, spent the same tyme amongst

vs. vjd. Item, paid to Richard Barton and George Wackfeld in part of payment for slatinge the church, iij li. Item, for a tree in Hyton Hey woode, ix. ijd. Item, to John Webster of Eccleston for cariage of iiij lode of timber from Hyton Hey woode, iijs. viijd. Item, to Edward Sutton and Edward Chadocke for the takinge the shingles from the church, viijs. Item, paid to John Garrard and his man for clevinge of lattes ij dayes, iijs. Item, for a thowsand of nayles, iijs. vjd. Item, for duble spikinges of xd. the hundred, ijs. jd. Item, for a gill rope borrowed of John Standish of Eccleston which wee brake at the lodinge of woode, vd. Item, for cariage of v lode of timber out of Bold woode, at xxijd. the lode, to Henrie Ackers, Richard Houghton and Richard Greene, ix. ijd. Item, for the charges of Richard Greene and John Houghton at the cuttinge of the said woode, iijd. Item, for the charges of Humfrey Standley for goinge to the slate delf the seacond tyme, iijd. Item, to Richard Houghton for the cariage of slate, xijs. Item, to Robert Mosse, Richard Greene and Henrie Garrard for the cariage of the said slate, vs. Item, for the charges of Humfrey Standley for v dayes attendinge and helpinge the workemen at the church, xxd. Item, for the charges of Thomas Garnett in the like case for ij dayes, viijd. Item, for the charges of Richard Greene for iij dayes in the like case, xijd. Item, for the charges of all the churchwardens about the like busines and casting theire accountes, xijd.

[p. 299.] Item, for the charges of Edmund Lunt helpinge to bye wood at Bold, iiijd. Item, for the charges of Richard Houghton and Richard Greene the same tyme, iiijd. Item, for a tree bought in Hiton Hey wood by Richard Greene, vijs. Item, for a tree bought in the same wood, vjs. xd. Item, for the table of Henrie Westle and John Webster his man, for a wicke table, after xvijd. the day, viijs. iijd. Item, for the wages of the same men a wicke, iijs. iijd. Item, for the charges of Richard Greene goinge about to hire a carpender the 7 of August, iiijd. Item, for the charges of Richard Houghton, Richard Greene and Humfrey Standley vpon Sainct Lawr : day, cuminge about the vse of the parish, ix. ijd. Item, paid to Lawrence Perrett and Jeffrey Heaton for j rode of slate and a half, after xijs. the rode, xviijs. Item, for j thowsand of nayles of Jo : Asly of Ashton, iijs. vjd. Item, for a quarter of duble spickinges of the same man, ijs. jd. Item, for the charges of Humfrey Standley iij dayes and ij nightes about the vse of the parishe, xvjd. Item, for the charges of the same man about the same busines, iiijd. Item, for the charges of Richard Houghton about the parishe busines, viijd. Item, to Raffe Stocke for makinge billetes for a church ley, ijd. Item, paid to Tho : Baxter for his day wage about the church busines, iiijd. Item, paid to the same Tho : and his man for iiij dayes worcke about the church, viijs. iiijd. Item, paid to George Garnett for iij dayes about the same worcke, iijs. viijd. Item, paid for a pole

in Hyton Hey wood, ijs. ijd. Item, paid to Tho : Baxter for goinge to the wood and fallinge the tree and for ij dayes worcke for him and his man, iijs. vjd. Item, spent by Ric' Houghton when the tree was cutt downe, ijd. Item, to Ric' Houghton for vj dayes about the church busines, ijs. Item, to Tho : Garnett for vj dayes about the church busines, ijs. Item, paid to Edw : Sutton, Edw : Chadocke and Henrie Hasleom for dressing the church and washing the formes, xvjd. Item, for Ric' Greene about the vse of the church j day, iiijd. Item, spent by Humfrey Standley when hee made the billetes, ijd. Item, to Humfrey Standley for fetchinge of nayles, xijd.

[p. 300.] Item, for ij hundred of late nayles to the vse of the church, xd. Item, paid to Edw : Sutton for gathering of mosse, xijd. Item, paid to Ric' Woode of Windle for leadinge of a roude and a half of slate, after xijs. the rode, xviijs. Item, for iij thowsand of latte nayles, after ijs. vjd. the thowsand, xs. vjd. Item, paid for iij hundreth of duble spykings after xd. the hundreth, iijs. iiijd. Item, for iij hundreth sngle spykings, after vd. the hundreth, xxd. Item, paid to Mr Gibson, the arsbishops chancler, for the appearance of all the churchwardens, ijs. Item, spent by Tho : Garnett and Humfrey Standley at Manchester, vs. jd. Item, paid to George Garnett for a day and a halfe about the clocke, xvd. Item, paid to Mr Gibson for excomunicacion, xiiijd. Item, paid to Mr Gibson for the same excomunicacion, ijs. Item, paid to the ringers vpon the Queines day, iijs. iiijd. Item, spent by Tho : Garnett and Humfrey Standley at the Quartercessions at Wigan, ijs. Item, for wrytinge our bills, ijd. Item, paid to Tho : Baxter for worckinge at the church, xiiijd. Item, for the charges of Ric' Houghton for ij dayes about the church, viijd. Item, paid to Tho : Baxter for ij dayes worcke, ijs. ijd. Item, paid to the same man for ij dayes worcke, hee and his man, iijs. ijd. Item, spent by Ric' Houghton and Ric' Greene at Manchester, vs. vjd. Item, paid to Mr Gibson for the charges of the court, vjs. iiijd. Item, paid to Andrew Barton and George Wackfeld for slatinge the church, xxs. iiijd. Item, to the same men for slatinge the porch, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid to Edw : Sutton for mosse, vd. Item, spent by Ric' Houghton and Ric' Greene at Farnworth about the church ley, viijd. Item, spent by Ric' Greene about the same ley an other tyme, iiijd. Item, spent by Ric' Houghton and Greene when they fetched the church ley from Farnworth, viijd. Item, paid to Jo : Webster for leadinge ij lode of timber from Hyton Hey wood, ijs. ijd. Item, paid to Ric' Greene for leadinge a lode from the same place, xd. Item, to Ric' Greene for ij dayes beinge at the church, viijd. Item, paid to Jo : Garrard and his man for their worcke about the church dyuerse dayes, xxijs. ijd.

[p. 301.] Item, for wine to the church, vjd. Item, for white lime, ij bushell, ijs. jd. Item, for the cariage of the said lime,

xvjd. Item, for the charges of Ric' Houghton the same day, vd. Item, spent by the churchwardens when they mett about theire accountes, vjd. Item, for a sive to ridle the lime, iiijd. Item, paid to Tho: Gyles for layinge leade vpon the steiple, vjd. Item, to Adam Bateman towards the whytinge of the church, iijs. Item, paid to Edw: Angedale for mosse, xvd. Item, to Tho: Baxter and his man for j dayes worke, either of them, ijs. jd. Item, paid for bread to the church, jd. Item, paid to Edw: Edwardson for the ringe of the church dore, xiiijd. Item, for a coram nomina to the vse of the parishe, ijs. vjd. Item, for the fetchinge of the said coram nomina from Chester, iiijd. Item, paid to Andrew Barton and George Wackfeld in full discharg of theire slatinge the church, xvs. Item, paid to Hugh Webster for vnlodginge the lyme, ijd. Item, for iij windles of lime, after ijd. the windle, ix d. Item, for the cariage of the said lime from Leuerpoul, vjd. Item, for the charges of Ric' Greene about the same matter, vd. Item, paid to Jo: Standish for the vse of his ropes to Bold and Hyton Hey wood, iiijd. Item, paid for the charges of all the churchwardens metinge about theire accountes vpon Saint Katherins day, xijd. Item, paid to Ric' Burie for reparinge the cloke, xijd. Item, for xvj vrchandes, ijs. viiij d. Item, spent by the churchwardens when they made their accountes, xijd. Item, spent vpon the viij men when they toucke the accountes of vs churchwardens, xijd. Item, for xxx moldiardes, xvd. Item, for the charges of the churchwardens metinge vpon the queines day, xijd. Item, to Edw: Houghton for breackinge his ladder, vjd. Item, to Ric' Greene for vj malpes, vjd. Item, for candles vpon the queines day, ijd. Item, to Edw: Sutton for washinge the surples, xvjd. Item, spent vpon the churchwardens of Farnworth side about theire church ley, vijd.

[p. 302.] Item, paid for the wrytinge of our accountes into the church bouckes, ijs. Summa expensarum, xxvj li. iijs. vd.

Sic in arrerages in the old church wardens handes, xxvijs. iiij d. ob. Of which some remayneth vngathered in theise sommes followinge:

Inprimis, Robert Poughden vnpaid for shingle, vs. Item, the church ley of Whiston vnpaid, vs. Item, Mr Norres for his house in Parr, xvjd. Item, part of Eccleston half ley the last yeare vnpaid, ijs. ob. Item, of the first church ley this yeare of Eccleston, xvd. Item, in the handes of Edward Sutton, ijs. Item, in the handes of Francis Watmough for his church ley in Sutton, vjd. ob. Item, in the handes of Robert Lea of Sutton for his church ley, jd. q. Item, in the handes of Mr Edw: Eccleston for his house in Prescott, vd. Item, vnpaid for burialls as appereth by the boucke of burialls, vjs. Summa, xxiijs. viiij d. q. So remaneth in the churchwardens handes in money, iijs. ix d. Summa totalis, xxvijs. iiij d. ob.

The accountes of Richard Houghton, Ric' Greene, Thomas Garnett and Humfrey Standley, churchwardens afforesaid, beinge taken by the Eight men whose names hereafter are subscribed and in the presence of Thomas Mead, Vicar of the parishe church afforesaid, the fourth day of December 1590.

The names of the Eight men which toucke the accountes of the said wardens are theise : off Prescottt, Ric' Shawe ; Whiston, Robert Wyke ; Raynhill, Bouden Potter ; Sutton, Jo: Dodson ; Windle, Robert Turner ; Parr, Jo: Knowles ; Eccleston, Tho: Torbocke ; Raynforth, William Tunstall.

Churchwardens appoynted by the viij men : for Prescottt, Whiston, Raynhill, William Hornebie ; for Sutton, John Torbocke ; for Windle, Parr, Tho: Tickle ; for Eccleston, Raynforth, [blank].

[signed] THOMAS MEADE. THOMAS . . .

1590-1

[p. 303.] Anno domini 1591

The a covntes off William Hornebea, John Tarbocke, Thomas Tyckell, Thomas Lyon, wardens off the parishe chorche off Prescote off theare reysaytes tacken by the viij men, the therde daye off December 1591, bygynyng at Saynte Katheryns daye and endyng that daye twelffemoneth nex folowyng.

Reseved for a chorche leye, vij li. xvjs. Reseved off Robarte Povghton, vs. Reseved off Rychard Greane, ixd. Reseved off the ovld chorche wardens for the leye off Whyston, vs. Reseved more off the sayde chorche wardens, iijs. In eryges, xjs. vijd. Reseved in bvryalls as a peareth in the bocke off bvryalls, xxxs. Som reyseytes, x li. xjs. iiijd. ob.

[p. 304.] Paymentes made by vs, Willyam Hornebe, John Tarbocke, Thomas Tyckell and Thomas Lyon, chorche wardens off the paryshe chorche off Prescote in anno 1591, from Saynte Katheryns daye, endyng that twelffe moneth, in maner and forme followyng.

Item, for paper, ijd. Payde at the Quarter Secyons at Wygan, xijd. Payd for a crose bare to the glase wyndowe, vjd. Payd for mendyng the belle, viijd. Payd for mendyng the chorche ladder with yerne, iiijd. Payd to Gilles Lyon for a bare to the chorche gate [and] with puttyng in the same, iiijd. Payd for a locke and a bovlte to the same gate, vijd. Payde the glasyer for mendyng the chorche wyndovse, xijs. jd. Payd for fyre to the same worcke, 4d., and for helpyng him to shifte laders ij dayes, vjd., all, xd. Payd for bread and wyne, ijd. Payd at v tymes syttyng at the Deanes Corte, ixs. vijd. Payd for setting the chorche wall to Gilles, xxijs. ixd. Payd for xxix wyndells off lyme to do the wall, xijs. vijd. For leadyng sande to the chorche, vjd. Payd for stones

and leadyng them fray the Holte, xxd. Payd for iij lodes more off stones with leadyng, ijs. ijd. Payd for ij movldwartes heades, jd. Payde for a pote off alle at leadyng the stones, jd.

[p. 305.] Payd Rychard Bery for reparyng the clocke this yeare, xijd. Payd Edward Svtton for reparyng the bells, ijs. Payd the paynter for the queanes armes, iijs. jd. Payd George Sumner for mendyng the bels, xvjd. Payd for wrytyng the svrveyors names, jd. Payd for the syrpeles, xxvjs. Expences in byng the same, vijd. For mackyng the same syrples, iijs. iiijd. For thread to the same, iiijd. For bread at a comvnyon, jd. For our expences in feachyng the chorche leye from Farnoth, vjd. Payd Henry Taylor for bryngng the chorche leye to Prescott from Farnoth, xijd. Payd for our dyners the same tyme, xijd. Payd for a bell rope to Rychard Greane, xxd. Payd for a bell rope more, xvijjd., and a corde to the clocke, viijd., my charges byng the same 4d., all ijs. vjd. Payd for washyng the syrples xijd., and grease to the belles, 4d., xvjd. For setting vp the seconde bell, beyng favlen dovne, and tackyng vp the other iij with trosyng them and yerne to the same, iijs. vjd. For the worckman and his sarvand, iijs. Payd Edward Sutton helpyng the worckemen, viijd. Payd for ij malpes heades to Thomas Hardeman, jd. Payd for mendyng the locke to the clocke [ho]vse dore with a newe keye to the same, iiijd.

[p. 306.] Payd for goyng to the slate delffe in charges, iiijd. Payd John Webster for leadyng of a roode off slate, iijs. Payd James Taylor for tymber for lathes and shyngels, ijs. iiijd. Payd for naylles to the same, xvjd. Payd Raffe Shawe and Rychard Gleaste for ij dayes worcke in clyvyng the same lath and shyngels, ijs. viijd. Payd at Wygyn, my charges in bryngyng the money gathered for Wollerhomton,¹ vjd. Payd Edward Sotton for gettyng mose to the chorche, xiiijd. For beyng with the ryghtes in clyvyng lath, iiijd. For charges to Willyam Hornebea for xvij dayes in doyng the chorche wall and feachyng the lyme, with tendyng the worcke men and with feachyng the stones from the Holte, vs. viijd. Payd vpon the queanes hollydaye for ryngyng, iijs. vjd. Payd for our dyners when we chose the 8 men, xijd. Payd on Saynte Cateryns daye at our meatyng, xijd. Payd on Prescott ever² for the mackyng vp our bockes, iiijd. Payd for di. a roode of slate, vs. vjd. Payd at our meatyng laste, beyng Wensday after Waryngton fayre, xijd. Payd for a wyndell off lyme to mortar the chorche, vd. Payd Adam Bayteman for the foll dyscharge for whytelymyng the chorche, vjs. Payd Edward Sotton for dresyng the formes, ijs. Payd Edward Fyny for ij heygeoges heades, iiijd. Payd to Thomas Rovghley for ix

1. This doubtless relates to a brief issued in consequence of the disastrous fire at Wolverhampton of April 22-7, 1590 (Shaw's *Staffordshire*, Vol. 2, p. 163).

2. Perhaps "over," meaning "to one named Prescott in addition."

hedghodges, xviiij. Payd John Dobson for hedghodges and movldywartes, ixd. Payd Mr Thomas Eltonhede sarvande for ij hedghodg, iiiij. Payd Rychard Hovghton for iiiij hedgeoges, viij.

[p. 307.] Payd Thomas Kenyon for vj hedghodges, xij. Payd Mr Thomas Eltonhead for xvj movldywartes, viij. Payd John Olyverson for ix crowe heades and ij kytes [and] one pye head, vjd. Payd James Taylor ix crowe heades, a pye hed and a kyte head and a hedghodg, vijd. Payd Hewe Webster for a hedghodg, ijd. Payd Edwarde Stockeley for a hedghodge, ijd. Payd to Frances Worseley for 4 hedghodes, viij. Payd Rychard Bery for ingrosyng the chorch bocke, ijs. Spente at the mackyng vp off our bockes, xvjd. Som off all that we have layde oute comes to the som of viij li. xjs. iiiij.

Reyseytes, x li. xjs. iiiij. ob. Payde, viij li. xjs. iiiij. Reste vnpayd in there handes, xls. ob., off the wiche is owyng for the newe chorche wardens to reseve as foloweth. For iiiij bvryalls as in the bocke off byrvalls (*sic*) a pereth, viijs. And not reseved off the ovlde chorche wardens as by there a covnte a pereth in the bocke, xjs. vijd. ob. Off vs not reseved off the chorche leye off Sotton, vjd. ob. Not reseved off Wyndell ley off Robarte Covlley, ijd. ob. Not reseved off the wyffe off Robarte Prescott, ob. q. Som not reseved which the newe chorche wardens is charged withall, xxs. vd.

[p. 308.] So reste in redy money in the ovlde chorche wardens handes, xixs. vijd. q.

The a covnte off Wyllyam Hornebe, John Tarbocke, Thomas Tyckell and Thomas Lyon, chorch wardens off the parishe chorche off Prescott a fore sayd, beyng tacken by the viij men whose names heareafter are subscribed, and in the presence off Thomas Meade, Vycar off the parishe chorche a foresayd, tacken the thorde daye off Desember anno 1591.

The names off the 8 men who tocke the a covnte are these: Prescott, Rychard Bery; Whyston, Raffe Hovghton; Raynehill, Wyllyam Ackers; Sutton, Hary Sotton; Wyndell, Bryan Lyon; Pare, Willyam Torner; Eccleston, Thomas Tarbocke; Raynefforde, Edwarde Fayreste.

Chorche wardens a povnted by the forsayd 8 men: Prescott, Whyston and Raynehill, Thomas Woddes; Sovtton, Hary Rothewell; Windell and Pare, Edward Covlper; Eccleston and Raynefford, James Gleaste.

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1591-2

[p. 310.] Anno 1592.

The accountes of Thomas Woodes, James Gleast, Henrie Rothwell and Edward Cowper, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescott, of there receates taken by the 8 men the xxvthe daie

of November in anno predicto, begininge at St. Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelmonthe, in maner and forme folowinge.

X Imprimis, receaved of John Lion of Whiston for j church ley, vs. Item, receaved of William Sharlocke for j churche ley, vs. Item, receaved of James Talier for j church ley, xs. Item, receaved for j church ley of Farnworth side, iij li. xvs. viijd. ob. Item, receaved for leade, xxjs. vjd. Item, receaved of John Ogle gent' for slates, xxd. Item, receaved of the ould churchwardens, xixs. vijd. Item, receaved for j church ley of Eccleston, xs. Item, receaved for j church ley of Rainforthe, xs. Item, receaved of Raffe Sutton for j church ley, xxs. Item, receaved of Ric' Denton for j churche ley, xs. Item, receaved of Edward Houghton for j church ley, viijs. viijd. Item, receaved for the buriall of Mr Lathoms child, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of Hughe Lea, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of John Lea, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of Tho : Worsleys child, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of Tho : Sharlocke, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of Robt Dychfeld, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of William Garnet, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of William Pinington, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of John Lea wiffe, ijs. Item receaved for the buriall of James Lion, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of Robert Malbone, ijs. Summa receptorum, x li. xviijs. jd. ob.

1592

Paimentes made by vs, Thomas Woodes, James Gleast, Henrie Rothwell and Edward Cowper, churchwardens of the parishe churche of Prescott in anno domini predicto, begininge at St Katherins daie and endinge at that daie twelmonthe, in maner and form folowinge.

Imprimis, for halfe a horsse hyde for shakalinge the bells, xijd. Item, for goinge in this quarter for takinge the names of the parishoners, xijd. Item, for carijnge of slates, iiijd. Item, for mendinge of the stepe of the church stile, jd. Item, for paper, jd. Item, for myne and the sworne mans dinner, vjd. Item, when I went to Wigan, xvd. Item, for bread and wine the first sonndaie the new yare, x . . . Item, when I went to louke for presepthes, . . . Item, for bread and wine, . . . Item, for bread and wine, . . .

[p. 311.] Item, for wier, ijd. Item, for mendinge the thirde bell and claper, vjs. Item, for bread and wine, vijd. Item, for bread and wine, vijd. ob. Item, for bread and wine, vijd. ob. Item, for bread and wine, vijd. ob. Item, for the meate and drinke of Edward Sutton, ijs. Item, for my dinner and chargis at Newton the first daie, viijd. Item, for my charges the second tyme at Newton, iiijd. Item, to Phillipp Layland, ijs. Item, for the sworne mans dinner at Wigan, vjd. Item, for the charges of the same man at Ormchurch, vjd. Item, for bread and wine, viijd. Item, for

bread and wine, xd. Item, to Henrie Talier for collectinge and bringinge Farnworth ley, xijd. Item, spent at the same tyme, ijd. Item, for wrightes worke, timber and lates, xijs. Item, for slate and caridge, xijs. Item, for nayles, ijs. Item, to Edward Sutton for mosse, xd. Item, for glacinge, ijs. vjd. Item, for the slators worke in healpinge the wright and layinge the lead, ijs. iiijd. Item, for goinge for nayles and spent aboute the worke, xvjd. Item, for the coram nomina, ijs. vjd. Item, to Henrie Gouldicar for bringinge it from Chester, iiijd. Item, for goinge to Chester and fees, ijs. vjd. Item, for slatinge, xvs. iiijd. Item, for slate the latter tyme, ijs. ijd. Item, for caridge the same tyme, ijs. Item, for wrightes worke, timber and lates the same tyme, xs. Item, for nayles the same tyme, xijd. Item, to Edward Sutton for poyntinge the windowes, vjd. Item, to the same man for makinge the church cleine, iiijd. Item, to the same man for caringe of slates, ijd. Item, to the same man for lookinge for a wright, ijd. Item, spent when the church was amendinge, vjd. Item, to my sealfe for to windels and a halfe of lyme, xvd. Item, for caridge, jd. Item, for bread and wine, vjd. ob. Item, to the ringers at the coronatione daie, vijs. iiijd. Item, for shinglinge and mendinge the slate vpon the further side of the churche, ijs. xd. Item, to Robert Scoke for healpinge him, xd. Item, for nayles for mendinge the same, iiijd. Item, to Tho: Halsall for mendinge of lockes, ijd. Item, to Ric' Burie for mendinge the clocke, xijd. Item, to Edward Sutton for healpinge about the bell, ijs. Item, for healpinge aboute the churche, iiijd. Item, when we went abroad in the parishe, vjd. Item, for goinge abroad to take the names of the parishenors, ijs. Item, for ingrossinge of the bookes, viijd. Item, for paper, ijd. Item, for heades, vjd. Item, spend vpon the Eight men when we made [our accounts] . . .

[p. 312.] Item, the tow daies sittinge at the churche and at the ingrossinge of the bokes, xvd. ob. Item, when we weare at Wigan, vjd. Item, for the turninge of the claper of the bell, iijs. Item, when we weare at Newton, viijd. Item, when we staid to fasten the bell, ijd. Item, when I went to the Deanes Courte, iiijd. Item, when I was at Newton the second tyme, viijd. Item, for on hedhoges heade, ijd. Item, for writinge at Wigan when we weare at the visitation, xvjd. Item, when we weare at Warrington about the sitacion, ijd. Item, to Robert Roughley for heades, ijs. viijd. Item, to Raffe Houghton for one heade, ijd. Item, to Evan Pyke for one heade, ijd. Item, for heades, iiijd. Item, to Phillipp Layland for heades, ijs. ixd. Item, to Houghlond for heades, ijd. Item, paid to James Gleast, ijs. Item, for my charges when we receaved my L. letter, ijd. Item, for goinge to take the names of the parishoners, ijs. Item, when we had our boke ingrossed, xjd. Item, for paper and when our boke was ingrossed, xjd. Item, for tow daies for crossinge oute

people,¹ xijd. Item, spend with beinge at Wigan, xvd. Item, geven to the boy for goinge throw Sutton quarter,² ijs. viijd. Item, for a belrope for the churche, xxij. Item, spent at this laste tyme, vjd. Item, spent at Newton, viijd. Item, spent at Prescott, viijd. Item, spent at Newton, viijd. Item, for the sworne man at Wigan, vjd. Item, at Ormchurche, xd. Item, spend at tow seuerall tymes at Prescott, vjd. Item, spend with goinge to Chester, ijs. vjd. Item, for goinge to Warrington for the coram nomina, vjd. Item, to Tho: Rothwell for heades, xd. Item, for heades to divers persons, viijd. Item, for the sworne mans dinner and myne, vjd. Item, when we went to take the names of the parichoners, iij. Item, spend one the Eight men and the churchwardens, xd. Item, at Wigan, ijs. vjd. Item, spend at our meatinge, xd. Item, when we agried for the bell, vjd. Item, paid for the bell, vs. Item, at that tyme, vjd. Item, spend at tow gates to Newton, . . . Item, at Ormkerke, . . . Item, the sworne mans chargis and myne, . . .

[p. 313.] Item, paid for a bell rope, ijs. vd. Item, at the visitatione, iij. Item, to Gyles Lion for the table, vijs. vjd. Item, for the table clothe, ijs. Item, to George Wakfeld, xijd. Item, at Warrington, iij. Item, for my work tow daies, viijd. Item, for nayles, jd. Item, to John Alkocke, ijs. Item, for head hoges, xijd. Item, James Ashers for heades, vjd. Item, to John Roughley heades, vjd. Item, to John Orme, xxd. Item, to Robert Cowper, ijd. Item, to John Pendelton, iij. Item, for writinge of the boke, ijs. Item, to Mathew Cowley for headhoge heades, vjd. Item, to Edward Stockley for heades, vd. Item, to Edward Sutton for washinge the surplus, ijs. Summa repensarum (*sic*), x li. viijs. jd. ob.

Sic in arereges in the ould churchwardens handes is xjs. of the which Tho: Wodes hathe paid the new churchwardens ix. iij. and the rest is in Henrie Rothwell handes.

Memorandum, that Mr Noris of Parr is in the pariche debte for his parte of a churche ley, which comes to xvjd.

The accomptes of Thomas Woodes, James Gleast, Henrie Rothwell and Edward Cowper, churchwardens afforsaid, beinge taken by the Eight men whose names are hereafter subscribed, and in the presence of Edmund Farhurste, Curat of the pariche churche afforsaid, the xvijth daie of November 1592.

The names of the Eight men whiche toucke this accompt are these: Edmund Lunt, George Lion, William Webster, James Dychfeilde, Robert Garnet.

1. This and accompanying entries suggest that by order of Lord Derby a list of parishioners had been compiled, and the names of those who had attended church were crossed out.

2. Presumably to take the parishioners' names, a task which the churchwardens themselves may well have avoided in this disaffected part of the parish.

Churchwardens apoynted by the viij men: for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhell, Boden Potter; for Sutton, Ric' Roughley; for Windle, Parr, William Torner; for Eccleston, Raynforthe, Ric' Lion.

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1592-3

[p. 315.] The accomptes of Bowden Potter, William Turner, Richard Lyon and Richard Roughley, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of their receipts taken by the Eight men the xxvjth of November 1593 predicto, begininge at Saint Katherins day and endinge at that day tweluemonth.

Inprimis, receaved of the ould churchwardens ouer their accomptes this last yeare as appereth by this booke, xjs. Item, receaved of the Cunstable of Prescott for one church lea, xs. Item, receaved of the Cunstable of Whiston and Raynhill for one church lea, xs. Item, receaved of the Cunstable of Sutton for one church lea, xxs. Item, receaved of the Cunstable of Windle and Parr for one church lea, xxs. Item, receaved of the Cunstable of Eccleston and Raynforth for one church lea, xxs. Item, receaved of Henrie Talier, warden of the chappell of Farnworth, for one church lea, iij li. xvjs. Item, receaved of Mr Eccleston of Eccleston Esquire, for leade which couered the roufe of the reuesterie beffoure the fall theireof, iijs. ixd. Item, receaved of James Taylier for slate, vijs. xjd. Item, receaved of Mr Standish of the Scoules for leade, vjs. ixd. Item, receaved of the same Mr Standish for leade, xijs. iiijd. Item, receaved of James Sorowcowe for iij hundreth and a quartern of leade, xxvijs. vijd. Item, receaved of William Lyme for ould timber and lattes, ijs. viijd. Item, receaved for the buriall of Margaret Webster of Prescott, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of the wiffe of Thomas Dychfeld of Prescott, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of William Sharloke, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of John Baners wiffe, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of Edw: Roughley, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of Bryan Haywards child, ijs. Vnpaid for a child of Edward Aspinwall, ijs. Item, for a child of Henrie Latham, ijs. Item, for the buriall of Mr Lancasters wiffe, ijs. Item, rec' of William Lyme for one logg, xvjd. The somme of all receiptes is xij li. ix. iiijd.

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[p. 320.] Item, spent by me, Richard Lyon, cuminge to Prescott about the same busines, iijd. Item, spent by vs, Richard Lyon and James Cropper swornman, going to Wigan about the same busines, vijd. Item, spent vpon Henrie Westle cuminge twyse vnto Prescott to measure timber and other churth busines, xijd. Item, spent when wee mett to recon and pay the workmen, ixd. Item, spent and paid for ringinge vpon the coronation day, viijs. vijd. Item, paid for nayles, xd. Item, paid to Thomas

Butterie, woodwart of Huyton Hey wood, vs. xd. Item, paid for leadinge of twoe lode from the same wood, ijs. Item, paid for leadinge of one lode from Bould wood, ijs. Item, paid for leadinge one lode from Bewsey Park, ijs. Item, spent by me, William Turner, cuminge to Prescott to meete the comishioners, iijd. Item, spent by vs, Bowden Potter, William Turner and William Fasen, goinge to Warrington to a Deanes Court, xvjd. Item, spent by me, William Turner, goinge to Warrington about the same busines, viijd. Item, spent by vs, William Turner and Henrie Marckland sworneman, goinge to Wigan to a commicion, viijd. Item, spent by vs, William Turner and Richard Roughley, goinge to Warrington to a Deanes Court wheire wee paid xvjd. for feise, and spent vpon our selues and horses xd., the somme is ijs. ijd. Item, spent by vs, Richard Roughley and James Forster sworne man, goinge to Wigan to a commicion, viijd.

[p. 321.] Item, spent goinge to Warrington to a commicion, vij persons, ijs. iijd. Item, spent by me, William Turner, goinge to Chester to make a presentment, wheire I stayed twoe dayes and came home vpon the third, ijs. Item, spent by me, Richard Roughley, cuminge to Prescott to a commicion, iijd. Item, paid to William Eccleston for twoe hedghog heades, iiijd. Item, paid to Thomas Hardman for twoe hedghoges, ijd. Item, paid to George Washington for twoe hedghoges, ijd. Item, paid to Edward Parr for twoe hedghoges, iiijd. Item, paid to Edward Finie for twoe hedghoges, iijd. Item, paid to Peter Traves for three hedghoges, vjd. Item, paid to John Marsh for one hedghog, ijd. Item, paid to Hue Webster for one hedghog, ijd. Item, paid to William Turner for one hedghog, ijd. Item, paid to Bryan Hill for twoe mouldes, jd. Item, paid to John Roughley for eight hedghoges, xvjd. Item, paid to a boy which dwelleth with Edmund Lunt, for 4 hedghoges, viijd. Item, paid to Edward Stockley for twoe hedghoges 4d., for a mapp head jd., twoe pyes ijd., and lj crows, xxijjd. Item, paid to Thomas Lyon for five hedghoges, xd. Item, paid to Thomas Roughley for x hedghoges, xxd.

[p. 322.] Item, paid to William Lyme the last payment for bordwages, xijs. ix. Item, paid for nayles, ijs. xd. Item, paid for paper, jd. Item, spent when wee came to make vp our boukes, xiijd. Item, spent by Mr Houlme goinge to Chester ij dayes to make a presentment, xxd. Item, spent by the same Mr Houlme goinge to Warrington one day vpon the same busines, vjd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for grese to the bells, iiijd. Item, paid to the same Edward for poyntinge the leades, iijd. Item, paid to Richard Berrie for the dressinge of the cloke, xijd. Item, paid to Henrie Byrom for v hedghoges, xd. Item, paid to Ellize Gleast for j hedghog, ijd. Item, paid to Thomas Lyon for xj hedghoges xxijd., xxxij crowe hedes, v mapes, twoe pye heades, ijs. iiijd. Item, paid to the Eight men when they came to take the church

wardens accoumpt, xijd. Item, paid for ingrossinge the accountpes in to the churtch booke, ijs. Item, paid to Thomas Eccleston for vj movldes, iijd. Item, paid to Mr Farehurst for twee dayes goinge vpon the parish busines, xijd. Item, allowed to the churthwardens the same day they made theire accountes, ix. ob. Item, allowed to three persons cuminge to Prescott to heare the accountes of the ould churthwardens, xijd. Summa totalis, xij li. vijs. ijd. ob.

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The accovmptes of Bowden Potter, William Turner, Richard Lyon and Richard Roughley, churthwardens affouresaid, beinge taken by the viij men whose names heireafter are subscribed, and in the presence of Thomas Meade, Clarke, James Pemmerton and Peter Wetherbie gent', the xxvjth day of November 1593 predicto, at which day the churthwardens and the parish are even and not indebted one to the owther as appeare [by] this booke.

The names of the Eight men which touke the accovmptes of the said wardens are theise: Of Prescott, Edward Stockley; Whiston, Henrie Ashton; Raynhill, Richard Greene; Sutton, John Dobson; Windle, Henrie Jarrard; Parr, William Arrow-smith junior; Eccleston, Thomas Torboke; Raynforth, Robert Robie.

Churthwardens appoynted by the said viij men bee theise: for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, James Taylier; for Sutton, Peeter Sutton; for Windle and Parr, Geffrey Traves; for Eccleston and Raynforth, Hugh Ascroft.

Memorandum, that at the makinge of theise churthwardens accomptes theire remayneth viij peises of leade, wheireof ij are spowtes, which weire deliuered in to the handes of James Taylier, the new churthwarden.

[pp. 324 and 325 blank.]

1593-4

[p. 326.] Anno domini 1594.

The accomptes of James Taylier, Geffrey Traves, Peter Sutton and Hugh Ascroft, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of theire receiptes taken by the Eight men, the xxvjth day of November 1594 predicto, begininge at Sainte Katherins day and ending at that day twelue month.

Inprimis, receaved of Henrie Taylier, warden of Farnworth Chappell, for one church lea, iij li. xvs. vijd. Item, receaved of the Cunstables of Sutton for one church lea, xxs. Item, receaved of the Cunstables of Windle and Parr for one church lea, xxs. Item, receaved of the Cunstables of Eccleston and Raynforth for one church lea, xxs. Item, receaved of the Cunstables of Prescott for one church lea, xs. Item, receaved of the Cunstables of Whiston and Raynhill for one church lea, xs. Item, receaved

for the buriall of the wiffe of Robert Dychfeld of Sutton, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of Henrie Jolibrondes childe, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of ould M^{ris} Standish, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of William Spensers child, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of the daughter of Thomas Halsall, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of M^r Manwaringes child, ijs. Item, receaved for the buriall of Christofer Leyes child, ijs. Item, for the buriall of William Sharlockes wiffe, ijs. Item, for the buriall of old M^{ris} Pemberton, ijs. Item, for the buriall of M^r Wetherbies avnt, ijs. The somme of all receiptes is, viij li. xvs. vijd.

This buriall vnpaid, Henrie the sonne of Henrie Laytham of Raynforth.

[p. 327.] 1594

Paymentes made by vs, James Taylier, Geffrey Traues, Peter Sutton and Hugh Ascroft, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott in anno domini predicto, begining at St Katherins day and ending at that day tweluemonth, in maner and forme following.

Inprimis, paid to Edward Sutton for shakling and dressinge the bells, ijs. Item, paid for wine at Cristenmas, vijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and Eightmen when wee mett to lay a church ley, ijs. Item, paid to Mr Pemberton for the maymed souldiers,¹ the xvth day of Januari, vjs. iiijd. Item, paid for a yard of fustion to make a bag for the serples, xijd. Item, spent when Henrie Jarrard and Peres Traves brought slate, ijd. Item, paid to Henrie Taylier, warden of Farnworth Chappell, for bringing the church ley, xijd. Item, spent the same tyme, iijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for mosse, vjd. Item, spent by vs churchwardens when wee mett to confer about the church busines, ijd. Item, paid to Edward Kenwricke for five vrchan heades, xd. Item, spent at James Dychfeldes when wee mett to make a presentment, ixd. Item, spent a nother tyme when the sworne men and wee mett to make a presentment, ijs. iiijd. Item, paid to Jacabo Molayata (*sic*), iiij. s. iiijd. Item, spent by me, James Taylier, when I went to feetch a mason, iiijd. Item, paid to Mr Cullen for a fee, xvjd. Item, spent the same tyme fowre men (*sic*), xiiijd. Item, paid to Mr Pemberton for the maymed souldiers the xth day of Aprill, ijs. iiijd. Item, paid to Thomas Halsall for shifting leade, ijd. Item, paid for nayles, xijd. Item, paid to Thomas Darbisheire and his man for one day shingling the church, xviijd.

[p. 328.] Item, spent the same day by Hugh Ascroft and James Taylier, churchwardens, ixd. Item, paid by me, James Taylier, for ringing and spent vpon the ringers vpon the coronacion

1. A statute of 1593 ordered an assessment to be laid in every parish for the relief of soldiers and sailors incapacitated by wounds or illness since 1588. The payments were to be made to the High Constable of each Hundred.

day, ix. Item, paid to Richard Berrie for mending the bells, iijs. xd. Item, paid to the same Richard for vphoulding the cloke, xijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for washinge twoe serplesse, ijs. Item, spent by vs churchwardens when wee mett to make our accomptes, xvjd. Item, paid to Mr Farehurst for making of preceptes for the church ley, iiijd. Item, paid for slates, vjs. Item, paid to Henrie Jarrard for leading twoe lode of slates, iijs. Item, paid to William Traves for leading one lode of slate, ijs. Item, paid to George Wackfeld for fowre dayes slateing, iijs. viijd. Item, paid to the same George for wood to be slate poues, iiijd. Item, paid to Robert Webster for twoe dayes serving the slater, xvjd. Item, paid to Edward Finie for bordes nayles and mending the turne yate, xijd. Item, paid for one pynt of wyne, iijd. Item, spent by me, Hugh Ascroft twoe dayes when the church was slating, viijd. Item, paid to Richard Marshall for a pullie and mending the turne yate, iiijd. Item, spent by vs, Geffrey Traves, Peter Sutton and Hugh Ascroft, when wee mett to take in the leade that was blowne off the church, xijd. Item, paid to Edward Stockley for making our presentmentes fowre seuerall tymes, xijd.

[p. 329.] Item, paid for a bell rope, ijs. iiijd. Item, spent by vs churchwardens and the sworne men when wee went to Warrington beffoure Mr Cullen, ijs. iiijd. Item, paid for a horse hyde, ijs. Item, paid for wyre for the cloke, iiijd. Item, spent by me, Geffrey Traves, the same day I bought the horse hyde and wyre, iiijd. Item, spent when wee mett to make a presentment, ix. Item, paid to Mr Cullen for a fee, xvjd. Item, paid to Henrie Gouldicar for carriing the horse hyde from Warrington, jd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for licker to the bells, iiijd. Item, paid to the same Edward for dressinge a glasse windowe with mortar, iiijd. Item, paid to Edward Angedale for dressinge the church yord alleyes, viijd. Item, spent by the Eight men and churchwardens vpon St Katherins day, xxjd. Item, paid to Edward Stockley for ingrossinge our accomptes in to the church bouke, ijs. Item, paid to Mathew Stemson for vij vrchans, xx crowe heades, iij moulde, iij malpes, ijs. jd. Item, paid to Mathew Ellum for vij vrchans, xiiijd. Item, paid to Peter Suttons boy for iij moulde and fowre crowe heades, iijd. Item, paid to Edmund Tunstall for v vrchans, ix. Item, paid to William Johnson for iij vrchan heades, vd. Item, paid to Ellize Gleast for ix vrchan heades, xvjd. Item, paid to John Houghland for ij vrchan heades, iiijd. Item, paid to John Roughley for v vrchan heades, xd. Item, paid to Thomas Pyke for j vrchan head, ijd. Item, paid to George Smith for j kyte heade, jd.

[pp. 330-341 missing.]¹

1. The gap includes the whole of the accounts of 1594-5.

1595-6

[p. 342.] Spent by the churchwardens the same day they made theire accomptes, xvjd. Allowed to the Eight men the same day they touke the same accompte, xvjd. Paid to Edward Stockley for ingrossinge our accomptes into the church boucke, ijs. The somme of all paymentes is vij li. iijs. xjd.

The accomptes of William Webster, Gilbert Barton, William Webster (*sic*) and George Waynwright, churchwardens affouresaid, beinge taken by the gent' and Eightmen whose names are heire after subscribed, the xxvth of November 1596 predicto, at which day the churchwardens are indebted vnto the parish, all thinges allowed and accompted vnto them for this yeare, as appeareth by this booke, the somme of three povndes, nintine shillings twoe pence, which was deliuered to Edward Stockley to keepe vntill the newe churchwardens came to receave theire office, also at which tyme theire was vnpaid of Farnworth ley, sixteine shillings.

X The names of the Eight men: for Prescott, Edward Stockley; X Whiston, Tho: Woodes; Raynhill, Richard Greine; Sutton, Thomas Worsley; for Windle, John Garrard; Parr, William Turner; Raynforth, William Parr; Eccleston, Edmund Lvnt.

[p. 343.] The names of the new church wardens: for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, Evan Pyke; for Sutton, Hugh Barnes; for Windle, Parr, William Arrowsmith, jun., for Raynforth, Eccleston, Raffe Tunstall.

1596-7

[p. 344.] Anno domini 1597.

The accomptes of Evan Pyke, William Arrowsmith, Hugh Barnes and Raffe Tunstall, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of theire receiptes taken by the gent' and Eight men whose names heireafter are subscribed, the xxvth day of Nouember, 1597 predicto, begininge at St Katherins day and endinge at that day tweluemonth.

Inprimis, the debt of the ould churchwardens vpon theire accompt, iij li. xixs. ijd. Item, receaved for one whole church ley of Prescott side of the parish, iiij li. Item, receaved of Farnworth side, iij li. xvjs. Item, receaved for the buriall of Richard Hey of Eccleston, ijs. Item, for the buriall of M^{ris} Latham of Mosbarrow, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of Henrie Latham, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of Edw: Taylier, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of vxoris Henrie Taylier, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of vxoris Tho: Potter, ijs. Item, rec' for lxiiij li. of leade sould to M^r Eccleston, vs. iijd. Item, rec' for xliij li. of leade sould to James Dycheffeld, iijs. vijd. Item, rec' for xx li. sould to William Turner xxd. Item, rec' for ix score poundes sold to William Holland, xvs. Item, rec' for the buriall of Alexander France, ijs. The some of all receiptes is xiiij li. xvijs. ijd.

[p. 345.] 1597

Paymentes made by vs, Evan Pyke, William Arrowsmith, Hugh Barnes and Raffe Tunstall, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott in anno domini predicto, begininge at Saint Katherins day and endinge at that day twelue month, in maner and forme followinge.

Inprimis, payde to Browne, the glasier, for worke done at the glasse windowes, iiijs. ijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for washinge the surples, ijs. Item, paid to Thomas Hardeman for makeinge halfe the wall betweine the vicarage and the church-yorde, vijs. vjd. Item, gyven him more towards the losse which hee sustayned theireby, vjd. Item, paid to Richard Greine for leadinge xxiiij loades of stone from the Hoult to the said wall, viijs. Item, paid for vj mettes of lyme and the carriage, iijs. Item, expente at Prescott, xxix^o Marcii, by the churchwardens and swornemen meetinge to make our presentement, ijs. Item, paid to the Deane at the visitation at Warrington, xxx^{mo} Marcii, xijd. Item, expente theire by the churchwardens and the sworn men, xvijjd. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for wrytinge our presentement theire, iiijd. Item, expent xvj^o Julii at Prescott when wee mett the Eight men to viewe the decayes on the leades and revestrie, and to haue one church ley gravnted, xd. Item, paid for timber bought at Bould Wood for the revestrie, xxiijs. Item, spent xiiij^o Augustii when wee and the wrightes wente to bye the timber, viijd. Item, paid for leadinge the said timber from Bould Wood, beinge vj loades at ijs. vjd. the load, xvs. Item, paid to Darbisheire and Standestrite for theire worke aboute the revestrie, xxvs. vjd. Item, paid to Standestrite for goinge to Bould Wood with the cartes, viijd. Item, expente viij^o September vpon our selues and the plimer and Henrie Wesle, xvjd.

[p. 346.] Item, paid to the plimer for his workemanshipp on the leades, xxiijs. viijd. Item, paid to him for lvij poundes of soder at viijd. the pounce, xxxvijs. Item, paid for wood for the plimer to heate his irons and the leadinge theireof, xxijd. Item, paid to Hardeman for pointinge the steeple in certen places about the leades, vjd. Item, spent on Henrie Wesle when hee came to vewe the bell frame, iiijd. Item, paid for the table of Henrie Wesle and his ij men, by the space of vij dayes and a half, workeinge at the bell frame, xvijs. Item, paid for the wages of the said Henrie Wesle and his twoe men the same tyme, vjs. iiijd. Item, paid to Mr Eltonheade for an old milne post and a howetree to be bell heades and for owther vses at the bell frame, and for the cariage theireof, vijs. Item, paid to Thomas Halsall for foure score and twelue povndes of iron, and the workemanshipp theireof aboute the bells, xixs. ijd. Item, paid to James Taylier for repayringe the cloke, xijd. Item, paid for licker to the bells, iiijd. Item, paid to Edw: Sutton for shacklinge the bells by the yeare, ijs. Item, paid to the Collectors of the ley for the

mamed souldiers, viijs. viijd. Item, paid to James Taylier for one yarde and a halfe of fustion to make a bage to carrie the bookes and surples in, and for the makinge theireof, ijs. Item, paid to Thomas Woodes for halfe a horse hyde to be shackles for the bells, xxiij. Item, paid for a coram nomina, ijs. vjd. Item, for the fetchinge theireof, ijd. Item, expente at Prescott, vij^o October, by the churchwardens beinge theire about diuerse reconings and to make theire presentement against the next visitacion, xvjd. Item, paid to Mr Cullen at the visitacion, xiiij^o October, xij. Item, spente theire that day by the churchwardens and sworne men, ijs. iiij. Item, paid to Edw : Stockley for wrytinge our presentement, iiij. Item, paid to Henrie Taylier for bringinge the ley of Farnworth side, xij. Item, paid for breade and wine to minister the comunion withall as followeth viz., the second of Januari, ix. Item, the vth¹ of March, xvjd.

[p. 347.] Item, the first of Maye, xiiij. Item, the fift of June, xvjd. Item, the third of July, xiiij. Item, the vijth of August, xvjd. Item, the fourth of September, xvjd. Item, the second of October, xvjd. Item, the sixt of November, xvjd. Item, paid for the fetchinge of the wyne nine seuerall tymes, ix. Item, paid to Edward Stockley for wrytinge ix preceptes² and sendinge them out for the church ley, vjd. Item, paid for a rope to the greate bell, ijs. vjd. Item, paid to the ringers vpon the coronation day, viijs. Item, paid for candles the same day, ijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens the same day, xxiij. Item, paid for a queire of paper which was sett into the church booke, iiij. Item, paid to Edw : Stockley for engrossinge our accomptes into the church booke, ijs. Item, allowed to the Eight men when they tocke the accompt of the churchwardens, xvjd. Item, spent by the churchwardens the same day, xvjd. The somme of all paymentes is xiiij li. vjs. vd.

[pp. 348 and 349 are missing.]

1597-8

[p. 350.] Anno domini 1598.

The accomptes of Henrie Latham, Evan Jameson, Bryan Lyon and Edward Justice, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of theire receiptes taken by the gent. and Eight men whose names heireafter are subscribed, the xxvth day of November 1598 predicto, begininge at St Katherins day and endinge at that day tweluemonth :

Inprimis, the debt of the ould churchwardens vpon theire accompt, xs. vd. Item, receaued of the Cunstables of Prescott,

1. *recte* 6 March. Communion was evidently celebrated on the first Sunday of the month.

2. Doubtless one precept for each of the eight townships of Prescott side of the parish, addressed to the constables, and one precept for the whole of Farnworth side, addressed to the churchwardens.

Whiston and Raynhill for a church ley, xxs. Item, receaved of the Cunstable of Sutton for a church ley, xxs. Item, receaved of the Cunstable of Windle and Parr for a church ley, xxs. Item, receaved of the Cunstable of Eccleston and Raynforth for a church ley, xxs. Item, receaved the church ley from Farnworth, iij li. xvjs. Item, receaved for twoe buriales, iijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of Mr Coney, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of a child of Thomas Worsley, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of Thomas Webster, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of Mr Eccleston, ijs. Item, rec' for slates which weire left at the church ouer the slatinge of the revestrie, iijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of the wiffe [of] Robert Robie, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of a child of William Naylier, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of the wiffe of Thomas Webster, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of a child of Thomas Eccleston, ijs. Item, rec' for the buriall of a child of Thomas Garrard, ijs. Some of all receiptes is ix li. xijs. vd.

Vnpaid of Farnworth ley which should haue beine paid in the yeare of our Lord God 1596, the somme of xvjs.

[p. 350a.] Paymentes made by vs, Henrie Latham, Evan Jameson, Bryan Lyon and Edward Justice, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott in anno domini predicto, begininge at St Katherins day and endinge at that day tweluemonth, in maner and forme followinge.

Inprimis, paid to Richard Ireland for a loke, a key, a plate and nayles to the church dore, vjs. vjd. Item, paid for wyre to the cloke, xvijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and Eight men the vth of December cuminge to Prescott to graunte a church ley, ixd. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for wrytinge ix preceptes which weire sente in to the parish for the church ley, vjd. Item, paid to Richard Ireland for dressinge twoe lockes, one for the revestrie and one for the lower leades, and makinge twoe keyes, ijs. viijd. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for wrytinge the precept which came from the comishioners twise, of which one went to Farnworth, viijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and sworne-men the sixth of March, cuminge to Prescott aboute our presentment to Sir Richard Mullinex and other comishioners, xxd. Item, spent at Ormeschurch the xxijth of March, goinge to make our present (*sic*) to the said comishioners, eight parsons, iijs. viijd. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for wrytinge our presentment which went to the said comishioners twise ouer, vjd. Item, paid for goinge in Eccleston, Raynforth, Windle, Parr, Sutton, Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill to take the names of the inhabitance, accordinge to the appoyntment of the comishioners, iijs.

[p. 350b.] Item, paid for slates to slate the revestrie, xiijs. ixd. Item, paid for leadinge of the slates, xixd. Item, paid to the slater for his worke, xiijs. Item, paid for bringinge Farnworth ley, to the wardens of Farnworth Chappell, xijd. Item, spent the same tyme it was brought, ijd. Item, paid for twoe hundreth

xxv li. of leade, xxxvs. jd. Item, paid for the cariage theireof and spent goinge twoe dayes to bye it and fetch it, ijs. vjd. Item, paid for layinge the leade and carringe of sand to laye it with, viijd. Item, paid for a bell rope, iijs. Item, paid to Richard Marshall for cleeuinge lattes to the revestrie, xd. Item, paid to James Houghton for dressinge the church ladder which was brocken, xd. Item, paid for fowre hundreth of nayles to the revestrie, xxjd. Item, paid for a bell rope the first of March, iijs. vjd. Item, paid the fowrth of March to the glaser for mendinge the glasse windowes, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for shakleinge the bells, ijs. Item, paid to the same Edward for washinge the sherples, ijs. Item, paid for paper to the Regester booke, ijd. Item, paid for bringinge a precept to Farnworth Chappell, ijd. Item, paid for twoe mettes of lyme and the carriage, xiiijd. Item, paid at the visitacion for a Booke of Articles, xvjd. Item, spent at the visitacion, sixteine persons, xs. ix. Item, paid to Edward Stockley for wrytinge our presentement to my Lord Bishopp, vjd. Item, paid for the recipte of our presentement, viijd. Item, paid to the maymed souldiers, viijs. viijd. Item, paid for a quittance, ijd. Item, spent vpon Palme Sunday for our diners, xvjd.

[p. 351.] Item, spent vpon Ester Eiuē, xvjd. Item, spent vpon Ester day by the churchwardens and sworne men, ijs. ijd. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for wrytinge all the names of the parishners in a booke, iijs. Item, spent by Henrie Lathom and Evan Jameson goinge to Farnworth to demaunde the church ley, xijd. Item, spent by Henrie Lathom and Edward Justice, goinge to Farnworth about the poore, viijd. Item, spent goinge thorowe the parish to take the names of parishners, xvjd. Item, spent by Bryan Lyon and Edw: Justice the xxvijth of Aprill, cuminge to Prescott abowt comunicantes, viijd. Item, spent at Prescott when wee mett about our presentement to my Lord Bishopp, xiiijd. Item, spent by Evan Jameson and Edw: Justice, cuminge to Prescott to meete Mr Lancaster about presentinge recusandes, viijd. Item, spent by Bryan Lyon, cuminge another day about the same presentment, iiijd. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for wrytinge our presentement to Mr Lancaster, iiijd. Item, spent by Bryan Lyon and Evan Jameson, cuminge to see the rushis brought to the church, viijd. Item, spent at Warrington by Bryan Lyon and Edw: Justice, goinge to my Lord Bishops Court, xjd. Item, paid to Edw: Sutton for mosse to the revestrie, vjd. Item, paid for breade and wyne the first of Januari, xvijd. Item, paid for bread and wyne the fourth of December, xvijd. Item, paid for bread and wyne, the vth of Februari, xvviijd. Item, paid for bread and wyne the vth of March, xvviijd.

[p. 352.] Item, paid for bread and wyne the ijth of Aprill, xvviijd. Item, paid for bread and wyne the vijth of May, xiiijd. Item, paid for bread and wyne the iiijth of June, xiiijd. Item,

paid for bread and wyne the ijth of July, xiiijd. Item, paid for bread and wyne the vjth of August, xxiijd. Item, paid for bread and wyne the iijth of September, xviiijd. Item, paid for bread and wyne the first of October, xxiijd. Item, paid for bread and wyne the vth of November, xxiijd. Item, paid to the ringers vpon the coronation day, ix. s. ijd. Item, paid for candles the same day, ijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens the same day, xvjd. Item, paid to Thomas Halsall for irne and worke to the bells, ijs. vjd. Item, paid to the same Thomas for reparing the cloke, xijd. Item, paid to Thomas Woodes for half a horse hyde to shakle the bells, xviiijd. Item, paid to Edw : Stockley for wrytinge our accountes into the church booke, ijs. Item, spent by the churchwardens and Eight men the day the accountes weire taken ijs. viiijd. Some of all paymentes is x li. vjs. xjd.

The accountes of Henrie Latham, Evan Jameson, Bryan Lyon and Edward Justice, churchwardens affouresaid, beinge taken by the gent' and Eight men whose names are heireafter subscribed, the xxvth day of November 1598 predicto, at which day the parish is indebted vnto the churchwardens, all thinges allowed and accompted vnto them for this yeare, as appeareth by this booke, the somme of fowrteine shillinges, seven pence.

Memorandum, that theire remayneth yet vnpaid the day abouesaid to the vse of the parish to be paid from Farnworth, xvjs.

[signed] THO : LANCASTER

THOMAS MEADE

JO : OGLE

JA : PEMBERTON

FRA : WATMOUGH

ROBT CONEY

[p. 353.] The names of the Eight men : Thomas Potter, Christofer Kenwick, Henrie Ashton, John Garrard, Bryan Martin, Robert Robie, Edmund Lyon, Thomas Worsleye.

The names of the new churchwardens : for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, Christofer Lea ; for Sutton, Roger Wood ; for Windle and Parr, William Turner ; for Eccleston and Raynforth, Robert Brecke.

1598-9

[p. 354.] Anno domini 1599.

The accomptes of Christofer Lea, William Turner, Roger Wood and Robert Brecke, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of theire receiptes taken by the gent' and Eightmen whose names heireafter are subscribed, the xxvth day of November, for this yeare last past, 1599 predicto annoque Elizabeth R.R. xliij°, begininge at St Katherins day and endinge at that day twelue-month.

Inprimis, receaued from Farnworth which they weire indebted vnto the parish befouretyme, xxjs. Item, receaued the lea from Farnworth this yeare, iij li. xvjs. Item, receaued the ley for Prescott side, iij li. Item, rec' for seuen buriales, xiiij s. The somme of all receiptes is ix li. vjs.

[p. 355.] 1599.

Paymentes made by vs, Christofer Lea, William Turner, Roger Wood and Robert Brecke, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott in anno domini predicto, begininge at St Katherins day and endinge at that day tweluemonth, in maner and forme followinge.

Inprimis, paid for breade and wyne as followeth, the ijth of December, xvijjd. Item, the vijth of Januari, ijs. Item, the fourth of Februari, March and Aprill, vijs. vjd. Item, in May and June, iijs. Item, in July, ijs. Item, in August, xxd. Item, in September, xxijd. Item, in October, xxd. Item, in November, xvjd. Item, for breade for the whole yeare, xijjd. Item, paid for a Regester booke of partchment¹ the third of Januari, xvjs. Item, paid to Mr Deane the same day at his visitacion, xvjd. Item, spent the same day by one of the churchwardens and one of the sworne men, xijd. Item, paid to Mr Deane at his visitacion at Billinge Chappell, xvjd. Item, spent by twoe churchwardens and twoe sworne men goinge to the said visitacion, xxd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and sworne men cuminge befoure the High Cunstable, xiiijd. Item, paid to the old wardens which the parish was indebted vnto them, xiijs. vjd. Item, paid to Mr Ogle, the High Cunstable, for the mamed souldiers and the marshallsea, xs. xd.

[p. 356.] Item, paid to Thomas Halsall for worke done by him about the bells, iijs. ijd. Item, paid to William Sedowne for mendinge a peece of the church yord wall which was fallen, iijs. Item, paid for nailes to the church, xvijjd. Item, spent by the wardens beinge twoe dayes with Edward Finie when hee wrought at the church, xijjd. Item, paid to Edward Finie for shingleinge and mendinge the church roufe, vjs. viijjd. Item, paid to the ringers vpon the coronacion day, viijs. Item, spent by the churchwardens the same day, xijd. Item, for the vse of a borrowed rope that day, viijjd. Item, paid for three bell ropes and a corde to the cloke, xs. Item, paid for mendinge the church yates, xvjd. Item, paid to Edward Stockley for wrytinge our presentement to Mr Deane, vd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for washinge the surples and shakeling the bels, iijs. Item, paid to James Sorrow-cowe for trane to the bells, viijjd. Item, paid to William Turner for the like, viijjd. Item, paid for more traine to the bells, ijd. Item, paid to Thomas Halsall for worke aboute the bells, ijs. iiijjd. Item, paid to the wardens of Farnworth for bringinge twoe leyes, ijs. Item, paid for a key to a chest and for paper, vjd. Item, paid to Edward Finie for a church grate with the pullices, postes and

1. By a constitution of 1597 Parish Registers were to be kept on parchment, beginning with a transcript of all surviving earlier entries since the beginning of Elizabeth's reign. This was due to many earlier paper Registers having perished. Prescott Parish Register (*i.e.*, the parchment transcript) begins with the year 1573.

other worke about the same, xiijs. iiijd. Item, paid to Edw : Stockley for wrytinge a nother presentement, vjd. Item, paid to the same Edw : for ingrossinge our accomptes in to the church booke, ijs.

[p. 357.] Item, paid to George Tapley for xxxvj crowes, xijd. Item, allowed to the Eight men when they toucke thacompte of the churchwardens, ijs. Item, paid towards the collection for the Kings Bench and Marshalsee for the last yeare, ijs. ijd. The somme of all paymentes is vj li. xviijs. iiijd.

The accomptes of Christofer Lea, William Turner, Roger Wood and Robert Brecke, churchwardens affouresaid, beinge taken by the gent' and Eight men whose names are heireafter subscribed, the xxth of November 1599 predicto, at which day the churchwardens are indebted vnto the parish, all thinges allowed and accompted vnto them for this yeare, as appeareth by this booke, the somme of fowrtie three shillings, three pence.

[signed] THO : LANCASTER FRAUNCIS WATMOUGHT

THOMAS MEADE ROBT CONEY

JO : OGLE JAMES TAILER

The names of the Eight men : Prescott, James Dychfeld ; Whiston, John Lyon ; Raynhill, Tho : Glouer ; Sutton, Hugh Barnes ; Windle, Richard Wood ; Parr, William Arrowsmith ; Eccleston, Edmund Lunte ; Raynforth, Edward Farhurst.

The names of the new churchwardens : for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, Tho : Beisley ; for Sutton, Ric' Wright ; for Windle and Parr, Robert Billinge ; for Eccleston and Raynforth, John Alcocke.

1599-1601¹

[p. 358.] The accomptes of John Alcocke, Thomas Beisley, Richard Wright and Robert Billinge, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of theire receiptes taken by the gent' and Eightmen whose names heireafter are subscribed, the fist day of March for the yeare and parte of an other last past 1600 predicto annoque Elizabeth R.R. xliij^o, begininge at St Katherins day and endinge the fist day of March cum tweluemonth.

Inprimis, receaved a church ley from Farnworth side, iij li. xvjs. Item, receaued of the Cunstables of Prescott, xs. Item, rec' of the Cunstables of Whiston, vs. Item, rec' of the Cunstables of Raynhill, vs. Item, rec' of the Cunstables of Sutton, xxs. Item, rec' of the Cunstables of Windle, xs. Item, rec' of the Cunstables of Parr, xs. Item, rec' of the Cunstables of Raynforth, xs. Item, rec' of the Cunstables of Eccleston, xs.

1. The accounts which follow run from St. Catherine's Day (25th Nov.), 1599 to 1st March, 1600/1, and those of the next year run from 1st March to 25th November, 1601. The cause of this variation is not stated, but there was evidently some desire for a year beginning and ending at Easter, as had been the case in the years 1546-53, and as became the case again in 1607 (see below).

Receaved towards another ley theise sommes followinge :
 Of the Cunstable of Prescott, xs. Item, of the Cunstable of Sutton, xxs. Item, of the Cunstable of Windle, xs. Item, of the Cunstable of Parr, xs. Item, of the Cunstable of Eccleston, xs. Item, of the Cunstable of Raynforth towards their ley, vs. Item, of the Cunstable of Whiston parte of their ley, iij. s. xd.

Item, rec' of the old churchwardens, xxxiij. s. Item, rec' for xj burials in the church, xxijs. The some of all receiptes is 14 li. 4s. 10d.

[p. 359.] Paymentes made by John Alcocke, Thomas Beisley, Richard Wright and Robert Billinge, churchwardens of the parish of Prescott in anno domini predicto, begininge at St Katherins day and endinge the fist of March cum tweluemonth, in maner and forme followinge.

Inprimis, paid to Richard Wilkinson for dressinge the church alley, iij. d. Item, paid to Nicholas Holland for tentinge the dogges forth of the church, ijs. Item, paid to Edw : Poynter for xvij metes of lyme, one beinge vnslecte lyme, vjs. iiij. d. Item, paid to Alben Haighton for the cariage of the lyme from Leverpoull, ijs. viij. d. Item, paid to Adam Bateman for whyteinge the church, xs. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for washinge the formes when the whytinge was done, ijs. Item, paid to William Sedowne for xxx^{tie} hewen ashlores, xs. Item, paid to Raffe Hovghton and William Webster for ledinge the ashlers, ijs. iiij. d. Item, paid to Gilbert Prise for one daies worke to helpe lode the ashlores, vjd. Item, spent by John Alcocke when hee was with the worke men to see this worke don, iiij. d. Item, paid to William Sedowne for three daies worke in mendinge the church wall, settinge the steppes at the stile by Plumpton and the steps at the yate, ijs. xd. Item, paid to Humfrey Henrison for twoe daies worke and a half at the same worke, xvij. d. Item, spent by John Alcocke when hee was with the worke men to see the worke don, iiij. d. Item, paid to Thomas Darbisheire for wood to bee a steile by Plumpton, xs. viij. d. Item, paid to the said Thomas for wood to mende the frame of the yate, ijs. vjd.

[p. 360.] Item, paid to Richard Marshall and Thomas Darbisheire for three rayles, one bord and one wheile to mend the yate, ijs. viij. d. Item, paid to Richard Marshall for xl shingles to mende the church with, ijs. iiij. d. Item, paid to Richard Marshall for bordes to borde the end of the church, iij. s. xd. Item, paid to William Webster for leadinge three lode of woode which was to make the stile by Plumpton, xij. d. Item, paid to Thomas Darbisheire for tenne daies worke at xd. the day, in makinge the steile, mendinge the yate, bordinge the church ende and mendinge the bell frame, viij. s. iiij. d. Item, paid to the said Thomas for x daies worke of his man, Olliuer Lyme, at the same worke, at ixd. the daye, vjs. vjd. Item, paid to the said Thomas for vj daies worke and a halfe of his man Frodsom, at the same worke, at

viijd. the daye, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid to Edmund Lvynte for one daies worke at the bell fraime, vjd. Item, paid to William Webster for leadinge iiij lode of sande and three lode of claye, xijd. Item, paid to Adam Bateman for iiij daies worke makinge claye and mortar and poyntinge joyntes in the church, ijs. ijd. Item, paid to George Wackfeld for three work (*sic*) mendinge the slate and beme fillinge the church, ijs. iiijd. Item, paid to Margerie Hardeman and Jenett Bradshaw for carriinge water, clay and mortar one day, vjd. Item, paid to the same Margerie for carriinge hure, water and sande one day, iiijd. Item, paid to Nicolas Holland for reachinge claye and mortar one daye, vjd. Item, paid to John Vrmeston for ij daies worke to evene the alley stoppage the leades and fillinge sande, xvjd. Item, paid to William Webster for leadinge sand one day to the alley, xxd.

[p. 361.] Item, spent by John Alcoke in seeinge this worke done affouresaid, xd. Item, spent at the Deanes visitacion at Warrington vpon ij churchwardens and one sworne man, xxijd. Item, paid to the said Deane for takinge our apparance and the inionctions, ijs. iiijd. Item, paid for fetchinge a copie of the Articles from Farnworth, ijd. Item, paid to the naylor for 3^c of doble spykes and 2^c of sengle spykes, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid to Thomas Parr for wood to be a steile by Turners, vjs. Item, paid to William Webster for leadinge it, vjd. Item, paid to Thomas Darbisheire for sixe daies worke of him self and his twoe men at xd. a day for him self, and xviijd. his twoe men, in makinge the stile by Turners and mendinge the stile towards the woode, xiijs. Item, paid to James Taylier for 8 ashlers, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid to Thomas Hardeman for ij daies worke in layinge the ashlers at the Trappe steile and the Wood steile, xxd. Item, paid to Richard Warberton for carringe stone to them, ijd. Item, spent by John Alcoke in seeinge this worke done, viijd. Item, paid to Richard Browne for mendinge the glasse windowes, viijd. Item, paid to William Webster for leadinge and fillinge iiij lode of sande to the church yate, xd. Item, paid to Edw: Sutton for gettingte mosse to mosse the church with, vjs. vijd. Item, paid to George Wackfeld and Robert Webster for mossinge the church, xjs. vjd.

[p. 362.] Item, spent vpon the churchwardens of Farnworth when they came to veue the wantes of the church, vjd. Item, paid to Henrie Taylier when hee brought the ley from Farnworth, xijd. Item, paid to Richard Marshall for a communion table, xijs. Item, paid to Thomas Halsall for irne ware to the church yate and greate nailes to the church, iijs. Item, paid to the said Thomas for mendinge the cloke, xijd. Item, paid to the said Thomas for mendinge bells and irne to them, iijs. Item, paid to the said Thomas for grease and tallow to the bells, vjd. Item, spent when the bells weire amendinge against the Coronation day, vjd. Item, paid to Nicolas Marshall for leather to be a shakell to one bell, viijd. Item, paid to Ellin Finie for hempe to make it, jd.

Item, paid to xij ringers vpon the Coronation day, vjs. Item, paid to Richard Marshall for one daies worke to even at the chansell dore and gettinge vpp stones theire, vjd. Item, paid for the diners of xij ringers, iijs. Item, spente by the churchwardens the same day, xvjd. Item, paid for ale to them the same day, xd. Item, paid to Edw : Sutton for shaklinge the bells the whole yeare, ijs. Item, paid for 2 pounce of grease to the bells, viijd. Item, paid for the carriage of a ladder from Raffe Shawes to the church, iiijd. Item, paid for wyne to twoe communions in December and Januari, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid for wyne to twoe communions in Februari and March, iijs. Item, paid for wyne to a communion in Aprill, xxd. Item, paid for wyne to two communions in May and June, iijs.

[p. 363.] Item, paid for wyne to twoe communions in July and August, iijs. Item, paid for wyne to twoe communions in September and October, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid for wyne to twoe communions in November and December, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid for wyne to one communion in Januari, ijs. Item, paid for wyne to twoe communions in Februari and March, iijs. Item, paid for breade the whole tyme they weire churchwardens, xvjd. Item, paid at Warrington for a Booke of Cannons, xijd. Item, spent by twoe churchwardens at that tyme, xvjd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and swornemen when they mett at Prescott to meete the High Cunstable, xijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens when they cam to veue the decayes of the church, xd. Item, spente by the churchwardens and swornemen when they came to Prescott to make theire presentement to the High Cunstable, xviijd. Item, paid for wrytinge our presentement, vd. Item, paid for ij bellropes and the cariage of them from Warrington, vs. vjd. Item, spente by twoe churchwardens when wee deliuered vpp our presentement to the Deane at Warrington, vs. vjd. Item, paid for wrytinge our presentement, iiijd. Item, paid for a horse hyde to be shakells to the bells, iijs. Item, paid to Edw : Sutton for washinge the serples, ijs.

[p. 364.] Item, paid for carriinge the myre from the church yate, iijd. Item, paid for mendinge of a barrowe which was broken with carriinge of stones, ijd. Item, paid for ale when the stones weire ledd from the Hoult, iiijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and swornemen when wee mett the Highcunstable at Hyton to take our presentement, xd. Item, spent vpon Adam Bateman when hee wente to Leuerpoule to bye lyme, iiijd. Item, spente vpon the masons, wrightes and whitelymers in ale and bread vjd. Item, spent vpon the iiij churchwardens and iiij swornemen when they attended to take the names of those which weire comaunded to come to the church, ijs. viijd. Item, spent the second day they weire appoynted to come to the church, vpon the churchwardens and swornemen, ijs. viijd. Item, spente by fowre churchwardens and fowre swornemen when wee mett at

Prescott to make our presentement to the Deane, xiiij. Item, spent by fowre churchwardens and fowre swornemen when wee mett at Prescott to make our presentement for the sysses, xvjd. Item, spent vpon the Eightmen and churchwardens when they mett to conferr vpon the first and second churchleyes, ijs. jd. Item, paid to Mr Bretter to the vse of the mamed souldiers, xijs. xd. Item, spente at Wigan by one churchwarden when the money was paid, viij. Item, spente by the churchwardens when they mett the Justices about ale howses, viij.

[p. 365.] Item, spente by one churchwarden goinge to Ormeschurch with the Register booke, viij. Item, spente by one churchwarden vpon Palme Sunday attendinge at the church, iiij. Item, spente vpon Good Fryday, Easter Eive and Ester Day by eich day one churchwarden iiij., xij. Item, paid to a wryter, eight daies in takinge the names of all the parishiners, at xij. the day, viijs. Item, paid for one to goe with him at vjd. the day, iijs. Item, paid for ingrossinge them in to a Register booke, iijs. Item, paid for a queire of paper to wryte them in, iiij. Item, paid for wrytinge of preceptes to sende into the parish for twoe churchleyes, xij. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for copiinge of artickles which came from my Lorde Bishopp, vjd. Item, spente vpon the churchwardens and Eight men when they made theire accomptes. iijs. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for ingrossinge our accomptes in to the church booke, ijs. The somme of all paymentes is 14 li. 16s. 3d.

The accomptes of John Alcoke, Thomas Beisley, Richard Wright and Robert Billinge, churchwardens affouresaid, beinge taken by the gent' and Eight men whose names are heire after subscribed the first day of March, for the yeare and parte of an other last past, at which day the parish is indebted vnto them, all thinges allowed and accompted for, as appeareth by this booke, xjs. vd.

[p. 366.] Debt belonginge to the parish which should haue beine paid to the ould churchwardens. First Farnworth ley, iij li. xvjs. Also half of Raynforth ley, vs. Also Christofer Ley for the yeare hee was churchwarden, which was 1599, which hee alledeth hee paid to the High Cunstale for the mamed souldiers which was before paid, xs. 3d. Also Mr Foxe for the buriall of his child, ijs.

[signed] THOMAS MEADE

JO: OGLE

The names of the Eight men: for Prescott, James Taylier; Whiston, James Ackers; Raynhill, Edward Deane; Sutton, Richard Roughley; Windle, Henrie Garrard; Parr, Thomas Tickle; Raynforth, Thomas Lyon; Eccleston, Thomas Webster. The names of the churchwardens: for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, Robert Garnett; for Sutton, Thomas Worsley; for Windle and Parr, Bryan Martin; for Eccleston and Raynforth, Robert Raynforth.

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1601

[p. 368.] Anno domini 1601

The accomptes of Thomas Worsley, Robert Garnett, Robert Raynforth and Bryan Martin, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of their receiptes taken by the gent' and Eightmen whose names heireafter are subscribed, the nine and twentieth day of November, for part of this yeare last past 1601 predicto annoque Elizabeth R.R. xliiiij°, begininge the first of March and endinge at St Katherins day next followinge.

XI Inprimis, received Farnworth ley which should haue ben paid to the old churchwardens, iij li. xvjs. Item, received of the Cunstable of Prescott for a new church ley, xs. Item, received of the Cunstable of Sutton towards their ley, xvijjs. ix. d. Item, received of the Cunstable of Raynhill, vs. Item, received by Thomas Worsley for seven burials, xiijs. Item, received by Robert Garnett for three burials, vjs. Item, received which was vnpaid in Whiston of their ley, xiiij. d. Item, received for the burial of George Lyon, ijs. Item, received part of Raynforth old debt, iijs. viij. d. Item, received of Christofer Lea, his old debt xs. iij. d., whereof the gent' gaue him againe vs., vs. iij. d. Item, rec' of the Cunstable of Parr, xs. The somme of all receiptes is vij li. vijs. vij. d.

[p. 369.] 1601.

Paymentes made by vs, Thomas Worsley, Robert Garnett, Robert Raynforth and Bryan Martin, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott in anno domini predicto, begininge at the first of March and ending at Sainct Katherins day then next followinge, in maner and forme as followeth :

Inprimis, paid for a hundreth and a half of greate nailes, of xvij. d. a hundreth, to naile the shingles of the church, ijs. iij. d. Item, paid for half a hundreth of duble spikinges, vd. Item, paid to Thomas Darbisheire for one daies worke of twoe men at xd. the day, and one man half an other day, naylinge the shingles, ijs. Item, paid for more nailes, ijd. Item, paid to Edward Stockley for wrytinge the names of all christoninges, mariages and burials which weire at the church one whole yeare in parchement, ijs. vjd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton for washinge the serples, xij. d. Item, paid for wyre to the cloke, vd. Item, paid for twoe bell ropes, vjs. ijd. Item, paid to Thomas Darbisheire for mendinge the north steele, ijd. Item, paid for twoe mettes of lyme and the cariage, to dresse the church, xiiij. d. Item, paid to Adam Bateman for whytinge the church and poyntinge church wall, xij. d. Item, paid for two yerdes de' of cloth to cover the communion table, xjs. iij. d. Item, paid for liker to the bells, iij. d. Item, paid for washinge the formes which weire dight with whytinge the church,

1. The "Bishop's Transcript" which by the constitution of 1597 was to be deposited each year in the diocesan registry.

iiijd. Item, paid to Edward Stockley, part of the old churchwardens debt, iijs. vjd. Item, paid to Edward Sutton part of the same debt, vjd. Item, spent by Robert Garnett and the fowre swornemen cuminge to meete the High Cunstable, xd.

[p. 370.] Item, paid to Thomas Halsall for mendinge the church coulfer, iiijd. Item, paid for a linen cloth and the heminge of it, vjs. vd. Item, paid for entringe Christofer Lea, and spent goinge twice to Farnworth about it, iiijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and swornemen the second of July, meetinge at Prescott about the visitacion, xiijd. Item, paid at the visitacion for a Booke of Articles, xvjd. Item, paid to a clarke which should haue written our presentment, theire, xijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and swornemen goinge to the visitacion, iijs. viijd. Item, paid for recevinge our presentment into the office, viijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and swornemen the 28th of August, metinge at Prescott to make a presentment to the High Cunstable, xxiijd. Item, paid to Thomas Hardman for mendinge a place in the church wall, ijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and part of the Eight men the first of September, meetinge about a church ley, xiiijd. Item, paid for a sitacion and the carrage, xd. Item, paid to Mr Hawarden for court feies about the money Christopher Lea oweth vnto the parish, ijs. vjd. Item, paid to Thomas Bould for drawinge a declaracion and attorney feies, iijs. iiijd. Item, spent by Thomas Worsley beinge at Farnworth about the sute, the 14th of September, vjd. Item, paid at Wigan for the apparance of the churchwardens befoure the Chanceler, xxiijd.

[p. 371.] Item, spent the same tyme at Wigan, xvd. Item, paid to the High Cunstable for the mamed souldiers, xxvjs. Item, paid for half a horse hyde, ix d. Item, paid for ringinge vpon the Coronacion day, xs. Item, paid for candles and liker to the bells the same tyme, iiijd. Item, spent in ale vpon the ringers, viijd. Item, paid to Evan Finie for ringinge the same day, iiijd. Item, spent by Robert Raynforth and Robert Garnett the same day, viijd. Item, paid to Thomas Halsall for irne and worke to the cloke, iijs. vjd. Item, paid to the same Thomas for irne and worke to the bells the whole yeare, vjs. Item, spent by Robert Garnett and twoe of the sworne men cuminge to Prescott about a presentment to the High Cunstable, vjd. Item, paid to Browne the glaser, for mendinge the church windowes and glasse, iijs. viijd. Item, paid to Edw: Sutton for makinge the glaser fyres and helping him, iiijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens seeinge the worke don, iiijd. Item, paid to Henrie Taylier for bringinge Farnworth ley, xijd. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for wrytinge preceptes which weire sent into the parish for a church ley and the churchwardens accountes all the yeare, ijs. Item, spent cuminge to Prescott to make a presentment to the High Cunstable,

by Bryan Martin and one of the sworne men, viijd. Item, spent by the said Bryan goinge to Wigan to meete Mr Chanceler, vjd.

Paid for bread and wyne for the comunions as followe: Inprimis, the first of June, xvjd. Item, the first of July, xvd. Item, the second of August, xiiijd. Item, the sixt of September, xvjd. Item, the fourth of October, xixd. Item, the first of November, xviijd.

[p. 372.] Item, paid to John Alcoke part of the old church wardens debt, ijs. Item, spent by Robert Raynforth and one of the sworne men cuminge about a presentment to the High Cunstable, viijd. Item, spent by Robert Raynforth goinge to giue some warninge to cum to the church, which weire suspected to by recusandes, iijd. Item, spent by the same Robert cuminge to Prescott to appoynt the seveyers, iijd. Item, spent by the same Robert cuminge a nother tyme to make a presentment, iijd. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for ingrossinge the churchwardens accountes in to the church booke, ijs. Item, paid to the old churchwardens in full discharge of theire old debt, vs. iijd. Somme of all paymentes is vj li. xviijs. ix d.

The accountes of Thomas Worsley, Robert Garnett, Robert Raynforth and Bryan Martin, churchwardens affouresaid, beinge taken by the gent' and Eightmen whose names are heireafter subscribed, the xxvth of November 1601, at which day the church wardens are indebted vnto the parish, all thinges allowed and accounted vnto them for this yeare, as appeareth by this booke, the somme of viijs. xd.

[p. 373.] The names of the Eight men: for Prescott, Thomas Halsall; Whiston, Thomas Woodes; Raynhill, Thomas Glouer; Sutton, Henry Wesle; Parr, William Turner; Windle, Richard Woode; Eccleston, John Standish; Raynforth, Robert Robie.

The names of the new churchwardens: for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, Law: Lea; for Sutton, Raffe Croft; for Windle and Parr, Henrie Garrard; for Eccleston and Raynforth, Ric' Kenwricke.

Debtes belonginge to the parish which should haue beine paid to the old churchwardens the yeare affouresaid: Inprimis, Whiston ley, vs. Also part of Sutton ley, xvd. Raynforth and Eccleston ley, xxs. Windle ley, xs. Farnworth ley, iij li. xvjs. Sum, v li. xijs. iij d.

1601-2

[p. 374.] Anno domini 1602.

The accomptes of Henrie Garrard, Richard Kenwricke, Lawrence Lea, and Raph Croft, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of theire receiptes taken by the gent' and Eightmen whose names heireafter are subscribed, the xxvth day of November, for this yeare last past 1602 predicto, begininge at Sainct Katherins

day and endinge at that day tweluemonth. Receaued theise somes followinge which weire due the yeare beffoure to the old churchwardens.

Inprimis, Whiston ley, vs. Item, part of Sutton ley, xvd. Item, Raynforth and Eccleston ley, xxs. Item, Windle ley, xs. Item, Farnworth ley, iij li. xvjs. Item, which remayned in the old churchwardens handes, viijs. xd. Sum, vj li. xiiij.

Item, receued which was due this presente yeare, Eccleston ley, xs. Item, Windle and Parr ley, xxs. Item, Sutton ley, xxs. Sum, ls.

Item, receaued for seven burialls in the church, xiijs. The somme of all receiptes is ix li. vs. jd.

[p. 375.] 1602.

Paymentes made by vs, Henrie Garrard, Richard Kenwricke, Lawrence Lea and Raffe Croft, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott in anno domini predicto, begininge at Saint Katherins day and endinge that day tweluemonth next followinge, in maner and forme followinge.

Inprimis, spent at Prescott, viijth of December, by the fowre churchwardens and swornemen, xxd. Item, spent at Warrington by the fowre churchwardens, ixth of December, when they receaued theire oathes, ijs. Item, paid theire for fees the same tyme, xvjd. Item, spent by the fowre churchwardens and fowre swornemen the xxixth of December, meetinge at Prescott to make a presentment, and the sworne men tooke theire oathes, ijs. viijd. Item, paid to a clarke for wrytinge our presentment the same tyme and makinge noates to the cunstable for the old leyes then vngathered, xvjd. Item, paid to Edw: Sutton for washinge the sherples, ijs. Item, paid for a povnd of hoggs-grease for the bells, vjd. Item, paid to George Wackfeld for lyme and puttinge vpp slate at the church one day, xijd. Item, spent by iiij churchwardens and iiij swornemen meetinge the High Cunstale at Prescott and makinge a presentment the xvijth of March 1601, ijs. Item, paid for wrytinge the same presentment, viijd. Item, paid for x yarde of holland cloth to make a surples for Mr Meade, xvijth of March, xlvjs. viijd. Item, spent at Warrington the same day by iij of the churchwardens byinge the same, xviiij. Item, paid the same day for xxvj yarde of cordinge for the cloke, xijd.

[p. 376.] Item, paid to Thomas Hardman for mendinge twoe steeles in the church yorde, iijs. iiij. Item, paid to Raph Hoghton for carringe ij loades of stones from the Hoult for the same steiles, xijd. Item, paid to Edw: Sutton for shakelinge the bells, ijs. Item, paid to Robert Lee for pyckinge stones forth of the church yorde, iij. Item, paid to Ellin Sutton for threed and makinge the same surplesse, iijs. Item, paid for half a quarter of holland to lyne and stiffen the surplesse in the neck, iiij. Item, paid for fees at the visitacion at Warrington the xxth day of May,

xijd. Item, spent the same tyme by the new and ould churchwardens and swornemen, ijs. Item, paid for washinge the new surplesse, iiijd. Item, spent at Prescottt, xxixth of May, by the new and ould wardens and swornemen makinge a presentment to the Deanes visitacion, ijs. iiijd. Item, paid for wrytinge the presentment, vjd. Item, paid for a bell rope, ijs. viijd. Item, paid for j li. of hogsgrease for the bells, vjd. Item, paid to the wardens of Farnworth Chappell for gatheringe thaffouresaid ley, xijd. Item, paid to Thomas Darbisheire for makinge a steele in the church yord on the north syde, some of the timber beinge his owne, ijs. Item, paid more to him for makinge a yate into Mr Meades yord, vs. Item, paid to the High Cunstable the xvijth of August towards the mamed souldiers and prisoners in the Marshallsees, xxvjs.

[p. 377.] Item, paid for wrytinge a presentment to the High Cunstable about the xxth of July, vjd. Item, paid for wrytinge preceptes for a ley, vjd. Item, paid for a bell rope the xth of November, ijs. viijd. Item, paid to Thomas Woodes for half a horse hyde, xijd. Item, paid to the ringers vpon the coronation day, viijs. Item, spent the same day by twoe of the churchwardens, viijd. Item, paid for candles the same day, ijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens at the Ester communions, beinge present to assist Mr Meade, ijs. Item, paid to Thomas Halsall for mendinge the bells, the church yate, cheane, and other nidefull worke, vjs. xd. Item, paid to Henrie Halsall beinge allowed by the Justices of Peace, viz. Sir Culbert Halsall and Richard Bould of Bould Esquire, to haue viijd. a wicke for ix weicke vntill the xvijth of December next, vjs. Item, spent by the churchwardens and Eight men the same day they made theire accomptes, ijs. Item, paid to Edw: Stockley for ingrossinge our accomptes into the church booke, ijs. Item, paid for breade and wyne the vjth of Decembre, xxiijd. Item, paid for breade and wyne the iiijth of Januari, ijs. Item, paid for breade and wyne the vijth of Februari, ijs. jd. Item, paid for a gill of wyne which was caried into the parish, ijd. Item, paid for breade and wyne the vijth of March, ijs. jd. Item, paid for breade and wyne the second of May, ijs. jd. Item, paid for breade and wyne the sixt of June, ijs. ijd. Item, paid for breade and wyne the iiijth of July, ijs. jd. Item, paid for breade and wyne the first of August, xxiijd. Item, paid for breade and wyne the sixt of September, xxiijd. Item, paid for breade and wyne the iiijth of October, xxiijd. Item, paid for breade and wyne the vjth of November, xxiijd. Sum of all paymentes is viij li. xiijs. xjd.

[p. 378.] The accomptes of Henrie Garrard, Richard Kenwricke, Lawrence Lea and Raph Croft, churchwardens affouresaid, beinge taken by the gent' and Eight men whose names are heireafter subscribed the xxvth of November 1602, at which day the churchwardens are indebted vnto the parish, all thinges

allowed and accompted vnto them for this yeare, as appeareth by this booke, the somme of xs. ijd.

[signed] Jo : OGLE

FRA : WATMOUGH

The names of the Eightmen : for Prescott, John Worsley; Whiston, Henrie Latham; Raynhill, Richard Greine; Sutton, John Dobson; Windle, Henrie Gowden; Parr, Bryan Tickle; Raynforth, Robert Parr; Eccleston, George Lyon.

The names of the new churchwardens : for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, Peter Kenwricke; for Sutton, Henrie Westley; for Windle and Parr, William Wackfeld; for Raynforth and Eccleston, Edmund Barnes.

Debtes belonging to the parish which should haue beine paid to the ould churchwardens the yeare affouresaid. Inprimis, Farnworth ley, iij li. xvjs. Item, Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill ley, xxs. Item, Raynforth ley, xs. Sum, v li. vjs.

[signed] Jo : OGLE

FRA : WATMOUGH

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1602-3

[p. 380.] 1603.

The accountes of Edmund Barnes, Henry Wessell, Peter Kenwricke and William Wackfeeld, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott for this present yeare 1603, of there receytes taken by the gent' and Eight men whose names heareafter are subscribed, the xxvjth of Nouember 1603, begininge vppon Sct Catherins day, xlv° Eliz : Regine, and endinge that day twelfmonth etc. 1604.¹

Receued at the hands of Ric Kenwricke of Eccleston, one of the churchwardens for the yeare next before this present yeare, which remaned in there hands, xs. Rec' of the Cunstable of Prescott, xs. Rec' of the Cunstable of Whiston, vs. Rec' of the Cunstable of Raynhill, vs. Rec' of the Cunstable of Rainforth, xs. Rec' of the Cunstable and churchwardens of Farnworth syd, iij li. xvjs. Rec' also a bell rope of the aforesaid churchwardens which was put to the second bell by the ould clarke the first of December. Somma, v li. xvjs.

Memorandum, that these somes aforesaid rec' was parte of a churchley laide by the last churchwardens as by there accountes doth appeare.

Edmund Barns, Henry Wessell, Peter Kenwricke and William Wackfeeld, churchwardens for this yeare abousaid, haue by the Eight mens concent laid one whole church ley throughe the parishe and rec' therof as followeth.

1. The date "1604" is an addition, but in a contemporary hand. It appears to be an error, as St. Catherine's Day (25th Nov.), 45 Eliz., was in 1602.

Rec' in parte of this churchley aforesaid by vs churchwardens of the Cunstable of Sutton, all the rest of the churchley torned ouer to the next chur', xxs. Rec' this yeare 1603 by the churchwardens aforesaid for xvth burials in the church, xxxs. Somma of all our receites this yeare is viij li. vjs.

[p. 381.] Their remaneth due vnpaid of the church ley laid by vs churchwardens for this present yeare 1603 which the next churchwardens are to receiue as followeth. Farnworth syd, iij li. xvjs., Prescott, Whiston and Rainhill, xxs., Rainforth and Eccleston, xxs., Parr and Windle, xxs. For the buriall of Mr Lancaster, ijs. Somma, vj li. xvijs.

Memorandum, that Mr Mead, Vicar of Prescott, hath rec' of the gent' of the parish fiue seuerall wrytinges, iij in parchment and ij in paper, which wrytinges concerne the parish of Prescott, deliuered to him the xxvth of Nouember 1603 in the first yeare of Kinge James etc.¹

Rec' by vs churchwardens of John Laton, sertaine armour which was kept at the Hale of Prescott for the parishe vse, and thought good by the gent' to bee kept by the churchwardens, and wee deliuered them to the next churchwardens as followeth: v hed peeces, vj b[r]est plates and thy plates, iiij back plates, vj gorgettes.

[p. 382.] Paymentes made by Edmund Barnes, Henry Wessell, Peter Kenwricke and William Wackfeeld, churchwardens for this yeare 1603 as followeth.

Paid for bread and wyne in January, xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne in December, xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne, in Febr', xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne in March, xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne in Aprill, xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne in May, xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne in June, xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne in July, xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne in August, xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne in Sep: , xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne in October, xxiijd. Paid for bread and wyne in Nou', xxiijd. Somma, xxijs.

Paid to one Henry Halsall, a poore mamed sowldier borne in Whiston, who had a lycence vnder ij Justices of Peace there hands for the wickly payment of viijd. Paid to the aforesaid Henry Halsall condicionally that hee should deliuer vpp his lycence to Mr Meade and trouble the parishe noe more, vj wickes pay, iijs. Paid when the churchwardens and sworne men mett first about the church busines, xvjd. Paid to the ould clarke for shacklinge the bells for all the yeare, due at Christmas, ijs. Paid to the smyth for mendinge the bell whiles and litle saintes bell, xviijd. Paid for gresse to the bells this yeare, viijd.

1. These may have included deeds and other evidences affecting the Vicar's right to tithes. (See Hist. Soc. of Lancs. & Ches., *Trans.*, Vol. 95, p. 29).

[p. 383.] Spent when the churchwardens mett about there presentment, xvjd. Spent when the churchwardens and sworne men came about the Deanes vizitacion, xvijjd. Paid to the Deane for his duty, xvjd. Paid to the glacier for glassinge the church windowes and mendinge the glasse windowes about the church, viijs. Paid for whitlyme to be morture for the glasse windowes, viijjd. Paid for slates to mend the church withall, ijs. Paid to the slater for mendinge the church with slates and mosse, ijs. vjd. Paid for mosse, vjd. Paid for washinge the comm' table cloath, ijd. Paid for washinge the christninge cloath, jd. Paid for mendinge the shingles one the south syde on the church, ijs. Paid for new shingles to the church, viijjd. Paid for nailes, viijjd. Paid for shacklinge the third bell, iijjd. Paid for makinge a pullos to the church yate, iiijjd. Paid for dressinge the church yord and grate and a newe staffe in the grate, viijjd. Spent when the churchwardens mett together about there presentment to the High Cunstable, ijs.

(p. 384.] Paid to the ringers for ringinge vppon our Kinges proclamacion,¹ xijd. Paid for mendinge the bell shackles, iiijjd. Paid to the ould clarcke his doughter for washinge the serplices this yeare, ijs. Paid to Anthonie Gorsuch for mendinge the clocke and takinge yt downe and makinge a newe watch weele and settinge yt vpp, xxijs. Paid for a newe dyall borde, ijs. ijd. Paid for gildinge and oylinge the dyall borde, vs. vjd. Paid for a pesse of stone to the clock, iijjd. Paid for great wyer to clocke, vjd. Paid for oyle to the clocke, ijd. Paid for halffe a horse hyd to shackle the bells, xvijjd. Paid for ij newe bell ropes, vijs. vjd. Paid for wrytinge in parchment all the weddinge, christninges and buriinges in one whole yeare and sent to Chester, iijs. iiijjd. Spent when the churchwardens and sworne men mett about the poore, ijs. vjd. Paid to the ringers for ringinge vppon our kings coronacion day, vjs. Paid to the smyth for mendinge the bell whiels, clappers and iron ware about the clocke and church, vjs. Spent when the churchwardens and sworne men mett about presentinge all recusantes, communicans and non com', xxd. Paid to Henry Taylior of Farnworth for bringinge the church ley of Farnorth, xijd. Paid to Orrell the belfownder for his paines cominge to Prescott to loocke vppon our third bell which is to bee bored, ijs.

[p. 385.] Paid for makinge a frame to the litle saintes bell, xxd. Paid to Hugh Webster, the sextan, for shaklinge the bells all the yeare, ijs. Spent when the churchwardens and sworne men mett about the Deanes visitacion, xvijjd. Paid to the Deane for his dutie, xvjd. Spent at the makinge of our accountes vppon St Catherins day, ijs. Paid for makinge the churchwardens accountes and keepinge the boocke the yeare, ijs. Paid for a

1. King James I succeeded to the English throne on 24th March, 1603.

newe dyall^r to be sett in the church yord, ijs. Paid to Mr Francis Watmough hy Cunstable for this yeare for mamed souldiers and prisoners in the Marshalseats, the xxvth of Nouember, xxvjs. Paid to the Cunstable of Parr which he paid to the aforesaid Henry Halsall, the mamed souldier, viijd. Somma of all our paymentes this yeare, viij li. iijs. iiijd.

The names of the Eight men: for Prescott, Ric' Shawe senior; for Rainhill, Ric' Greene; for Whiston, Henry Lathom; for Sutton, Ric' Ley; for Parr, Mathew Ticle; for Windle, Gerrard Potter; for Rainforth, William Naylier; for Eccleston, Edmund Lyon.

The names of the newe churchwardens: Thomas Lyon for Prescott, Whiston and Rainhill; Thomas Lyon junior for Windle and Parr; Ric' Tarbocke for Sutton; James Cropper for Eccleston and Rainforth.

[p. 386.] The accountes of Edmund Barnes, Henry Wessell, Peter Kenwricke and William Wackfeeld, churchwardens aforesaid, beinge taken by the gent' and Eighte men whose names are heare vnder subscribed this xxvth of Nouember 1603, in the first yeare of Kinge James reigne, at which day the churchwardens are indebted vnto the parishe, all thinges allowed and accounted vnto them for this yeare, as by this boocke more at large appereth, the somme of xxjd. as followeth. The whole somme of all the receites rec' by the churchwardens this yeare 1603, viij li. vjs. The whole some of all the paymentes payd by the churchwardens this yeare 1603, viij li. iijs. iiijd. So resteth due to the parishe in the churchwardens hands for this yeare 1603, xxjd.

Debtes belonginge to the parish, which was parte of a churchley laid by vs churchwardens for this yeare 1603, and not by vs receued, but torned ouer to the next churchwardens to receiue and make accounte for, the some of vj li. xviijs., as is before specifide viz: Farnorth syde, iij li. xvjs., Prescott, Whiston and Rainhill, xxs., Rainforth and Eccleston, xxs., Windle and Parr, xxs., for the buriall of Mrs Lancaster of Rainhill, ijs. Somma, vj li. xviijs.

[signed] THOMAS MEADE
THO: LANCASTER
FRA: WATMOUGH

WILLIAM DICHFEELD
THOMAS BOLDE
ALEXANDER RIGBY

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1603-4

[p. 388.] 1604.

The accountes of Thomas Lyon of Whiston, Thomas Lyon of Windle, James Croper and Richard Tarboocke, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescott, of there receites and paymentes,

1. *i.e.* sundial, this being then deemed necessary to provide a standard of accuracy for the church clock.

taken by the gent' and Eight men whose names are heareafter subscribed, begininge vppon St Chatherins day and endinge that day twelffmonth 1604, viz.

Receued by vs churchwardens parte of a churchley laide by the last churchwardens before, as by there accountes in this booke dothe appere viz: Edmunde Barnes, Henry Wessell, Peter Kenwricke and William Wackfeeld, churchwardens for the last yeare beffore, and wee rec' as followeth viz. Rec' at the handes of the last churchwardens which remaned in there hands at the day of there accountes, xxjd. Rec' of the Cunstables of Prescott by vs nowe churchwardens, xs. Rec' of the Cunstables of Whiston, vs. Rec' of the Cunstables of Rainhill, vs. Rec' of the Cunstables of Eccleston, xs. Rec' of the Cunstables of Rainfoth, xs. Rec' of the Cunstables of Windle, xs. Rec' of the Cunstables of Parr, xs. Rec' of the churchwardens of Farnworth side, iij li. xvjs. Rec' for the buriall of the wyffe of Mr. Lancaster, ijs. All these receites was lyde by the churchwardens for the yeare last before this and returned to them to receue as by there accomtes appereth. Somme, vj li. xixs. ix d.

A whole churchley laide by vs churchwardens for this yeare with the consent of the gent' and rec' as followeth: Rec' of the Cunstables of Prescott, Whiston and Rainhill, xxs. Rec' of the Cunstables of Eccleston and Rainforth, xxs. Rec' of the Cunstables of Parr and Windle, xxs. Rec' of the Cunstables of Sutton, xxs. Rec' of the churchwardens of Farnworth, iij li. xvjs. Rec' more for vij burialls in the church, xiijs. Rec' for fiue hundreth pounce of leade and thirty which was taken of the south syde of the church and mended with stone, xlvjs. Some of all the receites this yeare is xvij li. xvs. ix d.

[p. 389.] 1604.

Paymentes made by vs churchwardens for breade and wyne to the comm' as followeth. Paid for iij quartes of claret wyne, after vjd. the quarte, and iijd. the cariage from Leuerpole, and for bread jd., which is xxijd. Paid for breade and wyne in Januarie, xxijd. Paid for breade and wyne in Februarie, xxijd. Paid for breade and wyne in March, xxijd. Paid for breade and wyne in Aprill, havinge wyne in towne nowe, xixd. Paid for breade and wyne in May, xixd. Paid for breade and wyne in June, xixd. Paid for breade and wyne in July, xixd. Paid for breade and wyne in August, xixd. iij common (*sic*) days appoynted to gether by my Lord Bishopp. Paid for bread and wyne the 26 of August, xvjd. Paid for breade and wyne the 2 of Sep', xixd. Paid for breade and wyne in Septem', xd. Paid for breade and wyne in October, xvijd. Paid for breade and wyne in Nouember, ix d. Somme is, xxjs. iij d.

[p. 390.] Paymentes made by vs churchwardens for this present yeare 1604 as followeth. Spent by vs churchwardens in goinge to Holland to take our othes there before the Deane, ijs.

viiij^d. Paid to Orrell the belfownder for boringe the third bell and puttinge a new stable therin, xxs. Spent vppon the said belfownder when he came to see the bell, iiij^d. Paid for a locke for the south lead dore, ixd. Spent vppon those which did helpe to take downe the third bell, xij^d. Spent vppon those which did helpe to put vpp the 3 bell againe, xij^d. Paid to the plumer for his dinner when hee came to see our leade to mend, iiij^d. Spent by vs churchwardens about our first meetinge a bout our church busines, xij^d. Spent by us churchwardens in cominge to Prescott to see the third bell well done, vjd. Paid to Thomas Halsall for iron worke about the third bell, ijs. Spent by vs churchwardens about meetinge the gent' at Prescott about church (*sic*), viij^d. Paid to Nicholas Holland for keepinge the dogges out of the church all the year, iijs. iiij^d. Paid to the churchwardens of Farnworth side for bringinge there churchley to Prescott, xij^d. Paid to Hugh Webster the sextan for shaclinge the bells all the yeare, ijs. Paid to the said Hugh for gresse to the bells for this yeare, viij^d. Paid to Hughe Webster for gettinge ashlers to mende the church wheare leade did ly before, xxijs. vjd. Somme ys, iij li. ixd.

[p. 391.] Paid to James Haworthe the mason for dressinge the south syde of the church with asler stonne where leade did ly, iiij li. xiijs. iiij^d. Spent about agreeinge with the saide mason at ij seuerall tymes, ijs. Paid to the ringers for ringinge vppon the crownacion day, vs. Spent when the churchwardens and sworne men mett at Prescott with vj other sufficient men about makinge there presentment of recusantes etc., iijs. vjd. Paid to Ellin Sutton for washinge the serplices all the yeare, ijs. Spent by the churchwardens in goinge to Warrington with the presentment aforesaid, ijs. vjd. Paid there to the Deane for his duty, xvjd. Spent by the churchwardens in cominge to Prescott to hier stones led from Hoult, xvd. Paid to Richard Greene for leadinge the stones of Rainhill hill, xs. Paid for v windles of stone lyme and the cariage from Leuerpoole, iijs. ijd. Spent when the churchwardens bothe for this yeare and for last came to Prescott to make there presentment to my Lord Bishopp his visitacion, iijs. vjd. Spent when the churchwardens and sworne men bothe for this yeare and also for the last went to Wigan before my Lord Bishopp with there presentment, viijs. ijd. Paid there to the Deane for his duty, xvjd. Paid more there for a Boocke of Articles, xij^d. Somma is, vij li. jd.

[p. 392.] Paid for takinge downe the leade of the church and weyinge it, xjd. Paid to Peter Kenwricke for keepinge the churchwardens accountes this yeare, ijs. Spent when the churchwardens came to Prescott to see howe the mason had done his worke and to pay him, ixd. Paid for iij windles of stonne lyme and the cariage from Leuerpoole, iijs. ijd. Spent when the churchwardens and sworne men both for this yeare and also for the other yeare, made there presentment to the Chanceler, iijs.

Paid to Thomas Halsall the smithe for makinge a newe clapper and mendinge the bells, iijs. vjd. Paid to the said Thomas Halsall for mendinge the clocke dyuerse tymes, ijs. Paid for dressinge the churchyard when the mason had donne, xijd. Paid for ij hundreth slates at delffe, vs. iiijd. Paid for leadinge the slates to church, vs. iiijd. Paid for a newe Communion Boocke, viijs. Spent by the churchwardens in cominge to Prescottt about church busines, xijd. Paid to the churchwardens of Farnworth for gatheringe and bringinge there ley, xijd. Paid to Ric' Greene for leadinge stones from the Houlte, iijs. Spent in goinge to Farnworth to gett our churchley, xijd. Paid for oyle to the clocke, iiijd. Paid for mosse to the church, xvjd. Paid to Mr Ogles, High Cunstable, for mamed souldiers and prisoners in the Marshalseates, xxvjs. Somma is iij li. xiijs. ix d.

[p. 393.] Spent by the churchwardens, xijd. Paid to Andrewe Barton for slatinge the south syde of the church, xs. Paid for halffe a horse hyde, ijs. Spent at our accountes makinge vpon our sellfes and the Eight men, ijs. Paid to Peter Kenwricke for engrossinge there accountes in to the church booke, ijs. Paid to Thomas Darbishire for mendinge the church yate and makinge a dyall stocke, xvij d. Spent by the churchwardens about makinge vpp there accountes against Sct Chatherins day, xvd. Somma is xixs. ix d.

Some of all receites this yeare is, xvij li. xvjs. ix d. Some of all the paymentes this yeare is, xv li. xvs. vij d. Soe resteth in these churchwardens handes at the day of there accountes makinge, to be deliuered to the next churchwardens, as by this boocke may **more** at large appere, the some of xljs. ijd.

The accountes of Thomas Lyon of Whiston, Thomas Lyon of Windle, James Cropper and Ric' Tarbocke, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescottt, beinge taken by the gent' and Eighte men whose names are heare vnder subscribed, taken the xxvth day of Nouember 1604, at which day the churchwardens are indebted vnto the parishe, as doth before more plainlie appeare, the some of xljs. ijd.

[signed] THOMAS MEADE
Jo: OGLE

[p. 394.] The names of the Eight men: for Sutton, John Webster; for Rainforth, Thurstan Lassell; for Eccleston, John Parr; for Windle, Lawrance Edleston; for Parr, Bryan Ticle; for Prescottt, Nicholas Marshall; for Whiston, Raph Houghton; for Rainhill, Thomas Glouer.

The names of the newe churchwardens; for Prescottt, Whiston and Rainhill, John Kenwricke; for Eccleston and Rainforth, Peter Sefton; for Parr and Windle, Edwarde Gerrarde; for Sutton, Christofer Thrilwynde.

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[p. 396.] The accountes of John Kenwricke, Peter Sefton, Edwarde Gerrarde and Christopher Thrilwynde, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescott, of their receites and paymentes for the present yeare 1605, taken by the gent' of the pariche, Eighte men and other parishoners whose names are hereafter subscribed, begininge vppon Sct Catherins daie 1605 and endinge at Easter 1607.

Of their receites. Receiued of Thomas Lyon, one of the churchwardens of the yeare before, which remained in his handes of his accountes, making the some, xljs. ijd. A whole churchley laide thorowe the parishe by the churchwardens and Eighte men for this yeare and receiued as followethe.

Receued of the Cunstable of Prescott, Whiston and Rainhill for there whole churchley, beinge a quarter, xxs. Receued of the Cunstable of Sutton for there whole churchley, xxs. Rec' of the Cunstable of Eccleston and Rainforth, xxs. Rec' of the Cunstable of Parr and Windle, xxs. Rec' of the churchwardens of Farnworthe for there whole churchley due to Prescott, iij li. xvjs. Somma ys ix li. xvijs. ijd.

Receites for burials this yeare. Receued for the buriall of Mrs Brine, ijs. Rec' for the buriall of Ottiwell Houghton, ijs. Rec' for the buriall of Ellize Bourke, ijs. Rec' for the buriall of the wiffe of Raph Shawe, ijs. Rec' for the bur' of the wiffe of Mr Lanckester, ijs. Rec' for the buriall of the wiffe of John Tarbocke, ijs. Rec' for the buriall of Ellin Rigbie, ijs. Rec' for the buriall of Mr Hyde, ijs. Rec' for the buriall of George Lyon, ijs. Rec' for the buriall of a child of Brian Lea, ijs. Rec' for the buriall of a childe of Thomas Blundell, ijs. Somma, xxijs. Somme of all the receites this yeare aboue written ys x li. xixs. ijd.

[p. 397.] Paymentes for breade and wyne for the communion this yeare made by the churchwardens aforesaid. Paide for breade and wyne for the communion the seaconde day of December 1604, xixd. Paide for breade and wine in Januari . . . ²Paide for breade and wine in Februarie . . . Paide for breade and wine in Marche . . . Paid for breade and wine in Aprill 1605 . . . Paid for breade and wine in May 1605 . . . Paid for breade and wine in June . . . Paide for breade and wine in July . . . Paide for breade and wine in August . . . Paid for breade and wine in September . . . Paid for breade and wine in October . . . Paid for wine in Nouember . . . Paid for breade and wine in December . . . Paid for breade and wine in Januarij . . . Paid for breade and wine in

1. These accounts run from St. Catherine's Day (25th Nov.), 1604, to Easter (20th April), 1606. The years stated at the beginning are incorrect, as is proved by the dates of the Communion days, given below.

2. The edge of the page, where the amounts of money were written, has been worn away.

Febru' . . . Paid for breade and wine in March . . . Paid for breade and wine in Aprill 1606 . . .

Paymentes made by the churchwardens aforesaid as followeth.

Imprimis, spent by the churchwardens and sworne men in goinge to Warington to take there othes there before the Deane, ijs. Paide to the glasier for glasinge and mendinge the glasse windowes aboute the churche, iijs. vjd. Paide for ij bell ropes, vjs. iiijd. Paide to Thomas Halsall for makinge a newe clapper to the third bell, iijs. ixd. Spente by the churchwardens and sworne men in goinge to Warington before the Deane, ijs. Spent by the churchwardens and sworne men aboute makinge a presentment to the Deane, ijs. Paide to the Deane then for his fee, viijd. Spent in bringinge this presentment to the Deane to Warington, xijd.

[p. 398.] Paide to Peter Kenwricke for makinge this presentment, xijd. Spent by the churchwardens and sworne men aboute the makinge of a presentment to the Highe Cunstable, ijs. Spent by the churchwardens about church busines, xvijjd. Paide to Nicholas Hollande for keepinge the dogges out of the churche all the yeare, iijs. iiijd. Paide to Ellin Webster for washinge the surples all the yeare, ijs. Spent by the churchwardens and sworne men aboute cominge to Prescott to consulte of there presentmentes and other church busines, xxd. Paide to the churchwardens of Farnworth for bringinge there churchley to Prescott, xijd. Paide to Peter Kenwricke for keepinge the churchwardens accountes and makinge there precepts for collectinge there church leys, ijd. Spent by the churchwardens and sworne men both for this yeare and also the last in makinge there presentment at my lordes visitacion, vs. jd. Paide for a corde to the clocke, xvijjd. Spent by the churchwardens and sworne men in bringinge this presentment to Wigan before the Bishop, iijs. xd. Paide then and theire for a Boocke of Articles, ijs. iiijd. Paide theire for theire fees, viijd. Paide to Edward Stockley for writinge this presentment, iijs. iiijd. Paide for mendinge the church yate, viijd. Paide for oyle to the clocke, iiijd. Paide to Thomas Halsall for mendinge the clocke, ijs. Paide to the ringers for ringinge vpon the crownacion, vjs. viijd. Paide to the slater for mendinge the churche with slates and mosse, iijs. Spente by the churchwardens vpon the crownacion day, ixd. Spent by the churchwardens and swornemen aboute the makinge a presentment to the High Cunstable, ijs. ixd. Paide to Edward Stockley for writinge this presentment, ijs. Paid to Edward Stockley for writinge all the wedinges, christnings and buriinges since the last visitacion, in parchment, iijs. iiijd.

[p. 399.] Paide to Browne for a key to the churche dore, iijs. Paide to Orrell the bellfownder for mendinge the stable in the third bell, vs. Paide to the smythe for makinge the bell stable, xxd. Spent by the churchwardens about the saide thirde

bell, iiijd. Paide for a bell rope for the greate bell, iijs. viijd. Paide for a shackell to the 3 bell, iiijd. Spent by the churchwardens in goinge to Wigan before the Chancelor there to bee that day about church busines, ijs. viijd. Paide theire to the Chancelor for his fees, xxijd. Paide to Hugh Webster for tendinge the bells and mendinge there shackelles, ijs. Paide to Peter Kenwricke for engrossinge these churchwardens accountes in this boocke, ijs. Paide to Edwarde Moore of Leuerpoole towards the reliefe of mamed souldiers, xxvjs. Spent by a churchwarden in bringinge this money to Leuerpoole to Mr. Moore, vjd. Spent by the churchwardens and Eightmen at Prescott vppon Sct Catherins day to make theire accountes but they would not bee taken, ijs. Paide for a rope to the clocke, ijs. iiijd. Spent in goinge to Warington to buy necessities for the church, iiijd. Paide for ix yarges and a halffe of holland clothe to make a surples for Sir Edmund^e after ijs. viijd. the yarde, xxvs. iiijd. Paide for makeinge the saide surples, iijs. iiijd. Spent in goinge to Warington to buy the saide surples, xijd. Paide for washinge the surples and table cloathes, ijs. iiijd. Paide to Edwarde Stockley for writinge the presentment, xijd. Paide to Thomas Halsall for mendinge the clock, xijd.

[p. 400.] Paide for halffe a horse hide to mende the bell shackells withall, ijs. Paide to Raphe Stocke for makeinge the Ten Comandementes vpon the church wale, ix. xd. Paide for gettinge the siluer cup newe sodred, beinge broken, iijs. iiijd. Paide to Gyles Chadocke, a sworneman, xd. Spent by the churchwardens and sworne men about makeinge a presentment to the High Cunstable, ijs. xd. Paide for writinge this presentment, ijs. Paide to oulde Browne for a key, iiijd. Paide to the ringers for ringinge vppon the Kinges holliday, iijs. Spent by vs churchwardens vppon our accountes makeinge vppon the Eighte men and our selffes, ijs.

Somme of all our paymentes this yeare is xj li. vijs. viijd. Somme of all our receites this yeare is x li. xvijs. ijd. Soe resteth the parishe indebted vnto vs churchwardens aforesaide, for this yeares accountes, the somme of xs. vjd.

The accountes of John Kenwricke, Peter Sefton, Edwarde Gerrarde and Christofer Thrilwinde, churchwardens of the parishe church of Prescotte, beinge taken by the gent' and Eighte men whose names are heereafter subscribed, taken this xxvth day of Aprill 1606, at which daie of our accountes the parishe was indebted vnto the churchwardens, all thinges allowed and accounted for vnto them, as by this booke more plainly at large may appere, the somme of xs. vjd.

[p. 401.] The names of the Eight men: for Prescott, Thomas Halsall; for Windle, Ric' Denton; for Whiston, George Georgson; for Rainhill, Ric' Greene; for Parr, Mathew Ticle;

1. *i.e.*, the Curate, Edmund Fairhurst (see p. 118.)

for Sutton, Henry Wessell; for Rainforth, Robte Roby; for Eccleston, Edmund Lyon.

The churchwardens chosen by the Eighte men; For Prescott, Whiston and Rainhill, Nicholas Marshall; for Rainforthe and Eccleston, John Billinge; for Parr and Windle, Peter Chadocke; for Sutton, Christopher Thrilwinde.

Bookes belonging to the parishe church of Prescott this xxvth of Aprill 1606 viz. Erasmus Perafracis in folio, in the handes of the Vicar of Prescott. Juells Appologi in the said Vicars handes. A great Bybell [in] the largest volum. A newe Communion Booke. An ould Communion Booke. A Booke of Homilies.

The Vicar his surplesse; the curat his surples; a communion cup of siluer; twoo table cloaths, one linen, one woollen; the case of a pare of organs; a communion table; a greate ould cheste in the roode lofte; twoo chistes, one in the church and the other at vicarage; ould armour for v men, in the reuestry.

1606-7

[p. 402.] The accountes of Nicolas Marshall, Christofer Thirlwynde, John Billinge and Peter Chadocke, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of theire receiptes and paymentes for this yeare last past, taken by the gent' and Eight men whose names are heireafter subscribed, begininge at Ester 1606 and endinge at Ester 1607.

Of theire receiptes. Inprimis, receued twoe whole churchleyes, xv li. xijs. Item, receued for five burialles in the church, xs. Item, receued for fowre burialls in the church, viijs. Sum, xvj li. xs.

Vnpaid of Farnworth ley, ijd. ob.

Paymentes made by the same churchwardens. Inprimis, spent by the churchwardens, newe and old, meetinge to make a presentement to the Deane, iijs. Item, paid for wrytinge our presentement the same tyme, ijs. Item, paid for the carriage of the same presentement to Warrington, iiijd. Item, paid for a bell rope, iijs. iiijd. Item, paid for the cariage of the bell rope, ijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and swornemen meetinge to make another presentement to Mr Deane, ijs. viijd. Item, paid for wrytinge of the same presentement, ijs. Item, spent goinge to Torbocke to haue bought timber, xijd. Item, spent goinge the second tyme to bye timber, xvd. Item, paid for horse hyre for Henrie Wesle and John Billinge, viijd. Item, paid for timber for the church, v li. xviijs. Item, paid to Henrie Wesle goinge twice to Torbocke for his paines, ijs. Item, paid for wyne for twoe communions, vs. Item, paid for fetchinge the wine from

Leuerpoule, viijd. Item, paid to Peter Kenwricke the old churchwardens debt, xvijjd. Item, paid for wyne for an other communion, ijs. Item, paid for a copie of orders from the Deane, xxd.

[p. 403.] Item, spent by one of the churchwardens fetchinge it, iiijjd. Item, paid for wyne for an other communion, ijs. Item, spent by the churchwardens and sworne men meetinge to make a presentement to Mr Asmall, iijs. Item, paid for wrytinge the same presentement, ijs. Item, paid to Hugh Webster for mendinge the church wall, vjd. Item, paid to Andrew Barton for slates, ijs. ijd. Item, paid to Robert Mosse for leadinge the same slates, ijs. vjd. Item, paid for wyne for an other communion, ijs. Item, spent goinge to Wigan for the bellfounder to mende the third bell, iiijjd. Item, paid for the dyett of the said belfounder while he mended the bell, xvjd. Item, paid for a pewter pott for the church, vijs. Item, paid for ringinge vpon St James day and the Kinges holie day, iijs. iiijjd. Item, paid for wyne for an other communion, ijs. Item, paid for fallinge the timber in Torbocke Parke, ijs. viijjd. Item, spent goinge into Raynforth to gett helpe leadinge of the timber, iiijjd. Item, spent goinge into Torbocke to hyre leadinge, iiijjd. Item, spent by twoe of the churchwardens goinge to Farnworth for the church ley, vjd. Item, spent at our meeteing about the reformed recusandes, xvjd. Item, paid for wrytinge a certificatt to Mr Asmall theireof, xijd. Item, paid for makinge preceptes for a churchley, vjd. Item, paid for wyne for an other communion, ijs. vjd. Item, spent by Christofer Thrilwynde and John Billinge stayinge the communion, vjd. Item, spent by the churchwardens beinge assighted to appeare beffoure the Deane at Warrington, xvjd. Item, paid for feies, viijjd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and swornemen meetinge to make a presentement to Mr Deane, iijs. iiijjd. Item, spent by Peter Chadocke bringinge the presentement to Warrington, iiijjd. Item, spent by John Billinge beinge appoynted by the Kinges balife to appeare at Wigan, iiijjd. Item, paid for wyne for an other communion, ijs. Item, paid to Andrew Barton for slatinge, iijs. viijjd. Item, paid for makinge preceptes for a church ley, vjd. Item, spent by Christofer Thrilwynde goinge to Farnworth for a churchley, iijjd.

[p. 404.] Item, paid for oile for the cloke, iiijjd. Item, paid to Nicolas Holland for whippingge doges from the church, iijs. iiijjd. Item, paid for wyne for an other communion, ijs. Item, spent by Christofer Thrilwynd stayinge the communion, iiijjd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and sworne men meetinge to make a presentement to Mr Orme, ijs. viijjd. Item, paid for wrytinge the said presentement, ijs. Item, paid to Bryan Tickle for bringinge the presentement to Childwall, iiijjd. Item, paid for wyne to the cloke, ijs. Item, paid for bordes for the bell wheiles and the church yate, iijs. vjd. Item, paid for nailes for the same worke, vjd. Item, paid for wyne at an other communion,

ijs. Item, spent by Christofer Thrilwynde stayinge the communion, iijd. Item, paid to the glaser for mendinge the glasse windowes, ix. iijd. Item, paid for a bell rope, ijs. iijd. Item, paid for the carriage of it, ijd. Item, paid for wyne for an other communion, v quartes, ijs. vjd. Item, spent by Christofer Thrilwynde and John Billinge stayinge the communion, vjd. Item, paid to Mr Meade the old churchwardens debt, xjs. Item, paid to Mr Hitchmough for the maymed souldiers, xxvjs. Item, spent by John Billinge goinge againe to Farnworth for the ley, iijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and sworne men metinge to make a presentement of vnlawfull mariages and christinges, ijs. viijd. Item, paid for a loke and twoe keyes to loke the bell ropes, xjd. Item, allowed for bringinge twoe churchleyes from Farnworth, ijs. Item, paid for wyne for the communion, ijs. Item, paid for breade for all the communions, xjd. Item, spent by Christofer Thrilwynde and John Billinge stayinge the communion vpon Palme Sondag, vjd. Item, spent by Christofer Thrilwynd stayinge the communion vpon Ester Even and Ester Day, vjd. Item, spent by the churchwardens and swornemen metinge to make a presentement to Mr Orme against the assises, ijs. viijd. Item, paid for a queire of paper for the Register, iijd. Item, paid for writinge the christnings, mariages and burialles in parchement which wente to the office, ijs. iijd. Item, paid to Thomas Halsall for mendinge the cloke and makeinge a hommer newe, xvjd.

[p. 405.] Item, for hendglinge the third and second bell new, ijs. iijd. Item, for mendinge the cheane of the church yate, xjd. Item, for a barr to the glasse window, vjd. Item, for a pridd and a punsh, vjd. Item, paid to Thomas Darbisheire for mendinge the bell wheiles, church yate and steiles, ijs. viijd. Item, paid to Ellin Sutton for washinge the serples and communion table cloth, ijs. iijd. Item, paid to Hugh Webster for shakleinge the bells, ijs. Item, paid to Edward Stockley for ingrossinge the churchwardens accomptes, ijs. Item, paid for grease to the bells, viijd. Item, spent by the churchwardens when they made theire accomptes, xvjd.

Soe remayneth in the churchwardens handes to be deliuered to the new church wardens 3s. 2d.

Item, theire remayneth to be deliuered ouer to the new churchwardens by the relations of Mr Ogle, remayninge of an ancient lay heiretofore collected by Mr Edward Norres Esquire deceased, for souldiers conveyed into Ireland in the tyme of our late Soueraigne Elizabeth, xls.

The same church goodes and furniture which are registred by the booke taken in the begininge of the last yeare are remayninge as then was registred, besides a pewter can bought this yeare 1606.

Item, it is to be considered by the churchwardens and the best sufficient men of the parishe, what charges is to be had for better reparacions and triminge of the church, and that to be provided accordingly.¹

Mr Malbon is to be demaunded and required for reparacion and triminge of the chansell, accordingly as he is allowed by the Kinges Colledge.²

Churchwardens appoynted for this yeare followinge by vs and other the parishioners, with the advise of Mr Meade the Vicar, viz: for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, Robert Garnett of Whiston towne; for Sutton, Edward Justice; for Windle and Parr, Edmund Taylier; for Eccleston and Raynforth, William Naylier of the milne.

[p. 406.] The Eight men nominated for the leyes and services within ech quarter and for all busines of the parish: for Prescott, John Worsley; for Whiston, Thomas Lyon; for Raynhill, Boden Potter; for Sutton, Richard Ley; for Raynforth, William Woodward; for Eccleston, William Rigbie; for Windle, William Winstanley; for Parr, Mathew Tickle.

Surveyers generall elected for the workes and amendment of highe waies; for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, John Ogle gent'; for Windle and Parr, Thomas Eccleston of the brode oke; for Eccleston and Raynforth, John Standish gent'; for Sutton, Francis Watmough gent'.

Ouerseers of the poore in eche quarter together with the churchwardens: for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, John Kenwicke; for Sutton, Mr Eltonhead; for Raynforth and Eccleston, Edmund Barnes; for Windle and Parr, William Arrowsmith.

[signed]	THO : BOLD	HENRIE STANLEY
	EDW : ECCLESTONE	THOMAS MEADE
	JO : OGLE	FRA : WATMOUGH
	JN ^o DICHEFEILD	

1. The nave of the church appears to have been entirely rebuilt in 1610. It still contains the stone panels bearing the arms of William, 6th Earl of Derby, Sir Thomas Gerard of Bryn and Windle, Richard Bold of Bold, Edward Eccleston of Eccleston, John Ogle of Whiston, Thomas Tyldesley of Wardley and Great Sankey, Henry Byrom of Byrom and Parr, and Francis Watmough of Micklehead in Sutton, all of whom doubtless contributed to the rebuilding. The fine timber roof bears the date 1610 and the inscription "Thomas Bold, Knight [and] Ladi Brigit Bold his wyffe."

2. Thomas Malbon was in occupation of Prescott Hall, the tenants of which received an allowance of £12 a year called the Proctor's Fee, for which they were expected to discharge the obligation of King's College, Cambridge (by whom the Rectory had been appropriated in 1447) to repair the chancel.

1607-8

[p. 407.] The accomptes of Robert Garnett, Edmund Taylier, William Naylier and Edward Justice, churchwardens of the parish church of Prescott, of theire receiptes and paymentes for this yeare laste past, taken by the gent' and Eight men whose names are heireafter subscribed, begininge at Ester 1607 and endinge at Ester 1608 of theire receiptes.

Inprimis, receued from the old churchwardens, which they weire indebted vnto the parishe, ijs. ijd. Item, rec' twoe whole churchleyes throughout the parishe, xv li. xijs. Item, rec' parte of an other ley for Prescott, Whiston and Raynhill, xxs. Item, for Sutton, xxs. Item, for Raynforth and Eccleston, xxs. Item, for Parr, xs. Item, for Windle, vs. Item, receued for theise burials followinge. Margaret Dychfeld of Prescott, ijs. Thomas Hentchalls daughter, ijs. John Lyon of Eccleston, ijs. Cislle Stocke of Prescott, ijs. Thomas Halsall of Prescott, ijs. Margaret Lyon of Raynforth, ijs. Sum receued, 20 li. 2s. 2d.

Due and oweinge vnto the parish. One whole ley of Farne-worth side, iij li. xvjs. Of Windle ley, vs. And for theise burials: Hugh Ascroft of Eccleston, ijs., a child of Mr Latham, ijs., vxor Thomas Holland, ijs.¹ Sum, iij li. vijs.

[Here this series ends.]

1. The last two items are cancelled.

GLOSSARY

OF UNFAMILIAR, DIALECT OR OBSOLETE EXPRESSIONS.

*This is a selection only.**Unusual spellings and variations of common words are not included.*

Alb (vestment, a tunic of white cloth reaching to the feet), 6, 20, 25, 38, 43.

Amice (a white linen kerchief worn by celebrant priests), 43.

Aming (? mixing or shaping), 10, 41.

Anenes, aynest (over against, opposite), 8, 72.

Aponed (? appointed), 36.

Ark (a large chest), 7.

Bassys (? pieces of shaped timber for bases), 15.

Batteling (battlements), 23, 34, 49, 104.

Beam filling (filling the spaces between beams in a timbered building), 133.

Bellman (bellfounder), 3, 8.

Billet (a written notice of demand for payment of a church ley, sent to each township), 52, 102, 110.

Bost, booster (? a metal stay or truss), 3, 95.

Bowderyke (baldrick, an alternative name for Shackle, q.v.), 11.

Bryges, *see* Saten bryges.

Bull (an episcopal edict or mandate), 3.

Caliver (an early type of hand-gun), 101.

Censer ship (the principal censer), 18.

Clayting (applying clay to a roof, etc.), 15.

Coffer, coufer, coulfer (a chest), 23, 69, 137.

Collock (a large pail), 36.

Cope (vestment, a kind of cloak), 18, 23.

Corporas (corporal, a linen cloth to contain or cover the consecrated elements), 21.

Cresmatore (chrismatory, a vessel for the chrism or consecrated oil), 10.

Cruet (a vessel for wine or water in the Eucharist), 42.

Crule (crewel, a thin worsted yarn for tapestry and embroidery), 23.

Cryer (an official who made proclamations, etc.), 101.

Delf (a quarry), 52, 68, 109, 110, 114, 147.

Devotion bell (? a bell bought with devotion money, q.v.), 2.

— money (? money raised for a religious purpose), 1.

Dighting (preparing or cleansing), 8, 23, 42, 49.

Dog (an iron band), 38.

Doybe (daub, building clay), 15.

Dressing (cleaning, tidying, mending), 87, 94, 114, 128, 143, 147.

Duty (fee), 143, 146.

Easing-board (eaves-board), 25, 76.
 Echys (H-frame for bells), 52.
 Ellers, *see* Ollers.
 Eshin (pail), 35.
 Extremo uncio (oil for extreme unction), 10.

Fannon (fanon or maniple, worn over the left arm of the celebrant priest), 2.
 Feying (cleaning out), 58.
 Form-piece (a carved stone for window tracery), 25.

Gable board (barge-board), 74.
 — rope (large thick rope or cable), 5, 8.
 Gate (journey), 118.
 Gill (a liquid measure), 140.
 Gill, gill barrel (gail, a tub used for brewing), 45, 101.
 — rope (? rope for carriage of timber), 110.
 Goodman (substantial householder), 81.
 Gorget (armour for the throat), 142.
 Great, *see* Upon great.

Herknyng (hearkening, giving of information), 37.
 Hesks (meaning obscure), 12.
 Hilling (covering, binding), 22.
 Hogshead (large cask), 8.
 Holland (linen cloth), 139.
 Houg (meaning obscure), 5.
 Howetree (? misspelling of howsetree, a beam from a house), 125.
 Hurchant (urchin or hedgehog), 108.
 Hure (? hair), 133.

Judas light (a large candle, having a dummy stem of wood), 17.
 Justice seat (Quarter Sessions), 77, 106.

Kirk (church), 13, 19, 20.

Latts (laths), *see* Index.
 Lawday (day of meeting of bishop's court), 69.
 Lecture (lectern), 106.
 Ley (local rate, assessed on land and houses), *passim*.
 Locket (an iron crossbar in a window), 34, 38.

Malp, mapp, maup (? bullfinch), 106, 108, 112, 114, 120, 123.
 Marshalsea (prison), 130, 131, 140, 144, 147.
 Mavisse (Malmsey wine, originally produced at Napoli di Malvasia or Monemvasia in Greece), 45.
 Mett (a measure of capacity), 92, 95, 104, 125, 128, 132.
 Mold, mould, moldiard, mouldward, mouldwart, mouldiwart (mole), 96, 102, 104, 106, 108, 112, 114, 115, 120, 121, 123.

Nesshyn, *see* Eshin.

Oller (an alder plant), 55, 56, 58.

- Paschal (the Easter candle), 6, 20, 42, 45.
 Payntyd (painted cloth, hung like tapestry), 20.
 Pesse (? a weight), 143.
 Pessing, pecing, peysing (? weighting), 18, 23, 27, 31, 34, 35, 39.
 Petchys (? pitchers), 19.
 Piking (? shaping to a point), 14, 17, 19, 22.
 Poues (? poles), 123.
 Preveceall (privy seal, a writ of summons to the Chancery of the Duchy of Lancaster), 41.
 Pridd (? a vessel or implement), 102, 153.
 Procheting (? setting-up wooden supports), 23.
 Pullice, pullis, pullos (pulley for turn-gate), 71, 101, 123, 130, 143.
 Punch (? a vessel or implement), 153.

 Quarter (division of parish), 22, 33, 87, 116, 118, 147, 154.
 Quartron (quarter-pound), 7, 32, 37, 43.
 Quorum nomina, coram nomina, *see* footnote on p. 54.

 Recusand, recusant (one refusing church attendance), 128, 138, 143, 146.
 Reeve (warden) 13, 14, 17, 18, 31, 34.
 Reming (an operation connected with bell-casting), 99.
 Replevy (writ for recovery of goods), 9.
 Revestry (vestry), *see* Index.
 Rigging (making or repairing the roof ridge), 22.
 Roche wax (wax in its rough natural state), 7, 16, 41.
 Rochett (a linen vestment, a form of surplice), 9, 39.
 Rood (cross or crucifix), *see* Index.

 Sack (a Spanish white wine), 42.
 Sacraments (reserved consecrated elements), 10.
 Saints bell (sanctus bell), 7-9, 142, 143.
 Sapes (the outer timber of a tree), 108.
 Scoler (? student), 7.
 Sense shippe, *see* Censer ship.
 Sepulcre (the Easter Sepulchre), 6, 20, 24, 26, 30, 37, 41, 42.
 Shackle (the leather loop for suspending the bell-clapper), *passim*.
 Sheris (? a form of support), 31.
 Singing-bread (wafers for the Eucharist), 22, 23, 38, 40-4, 48, 53, 61, 76, 79.
 Skaffeting (scaffolding), 51.
 Sole, solle (post), 74, 107.
 Somer (beam), 63.
 Spar (rafter or other timber), 15.
 Spikings (large nails), *see* Index.
 Stander (vertical iron bar in a window), 38.
 Stele, stile (stepped entrance to churchyard), *see* Index.
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