



Great Bedwyn

Extracts of Register Of John Chandler Dean Of Salisbury 1404-1417

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16 Sept. 1405.

Bedewynde.

Dean visited ch. [church] and Burbache preb. [prebend] with chapels. M. Nicholas Wykham, 2 P.; William Bailly, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Roger Derby, V., [Vicar] and John, chapl. [Chaplain] of Estbedewynde chapel, promised obedience etc. John Gamelyn, chapl. of perpetual chapel of Merton, promised obedience and has nothing; assigned

25 Sept. 1405

John Wyse, perpetual chapl. of Chysbury chapel' promised obedience etc. William Curtys, chapl. of Grafton, cited, did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. John Moryene, perpetual chapl. of Grafton, promised obedience; has 25 Sept. as above to show title and submit copies; showed letters of ord. [ordination] and title and submitted copies in Hungerforde ch; dismissed. John Medmenham, R. [Rector] of Crofton; Nicholas Godewyne, his proctor, promised obedience etc. Thomas Taillour, chapl. of Westbedewynde, promised obedience etc.

Prior of Motesfonte cited for his portion in Merton; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious; Robert Hardene came; ordered to come 'on prior's behalf and show letters of proxy and ord. of portion 5 weeks hence in cath. [cathedral] on pain of 20s; did not come; penalty incurred. Abbess of Romsey cited for her portion in Wolfehale; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. Robert Chanyn, parish clerk, offered obedience. John Sparwe, canon of Motesfonte, promised obedience on behalf of prior and convent for [their] portion at Merton on 24 April 1406 in cath. and showed title; has a day before 24 June to submit copies of 7 letters. Prior of [St.] Denys did not come for portion in Chessebury; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved.

Thomas Stoke, Robert Hardell, John Sydele, Roger Smyth, Peter Demas, Hugh Luyde, John Lok, John Bloxham, John Skynner, Richard Petysaute, Hugh Bailmonde, William Odam, parishioners, cited, say that ch. is dedicated to Nativity of St. Mary. It has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Preb. is endowed with tithes of grain, hay, wool, and lambs, except tithes from Chissebury demesne lands . . . Ch. windows are defective through fault of parish.

Geoffrey Brasier commits immorality with a certain woman.

Merton chapel is built on lord's manor. Altar is dedicated to Assumption. Chapel has a font for lord, his household, a tenant, and 3 cottagers, who should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Burial is at Bedewynde. R. [of Great Bedwyn] should receive greater and lesser tithes from lordship of John Malewayne, lord there, [his] tenant, and 3 cottagers. Glebe has 8 a. [acres] R. of Bedewynde shall have 1 a. and a croft and give a second best load of corn yearly from demesne lands for lordship there. Lord shall provide chapel's ornaments and make repairs after injunctions. Chapl. shall say Mass daily.

Roger Shephurde of Hungerforde for fornication and contract with Christine, servant of Thomas Stoke of
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Bedewynde because he abjured her before official of Bedewynde and afterwards had intercourse with her; both confessed; both to be beaten thrice through ch.; she alleges that a marriage contract was made with the words, 'I, Roger, take you, Christine, as my lawful wife' and 'I, Christine, take you, Roger, as my lawful husband'; he confesses all; dean warned him to have marriage solemnized within a month on pain of excom. if no canonical impediment existed; has next court day in cath. to say why he ought not to be excomd. if he has not obeyed monition; later her penance remitted in charity at V. of Bedewynde's request.

Henry Felde, a married man, commits adultery with Lettice, his servant; both left.

Stephen and Thomas Smyth of Bedewynd, Nicholas Tanner of Crofton, John Alewyn, Walter atte Lese of Westgrifton, Thomas Broun of Estgrifton, John Perlere, John Coupere of Wilton, Hugh Broun, William Lamhurde of Wexcombe, Hugh Denyas, William Frankelayn of Merton, appointed by parishioners of Bedewynde to collect money from these townships for Bedewynde ch. bells, partly collected it but will not present accounts; all ordered by commissary on 3 Jan. 1406 in Hungerforde ch. to do so within 17 days on pain of 20s. Chapl. of Merton failed to pay a yearly pension of 2s. to V. of Bedewynde for last 3 years.

Bedewynde.

A chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base and paten with ICHS' in middle; a plain (non signatus) part-gilt chalice and a paten with hand in middle; a chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base with hand in middle of paten; 10 corporals with 10 burses; a vestment with chasuble, 3 albs, 2 tunicles, and 3 amices of red cloth of gold powdered with griffins and roses, a stole, and 3 maniples powdered with roses and gold stars; a blue-grey vestment with chasuble, 3 albs, 2 tunicles, a cope, 3 amices, 2 stoles, and 3 maniples; a cloth of gold vestment powdered with various beasts and birds with chasuble, 2 tunicles, 3 albs, 3 amices, 2 stoles, and 3 maniples; an alb with black 'worstede' stole and maniple powdered with bright blue and red roses and other flowers; 2 green silk striped tunicles; a white vestment with chasuble, 3 albs, 2 tunicles, 3 amices, 2 stoles, and 3 maniples; a chasuble, alb, stole, amice, and maniple of old cloth of gold powdered with lions; an old chasuble of various colours powdered with birds and 'fiourdeliz'; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of green cloth of gold powdered with leopards and various trees and maniples [sic]; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of old white fustian; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of green silk; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of old fustian; a chasuble, amice, stole, and maniple of various colours powdered with various birds; 5 old chasubles of various colours; a cloth of gold stole and maniple made with 'endelesknottis'; a stole and maniple of various colours made as above; 7 altar-cloths, 5 with frontlets; 8 hand-towels (tualla manualia); 4 banners (vexiile), 2 of green and white silk, one white, another painted with Christ crucified used for a cross; 4 cushions (pallulia), one of variously coloured silk; a linen Lenten veil; 2 linen frontals for Lent painted with the Cross, scourge, and other Instruments of the Passion; an unlocked latten hanging pyx; 2 missals, one is old; a portas with music; 2 antiphonaries with music;] a lesson book; an exposition of gospels and epistles; 2 old manuals; 5 graduals, 2 with music one of which lacks offices from Advent to Christmas Eve; a book of sequences; a processional book; a psalter; a book of various organ chants; another book of various chants; a book with seven penitencial psalms and litanies; an ordinal; 2 brass candlesticks; an unlocked tin chrismatory; a latten censer; a box (pixis) with various saints' relics covered with variously coloured silk; 2 surplices; a missal; 2 dyed linen sepulchre cloths; a silver cup with a crucifix on lid (capite); an ordinal.'

10 May 1409.

Bedwynde.

Dean visited ch. M. Walter Medeforde, 'P. , called; did not come; dean excused him. Roger, the V. , came and was excused etc. Thomas, chapl. of Chyssebury, promised obedience. Prior of St. Margaret, Marleborough, did not come for his portion in Estgrifton and Westgrifton; Dean sequestrated revenues; friar Ralph Hamme from priory ordered on 9 July 1409 in Hungerforde ch. to show muniment granting the portion and letters of proxy in cath. before 1 Aug. 1409 on pain of 10s. Prior of Mottesfounte did not come for his portion in Merton nor Abbess of Romesay for her portion in Wolfiale nor prior of St. Denys for his portion in Chyssebury; dean sequestrated their revenues.

Thomas Stokke, John Vunnedewe, I-lawkin Page, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Hurlebat, William Plomere, Hugh Luyde, Richard Waryne, parishioners, disclose that Robert Shaket, parish clerk, frequents taverns and customarily. sits with his ale when he ought to go with V. to visit sick; submitted on 9 July. Thomas Gylprynne, parish clerk, ordered to mend bell ropes before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. Clerks do not obey V.; ordered on 9 July to do so on pain of 6s. 8d. V. habitually frequents taverns; denied it on 9 July; purged with

court's indulgence. Priests of Merton, Grafton, Chyseybury, and Crofton do not come to Bedwynde ch. on double feasts' as they ought. Stephen Smyth keeps 8s. belonging to St. John's House; 2 alleged on 9 July that he would account for it when required; dismissed.

Merton.

John Grey, chapl. of Merton, promised obedience etc. John Frankeleyne, parishioner, says all is well.

Bedewynde.

Perjury action between Walter Taylour, plaintiff, and Emma Crop, defendant, Giles Crop's executrix; parties appear personally; plaintiff libels that defendant owes him 25s. from deceased's debts; action contested affirmatively by plaintiff and negatively by defendant; they took oath of calumny; 26 July 1409 in cath. assigned to bring proof for first time.

John Crop, defamed of having stolen Richard Colyngbourne's capons and hens, purged.

Margaret Note's will proved; admin. granted to John Manton and Christine Note, being sworn; wholly dismissed because poor.

12 July 1412

Bedewynde.

Dean visited ch. with its chapels. M. Walter Mede for, P. Roger Derby, V., came and was excused etc. Prior of St. Margaret, Marleborough for his portion in Estgrifton and Westgrifton; . . . [blank], a friar of the house showed a confirmation of portion; has 19 Nov. 1412 to submit copies of portion and show letters of proxy. Prior of Motesfount did not come for his portion in Merton; dean excused him. Abbess of Rummesey did not come for her portion in Wolfhale nor did prior of St. Denys for his portion in Chyseybury; dean sequestered their revenues. Robert Shaket and Thomas Gyldepren, parish clerks, promised obedience to dean and his servants.

Robert Harden, Thomas Stokke, Richard Colyngerboume, Hugh Baylemound, John Bloxham, John Skynnere, parishioners, say that William Godswayne, his parents' executor, will not pay for 100 Masses in accordance with their will; ordered by commissary in Hungerforde ch. on 19 Nov. to do so before Christmas on pain of 20s.

On 12 July 1412 Margery Gylbus's will proved; admin. granted to William Brim, executor, who accounted; dismissed. V. fails to provide a chapl. because of poverty of vic. [Vicarage]

Merton.

John Yonge, R., promised obedience and showed all letters; has 19 Nov. 1412 to submit copies; came but submitted nothing; has 23 Dec. 1412 in cath. to submit them.