

Worksop Priory Churchwardens' Book

**Reign of Henry VIII, 1539 - 1547**

Item, expenses when we had the bell founders to view Welbeck bells

Item, for 2 cords for the rail and another for the organs, 2 pence

Item, for bringing glass into the store house, 4 pence

Item, for the lecterns making by the carver, 3 pence

Item, for a skin to cover the bible

Item, to Thomas Rose of 2 days making holes for the partition at 5 pence a day, batting on at  $\frac{1}{2}$  penny, 12 pence

Item, to Thomas Elot for 3 days at making up the partition at the same rate, 17 pence

Item, to William Doncaster for as much as suchlike work, 17 pence

First, to Thomas Johnson for a sheep skin to cover the mass book, 3 pence.  
Item, for mending the said book, 2 shillings.

Item, for a names cloth and making it, 6 pence

Item, for making 4 books in English for the procession

Item, for painting the altar cloth and the lectern

Item, for bread and ale at setting up the sepulchre, 3 pence

Item, for taking down the sepulchre, 2 pence

Item, for mending of the streamer, 4 pence

Item, for two nets to take jackdaws, 10 pence

Item, sold by Robert Rens, Thomas Johnson, John Byet, Waryn Gudlad, to Richard Ayeston the parclosse, [or screen] of Jesus choir with the loft where they sang, the price to which he added a partition to keep out the jackdaws, 3 shillings

**Reign of Edward VI, 1547 - 1553**

Item, to Walter Peppar, Richard Ashton, carvers for setting up the new parclosse, 20 shillings

Item, to the same Walter and Richard for setting up the old parcloses and making a little font, 2 shillings 8 pence

Item, to 2 masons for making the stone-work of a new window in the church, 12 shillings.

Item, to the painter for washing the rood loft, 8 pence

Item, to Florry to darken the images faces, 2 pence

Item, to a glazier for glazing a new window and for solder, 4 shillings

Item, expenses at the clipping of the church sheep at Darfould, 8 pence

Item, paid to Robert Fermery and 4 labourers about the pulling down of the altars, 21 pence

Item, paid to Edward Ward for making irons for the glass windows on Saint Katheryn's choir, 12 pence

Item, received for 4 brasses, a laver and one piece of brass, 4 shillings 2 pence

Item, received for old vestments, 2 shillings 8 pence

Item, received from Robert Holte for a veil, 6 shillings 8 pence

Item, received from Mr Baylyffe for glass and iron, 5 shillings

### **Reign of Queen Mary, 1553 - 1558**

Item, received from John Reynes for 13 sheep and 3 lambs, 27 shillings

Paid to a man of Doncaster for the mending of the chimes, 8 shillings

Parcels of money collected and gathered for the casting of the bells and making of the bell frame, in the third and fourth years of the reigns of our Sovereign Lord and Lady, King Phillip and Queen Mary. First, M. Whalley esquire, £3; George Lassells esquire, 20 shillings; William Bolls esquire, 20 shillings; John Rodes, gentleman, 40 shillings; John Castlyn, 40 shillings; Richard Cotts, gentleman, 10 shillings; Doctor Blythe, 10 shillings, Mistress Lassells, 6 shillings 8 pence. [A long list over 5 pages follows of other donors, not listed in Robert White. The expenditure on the re-casting of the bells amounted to £15, 18 shillings 8 ½ pence.]

### **Reign of Elizabeth I 1558 - 1603**

**1559** First, received towards the sepulchre light, 6 shillings 9 pence

First, paid to Humphrey Quarneby, bellfounder, in part of the payment as appears by his acquaintance, £3, 6 shillings 8 pence

Item, at the taking down of the images, in ale, 2 pence

**1560** Item, paid for bread and drink at the abolishing of the images and pulling down of the altar, 8 pence

Item, paid for a net for the west window, 6 pence

Item, paid to Cressey for making the trellises to keep out the crows, 2 shillings 6 pence

Item, paid to the painter's wife for whitening the alter and the rood loft, 16 pence

**1564** Item, for taking down the rood loft, 12 pence

Item, paid for the cloak making to Berker, 26 shillings 8 pence

Item, paid to 3 masons for 6 days for meat and wages for making the church end, 13 shillings 6 pence. Item, paid to 4 servers to the mason, 8 shillings 4 pence.

Item, for the speddyll door mending, 4 pence

[Considerable quantities of stone and lead were sold about this time to Mr Bolles and others]

**1565 – 6** Item, paid to Richard Morris for lead that he bought off the man that took down the steeple, 3 shillings

Item, paid for the great lead setting up on the steeple in bread and ale, 6 pence

Item, paid to Richard Sherman, the plumber, for covering the church roof, £3 7 shillings 8 pence. Item, paid to the said plumber for the covering of the south aisle with lead, 26 shillings 8 pence.

**1567** Parcels of money collected and gathered from the parishioners by the afore named church wardens, towards the repair of the church and other necessaries as follows

[White notes that large quantities of stone and lead were also sold to meet the same emergency. The church about this period appears to have been in a very dilapidated state; the vaulted roof of one or both of the aisles having, as it seems, now fallen in and the windows being unglazed. The repairs now completed appear to have brought the church much to the form of later years, mullions having been inserted in the triforium apertures, and converted into windows etc.]

First, paid to Thomas Reve and Michael his brother, bell founders, for casting 4 bells and 3 brasses, £5, 10 shillings

Item, paid to Robert Burgoyne and his servants for making the bell frame with the wheels and other wood work there belonging, £8, 5 shillings, 8 pence

Item, paid for bread and ale at the hanging of the bells, 20 pence.

Item, paid to Medley and other for carrying stone into the church yard, 45 shillings 5 pence [White thinks this may be the stone from the vaulted roof which had fallen in]

Item, paid to Thomas Gastoyne the mason, for making a new window and other work done about the church, £11, 12 shillings, 8 pence

Item, paid to Mr Hunte for 7 loads of stone, 4 shillings 8 pence

Item, paid to one for getting the stone and storing the same, 7 shillings 2 pence

Item, for getting the scaffold poles, making of 4 fleyks with carriage, 2 shillings 2 pence

Item, paid for 6 loads of lime, 23 shillings

Item, paid to John Heron, the carpenter and his servants for the chancel roof over the vestry, mending of the roof of the old storehouse, making the stalls in the choir, with other work done in and about the church as appears, £9, 4 shillings, 8 pence

Item, paid for the iron on the window bars, 46 shillings 8 pence

Item, paid to William Wilkinson for the workmanship of the bars and locks for the new window, 14 shillings

Item, paid to Robert Fermery for slating of the roofs of the aisles and for dressing the slate at the quarry, the space of 20 days at 8d a day, 13 shillings 4 pence

Item, paid to Gyrley's wife and others for bread and ale for them that brought stone from Roche Abbey and carriages of timber, 5 shillings 2 pence

Item, paid for 7 locks and 1 pair of bands and making of the poor man's box and register chest, 4 shillings 6 pence

Item, paid to 2 men who watched the lead in the church 2 nights, after the fall of the roof, 16 pence.

This account was made before Mr Lassells, Mr Bolls and other of the parishioners on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 1568.

**1568**, paid to George Wildsmith for fetching the little organs from Woodthorpe, 6 pence

Item, paid to Thomas Totyll, the organ maker, for mending the organs and for his board, 48 shillings.

Item, paid to the glazier for glazing the great window in the choir, 51 shillings

Item, paid to the glazier for glazing the west window, 38 shillings

Item, paid to Mr Fenton, a preacher, for making a sermon, 6 shillings 8 pence

Item, paid to the glazier for glazing the south side of the church, 28 shillings 8 pence

Item, paid for glazing the north side of the church, 6 shillings 8 pence

Item, paid to William Barlow for stubbing a yew tree, 16 pence

Item, paid for glazing the upper window in the south side of the choir, 15 shillings.

Item, paid for absolution when we were suspended for non-payment of Southwell money, 5 shillings.

[White notes that considerable quantities of stone, timber and lead were sold between 1568-9 but does not list them]

**1570**, Item, for ale and bread and to workmen at the taking down of the rood loft. 2 shillings

Item, to the painter for painting the rood loft before it was taken down, 8 pence

Item, received from Mr Vicar, for timber of the rood loft, 6 shillings 8 pence

**1571** First, received from Richard Hopkinson for a cope and hand bell, 40 shillings

Item, received from Mr Jessop for a little bell, not sold but laid to gage and to be lost at the parish's pleasure, 20 shillings

Item, received from Mr Bayly for a remnant of stone, 10 shillings

Item, to Cressye for casting down stone, 2 shillings 4 pence

Item, to Michael Hardy for making a crest for the rood loft, 3 shillings 2 pence

[Eddison notes, by the Visitation Articles for this year, Archbishop Grendal directs, that the rood screen be left to separate the chancel from the nave, and instead of the rood loft, some convenient crest be put upon it]

**1577** At Saint Andrew's tide before, which was 1576 entered John Goodriche to be vicar.

Received of the people's devotion to the ringing for the Queen on Saint Hugh's day, 16 shillings 1 pence

**1578** item, wine for 15 communions, 3 shillings

Item, for the Revestry window mending, 2 pence

Item, spent in ale, at sundry times, upon Garland and other parish friends, 12 pence

[White notes that from 1578 to 1581 money was collected from the parish for Colliton Haven and the towns of Portsmouth, Hastings Haven and Saint Albans; the former may have been in preparation against the threat of the Spanish Armada.]

**1581** Item, by John Asheford, for the board of William Sameson and his son, for the classifying of the glass windows, 26 shilling 4 pence

Item, received by the churchwardens of a sesment made for the glazing of the church windows, 40 shillings 3 pence

**1582** Item, by the vicar for his dinner and drink at Retford 19<sup>th</sup> May at the paying of the money for Portsmouth and Colliton Haven, 5 pence

Item, for drink at sundry times, about our business by Christopher Champion, 2 shillings

Received the last day of September from the inhabitants of the town of Worksop for the arrears due to the Queen's majesty during the time that the church of Southwell was dissolved into the King's hands, the sum of 30 shillings, by me Lawrence Broadbent, receptorem.

**1583** By the vicar to Jane Cooper for keeping fatherless Cecillie Guirley, 12 pence

By the vicar to one of the Queen's tres patentes to gather for the hospital of New Malton in Yorkshire, December 6, 8 pence

**1585** A list of the charitable contributions of the inhabitants of Worksop to the Towns of East and West Retford, burnt with fire, 13 shillings 4 pence. [List not included by White] Received by the constable of Worksop towards the town of East Retford, by me Raufe Windle, bale of Bassetlaw, 13 shillings 4 pence

For taking of a wild cat, December 12 by the vicar, 6 pence. For taking of another wild cat, December 24, by the vicar, 6 pence

For taking of a grey badger by the vicar, February 20, 12 pence

For the taking of a fox, March 30, laid out by the vicar, 12 pence

**1586** by the vicar for fox taken June 12, 12 pence

By the vicar for a wild cat taken August 3, 6 pence

[White notes that three other wildcats and two other foxes were taken this year but does not list them]

**1588** by the vicar for walling up the school house end, 5 pence

By William Wharton for three strikes of riddled lime, 8 pence

By the same William to Warrington for walling, 12 pence

**1589** Item, to the commissioners for caps at East Retford, 15<sup>th</sup> October, 5 shillings 2 pence

[White notes that by Act of Parliament which was in force from 1571 to 1597 all persons, with the exception of sundry privileged classes were required to wear on Sunday and holy days woollen caps made in England, upon pain of forfeiting 3 shillings 4 pence for every default.]

**1590** Item, to George Atkinson and John Jessop for slating and mending the steeples, 11 shillings

**1591** item, for excommunication and absolution, through a citation neglected and their charges, 7 shillings 3 pence.

Item, paid at Retford about hats and caps, 12 pence.

**1594** Item, to Warrington for pointing over the register house and the store house and other works, 4 shillings 8 pence.

Item, for the Queen's majesty's armies and the frame, 6 shillings 6 pence

**1596**, laid down by Christopher Carlile to the mending of the organs, 2 shillings 8 pence and for soap to scour the pipes, quick silver, solder, glue, his own labour excepted, 12 pence

**1597** For 2 hundreds and a half of communion bread or wafers, 15 pence

Paid to Old Barde for whipping dogs out of the church, 9 pence

Laid down by the said church wardens about mending the church roof, both timber and lead and workmanship, £5, 2 shillings 9 pence

**1599** given to William Brande for two fox heads killed in our forest, 12 pence

Paid for writing and parchment to copy our register containing all baptisms, burials and weddings that fell in the year 1599 which is sent to York according to the late constitution, 2 shillings 6 pence

**1601** to John Dalton for going into Yorkshire to Oldfield that should have been our vicar, 18 pence

For shifting of the stalls and making of new stalls and nails for them, 7 shillings 11 pence

For boards for the stalls, 4 shillings 4 pence

For boards for the pulpit and for nails, hooks and bands and other iron stuff for the bells, 21 pence.

### **Reign of James I 1603 - 1625**

**1603** Item, paid to six ringers when the Queen's majesty came to Worksop Manor, 3 shillings  
[James I wife on her way to London from Scotland]

Item, for ringing for the King's majesty on Saint James day, 10 shillings 6 pence

Item, to John Simson for the lending of black cotton at the fast, 2 pence

**1607** For ringers on the coronation day and the day of the King's deliverance, 10 shillings 2 pence

**1608** for the boards to make up a hole between the steeple and the abbey, 15 pence.

For bread and wine at the communion upon Care Sunday, 4 shillings, 9 pence

**1611** For taking down stone over the great church door to place a piece of wood, 4 pence

For ash sets and setting them in the church yard, 11 shillings

Item, bestowed on Mr Porter, a minister, in ale, 8d

Item, for two shirts for Thomas Davies' boy, 2 shillings

Item, for two skins to make William Lee, cripple, a pair of hose, 22 pence

Receipts, Item for the ash trees sold in the church yard, £4 13 shillings 4 pence.

**1613** To one Jo Hatfield who came to give a sermon, 12 pence

To Gregorie Lorence, a Grecian who was taken prisoner by the Turks, 15 pence.

**1614** Item, to William Bulmer for mending the font, 9 pence

**1615** Memorandum that the said church wardens sold to Christopher Carlile, parish clerk, the old communion table and the frame for writing the register, over this year and for washing the church clothes and for all old reckonings due to this present, Easter 1615.

**1616** Item, Memorandum that John Hill, executor of Richard Worsley, has paid and distributed to the poor of Worksop the sum of twenty shillings which was bequeathed to them by his last will.

Item, for repairing the church leads 43 shillings

Item, for repairing the glass windows, to Robert Needham, 47 shillings

Item, for pointing the church and steeple, to George Legiet, £6, 8 shillings 4 pence

Item, for making and removing the pulpit and making a new seat, 47 shillings

Item, for an iron rail and a stay for the pulpit and nails, 5 shillings and 5 pence, for a desk, 3 shillings, total 8 shillings 5 pence

Item, for ringing on the gunpowder day, 6 shillings and at the King's coming to Worksop, 7 shillings, total 13 shillings.

For whipping dogs out of the church for one whole year, 12 pence

**1617** for a quart of wine and sugar bestowed upon two preachers, 10 pence

For a piece of cotton lent at the fast, 14 pence

**1618** for charges at London in writing over a supplication that was delivered to the Lord Chamberlain and the Earl of Arundel about the town's business, 2 shillings.

**1621** a list of the names of all such as willingly contributed to the necessity of the poor afflicted French people, collected within the town, 18 November, the sum collected £4, 4 shillings 1 pence.

**1622** Memorandum that upon the 6 January 1622 Francis Walker, the executor of John Otter deceased, did distribute to the poor of Worksop 10 shillings according as was given by a legacy in his will.

### **Reign of Charles I 1625 - 1649**

**1626** to a Hungarian who went by into Scotland, 18 pence

To beer to the painter and his men, when we bargained with him for beautifying the church, 12 pence. Given him in earnest and his charges the same day, 2 shillings, 3 pence. Paid the painter for beautifying the church, £5. Given to his men 12 pence and in beer at their departing 12 pence and for his horse, grass 2 shillings 6 pence, total 4 shillings 6 pence.

Item, for cloth and meal to paste the King's Arms for a board to nail aloft upon it, for smoothing it and nails, 3 shillings 3 pence. [White notes that the royal coat of arms which hung from the roof at the east end of the church bore the date 1626]

**1627** Money was collected for a brief that was never called for, 5 shillings 9 pence

**1628** Paid for a warrant from the Justices to search at Langwith for the church clothes which were stolen, 6 pence. Spent by Sheldon and his man going with that warrant to search, 2 pence. For Parkins going to search at Scarcliff, 8 pence. Paid for beer at Nottingham Prison going with one Francis Robinson suspected for church robbery.

**1633** for ringing three days when our Royal King came his progress, £1, 1 shilling [King Charles I passed through on his way to his coronation in Scotland]

**1634** Item, for ale and bread at the perambulation, 3 shillings.

Item, for 6 fox heads and two ravens heads, 6 shillings 2 pence

Item, to Holland for a book of liberty, 6 pence

Item, charges to Retford when we delivered moneys for the repair of St Paul's Church, 1 shilling

**1636** Laid out for charges for the sequestration, 17 shillings

**1637** Item, for railings for the communion table with other charges, £3, 6 shillings 8 pence

Item, paid John Rogers 20 days and a half work in the church at 12d a day, £1, 0 shillings 6 pence. Paid John Rogers in earnest of our bargain with him for removing the seats in the middle alley and taking down part of the loft, what we spent of him, his servants, ourselves and other workmen, 6 shillings

8 pence. Paid John Rogers for ceiling work, as appears by a particular thereof under Mr Bolles his own hand, sent to me £20, 2 shillings 6 pence

item, paid Martin in part of his work under Mr Bolles, his bill of particulars made thereof £2, 8 shillings [converting the open stalls into pews]

For a proclamation against the Scots, 1 shilling 6 pence

**1639** Spent and given to ringers at the Earl of Arundel's coming twice, when going towards the north as general of the army sent against the Scottish Covenanters and on his return 10 shillings 8 pence

Laid out for a cover for the font, 9 shillings

**1640** For 11 fox heads, 11 shillings. For killing two owls in the church, 1 shilling

**1641** For publishing peace and to a messenger and to ringers, 5 shillings and 4 pence [peace with Scotland]

For killing of an owl, 6 pence

**1644** for an otter head and a fox head, 2 shillings

For a new bridge at the Canch, 1 shilling.

**1645** for the burial of a soldier 3 shillings 6 pence

For the burial of two more, slain in the town 2 shillings 6 pence

For the burial of three more slain in the town 3 shillings 1 pence

For ringing when his majesty passed by 4 shillings

For 2 boards for the south choir windows, 1 shilling 2 pence

Given for 15 fox heads, 15 shillings

**1648** Paid for a silver bowl and a cover to Mr Watson, £4, 6 shillings

**1649** Paid for exchange of the silver bowl, £1