



Mere St. Michael the Archangel Benefactions

April 21st 1680. SIR HUGH WYNDHAM, Knt. By his Will gave to the Poor of this Parish, the Sum of Ten Shillings Yearly for ever out of his Lands in this Parish, and directed that the same Sum he equally Paid and distributed upon Christmas Day unto & amongst Twenty of the Poorest sort

Novr. 5th 1699. Mrs. JANE WELDON, gave a Silver Flagon, weighing 46oz for the Use of this Church.

Octr. 15th 1700. Mrs. MARY CHAFIN, gave a Silver Flagon, weighing 53oz 5dms for the Use of this Church.

Said Mrs. CHAFIN & Mrs/ WELDON, gave a Silver Plate each, both weighing 31oz 15dms for the Use of this Church.

The Ringing Loft and Singing Gallery within the Belfry of this Church, were erected at the Expençe of Mrs. MARY CHAFIN & Mrs. JANE WELDON, with the Consent of the Parishioners Singers thereof, which Erection was confirmed by the Ordinary at a Visitation of the Dean of Sarum, held the 3rd July in the Year 1705, when it was declared that the in the Seats and Places in the said Gallery should be in the sole Power and Disposal of the said Mrs. MARY CHAFIN, and Mrs. JANE

WELDON during their Lives, and afterwards of their Heirs for ever of this Parish, for the tome being.

June 16th 1725, JAs HARDING, of Mere, Gentleman, by his Will gave to the Minister and Churchwardens of this Parish and their Succesors for ever, An Annuity or Rent Charge of Fifty Shillings out of a Close called the Grove (being part of the Farm called Benjafields), lying in the Parish of Gillingham, Dorset, to be by them distributed Yearly on the Sunday next before Christmas Day, by equal Portions, so such Ten Poor Housekeepers of Mere not having any Relief from the said Parish, as the Minister and Churchwardens and their Succesors should direct.

Janry. 15th 1765. THOs. TATUM, ESQr. M.D. by his Will gave the Interest of £200 for ever to the Poor of this Parish, being his Native Place, for teaching as many Poor Children to Read, Write, and Cast Accounts, as that Sum would Pay for, and appointed the Dean of Salisbury and the Vicar of Mere for the time being, to be always Trustees for the same; but in Case any Publick School or Charity, should be Erected at any future time in the Town of Mere, then the Trustees should have Power of Applying the said Sum of £200 for the Uses of the said Publick School.

BY VIRTUE of an Act passed in 1807 for inclosing Lands in this Parish, the Commifsioners alloted 20 Acres, part of White Hill Common, and declared that the same Allotment was set out in respect of the

Forest Lands vested in the Trustees acting under the above Agreement 20th Janry. 1651, and that the Rents and Profits thereof should be applied to the same purposes

JOHN WHITE
} CHURCHWARDENS, 1822
JOHN PHILLIPS

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