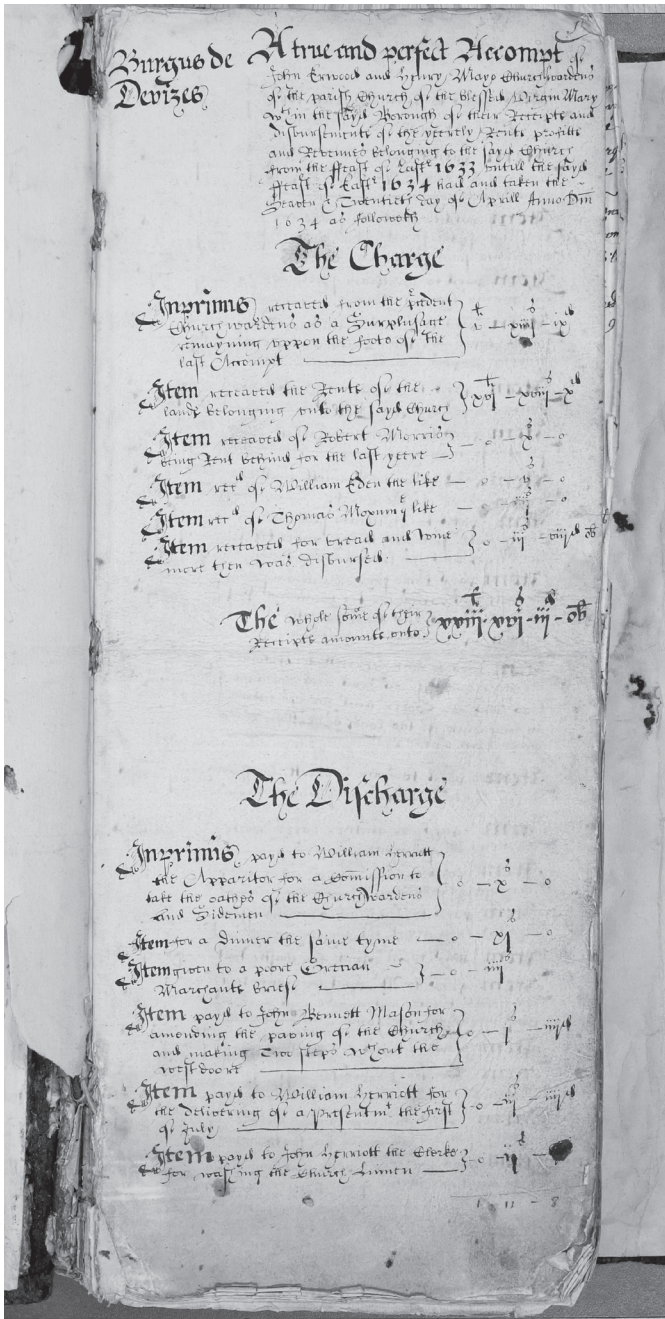


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PREFACE

THIS PROJECT was first started six years ago, but has been delayed by several changes to my personal circumstances. When I first started working through these accounts I hoped to find many of the small traces left behind by religious change during the 17th century, and which I have studied to good effect elsewhere. Although there was evidence of the kind I sought, ultimately there was less of this material than I had had hoped to find. Nevertheless, on returning to the accounts after a long absence, it quickly became apparent that the real interest lay not in the spiritual but the temporal realm. The parish and its officers have preserved a fulsome archive of the church's properties, including a number of tenements within the town, and I decided that tracing this urban estate would be a useful project. Consequently, this volume includes an appendix detailing each of these tenements, and tracing their history as far back as it is possible to identify them. The final appendix is necessarily a brief calendar, and the names of some tenants and many sub-tenants have not been included. Nevertheless, I hope it will prove a useful resource for the study of the town. If the accounts themselves are lean on liturgical matters, they have proven to be a fantastic source for the economic history of the region, with great detail on the values of rents, wages, the costs of materials, taxes and other matters. They also abound with great detail about the daily lives of the inhabitants of the parish, bringing into view individuals who are often otherwise invisible to the historian. It is for this reason in particular that I continue to be drawn to the study of churchwardens' accounts.

As with any academic endeavour, I have accrued a number of debts during the course of my work. The staff of the National Archives were very helpful in tracking down obscure or erroneous references, and Dr Brodie Waddell gave useful advice about inflation in 17th-century England. I wish to thank my friends and former colleagues at the Wiltshire and Swindon History Centre in Chippenham, for their support in producing this volume, not the least of which was the generous waiving of photographic fees. The staff of the Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, the Wiltshire Local Studies Library, and the Wiltshire Archaeology Service all provided me with valuable assistance. Dorothy Treasure of the Wiltshire Buildings Record has always been very generous with her great wealth of knowledge

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Alex Craven

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General Editor

LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

<i>Cal. Pat.</i>	<i>Calendar of Patent Rolls</i>
<i>Cal. S.P.D.</i>	<i>Calendar of State Papers: Domestic</i>
<i>Hist. Parl.</i>	<i>History of Parliament</i>
TNA	The National Archives, Kew
<i>VCH Wilts.</i>	<i>Victoria History of the County of Wiltshire</i>
WAM	<i>Wiltshire Archeological and Natural History Magazine</i>
Waylen, <i>Chronicles</i>	James Waylen, <i>Chronicles of the Devizes</i> (London, 1839)
Waylen, <i>History</i>	James Waylen, <i>A History Military and Municipal of the Ancient Borough of Devizes</i> (London, 1859)
WRS	Wiltshire Record Society
WSA	Wiltshire and Swindon Archives, Chippenham

GLOSSARY

Acquittance: a receipt or discharge of a debt.

All Saint's Day: 1 November.

Alley: an alternative word for an aisle.

Apparitor: an officer of the ecclesiastical courts.

Articles: a set of questions circulated in advance of a visitation.

Besom: a broom, or any agent that cleanses, purifies, or sweeps away.

Bier: a moveable stand for carrying a corpse to a grave.

Baldrick (Badrick): leather thong attaching clapper to bell.

Busk-board: a piece of wood forming part of the apparatus used to attach the clapper to a bell.

Chancel: the east end of the church, where the communion table is found.

Chimney money: the hearth tax.

Clapper: the tongue of the bell, which strikes it on the inside and causes it to sound.

Cwt: one hundredweight, 112 lbs.

The evil: the King's Evil, another name for scrofula. See 'touching'.

Gimmel: a hinge.

Grey: a badger.

Gudgeon: the pivot of a bell.

Handlebands: a material used for binding the edge of mats, etc.

Hasp: a hinged clasp, secured by a pin or a lock.

Inkle: a kind of linen tape.

Lady Day: the feast of the Annunciation, 25 March.

Litten: a churchyard.

Low Sunday: the Sunday after Easter Sunday.

Michaelmas: the feast of St Michael the archangel, 29 September.

Palm Sunday: the Sunday before Easter Sunday.

Pentecost: A festival observed at Whitsun.

Pentecost money: An offering made at Whitsun.

Pleach: to interlace or intertwine stems or branches to form a hedge, lattice, etc.

Presentment: a statement to the ecclesiastical court by the wardens of affairs in the parish, usually in response to set of articles or questions.

Quarter: compulsory provision of accommodation provided to soldiers during the civil war, or payments collected to support it.

Quarterage: quarterly paid, one quarter of a year's salary.

Qr: one quarter of 1 cwt, 28 lbs.

Range: a kind of sieve or strainer.

St Thomas Day: the feast of St thomas, 21 December.

Sexton: an officer of the parish, whose responsibilities often included bell-ringing, grave-digging and cleaning the church.

Shoot/shut: to splice a rope.

Sidemen: assistants to the churchwardens.

Sprigs: a slender, headless nail.

Stare: a starling.

Surplice: a loose vestment worn by clergymen.

Touching: refers to the belief that being touched by the monarch cured scrofula, also known as the King's Evil.

Tumbrel: a cart with a tilting body for the emptying of the load.

Twist: the flat part of a hinge.

Visitation: a biannual meeting presided over by ecclesiastical officers to examine the state of affairs of the parish.

Wall-plate: a timber placed horizontally on or in a wall to form a support for joists or rafters.

Want: a dialect word for a mole.

Washing: whitewashing, to cover a wall in water mixed with lime or chalk.

Whitsun: the seventh Sunday after Easter, or the week beginning on that day.

Yelm: to separate and select straw and lay it in order for thatching, or a bundle of straw laid straight for thatching.

INTRODUCTION

THE ACCOUNTS that form the basis of this volume represent just a part of the remarkable collection of material which documents the history of the parish of St Mary, Devizes. The earliest churchwardens' accounts begin in 1499, and there is an almost complete run of accounts from 1550.¹ The parish registers date from 1569,² and the overseers' accounts from 1614.³ A large number of deeds, the earliest dating to the 14th century, record the property of the church and the three chantries that it contained before the Reformation.⁴ These parochial collections can be supplemented with the records of the borough of Devizes, which itself held extensive property within the borough, to which was added much of the parish's former chantry land after the Reformation.⁵ Together, this range of material makes the parish a fascinating topic of study.

This volume represents the first set of churchwardens' accounts to be published by this society, although they have been a popular subject for several other counties' societies. The accounts of the parishes of St Edmund and St Thomas, Salisbury, were published by a previous attempt to set up a record society for Wiltshire.⁶ Other sets of Wiltshire accounts have also been published, either in whole or as extracts.⁷

- 1 WSA, 189/1-2; 543/3. Extracts from the churchwardens' accounts have been reproduced in E. Kite, 'The Churches of Devizes', *WAM*, II, 213-56, 302-32.
- 2 WSA, 1656/1.
- 3 WSA, 189/20-1; 543/21-3.
- 4 WSA, 189/34-77. A selection of the earliest deeds is calendared in *WAM*, II, 302-8. See also E. Kite, 'Some documents Relating to the Church of the B.V. Mary, Devizes, and its Re-Founder, A.D. 1410-1458', *Wilts. Notes & Queries*, VII (1911-3), 192-202.
- 5 WSA, G20/150/1-122. The minutes of the borough court date from 1555: WSA, G20/1/10. See also B.H. Cunnington, *Some Annals of the Borough of Devizes* (2 vols., Devizes, 1925-6).
- 6 *The Churchwardens' Accounts of St Edmund and St Thomas, Sarum, 1443-1702*, ed. H.J.F. Swayne (Salisbury, 1896). For the earlier incarnation of the Wiltshire Record Society, pp. iii-iv.
- 7 See, for instance, those of North Newnton, 1576-1618, *Wilts. Notes & Queries*, VI, 261-6; and Steeple Ashton, 1543-1668, *Wilts. Notes & Queries*, VI-VII (1909-13), *passim*.

THE TOWN OF DEVIZES

The borough of Devizes lies near the midpoint of Wiltshire, and has played a central part in the county's history for almost one thousand years. The town owes its existence to the castle that was founded on a rocky outcrop near the boundaries of Potterne and Bishops Cannings by a bishop of Salisbury in the years soon after the Norman Conquest.¹ After a serious fire in 1113 the castle was extensively rebuilt by Bishop Roger of Salisbury, and its final form comprised a spacious outer bailey projecting in an arc to the east of the keep and inner bailey. By the middle of the 12th century the Old Park had been laid out to the west of the castle, its eastern boundary ditches running north and south from the castle walls. It was against these ditches and the around the wall of the outer bailey that the original town grew up, forming a semi-circular arc known as the Old Port. As the castle's military importance declined the outer bailey was encroached by civilian settlement, and the area came to be known as the New Port.

The layout of the town had changed little by the 17th century. One chain of streets followed an arc through the Old Port, connecting the road from Rowde to the north with the road to Potterne to the south and presumably representing the original route around the castle walls along which the earliest settlement grew up. A second route connecting the Rowde and Potterne roads ran from north to south, passing through the wide market place that was laid out at the centre of the New Port in the 14th century. From there, a street called the Brittox ran east to the site of an earlier market place that had grown up outside the barbican of the castle. Both market places were progressively filled in with buildings during the late middle ages. Smaller lanes connected the town with the surrounding fields and villages, including one now called Sidmouth Street, which passed through the suburb of Southbroom as it led from the old market place to Bishops Cannings. There were two parish churches in the town, both dating from the later 12th century. St Mary's church stands at the north-east corner of the old market place, whilst St John's church stands near the castle and new market place.

First given a charter in 1141, the borough was incorporated in 1605.² By the 17th century it was one of the largest towns in Wiltshire,

1 For the history of the castle, *VCH Wilts. X*, 237–45. See also *VCH Wilts. V*, esp. pp. 1–44; Wiltshire Council Archaeological Service, *Extensive Urban Survey: Devizes*.

2 *VCH Wilts. X*, 270.

estimated to have 485 families resident in 1655.¹ The town's early prosperity was grounded upon its proximity to the castle, the market and shops supplying the large garrison within. A merchant guild was established in Devizes in 1218, and the market was first mentioned in 1228. The market continued to be important into the early modern period; described by Leland as 'very celebrate', it was noted for corn, wool, yarn, cloth, cattle, and foodstuffs.² A butchers' shambles, located on the corner of Wine Street and High Street in the 15th century, was the site of the council house by the 16th century, beneath which was a shop owned by the parish of St Mary.³ A new shambles was built by the corporation in Short Street in 1568, the profits of which were granted to the parish of St Mary in the following year. With the decline of the importance of the castle, the town's later success was based upon the textile industry, and Leland described it as 'most occupied by Clothiers'.⁴ Although affected by a depression in the cloth trade in the early 17th century, Fuller still called Devizes 'the best and biggest town for trading' in Wiltshire after Salisbury in 1662.⁵ Other industries were also prominent, particularly the leather trades, metal working, brewing and malting.⁶

The presence of the castle has made Devizes prominent in the affairs of the county. As early as 1280 it was suggested that the county court should move to the town from Wilton, although no change was made. Devizes was first represented in Parliament in 1295, and was established as a parliamentary borough by the reign of Richard II.⁷ Townsmen returned for the town in the 14th and 15th centuries included Richard Gobett and several members of the influential Coventry family, all benefactors of St Mary's church. Devizes was a Quarter Sessions town from the late 14th century, and the records of the court were stored in the town from the early 17th century. The Wiltshire assizes were occasionally moved from Salisbury to Devizes during the 17th century, and the county court was moved from Wilton to Devizes from 1655 to 1660, and again in 1676. The town was also the location for the county's bridewell, built in 1579 and the only one in Wiltshire until 1631.⁸

1 *WAM*, II, 330.

2 *VCH Wilts. X*, 264–6.

3 *VCH Wilts. X*, 265, 277.

4 *The Itinerary of John Leland*, ed. Lucy Toulmin Smith (5 vols., London 1907–10), V, 82.

5 Thomas Fuller, *The History of the Worthies of England*, ed. P. Austin Nuttall (London, 1840), III, 333.

6 *VCH Wilts. X*, 252–9.

7 *Hist. Parl.*, 1386–1421, 'Devizes', 695–8; *VCH Wilts. V*, 72–4.

8 *VCH Wilts. X*, 251–2; *Wiltshire Quarter Session Order Book, 1642–54*, ed. Ivor

The town lay on an important route between Marlborough and Trowbridge, connecting London with the South West.¹ Other routes connected Devizes with Salisbury, Chippenham and Bath. Its location and importance made it inevitable that the town would be contested during the civil wars. Initially garrisoned for Parliament, it was taken without a fight by the royalists in March 1643, who would hold the town for the next two years. Sir Ralph Hopton's forces retreated to Devizes following the battle of Lansdown, and his troops were said to have stripped the lead from the roofs of the churches.² The town was bombarded from the east by Waller, some of whose soldiers managed to breach the defences as far as the streets. The garrison did not fall, however, and Waller was decisively defeated at the battle of Roundway Down. Charles Lloyd was made governor of the town in 1644, with the intention of making Devizes castle one of the principal royalist strongholds in the South West. The Prince of Wales passed through the town in March 1645. Following the fall of Bristol in September 1645, a force led by Cromwell laid siege to Devizes, and Lloyd surrendered after two days.³ Soldiers of the New Model were present in the town again in the following year, supervising the disbandment of Sir Edward Massey's notorious brigade.⁴ King James II's artillery and the Hampshire militia passed through the town a week before the battle of Sedgmoor, and the Wiltshire militia were present in Devizes in the week after the battle.⁵

Devizes was seen as a stronghold of Protestant Dissent in the later 17th century.⁶ The Baptists had been established in the town in 1646, perhaps under the influence of the New Model soldiers then in the town, and there were Quakers present in the town during the 1650s.⁷ Several Devizes Quakers were committed to the Bridewell in Devizes in 1661 for refusing the oath of Allegiance,⁸ and 41 of the parishioners of St Mary's were presented in 1662 for not attending church.⁹ By 1669 up to 80 townsmen were meeting in the house of

Slocombe (WRS, LXVII, 2014), ix, xviii.

1 John Ogilby, *Britannia* (London, 1675), plate 35.

2 The accounts cast doubt on this suggestion; see below.

3 *VCH Wilts. X*, 228–9; Malcolm Wanklyn and Frank Jones, *A Military History of the English Civil War* (London, 2005), 103–6. For the civil war in the South West, see John Wroughton, *An Unhappy Civil War*, (Bath, 1999).

4 Waylen, *Chronicles*, 148.

5 *VCH Wilts. X*, 229.

6 *VCH Wilts. X*, 294; *Hist. Parl.*, 1660–90, 'Devizes', 442–4.

7 *Wilts. Notes and Queries*, II, 165.

8 *A Collection of the Sufferings of the People Called Quakers*, ed. Joseph Besse (1753), II, 40; Waylen, *History*, 343; *Wilts. Notes and Queries*, II, 163–83.

9 WSA, D1/54/1/2.

Mary Fidsall, which ironically may have been held on lease from the churchwardens of St Mary.¹ An even larger number of Quakers were thought to meet at the house of John May at that time, whilst there were also meetings of Independents and Fifth Monarchists.² The continuing strength of nonconformity was reflected in the return of 84 nonconformists for the parish of St Mary's in 1676,³ and a Baptist was returned as one of the town's two MPs in 1679.⁴ After the period of indulgence, harassment of the Quakers continued, and several were committed to the Bridewell in 1683.⁵

THE PARISH OF ST MARY

The parish of St Mary, measuring just 34 a., comprised entirely of the eastern half of Devizes, known as the Old Port, bounded by the castle walls, the outer town ditch and the pale of the Old Park. The parish was entirely urban in character, and was probably established to serve the expanding population outside the castle's gates, while the neighbouring parish of St John served the garrison within.⁶ The church of St Mary stands between the original street that ran around the castle's outer walls and what was the eastern perimeter of the medieval town of Devizes, facing what had been the entrance to the castle. Built in the late 12th century, it was extensively rebuilt in the 15th century.⁷ The church consists of a nave flanked by aisles on either side, with a tower at the west end and a spacious chancel. By the 17th century, it was surrounded on three sides by houses which were owned by the parish,⁸ suggesting that they had originally been the result of encroachment into the churchyard by the parish. Numerous changes to the interior were made during the Reformation, most importantly the removal of the rood screen in 1561, and the removal of the organ in 1562.⁹ Late medieval wall paintings of the Virgin and St Christopher were white-washed over in the later 16th century.¹⁰

1 See appendix, [21].

2 G. Lyon Turner, *Original Records of Early Nonconformity* (London, 1911), I, 117–8; II, 1069–78.

3 *The Compton Census of 1676: A Critical Edition*, ed. Anne Whiteman (Oxford, 1987), 121.

4 *Hist. Parl.*, 1660–90, 'Devizes', 442–4; 'John Eyles', 285–6.

5 *Sufferings*, ed. Besse, II, 46.

6 *WAM*, II, 215–6.

7 An inscription in the roof of the nave records the rebuilding of the church in 1436 through the bequest of William Smyth: *WAM*, II, 239

8 See appendix, [12–14].

9 *WAM*, II, 316.

10 *WAM*, II, 244–6; Ellie Pridgeon, St Christopher Wall Paintings in English and

Despite this, a 15th-century statue of the Virgin Mary and infant Christ stands in a niche above the chancel arch, although it may not have been inserted there until 1624.¹ By 1633 there was a gallery in the church, perhaps at the west end. The tower contained five bells at this time.²

THE INCUMBENTS

The two churches have always been held together as a single cure, and St Mary has sometimes been called a chapel of St John. Despite this, each church continued to function as a distinct parish, with its own records and officers. The Crown usually presented to the rectory of Devizes, but the corporation acquired the advowson in 1628 and retained it until 1681, when the Crown resumed possession. During the period covered by this volume there were six incumbents. John Davis was perhaps of Welsh extraction, having been ordained in 1590 by the bishop of Llandaff, and was presented to Devizes in 1602.³ Although Davis was resident, often signing the accounts, Renewed Jessop and Philip Hunton were appointed lecturers in the town in 1623 and 1638 respectively.⁴ Following the death of Davis in 1644, John Prestwick was instituted by the bishop of Salisbury to the 'vicarage of St Mary' in Devizes, but was apparently soon after replaced by Robert Byng, who was already rector of All Cannings. A royalist who had joined the King's army, he was sequestered and removed in 1646.⁵ His successor, John Shepherd, was not formally instituted to the rectory by the Lords until 1648,⁶ but was serving the cure by September 1646, when he was abused and removed from his pulpit by soldiers of the New Model. Although they accused him of drunkenness and being unfit to preach, a correspondent of Edwards described Shepherd as 'very temperate and religious'.⁷ He

Welsh Churches c. 1250–1500 (unpublished PhD thesis, University of Leicester, 2010), 335.

- 1 *VCH Wilts.* X, 289, 291; *WAM*, II, 238; National Heritage List for England, No. 1251640, <<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list/>>, accessed 23 Feb. 2016.
- 2 See below.
- 3 *WAM*, II, 329; 'John Davis (CCEd Person ID 97874)', *The Clergy of the Church of England Database 1540–1835*, <<http://www.theclergydatabase.org.uk/>>, accessed 10 January 2015. A memo of his appointment and affirmation of the established doctrine of the Church is recorded in the parish register in June 1602: *Gleanings from Wiltshire Parish Registers*, ed. Steven Hobbs (WRS, LXIII, 201), 85.
- 4 'Devizes (Location ID 1738)', *Clergy Database*, accessed 10 January 2015.
- 5 *VCH Wilts.* X, 31. He compounded for his estate in 1649: *Cal. Committee for Compounding*, III, 1977.
- 6 *House of Lords Journals*, X, 358.
- 7 Thomas Edwards, *Gangraena*, III, 30.

signed the *Testimony* of the Wiltshire ministers in 1648.¹ The payment of an augmentation to him was recorded in 1649,² and he died in 1652, when he was buried in St Mary's.³ Henry Johnson, presented in 1652 presumably by the Corporation, was described in 1655 as a diligent preacher who preached twice every Sunday.⁴ Following the Restoration he was a stern opponent of nonconformists within Devizes, demanding that they be shown 'littl favour for they be groud the more obstinate by indulgence'.⁵ Bishop Henchman described him as a 'learned, prudent, and orthodox man' in 1661,⁶ and his grave in St Mary's commemorated him as a 'frequent and strenuous preacher' and a 'ruler of his pulpit'.⁷ After Johnson's death in 1681, James Dyer was presented by the King. He died in 1690.

The two parishes were valued together at £14 in the 15th century, but there was no entry for Devizes in the *Valor Ecclesiasticus*, and the rector may have been largely reliant upon the farmer of the castle and the goodwill of the congregation for a living.⁸ The corporation promised to pay a stipend of £40 in 1628, but much of this was diverted to the support of lecturers. An augmentation of £50 was awarded to each church in 1646, but it was never paid in full, and had fallen into abeyance by 1654. The combined benefice was said to be worth £9 10s. 4d. in 1655, supplemented by voluntary donations of the parishioners according to their 'good will'.⁹ The bishop augmented the benefice from his own funds in 1661, when the corporation petitioned Parliament for the authority to endow the rectory with £100 a year from the borough's revenues. Their efforts were defeated by a counter petition from the town, however, which claimed that the stipend had always been raised by voluntary offerings and should continue to be voluntary.¹⁰ From 1666 the Corporation made a supplementary gift of £10 a year to the rector. This money appears to have been collected by the churchwardens, who paid in 1666, 1669 and 1670 to have books drawn up for the collection of the church rents and money for the rector, but it is not clear whether this

1 *The Concurrent Testimony of the Ministers in the County of Wiltes* (London, 1648).

2 W.A. Shaw, *Church During the Interregnum* (2 vols., London, 1900), II, 547.

3 See accounts.

4 *WAM*, II, 330.

5 Donald Spaeth, *The Church in an Age of Danger: Parsons and Parishioners, 1660–1740* (Cambridge, 2000), 161, quoting WSA, D1/41/1/41 (8 Jan. 1664/5).

6 TNA, SP 29/48, f. 68; *VCH Wilts. X*, 288.

7 *WAM*, II, 248.

8 *VCH Wilts. X*, 285.

9 *WAM*, II, 330.

10 Waylen, *Annals*, 13–14.

was a compulsory levy or by subscription.¹ In 1682, the rector was also in receipt of an annual composition for tithes arising out of lands in the Old Park.²

WORSHIP AND LITURGY

The parish has been noted for its conformity during the Reformation, having obediently implemented the ordinances of each successive regime.³ The occasional glimpses of the temper of the parish afforded by the accounts suggest a continuing conformity to the ecclesiastical policies of Charles I and Archbishop Laud during the 1630s. A copy of the book of sports, divisive in areas noted for the strength of godliness or Puritanism, was purchased in 1633, and a fast book in 1636. One of the most controversial ecclesiastical policies of the 1630s was the removal of communion tables from where they had stood in the nave since the reign of Elizabeth and their placement against the east end of the chancel in the position of an altar, where they were to be surrounded by rails to maintain their decency.⁴ In Wiltshire, Bishop Davenant of Salisbury was an enthusiastic supporter of the policy, enforcing its adoption through his visitations and court. Devizes was a peculiar of the Bishop, and the communion table in St Mary's was enclosed with rails in the chancel in 1637. Nevertheless, it was always described as a communion table, never as an altar, and the retention of a benches for the communion table after this date makes it unclear whether the Bishop enforced kneeling to receive the sacrament. A reference to the pulling up of the church rails in 1645 is ambiguous, and may refer to the rails around the churchyard rather than those that surrounded the communion table.

The accounts contain few clues to worship within the parish during the 1630s. The parish owned two Books of Common Prayer, recorded amongst the possessions of the church from 1633 until 1646, after which they are not mentioned. The parish also owned two communion cups, one made of silver and accompanied by a silver plate, the other made of pewter. It is not clear how frequently Communion was celebrated within the church during this period,

1 See accounts.

2 *VCH Wilts.* X, 286.

3 *VCH Wilts.* X, 288. The long run of churchwardens' accounts for St Mary's parish, beginning in the reign of Henry VII, give insight into religious policy within the parish, and it is hoped that the earlier series of churchwardens' accounts will be the subject of a future Record Society volume.

4 Julian Davies, *The Caroline Captivity of the Church* (Oxford, 1992); Kenneth Fincham, 'The Restoration of Altars in the 1630s', *Historical Journal*, 44 (2001), 919-40.

nor is it clear how many communicants received the Eucharist, as the churchwardens only recorded the difference between the donations received and the money expended on bread and wine each year. Before the civil war, it was typical in England for the Eucharist to be celebrated at the three great feasts of Easter, Whitsun and Christmas. Whilst Devizes was under Royalist control we might expect that this practice was continued, and the Sacrament was celebrated on Easter Sunday and the following Sunday, Low Sunday, in 1645.¹

The Book of Common Prayer was proscribed in 1645, and replaced with the new *Directory for Worship*. The arrival in the parish of John Shepherd in the following year perhaps explains the discarding of the prayer books after 1646, but no purchase of a copy of the *Directory* is recorded in the accounts.² The parish also seems to have discarded the minister's surplice after 1644, another item that was odious to the godly. The *Directory* replaced ceremonies regarded as superstitious by Puritans with more godly alternatives. In particular, the font was to be replaced by a simple pewter basin, and baptism was to take place in front of the whole congregation in the east end of the nave. Nevertheless, there is no mention of the purchase of a pewter basin for the parish. The accounts offer less indication about the role of preaching within the parish. The parish always owned an hourglass, and the purchase of a new one appears to have coincided with the arrival of Shepherd. His preaching proved offensive to soldiers of Henry Ireton's regiment in September 1646, when they forced Shepherd out of his pulpit in the middle of his sermon.³ His successor, Henry Johnson, preached in each of the town's churches once every Sunday during the 1650s, and the churchwardens recorded the purchase of an Act of Parliament for the better observation of the Sabbath in 1654.

The *Directory* also proscribed the celebration of the Eucharist at the three traditional feasts, preferring its observance on a monthly basis. A Communion was celebrated at Christmas in 1646, three months after the arrival of Shepherd, but there is no reference to Christmas after its celebration was banned by Parliament in 1647.⁴

1 These are not recorded by name in the accounts, but the dates are given. For the dates of Easter in 1645, see C.R. Cheney, *A Handbook of Dates* (2nd ed., Cambridge, 2000), 162.

2 For a study of liturgical changes in the 1640s drawing upon the churchwardens' accounts of a number of counties, including Wiltshire, see John Morrill, 'The Church in England, 1642–9, in *Reactions to the English Civil War 1642–9*, ed. John Morrill (Basingstoke, 1982), 89–114.

3 See above.

4 *Acts and Ordinances of the Interregnum*, ed. C.H. Firth and R.S. Rait (London, 1911), I, 954.

Nevertheless, although the observance of Easter, Whitsun and all other of the traditional feasts and festivals of the Church were suppressed by the same ordinance, Communion continued to be held within St Mary's on Easter Sunday and often on either Palm Sunday or Low Sunday throughout the 1640s and 1650s. Under Johnson, rector from 1652, it was typical for Communion to be celebrated between four and six times a year, including twice at Easter, a practice which continued following the Restoration, and under his successor, James Dyer. The strength of feeling for traditional worship in Devizes may be judged by the purchase of two prayer books at the first opportunity, in 1660. A new edition of the Book of Common Prayer was issued in 1662, when the parish acquired a copy. In the same year the parish purchased a new surplice for the rector. A substantial sum was spent 'for the Communion table' in 1662, perhaps indicating that it had once again been railed in.

THE CHURCHWARDENS

The office of churchwarden had developed since the 13th century.¹ Their original function, set down by the Synod of Exeter in 1287, was to maintain the fabric of the nave and provide vessels, books and ornaments for the liturgy, to which other responsibilities were added over the middle ages. Parishioners had made gifts of land, rent and animals to parishes for the maintenance of memorial masses and charitable doles from at least the 13th century, and these assets were managed by the churchwardens. Before the Reformation churchwardens had often supplemented the parish income through other means too, but many of these traditional sources of revenue had fallen out of favour during the 16th century, most notably the holding of church ales and hock days. This left churchwardens in many parishes increasingly reliant on the revenues from the rent from seats, fees for burying the dead in the church and ringing the bells at funerals, and the laying of church rates across the parish. As we will see, the parish of St Mary's had been so well endowed by parishioners over the centuries that the churchwardens have been in the fortunate position of never having had to raise a church rate during the parish's history.

The churchwardens were accountable to the ecclesiastical authorities for reporting errors in their neighbours through presentments to the biannual visitations, while they were also

1 For the early history of churchwardens, see Beat Kümin, *The Shaping of a Community* (Aldershot, 1996).

responsible for implementing the numerous changes of religious policy adopted by successive regimes. Their responsibilities were again set out in the canons of 1604.¹ They were diligently to ensure that all parishioners attended church every Sunday and feast day, checking that none lingered in the churchyard or porch during the service, and not to allow any to stand idle or to talk during the service. Any who refused to conform to their warnings were to be presented by the wardens at the next visitation. The churchwardens were also required to present parishioners who absented themselves from Communion, disturbed worship, spoke against the Church, or offended against common decency through acts of adultery, fornication, incest, swearing, and ‘Unclean-ness and Wickedness of Life’. This placed the churchwardens, usually drawn from the middling level of society, in an awkward position, ‘overlapped by two worlds’.² Like other local officials, they were expected to enforce two often contradictory concepts of order, required to enforce the obedience of their communities to the official policy of the state and expected to conform to the concept good neighbourliness.³ How effective they were in fulfilling their duties to the authorities would depend greatly on their social status and religious outlook.

The first reference to the churchwardens of St Mary, by the name of procurators of the church, is to be found in a deed of 1339–40.⁴ Then and still in the 17th century, the parish was served by two churchwardens. For a time during the 16th century the churchwardens were chosen by the mayor and councillors of the borough,⁵ but during the 17th century the churchwardens were ‘elected and chosen by the ministers and parishioners’ at an annual meeting of the vestry a day or two after Easter.⁶ To ensure continuity, it was usual for each churchwarden to serve for two years,

- 1 *The English Church Canons of 1604*, ed. C.H. Davis (London, 1869), 83–5, 97–9. See also ‘1604 Canons’, *Anglican.net*, <<http://www.anglican.net/doctrines/1604-canon-law>>, accessed 10 January 2016.
- 2 J.S. Craig, ‘Co-operation and initiatives: Elizabethan churchwardens and the parish of Mildenhall’, *Social History*, XVIII (1993), 359.
- 3 Keith Wrightson, ‘Two concepts of order: justices, constables and jurymen in seventeenth-century England’, in *An Ungovernable People: The English and their law in the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries*, ed. John Brewer and John Styles (London, 1980), 21–46.
- 4 WSA, 1556/1. See also WSA, 189/54.
- 5 *VCH Wilts. X*, 280.
- 6 The 1604 canons stipulated that churchwardens should be ‘chosen by the joint consent of the Minister and the Parishioners’ each year during Easter week: *1604 Canons*, ed. Davis, 83–5. An ordinance of 1648 laid down that churchwardens should be chosen on Easter Monday or Tuesday, by the parishioners ‘or the greater part of them as shall then be assembled’: *Acts and Ordinances*, I, 1065.

with the 'junior' churchwarden of the first year serving as the 'senior' churchwarden in the second year. Neither John Erwood nor Henry Mayo, churchwardens during the accounting year of 1633–4, served again in the following year.¹ After this anomaly, the biennial service of the churchwardens went unbroken until 1647. Perhaps it was the burden of reconstructing the parish after the terrible damage of the civil war, perhaps it was the withdrawal, voluntarily or by force, of individuals from public office during the 1640s and 1650s, but no churchwarden served a second successive term between 1647–8 and 1655–6. In the latter year, the vestry agreed that in future the rector would have the power to choose one of the serving churchwardens to continue in office for the following year. After this, the usual course of affairs was re-established with few variations. In 1670 one of the churchwardens was excused reappointment because of the 'inability in his body'. The two churchwardens elected to serve in 1683–4 both served a second term in the following year, after which both stood down.

The office of churchwarden was a position of responsibility, which required a certain level of financial independence and the ability to manage the affairs of the parish. Those who served as churchwardens between 1633 and 1689 included men from the most prominent families in the town, and it is unsurprising that several held high office for the borough. Of the men who served as churchwardens of St Mary's in the decade before 1642, John Erwood, Henry Mayo, John Batt, Thomas Hawkins sen. and Christopher Pullen were all common councillors of the borough on the eve of the civil war. Four more pre-war churchwardens, William Dicke, Thomas Lawrence, John Filkes and John Fidsall, had also joined the common council by 1649, and George Beedle, Philip Strong, Giles Mills and Ambrose Zealy sen. were admitted to the council in the following two years.² Whereas before 1642 there might be little gap between serving as a churchwarden and being elected to the corporation, after the civil war it was usual for some time to elapse for men who served as churchwardens to achieve higher office. This suggests that service as churchwarden could now be seen as a useful opportunity to gain experience for younger men who aspired to hold higher office.

The Restoration terminated the ambition of many men who had held public office during the middle of the 17th century, and it would have been no different in Devizes. We cannot know how many men were prevented from taking higher office because of the

1 Mayo had also served as churchwarden in 1632–3: WSA, 189/1.

2 The following two paragraphs are largely based upon WSA, G20/1/17–18.

political views, but the former churchwardens who were appointed to office in the 1650s were not ejected after the Restoration. Richard Webb, who served as churchwarden twice during the 1640s, was an alderman by 1649 and served twice as mayor in the 1650s. Philip Strong, who served as a churchwarden in the 1640s, 1650s and 1660s, was first appointed to the common council in 1650. He was promoted to the rank of alderman by the King's commissioners in 1662, and elected mayor in 1665. John Filkes was another former churchwarden promoted to alderman in 1662, when Nicholas Forsith and Francis Paradise were added to the common council. Paradise would go on to serve as mayor in 1674, 1679 and 1688.¹ Robert Bennett had to wait until 1666 to be nominated to the council. By that time, men who had only served the parish after the Restoration were achieving office in the borough, men like Robert Walter, churchwarden in 1661, who was nominated as one of the constables in 1666, when he was also elected to the common council. Five more men, John Hill, Francis Potter, Jonathan Filkes, John Tane and Benjamin Street, joined the corporation between 1670 and 1689, and Street would go on to serve as mayor four times after the Glorious Revolution.²

Devizes had a reputation as a bastion of nonconformity after the Restoration,³ and so it would not be surprising to find many reluctant to attend the established church on a regular basis. The accounts of the year 1662-3 include expenses for one of the wardens to travel to Marlborough 'to prosecute against the Quakers'. The resilience of nonconformity was assisted by the complicity of sympathetic churchwardens in the town, who were criticised by the rector for not being resolute enough. When a churchwarden of St Mary's presented dissenters in 1664, he 'aspersed... as being too forward' by a churchwarden of St John's.⁴ The St Mary's churchwardens presented the inhabitants of the parish in 1669 for not coming to church on Sundays and holidays, and for not bringing their children to catechism. This might have been the result of the conventicles that the churchwardens had heard were held in the town, although they claimed no knowledge of their whereabouts. The wardens pledged to 'indever to admonish the persons offending that there may be an amendment'.⁵ However, there might be other reasons than the strength of nonconformity in Devizes for the weakness of church attendance in the town. In 1674 the churchwardens presented that

1 Waylen, *History*, 313, 578; *Wilts. Notes & Queries*, VIII (1914-16), 50.

2 Waylen, *History*, 578.

3 See above.

4 Spaeth, *Church in an Age of Danger*, 165, quoting WSA, D1/41/1/41.

5 WSA, D1/54/5.

the holidays were not observed within the town as strictly as they should be, because the tradesmen preferred to open their shops than to come to church.¹

THE ACCOUNTS

The accounting year of churchwardens ran from Easter to Easter, and so was not the same length as the calendar year. At the end of their term, the outgoing churchwardens drew up their accounts for presentation to the parish. These usually followed a formulaic structure that can be found in the accounts of many other parishes across the country.² They began with a heading, including the names of the wardens, the period of the accounts, and the date of the audit; then followed the individual items and total sums of first the income and then the expenditure; the balance of the account; the acquittal of the churchwardens; an inventory of the goods and implements of the parish; and finally any memoranda. Although the accounts now survive as a leather-bound volume beginning in the year 1633, it is unlikely that they took this form at the time.³ When not in use, the account books were probably kept in one of the five church chests referred to within the accounts.

The scribes who wrote the accounts into the book are not often identified, but they were probably rarely if ever the wardens, several of whom were unable to sign their names.⁴ Payments for 'casting and entering' the accounts were recorded for most years, usually amounting to 2s. 6d. A reference to paying 'me Richard Pierce' in 1637–8 suggests that the earliest accounts may have been drawn up by him. One Mr Bold, perhaps Henry Bold of the vestry, was paid for casting the accounts between 1638 and 1643, and again in 1651–2. Richard Whittaker drew up the accounts between 1643 and 1647, and John Tayler's clerk was employed in 1676–7. John Bosome was paid 5s. in 1677–8 'for keeping my accomptes and for wrighting and drawing of them up', and John Shepherd was paid in 1679–80. Some dissatisfaction with the state of the accounts was evident in 1660, when the vestry ordered that in future the accounts were to be entered into the book 'in a faire legible and Clerkelike hand and in true Orthography', or they were not to be allowed by the parish.

1 WSA, D1/54/6/3.

2 Kümin, *Shaping of a Community*, 84.

3 See below.

4 Ample evidence of this is provided by the inability of some churchwardens to sign their names when auditing the accounts of other years.

The accounts are the final written record of the income and expenditure of the wardens, but it is important to recognise that these documents were the cumulative product of much information that is hidden to the modern reader. Each warden probably kept his own rough notes of income and expenditures, as well as the vouchers and receipts of workmen and tenants to which the accounts frequently refer, which had to be drawn into a neat final account. The accounts give no indication of the individual transactions of either churchwarden, nor offers a clue as to how they might have divided the work between them. In some instances, the primary concern of the wardens to account for the balance at the end of their term has caused the particulars of individual payments or revenues to be hidden. For the first fifteen years of the period under consideration, the wardens only accounted for an aggregate total of the sums received of the rents of the church lands, without detailing the payments of any individual tenants unless it was for the arrears owed on an earlier account. Similarly, in many years the wardens only recorded the difference between the money paid by the congregation for bread and wine and their cost, leaving us with little idea of how much was actually spent, and therefore how much was consumed. The interest of money left to the parish in 1635 was to be used to relieve the poor; in some years the full sum was accounted for, in some years only the balance of payments (usually the sum over and above this money spent on the poor) was recorded, in some years no mention is made at all. We have no way of judging how many more calculations were reckoned in such a way, and we are left wondering how many other items might be hidden from us. If the wardens received moneys dedicated to a particular purpose, and the whole sum was expended upon that cause, will they appear in the final accounts? We cannot know how many special funds have been excluded. The accounts also make no mention of goods or services that might have been rendered to the parish freely, or as a payment in kind.

After the accounts were drawn up, they were presented to the parish for auditing and approval. At Devizes, as elsewhere, these were not meetings of the whole parish, but were restricted to a select vestry of a few of the leading parishioners. Typically, seven or eight men signed the accounts, but the number could vary between five and fourteen, often but not necessarily including the rector. The 1604 canons required the churchwardens to present their accounts to the parish within a month of the end of their term, whilst the 1648 Ordinance gave churchwardens just four days.¹ Before 1642,

1 1604 Canons, ed. Davis, 83–4; *Acts and Ordinances*, I, 1065–70.

it was usual for the accounts to be audited within the stipulated one month's deadline, but the civil war clearly caused disruption to the usual procedures. The audit of the year 1641–2 was not made until September, and no date was recorded for the auditing of the next two years' accounts. The auditing of the accounts for the years between Easter 1644 and Easter 1647 was delayed until August 1647. The unrealistic requirements of the ordinance of 1648 was never achieved, and it was usual for the audit meeting to take place one or two months after the end of the wardens' terms. Even after the restoration of the Church of England in 1660, it was rare for the audit of the accounts to be presented within a month of Easter. The accounts of 1663–4 were not audited until January 1664–5, and those of 1683–4 in November, but these were remarkable.

Although the accounts represent the final formal record, it is clear that these were working documents used by the auditors, demonstrated by the frequent addition of the auditors' marginal arithmetic as they totalled up the entries on each page. Blank spaces were left for dates, the total income and expenditure, and the balance, to be filled at the audit. These meetings were no formality, and the occasional ticks, editing or deletions of individual entries testifies to the vestry's close scrutiny of the accounts. Occasionally the vestry felt the need to pronounce restrictions on the spending of future churchwardens. In April 1655 it was decided that in future the churchwardens were not to spend more than £2 in a single payment, excluding payments to the parish overseers, without having received the prior agreement of the parish. If the order was broken, the parishioners threatened to disallow the payments at the audit and to 'doe their uttmmost endeavor' to have the accounts disallowed by a magistrate. The outgoing churchwardens had made several such payments, including £2 8s. 8d. for whitewashing the church 'and other work', £3 for a new pulpit cloth, and £5 16s. for new communion plate. However, one suspects that the ire of the parish had been raised by the payment of £2 5s. 6d. 'for the releasing of Roger Jenkins out of Prison'. In 1684 the vestry ordered that the churchwardens should not in future spend more than 15s. upon themselves and the sidemen for dinners at the visitation, the previous wardens having spent £1 4s. 4d. besides another 11s. 4d. for the fees of the court.

The process of calculating the accounts was made more difficult by the occasionally clumsy nature of drawing them up. Items that had been forgotten were squeezed in wherever there was space, while in other places a payment was accidentally entered more than once. Late or failed payments further complicated auditing the accounts, and blank gaps had to be left next to some items, the values

filled by a different hand at the audit or not at all. Unsurprisingly, there are frequently discrepancies between the recorded values of the total income and expenditure, and the actual sums of the individual entries, demonstrating the fallibility of the aural auditing process. These discrepancies were usually small, but could be much more; in 1665 the total of the items recorded for expenses amounted to £68 2s. 2½d., but the final sum given for expenditure was £93 4s. 11½d., some £25 2s. 9d. higher! Once the audit was completed to the satisfaction of the vestry, the balance was recorded and any surplus was handed to the succeeding churchwardens. At the same time, an inventory was made of the goods and ornaments that belonged to the church, which were also handed into the keeping of the new churchwardens.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

The revenues of the parish were drawn from a number of sources. These included gifts and bequests, burial fees, subscriptions for the communion bread and wine, payments for the rent of seats, and the sale of unwanted goods and materials. The largest source of revenue was the rent from the property owned by the parish, a number of tenements within the town and several acres of land in the surrounding parishes.¹

In most years the rent from these properties represented at least 90% of the money raised by the churchwardens in a year, often more. In 1633–4 the parish raised £17 17s. 10d. from the rent of its lands. With the uncertainty of the civil war, the rental revenue dropped as low as £13 5s. 2 in 1645–6. Thereafter it grew steadily, amounting to over £32 in 1651–2, and more than £52 by the time of the Restoration. The rental income continued to grow until it peaked in 1664–5 at £63, and began to tail off after 1672. This may have been the result of increasing difficulty in collecting rents on time, culminating in the remarkably low revenue of £12 12s. 4d. in 1685–6. The regular rental revenue was supplemented by the occasional fines paid by tenants at the start of new leases. These fines varied greatly in value, ranging from £25 paid by Margaret Blackborough in 1667–8, which contributed to the high surplus of £17 10s. in 1667–8, to £5 paid by John Clarke for a plot of waste ground next to Short Street twenty years later.

The parish received several large gifts which it was able to lend at interest, generating a healthy return each year. The locally

1 See below.

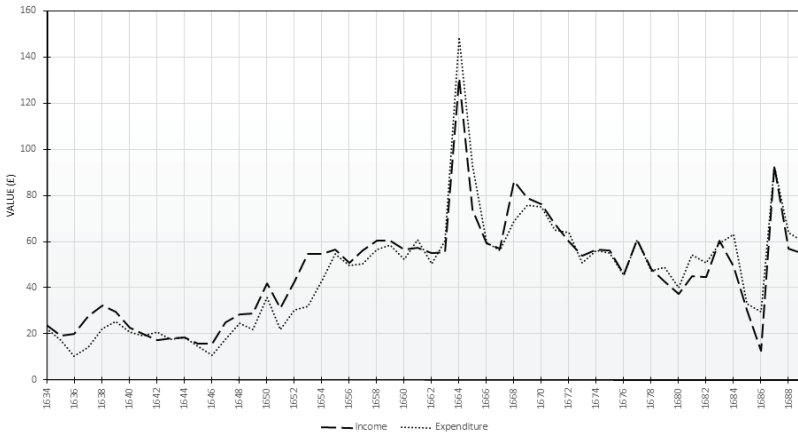


Fig. 1: Income and expenditure of St Mary's churchwardens, 1633–89

prominent Nicholas family of Roundway were regular benefactors to the parish during the 17th century. Griffen Nicholas left £150 to the parish in 1636,¹ and Michael Nicholas left another £5 in 1638. Robert Nicholas, the recorder of the borough until 1649, gave £20 to the parish in 1650, to which he added a further £10 in 1652.² One Mrs Grubb also left £5 to the parish in the 1650s. The majority of

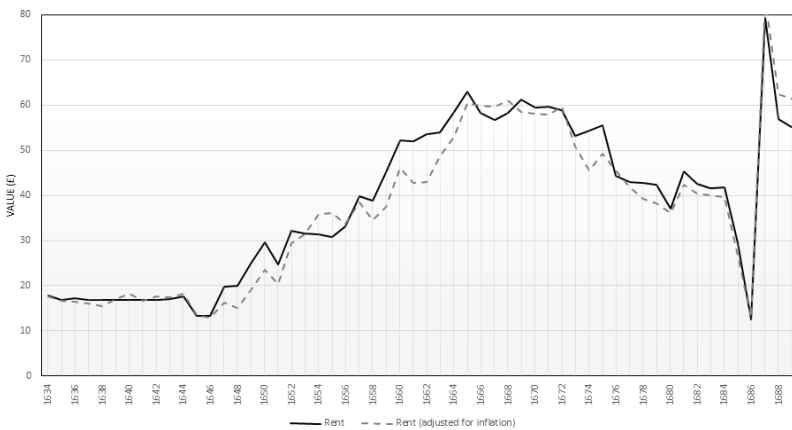


Fig. 2: Rental income of St Mary's parish, 1633–89

- 1 *Wilts. Notes & Queries*, III, 540.
- 2 Robert Nicholas had been recorder of the borough until he resigned in 1649 to take up his appointment as Justice of the Upper Bench; *Wilts. Notes & Queries*, III, 542.

this money was lent to the chamberlains of the borough, and the rest to other parishioners, in 1654–5 returning a total yield of £13 11s., usually used to buy cloth for the employment of the poor.

The significant sums raised by the parish from its extensive property portfolio ensured that the parish never had to levy a church rate to pay for its costs, and the churchwardens were often able to present their successors with a sizeable surplus. In the years before 1642 this surplus could represent as much as 40% of the total receipts for one year. The chaos of the civil war understandably led to a fall in revenues for the parish, leaving little surplus to pass on for the following year. However, revenues soon recovered after the cessation



Fig. 3: Balance of St Mary's churchwardens' accounts, 1633–89

of hostilities despite the continued dislocation of the later 1640s and 1650s, and the churchwardens were once again passing sizeable surpluses to their successors, peaking at almost £23 in 1652–3. The increased surpluses of the early 1650s were in part the result of the gifts of Robert Nicholas in 1650 and again in 1652,¹ but largely the result of the booming parish rents, the value of which had almost doubled between 1642 and 1652.

Despite the continued growth of the rental revenues, which peaked in 1663–4 at almost four times their pre-war value, the sums left in hand at the end of the year dwindled, and deficits became increasingly common after the Restoration. This represents the adoption a different policy by the churchwardens from their

¹ See above.

predecessors before the civil war. Whereas the earlier churchwardens had seen it as important to set aside a proportion of the annual revenue towards future exigencies, from the middle of the 1650s the churchwardens were passing increasingly large sums of money to the overseers of the parish for the relief of the poor. The churchwardens were also responsible for making up any deficits in the overseers' own accounts. In 1669–70 the rents of Isabel's Breach and Isabel's Mead were set aside by the parish to repay a debt that was probably the arrears of the previous year's overseers. In 1672–3 the churchwardens paid almost £7 towards the expenses of the overseers of that year, £14 towards the costs of the previous year's overseers, and at the end of the year the parish decided to transfer the remaining balance of the churchwardens' account to the account of the following year's overseers.

The parish also incurred great expense in 1664 and 1665 whilst undertaking the major project of recasting the church's bells. To add to its ordinary revenues, the parish liquidated £25 of its money which had previously been loaned out at interest. This money had been given to the parish for the use of the poor, so it was necessary for the churchwardens to continue to spend each year the value of the interest that money had previously earned. In effect, the parish had borrowed its own money from itself, and was paying itself interest until such a time as £25 could be restored to the parish stock. It was also necessary for the churchwardens to borrow £40 towards the costs of the bells. In 1667 the rents from Isabel's Breach and Isabel's Mead were set aside for the repayment of the debt and interest.

The accounts were in deficit in every year but one between 1679 and 1689. These deficits had to be carried over to the following year's accounts, and the churchwardens reimbursed by their successors. The churchwardens' difficulty with balancing their accounts was largely the result of the erratic payment of rent to the parish, especially in the year 1685–6, when only £12 12s. 4d. was collected, producing a deficit of almost £17. Nevertheless, this was balanced by the payment of large amounts of arrears by the tenants in the following year. Indeed, the average rent collected between 1685 and 1689 was almost 12% higher than the average for the years 1680–84.

PARISH PROPERTY

The parish had held a number of properties both within the town and in the parishes surrounding it since the middle ages. Before the Reformation these lands were administered by the churchwardens, who were already in possession of tenements and market stalls within

the borough by the middle of the 14th century. This charitable estate was maintained and added to over the following centuries, producing money to support the costs of the parish and maintaining prayers for the donors in the church. The church of St Mary also contained three chantries, each supported by its own sizeable estate. The dissolution of these chantries and those of St John's, and the confiscation of their lands, has complicated the history of the church lands. The church retained possession of its estate, although its title to the land was insecure until finally settled in the 17th century, and its revenues continues to support charitable causes within Devizes in the modern day. The subsequent mixing of the deeds of the church lands and the chantry lands now makes the identification of either difficult.

The churchwardens were in possession of a tenement in the New Port (presumably the one in Bridewell Street) in 1339–40,¹ the earliest extant deed of the church lands, and two market stalls in 1340–1, and they made leases of several other tenements during the 14th century, including properties on three sides of the churchyard.² The parish continued to accumulate property in the town over the course of the 14th and 15th centuries, such as the five cottages on Northgate Street given in 1415 by William Dene, the perpetual vicar of the Cathedral Church in Salisbury,³ and the burgage given by Walter Seyntjohn of Marlborough in the reign of Henry VI.⁴ To these urban properties was added a rural estate. The churchwardens were already in possession of 3 a. called Ayleworth Hill in Bishops Cannings by 1373.⁵ Another 4 a. of arable and 4 a. of meadow with a small grove within the New Park in Bishops Cannings were given to the parish by John Gilbert in 1382.⁶ In 1461 the feoffees of John Coventry granted the lands in Rowde called Isabel's Breach and Isabel's Mead.⁷ To these were added at an unknown date 3 a. of pasture called Dolepits and a half acre of pasture called Bascombe Close, both in Bishops Cannings. Although there are no extant surveys of the church's property dating from the before the Reformation, a rental of 1525–6 lists 23 tenants paying sums ranging from 4d. to 24s., totalling £5 14s. 6d.⁸

Extant deeds supplemented by 16th century records provide details of the terms on which the land was granted to the church.

1 WSA, 1556/1.

2 WSA, 189/41, 54; 212B/2271; 1556/2.

3 WSA, 189/34.

4 WSA, 189/34; 543/33.

5 WSA, 189/63.

6 WSA, 189/34; Kite, 'Churches of Devizes', *WAM*, II, 304.

7 WSA, 189/52.

8 WSA, 189/1.

The gift of a piece of land in 1375 was to provide for fifteen masses each year to be sung for the souls of the donor, John Chapman of Bromley.¹ John Ocle's gift of a tenement in 1397 was to pay 12d. a year towards the expenses of the church, 6d. a year to the light of St Katherine, and 4d. a year for an obit for Ocle.² A burgage in the town and a large tenement in the suburb of Southbroom were given to the church in 1459 by Thomas Smith, probably the son of the church's refounder William, for the maintenance of three sepulchre tapers and the font taper, and an obit for Thomas and his parents.³ The donation of a tenement in Northgate Street by John Filde or Vyld in 1446 included provisions for prayers for the souls of himself, his parents, and Edward and Joan Danyel.⁴ The grant of Isabel's Breach and Mead in 1461 was for the maintenance of an obit for Richard Gobett, William Estemond, John Coventry and his wife, and their ancestors, when a dole was to be made to the priests, clerks and poor people of the parish.⁵

In 1548 the government of Edward VI dissolved chantries and confiscated their lands, which were soon granted away to new owners.⁶ The lands belonging to the parish church were not affected by the dissolution of the chantries, however, and the churchwardens continued to administer them. Nevertheless, the parish's title to its lands was uncertain for the rest of the century, perhaps in part due to the 'superstitious practices' for which they had been given. During the 1560s the Crown began issuing licenses to seek out lands that had been 'concealed' when they should have been confiscated in the reign of Edward VI. There can be no doubt that much concealment had taken place, but the process by which the Crown's licensees searched for lands could be highly vexatious.⁷

In 1574 an inquisition held at Chippenham found that four tenements and Isabel's Mead and Isabel's Breach had all been donated

1 WSA, 189/35.

2 WSA, 189/41, 543/33.

3 WSA, 189/35; Kite, 'Documents Relating to St Mary's Church, Devizes', *Wilts. Notes & Queries*, VII, 201.

4 WSA, 189/34, 35; 543/33.

5 WSA, 189/52. For Gobett's dole, see below.

6 *Cal. Pat.*, 1549–51, p. 139; 1555–7, p. 151–2; TNA, C 66/902, mm. 1–2. Many of the former chantry lands were acquired by the borough over the next 60 years, and continued to be applied to charitable causes within the town: *VCH Wilts.* X, 307.

7 C.J. Kitching, 'The Quest for Concealed Lands in the Reign of Elizabeth I', *Trans. RHS*, XXIV (1974), 63–78; Susan Guinn-Chipman, *Religious Space in Reformation England* (London, 2013), 48–9, 54–6, 67–70.

to the parish to support masses for the dead.¹ Some of these premises were granted to John Herbert and Andrew Palmer in the following year, who in turn granted the lands to feoffees of the parish, suggesting that they had been acting as agents of the parish.² The remainder of the parish's agricultural lands outside the borough were granted to the feoffees in 1584.³ A new inquisition into concealed land in 1586 returned the other 27 tenements belonging to the church not already touched by the earlier inquiry.⁴ It seems that this last inquisition had been held at the request of the borough, concerned that the town's charity lands had been 'unjustly by colour of concealed lands... plucked and drawn from them'.⁵ The church's lands were granted to two of the burgesses later that year,⁶ who granted them to the parish feoffees in 1588.⁷ As a result, all of the parish's ancient lands were in the hands of feoffees, but the insecurity of their title continued to be of concern. Following a proclamation of James I regarding defective titles and concealed lands, the town's MP, Robert Drew, secured a grant of the church lands and other charity lands belonging to the town to the mayor and burgesses of the borough,⁸ who granted the parish's lands to the feoffees once more.⁹ This seems finally to have settle the question of the parish's title to its lands.

As a result, in 1610 the parish held twenty-one houses within the town, and one cottage and two closes lying just beyond the boundaries of the borough in Southbroom. There was also a small shop underneath the Council House in Wine Street, and the new shambles in Short Street, built in 1568 and given to the parish by the borough in the following year.¹⁰ In 1617 the parish bought another house, in St Maryport Street, for £5 from Robert Flowers.¹¹ Besides these urban properties, the parish still held its farm lands in Bishops Cannings and Rowde. According to a survey of 1652 the parish's estate in the New Park amounted to a total of 17 a., divided into five closes,¹² whilst Isabel's Breach and Isabel's Mead in Rowde were later

1 WSA, 189/35. See also TNA, E 133/2/330 for Isabel's Mead and Breach.

2 WSA, 189/35; TNA, LR 2/87, ff. 81–81v.

3 WSA, 189/35.

4 TNA, E 178/2429; LR 2/87, ff. 47–48, 50.

5 Guinn-Chipman, *Religious Space*, 70.

6 TNA, C 66/1284 mm. 36–9; *Cal. Pat.*, 1585–6, pp. 162–3.

7 WSA, 189/35.

8 *Cal. S.P.D.*, 1603–10, p. 505; TNA, LR 2/87, 47–50, 81–2; C 66/1847.

9 WSA, 189/35.

10 WSA, 189/35.

11 WSA, 189/35.

12 TNA, E 317/Wilts/20; WSA, 189/77.

found to measure 10½ a.¹ A further 10 a. of land called Charcroft near Roundway was given to the parish by Charles Danvers in 1680.²

The parish conducted a survey of its houses in 1638, which reveals the widely differing quality of premises in its possession.³ The survey is now damaged and only the descriptions of twenty houses remain. Most of the houses comprised of a single storey, although often lofted, typically containing two or three rooms and covered in thatch. Two of the houses had been divided into two separate tenements. A narrow house in New Park Street consisted of just one lofted room, but by the 17th century it was probably already held with its neighbour, as it was in later years.⁴ The houses to the north and south of the churchyard appear to have been of particular quality. A 1476 lease of the tenement on the north of the cemetery required the tenant to rebuild the house with a new hall built of 'the stone called sclattys', with seven 'getyes' on the west side and five on the south, and to sufficiently thatch the roof.⁵ The house was still substantial in 1638, having seven low rooms, five of them with lofts. On the south side of the churchyard was a large house, consisting of a shop at the front and three rooms at the back, all of which were lofted and tiled. Another house, now not identifiable, comprised of six rooms, four of which were lofted.⁶ In contrast to these, the west side of the churchyard was flanked by a group of less impressive tenements, on the site of the present Castle Inn, including the smallest house belonging to the church, which comprised a single room with an entryway and a loft. Another large house on the east side of Monday Market Street was notable for having four chimneys, presumably one for each of its four rooms, two of which were tiled. Only one other house was noted to possess a chimney.

The parish also owned commercial premises. Facing the church stood the new shambles on Short Street, which contained seventeen stalls and two lofted rooms. At the northern end of the 'middle row' between Monday Market Street and St Maryport Street, facing towards the market place, stood a large building that had probably been an inn long before the 17th century. In 1638 it

1 *Endowed Charities of Wilts.* (Northern Division), 399.

2 WSA, 2011/21.

3 WSA, 189/76. Payments totalling over £1 for conducting this survey, including 2s. to Mr Bold for writing it and 1s. to William Poole for measuring the houses and gardens, are recorded in the accounts for 1638–9.

4 See appendix, [9].

5 WSA, 189/41. The 'getyes' presumably refer to jettied windows. I am grateful to Dorothy Treasure of the Wiltshire Building Record for discussion of this point.

6 The size of the house and number of trees on the grounds suggests it may have been the tenement in Southbroom: Appendix, [26].

had seven rooms with five chambers and a stable with a hayloft, but was said at that time to be ‘very much out of reparation’. It may have been divided into two tenements and significantly rebuilt in the middle of the century. In 1672 the inn was called the Talbot, soon to be renamed the White Bear, and comprised of six rooms on the ground floor and five chambers above.¹ The western end of the tenement, facing down the Brittox, had been divided from the rest and converted into a shop, divided into two shops before 1665, with a hall, cellar, and two upstairs chambers.² The shop underneath the council house measured just 12 feet by 15 feet.

With the title to the land secure, the feoffees continued to manage the church’s large estate for the benefit of the parish, occasionally appointing new feoffees from amongst the parishioners to fill vacancies.³ Two parchment rentals of the properties were drawn up in 1668–9.⁴ In the same year, the feoffees were forced to pay heavy legal costs in a suit against one of their tenants for detaining Bascombe Close from them. The tenants of the church’s houses were usually responsible for maintaining and repairing them, but the parish shouldered the cost of those who were already in receipt of poor relief. In 1675–6 the wardens paid for thatching the roof and repairing the chimney of the house where ‘old Stichlow and old Levat dwells’. In 1679–80 the house let to Christopher Ellis fell down, despite expenditure to repair the house beforehand.⁵ Unsurprisingly, the tenement was let to a new tenant in the following year. The farm lands in Bishops Cannings were exchanged for other agricultural lands in the same parish when it was enclosed in 1812.⁶ The trustees of the church and poor lands were still in possession of the estate in 1901,⁷ but they have subsequently sold most of the premises.⁸

1 WSA, 189/58.

2 WSA, 189/57, 59.

3 Feoffments 1569–1825: WSA, 189/35, 40. Minute books of the feoffees, 1772–1902: WSA, 402/1; 1713/1–2.

4 This may be the undated rental of the later 17th century now held by the Wiltshire and Swindon Archives: WSA, 189/75.

5 Ellis apparently had a spell in the Bridewell in the 1680s, perhaps for debt: see accounts.

6 *Endowed Charities of Wilts.* (1908), 401–2.

7 *Endowed Charities of Wilts.* (1908), 449–55.

8 The 20th-century history of the individual properties must be traced through the minutes and accounts of the charity’s trustees. Minute books and accounts of the trustees, 1903–72: WSA, 2011/1–19. Annual statement of accounts, 1901–54: WSA, L2/93–4. In 2013 the charity owned a field in Rowde and two houses built on some of the land acquired by the parish in 1812: Statement of Accounts to the Charity Commissioners 2013, The St Mary’s (Devizes) Church and Poor Lands Charity, reg. 201342, <<http://www.charitycommission.gov.uk>>, accessed 9 Feb. 2016.

TAXES AND CHARGES

The parish was subject to several charges for the lands that it owned, several of which were noted down in 1615.¹ The heaviest was a charge of 15s. 3d. for 'castle rent' or 'castle guard'. This charge was supposed to have come about after the 1381 charter had charged the townsmen with the obligation to assist in the defence of the castle.² Although the castle had ceased to have any significant military function, the town's authorities had continued to gather the charge from landholders in and near the town. As Waylen noted, the town found it increasingly difficult to collect the money as time passed, and the last record of its payment by the churchwardens of St Mary's was in 1674–5.

After the grant by the Crown of the church lands to the corporation in 1610, the parish owed chief rents to the borough chamberlains. The parish paid a charge of 9s. 1d. a year for the tenements it owned in the town and in Southbroom, whilst it paid a further 5s. 2d. for Isabel's Mead and Isabel's Breach, of which 4d. was for an acquittance.³ After the Restoration, the rents due to the Crown for the parish's lands in Rowde and Bishops Cannings were paid directly to the King's receiver in Marlborough. The rents for the New Park lands were paid to the King's receiver in Marlborough. In 1673–4 one of the parishioners had to pay the parish's debt to prevent the receiver from distraining it for arrears. A rent of 3d. a year was owed for Bascombe Close to the bishop as the landlord of Bishops Cannings and paid to his bailiff. After the abolition of episcopacy in 1646, the rent continued to be due to the new landlord of the manor, but the last recorded payment of it is in the year 1650–1.

The last charge noted in 1615 was a payment of 1s. a year for Pentecost money, a composition for traditional offerings made to the cathedral church of the diocese at Whitsun by the owners of houses with chimneys.⁴ In the 17th century these payments amounted to 1s., owed to the Prebend of the Major Pars Altaris. During the 1630s these were collected on behalf of Robert Bower, who was also rector of Great Wishford. No payments were recorded after 1641 until 1665, by which time the Prebend was Richard Kent, who was also subdean of the Cathedral.⁵ Payments continued to be made, if irregularly, until

1 *WAM*, II, 319.

2 Waylen, *History*, 97–8.

3 An undated note of the mid 17th century recorded the charges owed by the parish as 9s. 9½d. and 5s. 6d. respectively: TNA, SC 12/4/5.

4 *Wilts. Notes & Queries*, II, 440.

5 *Fasti Ecclesiae Anglicanae 1541–1857*, VI, 56; Jones, *Fasti Ecclesiae Sarisberiensis*, 401, 441.

the end of the period under study, usually collected by the apparitor of the consistory court, Robert Martin.

The determination of Charles I to govern without calling a parliament, and his inability to levy direct taxes, or subsidies, is well known. This is reflected in the accounts by the lack of payments recorded for the reimbursement of such taxes to the tenants of the church lands. Neither are there any records of payments for Charles' controversial efforts to raise money from alternative sources, such as through ship money. After the outbreak of civil war in 1642, the English people were subjected to taxation on an increasingly unprecedented scale, as both sides sought to finance their war efforts. As a royalist garrison for much of the war the town was not subject to parliamentary taxation, and the impositions of the royalist side probably fell upon the inhabitants of the town in a more personal way, such through the quartering of soldiers or service on the town's defences. After the victory of Parliament the church lands were subject to its monthly assessment. The charges at first were small, the total payments in 1646–7 amounting to a total 3s. 6d., but by year 1659–60 they had risen to 12s. 7d. There was also a local levy collected by the constables of Bishops Cannings during 1649–50 for the costs of quartering soldiers. The Restoration did not see the end of such direct taxes, with payments of contributions or subsidies running through the later years of the accounts, to which were added other impositions. In the year of Charles II's return, 1660–1, the parish paid a total of 17s. 4d. for the assessment and the poll tax that was raised in that year. The royal aid was added to the charge in 1664, and there was a collection towards the county's trained bands in 1667–8. To these taxes, the costs of which fell on the agricultural lands owned by the parish, was added the novel hearth tax in 1662, a charge of 1s. on each hearth within a house. Besides the charge on its own property, the parish also expended money accompanying the collector and producing certificates of exemption for the poor of the parish. Payments of the hearth tax, also called chimney money, are recorded sporadically across the accounts until its abolition in 1689.¹

Besides these national taxes, there were also county rates levied upon the parish and administered by the county's Quarter Sessions. Two Elizabethan statutes had imposed levies upon the counties for the King's Bench and Marshalsea prisons, and maimed soldiers and mariners. The former was introduced to provide for poor prisoners incarcerated in those two London prisons, as well

1 For taxation during the 17th century, see Michael J. Braddick, *The Nerves of State* (Manchester, 1996).

as to support paupers in local hospitals and almshouses. Similarly, treasurers for maimed soldiers and mariners collected for the payment of pensions for men wounded in the state's service. As a result of the civil war, the number of such pensions increased so much that the rate was doubled to 6d. a week from each parish.¹

CHURCH FABRIC AND FITTINGS

Perhaps the most important responsibility of the churchwardens was the maintenance of the church. Traditionally the rector was responsible for the building and repair of the chancel whilst the congregation, represented by the churchwardens, maintained the rest of the church.² Despite this, occasional payments for work undertaken in the chancel are recorded in the accounts, but they have usually been disallowed, although almost £2 of work seems to have been allowed in 1659–60. Rebuilt in the 15th century, the church was almost two centuries old at the opening of these accounts. Then as now, old buildings required constant and expensive work, and caring for the fabric and fittings of the church always represented one of the greatest costs for the churchwardens. The nature of much work is hidden from us, simply recorded as a payment to the workman, perhaps noting a separate and no longer extant bill of the particulars of the work. Numerous small payments account for regular work to repair stonework, roof and windows, to plaster and whitewash the interior, and to repair seats and forms. Controversial interventions such as the bishop's enforcement of the reintroduction of church rails might be notorious, but the ecclesiastical authorities were also responsible for much more mundane interventions as well. The 1604 canons required the parish church to be kept in sufficient repaired and maintained, with glazed windows and paved floors, and the churchyards to be properly bounded with a fence or wall. Those responsible for defects in the parish church were to be presented and compelled to comply.

During the later 1630s, the churchwardens appear to have been engaged in a major project to renovate the west end of the church. Major work was undertaken on the west window in 1636–7, when it has been suggested the window was bricked in to better accommodate a gallery.³ However, work in that year and the next on the foundations of the tower and to rise the west door suggest that the work may have been part of a larger task to repair the tower,

1 *QS Order Book*, ed. Slocombe, xi–xii, xiv.

2 N.J.G. Pounds, *A History of the English Parish* (Cambridge, 2000), 38–9.

3 *VCH Wilts. X*, 291.

perhaps the toll of the constant ringing of the church's five bells. At the same time, the porch was repaired with a new roof over which was placed a 'Satyre'. A frequent charge was the maintenance of the boundaries and gate of the churchyard, which accounted for annual payments on thorns, weeding of the hedges, sprigs for the hinges, and paling. Although this usually amounted to a small annual charge, occasionally the boundaries were entirely renewed, as they were in 1633-4, when the churchyard was enclosed with new posts and rails. The leadwork was a regular concern. In 1633-4 the parish spent over £5 replacing old lead for new, and spent a similar amount on materials and labour for the mending of the 'upper leads' in 1637-8. Despite this and more repair work in the intervening years, in 1641-2 the parish spent almost £7 to employ a plumber from Lavington to 'new cast' the leads, and more than £3 for a carpenter to mend the roof. The sale of the old lead and unused solder during these years returned useful sums of money to the parish chest for redistribution.

This work may have been quickly undone, as the lead was reputedly stripped from the roof in 1643 by the besieged Royalist garrison, desperate for ammunition.¹ The garrison apparently made use of the church in others ways too. In 1643 the churchwardens paid to have the church cleaned out after 'the souldiers were gone', presumably providing quarter to Hopton's troops, penned into the town before the victory at Roundway Down. Sentries were employed at the church in 1644, perhaps using the tower as a watchtower. In 1645-6 the churchwardens paid again to have the church cleaned after the presence of soldiers in the town, this time the New Model Army, and for frankincense 'to make the Church sweete'. In the same year, a carpenter was employed to build a sentry house. With the cessation of the war in 1646, the wardens were able to make use of stone from the newly slighted castle to repair the church's masonry.² The lack of work undertaken on the leads after the end of the war must cast doubt on the legend that they had been entirely stripped from the roof. No work on the leads was recorded in the accounts until 1647-8, when less than £2 was spent amending them. A similar amount was spent in the following year on solder. Indeed, major work was not undertaken on the leadwork until 1651-2, when the parish spent over £5 on mending them. The west window was also glazed in that year, although there is no mention of work to unbrick it first.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, the huge undertaking to recast the parish's five bells into six between 1663 and 1665, and the debts

1 Waylen, *History*, 164; *idem.*, *Chronicles*, 134.

2 For the castle, *VCH Wilts.* X, 245.

incurred in paying for the work, significantly reduced the parish's capacity or desire to undertake any other major projects. The parish appears also to have been concerned after the Restoration to increasingly employ its money to support and maintain the poor, sick and elderly of the parish. Consequently, it is hard to discern any work done to the fabric other than apparently routine repairs. In 1677–8 the paling of the church was replaced, at a cost of over £4, and in the next year more than £12 was spent in that year and the next employing a plumber and purchasing materials for work on the roof and the porch. The roof was presented by the churchwardens in 1679 for being out of repair,¹ and this presumably accounts for the large sum of £12 paid to one Thomas Rivers, perhaps a carpenter, for unspecified work at the church in 1680–1. At the same time, the old lead was sold and almost £6 was added to the sum raised from the sale and spent on new lead for the church.

Some of the seating inside the church was rented out by the churchwardens to provide extra revenue to the parish. It is not clear from these accounts whether other parishioners owned seats, already paid for before 1633, or whether certain seats belonged to certain tenements. However, it is notable that the payments for seats are infrequent, and there are never very many of them. It is also striking that several payments are for the wives of named men, but there are no payments for the men themselves. However seats were owned and allocated, access to them was restricted to the seating by the use of locked doors, which required constant maintenance. Extra seating, also locked and provided to individuals for rent, was provided in the gallery at the west end. The rest of the congregation were provided with common forms, eight in 1637, twelve in 1658, and twenty in 1661. A special seat was provided for the mayor, which was fitted out with a desk upon the door and was decorated with 3 yards of baize. The mayor's enjoyment of the rector's sermons was enhanced by the provision of cushions for his use. In 1662–3 the mayor's seat was decorated with railings and provided with matts. Reference was made to 'the judges seat' in 1650–1, but it is not clear whether this was provided for the assize judge or occupied by judge Robert Nicholas.² Seats were provided for the feoffees in 1686, although it is not clear whether or not this was for the first time.

The accounts give few other clues about the interior of the church. As has been noted, the communion table was surrounded

1 WSA, D1/54/9.

2 See above.

with rails in 1636–7. These may have been pulled up during the 1640s; if so, that might account for repairs to the rails in the church in 1663–4. In 1647–8 two rings were set up within the church to hold the maces of the chamberlains during services, and two staples were added in the following year. There is no particular record in the accounts of the whitewashing of the royal arms in 1649, as required by the new republic, but the churchwardens immediately sent for a no-doubt overworked painter early in 1660–1. They paid over £4 for the King's arms to be redrawn in that year, and the arms were newly 'florished' in 1661–2. In November 1685, the Ten Commandments were repainted onto the upper roof, probably on the wall above the chancel arch facing into the nave.

GOODS AND IMPLEMENTS

Each Easter, the outgoing churchwardens accounted to the successors for the possession of the parish. The 1604 canons required each parish church to be equipped with a great Bible and Book of Common Prayer. The parish had acquired a substantial copy of the new translation of the Bible, the King James version, for £2 6s. in 1616.¹ Understandably, after such an outlay the parish were keen to conserve their volume, and it was rebound in 1658–9. The parish owned two prayer books in 1633. A new copy was purchased in 1634–5, and one of the old copies was given to the sexton in 1637–8. The Book of Common Prayer was proscribed in 1646, although there is no record of the purchase of the Puritan *Directory of Worship*. Two new copies of the old prayer book were purchased in 1660–1 with the restoration of the Church of England, to which was added a copy of the 1662 edition of the prayer book when it was published. Another copy of the prayer book was purchased for the parish in 1683–4. There were also printed prayers for special occasions, such as the prayers for the King in 1638–9, and to commemorate the Restoration in 1685.

To these volumes were added several other books. Parishes had been required by an injunction of Edward VI to provide the congregation with a copy of *The Paraphrase of Erasmus*, set up in a convenient place 'whereas their Parishioners may most conveniently resort unto the same'.² In 1635–6 the parish paid for their aging copy to be rebound, and a new chain and staples was purchased to secure it within the church. Although not required by royal proclamation,

1 *WAM*, II, 319.

2 *WAM*, II, 322.

John Foxe's *Acts and Monuments*, commonly referred to as the Book of Martyrs, quickly became one of the most commonly owned books in England. Although first published in 1561, the parish did not acquire its own copy until the year 1634–5, when it was purchased as a set of three volumes, each chained to a desk in the church.

The communion table was provided with a linen table cloth and three carpets. There was a communion cup and plate, both made of silver, and a flaggon of pewter. The plate was kept in a bag, and this was presumably locked away in the chest within the chancel when not in use. Small amendments were made to the silver communion cup in 1635–6, at a cost of 2s. 6d. The silver cup and plate was stolen in 1647, when the hue and cry was raised several times. It appears that the original was not recovered, and it was replaced with another silver plate in 1654, inscribed with the names of Henry Johnson and the churchwardens of that year.¹

BELLS

The bells were another major expense for the parish. The parish owned five bells, of which one was a tenor, and another was referred to as 'the great bell'.² The fourth bell was recast in 1640–1, and the undated agreement with the bell-founder Ralph Brook and carpenter Nicholas Bartlett of Bromham to recast and retune a broken bell perhaps dates from this time.³ Between 1663 and 1665 the parish employed the Purdues of Salisbury to recast the five bells into six.⁴ A house was built in the grounds of a tenement adjoining the churchyard, and a brick furnace was constructed inside it. Metal was brought from Marshfield, and over £7 of tin was purchased. Large sums were expended on wood, coal, chips, and earth, and more than £2 was expended on the labourers and bellfounders themselves, presumably in food and beer whilst they worked. The bellfounder added 3 cwt of metal to the third and fourth bell. The scale of the work undertaken is revealed by comparing the accounts for these two years with those either side. In 1663–4 total expenditure soared to almost £150, and it exceeded £93 in the following year, when expenses totalling sums between £50 and £60 had been typical in

1 *WAM*, II, 244; *Wiltshire Glebe Terriers*, ed. Steven Hobbs (WRS, LVI, 2003), 142.

2 *WSA*, 189/14.

3 Transcription of an undated 17th-century deed amongst a file of loose papers, 543/33.

4 Although they are not named in the accounts, they can be identified from the inscriptions on the bells: H.B. Walters, *The Church Bells of Wiltshire* (Devizes, 1929), 73–4, 289–93.

the decade before. After the work was completed, the churchwardens recouped some of the cost by selling the bricks from the furnace and the boards that had been laid over the top of it.

Frequent payments for replacement ropes and repair work to the wooden frames and wheels of the bells testify to the frequency with which they were rung. In 1633–4 alone, the churchwardens spent over £1 replacing the ropes for the parish's five bells, only to spend half of that amount again the following year for ropes for another two bells. In 1645–6 a plumber was employed to make windows 'to save the ropes from the weather', presumably indicating that the belfry had previously been open to the elements. The clappers of the bells also needed constant maintenance, and in 1642 the churchwardens entered into an agreement with Robert Dismore to keep the clapper of the great bell in good repair for seven years.¹ There were regular purchases of baldricks and keys, the leather straps that attached the clapper to the bell and the iron pins that fixed the straps in place. In 1645–6 there were payments for leather pates for the clappers, perhaps used to muffle the bells or to protect the clappers when the bells were not in use. The new clapper of the great bell was replaced with a new one in 1671–2. The ropes could themselves be highly expensive items, which needed regular replacement. In 1643–4 the ropes of all five bells were replaced with new ropes weighing between 5 lbs and 12 lbs each, and costing a total of 18s.

The ringing of the church bells was integral to the life of the English parish, punctuating the course of the liturgical year through weekly worship and annual festivals. The birthday of Charles I, on 27 March, was marked each year with ringing. The bells were rung at the funeral of Griffen Nicholas of Roundway in 1635, and payments for ringing in 1645–6 were probably also for ringing at funerals. In 1644–5 the churchwardens received 2s. for the ringing of a 'monthly peal' in memory of John Marshman. The sexton was paid 6d. in 1672–3 for tolling a bell at the passing of a corpse through the town. The presence of the bishop's officers for the annual visitation was the cause of more ringing each year.

The fifth of November had taken on the character of a national holiday in England, celebrated universally with bell ringing and bonfires across the country.² Devizes was no different, and the churchwardens' accounts record annual payments to the bell ringers for the day. The ringers rang so hard on the 5 November 1647 that

1 WSA, 189/14.

2 David Cressy, *Bonfires and Bells* (new ed., Stroud, 2004), esp. 141–55. See also Ronald Hutton, *The Rise and Fall of Merry England* (Oxford, 1994).

a new baldrick had to be bought the day after. The amount that the ringers were paid varied greatly during the first half of the 17th century. Before the Restoration, payments ranged between 1s. 6d. and 6s. 8d.; after 1660, payments of 6s. 8d. to the ringers were typical, although it reached a high of 10s. in 1685. The accounts of the later years indicate that the payments were for meat, bread and beer to refresh the ringers whilst they worked. The purchase of tobacco, pipes and candles recorded on the King's birthday in 1667–8 was presumably also intended for the use of the ringers.

The occupation of the town by a Royalist garrison during the civil war was reflected in the accounts for 1644–5, with ringing for the visit of the Prince of Wales, the appointment of Charles Lloyd as governor, and the anniversary of the King's coronation. During the 1650s, days of thanksgiving were marked with ringing in 1651–2 and 1654–5, whilst the proclamation of Cromwell as Lord Protector in 1654 was also greeted with bells. There was an outbreak of ringing at the Restoration, with payments for the ringers recorded for the landing of the King, and twice for his proclamation, first by the mayor and then again by the sheriff.

The coronation of Charles II on 23 April 1661 and his birthday on 29 May, the anniversary of his restoration, were both marked with ringing in the parish. His long reign caused both anniversaries to become fixed within the national consciousness, and they continued to be celebrated long after his death in 1685. The bells also rang out to mark victories over the Dutch in 1665 and 1666, and at the proclamation of peace in 1667. Peace with the Dutch was again celebrated in 1674, although there had been no victories to celebrate before the cessation of the war. The failure in 1685 of Monmouth's south-western uprising was marked with further ringing in Devizes, the ringers receiving 7s. from the churchwardens for their efforts. In the year 1687–8 the ringers were employed on 29 May, 14 October (the King's birthday), 5 November, 6 February (the anniversary of James II's coronation), 23 April (St George's day), and upon hearing the news that the Queen was pregnant. In the following, tumultuous, year, the ringers again rang 29 May, 14 October, and 5 November; 12s. was spent upon the news of the birth of a son to James II, 10s. when William III was proclaimed King, 5s. when news arrived that the new King was to be crowned, and the remarkable sum of £1 was spent on his coronation day.

CLOCK

The church had had a clock since at least the late 15th century.¹ Located inside a ‘clockhouse’, although it is unclear where this would have been, by the 17th century it was complemented by chimes and a weathervane. It required frequent maintenance, and a regular expense of the wardens was the purchase of oil and wire and the employment of men to carry out repairs. In 1643–4 John May was contracted to maintain the clock for seven years. Despite the numerous payments for the maintenance of the clock in previous years, in 1655 the parishioners ordered that the clock was to be ‘sufficiently repaired’, and required the chimes to be set up. In the following year, a new clock and chimes were purchased at a cost of £15. Nevertheless, payments for the maintenance of the clock continued to be a regular and occasionally costly expense.

POOR RELIEF AND CHARITY

The parish had long been responsible for supporting its poor. Land given to the church during the middle ages was used to relieve the poor long before the re-endowment of the church’s lands in 1610. The donation of Isabel’s Mead and Breach had endowed an annual obit to the memory of Richard Gobett, to be celebrated on the Friday after Epiphany, at which a dole was to be distributed to the priests, clerks and poor people.² By the 17th century the dole had been moved to All Saints day, and £1 was spent on bread distributed to the poor annually until at least the 18th century. Another dole had been founded by Sir Thomas Newman (possibly a 15th-century chantry priest) and Robert Paynter. Originally worth 8s. 4d., to be distributed on Good Friday, the dole was still distributed in 1686, when it was worth £10.³

The remaining sums set aside for the relief of the poor were distributed by the parish’s two overseers of the poor, established by the Poor Law of 1598 and elected annually.⁴ The accounts record numerous transfers of money from the churchwardens to the overseers. As the receipts of the churchwardens grew, so did the sums they were able to provide for the relief of the parish poor. Having paid £1 to the overseers in 1637–8, ten years later they provided the overseers

1 WSA, 189/1; *VCH Wilts.* X, 291–2.

2 WSA, 189/52.

3 *WAM*, II, 253. The *VCH* wrongly states that the dole had been discontinued in the early 16th century: *VCH Wilts.* X, 311.

4 The accounts of the overseers of St Mary’s begin in 1614: WSA, 189/20–1.

with £8 13s. 1d. In the year of the Restoration the churchwardens paid £30 to the overseers and over £4 to repay money owed to the previous year's overseers. In 1667–8 the churchwardens paid almost £8 in total to three different pairs of previous overseers to clear outstanding debts owed to them by the parish, as well as paying over £36 to that year's overseers. In 1669 the vestry ordered that the rents of Isabel's Breach and Mead were to be reserved for the clearing of the money owed to previous overseers of the parish. A loan of £10 to the parish probably also represents money owed to men serving the parish as overseers.

The churchwardens also made numerous payments of small sums to relieve the poor and for other charitable purposes. Many of these were made to travellers with passes from magistrates to receive support as they travelled the country. During periods of war these were often soldiers and seamen, and on several occasions the recipients were men who had been rescued from the Turks. Besides the annual doles discussed above, a charitable dole of 5s. 4d. was made at Christmas 1634–5, and £1 10s. was spent on providing the poor with cloth at Christmas 1646–7, presumably to employ poor cloth workers. Cloth and leather were also purchased and worked into clothes and shoes for poor individuals. Money was provided to apprentice poor children in the town or at London. A parishioner was paid 6s. in 1651–2 'for the Cripples Schooling', and a grammar was bought for 'the Cripple boye' in the same year. The rents of poor parishioners were sometimes paid for by the churchwardens, who might also provide accommodation in parish property, especially for widows. In the 1670s the parish employed people to look after elderly widows in its care. In 1685 a woman that was staying at one of the tenements leased from the parish was paid 10s. to leave the town.

The wardens also made payments to parishioners during sickness or injury. In 1649–50 the wardens paid a year's rent for goodman Levat 'hee being very poore & sik', and employed one Mr Morrel to cure goodwife Levat. In 1659–60 Cornelius Wyett was employed by the parish to cure the leg of John Leach and to help a poor woman whose arm was 'out of ioynt'. The wardens paid for two parishioners to travel to Bath for their health in 1651–2, and also provided money to people passing through the parish on their way to the spa. Such payments of rent and for maintenance to the sick and elderly became more common after the Restoration. Likewise, they paid for parishioners to travel to London to be touched for the King's evil in the 1670s. Two doctors were employed by the parish to set broken legs in 1683–4, at a cost of almost £1, and a third was paid £5 for 'cureing' one of the broken legs.

OFFICERS

The churchwardens were supported by sidemen, whose election was also occasionally recorded in the accounts. The sidemen were to assist in the functions of the churchwardens, helping them to ensure attendance and to keep order at the time of worship, and attending at the visitations.¹ These were the biannual circuits of ecclesiastical courts, presided over by the bishop or his subordinates.² The wardens and sidemen were required to take their oaths before the apparitor, an official of the bishop's consistory court, and it was customary for them to have a dinner at the expense of the parish at the time of each visitation. The costs and fees of attending the visitations are laid down clearly for the year 1634–5. The apparitor charged the wardens 4d. for 'warning' them to attend the court at Salisbury; 10s. for a commission to take the oaths of the wardens and sidemen; and 3s. 4d. twice to deliver their presentments into the court. The two dinners cost 10s. and 12s. After a particularly expensive dinner in 1684, the parish ordered that the wardens were not to spend more than 15s. at the visitation.

Before the Reformation, the parish clerk had acted as an assistant to the priest at the mass. After the Reformation, his role became more secular and the social standing of clerks declined. The 1604 canons laid down that the parish clerk was to be chosen by the rector, to be at least twenty years old, and 'to be of honest Conversation, and sufficient for his Reading, Writing, and also for his competent Skill in Singing (if it may be).'³ It was customary for the clerk to read the responses during the service, and in some parishes the clerk also read the lesson.⁴ As in other parishes, at St Mary's it was not uncommon for the clerk to also act as the parish sexton. This office has been described as the 'parochial odd-job man' doing 'what was left to be done', in particular cleaning the church, ringing the bell before the service, digging graves, and attending upon workmen in the church.⁵ In 1633 John Herriott held both offices, receiving an annual salary of £1 as sexton, and 2s. each year for washing the church linen.⁶ Richard Coles was the sexton by 1638,

1 *1604 Canons*, ed. Davis, 84–5; Pounds, *The English Parish*, 186–7.

2 Martin Ingram, *Church Courts, Sex and Marriage in England, 1570–1640* (Cambridge, 1987), 44.

3 *1604 Canons*, ed. Davis, 85–6.

4 Pounds, *The English Parish*, 187–90. For parish clerks in Wiltshire, see *Glebe Terriers*, ed. Hobbs, xvi–xviii.

5 Pounds, *The English Parish*, 190–2.

6 As the clerk was appointed by the rector, it is probable that he also paid his salary.

when he was given an old Book of Common Prayer from the parish stock. Richard Flower, who had assisted Herriott as sexton in the 1630s, was exercising the role himself by 1646. He remained in office for twenty years, when Nathaniel Blackborough, already the clerk of the parish, was elected sexton 'by the free consent and suffrage of the parishioners. Within two years John Marchant was acting as sexton, and it appears that the two roles became separated at this time. Thomas Clarke, who had been clerk of St John's parish since 1656, was also serving as clerk of St Mary's by 1671–2. Clarke continued to act as clerk of both parishes until 1702, when he was succeeded by his son, also Thomas.¹ William Lewis was the parish sexton by 1678, and by this time the office of sexton may have been a means for the parish to support poorer members of the community. Besides his salary, raised to £1 10s. a year in 1679–80, the parish provided Lewis with a new coat, paid to have his leg set, paid his rent, and paid to have his house glazed.

Annual payments were made for copying the parish register onto parchment and returning it, initially to the rector, John Davis, who was paid an annual fee of 1s. 8d. This probably represents a payment for making the bishop's transcripts, a copy of the christenings, marriages and burials within the parish that year, returned to Salisbury and kept with the diocesan records. The need to make such copies was temporarily swept away with the abolition of the episcopacy in 1646. In 1653 the registration of births, marriages and deaths was made a civil function, and parishes were required to elect a registrar. St Mary's elected Robert Butcher to undertake the task. Unlike in some other parishes, the existing register book continued in use.² In later years, others were paid to keep the book.

THE MANUSCRIPT

The contents of this present volume comprise the first 55 years of a leather-bound book of churchwardens accounts covering the years between 1633 and 1734. It is evident that the accounts have not always taken this form. The accounts for years before 1633 now survive as a series of loose papers, but inventories of the church's goods from those years refer to a book for the churchwardens' accounts. Subsequent inventories of the church goods continue to refer only to 'this paper book' until 1646. The next inventory entered into the accounts, in 1651, lists two books of accounts, although it is not clear when a

1 *Gleanings*, ed. Hobbs, xvi, 85.

2 *Gleanings*, ed. Hobbs, 85.

second book was purchased. It would appear that the accounts were subsequently rebound to begin in 1633 and contain the following 100 years of accounts. In places pages have been ripped out of the volume, although there is no gap in the series of accounts. Possibly these were blank pages left unused at the end of a quire of paper, subsequently ripped out when the accounts were rebound in their present form. Page numbers have also been added in a later hand, and in one case pages were missed out of the sequence of numbering.

The accounts are evidently the product of a number of scribes, only some of whom can be positively named, and their work has often been amended or edited in different hands.¹ The large number of potential scribes available to produce the manuscript is evidence of the higher levels of literacy amongst the population of a borough like Devizes compared to the typical rural parish. Given the number of merchants and tradesmen in the town, however, it is perhaps surprising that there is only one instance of the use of a notational abacus, an arithmetical tool drawn into the margin of the accounts.² Perhaps this explains the frequent examples of inaccurate addition in the volume. Roman numerals are used exclusively until 1638–9. In the following year, the accounts switch from roman numerals for the income to arabic numerals for expenditure. After this, arabic numerals are usually preferred, although roman numerals were used again in 1653–4 and 1655–6. There is the occasional use of both roman and arabic numerals in the same entry, such as the ‘vjs. 8d.’ received of Mr Toby Tidcomb for a grave in 1649–50.

EDITORIAL CONVENTIONS

Original spelling has been retained to give a flavour of the original source, but common abbreviations have been silently expanded with standardised spellings, and ‘ff’ has been rendered as a capital ‘F’. Deletions are indicated by the use of < >, and insertions have usually been incorporated silently into the text, except where it has been thought useful to indicate text inserted by a different hand. Doubtful readings are shown in square brackets, and illegible words or phrases are shown as [...]. The abbreviation ‘li’ has been rendered ‘℥’ or ‘lbs’ as appropriate. Arabic numerals have usually been rendered as roman, and ‘ob’ and ‘qr’ have been rendered as ‘½’ and ‘¼’ respectively. The sums have all been standardised as three figures for pounds, shillings and pence; where no figure was entered in the original, this has been

1 See above.

2 L. C. Hector, *The Handwriting of English Documents* (London, 1958), 41.

rendered as 'o', and where a number in the columns is illegible, this is indicated by [.]. Dates in the main text are in old style; where they have been abbreviated, the months and year have been written in full. Marginal ticks and crosses have not been reproduced in this transcription. Where names have been signed with a mark, this is indicated with an [x].

**THE CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS OF ST
MARY'S, DEVIZES 1633-1689 WSA 189/2**

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1633-1634

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of John Erwood and Henry Mayo Churchwardens of the parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the sayd Borough of the Receiptes and disbursements of the yeerely Rentes profittes and Revenues belonging to the sayd Church from the Feast of Easter 1633 untill the sayd Feast of Easter 1634 had and taken the Seaven & Twentieth day of Aprill Anno Dm 1634 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received from the precedent Churchwardens as a Surplusage remaying upon the foote of the last Accompt	5 14 9
Item received the Rentes of the landes belonging unto the sayd Church	16 18 10
Item received of Robert Morris being Rent behind for the last yeere	0 10 0
Item received of William Eden the like	0 5 0
Item received of Thomas Moxum the like	0 4 0
Item received for bread and wine more then was disbursed	0 3 8½
The whole some of their Receiptes amounts unto	23 16 3½

The Disharge

Inprimis payd to William Herriott the Apparitor for a Commission to take the oathes of the Churchwardens and Sidemen	0 10 0
Item for a dinner the same tyme	0 11 0
Item given to a poore Grecian Marchantes brief	0 4 0
Item payd to John Bennett Mason for amending the paving of the Church and making Two steps without the west doore	0 1 4
Item payd to William Herriott for the delivering of a Presentment the first of July	0 3 4
Item payd to John Herriott the Clerke for washing the Church Linnen	0 2 6
	1 11 8

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Item payd to John Herriott for his yeeres pay for being Sexton	1 0 0
Item payd to John Weeks the Glasier for amending the Church windowes	1 3 6
Item payd to William Poole for trussing of the Fourth Bell and amending some seates in the Church	0 2 6
Item payd to William Poole for exchanging the old Biere	0 6 8
Item payd to Gyles Mills for Two small Ropes for the Bells and Three shorter Ropes	0 4 0
Item payd to William Powell for Foure Ropes for the Bells	0 17 9
Item payd to William Katkett for Pentecost money	0 1 0
Item payd to John Bennett Cuttler for amending of the Clocke	0 0 10
Item payd to William Poole for Thirty foote of board to lay under the new leades and the labour to lay them	0 3 0
Item payd to the sayd William Poole for Postes and rayles for the bounding of the Churchyard and the Carpenters labour to sett it up	5 0 6
Item payd to John Herriott the younger for the change of old lead and for new lead and for Soder and for his labour in amending of the leades as by the particulers doth appeare	5 6 3
Item payd to John Herriott for Foure dayes works to helpe the Plummer	0 2 8
Item payd for another dayes worke to attend the Plummer	0 0 8
Item payd to William Greene the Bayliffe of Cannings	0 0 3
Item payd to William Eden for Fyve dayes worke about the boundes of the Churchyarde	0 5 0
Item payd to Mr Kent for Castle Rent	0 15 3½
Item payd to Mr Kent for the chiefe Rent of Isabells breach and meade and for Acquittances for the same	0 5 2
Item gave in bread for Gobbettes doale	1 3 0
Item gave the Ringers the Fift of November	0 1 6
Item payd for iron worke for the Church and for gimmolls for seate doores	0 5 0
Item payd for Three peckes and an halfe of Lime for the use of the Church	0 0 7
	18 16 9

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Item Payd to William Herriott the Apparitor for another Commission to take the oathes of the Churchwardens and Sidemen	0 10 0
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Item payd for a dinner and for the delivering of the Presentment to the Apparitor	0 13 4
Item payd to the Chamberlaynes for chief Rent	0 9 1
Item payd to John Herriott the younger for the booke for allowance of Recreacon	0 0 6
Item payd to Ambrose Zealy for a locke for the Chest in the Chaunsell	0 0 9
Item payd to William Hedges for a key for the old locke of the Chest	0 0 4
Item payd to the Overseers for the use of the poore	0 14 0
Item payd to Gyles Mills for another Bell rope	0 1 4
Item payd to William Bennett for wier for the Clocke	0 0 2
Item payd for destroying of Stares using the Church	0 1 0
Item payd to Mr Davis for writing the Register and delivering of it	0 1 8
Item delivered to the Overseers of the poore for the use of the poore	0 11 0
Item payd to William Poole for the amending of some seates	0 1 6
Item payd for the casting up and entering up of this Account and the making of a new Rentall in Parchment	0 4 0
	3 8 8½
The whole some disbursed is	22 5 5½
Soe their Receiptes exceed their Disbursementes	1 10 10

This accounte was taken the daye and yeare before sett downe and the some of 30s. 10d. delivered to the newe Churchwardens John Batt and James Filkes in the presence of us

John Batt, James Filkes, Richard West, John Waten [x], Michael Tidcombe, Gilles Milles, Richard Weks [x], John Burges [x], William Snell [x], William Grafton, George Beadle.

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Alsoe at the same tyme the sayd old Churchwardens delivered to the succeeding new Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes and implementes hereafter particulerly mencioned & sett downe, viz

One Communion Table with Three Carpettes for the same, A silver Communion Cup of Silver with a silver plate to the same, A new Pulpit Cushion and Two other Velvet Cushions, A Linnen table

Cloth for the Communion Table, a new fringed linnen Napkin, a Surplis & a bagge to carry the plate, [...] Sixe Churchbookes, viz One Church Bible, the Paraphrase of Erasmus on the New Testament, Two Communion prayerbookes, a parchment Register and a paper booke for the entring of the Churchwardens Accomptes, One Pewter Flaggon serving for the Communion, Fyve Church Chests, One Boxe with Two lockes and keys to the same, One Church Coffe with Two lockes to the same, One Bench Forme for the Communion Table, One brasse Pooily, Two long Ladders, Eight common Formes, Sixe Mattes or Buttes, One Standing deske, Two Bieres, Foure old seate doores, one Rouler,¹ one Tumbrell, one Brasse Candlesticke, one houreglasse, Foure bookes of Thanksgiving, An old Seate with a Bench in him, One peece of an old Seate, a long Rayle and a Post, A Broad Stone by the Font, Tenne peeces of old Bell ropes, One peece of Planke and Two peeces of Tymber lying in the Tower, An old Locke and a new Key for a Chest.

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1634–1635

Burgus de Devizes

A true & perfect Accompt of John Batt & James Filkes Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the said Borough of their Receipts & disbursements of the yerely Rents profitts & Revenues belonging to the said Church from the feast of Easter 1634 unto the feast of Easter 1635 had & taken the [two and twentyeth day of Aprill *inserted*] Anno domini 1635 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received from the precedent Churchwardens as a Surplusage remaying upon the foote of the last yeres Accompt	1 10 10
Item received the Rents of the Lands belonging to the said Church	16 18 10
Item received for bread & wine more then was disbursed	0 9 7
Item received of Thomas Barker for his wifes seate	0 1 0
The whole some of their Receipts amounteth unto	19 0 3

¹ ie. a roller.

The Discharge

Inprimis paid to Edward Mallard for worke which he had done in the Church when Edward Webb & William Grafton were Churchwardens	0 2 6
Item paid to Alexander Cutting for washing the Church & for lyme & other stuffe to doe it	1 11 0
Item paid to the Ringers for ringing the Vicar generall out of Towne	0 2 6
<Item paid for washing of the Chauncell 0 2 6 <i>deleted</i> >	
Item paid to Richard West for worke which he did in the Church	0 1 0
Item paid to Thomas Allen for 3 yardes of Bayes ¹ for Mr Mayors seate	0 6 0
Item paid to John Hope for Inckle for the said seate	0 0 9
Item paid to John Thorner for nayles to nayle it on the said seate	0 3 4
Item paid to Thomas Winckworth for nayling it on	0 0 6
Item paid to Ambrose Zeealy for amending certayne seates	0 2 0

[*Marginated: £2 9s. 7d*]

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Item paid to Edward Cadby for a Deske upon the Dore of Mr Maiors Seate	0 0 10
Item paid to Richard Flower for making cleane of the Church & seates after the Church was washed	0 2 0
Item paid for a dyner at the Visitacion to William Herriott	0 12 0
Item paid for delivering in of the presentment of the precedent Churchwardens at the same tyme	0 3 4
Item paid to John Herriott for his whole yeres wages for being Sexton	0 12 0
Item paid to Richard Flower for the whole yere for helping the Sexton	0 8 0
Item paid to John Herriott for washing the Church Lynnen	0 2 0
Item given to one Mr Price a poore traveller	0 1 0
Item paid to the Chamberlaynes for Chiefe Rent	0 9 1
Item paid to William Greene the Bayliffe of Cannyngs	0 0 3
Item given to the Ringers on the Fifth of November	0 5 0
Item given to a poore minister	0 1 6

1 ie. baize.

Item paid to William Herriott for warning us to appeare at Sarum	0 0 4
Item paid to William Herriott for a Commission to take the oathes of the Churchwardens & Sidemen	0 10 0
Item paid for a dyner the same tyme	0 10 0
Item given in bread for Gobbetts Dole	1 0 0
Item paid to Mr Kent for Castle rent	0 15 3
Item paid to Mr Kent for Chiefe Rent for Isbells meade & the Brach & for an Acquittance for the same	0 5 2
Item paid to William Herriott for delivering our Presentment	0 3 4
Item paid to John Burges for gystes ¹ to amend the Gallery & for his labour	0 6 0
Item given to certayne poore people agaynst Christmas	0 5 4
Item given towards the placing of John Potters daughter Apprentice to William Whittaker	0 7 8
Item paid to William Powell for Ropes for the 4th bell & Tenor	0 11 2
Item paid to Mr Bowers man of Wilsford William Katkett for Pentecost money	0 1 0
Item given to a poore Traveller a Scottishman	0 1 0
Item given to a lame man who came from the hospitall at London & was going to Bathe	0 0 6
Item given to the Ringers for Ringing at Mr Griffin Nicholas his funerall	0 2 0
Item paid to John Wilkes glazier for amending the Church windowes	0 16 0
Item paid to john Herriott Plomber for amending the Leads & for £17 of Soder to doe it	1 0 0
Item paid to Mr Davis for writing the Register & for delivering of it	0 1 8

[*Marginated*: [...]3s. 5d. ob.]

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Item given to the poore	0 2 6
Item paid for a newe booke of Common prayer for the Church	0 9 0
Item paid to Gyles Milles for a newe Rope for one of the Bells & for lyme & nayles which the glaysier used	0 3 10

1 ie. joist.

Item paid to Mrs Flower for wood to heat the Plumbers Irons	
	0 2 3
Item paid for a newe booke of Articles	0 0 6
Item paid to John Herriott Clarke for two dayes attendance at the Visitacion	0 1 4
Item paid to the same John Herriott for helping the plomer	0 1 0
Item paid for wyer for the Clock	0 0 2
Item given unto the poore on good friday	0 10 0
Item <we have sent to London for to buy <i>deleted</i> > payd for the bookes of martyrs	3 10 0
Item for writing & casting up this present Accompt	0 2 0

[*Marginated: £5 2s. 7d*]

The whole sume Disbursed is	17 5 7½
Soe their Receipts exceed their Disbursements	1 14 7½

Which sayd £1 14s. 7d. ob., together with all the Ornamentes goodes & implementes particularly mentioned & sett downe at the end of the Accompt of the precedent Churchwardens John Erwood & Henry Mayo (except the one peece of an old seate & the ten peeces of old Bell ropes which have bene sithence employed for the use of the Church) wer now delivered by the said Accountantes John Batt & James Filx unto the new Churchwardens James Filx & Thomas Merewether.

<All the Ornamentes that were delivered over unto us mencioned under the last yeres Accompt are all in place (except the one peece of an old seate and & [*sic*] the Tenn peeces of old Bellropes which have ben used up) *deleted*>

Robert Nicholas, John Davis Rector, William Dicke, John Hope, Thomas Rily, George Beadle, Thomas Merewether [x], Walter Maye.

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1635–1636

Burgus de Devizes

A true & perfect Accompt of James Filkes & Thomas Merywether Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed virgin Mary within the said Borough of their Receiptes & Disbursements of

the yerely Rents profitts & Revenues belonging to the said Church from the feast of Easter 1635 unto the feast of Easter 1636 had & taken the first day of May Anno Domini 1636 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received from the precedent Churchwardens as a surplusage remaying upon the foote of the last yeres Accompt	0 34 7½
Item received the Rents of the Lands belonging to the said Church	16 18 10
Item received of William Eden for his halfe yeres Rent of his house which was behinde	0 5 0
Item received of Philippe Strong for his fathers grave in the Church	0 6 8
Item received of William Dick for his seate & his wives seate	0 2 0
Item received of Philippe Strong for <his seate & <i>deleted</i> > his wives seat	0 1 0
Item received of William Poole for his wives seate	0 1 0
Item received of Hugh Cooke for his wives seate	0 1 0
Item received of Philippe White for a seate	0 1 0
Item received of Abigaill Strong for a seate	0 1 0
Item received for bread & wine more than was disbursed	0 7 10
The whole some of their Receipts amounteth unto	19 19 11½

The Discharge

Inprimis paid to John Bennett Cutler for springs for the Chimehamers	0 1 3
Item paid for the Chaynes wherewith the Bookes of Martyrs are tyed	0 1 8
Item paid to Richard West for amending the Pavement	0 0 8
Item paid for the delivering in of our presentment at the Visitation & for certayne other expences	0 15 4

[*Marginated*: [...]]Id.]

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Item paid to John Herriott Clarke for one dayes attendance at the Visitation	0 0 8
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for making the Deskes for the Bookes of Martirs & for certayne other worke about the Church	0 4 0

Item paid to Mr Johnson the Goldsmith for amending the Communion Cuppe	0 2 6
Item paid to William Catkett for Pentecost money	0 1 0
Item paid to William Greene the Bayliffe of Canyngs for Chiefe Rent for the Church for an acknowledgement to the Bishoppe	0 0 3
Item paid to the Chamberlaynes for Chiefe Rent for the Church land	0 9 1
Item paid for a Commission to take the oathes of the Churchwardens and Sidemen & for expences at that tyme being the second day of November	0 17 6
<Item given to a poore travelling gentle woman one Mrs Hone & her Company by Mr Maiors appoyntment	0 2 0 <i>deleted</i> >
Item given in bread for Gobbetts doale at the feast of All saintes	0 20 4
Item given to the Ringers on the 5th of November	0 5 0
<Item given unto two poore gentlemen that were travellers, one Morris Grey & one Daniell Gray by Mr Maiors appoyntment	0 1 0 <i>deleted</i> >
Item paid for delivering in of our Bill of Presentment	0 3 4
Item paid to John Wilkes Glazier for amending the windowes of the Church	0 11 0
Item paid to Mr Thomas Kent for Castle rent	0 15 3½
Item paid to Mr Thomas Kent for Isabells Breach & Isabells meade	0 4 8
Item paid for an Acquittance for the same Rent	0 0 6
<Item given to a poore travailing woman	0 1 0 <i>deleted</i> >
Item paid to William Powell for two newe Bellropes	0 6 6
Item paid to John Harman for binding of the booke called the Paraphrase of Erasmus	0 6 0
<Item given to one Mathewe Howard a Traveller, by Mr Maiors appoyntment	0 2 0 <i>deleted</i> >
Item paid to Richard Flower for his whole yeres wages for helping the Sexton	0 8 0
Item paid to Mr Davis for writing the Register in parchment & for the delivering of it	0 1 8
Item paid to Edward Mallard for amending the Chimes at sondry tymes	0 1 8
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for amending certayne seates in the Church	0 1 6
Item paid to John Herriott the Plumber for 32 pound of soder & for his labour & for wood to heate his Irons for the amending of the Leads	1 16 6
Item paid to William Poole for amending the wheelles of the Bells, & for nayles to doe it	0 1 6
Item given on good fryday to Certayne poore people for Paynters &	

Newmans Doale	0 10 0
Item we added to it at that tyme which was given to the poore	
	0 1 0

[*Marginated*: £8 12s. 5d. ob.]

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Item paid unto John Herriott Clarke for his whole yeres wages for being Sexton	0 12 0
Item paid to the same John Herriott for washing the Church Lynnen the whole yere	0 2 0
Item paid to the same John Herriott for helping & attending the plomer	0 1 0
Item paid for a Chayne & staple to tye the booke of the Paraphrase of Erasmus	0 0 8
Item paid to the Constables towards the reliefe of the poore prisoners of the Kings Bench & Marshalsey	0 1 8
Item paid for entring & casting up of this Accompt	0 2 0

[*Marginated*: 19s. 4d]

The whole some disbursed is	10 7 8½
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Soe their Receiptes exceede their disbursements	9 12 3
which sayd sume of £9 12s. 3d. was now delivered by these Accountantes unto Thomas Merewether & John Fidsall the succeeding new churchwardens	

Alsoe at the same tyme the said old Churchwardens James Filkes & Thomas Merywether delivered unto the sayd succeeding newe Churchwardens these ornamentes goods & ymplementes hereafter particularly mencioned & sett down, (*vizt*):

One Communion tablebord with three Carpetts for the same, A silver Communion Cuppe with a silver plate to the same, A pulpitt Cushion & two other velvett Cushions, A lynnenn table Cloth for the Communion Table, A frenged lynnenn napkyn, A Surplus, The Bagg to putt the plate in and Nyne Churchbookes (*vizt*) One Church Bible, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, Two Common<ion *deleted*> prayer bookes, three bookes of Martirs, a parchment Register and a paper booke for the entring of the Churchwardens Accomptes, One pewter Flaggon to serve for the Communion, Five Church Chests, One Box

with two lockes & keys for the same, One Church Quoffer with two lockes to the same, One Bench fourme for the Communion table, One brasse poolly, two long ladders, Eight Common Fourmes, Six mattes or Buttes, One standing Deske, Two bieres, two <Foure *deleted*> old Seate-dores, One Rowler, One Tumbrell, One brasse Candlestick, one houreglasse, Foure bookes of thanksgiving, One old seate with a bench in it, One long Rayle & a post, A brode stone by the Font, One piece of planck & two pieces of tymber lying in the tower, An old lock & a newe key for a Chest, the Book of Cannons & a new Book of Articles.

Robert Nicholas, John Davis Rector ibidem, Thomas Powell, Robbert Butcher, R. Mackerell, Richard Webe [x], Thomas Horton, John Erwood, Walter Read.

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1636–1637

Burgus de Devizes

A true & perfect Accompt of Thomas Merewether and John Fidsall Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the sayd Borough of their Receiptes & Disbursementes of the yeerely Rentes profittes and Revenues belonging to the sayd Church from the Feast of Easter 1636 untill the sayd Feast of Easter 1637 had and taken the Three and Twentieth day of Aprill Anno Domini 1637 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received from the precedent Churchwardens as a Surplusage remaying upon the foote of the last yeeres Accompt	9	12	3
Item received the Rentes of the landes belonging to the sayd Church	16	18	10
Item received of Walter Eedes for iron barres which came from the West window	0	9	9
Item received more for iron barres of the Churchwardens of Stert	0	6	9
Item received more for bread and wine then was disbursed	0	2	0
Item received of Mr Tayler for his owne Seate and his wyves seate	0	2	0
The whole some of their Receiptes amountes unto	27	11	7

The Discharge

Inprimis payd unto William Herriott for a Booke being Instruccion for the Fast	0 1 0
Item for a Commission to take the oathes of the Churchwardens and Sidesmen and for a dinner the same tyme	1 1 6
Item payd for the delivering in of our Presentment	0 3 4
Item payd for setting up the Pinnacle next the Tower on the South side of the Church	0 6 2
Item payd for Charcole and a pan to melt lead in	0 0 9
Item payd for Crampes for the Pinnacle and one great Crampe of iron which weighed 10 lbs and a halfe	0 8 0
Item payd unto John Bennett for amending of the Clocke and Chimes	0 1 6

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Item payd unto John Herriott for helping the Mason parts of Two dayes	0 0 8
Item payd unto John Herriott Clarke for his whole yeeres wages for being Sexton	0 12 0
Item payd unto Richard Flower for his whole yeeres wages for helping the Sexton	0 8 0
Item payd unto John Bennett for amending of the Clocke	0 0 6
Item payd unto Ambrose Zealy for mending the great Bell wheele and iron worke & amending a Seate	0 2 0
Item payd for Eight hundred of Brickes to amend the west window at 2s. 4d. the Hundred, and for Two Cordes to lengthen the Bell Ropes	0 19 6
Item payd Ambrose Zealy for the Tymber & workmanship about the making the Rayles for the Communion Table	1 15 0
Item payd unto <Ambrose <i>deleted</i> > Ambrose Zealy for amending of the Third Bells Wheele <of the <i>deleted</i> >	0 1 6
Item payd unto Richard West for his materialls & workmanship about the colouring of the sayd Railes for the Table and amending the west window	1 2 6
Item payd for Three Sackes of Lime	0 5 0
Item payd for washing the Church linnen	0 1 8
Item payd unto William Dicke for Castell [...] rent	0 15 3½
Item payd unto Mr Thomas [...] Kent for the chief Rent of Isabells Breach and meade & for Acquittances for the same	0 5 2
Item payd to William Katkett for Pentecost money	0 1 0
Item payd to the Chamberlaynes being chief Rent for the Churchland	0 9 1

Item gave in bread for Gobbetts doale	1 0 0
Item given to ringers on the Fift of November	0 6 0
Item payd unto John Wickes the Glasier for glasing the Church windowes	0 15 8
Item payd unto the Apparitor for the delivering in of our Presentment	0 3 4
Item payd unto John Burroughes the Smith for a gimmoll for the Church wickett and for the mending of one of the hammers of the Chimes	0 2 6
Item payd unto the Apparitor for a Commission to take the oathes of the Churchwardens & Sidemen and for expences at that tyme	1 0 4
Item given to the poore in bread	0 3 0

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Item payd for the amending of another gimmoll	0 1 9
Item payd unto the Smith for a plate for the Wheele of the great Bell and for a paire of gimmolls for the Communion Rayles	0 2 2
Item payd for Three Bell Ropes to William Powell	0 4 0
Item payd to Ambrose Zealy for Stones for the amending of the foundation of the Tower	0 6 0
Item payd unto John Burrowes for amending the Clocke	0 0 4
Item payd for a Rope for the great Bell	0 4 6
Item given to certeyne poore people on Easter Eve being Painters and Newmans Doale	0 10 0
Item payd to Mr Drews man for <an acknowledgement <i>deleted</i> > a chief rent due to the Bishop of Sarum for some land <which the parish [...] <i>deleted</i> > held of [...] him as of his manor of Bishopp Canninges	0 0 3
Item payd for a hatt for a poore boy being Davis his Apprentice	0 2 0
<Item payd to an Irish woman being great with child and her family 0 1 0 <i>deleted</i> >	
Item payd for the casting up and and entring of this Accompt	0 2 0
Item payd unto Mr Davis for writing the Register in Parchment and for delivering of it	0 1 8
The whole some disbursed is	14 6 7½
Soe their Receiptes exceed their disbursementes (whereof 4s. is as yet behind & due from William Grafton).	13 4 11½

Which said sune of £13 4s. 11d. ob. was now delivered by the said Accountantes unto John Fidsall & Christopher Pullen the succeeding new churchwardenes.

Alsoe at the same tyme the sayd old Churchwardens Thomas Merewether and John Fidsall delivered unto the sayd succeeding new Churchwardens those ornamentes goodes and implementes hereafter particulerly mencioned and sett downe, vizt:

One Communion Tableboard with Three Carpettes for the same, A silver Communion Cup with a silver plate to the same, A pulpitt Cushion and Two other velvet Cushions, A Linnen Table Cloth for the Communion Table, a frenged linnen Napkin, A Surplys, a Bagge to putt the plate in and Twelve Churchbookes, vizt One Church Bible, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, Two Bookes of Common Prayer,

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Three Bookes of the History of the Martyrs, a parchment Register, this paper Booke for entring of the Churchwardens Accomptes, the Booke of Cannons, a new Booke of Articles, a Booke of Instruccion for the Fast, a pewter Flaggon to serve the Communion, Fyve Church Chestes, One Boxe with Two lockes and keyes to the same, One Church Coffe with Two lockes and keyes to the same, One Bench Fourme for the Communion Table, One brasse pooly, Two long ladders, Eight Common Fourmes, Sixe mattes or Buttes, one standing Deske, Two Bieres, One Rowler, one Tumbrell, one brasse Candlesticke, one houre glasse, Foure Bookes of Thanksgiving, Two old Seate doores, one old Seate with a Bench in it, a long Rayle and a post, a broadstone by the Font, one peece of planke and Two peeces of Tymber lying in the Tower, an old Lock and a new key for a Chest, 8 small barrs of Iron & a Long barr of Iron, half a hundred of Brick.

Robert Nicholas, John Davis Rector de Le Devizes, Michael Tidcombe, John Hope, James Filkes, John Batt, Richard Web [x].

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1637–1638

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of John Fidsall and Christopher Pullen Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed virgin Mary

within the said Burrough of their Receiptes & Disbursmentes of the yearely Rentes profittes & Revenewes belonging to the said Church from the Feast of Easter 1637 untill the said Feast of Easter 1638 had and taken the Two & Twentieth daye of Aprill Anno domini 1638 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis the Monney wee Received of the old Churchwardens	13	4	11½
Item Received of Mr Robertes for his seate	0	2	0
Item Received of the widdow Morris the some of Five shillings which was given to the Church of St Maries aforesaid by her late husband Richard Morrice as A legacye by his last will & testament	0	5	0
Item Received of the widdow Filks For her Husbandes buriall in the Church	0	6	8
Item Received of Mrs Marie Drue for the buriall of her Mother in the Church	0	6	8
Item sould of morter that was left in mending the porch	0	0	4
Item Received of Rentes belonging to the Church	16	18	10
Item Received of John Burges for peeces of lead that were left in casting the sheete lead	0	12	4
Received of Thomas Merrewether for three Barrs of Iron	0	1	4
The overplus of the Communion bread and wine	0	4	1
Received of Mrs Mary Drew towards the placing of a stone for the use of the church	0	6	8
The whole some of the Receiptes is	32	8	10½

The Disburmentes

Inprimis for paper to write our accomptes	0	0	1
Item payd me Richard Perce For the last yeares accompt For apparrelling Poore Children	0	7	8
Item payd John Bennett for Mending the Clocke	0	3	8
Item <lent deleted > given the overseers of the poore for the use of the poore	1	0	0
Item payd for A Barrow to Carry sand	0	0	8
Item payd for 3 lbs 3 qtrs of Soder	0	3	9
Item payd Richard Warden and Edward Bayly For carriage of Sand to the west doore 4 dayes worke a peece	0	8	4
Sum is	2	4	0

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Item payd to Cornelius Wyet for 7 dayes worke	0 10 6
Item payd to Richard West For Masons worke about the Church and for Raising the Foundation of the west doare	0 11 4
Item For Spriges and Nayles and for makinge of Cramps about the portch	0 2 6
Item payd For spriges to Mallard	0 1 6
Item payd For 6 Sackes of Lyme	0 8 0
Item payd For 4 cwt and 3 qrs of new lead at the price of 11s. 9d. the hundred and For the Carriage	2 16 5
Item payd John Hellier For Casting of 9 cwt and 3 qrs of lead at 2s. per hundred	0 19 6
Item payd John Hellier For 7 dayes labour	0 10 6
Item payd John Heriott For attending the plumer 8 dayes	0 6 0
Item payd Christopher Pullen for A greate Stone to laye in the Foundation of the tower of the Church	0 1 6
Item payd to Hugh Cooke For tymber and sawing to build the the Roofe of the Portch	0 14 4
Item payd to the widdow Heriott For one hundred Thirty and Six pound of lead at 2d. the pound	1 4 8
Item payd the widdow heriott for the use of the Mould to Cast the lead	0 1 0
Item payd William Heriott the Parrator For A Commission to take the oath of the Churchwardens and Sidemen and For Expences at our visitacion	1 2 4
Item payd John Bolton For mending the Church yard boundes	0 0 2
Item payd Richard Flower for midsomers quartrage	0 2 0
Item payd William Heriott the Apparrator For delivering in our presentment	0 3 4
Item payd John Herriott the Clarke his Midsomers quartrig	0 3 0
Item payd John Heriottes wife for wassing the Church Lynnine	0 0 6
Item payd Thomas Chitterne For mending the pulpet Cushion and for silke and silver	0 2 9
Item payd to Ambrose Sely for making A new wheele for the Great bell	0 4 0
Item payd for A New table and Forme For the parishes use	0 14 0
Item payd Richard Dalley for 6 cwt of wood	0 5 0
Item payd for Clapsing the Church Byble	0 0 6
Item payd John Hellier for mending of the upper leades and for 5 lbs of Soder	0 5 6

Item payd Richard West for mending of two Pinnacles on the North side of the Church	0 10 0
Item payd John Herriott For helping the Plumer one daye	0 0 8
Sum is	12 1 6

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Item payd Richard Flowers for making Cleane the Lyddes and spoutes	0 0 6
Item payd Edward Mallard for making the greate Crampes to holde the Satyre over the Portch	0 2 0
Item payd Edward Mallard For making of Cramps for the pinnacles	0 2 2
Item payd Richard Flower for Micheallmas quarter	0 2 0
Item to John Herriott for Michaellmas quarter	0 3 0
Item For wassing the Church Lynnine	0 0 6
Item For A Commission to take the oath of the Churchwardens and Sidemen and for the Expences at the Meeting	0 18 4
Item to <John <i>deleted</i> > William Herriott for dellivering in our presentment	0 3 4
Item payd to Thomas Cooke For A Rent payable to Canninges Court at Michaellmas	0 0 3
Item payd the Chamberlaynes For A chief Rent for our Church Landes	0 9 6
Item payd George Beedle for 2 bussells of hayre	0 1 0
Payd Mr Thomas Kent the Rent called Castle Rent	0 15 3½
Item payd Mr Thomas Kent For Issabelles Breach and Meade	0 4 8
and For an Acquittance	0 0 6
Item For Gobbettes dole given on Allsaintes daye	1 0 0
Item For Ringing the belles on the Fifth of November	0 3 6
Item payd For the Change of one of the brasses For the greate bell	0 3 6
Item payd Edward Mallard For sprigges and keyes to truss up the Greate bell and the trebble bell	0 1 6
Item payd William Poole for trussing and hanging the Tennor and treble bells	0 5 6
Item payd Richard Flower St Thomas dayes quartridg	0 2 0
Item payd John Herriott his quartradg	0 3 0
Item payd John Weekes the glasier For glasing of the windowes	0 13 0
Item payd William Powell for bell Ropes	0 6 0
Item payd William Catcett for penticost monney	0 1 0

Item given to the poore For Paynters and newmans dole on Easter Eve	0 10 0
Item payd Mr Davis For writing the Register	0 1 8
Item payd John Bennett For mending the Clock	0 0 7
Item payd Richard Coles his quartridg	0 5 0
Item payd Thomas Blackbury For the booke of Articles	0 0 6
Item payd For wassing the Church Lynnen	0 1 0
Item payd Ambrose Sely for mending the seates and bell wheeles	0 3 3
Item payd to Henry Mayo one of the overseers of the poore For the poores Releefe	0 14 11
Sum is	7 18 6½

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Item payd unto Gyles Mills For A Trebble bell Rope and For Nayles to mend the wheeles	0 2 0½
Item payd For the writing out of our Accomptes and For wrighting out of a note of the Implements of the Church In parchment	0 3 0 0 5 0½
The whole Sum of the Disbursmentes is	22 9 1
Soe the Receiptes exceed the the [<i>sic</i>] Disbursmentes	9 19 9½

whereof 5s. <there *deleted*> is to be payd by William Eden for Rent due at our lady daye last.

Allso at the same tyme the said ould Church wardens John Fidsall and Christopher Pullen dellivered unto the succeeding new Churchwardens these Ornamentes goodes and Implements hereafter particularly Mencioned and sett downe, vzt, Viz [*sic*]:

One Communion Table borde with three Carpetes For the same, A silver Communion Cupp with A silver plate For the same, A Pulpit Cushion and two other velvet Cusshions, A Lynnine Table Clothe for the Communion Table, A Frienged Lynine Naptkin, A Surples, A Bagg to put the plate in, And Twelve Churchbookes, vzt, One Church Byble, The parraphras of Erasmus, Two bookes of Common Prayer, Three bookes of the Historie of the Martires, A Parchment Regester, This paper booke For entring the Churchwardens accomptes, The booke of Cannons, A new booke of Articles, A

Booke of Istructions for the Fast, A pewter Flaggon to serve the Communion, Five Church Chistes, One Boxe with two lockes and keyes to the same, One Church coffer with two lockes and keyes

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to the same, One Bentsh Forme for the Communion Table, One Brasse Poolley, Two long ladders, Eight Common Formes, Six Mattes or Buttes, One standing deske, Two Beeres, One Rowler, One Tumbrell, One Brasse Candlestick, One hower glasse, Fower Bookes of Thanksgiving, Two ould Seate dores, One old Seate with A Bentsh in it, One Poste, A broad Stone by the Fonte, One peece of Plancke and Two peeces of tymbre Lying in the Tower, One olde Locke and A New keye for A Chist, A new table Board and Forme standing in the Chauncell, Five smale Iron barrs.

Memorandum that one old Common prayer book was disposed of and Given to Richard Coles the Sexton.

Mich Tydcombe, John Hope, R. Mackerell, John Erwood, William Dicke senior, Henry Mayo, Henry Bold, Walter Read, Henry Coward, James Bartlet [x], John Harris, Thomas Hawkens.

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1638–1639

Burgus de Devizes

A Trewe and perfect Accompt of Christopher Pullen and George Beadle Churchwardens of the parish of the blessed virginn Marye within the said Borrough of their Receiptes and Disbursmentes of the yearely Rentes profittes and Revenewes belonging to the said Church from the Feast of Easter 1638 untill the said Feast of Easter 1639 had and taken the eight and Twentieth daye of Aprill 1639 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis the monney wee Received of the olde Churchwardens

9 19 9½

Item Received of Richard Coles for Lyme that laye in the Church	0 2 0
Item Received for Five barrs of Iron of Richard Thomas	0 4 6
Item Received of Richard Morris for his seate & his wives	0 2 0
Item Received of William Deeke for the old Bell Frame	1 11 0
Item Received of Mrs Hope for her Grandchildes buriall in the Church	0 6 8
Saved of the Communions	0 6 4
Item Received of Rentes belonging to the Church	16 18 10
 The whole Some of the Receiptes is	 29 11 1½

The Disbursments

Inprimis for paper	0 0 2
Item for those that tooke paynes about the surveying of the Church landes and for provision for them	0 18 0
Item to Mr Bold for writing of it	0 2 0
Item to William Poole for measuring the houses and the gardens	0 1 0
	1 1 2

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Item for provision for those that went on possession	0 16 4
Item paid to Richard West for his labour for playstereing the south side of the church	0 1 0
Item paid to Richard Coles for making cleane the Church	0 2 6
Item paid to Overton for paving the lower end of the Church	0 0 6
Item payd for Ringing at the visitacion	0 7 0
Item dellivered to Mr Maior for A poore Minister	0 2 0
Item for dellivering in oure presentment at the visitacion	0 3 4
Item For A dynner for the Churchwardens and sidemen at the visitacion	0 10 0
Item payd to Richard Coles for midsomer Rent	0 5 0
Item payd William Bush in Earnest for making the bell Frame	0 1 0
Item payd for taking upp of the Church Rayles to bring in the Tymber	0 0 4
Item payd for drawing the Articles betweene William Bush and the churchwardens	0 1 6
Item payd to Edward Baylye for Carrying of plankes to the Church	0 0 6

Item payd to Edward Mallard for mending of the clippers	0	5	6
Item payd Richard Coles for Michaellmas Rent	0	5	0
Item payd for mending the Clocke	0	13	4
Item payd to <William <i>deleted</i> > Hugh Cooke for one hundred of plankes tack eight Foot	0	15	4
Item payd to Goodman Bush for two dayes worke for to sett the Clock going and to make Chockes	0	3	0
Item to Edward Mallard For mending of A Lock	0	1	4
Item payd to John Herriottes wife For washing the Church Lynnen	0	1	0
	4	15	6

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Item payd to William Herriat for A Commission and A dynner for the Churchwardens and sidemen	0	19	0
Item payd to Mr Kent for Castell Rent	0	15	3½
Item payd the Chamberlaynes for cheefe Rent	0	9	1
Item payd Mr Kent for Isabelles Breach and Meade	0	4	8
Item to Mr Kent For an acquittance	0	0	6
Item given at All Saintes for Gobbettes dole	1	0	0
Item Paid to John Powell for three Ropes	0	8	0
Item Paid Thomas Cooke for dues to Cannings Court	0	0	3
Item payd James Bartlett for Casting the brases and for wyer	0	12	5
Item payd to Richard Coles the Fifth of November for Ringing	0	6	0
Item payd William Herriott for dellivering our presentment at Michaellmas	0	3	4
Item to Edward Mallard for A keye for the bellfrey doare	0	0	6
Item to William Catcom for Penticost monneye	0	1	0
Ite to Gyles Mills for Irishmen	0	0	6
Item to Edward Mallard for Eying the Fowrth bells Clipper	0	5	0
Item payd to Richard Coles for Christmas quarter	0	5	0
Item Paid Thomas Hawkins for A peece of Elme to make Chockes for the Bellropes	0	0	8
Item payd to Richard West for mending of the steps in the Church litten and for pulling downe the stone in the north Isle	0	1	10
Item payd A labourer to helpe him	0	0	6
Item payd to Thomas Blacborowe for the Kinges proclamacion that was Read in the church	0	0	3
Item to Thomas Blacborough for the prayer for the King	0	0	3
	10	14	0½

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Item payd Mr Davis for the Register of the burialls	0	1	8
Item paid to Richard Hughes to helpe make the skaffold	0	0	6
Item payd William Cole for one dayes worke about the Church	0	1	0
	0	10	0
Item payd to William Poole for Seaven dayes worke	0	9	0
Item Paid to Phillip [...] White to help sawe the <walle <i>deleted</i> > wall plate	0	0	6
Item payd to Richard West for 2 dayes worke for himselfe and his boye	0	4	0
Item payd him for Cullering of the wall plate	0	1	0
Item Paid <Richard <i>deleted</i> > Edward Mallard For Iron worke about the Roofe of the Church	0	4	9
Item given on Good frydaye for Paynters and Newmans dole	0	10	0
Item payd John Hellier for halfe A hundred of Boardes	0	4	6
Item payd to Henry Mayo for A peece of Tymber	0	12	0
Item payd to Richard Coles for 6 dayes worke	0	6	0
Item Paid John Herriottes wife for washing the Lynnen	0	1	0
Item Paid Richard Coles for lady dayes Rent	0	5	0
Item payd John Weeks For glasing worke	0	11	10
Item payd Ambrose Seley for doing Joyners worke about the Church	0	10	2
Item payd Henry Coward	0	10	0
Item payd Gyles mills for A Bell Rope	0	5	4
Item payd Gyles mills for oyle for the Clocke	0	0	2
Item layd out towardses payment for the bell Frame	8	1	8
payd Mr Bold for writing the accompt	0	2	6
Some <totall <i>deleted</i> > is	13	12	7

The whole some of the disbursements is £25 3s. 3½d.

Soe the Receiptes exceed the Disbursmentes just £4 7s. 10d.

Memorandum that there is 7s. behind of Mr Potters Rent which is charged on the accompt above, which he Refuseth to paye.

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Allsoe at the same tyme the sayd olde Churchwardens Christopher Pullen and Georg Beadle dellivered unto the succeeding new

Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes and Implementes here after particularly mencioned and sett downe (vizt):

One Communion table board with three Carpettes for the same, A silver cupp for the Communion with A plate for the same, A pulpett Cushion and two other velvett Cushions, A lynnenn table cloth for the Communion Table, A Frenge Linnen naptkin, A Surples, A bagg to put the plate in and 12 Church bookes, vzt, one Church Byble, the paraphras of Erasmus, 2 books of Common prayer, 3 books of the historye of the Martires, A partchment Register, this paper booke for entring the Churchwardens accompts, the booke of Cannons, A new booke of Articles, A booke of Instruction for the Fast, A pewter Flaggon to serve the Communion, Five church Chistes, one boxe with two lockes and keys to the same, one church Coffe with two lockes and keys to the same, one bentch Forme for the Communion Table, one brasse pully, 2 long ladders, 8 Common Formes, 6 Mattes or buttes, one standing deske, 2 Beeres, one Rowler, one Tumbrell, one brasse candlestick, one hower glasse, 4 bookes of thanksgiving, 2 ould seate doares, one old seate with A bentch in it, one post, A broad stone by the Fonte, one peece of plancke and two peeces of tymber lying in the Tower, one old locke and a new keye for A chist, A new Table board and Frame standing in the Chauncell.

Thomas Horton, John Hope, John Tayler, Henry Mayo, Henry Bold, William Erwood, Hugh Skeate [x], William May, John Fidsall, Ambrose Seley [x], Robert Butcher.

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1639–1640

Burgus de Devizes

A trewe and perfect accompt of George Beadle and William Dicke thelder Church-wardens of the parish church of our blessed St Lady St Mary the Virgin within thaforesayd Burrough of their receipts and disbursementes of the yearly rentes profittes and Revenewes belonging to the sayd parish Church had taken & yealded upp the seaventeenth day of May 1640, From the Feast of Easter 1639 untill the Feast of Easter 1640 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received of the precedent Churchwardens as a Surplusage remayneing upon the foot of the last accompt	4 7 10
Item received for Church Rentes	16 18 10
Item the overplus of the bread & wyne	0 10 10
Item 30 poundes of lead & a half delivered to Hellyer	0 2 6½
Item received of Mr Potter (one of Mr Tidcombes overseers) for his burying in the church	0 6 8
Item received of the Glasyer for old Lead	0 4 6
 The some of there receiptes is	 22 11 2½

The Disbursements

Inprimis for lyme <for <i>deleted</i> > used about the church	0 1 0
Item to John Hellyar for 3 dayes worke about the leades	0 4 6
Item payd for one hundred & an half of lead and for whode	1 5 6 0 2 6

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Item payd for Soder	0 9 0
Item payd Richard Coles & his wives worke about the leades for three dayes	0 3 6
Item for a commission to take the oathes of the Church-wardens & Sidesmen & for a dynner for them the same tyme	1 0 0
Item for Rich Coles his wages for the whole yeare	1 0 0
Item payd for the delivering in of our presentment	0 3 4
Item given to twoe Irishmen by Mr Maiors appoyntment	0 0 4
Item payd John Bennett for mending of the clocke	0 3 0
Item payd for a commission to deliver there presentmentes & a dynner att the same tyme	1 2 6
Item payd the Ringers for ringing the fifth of November	0 6 8
Item delivered to the poore for Gobbates Dole	1 0 0
Item payd to Thomas Cooke Mr Drewes servant for a cheif rent dewe to the Bishopp of Sarum for some land held of his as of his Mannor of Bishoppes Cannings	0 0 3
Item payd to the Chamberlaynes for cheif Rent for the church Landes	0 9 1
Item payd Herryott the Apparitor for delivering in there present- ment	0 3 4
Item payd for wyer about the clocke	0 1 3
Item payd for amending the pulpett Cushyen cloath	0 0 6

Item paid Coles for carrying and recarrying waeightes for weighing of the bell & watching of him	0 2 0
Item paid William Overton for paving worke in the church	0 0 4
Item paid William Powell for five newe Bell ropes	0 15 0
	8 13 7

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Item paid Edward Mallard for Iron worke about the bells	0 0 8
Item paid for ringing on the Kinges Majesties Birth day	0 2 0
Item given to the poore on good Friday	0 10 0
Item paid to the Clarke for washing the Church Lynnen	0 2 0
Item paid to John Weekes amending the glasse of the Church Windowes	0 17 2
Item paid for takinge downe the fowerth bell & for hanging of him upp	0 8 0
Item paid for articles & bond thereuppon for the bellfounders casting of the fowerth bell	0 2 0
Item paid Mr Kent for Castle rent	0 15 3½
Item paid Mr Kent for the cheif rent of Isabells Breach & meade & for deleted 4s. 8d. & for an acquittance 6d.	0 5 2
Item paid for Pentecost money	0 1 0
Item given the bellfounder for earnest money uppon the bargayne for casting the bell	0 1 0
Item paid to Dismore for amending of the fowerth bells clipper	0 16 4
Item payd Mr Grubb 40s. which was borrowed to the church use	2 0 0
Item Paid to John Fidsall 20s. which was borrowed for the church use	1 0 0
Item Paid to Hugh Skeate 10s. which was likewise borrowed	0 10 0
Item Paid to Richard Overton 10s. which was likewise borrowed of him	0 10 0
Item paid to William Snell 10s. which was likewise borrowed of him	0 10 0
Item paid to travaylers by Mr Maiors appoyntment	0 3 0
Item paid for writing this presente accompt	0 2 6
Item paid for Tynne putt into the bell	3 1 10
Item paid Zealy for worke about the church	0 0 6
	11 18 5½
The some of there disbursementes is	20 12 0½

[*Marginated: £20 12s. od. ob*]

Soe their Receiptes exceed their disbursements I 19 2

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Alsoe att the same tyme the sayd Church Wardens delivered to the succeeding Church Wardens their ornamentes goodes & implementes herein mencioned, vizt:

One Communion table board with three carpettes for the same, a silver cupp for the communion with a plate for the same, A pulpitt Cushion & twoe other velvett Cushions, A linnen table cloath for the communion table, a Frenge linnen napkin, a Cirples, a bagg, to putt the plate in and 12 Church Books (vizt), One church bible, The Paraphrase of Erasmus, twoe bookes of common prayer, three bookes of the history of the Martiers, a parchment Register, this paper booke of the Church Wardens <the *deleted*> accomptes, the booke of Canons, a newe booke of Articles & a booke of instruccion for the faste, A pewter Flaggon to serve the communion, five church Chestes, One box with twoe lockes & keyes to the same, One Church Coffe with twoe lockes & keyes to the same, one bench Foorme for the communion table, one brasse pullis, twoe long ladders, eight common Foormes, six mattes or buttes, one standing deske, twoe beeres, one rowler, one Tumbrell, one brasse candlesticke, one hower glasse, Fower bookes of thankesgiving, twoe old seate doores, one old seate with a bench in it, one post, A broad stone by the Fonte, one peece of planke & twoe peeces of tumber lying in the tower, One old locke & a newe key for a chest, a newe table board & Frame standing in the Chauncell.

Memorandum that there is 7s. be hende of Mr Poters <[...] *deleted*> Rente which is charged in the Aconte unto the new Church wardenes which he Refuseth to pay.

John Hope¹

John Hope, Henry Mayo, William Erwood, Christover Pullen, Robert Butcher, John Fidsall.

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1 Signed in a different ink to the other signatures.

1640–1641

Burgus de Devizes

A trewe and perfect accompt of William Dicke the elder and Thomas Hawkins the elder <of *deleted*> Churchwardens of the parish Church of our Blessed Lady St Mary the virgin within the aforesaid Burrough of theyre Receiptes and Disburssmentes of the yearely Rentes profittes and Revenewes belonging to the said Church had taken and yeilded upp the Three and twentieth day of May 1641, from the Feast of Easter 1640 untill the feast of Easter 1641 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of the precedent Churchwardens as A surplusage remayning upp on the Foote of the last accompt	1 19 2
Received for Church Rentes	16 18 10
Item the overplus of the Bread and wine	0 10 0
Item Received of Mrs Mackrell as a legacy given to the church by her husband	0 5 0
Item Received more of Mrs Mackrell for the burying of her husband in the Church	0 6 8
Item Received of John Weekes for thirty seaven powndes of lead	0 3 0
The whole Some of the Receiptes is just	20 2 6

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The Disbursements

Inprimis payd for A Comicion and Dynner	1 1 0
Item payd Goodman Heriott for dellivering the presentment	0 3 4
Item for mending the Pinnacle and Battlementes and for A stone	0 12 0
Item for two sakes of Lyme	0 2 8
Item paid Goodman Coles For a quarteridg	1 0 0
Item paid for mending the 4th belles Clapper	0 5 6
Item payd for mending the greate belles Clapper	0 7 0
Item payd Goodman Weste for mending the Church and the hole in the Chancell and for setting upp the Pynacle with all Materialles	2 13 4
Item payd to the poore for Gobbettes Dole	1 0 0

Item given to the poore on Good Fryday	0 10 0
Item paid Goodman Coles for carrying whome the scaffolds and helping Mr Rich about the Belles and for Clensing the Chauncell	0 3 0
Item payd for the Bishoppes land in the churchyard	0 0 3
Item payd for Paving the Portch	0 4 0
Item payd William Poole for setting upp the posts and Rayles in the Churchyard	0 0 6
Item payd Mr Davice for two Regester Bookes	0 3 4
Item payd for An Hower glasse	0 0 10
Item payd for A new chocke	0 0 6
Item payd for three new bell Ropes	0 12 8
Item payd John Hellyer For halfe An hundred of Lead wanting two powndes	0 9 4
Item paid for Five pownd and A halfe of Soader	0 5 0
Item payd John Hellyer for three days worke & A halfe dayes worke and for A board & nayles	0 4 0
	9 18 3

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Item for wood	0 1 0
Item payd Good Zeeley for mending the seates in the Church	0 4 6
Item payd Goodman Weekes for mending the glasse of the Church	0 14 3
Item payd for washing the Church Lynnen and mending the Surplis	0 2 4
Item payd Goodman West for poynting the leades Rounde the Church	0 5 0
Item spent at Sarum for the Fees of the Courte and our Charges	1 17 0
Item payd to divers Travaylers	0 5 2
Item payd to the Ringers the 5th day of November	0 5 0
Item payd for penticost mony	0 1 0
Item payd for two bookes & two printed Prayers	0 2 6
Item for Castle guard Rent	0 15 3½
Item pay for the Rent of Issabelles Meade and an Acquittance	0 5 2
Item payd Bennet for quartrage of keeping the Clocke	0 1 8
Item for mending the pane of the Clock	0 1 0
Item payd John Hannom for new bynding the Communion Booke	0 3 0
Item the Charg of mending the Chauncell of the Church [<i>and</i>]	
Item payd to John Burges for his worke & tymber	0 7 0

Item paid the tylers	0 8 2
Item paid Richard Morris for tyles	0 4 0
Item one hundred & Fower stones had of Mr Lewes	0 3 4
Item payd Mr North for Crest stones	0 2 0
Item paid Gyles Mylls for Laths and Nayles	0 3 9
6	12 1 ½

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Item payd the Chamberaynes [<i>sic</i>] for Chiefe Rent	0 9 1
Item payd for <one <i>deleted</i> > Mr Bold for Entring his accompt in his booke	0 2 6
Item whereas I Receaved <39 <i>deleted</i> > <£4 7s. 9d. <i>deleted</i> > 39s. overplus of the last precedent churchwardens <the said <i>deleted</i> > the said 39s. was due unto me as Formerly lent	1 19 2
[<i>Margined</i> : paid the Ringers when Mr Edward Baynton did send his leatter 18d.	
For 2 Chistes to mallard 6d.]	2 10 7
The whole some of the Disbursmentes is	19 211½
Soe the Receiptes exceed the Disbursmentes Just	2 0 5

Alsoe at the same tyme the said Churchwardens delivered to the succeeding Churchwardens these Ornamentes goodes and Implementes hereafter mencioned.

<One *deleted*> One Communion Table board with three Carpettes for the same, A silver Cupp <for *deleted*> for the Communion with A plate for the same, A pulpett Cushion and two other velvett Cushions, A Lynnine table cloth for the Communion table, A Frenge Lynnenn naptkin and Sirples, A Bagg to put the plate in and twelve Church Bookes, viz, one Church bible, the paraphrase of Erasmus, Two bookes of Common prayer, Three bookes of the History of the Martyres, A partchment Register, this paperbooke of the Churchwardens accomptes, the booke of Cannons, <the *deleted*> A new booke of Articles, A booke of Instrction for the Fast, A pewter Flaggon to serve the Communion, Five Church Chistes, one box with two lockes and keyes to the same, one bench Forme for the Communion table, one brasse pully, two long ladders, Eight Common Formes, Six Mattes or Buttes, one standing deske, two Beeres, one Rouler,

1 This and the following page are not numbered.

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One Rowler, One Tumbrell, one brasse Candlesticke, one Hower glasse, Fower bookes of thanksgiving, two old seate doers, one old seate with A bench in it, one post, A Broade stone by the Fonte, one peece of Plancke and two peeces of Tymber Lying in the tower, one old locke and A new key for A chest, A new table board and Frame standing in the Chauncell.

Item the Church doth owe unto William Dick last Churchwarden
 £1 os. 5d.

Richard Merrit, John Fidsall, William Erwood, Ambrues Sele, George Beedlle, Gilles Milles, Thomas Hawkens.

Item Receaved of the olde overseers For the poore (vzt William Snell
 and Thomas Lawrence 1 12 6

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1641–1642

Burgus de Devizes

A trewe and perfect accompt of Thomas Hawkins the elder and Giles Milles alias Sanders Churchwardens of the Parrish of our Blessed Lady St Marie the virgin within the foresaid Burrough of theyre Receiptes and Disburssmentes of the yearely Rentes profittes and Revenewes belonging to the said Church had taken and yielded upp the [Eighteenth day of September *inserted*] 1642 from the Feast of Easter 1641 untill the Feast of Easter 1642 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Receaved of the Church Rentes	16 18 10
Item the overplus of the bread and wine	0 7 6
 The whole some of the charge is	 17 6 4

The Disbursements Followe

Inprimis payd to Richard Cole the Sexton [for his yearely wages <i>inserted</i>]	1 0 0
Item payd Ambrose Zealey for mending the Seates	0 1 6
Item payd to John Mayo for mending the Clapper of the Greate Bell	0 7 0
Item payd William Poole the Carpenter [for mending the roofe of the church <i>inserted</i>]	3 8 2
Item payd Mr Richard Peirce [for chiefe Rent <i>inserted</i>]	0 9 1
Item payd for penticost monney to Mr Thomas <Clarke <i>deleted</i> > [Catcott <i>inserted</i>]	0 1 0
Item payd Edward Mallard for Iron worke [about the church Roofe <i>inserted</i>]	0 2 2
Item payd to John James the Plumer of Lavington [for new casting the church leades <i>inserted</i>]	6 19 0
Item payd Mr Thomas Kent for castle rent [& for Isabels Breach & meade & acquitances <i>inserted</i>]	1 0 5½
Item payd for Dole Bread	1 0 0
Item payd Edward Mallard for 8 Keyes<for the iron boltes <i>deleted</i> > [about the church pinnacle <i>inserted</i>]	0 0 10
Item payd Edward Mallard for A Bolte [about church roofe <i>inserted</i>]	0 0 8
The some on this side is	14 9 10½

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Item payd Richard West for mending the Pinnacle of the Church	0 4 6
Item payd for making A newe Clapper for the greate Bell	0 16 0
Item payd for Beere for the workemen	0 0 2
Item payd to A Travayler by the appoyntment of Mr Maior	0 0 6
Item payd to an other travayler by Mr Maiors Apoyntment	0 0 4
Item payd Henry Mayo 11s. 8d which he formerly lent to the use of the Church	0 11 8
Item payd Mr Watton for the Executing of his office of Coroner concerning Katherine Peirce	0 1 0
Item payd Mr Davis for A Register	0 1 0
Item payd Mr Davis for A Booke	0 1 0
Item payd Goodman West for Laying the walle plates of the church	0 5 5
Item payd to Gyles Milles my Fellow Churchwarden for nayles, Cordes, Iron worke and other disbursements which he layd out for	

the Repayracion of the Church as more particularly appeareth by his shopp bookes; the some of	3 19 8½
Item payd Mr Bold For the Entring of his accompt into this Liggier Booke	0 2 6

[*Marginated: £6 3s. 9½d*]

The Some totalle is	20 13 8
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Soe the disburssmentes doe Exceed the Receiptes Just	3 7 4
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Allso at the same tyme the said Churchwardens dellivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens these Implementes goodes and ornamentes hereafter Mencioned (vzt):

One Communion table board with three Carpettes for the same, A Silver Cupp for the Communion with A Plate for the same, A Pulpett Cushion and two other velvett Cushions, A Lynnine table Cloth for the Communion table, A Frenged Lynnine Naptkin and Surplis, An old bagg to put the plate in and twelve Church bookes (vzt) one Church Byble, the parraphrase of Erasmus, two bookes of Common Prayer, three bookes of the History of the Martyres, A Partchment Register, this Paper Booke of the Churchwardens accomptes, the booke of Cannons, A newe booke of Articles, A booke of Instruccion for the Fast, A pewter Flaggon to serve the Communion, Five Church Chistes, one boxe with two Lockes and keyes to the same, One Bench Forme for the Communion table, one brasse pulley, two Long Ladders, Eight Common Formes, Six old Mattes or Buttes, one standing deske, two Beeres, one Rowler, one tumbrell, A brasse Candlestick, an hower glasse, Fower bookes of thanksgiving, two old seate doares, one old seate with A bench in it, one post, A broad stone by the Font, one peece of plancke and two peeces of tymbre Lying in the Tower, one olde Locke & A new key for A Chist, A new Tableboard and Frame standing in the Chauncell.

& A Bond of 40s. <fro *deleted*> made by Robert Dismar for the <well pr *deleted*> keeping of the great Bellclapper in good reparacions for 7 yeares.

Robert Nicholas, John Horton, John Fidsall, Christover Pullen, George Beedlle, William Snell [x], Henry Bold, John Hope, Phillip Strong, Ambrose Zealy senior [x], James Bartlet [x], John Summers.

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1642–1643*Burgus de Devizes*

A trewe and perfect accompt of Gyles Mills and Richard Webb Churchwardens of the <pars *deleted*> parish of our Blessed Lady St Marie the virgine within the foresaid Burrough of theyre Receiptes and Disbursmentes of the yearly Rentes profittes and Revenewes belonging to the said Church had taken and yeilded upp the [____] 1643 from the Feast of Easter 1642 untill the Feast of Easter 1643 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Receaved of the Church Rentes	17	2	10
Item for 120 lbs of Lead at 1d. per pownd	0	11	0
Item Received of Thomas Hawkins for his wives Grave	0	6	8
 The whole Some of the charge is	 18	 0	 6

The Disbursments Followe

Inprimis For Nayles	0	0	4
Item payd William Poole	0	4	6
Item for Nayles	0	1	2
Item for three Gymalles	0	2	0
Item for Nayles	0	0	4
Item for A Badgers head	0	1	0
Item payd William Poole	0	3	2
Item payd John Maye	0	2	4
Item for Lambe Black	0	1	4
Item for Lime	0	0	2
Item payd Richard Coles	0	5	0
Item payd for A Forme	0	3	0
Item for Bell Ropes	0	6	2
Item for Ringing the 27th of March	0	5	0
Item for two Badrickes	0	0	6
Item payd Ambrose Zieley	0	1	0
Item payd William Poole	0	2	0

Item payd Richard Coles	2 0 0
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The Some on this side is Just	3 19 0
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Item payd William Overton	0 2 0
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Item for Lyme	0 0 6
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Item paid Rich Coles	0 5 0
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Item paid John Weekes for glasing	1 18 10
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Item payd William Poole	0 2 3
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Item payd William Snell	1 10 0
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Item payd William Overton	0 1 0
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Item paid for A Matt	0 0 8
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Item paid the Chamberlayes [<i>sic</i>]	0 9 1
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Item paid Mr Drewe	0 0 3
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Item payd the Ringers	0 5 0
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Item payd for Gobbettes Dole	1 0 6
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Payd Rich Coles	0 5 0
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Item paid William Poole	0 1 8
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Item for Nayles	0 0 9
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Item paid Robert Dismore	0 1 0
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Item for Nayles	0 0 4
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Item paid for Bell Ropes	0 2 0
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Item paid for Nayles	0 0 6
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Item for stone	0 2 0
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Item paid William Poole	0 10 6
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Item paid Robert Dismore	0 3 4
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Item paid for A bell Rope	0 1 6
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Item paid for A Bell Rope	0 5 0
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Item paid for legging the Formes	0 1 0
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Item paid John Hellyer	1 3 0
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Item paid William Snell	0 2 0
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Item paid John Mattix	0 7 6
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Item for Lime	0 0 4
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Item paid Goodman Overton	0 2 0
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Item paid for A Cord	0 0 3
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Item paid Ambrose Zeeley	0 1 6
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Item paid [___] Kingston	0 1 0
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Item paid Rich Coles	0 5 0
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Item paid the Glasier	0 4 2
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Item payd for A Cord	0 2 3
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Item paid to Thomas Hawkins	3 7 4
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Item paid Mr Bold for Entring this accompt	0 2 6
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Item paid <Roger Wheeler <i>deleted</i> > for washing the Church Lynnine	
	0 1 0
Item pay for 3 payre of syrialls	0 2 0
The Som totall on this side is	13 11 6
The som the other side was	3 19 0
In all	17 10 1
Soe the reseites exsedes the disbursments	0 10 5

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Allso the same tyme the said Church wardens dellivered to the succeeding Church wardens these Implementes and Ornamentes hereafter mencioned.

Inprimis one Communion Table Board with three Carpettes for the same, A Silver cupp for the Communion with A plate for the same, A Pulpitt Cushion with two other velvett Cushions, A Lynnine table Cloth for the Communion Table, A Frenge Lynnine Naptkine & surplis, A Bagg to put the Plate in & 12 Church Bookes (viz) One Church Byble, the Parraphrase of Erasmus, two Bookes of Common prayer, three Bookes of the historie of Martyres, A parchment Register, this paper booke of the Churchwardens accomptes, the Booke of Cannons, A new Booke of Articles, A booke of Instruccion for the Fast, A Pewter Flaggon to serve the Communion, Five Church Chistes, one Box with two lockes and keyes to the same, one Bench Forme for the Communion table, one Brasse pulley, two long Ladders, 8 common Formes, 6 ould Mattes or Buttes, one standing Deske, two Beeres, one Rowler, one tumbrell & A Brasse Candlestick, one hower glasse, 4 books of thankes giving, two seate doares, one old seate with A <pe *deleted*> Bench in it, one post, A broad stone by the Fonte, one peece of planke, <one *deleted*> two peeces of tymber Lying in the Tower, one olde Lock & a newe key for A chist, one new table Board & Frame standing in the chauncell, And A Bond of 40s. made by Robert Dismore for the keeping the greate bell clapper in good Repayracons for 7 yeares.

John Batt, John Fidsall, Walter Read, George Beedlle, Francis Read,
John Filkes, Walter May.

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1643–1644*Burgus de Devizes*

A trewe and perfect accompte of Richard Webb and Ambrose Zealey senior Churchwardens of the parish of our blessed Ladie St Marie the Virgine within the foresaid Burrough of their Receipts & Disbursements of the yearelie Rents Profitts and Revennues belonginge to the said Church had Taken and yeelded up the [____] 1644 from the feast of Easter 1643 untill the feast of Easter 1644 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Receaved of the Church Rents 17 – 2 – 10	17 2 10
Item the Overplus of the bread & wine	0 9 0
Item received of Gyles Mills tenn shillings as he did owe to the Church	0 10 0
Item Received of Thomas Blackberrie for use money	0 8 0
 The whole Some of the Charge is	 18 9 10

The disbursements Followe

Inprimis payd to Mr Davis the 17th of April	0 1 8
Item payd to the woman that was at the black boy	0 0 6
Item payd to Daniell Cutting for washing of the Church Walles	3 4 0
Item payd for mending of a battlement in the Tower	0 1 4
Item payd to Richard Powell for two hundred of board nayles	0 2 0
Item payd for board Nayles	0 0 2
Item payd for fower Cramps	0 2 0
Item payd for two paire of Jemals	0 1 0
Item payd for board nayles	0 0 2
Item payd for 18 sprigs	0 1 4
Item payd for sprigs	0 0 9
Item payd William Powell for a Rope for the fourth bell	0 2 6
Item payd to John May for mending of the Clock	1 0 0
Item payd for seven saks of lime	0 8 2

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Item payd for burying of a souldier	0 0 8
Item payd for a Rope weighing 12 pound	0 5 0
Item payd for a Rope weighing 5 pound and one quarter	0 2 0
Item payd for a Rope weighing 9 pound	0 3 9
Item payd for two Ropes weighing 17 pounds and a halfe	0 7 3
Item Gave to the poore of Ireland	0 2 0
Item payd to Mr Thomas Kent for Castle Rent	1 0 6
Item payd to goodman Dismore for Mending of the Cliper of the fourth bell	0 2 6
Item Gave the Ringers the 5th of November	0 2 6
Item payd to Mr Robert Drewe for a rent belonging to Cannings Court	0 0 3
Item payd to goodey Coles for wyer for the Clock	0 0 2
Item payd to the Chamberlaynes for cheife rent	0 9 1
Item payd for Gobbettes Dole	1 0 0
Item Gave to two poore Men of Ireland	0 2 0
Item payd for the 2 New fast bookes	0 2 0
Item payd to goodman Dismore for keeping of the Clyper	0 1 0
Item payd to Richard Powell for a key for the Tower Doore	0 0 4
Item payd to Mr Thomas Kent the Rent which Gyles Mills left to pay	1 0 5½
Item payd to John Burges for lead for Mending of the Jag ¹	0 1 8
Item spent upon the parishioners for Searching of the Deedes	0 1 6
Item payd to William Poole for mending the Wheele of of [<i>sic</i>] the fourth bell	0 2 0
Item layd out for the poores Cloth	0 4 0
Item Gave the 13 of March to a bliend Irish woman & 4 more of them	0 1 6
Item payd for washing of the Lynnen	0 1 0
Item payd to Gyles Mills	0 14 7
Item payd to goodey Coles for a yeares rent	1 0 0
Item payd to John Weeks for glasse	2 5 6
Item Mr Thomas Potter stops 10s. in lue of 20 shillings he lent to the Church	0 10 0

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Item Richard Webb lent to the Church	1 0 0
Item Ambrose Zealey senior layd out for the Church	1 9 2

1 Meaning unclear. Possibly a jack, a device for striking a bell

Item payd to Robert Brinsdon for two waits for the Clock	o	1	o
Item payd to John May for two keyes		o	o 8
Item payd to the widdow Coles for helping in the Church & for makinge the Church cleane after the souldiers were gone	o	5	o
Item paid to Richard Whittaker for entring this accompt	o	2	6
Paid John May for mendinge of the grete bell	o	2	8

The som total of the Disbursementes is	18	9	9½
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<So the Disbursementes exceed the receipts <i>deleted</i> >	o	1	3½
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Also the same tyme the said Churchwardens Delivered to the succeeding Churchwardens These implements and Ornaments hereafter mencioned.

Inprimis One Communion Table board with three Carpetts for the same, A silver Cupp for the Communion with a plate for the same, A Pulpitt Cushion with two other velvett Cushions, A Lynnen Table Cloth for the Communion Table, A frenged Lynnen Naptkine & surplis, A Bagg to putt the plate in and 12 Church bookes (vizt) One Church Bible, The Parraphrase of Erasmus, two bookes of common prayer, Three bookes of the Hystorie of Martyres, A parchment Register, This paper booke of the Churchwardens accomptes, the booke of Cannons, A New booke of Articles, A booke of Instruction for the Fast, A Pewter Flaggon to serve the Communion, Five Church Chists, One box with two Lockes & keyes to the same, One bench forme for the Communion Table, one brasse pulley, two Long Ladders, 8 common formes, Six Old Matts or Butts, One Standing Deske, two Beeres, One Rowler, one Tumbrell & a brasse Candlestick, One hower glasse, 4 bookes of Thanksgivinge, two old seate doores, one old seate with A bench in it, one Post, A broad stone by the Fonte, one peece of planke, two peeces of Tymber lying in the Tower, One ould Locke & a New key for a Chist, one new Table boarde & Frame standing in the

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In the Chancell, And a bond of 40s. made by Robert Dismere for the keeping the Greate bell Clipper in good Repayracons for seven yeares, Item John May hath given a bond for keeping of the Clock in good repayracons for 2s. per annum for 7 yeares, Item 2 fast bookes for the monethlie fast.

John Davis Rector, William Dicke sen, John Hope, John Fidsall, Henry Mayo, Georg Beedlle, John Summers, John Erwood, William Erwood, Robert Butcher, Walter Mayo, John May, William Snell [x], Christover Carret [x].

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1644–1645

Burgus de Devizes

A trewe and perfect accompte of Ambrose Zealey the elder and Hugh Skeate Churchwardens of the parish of our blessed Ladie St Marie the virgin within the foresaid Borough of their Receipts and Disbursements of the yearlie Rents profitts & Revenues belonginge to the said Church had taken and yeilded up the [22th day of August Anno Domini 1647 *inserted*] From the feast of Easter 1644 untill the Feast of Easter 1645 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of the Church Rents	15	10	6
Item received of James Bartlett for a Monethlie peale for John Marshman	0	2	0
The whole som of the Charge is	15	12	6

The Disbursements followe

Inprimis gave to 2 Irishwoemen	0	1	0
Item paid to John May for keeping the Clock	0	2	0
Item paid for mending the Church Bowndes	0	10	10
Item paid for mending two locks	0	1	0
Item paid for mending the Church way	0	0	4
Item paid for two Cords for the greate bell	0	0	8
Item paid for new laying the steps at the Church stile	0	0	3
Item paid to the widdow Coles	0	10	0
Item paid for the Church Dole	1	3	0
Item paid to the Ringers the fifth of November	0	4	0
Item paid for a bell Rope	0	2	6
Item paid for mending of the bell wheele	0	0	3
Item paid for timber & worke for mending of a step	0	2	0
Item paid to Flower for Quartridge	0	5	0
Item paid for bringing in of the Church ladders	0	0	2

Item paid for mending of the pulpit head	0 0 2
Item paid for mending of the Church lock	0 0 6
Item paid to Dismore the Smyth	0 1 0

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Item paid for a key for the bell Clipper	0 0 2
Item paid for pulling up the church rayles	0 1 8
Item paid to Mr Robert Long 2 parcells of rent for two yeares & for making the acquittances	0 10 2
Item laid out for the Church	0 1 1
Item paid to Mr Thomas Kent for castle rent	0 15 3
Item paid to Robert Dismore for Mending the fourth bell Clipper	0 3 6
Item paid to the Ringers when the prince came in	0 7 2
Item laid out for the Sentires [<i>sic</i>] in the Church	0 1 6
Item laid out for a Rope for the Tennor	0 0 8
Item laid out for a lock for the Clock	0 1 0
Item paid to John May for a poolley for the Clocke	0 0 6
Item wee paid for Ringing att the Governors appointment	0 1 0
Item wee paid for ringing Cronacion day	0 1 0
Item paid Richard Flower for Quartridg	0 5 0
Item paid for a shovell that was lost	0 1 0
Item paid for setting up 3 pinns att Church	0 0 6
Item paid to Phillip Harrison with Hugh Embry being a poore Apprentice	1 0 0
Item paid Aprill the 6th for bread & wine more then we did receive	0 3 0
Item paid to Mr Potter Michelmas last	0 10 0
Item paid for mending the church Chest	0 0 2
Item paid to Mrs Marie Drewe	2 0 0
Item laid out for Cloth for the use of the poore	1 8 6
Item paid to Mr John Hope	2 10 0
Item paid to Mr Edward Hope	1 0 0
Item laid out Aprill the 13th for bread and wine more then we received	0 2 7
Item paid to Richard Whittaker for entring this accounte	0 2 6
 The totall som of the disbursements is	 14 12 7
 So the Receipts exceeds the disbursments	 0 19 11

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Also the same tyme the said Churchwardens Delivered to the succeedinge Churchwardens These ymplements and Ornaments Hereafter Mencioned.

Inprimis One Communion Table board with three Carpetts for the same, A silver Cupp for the Communion with a plate for the same, a Pullett Cushion with two other velvett Cushions, A lynn Table cloth for the Communion Table, a fringed lynn Naptkine, A bagg to putt the plate in & twelve Church bookes (Vizt) one Church Bible, the Parraphrase of Erasmus, two bookes of Common prayer, three bookes of the Hystorie of Martyres, a Parchment Register, This paper booke of the Churchwardens accomptes, the booke of Cannons, a New booke of Articles, a booke of Instruction for the Fast, a Pewter Flaggon to serve the Communion, Five Church Chests, One box with two lockes & keys to the same, One bench forme for the Communion Table, one brasse Pulley, Two long ladders, 8 Common formes, Six old Mates or butts, One standing Deske, One Biere, One Rowler, one Tumbrell & a brasse Candlesticke, One houre Glasse, 4 bookes of thanksgiving, two old seate Doores, one old seate with a bench in itt, One Poste, a broad stone by the fonte, one peece of Planke, Two peeces of tymber lyeing in the Tower, one old locke & a new key for a Chest, And a bond of 40 shillings made for Robert Dismore for the keeping the greate bell Clipper in good repayracons for seven yeeres. Item, John May hath given a bond for keeping the Clocke in good Repayracons for 2 shillings per annum for seven yeeres. Item, two Fast bookes for the Monethlie Fast.

John Tayler, John Fidsall, John Batt, Richard Morris, Walter May, John Summers, George Beedlle.

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1645–1646

Burgus de Devizes

A trew and perfect accompte of Hugh Skeate and Thomas Lawrence Churchwardens of the Parish of our blessed Ladie St Mary the virgin

within the foresaid Borough of their Receipts & Disbursements of the yearelie Rents profitts & Revenues belonging to the said Church had taken and yeelded up the [22th August Anno Domini *inserted*] 1646¹ From the feast of Easter 1645 untill the feast of Easter 1646 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of the Precedent Churchwardens as a Surplusage remaying upon the Foot of the last accompte	0 19 11
Item Received of the Church Rents	13 5 2
Item received of the widow Lawes for ringing	0 0 6
Item received of Thomas Hill for ringing	0 0 6
Item received of Richard West for a stone	0 8 0
Item received of Jane Line for ringing	0 0 6
Item received of Willim Hayes	0 0 6
Item received of the Widow Dicke for breaking of the ground in the Church	0 6 8
Item received of Thomas Flower for breaking The ground in the Church & for a stone	0 10 0
 The whole som of the charge is	 15 11 9

The Disbursements followe

Inprimis laid out for wine for the Communicates more then we received	0 2 0
Item for nayles wedges & ringes	0 0 5
Item laid out for wine for the Communicates more then we received	0 0 11
Item paid to Richard West for covering Captain Ribberries grave & other things about the church	0 2 0

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Item paid to John May for keeping the Clock	0 2 0
Item paid for a bellrope	0 5 0
Item paid to Richard Flower for Quartridg	0 5 0
Item paid for a key for the Clockhouse	0 0 4
Item paid for a staple & nayles	0 0 4

¹ Although not altered, unlike the previous year's accounts, the audit date and handwriting suggest that these accounts were probably audited in 1647.

Item paid for a pate ¹ to George Beedle	0 0 8
Item paid for two keys	0 1 0
Item paid for a rope to help ring	0 0 3
Item paid for mending the fourth bell Clipper to Robert Dismore	0 6 0
Item paid to John Hedges for wedges to make fast the great bell gudgen	0 0 8
Item laid out for other necessaries about the Church	0 1 2
Item paid to Richard Flower for Quartridg	0 5 0
Item paid to William Poole for making fast the gudgen of the great bell & other things about the great bell	0 1 0
Item paid to John Hellyar for making windowes to save the ropes from the weather	0 6 0
Item paid for wrighting the names of all the parishioners	0 1 2
Item given all saints day Gobbetts Doole to the poore in bread	1 2 0
Item paid to Flower when the Armeiy was here for making cleane the Church	0 1 6
Item paid to William Poole for hanging the first bell	0 1 0
Item paid to the Smyth for strapps	0 0 4
Item paid to Gyles Mills for a bellrope	0 6 3
Item paid to John Hedges for making irons to beare the Masses ²	0 2 0
Item paid for a bellrope	0 1 6
Item paid to the Chamberlines	0 9 1
Item gave to the ringers the 5th of November	0 6 8
Item for the Kings Rent	0 4 8
Item paid the bearer of the Kings rent	0 2 6
Item paid to George Beedle for a pate for the Clypper of the bell	0 0 4
Item paid to Ambrose Zealey for mending seats	0 3 0
Item paid to Ambrose Zealey for making the Sentry house & for timber & boards	0 5 0
Item paid for ½ a dayes worke & for 3 peeces for the bells & for Nayles	0 1 3
Item paid to Richard Flower for Quartridg	0 5 0
Item paid to Gyles Mills for Cords for the bells	0 2 5

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Item laid out for Nayles	0 0 2
Item paid to William Powell for a Rope for the Third bell	0 4 0

1 Unclear; possibly a leather cover for the clapper.

2 i.e. maces

Item paid for a Cord to helpe ringe	0 1 0
Item given to two poore Men	0 1 0
Item paid to Ambrose Zealey for Boards & for mending the windowes	0 5 6
Item paid to John Hellyar for Soder	0 4 0
Item paid him for one dayes worke	0 1 0
Item paid to Richard Flower for one dayes worke and other thinges	0 0 10
Item paid for making a paire of Indentures for Guests daughter	0 2 0
Item paid to Richard Flower for Quartridg	0 5 0
Item paid to Roger Wheeler for iron Wedges for the great bell	0 0 3
Item paid to Richard Flower for diging 3 graves	0 1 0
Item paid to Mr John Tayler	1 0 0
Item paid to Mrs Horton	1 5 0
Item paid for leather for the Clyppers of the bells	0 0 4
Item paid for mending the doore under the Counsell house	0 4
Item laid out for frankincense to make the Church sweete	0 0 6
Item delivered to the Overseers to the use of the poore	0 6 0
Item paid to Robert Brinsden for mending the glasse	0 1 4
Item delivered more to the Overseers to the use of the poore	0 6 8
Item delivered more to the Overseers to the use of the poore	0 10 0
Item paid to Richard Whittaker for entring this accounte	0 2 6
The totall som of the Disbursementes is	10 13 10
Soe the Receipts exceeds the Disbursementes	4 17 11

John Tayler, John Fidsall, John Batte, Christover Pullen, George Beedlle, John Summers, Walter May.

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Alsoe the same Tyme the said Churchwardens delivered to the succeeding Churchwardens these Implements and Ornaments hereafter Mencioned.

Inprimis One Communion Table board with three Carpetts for the same, A silver Cupp for the Communion with a Plate for the same, a Pulpet Cushion with two other Velvett Cushions, A Lynnen Table Cloth for the Communion Table, A fringed Linnen Naptkin, A bagg

to put the plate in, & Twelve Church bookes (vizt) One Church Bible, the Para: of Erasmus, Two bookes of Common prayer, Three bookes of the Hystorie of Martyres, a Parchment Register, <This *deleted*> a paper booke of the Churchwardens accomptes, The booke of Cannons, a New booke of Articles, a booke of instruction for the fast, A Pewter Flaggon to serve the Communion, Five Church Chests, One box with two lockes & keys to the same, One bench forme for the Communion table, One brasse Pulley, Two long Ladders, Eight Common formes, Six old Matts or butts, One standing deske, One Beere, One Rowler, One Tumbrell and a brasse Candlestick, One howre glasse, 4 bookes of thanksgiving, Two old seate doores, One old seate with a bench in itt, One Poste, a broad stone by the Fonte, One Peece of Planke, Two peeces of Tymber lyeing in the Tower, One old lock & a New key for a Chest, Item John May hath given a Bond for keeping the Clocke in good Repayracions for 2 shillings a yeare for seven yeares, Item two Fast bookes for the Monethly Fast.

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Memorand that on the Nineteenth day of Aprill Anno Domini 1647 Richard Webbe and John Sommers are elected and chosen by the Minister and the parishioners of the parish of St Mary in the Devizes to be Churchwardens of the sayd parish for the yeere now next ensuing.

John Sheppard Minister

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1646–1647

Burgus de Devizes

A trew and perfect accompte of Thomas Lawrence and James Bartlett Churchwardens of the parish of our blessed Ladie St Mary the virgin within the forsaid Borough of their Receiptes & Disburseantes of the yearly Rentes profittes & Revenues belonging to the said Church had taken and yeilded up the [22th of August Anno Dni 1647 *inserted*] From the feast of Easter 1646 untill the feast of Easter 1647 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of the Church Rentes	19	14	4
Item received of Thomas Webb at his decease	0	6	8
Item the Overplus of the bread & wine	0	4	4
 The whole some of the charge is	 20	 5	 4

The disbursements follow

Inprimis paid unto John May for mending of the Clock	0	2	0
Item paid to the Smith for mending the Clipper of the great bell	0	5	0
Item paid more to John May for keeping of the Clock	0	2	0
Item paid to the Sexton for makinge cleane of the Church	0	2	6
Item paid for a new rope for the great bell	0	4	6
Item paid to Richard Flower for quartridg	0	5	0
Item paid to Gyles Mills for Coards for the Church	0	2	6
Item paid to Ambrose Zealey for mending the Seats and for Nayles and gemmells	1	16	6

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Item paid more to John May for mending the Clipper of the 4th bell	0	4	0
Item lent to John Filkes for the Marshallsy & King's Bench	0	16	3
Item paid to John May for mending the Clock	0	1	0
Item paid to Robert Brinsden for an houre glasse	0	0	10
Item paid for 2 sakes of lime for the Church	0	4	6
Item paid to William Powell for a treble rope	0	2	6
Paid to Richard West the Mason for worke	0	12	0
Item paid for stones out of the Castle	0	5	0
Paid a Labourer for 2 daies & a halfe	0	2	8
Item paid for wine at 2 severall times	0	3	2
Item paid to Richard Flower the Sexton for Quartridg	0	5	0
More Paid him for tending the Mason	0	0	6
Item paid to John May for two staves to hold the Mases ¹	0	1	4
Item paid to Ambrose Zealey for bording of the Windowes	0	14	6
Item paid for two ropes for the second and fourth bell	0	7	0
Item paid to Robert Butcher for writing	0	1	0
Item paid to Mr Richard Pierce for Castle gard rent for 2 yeares	1	10	7

1 i.e. maces.

Item paid to Mr Richard Pierce for Chief Rent	0 9 1
Item paid to old Bennettes wife towards the burying of her husband	0 1 0
Paid the 5th of November to ringers	0 4 0
Item paid for wire for the Clock	0 1 0
Paid to the Smith for worke	0 2 2
Item paid for Cloth for the poore at Christmas	1 10 0
Item paid to a Minister that preached a Sermon before Christmas	0 4 0
Paid to Richard Flower for quartridg	0 5 0
Item paid to two poore souldiers taken by the Turkes	0 1 0
Paid for the acquittance [for Rent due to his Majestie <i>inserted</i>]	0 10 4
Item paid to Ambrose Zealey for mending of the Seates & the Clock	0 1 6
Item paid him for a forme	0 2 0
Paid for mending the Seats in the gallery	0 0 6
Item paid for mending the bell Wheele at two times	0 4 6
Item paid more to Richard Flower the Sexton for quartridg	0 5 0

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Item paid for a quart of Sacke Easter Monday	0 1 4
Item paid for bread and wine the Sunday before Easter	0 2 5
Paid to Ambrose Zealey for Two ioyned stooles	0 3 0
Item paid for worke about the Church	0 1 0
Item paid to Gyles Mills for coards and nayles [got?] by the Sexton	0 4 1
Item paid to Constable Webb [for the releefe of maymed souldiers & mariners <i>inserted</i>]	0 6 9
Paid to Oyliefe for Contribution	0 1 8
Item paid to Mrs Burd for Mr Nicholas his use [which was formerly lent to the Church <i>inserted</i>]	3 6 8
Item paid to John Sommers	0 0 6
Item laid out at Christmas for bread & wine & at another time	0 7 10
Paid for writing and else	0 1 0
<Item paid more at Christmas for bread & wine & at other times 0 7 10 <i>deleted</i> >	
Item paid to Richard Whittaker for entring this accounte	0 2 6
The totall some of the Disbursementes is	17 11 10

Soe the Receipts exceeds the disbursementes 2 13 6

[Besides Received the same time of Hugh Sceate and Thomas
Larrence 4 16 11
The sume in toto is 7 10 5
inserted]

John Batt, John Fidsall, Richard Morris, George Beedlle, Gilles Milles,
Walter May, John Summers, Ambros Zealy.

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1647–1648

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Richard Webb & John Somers Churchwardens of the parish of our blessed Lady St Mary the Virgin within thaforesaid Borough, of theire Receiptes & Disbursementes of the yearly Rentes profittes & revenues belonging to the said Church, had taken & yeelded up the Sixteenth day of July Anno Domini 1648 From the feast of Easter 1647 untill the feast of Easter 1648 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received of the Church Rentes	19 19 9
Item received of the precedent churchwardens as a surplusage remaying upon the foote of the last Accompt	7 10 5
Item received for Mrs Hopes grave & a stone	0 13 4
Item received for Richard Morris grave	0 6 8
 The whole some of the Charge is	 28 10 2

The Disbursements follow

Inprimis May 7th given to a Seafaring-man	0 1 6
Item May 31th given unto Irishwomen	0 2 6
Item for bread & wine for the Communion at Easter	0 2 0
Item paid to John Hall for spriggs for the gate	0 0 2
Item given to an Irish Minister	0 4 0
Item paid to Richard Harris for amending the boundes	0 1 0
Item paid for carrying in of the tymber of Richard Westes house being Churchland	0 0 6

Item September 3 given to a poore Minister	0 1 0
Item October 4th <for <i>deleted</i> > paid to Richard Flower for 2 quarters wages	0 10 0

[*Marginated*: £1 2s. 8d.]

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Item October 27th given to an Irish woman	0 1 0
Item paid Peter Crook for 300 of wood [for melting of the solder for the Ledes <i>inserted</i>]	0 2 6
Item November 2 paid John Peeter for going to Heddington [with hues & cryes <i>inserted</i>]	0 0 6
Item paid for bread for Gobbertes Doale	1 0 6
Item paid John Hellier for amending the Leades	1 9 0
Item November 5th given to Ringers	0 5 0
Item November 6th paid for a badrick for the bell	0 1 2
Item the same day paid for a houreglasse	0 0 10
Item the same day paid for spriggs for the wheele	0 0 6
Item November 10th given to 3 Irish women & 5 small children	0 1 0
Item November 24th given to Seamen	0 0 6
Item paid for halfe a Pinte of Oyle	0 0 3
Item paid for Cloth for the poore	4 5 6
Item paid for Cheife rent	1 4 4½
Item to William Phipp for poynting the leades & windowes	0 7 0
Item paid to John Weekes for glasse	1 0 0
Item December 28th given to an Irishwoman	0 0 6
Item paid to John Weekes for glasse	1 0 0
Item February 22th given to an Irishman & his children	0 0 6
Item March 1 given to 3 Seafaring men	0 0 6
Item April 1 given to the poore [of this parish <i>inserted</i>]	0 15 0
Item for bread & wine for the Communion at Easter 1648	0 1 6
Item Aprill 9th given to the poore	1 0 0
Item paid to John Weekes for glasse	3 0 0
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for a forme & some work	0 3 0
Item paid to William Poole for a gate-post & for setting of it in	0 1 4
Item paid to William Poole for raysing the treable	0 1 6
Item to William Poole for amending the treble wheele	0 3 6
Item paid to William Poole for Trussing up of the tenor	0 2 0
Item paid to the boy that did helpe goodman Hellier	0 0 8
Item paid goodman Flower for 2 dayes work	0 1 4
<Item paid to Richard Clarke for bread <i>deleted</i> >	

Item given to the poore in money	1	0	0
Item paid to goodman Hellier for work about the leades	0	5	0

[*Margined*: £17 15s. 11½d.]

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Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for amending the 4th bell-whee	0	1	0
Item paid to John May for amending of the Clock	0	2	0
Item to John May for 2 Ringes for the Maces to stand upon	0	0	6
Item for leather for the badrickes	0	1	6
Item to William Powell for 2 bellropes	0	6	0
Item to him more for 2 Clock-ropes	0	6	0
Item to John Marchant for finding the Church boxes	0	1	0
Item to goodman Flower for his quartridge	0	5	0
Item for leather to make Badrickes	0	1	0
Item given to a stranger that came out of Ireland	0	0	4
Item given to another stranger that came out of Ireland	0	0	6
Item paid to goodman West for amending of the pavement	0	0	6
Item given to a stranger that came out of Ireland	0	0	6
Item paid to goodman Flower for his quartridge	0	5	0
Item paid to Gyles Milles for 3 bushells of lyme	0	5	4
Item paid him more for a Coard to helpe ring the tenor	0	1	8
Item paid for 4 hue & cryes after the Church-plate	0	2	0
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy senior for amending the seates	0	1	5
Item paid more to John Weekes for glasse	1	0	0
Item paid for entring & casting up of this Accompt	0	2	6
Item paid to Mr Taylor for drawing <a <i>deleted</i> > Two newe ffeoffementes & other writinges & his paynes for perfecting all thinges concerning the same	2	10	0

[*Margined*: £5 13s. 9d.]

The totall some of the Disbursementes	24	12	4½
Soe the Receiptes exceed the Disbursementes	3	17	9½

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John Tayler, John Batt, Christover Pullen, Phillip Strong, John Filkes,
Ambrose Zealy [x], Henry Skeate [x], William Poole, William
Hudden [x].

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1648–1649*Burgus de Devizes*

A true and perfect accompt of Christopher Pullen & Phillip Strong Churchwardens of the parish of our blessed Lady St Mary the Virgin within thaforesaid Borough of their Receiptes & Disbursements of the yearely Rentes profittes & Revenues belonging to the said Church, had taken & yeilded up the [___] day of [___] Anno Domini 1649 From the feast of Easter 1648 untill the Feast of Easter 1649 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of the Church Rents	24 16 6
Item received of the precedent Church-wardens as a surplusage remeyning upon the foot of the last accompt	3 17 10
Item received of the widow Morris for her Childs buried in the Church	0 2 6
The Whole some of the Charge is	28 16 10

The Disbursements follow

Inprimis paid to Richard Morris for mending the bounds of the Churchyard	0 3 0
Paid to Mr Nicholas Clarke for a warrennte	0 0 6
Laid out for bread & wine Aprill 9th more than We received	0 0 9
For oyle for the bells & a Coard	0 0 7
Paid to Richard West Aprill the 20th for mending 3 of the Pinacles of the body of the Church	0 1 6
Paid the 22th of Aprill for 2 Coards and 2 Spriggs	0 0 7

[Marginated: £0 6s. 11d.]

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Item May the 12th paid John Stickler for 2 Grayes heades	0	2	0
Item the 30th of May paid francis Paradise for a Coard to mend the bell rope	0	0	4
Item Laid out for paper	0	0	2
Item August the 20th paid for 2 Coards to mend the Bellropes	0	0	8
Item Laid out for inckle to bind up the writings	0	0	2
Item paid Richard Flower for his paines at the Church	0	0	8
Item paid for a Coard	0	0	4
Item paid for wyre to mend the Clocke	0	0	6
Item October the 4th paid to Mr Pierce For Castle guard Rent	0	15	3
Item paid for an acquittance	0	0	6
Item paid Ambrose Zealey for mending one of the Wheelles of the bells	0	0	6
Item October the 14th gave Mr Sloper for 2 Irish people	0	1	0
Item paid Margrett Rogers for washing the Linnen	0	0	2
Item paid Richard Flower for three Quarters Wages	0	15	0
Item the 29th of October Laid out for bread & wine more than we received	0	0	5
Item November the first paid William Powell for a Bellrope	0	2	6
Item paid Gyles Mills for 2 Coards and oyle	0	0	8
Item paid Mr Stevens & Mr Pierce for Chiefe Rent	0	9	1
Item November the 6th paid Ambrose Zealey thelder for mending the seats	0	1	0
Item November the 18th paid the Plommer for 20 pound & a halfe of Soder & for his 2 dayes worke	1	5	0
Item gave Richard Flower for his pains at the same tyme	0	1	0
Item paid Peter Croke for one hundred of wood	0	1	0
Item paid for Candles & a Coard to mend the bellrope	0	0	4

[*Marginated: £3 18s. 3d.*]

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Item delivered to Richard Flower as much Lether as cost	0	0	6
Item paid for Contribucion money for the foure Acres Ambrose Zealey holdeth	0	1	9
Item paid him for Worke at the Church	0	0	2
Item December the 12th paid John Hedges for mending 2 Locks of the Chests & for 2 staples to sett the Mases in	0	1	2
Item paid for oyle for the Bells	0	0	3½
Item paid Ambrose Zealey thelder for mending of Mr Maiors seat & for other worke	0	0	10

Item paid William Powell for 2 belropes	0 6 0
Item gave to an Irishman by Mr Maiors appointment	0 0 6
Item the the 23th of December paid 4s. for Ringing on the 5th of November unto the widow Morris for beare	0 4 0
Item paid Ambrose Zealey thelder for setting on a gimmoll on Mr Maiors seate	0 0 4
Item paid for Contribucion Money for Ambrose Zealeys ground	0 0 9
Item January the 4th paid for a Shrowd for goodwife Oattridge & for helpe to bury her	0 5 4
Item January the 16th paid William Powell for a belrope for the Tennor	0 5 0
Item paid to John Helier for ridding the spouts	0 0 6
Item paid Dorcas Conscience by the Overseers appointment	0 0 4
Item paid Gyles Mills for oyle	0 0 3½
Item paid for Levats Rent	0 5 0
Item paid for Levats Rent before	0 10 0
Item paid the Messenger that carried the Crowne Rent to Marleborough	0 1 0
Item paid for Contribution money for Ambrose Zealies ground	0 0 3
Item paid more for brittish money	0 0 3
Item February the 23th paid for Contribucion for 3 Moneths for Ambrose Zealies ground	0 0 9
Item paid Ambrose Zealey for mending some gimmolls	0 0 2
Item paid Richard Flower for his Quarters wages	0 0 5

[*Marginated*: £[?] 10s. 2d.]

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Item paid Walter Reade for mending the Church Bible	0 0 6
Item paid for Levats Rent	0 5 0
Item paid John Cooke of Cannings for Rent for the Church for 3 years	0 0 9
Item paid Palme Sunday & Easter day for bread & wine more then received	0 0 8
Item laid out for Ambrose Zealies ground for the poore of the greene	0 0 9
Item paid John May for keeping the Clocke for one yeare	0 2 0
Item paid Mr Edward Pierce for Cloth for the poore	3 15 0
Item paid for 3 paire of Boots taken from Christopher Pullen by the Collector for the Crowne Rent	2 0 8
Item paid for entring & casting up of this accompt	0 2 6

[*Marginated: £6 7s. 2d.*]

Item delivered to the Overseers at several times to be distributed amongst the poore of thaforsaid parish	8 13 1
The totall some of the Disbursements amounts unto	21 15 7
Soe the Receipts exceed the Disbursements	7 1 3

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1649–1650

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect <accompt *deleted*> Accompt of John Filkes & Robert Butcher Churchwardens of the parish of our blessed Lady St Mary the virgyn within the foresaid Borough, of their Receipts & Desbursements of the yearely Rents profitts & revenues belonging [*sic*] to the said Church had Taken & yelded up the 23th of June Anno Domini 1650 from the feast of Ester 1649 until the feast of Ester 1650 as followeth.

Viz

The Charge

Inprimis Recived of the precedent Church wardens as A Surplusage remaying upon the foot of the last accompt In mony <& Rent notes £7 – 15s. – 4d <i>deleted</i> >	6 5 7
Item Recived of Mr Tobit Tidcomb for his mothers Grave	0 6 8
Item Received of Robert buther for his mother in Law Grave	0 6 8
Item Recived of John filkes for his Childes Grave	0 2 6
Item Recived of John Webb for his wives childs grave	0 2 6
Item Recived of the overseers of St Johns	5 0 0
Item Recived of the Church Rents	29 12 2
of the which £1 9s. 6d. was the last yeares Arreares	
The whole som of the Charge	41 16 1

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The disbursments follow

Inprimis paid for a warrant for our offices	0	1	0
Item for mending the bounds about the Church yard	0	1	0
Item for making bounds next the widdow morris	0	4	0
Item paid to the tythingman of nusted Towards the quartering of 8 Soldiers	0	0	3
Item To the tythingman of nusted Againe	0	0	2
Item gave a poore Cripple man going to bath	0	0	6
Item paid to John may for 4 cramps of Iron for one of the pinacles of the church being in weight 10 lbs & a halfe	0	3	6
Item for one paire of Jamells and A boulte and hapsses for the Dore about the Clock	0	1	2
Item paid to Richard west for mending the pinakel & the pavement about the Church & other places	0	5	0
Item gave to a destressed minister which Came forth of Ireland	0	1	0
Item paid to the Tythingman of nusted for Contribution	0	1	2
Item Item [<i>sic</i>] for oyle for the Clock	0	0	3
Item paid to william <Poo deleted > Poole for 18 foot of boord & for nayles & workemanship to mend the seates in the gallerry	3	0	0
Item Gave to a poore Traveller <syamen deleted > Spaineyardo	0	6	0
Item paid for mending the bounds at the Church stile	0	0	2
Item paid to the Tythingman of nusted Towards quartering of Soldiers	0	0	8
Item paid for mending the clock house to Ambros Zely thelder	0	1	4
Item for a bell Rope for the great bell	0	5	0
Item paid to Richard Flower for his quartereg	0	5	0
Item for a Rope for the Trebel	0	2	2
	1	16	10

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Item paid to the Tythingman of nusted for Contribution	0	0	6
Item for mending the wheles of the bels	0	0	4
Item to the Tythingman of nusted for two moneth Contribution	0	1	8
Item gave to A poore Irishman	0	1	0
Item gave to the overseers for the use of the poore	5	0	0
Item gave to the plasinge of Simon watkins	0	15	0
And for making his Indentur	0	1	6

Item gave to A poore Irish man	0 0 6
Item gave to an Irishman for his wife & Children	0 1 6
Item gave to the plasing of Thomas Dawden	1 9 0
& for making his Indentur	0 1 6
Item gave to two poore Travellers	0 1 0
Item gave to A blind Irishman	0 1 6
Item gave to 3 syamen which had ben Taken prisoners	0 1 0
Item gave to two Poore Irishmen	0 1 0
Item paid for nayles to mend seats	0 0 2
Item paid to John Burges for mending the Leeds and for 15 lbs of Soder	0 17 4
Item to Richard Flower for Tending him	0 1 0
And for 1 cwt of wood for fier	0 1 0
Item paid for Lime & haire & worke manship to mend the Leeds	0 1 6
Item paid for Spriggs to mend the bells	0 0 4
Item paid to william Poole for trussinge the bells	0 2 0
Item paid to Richard Flower his quarterige	0 5 0
Item paid to william Erwood for goodman Levet halfe A yeares Rent hee being very poore & sik	0 10 0
	9 15 0

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I tem paid for the hier of 2 horssees to ride to marlboro the horsemeete & expenses	0 6 4
Item paid to the Audiet at marlboro our rent	0 4 4
Item and for acquitance	0 0 4
Item gave in bread for gobbats doole	1 4 0
Item gave to one Irish poore woman	0 1 6
Item gave the 5th of November to the ringers	0 2 6
Item gave to 3 poore Irish woman	0 1 6
Item paid the Tythingman of nusted for 3 moneths Contribution	0 1 3
Item paid to two poore Irish women	0 1 0
Item for to bell Ropes paid	0 8 0
Item gave to two poore Irishwomen	0 1 6
Item for oyle for the Clock	0 0 3
Item for mending the Lock of the little box & for A key	0 0 6
Item for A Lock & key for the little Tower doore	0 1 0
Item paid the Tythingman of nusted towards quartering Soldiers	0 1 10
Item paid to Richard flower his quarterig	0 5 0
Item paid the Tythingman of nusted towards quartering Soldiers	0 1 3

Item paid for 14 lbs of leed for the clock	0 2 4
Item gave to Robert morris hee being in want	0 2 0
Item gave to Mrs Mary buller an Irishwoman who Sustained greate lost by the Rebbels	0 2 6
Item for halfe a lb of wyer for the Clock	0 0 6
Item paid for Lime & haire to mend the leeds	0 1 4
Item paid to Richard west for his worke	0 2 0
Item paid the Tythingman of nusted for three moneth Contribution	0 1 3
Item paid for A bell Rope	0 2 6
Item gave to 2 poore Irishmen	0 1 6
Item gave to A traveller	0 0 6
Item paid for A cord & oyle for the bells	0 0 6
	3 19 0

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Item paid for wyne for the Sacrement more then wee Recived	0 0 7
Item paid for mending the pavement in the Church path & in the porch	0 0 4
Item gave to A poore man which Received greate lost by fier	0 1 6
Item paid for mending the church bounds	0 0 6
Item gave to A poore Irish man which had sustained Greate lost by fier	0 1 0
Item gave to 3 destressed Soldiers which Came forth of Ireland	0 1 0
Item paid for mending the Church bounds	0 0 8
Item gave to Richard smith who lost all that hee had by misforten of fier and gunpowder	0 1 0
Item paid to Richard flower for his quarterig	0 5 0
Item paid to John may for keeping the Clock	0 2 0
Item paid to hugh Skeate for lether for the bells	0 1 0
Item paid for waishing the Church Linan	0 0 6
Item gave to one Irish woman	0 1 6
Item paid to Mr Morrel for Curing good wyf Levats	1 0 0
Item To the overseers for the use of the poore	8 0 0
Item paid for 2 Latches & Chatchers and for A greate twest & Nayles for the Church Gaters [<i>sic</i>]	0 7 0
Item paid for one New gatte & for mending the greate bell wheall	0 9 0
Item paid the Tythingman of nusted 3 moneth Contribution	0 0 5
Item paid to the Chamerlins for Cheeff Rent	0 15 3½

Item paid the Chamberlins for Castle rent	0 9 1
Item paid for 2 keys for the bells	0 0 2
Item paid Cords for the Bells	0 1 2
	11 18 11½

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Item paid for Carring sand into the Church yard	0 1 0
Item for piching the way at the west doore	0 3 0
Item paid to Laberers About the same	0 0 6
Item paid for Curing Hales boye Legg	1 10 0
Item for Cloath for the poore more then wee Recived at Christ tyde	3 19 9
Item paid to George Beedle and william Hudden the Last overseers	1 16 1
Item paid to John Spencer for one load of Stooones	0 6 0
Item paid To William <Edwards <i>deleted</i> > Erwood for halfe A yeares Rent for Levat	0 10 0
Item paid for A Rope for the great bell	0 5 0
Item paid for Entring & Casting up this accompt	0 2 6
	8 8 4
The total som of the debursments amount unto	35 18 5½
The Receipts exceeds the desbursements	5 17 7½

Richard Web gent. [x], John Fidsall, George Beedlle, Thomas Lawrens,
James Street, John Overton, William Poole, Henry Pardice, William
huddige [x].

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1650–1651

Burgus de Devizes

A trewe and perfect Accompt of Walter Mayo and James Streete Churchwardens of the Parish of our Blessed Lady St Mary the virgin within the foresaid Burrough of theyre Receiptes and Disbursements of the yearely Rentes proffittes & Revennues belonging to the said Church had and and [*sic*] yeelled up the <fourteenth *deleted*> first day of <Maye *deleted*> June from the Feast of Easter Anno Domini <from the Feast of *deleted*> 1650 untill the Feast of Easter Anno Domini 1651 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of the Old Churchwardens	5 17 7½
Item Received of Mr Edward Peirce for profane monny	0 10 10
Item Received of the Church Rentes	24 13 3
<Item Re <i>deleted</i> >	
Soe the whole some of the Charge is	31 1 8½

The Disbursements followe

Inprimis paid at two severall tymes for Cheefe Rent at Maleburrough for Two Acquittances	0 5 4
Item given to A poore woeman and two Children that came out of Ireland	0 1 0
Item given to A poore woeman & three children that were brought in A Barrow from tything to tything	0 1 3
Item given to Eight persons that Came to towne with A passe	0 2 4
Item more given to A poore man that travayled with A passe	0 0 9
Item given to A poore woeman which the Mayor granted her A passe to travayle to Cornwall	0 1 0
Item given Goodwife Levett at two severall tymes	0 1 0
Item paid for A Loade of stones to mend the Cawsey Church waye	0 6 0
Item paid william Overton for his worke for pitching	0 2 0
	1 0 8

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Item paid Ambrose Zely for mending & altering the Judges Seate	0 12 0
Item for Cotten nayles and Inckle for the seate	0 2 8
Item paid John May for mending the Clock at severall tymes & for A key for the Chist	0 8 6
Item paid him more for mending the Irons that Beare the Maces	0 0 6
Item given to A distressed Minister that Came from Ireland	0 2 0
Item paid for A howerglasse	0 0 8
Item paid Ambrose Zely senior for mending the tower doore and other worke about the Church	0 2 0
Item given In Bread for Gobbettes Dole	1 1 0
Item given the Ringers the Fifth of November	0 2 0

Item paid Ambrose Zely Junior for new Formes	0	5	0
Item paid Richard Flower for his wages	1	0	0
Item paid James Bartlet for wyer for the Clock	0	0	6
Item paid John Cooke of Cannings for Cheefe Rent	0	0	3
Item paid Thomas Rose for Contribucion of the Church Land that Ambrose Zely holdeth	0	4	7½
Item paid Mr Webb Chamberlayne for Cheefe Rent	0	18	4
Item paid Richard west for worke donne about the Church	2	6	
Item paid william Powell for three Bell Ropes & A helping Rope	0	13	2
Item given to A man that came with A Certificate	0	0	6
Item paid Ambrose Zely senior for mending the seates in the Church	0	0	6
Item paid william Farmer for mending the boundes about the Church yard	0	2	6
Item paid Cornelius wyett for his worke donne about the Bells	0	1	0
Item paid william Poole for mending the Bell wheeles	0	5	0
Item paid the widdow Butcher For Schooling the two Boyes of Gilbert and Chatridge	0	8	0
Item paid Hugh Skeate For Leather for the Belles	0	1	0
Item paid for A matt to Gyles Mills	0	0	10
Item paid Francis Parradise for nayles and A Cord for the Church	0	1	5
	6	16	5½

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Item Given to a poore man that Came with A passe	0	0	6
Item delivered to the overseers for the use of the Poore	14	0	0
Item payd for entring and Casting up this Accompt	0	2	6
	14	3	0

£	s	d	
1	0	8	
6	6	5½	
14	3	0	22 0 1½

The whole some of the disburssmentes is	22	0	1½
Soe the Receiptes exceed the disburssmentes	9	1	7

Allso the said old Church wardens walter Mayo and James Streete delivered unto the newe succeeding Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes & Implementes hereafter mencioned.

Inprimis Nyne Formes, Two pulpett Cushions, Two Cusshions For the Maior, Two Truncks, Three Carpettes, the whole Book of Martyres in three vollumes, the Paraphras of Erasmus, A Bible & two books of psalmes, Two Joynd stooles, one Candlestick, One Tumbrell in the tower, one Table Board, One Table Cloth, One Naptkin, One pewter Flagon, Two Ladders & one hower glasse, [One Biere and Two Bookes of Accountes whereof this is one. And alsoe these Bondes hereafter mencioned.

Inprimis One Bond of Two hundred and Fifty poundes from the Chambrleynes for the payment of One hundred Thirty and Fyve poundes on the 12th of November 1651.

Item One other Bond of Threescore poundes for the payment of Thirty poundes and the interest thereof from Richard Streete and Edward Thresher dewe the 12th of August.

Item another Bond of Twenty poundes from Robert Butcher th'elder and Robert Collins for the payment of Tenne poundes & Sixeteene Shillinges on the Second day of August 1651. *inserted*]

John Tayler, Richard Webb [x], John Fidsall, John Filkes, Robert Butcher, Thomas Lawrens [x], John Overton, William Poole, William Pullen, Phillep White.

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This 19th of Aprill 1652 at a meting of the parrisheners wee have made Choise of Thomas Hakence senior & John Overton to be Churchwardens for the yeare following.

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1651–1652

Burgus de Devizes

A trewe and perfect accompt of John Fidsall and William Poole Churchwardens of the parish of our Blessed Lady St Mary the virgin

within the foresaid Burrough of theyre Receptes and Disbursmentes of the yearly Rentes proffittes and Revennues belonging to the said Church had and yeedled upp the three and twentieth day of May from the Feast of Easter Anno Domini 1651 untill the Feast of Easter Anno Doni 1652 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of the old Church wardens as A Stocke	9	1	7
Item Received the yearely Rent due to the Church	29	11	10
Item Received of Mr Henry Drewe for his wives Buriall in the Church	0	6	8
Item Received of John Weekes and Robert Blunsden for one hundred pound of Lead	0	13	0
Item Received of Mr Edward Hope for the Buriall of his Childe in the Church	0	6	8
Received more of him for A stone	0	4	0
Item Received <of <i>deleted</i> > of William Long the Arreares left unto us of the last yeares rent	1	6	8
Item of John Summers	0	13	6
Item Received of Mr William Grove	0	1	6
Received of Robert Hull	0	10	0
	42	15	5

The Disbursmentes Followe

Inprimis Payd the Constables for the Marshallsea & maymed Soldiers and the yeare Before	0	6	8
Item payd For byinding of Levettes Childe in apprentice due the Last yeare	0	6	8
Item Payd for washing the Church Lynnen which was due the yeare Before	0	1	0
	0	14	4

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Item given to two sick souldiers that came out of Ireland	0	1	6
Item paid Thomas Rose for Contribucion for the 4 Acres in Parke Landes the 5th of June	0	1	3
Item given the widdowe Haden to goe to the Bath shee being Lame	0	2	0
Item payd Contribucion for the 4 Acres in parke Landes for two months	0	1	2
Item payd Richard Flower For his quartridg due at Midsommer	0	5	0

Item payd John Maye for mending the Clocke two severall tymes the 24th of August	0 2 6
Item payd Thomas Rose 13 of September for Contribucion for the 4 Acres	0 1 2
Item given Henry Mopsey to goe to the Bath	0 1 0
Item given the widdow Rogers in Lynnen Cloth	0 4 0
Item payd John Hellier for 4 cwt and A halfe of Lead and for his worke and his mans	4 5 6
Item payd for 8 cwt of wood for the worke	0 8 0
Item payd William Poole Junior for 6 days worke with the Plumer	0 7 0
Item to William Poole Senior for one days worke	0 1 6
Payd for A Board	0 1 0
Payd Richard Flower for helping the Plumer	0 2 0
Item payd Joseph Newton for nayles	0 1 0
Item payd Richard Flower for michaelmas quarter	0 5 0
Item given upon All Saints day Gobbetts dole	1 7 6
Item given to the Ringers the 24th of October being A thanks giving day	0 2 0
Item given to three poore soldiers which came out of Kent to travayse towards Bridgewater	0 2 0
Given the widdow Watkins	0 0 6
Payd Rich West for mending certayne places about the Church and drawing the Leades with Lyme	0 9 4
Given to an Irish gentlewoman and three Children & a servant mayd 2 November	0 2 6
	8 13 5

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Item Payd the Ringers the 5th of November	0 4 0
Item payd for three peeces of tymber to set the Mould on	0 2 3
Item payd Elinor Butcher for the Cripples Schooling	0 6 0
Item payd John Goldney for making the 2 boyes Clothes	0 4 6
Item paid James Bartlett for 9 lbs of Fyne ¹ and for 1 lb and A halfe of wyer for the Clocke	0 10 6
Item payd Ambrose Zealey Junior for boardes and Nayles and for mending the seates	0 19 6
Item given the widdow Watkins the 24th of November	0 0 6
Item paid Phillip Coleman for A Shrowd for Henry Watkins 27 November	0 4 8
Item payd Thomas Rose for Contribucion for the 4 Acres for 3 months	

1 Presumably fine quality metal.

the 30th of November	0 1 9
Payd for the Repayre of Muttons Bridg neare Sarum	0 0 1
Item payd the Chamberlaynes for a Cheife Rent due at Michaelmas	0 9 1
Item payd the said Chamberlaynes for Castle gard Rent	0 15 3½
Payd the said Chamberlaynes for Cheife rent for Issabells breach and Meade	0 4 4
Item payd for 2 payre of <Shooes <i>deleted</i> > Stokkens for the 2 Boyes	0 2 0
Item payd for making Christopher Dowdens Coate	0 1 0
Payd Edward Durnford For Gilbertes Hatt	0 1 2
Item paid Mr hope for an Accidence for Gilbertes Boye	0 0 4
Item given to Christopher Dowden when he lay sick at weddington	0 1 0
Item payd for attendance of Christopher Dowden and for his shrowde and buriall and other Charges to the widdowe Edwards	0 8 3
Item payd Richard West for masons worke about the Church 25 November	0 3 0
	4 19 2½

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Item Payd Thomas Rose for Contribution for the 4 Acres the 25th of January	0 1 5
Item given the widdowe Coole For her Family they being then sicke the 2nd of February	0 2 0
Item payd the widdowe Flower for Cloath to make the 2 boyes shirtes and for making of them	0 4 3
Item payd Richard Norris for the mending of the Bowndes about the Churchyard Aprill 4th	0 0 8
Item given to 3 Soldiers which came out of Ireland sent By the Maior	0 1 6
Item paid Richard Flower for our Lady Dayes quarter	0 5 0
Payd widdowe Flower for A shroud for Stephen Cooles daughter	0 3 0
Item paid for A grammer for the Cripple boye 7th Aprill	0 1 0
Item given to an Irish gentleman and his wife and 3 Children Aprill 14th	0 1 6
Item paid Walter Mayo for mending the Church Cushions	0 0 6
Item paid in money for A dole on Good fryday	0 10 0
Item Payd for Bread and wine for the Communions more then wee received	0 2 1
Item layd out for Cloth more then wee Received of the use monney	0 9 3

Item payd the Constables for the Marshallsea & Maymed Soldiers at the Sessions	0 6 8
Item payd for 2 Ells and A halfe of Lynnen Cloth to make Edith Sextons A Smocke	0 1 8
Item payd Hugh Skeate for Leather for the Bells	0 0 6
Item payd for oyle for the Clock and the Bells	0 1 0
Item paid Thomas Rose for Contribucion for the 4 Acres the 24th of Aprill	0 1 4½
Payd William Powell for Bell Ropes the 13 of May	1 2 4
Item payd John Weeks for glasing the west window of the Church as by his bill Appareth	1 19 6
Payd to the overseers for <by <i>deleted</i> > the use of the Poore	10 0 0
Payd Mr Bold For making the Partchment Roll of the church Rentes and for making this accompt	0 5 6
	16 0 8½

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The Whole some of the Receiptes amount unto	42 15 5
The Whole some disbursed amountes unto	30 7 8

Soe the <disbursementes exceed *deleted*> Receiptes exceed their disbursementes

	12 7 9
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Allso the said Old Churchwardens (vizt) John Fidsall and William Poole delivered unto the newe Succeeding Churchwardens the ornamentes Goodes and Instrumentes hereafter specified.

Inprimis: Nyne Formes, two Pulpett Cushions, two Cushions for the Maior, two trunckes, 3 Carpettes, the whole history of the Martires <in three volumes *deleted*> in three volumes, the paraphras of Erasmus and two bookes of psalmes, two Joynd stooles, one Candlestick, one tumbrell in the tower, One table board, one table cloth, one naptkin, one Pewter Flagon, 2 Ladders, one howerglasse <two *deleted*> one Bier<s *deleted*>e & 2 bookes of accomptes whereof this booke is one. Also these three Bondes hereafter mencioned (vizt):

Inprimis 1 bond of two hundred & fifty powndes from the Chamberlaynes for the payment of one hundred thirty and five pownde: 12th of November 1651.

Item one other bond of threescore powndes for the payment of thirty powndes and the Interest thereof from Richard Streete and Edward Thresher due the 12th of August.

Item one other bond of twenty powndes from Robert Butcher the Elder and Robert Collins for the payment of £10 16s. on the second

day of August.

[Item one other Bond of £20 from the Chamberlaynes for the payment of £10 8s. on the 2nd of December 1651.

Item one other Bond of £10 from Ambrose Zealy the younger for the payment of £5 4s. on the 30th of October 1651. *inserted*]

John Tayler, Richard Webbe, Thomas Hakens [x], John Filkes, Phillip Strong, James Bartlet [x], Walter May, Georg Beedlle, Ambrose Zelic Senior, Peter Cook [x], Samuel Fidsall.

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1652–1653

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect accompt of Thomas Hawkins and John Overton Churchwardens of the parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the sayd Borough of their Receipts and disbursments of the yearly Rents profitts and revenues belonging to the sayd Church from the Feast of Easter 1652 untill the sayd Feast of Easter 1653 had and taken the Fifth day of June in the yeere of our Lord 1653 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received from the precedent Churchwardens as a surplusage remaining upon the foote of the last yeeres Accompt	12	7	9
Item received the Rents of the lands belonging to the sayd Church			
	31	11	8
Item received of William Snell being Rent behind for the last yeere			
	0	0	6
Item received of Mr Henry Bowld for the buriall of a Child in the Church		0	2
			6
Item received of John Webb for the buriall of his wife in the Church		0	6
			8
Item received of Mr Michaell Drewe for the buriall of Mr Henry Drewe in the Church		0	6
			6
[Item received of Mr Justice Nicholas as a gift freely given to the parish on the 20th of December last	10	0	0
<i>inserted</i>]			

The whole some of their Receipts amounts unto 54 15 7

The Disbursements

Inprimis paid to the Overseers of the poore at severall times
22 0 0
Item paid to John May for taking the Lock of from the Church
doore 0 0 3
Item paid to John Hall for new makeing the Lock and Key to the
South doore of the Church 0 2 6
Item paid to Richard Flower for one yeeres wages 1 0 0

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Item paid to Marke Uggins for laying the Tombestone upon Mr
Sheppardes grave and for mending the pavement in the Church and
Chauncell 0 2 0
Item given to an Ireish Ministers widdow 0 2 6
Item paid to Thomas Crooke for a sack of Lime to repaire the
Church 0 2 4
Item given in bread for Gobbettes doale on the First day of
November 1 0 0
Item given to John Oliffe for carrying the sayd bread 0 0 4
Item given to the Ringers on the Fifth daye of November 0 5 0
Item paid to William Fipp and his Son for Three dayes worke about
the Church and Chauncell 0 7 0
Item paid to the widow Milles for one hundred of Tile halfe a peck
of Tyle pins one hundred of Lasts and nayles for the same 0 6 8
Item paid for the chiefe Rent of Isabells breach and meade 0 4 4
Item paid for Castleguard Rent 0 15 3
Item paid to the Tythingman of Nusted at Three severall payments
for Contribucion for the Fowre Acres of Land in the possession of
William Hudding 0 6 5
Item paid for Cloth given to the poore out of the Church Stock
0 7 6
Item paid to Robert Brunsdon for mending the Windowes aboute
the Church and Chauncell 1 7 6
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy the younger for setting up of boards
under the Glasse of the same windows 0 2 6
Item paid for bread and Wine for the Communion more then we
received 0 1 4
Item paid to Joseph Newton for Iron plates for the Bells for setting on
of two plates upon the Trunke in the Chauncell and for mending
the Clock at severall times 0 6 2

Item payd to John Burges for setting up of window-leaves in the Tower
and for scowering of the Leaden pipes 0 0 3

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Item payd to William Poole for mending of two Bell wheeles	0 1 6
Item payd to Hugh Skeat for Leather to mend the Badrickes of the Bells	0 0 6
Item payd to John May for mending the vane of the Clock	0 1 0
Item given to the poore on good-Fryday	0 10 0
Item payd to William Powell for Ropes for the Bells	1 6 4
Item payd to Richard Flower for mending the Floore in the Chauncell and for Oyle for the Clock	0 2 0
Item payd to John Smith for mending the bounds about the Churchyard	0 1 0
Item payd for casting up and entring of this Accompt	0 2 6
 The whole some disbursed is	 31 18 9
Soe their receipts exceed their disbursements	22 16 10

Alsoe the sayd old Churchwardens Thomas Hawkins and John Overton delivered unto the sayd succeeding new Churchwardens the severall ornaments goods and implements hereafter particularly mencioned and sett downe, vizt:

One table board, one Table cloth, one Napkin, one pewter Flaggon, Nine Formes, Two Pulpitt Cushions, Two Cushions for the Mayor, Two Trunkes, Three Carpetts, the whole History of the Martyres in Three volumes, the paraphrase of Erasmus and Two books of Psalmes, Two Joynd stooles, one Candlestick, one Tumbrell in the Tower, Two ladders, one howreglasse, one Biere and Two books of Accompts whereof this booke is one, and Fifty and Nine poundes of Soder. And also these five bonds hereafter mencioned (vizt):

Inprimis One bond of two hundred and Fifty pownds from the Chamberleines for the payment of one hundred Thirty & Five pownds on the 12th day of November 1651.

Item one other bond of Threescore pownds for the payment of Thirty pownds and the Interest there of from Richard Streete and Edward Thresher due the 12th of August.

Item one other bond of Twenty pownds from Robert Butcher th'elder and Robert Collins for the payment of £10 16s. on the second day of August.

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Item one other bond of Twenty pownds from the Chamberleines for the payment of £10 8s. on the Second of December 1651.

Item one other bond of £10 from Ambrose Zealy the younger for the payment of £5 4s. on the 30th of October 1651.

Richard Webb Mayor, John Taylor, John Fidsall, Walter May, James Streete, William Poole, Hugh Skete [x], Samuell Fidsall, John Filkes, Richard Webb junior, Peter Croke [x], William Pullen, John Rogers, Robert Wolter.

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1653–1654

Borough of Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Francis Potter and James Bartlett Churchwardens of the parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough aforesaid of their Receiptes and disbursmentes of the yeerly rentes profittes and revenues belonging to the said Church from the Feast of Easter 1653 untill the Feast of Easter 1654 had and taken the Three & Twentieth day of Aprill in the yeere of our Lord 1654 aforesaid as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received from the precedent Churchwardens as a Surplusage remaining upon the foote of the last yeeres Accompt	17	16	10
Item received of the rentes of the lands belonging to the sayd Church	31	5	8
Item received of Stephen Hobbs for halfe a yeeres rent which was behind in arreares for the last yeere	0	4	0
Item received of John Batt for the buriall of his daughter in the Church	0	2	6
The whole some of their charge is	54	9	0

The discharge

Inprimis paid to the Overseers of the poore of this parish at severall times	24	8	3
Item payd for Two sakes of Lyme to reaire the Church	0	3	10

Item payd to Ambrose Zealy for mending of Seats about the Church	0 4 10
Item payd to Marke Uggins for worke done about the Chauncell	0 1 0
Item payd for a payre of Jemmolls for the Clockhouse	0 0 6
Item payd for bread and Wine for five severall Communiones more then were received of the Communicantes	0 3 10
Item payd to Joseph Newnton for mending of the Clocke	0 4 6
Item payd to the widow Mills for Three Matts Two Butts and for nayles used about the Church	0 4 0
Item paid to the Chamberleins for Castlegard rent	0 15 3½
Item paid to the Chamberleins for chiefe Rent	0 9 1
Item payd for bread given at Gobbetts dole	1 0 0
Item payd for bread given to the poore on Good Friday	0 10 0
Item payd to Robert Bennett for Timber and for worke done by him & his man about the Church	1 0 8
Item payd to William Powell for bell-ropes	0 5 0
Item payd to Richard Pierce for bayes for the Mayors Seate	0 6 0
Item payd for brasse nayles and Inkle to naile on the same bayes	0 2 8
Item payd to Roger Wheeler for nayles and for mending the boulte of the Church doore	0 2 10
Item payd to John Wilkes for mending of the glasse Windowes about the Church	0 6 6
Item payd to the ringers for ringing on the Fifth day of November	0 5 0

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Item payd for Tyle, Tylepinnes, lasts, nayles, for makeing of Morter and to Two men for Tyleing	0 15 7
Item payd for the Contribucion of William Huddens ground	3 8
Item payd to Richard Flower For his yeeres wages	1 0 0
Item payd for the rent of Isabells mead	0 4 4
Item payd to Fipps boy for mending of a hole in the Church Porch	0 0 1
Item payd to Richard Norris for mending the bounds about the Churchyard	0 1 0
Item lett out to George Beedle upon bond the sume	10 0 0
Item for casting up and entring of this accompt	0 2 6
Item payd for oyle used about the Clock	0 1 2
The whole some disbursed is	43 2 1½

Soe their Receiptes exceed their disbursements II 6 10½

Also the sayd precedent Churchwardens Francis Potter and James Bartlett delivered unto the sayd succeeding new Churchwardens these ornaments goods and implements hereafter perticularly mencioned and sett downe, Vizt:

One Table board, one table Cloth, one Napkin, one pewter Flaggon, Nine Formes, Two Pulpitt Cushions, Two Cushions for the Mayor, Two Trunks, Three Carpettes, the whole History of Martyres in Three Volumes, the paraphrase of Erasmus, and Two books of Psalmes, Two Joyne Stooles, One Candlestick, One Tumbrell in the Tower, Two ladders, one howre glasse, one biere, and Two bookes of accompts whereof this booke is one, Fifty and Nine poundes of Soder, and these bonds hereafter mencioned, Vizt:

One bond of £250 from the Chamberleines for the payment of £135 on the Twelfth day of November in the yeere of our Lord One Thousand Six hundred Fifty and One.

One other bond of Twenty pownds from Robert Butcher th'elder and Robert Collins for the payment of Tenne powndes and sixteene shillings on the second day of August.

One other bond of Twenty pownds from the Chamberleines for the payment of Tenne pownds and Eight Shillings on the Second of December in the yeere of our Lord One Thousand Six hundred Fifty and One.

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One other bond of Tenne powndes from Ambrose Zealy the younger for the payment of Five pownds and Fower Shillings on the Thirtieth day of October in the yeere of our Lord One Thousand Six hundred Fifty and One.

One other bond of Twentie powndes from George Beedle and John Croke for the payment of Tenne powndes.

John Tayler Maior, Richard Web, John Filkes, Ambros Zealy, Robert Butcher, James Bartlet [x], John Fidsall, Philip Strong, William Poole, James Streete, Peter Crocke.

Memorandum that at an Assembly of the parishioners & Inhabitanes of the sayd parish on the 16th of Aprill 1655 It was by common consent of the sayd parishioners & Inhabitanes concluded and agreed That

in case the Churchwardens of the sayd parish shall during the time they shall continue in their office disburse above the some of <40 *deleted*> Fourty shillings <as one disbursement *deleted*> unles it be to the poore of the said parish without giving notice thereof to the sayd parishioners, that the said parisioners & Inhabitanτες will not agree to allow of such money (as shalbe soe disbursed over and above the sayd some) at the time of the giving up of their Accomptes And shall doe their uttmmost endeavor to procure the Justices of peace to disallow their said Accomptes.

Memorandum That on the day and yeere abovesaid Francis Paradice and Peter Crooke are elected and chosen to be Churchwardens of the aforesayd Parish by the parishioners of the sayd Parish for the yeere now next ensuing and it is then agreed by the said parishioners that the Clock shalbe sufficiently repaired and Chimes sett up by the said Churchwardens.

Memorandum it was then alsoe agreed by the consent of the parishioners aforesaid (notwithstanding the usage of late yeers to the contrary) That the Minister shall have power for the future yearly to elect one of the Churchwardens of the precedent yeere to be a Churchwarden for the yeere to come if the sayd Minister shall desire it which sayd Churchwardens soe yearly to be chosen the said parishioners doe agree to approve of.

Richard Webbe thelder, John Batt, Richard Webbe younger, Hugh Skeate [x], William Poole, Ambrose Thurman [x], John Tayler, John Horton, John Filkes, Philip Strong, Walter May.

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1654–1655

Borough of Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Philipp Strong and Ambrose Zealy the younger Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough aforesayd of their Receiptes and disbursmentes from the Feast of Easter 1654 untill the Feast of Easter 1655 had and taken the [___] day of [___] in the yeere of our Lord 1655 aforesayd as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received of the last precedent Churchwardens as a Surplusage remaying upon the last Accompt	11 6 10½
Item received of Mrs Averina Drew for the buriall of her husband in the Church	0 6 8
Item received of Ambrose Zealy the younger for one yeers interest of Five powndes	0 6 0
Item received of George Beadle for one yeeres Interest of Tenne Powndes	0 12 0
Item received of the Chamberleines	12 13 0
Item received of Elizabeth Dicks widow for the buriall of her husband in the Church	0 10 0
Item received of Mr Edward Hope for the buriall of his Child in the Church	0 3 4
Item received of the Rentes of the land belonging to the aforesayd Church	30 14 8
The whole some of their charge is	56 12 6½

The Discharge

Inprimis payd to the Overseers of the poore of this parish at severall times	14 11 6
Item paid for bread and Wine more then we received of the Communicantes at severall times	0 2 0
Item paid for repaying the shopp next to the blind house and for a lock and Key to the doore	0 4 6
Item paid to Daniell Cutting for washing the Church and for other worke	2 8 8
Item paid for Cieseing for the walls	0 1 6
Item given to the ringers on a day of publique thankesgiving	0 2 6
Item paid to William Powell for Bellropes at severall times	1 3 6
Item paid for making cleane of the Church	0 2 6
Item paid to Marke Ugging for repairing of the Chauncell	0 1 0
Item paid to William Poole for mending of a Bell-wheele	0 1 4
Item paid to the sexton for his yeeres wages	1 0 0
Item paid to Marke Ugging for mending the pavement	0 1 0
Item paid for a Pulpitt Cloth	3 0 0
Item paid to John Orchard for repairing of the Foote path from the hatch to the Church doore	0 2 0
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Item paid for the Deske for the pulpitt and for mending of the Seates	0 3 6
Item paid for a Silver bowle and other plate for the Communion table	5 16 0
Item paid for Contribucion for William Huddens ground	0 5 11
Item given to a briefe	0 2 6
Item paid for Two staples for the Tower doore and for oyle for the Clock	0 1 1
Item paid for bread given at Gobbettes doale	0 10 0
Item paid to Mr Smith for making of an issue in Blackburyes Child	0 2 6
Item paid to the Ringers for ringing for the Fifth day of November	0 2 6
Item paid for Cloth for the poore people	16 7 0
Item paid to the Chamberleines for Church Rent	1 8 8
Item paid for making of Indentures to bind William Collins apprentice to Alice Herriott widow	0 1 6
Item paid to John Hellier and Daniell Cutten for mending of the leades	0 16 11
Item paid to Joseph Newnton for mending of the Clock	0 4 0
Item given to poore travellers	0 0 6
Item paid towards the making of the Walke in the Churchyard	0 6 0
Item paid to Richard Greene for Rent	0 0 9
Item paid for mending the Clock & for Wyre	0 5 2
Item paid for a Rowle for the Clock	0 1 6
Item paid for a lock for the doore	0 3 0
Item paid for bread given at the dole	0 10 0
Item given to a poore man by Mr Mayors appoyntment	0 2 0
Item paid for washing of the Church linnen	0 1 0
Item paid for a Table with an Inscricion to sett over the Church doore	0 7 0
Item paid for drawing entring & casting up of thie Accompt	0 2 6
Item paid for Three Formes & for mending of one settle	0 6 6
Item paid to Richard Norris for repaying of the boundes about the Churchyard	0 1 4
Item paid for one sack of lime to wash the Church	0 2 6
Item paid to Robert Brunsdon for mending of the Church windows	0 1 8
Item paid for Cotten nayles & Inkle for the Pew & for setting on of the same	0 6 9
Item paid to Peter Crooke [for the releasing of Roger Jenkins out of	

Prison <i>inserted</i>	2 5 6
Item paid to the Overseers of the Poore	0 7 10
The whole some disbursed is	54 15 1
Soe the receiptes exceed the disbursementes	1 17 5

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Alsoe the sayd precedent Churchwardens [...] Strong and Ambrose Zealy delivered unto the sayd [...] new Churchwardens these ornamentees goode and imp[...] hereafter particularly mencioned.

One Table board and Cloth, one Napkin, one p[...] Flaggon, One Silver boule and Chalice or cover thereunto, Two Pulpitt Cushions, one Pulpitt Cloth, Two Cushions for the Mayor, Three Carpettes, Nine Formes, Two Trunkes, the whole History of Martyres in Three Volumes, the paraphrase of Erasmus and Two bookes of Psalmes, Two Joynd Stooles, One Candlestick, one Tumbrell in the Tower, Two ladders, one houre glasse, one biere, Two bookes of Accomptes whereof this is one, & Fifty and Nine powndes of Soder and these bondes hereafter mencioned, Vizt:

One Bond of £20 from Robert Butcher th'elder & Robert Collins for the payment of £10 16s. on the second day of August.

One other bond of £10 from Ambrose Zealy the younger for the payment of £5 4s. on the 30th day of October 1651.

One other bond of £20 from George Beedle and John Crooke for the payment of £10.

Richard Webb th'elder [x], John Horton, James Bartlett [x], Thomas Hawkins, William Poole, Frances Parradices, Peter Crooke [x], Thomas Chitter, Francis Potter, William Blanford, John Filkes.

Memorandum that on the Seventh day of Aprill 1656 Francis Paradice and Robert Bennett are elected & chosen by the Minister and Churchwardens of this parish to be Churchwardens for the yeere then next ensuing.

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1655–1656*Borough of Devizes*

A true and perfect Accompt of Francis Paradice and Peter Crooke Churchwardens of the Parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough aforesayd of their Receiptes and Disbursementes from the Feast of Easter 1655 untill the Feast of Easter 1656 had and taken the Third day of June in thaforesaid yeere 1656 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of the last precedent Churchwardens as a Surplusage remaining upon the Foote of the last Account	1 17 5
Item Received of the Rentes due unto the sayd Church [the Rent of the groundes called Dolpittes included <i>inserted</i>]	33 2 5
Item Received of the Chamberleines	13 2 0
Item Received of Robert Butcher for one yeeres interest of Tenne Powndes	0 12 0
Item Received of George Beedle for the like	0 12 0
Item Received of Ambrose Zealy the younger for one yeeres interest of Five powndes	0 6 0
Item Received of John Batt for the buriall of his wife in the Church	0 6 8
Item Received of Thomas Loving for the like	0 6 8
Item Received of [____] Jenkins for the like	0 6 8
The whole Some of their Charge is	50 11 10

The Discharge

Inprimis paid for a new Clock & Chimes	15 0 0
Item paid to the Plummer	0 6 0
Item paid for lead	0 5 0
Item paid to Richard Powell Carpenter for worke	0 3 6
Item paid unto Richard Flower his quarteridge and for worke at severall times as by the note of particuler appeareth	1 7 0
Item paid for One Hundred of <timber deleted> Wood used about the Clock and Chimes	0 1 0
Item paid for beere and Candles spent at the setting up of the Clock and Chimes	0 0 10
Item paid to the Overseers of the poore at severall times as by the note of particulers appeareth	8 17 6

Item payd for bread given at the doale	1 0 0
Item payd unto Joseph Newnton at severall times as by the note of particulars appeareth	0 6 4
Item given to the Ringers on the 5th of November	0 3 8
Item payd unto Philipp Cadbey for Two dayes worke	0 2 4
Item given unto Foure poore Travellers at severall times as by the note appeareth	0 2 6
Item payd for pareing of the walke in the Churchyard	0 1 6
Item payd unto the Chamberleines for Church Rent	1 8 8
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Item payd to William Poole at severall times as by the note of particulars appeareth	1 8 3
Item payd for glaseing the Church Windowes	0 14 7
Item payd unto Marke Uggins for worke	0 2 6
Item payd to Ambrose Zealy for worke	0 1 0
Item payd for Five new Bellropes	1 2 4
Item payd for one payre of new Gimmalls	0 0 8
Item payd for nayles at severall times as by the note of particulars appeareth	0 2 11
Item payd for Eight young Trees & for setting and thorning of the same	0 4 6
Item payd for bread and Wine more then was received of the Communicantes	0 3 6
Item payd for Contribucion for William Huddens ground	0 4 2
Item payd for Cloth for the poore people and towards the making of garmentes	15 3 6
Item payd for Stockinges and for mending of shooes for Christopher Oatridge	0 1 9
Item payd for oyle at severall times	0 1 4
Item payd for Two shirtes for poore people	0 4 10
Item given to the Ringers for Ringing	0 5 0
Item payd for the Articles concerning the Chimes	0 1 6
Item payd to the Constables for ingrosing	0 0 7
Item payd for entring & Casting up of this Accompt	0 2 6
page:	20 3 5
The whole some of their discharge is	49 9 3
Soe there Receiptes exceed their disbursmentes	1 2 7

The sayd precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the Succeding Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes & Implementes following, Vizt:

One Table and Cloth, one Napkin, one pewter Flaggon, one Silver Boule and Chalice or Cover thereunto, Two Pulpit Cushions, one pulpitt Cloth, Two Cushions for the Maior, Three Carpettes, Nine Formes, Two Trunkes, the whole History of Martyres in Three volumes, the paraphrase of Erasmus and Two books of Psalmes, Two Joynd Stooles, one Candlestick, One Tumbrell in the Tower, Two ladders, one howreglasse One Biere, Two Bookes of Accomptes whereof this is one, Eleven <and Nine *deleted*> pownds of Soder and these Bondes hereafter mencioned, Vizt:

One Bond of £20 from Robert Butcher and Robert Collins for the payment of £10 16s. on the second day of August.

One bond of £10 from Ambrose Zealy the younger for the payment of £5 4s. on the 30th day of October 1651.

One other bond of £20 from George Beedle for the payment of £10.

One Bond of £60 from the Chamberleines for the payment of £30 18s. on the 12th of November 1654.

One other Bond of £270 from the Chamberleines for the payment of £143 2s. on the 12th of Novembr 1654.

Richard Webbe th'elder, Robert Butcher, John Filkes, Thomas Chitter, Mathew Blackbury, Richard Webb Junior, Robert Bennett.

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1656–1657

Borough of Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Francis Paradice and Robert Bennett Churchwardens of the parish of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough aforesaid of their Receiptes & disbursmentes from the Feast of Easter 1656 untill the Feast of Easter 1657 had and taken the Third day of May in the aforesayd yeere 1657 as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received of the last precedent Churchwardens as a Surplusage remaining upon the Foot of the last Account

1 2 7

Item received of the Rentes due unto the said Church the rent of the

groundes called Dollpittes, and the house now in the occupacion of Stephen Hobbes, included	39 9 2
Item received of the Chamberleines	13 7 6
Item received of Robert Butcher for one yeeres interest of Tenne powndes	0 10 0
Item received of George Beedle for the like	0 12 0
Item received of Ambrose Zealy the younger For one yeeres interest of £5	0 6 0
Item received of Samuell Batt for the buriall of his Father, and one of Arthur Harrison's children in the Church	0 10 0
Item received of Mr Grove <for <i>deleted</i> >	0 9 0
 The whole some received is	 56 6 3

The Discharge

Inprimis Paid to the Chamberleines for Church Rent	1 4 0
Item paid for bread given at the doale on the First day of <February <i>deleted</i> > November	1 0 0
Item paid to the Overseers of the poore of the said parish at severall times	16 0 0
Item paid to Robert Brimsdon for mending of the Church windowes	0 6 6
Item paid to William Poole for worke by him done about the Church	0 7 2
Item paid to Richard West for the like	0 2 6
Item paid to John Burges for Three hundred and an halfe and Foure powndes of lead used about the Church and for worke by him done about the same	3 18 2
Item paid to Mark Uggins for mending of the Stepples	0 16 9
Item paid to Daniell Cutten for worke by him done about the Church	0 3 3
Item paid For ropes for the bells & Chimes	1 7 9
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for mending of the Church Seates	0 6 8
Item paid to Richard Norris for trees and for setting of them	0 3 8

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Item paid for nayles used about the Church	0 1 9
Item paid to the Ringers for ringing on the Fift day of November	0 3 6
Item paid to Richard Flower for one yeeres wages for keeping the	

Clock and Chimes, and for worke by him done about the Church	1 15 0
Item paid for a payre of Gimmells	0 0 8
Item paid to Joseph Newnton for a latch and Cetch and for Spregges	0 3 4
Item given unto two poore people	0 1 0
Item paid for oyle for the Chimes	0 1 8
Item paid for beere given to labourers	0 2 8
Item paid for bread given at the Doale on good Friday	0 10 0
Item paid for bread and wine for the Communion, more then we received	0 3 10
Item paid for the Assessment for the grounds in the possession of William Hudden	0 4 0
Item paid for Cloth for the poore people	16 11 10
Item paid for washing of the Linnen belonging to the Church	0 1 0
Item paid unto Robert Bennett for Timber and Nayles and worke by him done about the Church as by his note of particulers appeareth	4 10 1
Item paid for entring and casting up of this Accompt	0 2 6
Item paid for the Assesment for the groundes called Dollpittes	0 2 4

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The whole some disbursed is	50 11 5
Soe the receiptes exceed the disbursementes	5 14 8

The sayd precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the Succeding Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes & Implementes following, Vizt:

One Table and Cloth, one Napkin, one pewter Flaggon, one Silver boule and Chalice, Two Pulpitt Cushions, one pulpitt Cloth, Two Cushions for the Maior, Three Carpettes, Nine Formes, Two Trunkes, the History of Martyrs in Three volumes, the paraphrase of Erasmus, Two bookes of Psalmes, Two Joynd Stooles, one Candlestick, one Tumbrell in the Tower, Two ladders, one houreglasse, one biere, Two Bookes of Accompt whereof this is one, Eleven powndes of Soder. And these bondes following:

Robert Butcher [and] Robert Collins For £10 16s. on the second of August.

Ambrose Zealy the youngr for £5 4s. on 30th of October 1651.

George Beedle for £10.

The Chamberleines for £30 18s. on the 12th of November 1654.

The Chamberleines for £143 2s. on the 12th of November 1654.

Richard Webbe th'elder, George Beedle, James Bartlett [x], James Street, Philip Strong, Nicholas Forsith, Francis Potter, Walter May, Thomas Chitter.

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1657–1658

Borough of Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Robert Bennett and William Pullen Churchwardens of the parish of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough aforesaid of their Receiptes & disbursmentes from the Feast of Easter 1657 untill the Feast of Easter 1658 had and taken the Seventh day of May in the said yeere 1658.

The Charge

Inprimis received of the last precedent Churchwardens as a Surplusage remaining upon the foote of the last Accompt	5 14 18
Item received of the rentes of landes belonging unto th'aforesaid Church and for 76 lbs of old lead at Two pence the pownd which comes to 12s. 8d.	39 9 10
Item received of the Chamberleines	13 6 6
Item received of <Robert Butcher for one <i>deleted</i> > Francis Paradice for one yeeres interest of Tenne powndes given unto the parish by Mr Baron Nicholas	0 12 0
Item received of George Beedle for the like being monies given by Mr Baron Nicholas	0 12 0
Item received of Ambrose Zealy the younger of one yeeres Interest of Five powndes formerly given to the parish by Mrs Grubbe	0 6 0
Item received of Mr John Drew	[_____]
Item received of Mr Edward Hope for his childes Grave	0 3 4
Item received of Mr Thomas Long for the use of a seat for his Children for half a yeere	0 1 3
The some received is	60 5 7

The discharge

Inprimis paid to Robert Brimsdon for mending the Glasse of the Churchwindowes	0 4 4
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Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for the repairing of the Gallery	2	0	0	
Item paid to Mr Tayler for his Journie and expences to Councell at Warminster about the discharging of the parish from Barbara Rostall		0	10	0
Item paid to the Overseers of the poore at severall times, as by the particulars appeareth	17	17	5	
Item paid to the Ringers for ringing when the Lord Protector was proclaimed and on the Fifth day of November	0	9	0	
Item paid to Richard Flower for his wages for one whole yeere	2	0	0	
Item paid for an Act of Parliament concernning the observacion of the Sabboth	0	0	6	
Item paid to Joseph Newnton for nayles, and for worke by him done at the Church as by his note of particulars appeareth	0	11	0	
	23	12	3	

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Item paid for mending the Ladders and for carrying of them when the fire was at New Inne	0	3	0
Item paid for repairing the Leades	1	6	5
Item paid to Michaell Chappell <for ... <i>deleted</i> > for the Assessment	0	13	3
Item paid for bread given to the poore people on the First day of November	1	0	0
Item paid for Three bell Ropes & and boxe	0	15	2
Item paid for Five paire of Indentures for Apprentices	0	10	0
Item paid to Richard Scott and Peter Coole, being the Somes promised unto them severally with their Apprentices	5	0	0
Item paid for Woollen Cloth for the poore people	17	16	4
Item paid for Clothes and other thinges for Apprentices	1	8	1
Item paid to Richard Norris for Thornes and for worke by him done about the boundes of the Churchyard	0	5	6
Item paid for bread and Wine for the Communion more then was received of the Communicants	0	6	8
Item paid for oyle for the Clock	0	2	0
Item paid for the making of Clothes For Five Apprentices	0	13	1
Item paid to Marke Uggins for worke by him done, and for stone used about the Church	0	3	0
Item paid for bread given to the poore people on Good Friday	0	10	0
Item given unto Foure poore people	0	3	0
Item paid to Richard Greene for the Assessment	0	1	8
Item paid for Cloth and for the making of shirtes for John Orchard and Christopher Oatridge	0	6	8

Item paid to Francis Paradice For the Assessment for Dolepittes	
	0 1 3
Item payd to him moe [<i>sic</i>] for nailes	0 0 6
Item given to poore people at severall times	0 3 6
Item paid to Robert Bennett for worke by him done and for board and Nayles about the Church	0 6 3
Item paid for woollen Cloth to make Clothes for John Orchard and Christopher Oatridge	0 16 6
Item paid for one hatt and Two bandes for John Orchard	0 3 6
	32 10 5

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Item paid for a paire of bodice, a payre of Stockinges & for linnen for Richard Scottes Apprentice	0 4 0
Item paid for washing of the Church linnen	0 2 0
Item paid for entring and casting up of this Accompt	0 2 6
Item paid to the Overseers of the poore	0 5 0
[<i>Margined: 0 - 18 - 6</i>]	

The whole some disbursed is	56 11 1
Soe their Receiptes exceed their Disbursementes	3 14 6

The sayd precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes and implementes following, Vizt:

One Table and Cloth, one Napkin, one pewter Flaggon, one Silver Bowle, one Chalice <Two *deleted*> One Pulpitt Cushion<s *deleted*>, one pullpit Cloth, Two Cushions for the Maior, <Three *deleted*> Two Carpettes, Twelve Formes, Two Trunkes, the History of Martirs in Three volumes, the paraphrase of Erasmus, Two old psalmebookes, Two ioynd Stooles, one Candlestick, One Tumbrell in the Tower, Two ladders, one houreglasse, one Biere, Two Bookes of Accompt whereof this is one, Foure poundes of Soder, and these Bondes following, Vizt:

One Bond of £330 from John Wintworth gent & John Munday Chamberleins for the payment of £174 18s. on the 12th of Novembr 1658. This being for £150 of Mr Griffin Nicholas his money, £5 of Mr Michaell Nicholas his money, & £10 of Judge Nicholas his money.

Another Bond of Twenty poundes from George Beedle & John Croke

for the payment of Tenne poundes & 12s. on the 8th of July 1654.

This £10 was given by Judge Nicholas.

Another Bond of £10 from Ambrose Zealy the younger & Francis Paradice for the payment of £5 4s. on the 30th of October 1651.

This money was given by Mrs Grubbe.

And alsoe there is the some of Tenne poundes in the handes of Robert Bennett which he received from Francis Paradice on the 24th day of June last for which he is before midsommer next to give security or els then to pay it into the succeeding Churchwardens. This £10 was given by Judge Nicholas.

Richard Webbe thelder, John Tayler, Christover Pullen, Nicholas Forsith, John Filkes, Walter May, Hugh Scate [x], Nathaniell Comly, John Poull, Matthew Blagbery.

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Be it remembred that on the Fourth day of Aprill 1659 at a meeting then of the parishioners of this parish Mathew Blackbury one of the Churchwardens of the yeere precedent was by them elected to continue in his office for the yeere next ensuing and Mr Nicholas Forsith is elected to be the other Churchwarden for the sayd yeere ensuing.

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1658–1659

Borough of Devizes

A true and perfect Account of William Pullyn and Mathew Blagborough Church Wardens of the parish of the blessed virgin Mary within the Borough aforesaid of their Receiptes and Disbursmentes from the Feast of Easter 1658 untill the <Easter *deleted*> Feast of Easter 1659 had and taken the Fifteenth day of May in the said year 1659.

The Charge

Inprimis received of the last precedent Church Wardens as a surplusage remaining upon the foote of the last Account	3 12 0
Item Received of Mr Richard Webb for the Rent of Isabells meade & Breach for Six months owed at Michaelmas last	0 13 4
Item Received of Mr Grove for a years Rent ended at our lady day last past for two acres	0 1 6
Item Received of John Fidsall for his dwelling howse	[]

Item Received of Mr Michaell Tidcombe for his groundes	2	13	4
Item Received of Thomas Moxham for his howse	0	8	0
Item Received of Walter Bennett for his howse	0	15	0
Item Received of Mr Horton for a Tenement	0	6	8
Item Received of William Blanford for a parcell of Ground	0	1	4
Item Received of Mr Comly for his howse <for halfe a yeares Rent <i>deleted</i> >	0	10	0
Item Received of Robbert Bennett for his house for halfe a yeares rent	0	5	0
Item Received of John Eyles the younger for the Rent of thold Shambles	1	0	0
Item Received of Hugh Skeate for his dwelling house	0	5	4
Item Received of Robert Butcher for his howse	0	13	4
Item Received of William Gayne for his house	[]		
Item Received of Mr Tayler for a tenement called Braws	1	0	0
Item Received of David Howell for his howse	0	16	0
Item Received of Mathew Blagbury for his house	0	13	6
Item Received of widdow Lawrence for a tenement called <Mortimers <i>deleted</i> > Mandrells	0	4	0
Item Received of Ambrose Durman for his house	1	10	0
Item Received of [] Cripps for his howse	0	10	0
Item Received of William Brice for two tenementes	0	5	0
Item Received of Richard Hiscock for his howse	0	13	4
Item Robert Slopore for a tenement	0	1	8

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Item Received of Hennyns for a little plott of ground	0	0	4
Item of William Snell for the like	[]		
Item Received of William Hudden for his ground	4	0	0
Item of Philip Strong for a Tenement	1	6	8
Item Received of Robert Walter for his house	4	0	0
Item Received of Richard Watton for a Warehowse	0	16	0
Item Received of John Weekes for his howse	3	0	0
Item Received of Richard Golding for his house	0	12	0
Item Received of Danyell Cuttin for his howse	0	10	0
Item Received of Francis Paradice for Tymber Close	0	17	0
Item Received of Peter Croke for his groundes at Dole Pittes	9	0	0
Item Received of Stephen Hobbs for his howse	0	15	0
Item Received of Nicholas Webb for Isbells meade & Isbells breach from the 28th of August untill our lady day 1659	7	0	0
Item Received of Robert Bennett for 15 Moneths interest for £10	0	15	0

Item Received of Mr Thomas Long for a seate in the Church for his children	0 2 6
Item Received of Georg Biddle for thinterest of £10 for one yeare	0 12 0
Item Received of the Chamberleines to buy Cloth for the poore	9 15 5
Item of divers persons for the North end of the foreseate of the Gallery for Keys	0 5 0
Item Received of William Withers for prophane swearing & drunkenes which was laid out upon his wife & children by orders	1 0 0
<The some of Recs 59 5 3 <i>deleted</i> >	
The whole some of the Receiptes	60 5 3

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The discharge

In primis for Contribucion for a yeare and quarter	0 2 11
Item for bread & wyne for Fower Communiones	0 12 9
Item to Robert Brunsdon for Glasing	0 9 5
Item to Richard Flower his wages	2 2 6
Item to Joseph Newton for work & his wages for the Clock	0 13 0
Item paid to the precedent overseers	1 12 0
Item to Richard Parker for his arrears	0 9 6
Item for trees thornes stakes & labor in or about the Churchyard	1 8 6
Item to Mr Harnem for binding the Register booke & the Church Bible	0 10 0
Item for leather about the Bells	0 3 3
Item to Richard West new flourishing the dyall	0 3 2
Item to Danyell Cuttyn for Lyme haire & labor about the Church as by his Bill appeareth	0 15 4
Item paid for Oyle & for the Clock & the Chymes	0 2 0
Item for mending the Church Ladder and bringing of Lim to the Church	0 1 9
Item for mending the leades Soder and labor	1 6 2
Item for Ringers at severall tymes	0 13 0
Item to Robert Bennett for Tymber & worke done about the Church	1 16 6
Item paid to John Long & Henry Cosens of Shrewton towards a breif for that their howses were burnt	0 2 6

Item paid to John Burgis & others of Calne towards their releife for that their howses were burned	0 2 6
Item paid to Richard Greene for Rent	0 0 6
Item to Nicholas Webb for Six Months Contribucon	0 2 9
Item to Francis Paradice for <for <i>deleted</i> > one yeares Contribucon	0 1 5½

[*Marginated*: shorthand note written in 'merchants' use'.¹]

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Item paid for the Marshalty and Maimed Soldiers	0 6 8
Item for Mattes for the Bellfree	0 2 4
Item paid Mr Taylers man for parchment for the Lodger booke or Register Booke	0 12 6
Item for wyre and payntes for the Clock	0 0 4
Item paid Ambrose Zealy for worke in the Church	0 8 0
Item for washing Church Lynnen & Scowring of the Plate and Pewter	0 2 0
Item paid for wollen Cloth for the poore as by severall Bills doe appeare	17 11 3
Item paid to the overseers of the poore of this parish towards their Releife	23 15 11½
Item paid to William Powell for three Bell ropes	0 14 7
Item for entering and casting up of this account	0 2 6
Item paid to William Withers his wife & children by order	1 0 0
The whole some of their disbursementes is	58 7 7
So their Receiptes exceeds their disbursementes	1 17 8

<The precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding
Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes & implementes following,
viz *deleted*>

Henry Bold, John Tidcombe, James Bartlett [x], Ambros Zealy thelder
[x], Robert Butcher, Walter May, Robert Walter [x], John Filkes,
John Drewe, Walter Bennett [x].

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1 For more about auditing shorthand, see L.C. Hector, *The Handwriting of English Documents* (London, 1958), 41.

The said precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwards these ornamentes goodes & implementes following, viz:

One Table & Cloth, one Napkin, one pewter Flaggon, one Silver Bowle, one Chalice, one Pulpitt Cushion, one Pullpitt Cloth, two Cushions for the Maior, two Carpittes, Seaventeene Fourms, two Trunkes, the History of Martyrs in three volumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, Two old Psalme bookes, two Joyne Stooles, one Candlestick, one Tumbrell in the Tower, two ladders, one howre glasse, one Biere, Two Bookes of Accompt wherof this is one.

One Bond of £330 from John Wintworth gent & John Monday for the payment of £174 18s. on the 12 of Novembr 1658. This being for £150 of Mr Griffin Nicholas mony, <£5 deleted> £5 of Michaell Nicholas money and £10 of Judg Nicholas money.

Another Bond from Georg Beedle & John Crooke for the payment of £10 12s. on the 8th day of July 1654. This £10 was given by Judg Nicholas.

<Another deleted>

There is £5 in the handes of Mathew Blagborow one of the now Churchwardens of this parish which was given by Mrs Grubbe.

Be it remembred that on the Foure and Twentieth day of Aprill 1660 at a meeting then of the parishioners of this parish Nicholas Forsith one of the Churchwardens of the yeere precedent was by the Minister and them elected to continue in his office for the yeere next ensuing and William Blanford is elected to be the other Churchwarden for the sayd yeere ensuing.

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1659–1660

Borow of Devizes

A true and perfect Account of Mathew Blakbery and Nicholas Firsith Church wardens of the parish of the blessed virgine Mary within the borough aforesayd of theyr Receipts and Disbursments from the feast of Easter 1659 untill the Feast of Easter 1660 had and takene the Fowerteenth day of May in the sayd yeare 1660.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of the last precedente Church wardens as
 asurplusage <remaining *deleted*> remayning upon the foote of the
 last Accounte

	2	17	0
Item reseived for Mr Erles Childs grave	0	3	4
Item received of George bittelle for awhole yeres use	0	12	0
Item reseived of Willeame Gayne for halfe a yeres rente	0	6	0
Iteme reseived of Mr Grove a yeres rent for 2 acres	0	1	6
Iteme reseived of Mr Michaell Tidcombe for his grounds	2	13	4
Iteme reseived of Thomas Mixome for his howsse	0	8	0
Item reseived of Walter bennette for his howsse	0	15	0
Item reseived of Mr Hortone for atennemente	0	6	8
Item reseived of William blandford for his ground	0	1	4
Item reseived of Mr Comly for his howsse	0	10	0
Item reseived of Robert Bennette for his howsse	0	10	0
Item reseived of John Eyles the younger for the ould shambells			
	1	0	0
Item reseived of Hugh Skeate for his hows	0	5	4
Item reseived of Robert butcher for his hows	0	13	4
Item reseived of Mr Tayler for a tennement called brayes	1	0	0
Item reseived of David Howell for halfe ayers rente	0	8	0
Item reseived of Mathew Blakbery for his howsse	0	13	6
Item reseived of the widow bartone for atennement	0	4	0
Item reseived of Ambros Thurmane for his howsse			
Item reseived of Thomas Crips for his howsse	0	10	0
Item reseived of Willeame Brysse for two tennements	0	5	0
Item reseived of Richard Hitchcoke for his howsse	0	13	4
Item reseived of Robert Sloper for atennement	0	1	8
	14	18	4

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Item reseived of Henry Genninges for alittell plott of ground	0	0	4
Item reseived of Will Snell [thlike?]			
Item reseived of Mr Longe for his childrens seat	0	2	6
Item reseived of Willeame Hudene for his grounds	4	0	0
reseived of Phillipe Stronge for atennement	1	6	8
Item reseived of Robert Walter for his howsse	4	0	0
Item reseived of Richard Wattone for his warehowse	0	16	0
Item reseived of John Weekes for his howsse	3	0	0
Item Reseived of Richard Gouldinge for his howsse	0	12	0
Item reseived of Daniell Cuttinge for his howsse	0	10	0
Item reseived of Franses Parredise for timber Close	0	17	0

Item reseived of Nicholas Webbe for his grounds	14	0	0
Item of Peeter Crooke for his grounds at dolepittes	9	0	0
Item received of Stevene Hobbs for his howsse	0	15	0
Item reseived of Willeame Pullene for ayeres interest	0	12	0
Item reseived of Ambros Zealy the younger for ayeares interest of five Pound	0	6	0
Item Reseived of Mr Grove for bread and wine the whole yere	0	1	6
 The tottal Some of the Receipts amounts unto	54	17	4

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The Discharge

In Primis paid to norrise for weedinge the hedge in the Church yard	0	1	6
Item payd to Willeam Powell for a parsell of flints for pitchinge of the churchway	0	10	0
Item payd to Marke Uggins for pitchinge the way	0	5	0
Item payd to bayly for worke	0	1	4
Item payd for bread and wyne for fowre Communiones	0	7	4
Item payd William Pullen for shooes	0	11	7½
Item payd to Cornelius Wyette [which was by order of the parish for curing John Leach his legg <i>inserted</i>]	1	2	0
Item payd to Joseph Nutone for ire gare ¹ and Cramps for the bells	0	3	4
Item payd to John Powell the presedent overseer and by the apointment of the parrish	5	10	4
Item to the ringers at severall tymes	0	12	0
Item payd the Contributione for Willeame Hudings ground	0	3	6
Item <Doctor <i>deleted</i> > Richard Flowers wages	2	10	0
Item payd to Norris for weedinge the hedge	0	1	0
Item payd to Goodman Bartletts for the exchange of brases about the belle	0	4	4
Item payd to Robert Bennette for mending of the seates	0	3	0
Item payd to Robert Bennette for 2 dayes and halfses worke about the bells	0	8	0
Item payd to Goodmane bennette for postes & nayles about the churchward	0	4	9

1 i.e. iron gear.

Item payd ayeres Contributione for Nicholas Webbs grounds	o	6	9
Item payd ayeres Contribution for <Frances Paradices <i>deleted</i> > Peter Crookes grounds		o	2 4
Item payd Joseph Nutones a yeres wages		o	2 0
Item payd for 2 payre of shooes for 2 poore woomene		o	6 8
Item payd for nayles & iemells		o	1 2
Item payd to Norris for scouringe the ditch in the church yard		o	o 4
		o	o 6
Item gave to 2 seamene		o	1 0
Item to acoupell of woemene		o	o 6
Item to 3 sea menne		o	o 4
Item payd to Hudinge for Catchinge of wants		14	o 7

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Item payd for a hatte for <[G...] <i>deleted</i> > Richard Norrises aprentise		o	2 6
		o	2 0
Item payd Norrise a yeres wages		o	2 0
Item payd to Norris and bartlet for 3 dayes worke and for thornes about the Church yard		o	9 0
Item payd for bread for the poore the fifth of november		1	2 0
Item payd to Norris and bartlet for 2 dayes worke about the hedg		o	2 0
		o	2 6
Item gave to atravelling minister		o	1 4
Item payd for 2 bushells of lyme		o	1 0
Item Doctor flower for 2 dayes work		o	1 0
Item payd to Marke Uggings for brike and workmanshipe in the Chaunsell		o	14 4
Item payd to Robert Bennette for joyce boardes and workmanship about the seates in the Chansell		1	1 2
Item payd Norris for thornes		o	o 6
Item payd for 2 payre of shooes for two Childrene <for Jo <i>deleted</i> > of the Widdow Orchard		o	4 6
Item payd to John Boxe for [lyneinges?] and making of Gilberts clothes		o	4 4
Item payd for makinge snells childrens cloths		o	1 0
Item payd for acloth for the Communion tabell & making		o	8 2
Item gave 2 seamen		o	o 6
Item payd for oyle for the whole yere for the clocke & Chymes		o	2 0
		o	o 6
Item payd for mendinge and for arope for the chimes		o	o 6
Item gave 3 poore people		o	1 0

Item payd for cloth for the poore besides the Chamberlyns mony	5 15 10
Item payd for Clothinge of younge butcher & carying him to Bristow	0 17 0
Item apayre of shooes for Richard Wayte	0 3 10
Item apayre of shooes for Orchards maid	0 2 2
Item payd for glasinge of the Church windowes	0 5 1
	12 4 3

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Item payd for a locke and haps to <George <i>deleted</i> > Joseph Nutone	0 1 6
Item payd for mending the leds	0 1 0
Item payd for acord for the Chymes	0 0 2
Item payd for mendinge the ladder	0 0 9
Item payd for thornes and worke about the bounds in the Church yard	0 8 0
Item payd for mendinge the Church flagone	0 0 8
Item layd out for the fetchinge of Snell out of prisone	0 10 0
Item payd for poles and racke hookes	0 0 8
Item payd for washinge the lynen for the whole yere belonge to the Church	0 2 6
Item payd to the ovrseers for the use of the poore at severall times	23 0 0
Item payd to Willeam Powell for 3 bell ropes for this yere	0 13 6
Item payd for lether for the bells	0 1 2
Item payd for a pursse for the rents	0 0 6
Item payd to Robert Bennette for ½ a yeres rent for Goody Sextons and Goody fippe	0 12 0
Item payd to Robert Bennette for new hanginge the belles	0 6 9
Item for enteringe and Casting of this account	0 2 6
Item payd to Robert bennette for mendinge of awheele	0 1 0
Item payd to Cornelius Wyette for helpinge a poore womans arme beinge out of ioynt	0 2 6
The Some of the Disbursments amounts unto	52 10 0
So the Receipts excede the Disbursments	2 7 0
reseived of Ambrose Thurmane since the acounte was drawne for a yeres rent for his howsse	1 10 0
So that since the reseivinge of this mony of ambrose Thurmane the reseipts doe excede the disbursments	3 17 4

The said precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens these ornamentes goods and Implements following, Vizt:

One Table & two Clothes, one napkin, one pewter flaggon, one silver bowle, one Challice, one pulpitt Cushion, one pulpitt Cloth, two Cushions for the Major, two carpittes, seaventeene Fourmes, two truncks, the History of (martyrs) <26 2 8 deleted>

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of martyrs in three volumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, Two old psalme bookes, two Joyned stooles, one Candlestick, one Tumbrell in the Tower, two Ladders, one Hower Glasse, one Beire, Two bookes of Accompt whereof this is one and a great Church Bible.

One Bond of £330, from John Wintworth gent. & John Monday for the payment of £174 18s. on the 12th of November 1658. This being for £150 of Mr Griffin Nicholas money: £5 of Michaell Nicholas money & £10 of Judge Nicholas money.

Another bond from George Beedle & John Crooke for the payment of £10 12s. on the 8th day of July 1654. This Tenn powndes was given by Judge Nicholas.

Another Bond from Joseph May & Phillip Strong of £10 dated the 2nd September 1659 for payment £5 6s. on the 3rd of September 1660 which was given by Mrs Grubb.

Another Bond from William Pullen & Anne Pullyn of £20 dated 29th September 1658 for payment of £11 4s. on the 29th September 1660 which was £10 given by Judge Nicholas.

Richard Webbe th'elder Maior, John Tayler, John Horton, Christover Pullen, Ambrose Zealy th'elder [x], Hugh Skeate [x], Walter May, John Filkes, Richard Jiffrey.

Memorandum that on the 14th day of May 1660 this Account was seene & allowed by the parishioners of the sayd parish and by them ordered that for the future unles the Accounts of the succeeding Churchwardens be entred in this Booke in a faire legible and Clerkelike hand and in true Orthography the same are not to be allowed.

Memorandum that on the Fifteenth day of Aprill in the yeere of our Lord One Thousand Sixe hundred Sixty and One at a meeting of the Minister and parishioners of the sayd parish William Blanford one of the precedent Churchwardens is elected to continue in his

office for the yeere next ensuing. And then alsoe Robert Walter is elected to be the other Churchwarden for the sayd yeere.

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1660–1661

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Nicholas Forsith and William Blanford Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed virgin Mary within the said Borough of their Receiptes & Disbursmentes of the yeerely Rentes profittes and Revenues belonging to the said Church from the Feast of Eastre 1660 untill the Feast of Easter 1661 had & taken the [____] day of [____] in the yeere 1661 aforesaid as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received of the last precedent Churchwardens as a surplusage remaining upon the foote of the last Account	3	17	4
Item received of <Mr Richard <i>deleted</i> > Nicholas webbe for Isbells meade and breach for one yeeres Rent	14	0	0
Item received of Robert Thurman for [...] Ellway Hill	2	13	4
Item received of the widow Barton for her house	0	4	0
Item received of Walter Bennett for his house	0	15	0
Item received of Mr John Horton for a Tenement	0	6	8
Item received of Mr Comly for his house	0	10	0
Item received of Robert Bennett for his house	0	10	0
Item received of Mr John Eyles the younger for th'old Shambls	1	0	0
Item received of Hugh Skeate for his dwelling house	0	5	4
Item received of Robert Butcher for his house	0	13	4
Item received of Mr John Tayler Maior for a Tenemente called Brayes	1	0	0
Item received of Mathew Blackbury for his house	0	13	6
Item received of Richard Hitchcock for his house	0	13	4
Item received of Robert Sloper for a Tenement	0	1	8
Item received of Mr Thomas Long for a seate in the Church	0	2	6
Item received of William Hudden for his ground	4	0	0
Item received of Philipp Strong for a Tenement	1	6	8
Item received of Robert Walter for his house	4	0	0
Item received of Richard Watton for a warehouse	0	16	0
Item received of Daniell Cutten for his house	0	10	0

Item received of Peter Crooke for Dole Pittes	9	0	0
Item received of Stephen Hobbs for his house	0	15	0
Item received of Richard Golding for his house	0	12	0
Item received of the widow Watkins	0	0	2
Item received of Joseph Maye for one yeeres interest of Fyve poundes given by Mrs Grubbe	0	6	0
Item received of Ambrose Thurman for his house	1	10	0
Item received of David Howell for his house	0	16	0
Item received of Thomas Cripps for his house	0	10	0
Item received of John Wilkes th'elder for his house	3	0	0
Item received of William Brice for Two Tenementes	0	5	0
Item received of Thomas Moxham for his house	0	8	0

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Item received of Mr Grove for the Rent of 2 acres	0	1	6
Item received for Thomas Allens ground	0	1	4
Item received of Francis Paradice for a Close	0	17	0
Item received of George Beedle for the interest of £10	0	12	0
Item received of William Pullen for <the interest of deleted > £10 for 10 moneths	0	10	0
Item received of William Gayne for his house	0	6	0
The whole some of the Receiptes are	57	8	8

The discharge

Inprimis paid unto Richard Blanford and Richard Jefferyes last precedent Overseers	3	17	4
Item gave unto Ringers when the king landed and when he was proclaymed by the Maior	0	14	6
Item for horse hyre & expence for one to goe to the Paynter	0	2	6
Item for footeing the Ladders and other worke	0	2	8
Item paid Cornelius Kingston for worke	0	2	6
Item paid for mending the Clock & for a Cramp	0	1	3
Item paid Richard Flower for makeing cleane the Church	0	3	6
Item paid John Brunsdon for Glasse & worke	0	5	4
Item payd to Robert Walter for beere for workmen	0	4	4
Item paid for washing the Church	2	10	0
Item paid Thomas Bartlett	0	0	6
Item paid unto the last precedent Overseers for the reliefe of the poore	0	10	7
Item gave unto the Ringers when the King was proclaymed by the Sherriffe	0	5	0

Item payd for a new purse	0 0 6
Item payd unto Mathew Blackbury for Lyme and hayre	0 0 11
Item payd unto the Paynter for drawing of the Kinges Armes	4 0 0
Item payd for the Common Prayer Bookes	0 14 0
Item payd unto the Chamberleins for chiefe rent	0 13 5
Item payd for the Dole & to the Carryers	1 3 6
Item given to the Ringers on the 5th of November	0 6 8
Item paid William Poole for a Scaffold and for 37 foote of board with other worke	1 3 2
Item paid for Three sakes of Lyme	0 4 6
Item paid unto John Burges for 13 pound & a halfe of Soder and Two dayes worke	0 17 6
Item paid Cornelius Kingston for 23 foote of Stone and for Three dayes worke for him & his boy <0 7 8 <i>deleted</i> >	0 15 2
Item paid Daniell Cutten for 2 bushells of hayre	0 1 0
Item paid Richard Flower for Two dayes worke	0 1 4

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Item paid for beere for the Plomer	0 1 0
Item paid for a Boxe for the Register Booke	0 2 0
Item payd for Two Buttes and Candles	0 1 2
Item payd Richard Norris for Thornes and for mending the bounds about the Churchyard	0 2 9
Item payd for oyle for the Clocke	0 1 0
Item payd John May for nayles	0 0 6
Item payd John Brunsdon for glasse	0 3 2
Item payd the Assessment & Polemoney for Nicholas Webbe	0 17 4
Item payd the like for William Hudden	0 5 10
Item payd the like for Peter Crooke	0 5 10
Item payd Richard Flower his yeeres wages	2 10 0
Item given to the Ringers on the Kings Coronacion day	0 10 0
Item paid for Sixe Bell Ropes	1 7 3
Item paid for Cloth more then received	2 15 0
Item paid for bread & Wine for the Communion more then was received of the Communicantes	0 12 0
<Item paid ringers when the King was proclaymed 0 3 0 <i>deleted</i> >	
Item paid Thomas Bartlett for weeding the Hedge in the Churchyard	0 1 8
Item payd Joseph Newton for keeping the Clock	0 2 0
Item payd for a Trigger for the Bells	0 1 9
Item paid for an Inkhorne for the Registry	0 0 5
Item paid for Washing the Church Lynnen & for Scowring the Plate and Pewter	0 1 6

Item payd William Poole for wood for melting of soder and to the Painter	0 7 6
Item paid to poore people Seamen & Travillers at severall times	1 3 0
Item payd for entring & casting up of this Account	0 2 6
Item payd to the present Overseers towards the relief of the poore	30 0 0

The whole some of their Disbursmentes are	60 17 10
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Soe their <Receiptes <i>deleted</i> > Disbursmentes exceed their <Disbursmentes <i>deleted</i> > Receiptes	3 9 2
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John Tayler Maior, Richard Webbe, John Filkes, Ambrose Zealy th'elder [x], William Poole, Robert Walter [x], Beniamin Street.

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The sayd precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens these Ornamentes goods and implementes following, vizt:

One Table, One Table Cloth, one Pewter Flaggon, one silver Challice, one silver plate, One pulpitt Cushion, One pullpit Cloth, Two Cushions for the Maior, Two Carpettes, <Seventeene *deleted*> Twenty Formes, Two Trunkes, The History of the Booke of Martirs in Three Volumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church Bible, <Two *deleted*> One new Common Praier Booke<s *deleted*>, One other Common Praier Booke and an old psalme Booke, One houre Glasse, Two ioynd Stoolle, One Tumbrell in the Tower, One Biere, Two Bookes of Accompt (wherof this is one), Two peeces of Bell Mettall, Two long ladders, Two peeces of Timber lying in the Tower.

Memorandum that on the First day of Aprill in the yeere of our Lord One Thousand Sixe hundred Sixty and Two at a meeting of the parishioners of this parish Robert Walter one of the precedent Churchwardens is elected to continue in his office for the yeere next ensuing and then alsoe Mr John Drew is elected to be the other Churchwarden for the sayd yeere.

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1661–1662*Burgus de Devizes*

A true and perfect Account of William Blanford and Robert Walter Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed virgin Mary within the said Borough of their Receiptes & Disbursmentes of the yeerely Rentes profittes and Revenues belonging to the said Church from the Feast of Easter 1661 untill the Feast of Easter 1662 had and taken the [____] day of [____] in the yeere of our Lord 1662 aforesaid as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received of Mr Grove for the Rent of Two acres of land	0	1	6
Item received of Robert Thurman for Ellway Hill	2	13	4
Item received of Thomas Moxham for his house	0	8	0
Item received of Walter Bennett for his house	0	15	0
Item received of Mr John Horton for a Tenement	0	6	8
Item received for Mr Thomas Allens ground	0	1	4
Item received of Mr Comly for his house	1	5	0
Item received of Robert Bennett for his house	0	10	0
Item received of Mr John Eyles junior for the old Shambles	1	0	0
Item received of Hugh Skeate for his house	0	5	4
Item received of Elizabeth Butcher widow for her house	0	13	4
Item received of William Gayne & Robert Brothers for their Tenementes	1	4	0
Item received of Mr John Tayler for a Tenement called Bayes	1	0	0
Item received of David Howell for his house	0	16	0
Item received of Mathew Blackbury for his house	0	13	6
Item received of the widow Barton for her house	0	2	0
Item received of Ambrose Thurman for his house	1	10	0
Item received of Thomas Cripps for his house	0	10	0
Item received of William Brice for Two Tenementes	0	5	0
Item received of Richard Hitchcock for his house	0	13	4
Item received of Robert Sloper for a Tenement	0	1	8
Item received of William Hudden for his ground	4	0	0
Item received of Robert Walter for his house	4	0	0
Item received of Philipp Strong for a Tenement	1	6	8
Item received of Richard Watton for a Warehouse	0	16	0
Item received of John Wilkes for his house	3	0	0

Item received of Richard Goulding for his house	0 12 0
Item received of Daniell Cutton for his house	0 10 0
Item received of Francis Paradice for a Close	0 17 0
Item received of Peter Crooke for Dole Pittes	9 0 0
Item received of Stephen Hobbs for his house	0 15 0
Item received Nicholas Webbe for Isbells mead and the breach	14 0 0

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Item received of George Beedle for the interest of £10	0 12 0
Item received of Robert Thurman for the like	0 12 0
Item received of Joseph Mayo for the interest of Five poundes Given by Mrs Grubbe	0 6 0
The whole some of the Receiptes are	53 1 8

The discharge

Inprimis Given unto the Ringers on the Kings Coronacion day	0 10 0
Item Given more unto the Ringers on the Kings Birthday	0 7 0
Item paid unto Richard Norris for Thornes weeding of the hedge & other labour about the Church yard	0 3 3
Item Given to Foure poore Seamen	0 1 0
Item paid Ambrose Zealy for worke about the Church	0 0 6
Item Given unto William Snell	0 1 0
Item Given unto Thomas Dowdins wife	0 1 0
Item for replaceng of the Ladders in the Church after the fire neere thereunto	0 0 6
Item paid for wood for the Paynter	0 1 0
Item Given more unto William Snell	0 1 0
Item paid to the Paynter for new florishing the Armes in the Church	0 10 0
Item paid unto the Ringers when the Lord Bishopp came to this Towne	0 5 0
Item Given unto Fowre Seamen	0 0 8
Item paid unto John Burges for Soder and worke <in <i>deleted</i> > for mending of the Leades	0 14 4
Item payd for the Dole & to the Caryers	1 3 6
Item paid unto the Chamberleins for chiefe Rent	0 15 3
Item paid Richard Flower his wages	2 10 0
Item paid more unto him for making Cleane the Church at severall times	0 2 0

Item given unto Two poore men that were Robbed	0 0 4
Item paid Joseph Newnton for Iron and worke about the Clock	0 6 10
Item paid for one Bushell and an halfe of hayre	0 0 9
Item paid William Powell for Foure Bell Ropes	0 19 3
Item paid unto Joseph Newnton for Iron worke about the Church	0 6 1
Item paid unto William Hudden	0 0 5

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Item paid William Poole for new hanging of the Bells	0 13 0
Item given unto old Hiscock	0 0 4
Item paid for more lime	0 1 5
Item paid for 200 of Brick used about the Church	0 4 0
Item paid for mending the Tower window and the Battlementes & for Bricking of the North window	1 3 6
Item paid for Three Sackes of lyme used about the Church	0 6 0
Item paid William Hudden for his Contribucion	0 4 8
Item paid the like for Francis Paradice	0 2 4
Item paid the Ringers on the 5th of November	0 6 8
Item given to Robert Reynoldes	0 1 0
Item paid John Hall for an Iron pinn	0 0 2
Item paid Cornelius Kingston for lyme paveing Stone & worke about the Church	0 15 10
Item paid unto him for lyme and more worke by him and his boy about the Church	0 10 6
Item given unto Nicholas Knight	0 1 0
Item paid for Two Bushells of hayre	0 1 0
Item paid for Bread and wine for the Communion more then was received of the Comunicantes	0 12 0
Item paid unto the Overseers for the reliefe of the poore at severall times	27 15 0
Item paid unto the precedent Churchwardens being in areare and due on the Foote of their last Accompt	3 9 2
Item paid for beere at severall times for labourers about the Church	0 3 2
Item paid for washing the Church lynnens and for scowring the plate & pewter	0 1 6
Item paid Richard Watton for Oyle	0 2 6
Item paid William Pullen for one payre of Shoos for Richard Wayte & for leather for the Bells	0 7 1
Item paid John Brunsdon for glasse and for mending of the Church windowes	0 8 2

Item paid for Cloth more then received	3 0 0
Item paid for the entring & casting up of this Accompt	0 2 6
Item payd for the monethly Assessment for a yeere for Nicholas Webbes grounds	0 11 0
The whole some of their disbursmentes are	50 4 2
Soe the Receiptes exceedes their Disbursmentes	3 13 6
payd Mr John Drewe & Francis Potter	4 11 5

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John Drewe, Francis Potter, William Pullen, John Long, Benjamin Street, William Tinker [x], Thomas Philips [x].

The said precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens these Ornamentes goodes and implementes following, vizt:

One Table, one Tablecloth, one Pewter Flaggon, One Silver Chalice, one Silver plate, One Pulpitt Cushion, One pullpit Cloth, Two Cushions for the Maior, Two Carpettes, Twenty Formes, Two Trunkes, The History of the Booke of Martirs in Three Volumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church Bible, <One *deleted*> Two <new *deleted*> Common prayer Bookes and an old psalme Booke, One houre Glasse, Two ioyned Stooles, One Tumbrell in the Tower, One Biere, Two Bookes of Account (wherof this is one), Two peeces of Bell <mettle *deleted*> mettall, Two long Ladders, Two peeces of Timber lying in the Tower.

Memorandum that on the <First *deleted*> Twentieth day of Aprill in the yeere of our Lord One Thousand Sixe hundred Sixty and Three at a meeting of the parishioners of this parish Mr John Drew one of the precedent Churchwardens is elected to continue in his Office for the yeere next ensuing and then alsoe Mr Philip Strong is elected to be the other Churchwarden for the sayd yeere.

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1662–1663

Burrough of Devizes

A true and perfect Account of Robert Walter and John Drew gent. Churchwardens of the parish Church of the Blessed Virgine Marie

within the said Burrough of their receipts and disbursments of the yearly Rents profits and Revenues belonging to the Said Church from the feast of Easter 1662 untill the feast of Easter 1663 had and taken the [___] day of [___] in the yeere of our Lord 1663 aforesaid as followeth.

Inprimis received of Robert Thurman for Iloway hill	2	13	4
Item received of Thomas Moxsum for his house	0	8	0
Item received of Walter Bennett for his house	0	15	0
Item received of Mr John Horton for a tenement	0	6	8
Item received of Mr Thomas Allen for 2 acres in the possession of William Blandford	0	1	4
Item received of Robert Bennett for his house	0	10	0
Item received of Mrs Marie Iles for rent for the old Shambles	1	0	0
Item received of Hugh Skeate for his house	0	5	4
Item received of Robert Butcher for his house	0	13	4
Item received of William Gayne for his house	0	8	0
Item received of Mr John Tayler for a tenement called the Bayes	1	0	0
Item received of David Howell for his house	0	16	0
Item received of Mathew Blackbury for his house	0	13	6
Item received of goodwife Barton for her house	0	4	0
Item received of Ambrose Thurman for his house	1	10	0
Item received of goodman Cripps for his house	0	10	0
Item received of William Brice for two tenementes	0	5	0
Item received of Richard Hiscock for his house	0	13	4
Item received of Robert Sloper for a tenement	0	1	8
Item received of William Hudden for his ground	4	0	0
Item received of Mr Philip Strong	1	11	8
Item received of Robert Walter	4	0	0
Item received of Richard Watton	0	16	0
Item received of John Wilks	3	0	0
Item received of Richard Golding	0	12	0
Item received of Danyell Cutting senior	0	10	0
Item received of Francis Paradice	0	17	0
Item received of Peter Crooke and Francis Paradice for Dollpitts	9	0	0
Item received of Stephen Hobbs	0	15	0
Item received of Nicholas Webb	14	0	0
Item received of Mr Nathaniell Comly	2	0	0
Item received of Robert Thurman for interest for £10	0	12	0
Item received of George Beedle for the like	0	12	0
Item received of Joseph May for the interest of £5	0	6	0
Item received of Robert Brothers for rent	0	4	0

The whole some received 55 10 2

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The Disbursements

Imprimis given to the ringers on the 23th of aprill 1662	0 2 6
Gave to the ringers for 29th of may	0 7 8
paid to Thomas Bartlett for thorning the trees in the Church yard	0 1 4
Item paid to Ambros Zealy Junior for the Communion table	0 18 0
Item paid to Danyell Cuttin Junior For takeing up and Larthing and poynteing the Chancell	6 3 8
Item paid Richard Flower for his yeeres service	2 10 0
Item paid to the overseers for the use of the poore	23 0 0
Item gave to a stranger	0 0 6
Item gave the ringers the 15th of September when the Lord Bishop came to Towne	0 5 6
Item spent upon the sidemen & old churchwarden at a meeting at the same tyme	0 6 8
Item paid Mark Uggins for his work about the Church and Chancell	0 9 0
Item paid for mending of the seats in the Church	0 1 5
Item paid for <a deleted> putting in the presentment when the Bishopp was heare	0 3 4
Item paid Mark Uggins for his work and Lime about the pinackle	0 8 2
Item paid Richard Powell for 3 dayes work about the pinackle	0 4 6
Item paid Willam Poole Junior for 3 dayes work about the pinackle	0 4 6
Item paid to Joseph Newton for Cramps and nayles & for mending the Chimes	0 10 6
Item paid to William Poole Junior for more worke about the Church	0 9 7
Item gave to Richard Flower for going to Polshott & helping the Mason	0 1 0
Item gave the ringers the 5th of November	0 7 0
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for mending the Bell wheele & seats in the Church	0 3 6
Item paid for <the deleted> Gobbettes Dole & carriage the 1st of November	1 6 0
Item gave to Richard Hiscock	0 0 4

Item gave to a Stranger	0 0 4
Item paid to the Chamberlaines for cheife rent	0 13 5
Item paid to Mr Johnsons for <3 <i>deleted</i> > a new Common prayer book<s <i>deleted</i> >	0 9 0
Item gave to Richard Wayte	0 0 6
Item gave to old goodwife Dowden one Blankett	0 5 3
Item gave a Stranger	0 0 3
Item paid to <my self <i>deleted</i> > Mr Drew for arreares due to <me <i>deleted</i> > him when <I <i>deleted</i> > he was overseer of the poore	3 2 9
Item paid for makeing the Surplice	0 9 0
Item paid to Ambrose Zely for the rayles uppon the mayrs seate	0 16 0
	45 1 2

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Item paid to John Gamble for mending the leads	0 15 0
Item paid Martine for fetching the Surplice	0 1 0
Item paid for the Booke of Articles	0 0 4
Item paid for setting and thorneing two trees in the Church yard	0 2 6
Item paid for the Surplice	2 13 0
Item paid for matts for the mayors seate	0 3 0
Item paid for 2 shirts for Richard Wayte	0 8 6
Item paid to William Pullen for 2 paire of Shooes for Richard Wayte & Atkins his daughter	0 7 4
Item paid to William Powell for Bell ropes	0 19 0
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy the Elder for one yeares rent for Thomas Watkins	1 0 0
Item paid him more for one yeares rent for Jane Smith	0 14 0
Item paid to Richard Watton for 7 pints of oyle for Chimes and Bells	0 3 6
Item paid for the Communion more then received of the Comunicants	0 8 2
Item paid James Lewis for rent	1 18 6
Item paid for Cloth more then received of the Chamberlaynes	2 14 7
Item paid for cleanseing the pewter & plate	0 1 6
Item paid for washing the surplice & Linine	0 1 6
Item paid for 5 quarters contribucion for Mr Webbs groundes	0 13 9
Item paid for one yeares contribucion for William Hudden	0 4 8
Item paid towards the Souldiers for William Hudden	0 0 3
Item paid for one yeers contribucion for Peter Croke & Francis Paradice	0 2 4

Item paid to widow Stickloe for halfe a yeeres rent for the widow Dowden	0 8 0
Item paid to Robert Bennett for goodwife Seers rent	0 10 0
Item paid to Robert Walter for expences for goeing to Marlburrough & horse hire to prosecute against the Quakers	0 10 0
Item paid for entring the accompt	0 2 6
Item gave to goodwife Dowden	0 1 0
Item gave to the workemen in Beare at Severall tymes when they were employed about the Church bussness	0 3 0
	15 6 11
	45 1 2
Disbursments	60 8 1
Reseiptes	54 10 2
Dewe	5 17 11

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One Table bord, One Table Cloth, one Pewter Flaggon, One Silver Chalice, One Silver plate, One Surplys, One Naptkine, One Pulpitt Cushion, One Pullpit Cloth, Two Cushions For the Mayor, Two Carpettes, Twenty Formes, Two Trunks, the History of the Booke off Martirs in Three Volumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church Bible, Three Common prayer Bookes and one old Psalme Booke, One houre glass, Two Joyned Stooles, One Tumorell in the Tower, One Biere, Two Bookes of Account wherof this is one, Two peeces of Bell Mettall, Two long Ladders, Two peeces of Timber lying in the Tower and one Table Bord more.

John Filkes, William Yorke, Richard Webbe senior, John Tayler, Philip Strong, Francis Paradice, Thomas Hakins, Nicholas Forsith.

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1663–1664

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of John Drew gent and Philipp Strong gent Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the said Borough of their receipts and disbursements of the yearly rentes, profittes, and Revenues belonging to the said Church from the Feast of Easter 1663 untill the Feast of Easter 1664 had and takene the Third day of January in the yeere of our Lord 1664 aforesaid as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received of Mr Richard Webb Junior for his rent of Illway hill for one yeare ended at our lady day 1664	5 0 0
Item received of Thomas Moxum <for his house <i>deleted</i> >	0 8 0
Item received of Walter Bennett for his house	0 15 0
Item received of Mr John Horton for a Tenement	0 6 8
Item received of Mr Thomas Allin for twoe acres in possession of William Blanford	0 1 4
Item received of Robert Bennett for his house	0 10 0
Item received of Mrs Mary Eyles for th'old Shambles	1 0 0
Item received of Hugh Skeate for his house	0 5 4
Item received of Robert Butcher for his house	0 13 4
Item received of William Gayne for his house	0 8 0
Item received of Mr John Tayler for three yeares rent for a Tenement called the bayes ended at our lady day 1664	3 0 0
Item received of David Howell for his house	0 16 0
Item received of Mathew Blagbury for his house	0 13 6
Item received of Goodwife Barton for her house	0 4 0
Item received of Ambrose Thurman for his house	1 10 0
Item received of Goodman Cripps for his house	0 10 0
Item received of William Brice for twoe Tenements	0 5 0
Item received of Richard Hiscocke	0 13 4
Item received of Robert Sloper	0 1 8
Item received of William Hudding	4 0 0
Item received of Mr Philipp Strong for part of his house for one yeare ended at Lady day 1664	1 10 0
Item received of Robert Walter	4 0 0
Item received of Richard Watton	0 16 0
Item received of John Wilkes	3 0 0
Item received of Richard Goulding	0 12 0
Item received of Daniell Cutton senior	0 10 0
Item received of Francis Paradice	0 17 0
Item received of Peter Crook and Francis Paradice	9 0 0
Item received of Stephen Hobbes	0 15 0
Item received of Nicholas Webb	14 0 0
Item received of Mrs Jane Comely	2 0 0
Item received of Robert Brothers	0 10 0
Item received of George Beedle	10 10 0
Item received of Robert Thurman	10 5 6
Item <received of <i>deleted</i> > Taken up of Ambrose Zealy senior a little before Michaelmas last	20 0 0
Item received of William Covy for a rope	1 6 0
	100 12 8

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Item taken up of Robert Walter about Christmas	20	0	0
Item received of Joseph May	5	9	0
Item received Gratuitie money	4	18	6
 The whole some of the Receiptes are	 30	 7	 6
	131	0	2

The discharge

Inprimis given the ringers the 29th day of May being the Kinges birth day	0	7	0
Item paid for the booke of Articles	0	0	8
Item paid Peter Coole for Goody Sears rent	0	2	6
Item paid for one paire of Stockins for Richard Wayte	0	2	6
Item paid for washing the Surplis and Church linnen	0	2	0
Item paid the Bellfounderes for casting the Five bells into six	19	10	0
Item paid Richard Flower for his yeares service in the Church	2	10	0
Item paid for 10 cwts 3 qrs 8 lbs of Iron to Cramp the Tower	8	12	10
Item paid Joseph Newton for his journey to Bristoll and horse hyer	0	10	0
Item paid for doubling the Iron fit for carriage	0	1	8
Item paid for a shroud for Robert Lawrence at his buryall	0	2	4
Item paid for Carriage of the iron	0	15	6
Item paid for mending the seates one new deske and rayles in the Church	0	9	6
Item paid for digging a Grave for Robert Lawrance	0	1	0
Item given Christopher Mallard	0	2	0
Item paid for a house to cast the bells in	1	10	0
Item paid for filling the pot and bringing the earth for the bells	0	1	4
Item for a shovle	0	1	4
Item paid for one hundred of nayles	0	0	10
Item paid for three dayes worke	0	3	0
Item paid for bricces	0	15	0
Item paid for 1½ cwt of 12d. nayles	0	1	6
Item paid for three hundred of Chips 12 ¹	0	3	0
Item paid for carrying more earth	0	1	0
Item paid for one hundred of Chips more	0	1	0

1 12d. per hundred of chips.

Item paid for a half a bushell of cole	0 0 6
Item given William Snells boye in shertes and clotheres	0 10 0
Item paid for Carridge of Joseph May brickes	0 0 4
Item paid for twoe payre of Cardes	0 0 4
Item paid for Five hundred of Chips	0 5 0
Item paid Mr Watton for drawing the Articles and bondes	0 4 0
Item paid for Five hundred of Chipps more	0 5 0
	37 12 8

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Item paid Cornelius Kinston for making the furnice	0 16 6
Item paid for brickes for the furnice	3 10 4
Item paid for Carring the brickes	0 16 4
Item paid for an horse to goe to Bromham for the bellfounder	0 1 0
Item paid for Carridge of Ten hundred of Wood	0 0 10
Item paid for one hundred of Chips more	0 1 0
Item paid Ambrose Zealy senior for rent for Watkins and Jane Smith	1 0 0
Item paid Mr Watton for making a bond	0 0 6
Item paid for twoe hundred of Chips more	0 2 0
Item paid for twoe hundred of Chips more	0 2 0
Item aid William Snell for worke and stons	0 1 0
Item paid for One hundred of Chips more	0 1 0
Item paid for carridge the blocke tin from Bristoll	0 2 0
Item paid for more nayles	0 3 8
Item paid Roger Paradice for planke	0 14 0
Item paid Peter Crooke for wood	1 10 0
Item paid for one bushell of Coale more	0 1 0
Item paid George Beddle for aishes	0 1 6
Item paid Henry Purrier for worke	0 4 9
Item paid Roger Paradice for aish for the wheeles	0 12 5
Item paid for halfe an hundred of Chips more	0 0 6
Item paid for Carriadge the mettls frim Marshfeild	0 5 0
Item paid the Parator for twooe Proclamacions	0 0 6
Item paid for Straw and Carridge	0 1 2
Item paid for Chalke	0 0 5
Item paid for groundes	0 0 6
Item paid for more chalke	0 0 4½
Item paid for carridge of more Wood	0 2 10
Item paid James Butcher for his worke	0 1 0
Item paid for a rainge	0 0 10
Item paid William Bush	0 15 0

Item paid for carridge the waytes up and downe to way the bells	0	2	10
Item paid for waying the bells in and out	0	5	0
Item paid William Graften	0	1	0
Item William Bush more	0	15	0
Item paid for more nayles	0	6	6
Item paid Joseph May for his worke	0	3	6
Item paid Mr Richard Webb for carrying the earth and bells	2	10	0
Item paid Peter Crooke for more Wood and Coale	2	5	0
Item given the widow Hiscocke	0	1	6
Item paid the Chamberlins for rent	0	13	5
Item paid for rolleres for the bells	0	3	0
Item paid William Graften	0	5	0
Item paid for carring the dole	0	1	0
Item given Goody Starden	0	1	0
Item paid Mark Huggins and his sonne for worke lime, bricke, and stones	0	4	4
Item paid Joseph Newton	2	0	0
Item paid William Graften	3	1	0
Item given the ringers the Fifth of November	0	8	0
Item paid for block tin and glasse tin	7	[.]	0
Item paid William Covy for worke about the bells Stockes and Wheels	5	8	0
Item paid Joseph Newton for more worke	4	7	0
Item paid John Pottar and Flower for their worke	0	3	0
	41	16	0

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Item paid Joseph Newton more	2	7	0
Item given Goody Warden	0	0	6
Item paid Daniell Cutten senior for twoe dayes worke and lime	0	6	6
Item given goody Dowdin	0	0	8
Item paid Richard Flower for beare and candles	0	0	9
Item paid for an horse skin	0	4	0
Item paid for Gobettes Dole	1	1	0
Item paid Mr Watten for making Robert Walteres Bond	0	0	6
Item paid the Overseers	20	0	0
Item paid William Covy	0	6	5
Item given Gabriell White	0	1	6
Item paid Marke Huggins for his worke lime and heare	0	2	11
Item paid for oyle	0	0	2
Item <gev <i>deleted</i> > Paid for the Communion more then received of the Communicantes	0	5	4

Item paid Robert Bennett for his work, boardes and timber	7	10	0
Item paid William Graften for more work	1	3	0
Item paid for mattes	0	4	4
Item paid William Covy	0	1	2
Item paid Peter Crooke for bricke and coale	0	3	1
Item given Gabriell White	0	1	0
Item paid for making of John Snells clotheres	0	1	0
Item paid Kingston for thornes for the hue tree	0	2	0
Item paid Norris for his worke	0	1	0
Item paid Mr Flower for half inch board	0	8	6
Item paid Joseph Newton	0	10	0
Item paid William Graften more	0	1	0
Item paid for drawing & waying the fifth bell	0	2	6
Item paid William Graften more	0	2	0
Item given Gabriell White	0	1	0
Item paid for more nayles	0	9	9
Item given Gabriel White	0	1	0
Item given Goody Warden	0	0	6
Item paid William Graven	0	11	0
Item paid William Covy more	1	2	0
Item paid Joseph Newton more	2	5	0
Item paid Ambrose Zealy senior for the interest of Twenty Poundes			
	0	12	0
Item paid for more blocke tin	1	2	0
Item paid Joseph Newton for his worke about the Chimes	0	14	0
Item paid George Newton for his worke about the chymes	1	0	0
Item paid Ambrose Zealy the younger for crookes for the bells			
	0	1	6
Item given Gabriell White	0	0	6
Item paid John Brunsdon for mending the windowes	0	19	10
Item given Gabriell White	0	0	6
Item given Gabriell White	0	2	0
	44	10	0

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Item paid for thornes for mending the boundes in the Church yard			
	0	1	0
Item paid Peter Strong for mending the boundes in the Churchyard			
	0	0	8
Item paid Ambrose Zealy senior for one yeares rent for Jane Smith			
	0	14	0
Item paid Roger Paradice for more hoopess for the bells	0	2	0
Item paid for ten dozen of bread on good Friday	0	10	0

Item given Gabriell White	0 2 0
Item paid Mr Watton for taking a note of the register	0 3 0
Item given goody Warden	0 1 0
Item paid William Yorke Esq which was lent Thomas Phillipps	1 0 0
Item paid Mrs Burd which was lent upon the same accompt	1 0 0
Item paid William Powell for ropes	2 19 0
Item paid Robert Walter for arreares due unto him	4 0 0
Item Mrs Mary Eyles for one yeares rent for goody Seare	1 0 0
Item paid for cloth more then received of the Chamberlins	3 11 4
Item paid for Candles	0 3 9
Item paid for an hand barrow	0 1 0
Item paid for Fower baskettes	0 2 0
Item paid William Pullyn for one payr of shewes for Masyes boye	0 1 6
Item payd him more for badrick leather	0 0 6
Item paid Mr Hope for iron	0 13 2
Item given Goody Hiscocke	0 0 4
Item paid Richard Watton for oyle	0 2 0
Item paid Richard Smith for mettle for the bells	0 13 0
Item spent upon the plow men, laboreres, and bell founderes at severall tymes	2 0 2
Item paid Mathew Blagbury for the use of his ground and Church yard	0 13 6
Item paid Mr Watton for drawing <for drawing <i>deleted</i> > the booke for Mr Johnsons	0 1 0
Item paid for the entring and casting up of this accompt	0 2 6
The whole some of the disbursmentes is <143 8 7 <i>deleted</i> >	
Soe theire disbursmentes exceed theire Receiptes <16 19 5 <i>deleted</i> >	
Item paid more for maimed souldiars & marrinaras	1 0 0
Item paid Thomas Adlam for one yeares rent for Goody Dowdin	0 16 0
Item paid Mr Tayler <which [...] disbursed <i>deleted</i> > being moneys which beforehand he had lent unto severall Overseiars	
	3 0 8
	24 15 1
Receiptes <131 0 2 <i>deleted</i> >	
The whole some of the disburstments is	
	148 13 9½
Soe their disbursements exceeds their Receipts	
	17 13 7½
Disburst	
	148 13 9½

Receiptes	131 0 2
Dewe	17 13 7½

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The said precedent Churchwardens delivered over unto the succeeding Churchwardens theis ornamentes, goodes, and implementes following:

One Table bord, One table Cloth, one Pewter Flaggon, one silver Chalice, one Silver plate, One Surplis, one Napkin, One Pulpitt Cushion, One Pulpitt cloth, Twoe Cushions for the Mayor, Twoe Carpettes, Twenty Formes, Twoe Trunkes, The History of the booke of Martyrs in three volumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church Bible, Three Common Prayer bookes, and one old Psalme Booke, One houre glasse, Twoe joyned stooles, One Tumorell in the Tower, One Biere, Twoe bookes of account wherof this is one, Twoe long ladderes, Two peeces of Timber lying in the Tower, and One table Bord more.

Will Yorke, John Tayler, John Filkes, Robert Walter, Richard Blanford, Thomas Phillippes.

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1664–1665

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Philipp Strong and Richard Blanford Churchwardens of the parrish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the said Burrow of their receipts And Disbursements of the yearely rents profits and Revenues belonging unto the said Church from the feast of Easter 1664 untill the feast of Easter 1665 had and takene the [___] day of [___] in The yeare of our Lord 1665 Aforesaid As followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received of Samuell Fidsall for his house for halfe a yeare	0 15 0
Item received of Mr Richard Webb Junior for <Iveway <i>deleted</i> > Ayleworth Hill	5 0 0
Item received of Thomas Moxam for his house	0 8 0

Item received of Walter Bennet for his house	0 15 0
Item received of Mr John Horton for a tenement	0 12 0
Item received of William Blainford for Mr Thomas Allins Ground	0 1 4
Item received of Robert Bennet for his house for half a year	0 5 0
Item received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the Shambles	1 0 0
Item received of Hugh Skeat for his house	0 5 4
Item received of Robert Butcher for his house	0 13 4
Item received of William Gayne for his house for 3 quarters	0 6 0
Item received of Robert Brothers for his house	0 10 0
Item received of Mr John Tayler for a tenement	1 0 0
Item received of David Howell for his house	0 16 0
Item received of Mathew Blackbury for his house for 2 years	1 7 0
Item received of the Widdow Barton for her house for halfe a year	0 2 0
Item received of Ambros Thurman for his house	1 10 0
Item received of Goodman Crips for his house	0 10 0
Item received of William Brice for two tenements	0 5 0
Item received of Richard Hiscock for his house	0 13 4
Item received of Robert Sloper for a tenement	[]
Item received of William Hudden for his ground	4 0 0
Item received of Phillip Strong for his hous	1 10 0
Item received of Robert Walter for his hous	4 0 0
Item received of Richard Watton for a Warehouse	0 16 0
Item received of John Weekes for his house	3 0 0
	30 0 4

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Item Received of Richard Golding for his house	0 12 0
Item received of Daniell Cuttin Senior for his house	0 10 0
Item received of francis Paradice for Timber Cloase for halfe a yeare	0 8 6
Item received of Francis Paradice for halfe a year	2 5 0
<and <i>deleted</i> > Received of Peeter Croocke for Dolpits	4 10 0
Item received of Stephen Hobbs for his house	0 15 0
Item received of Nicholas Webb for Isabells Breeches	14 0 0
Item received of Mrs Comley widow for her house	2 0 0
Item Received of Mrs Anne Smith for Burying her Mother in the Church	0 6 8
Item received of Mr John Sloper for burying his Mother in law in the Church	0 6 8

Item received of John filkes for burying of his sonne in the Church	
	0 5 0
Item received of the belfounders for the use of the furness & barne	
	5 0 0
Item received of the Chamberlaines for the buying of Cloth	
	13 2 6
	44 1 4

The Discharge

Inprimis laid out for the poore In Cloath	13 2 6
Item laid out for more Cloth which Money was for the use of Mr Nicholas twenty pound & Mrs Grubes £5	1 10 0
Item payd more for Cloath	0 6 5
Item payd Richard Flower for his Yeares Wages	2 10 0
Item Given Gabriell White 4d. a week for fifty two weekes & 8d. more which amount	0 18 0
Item laid out for paper	0 0 1
Item payd Richard Norris for thornes and his labour about the trees in the Churchyard	0 1 2
Item payd Goodwife Brookes for washing of the Surplis	0 1 2
Item payd for a stock for the treble	0 2 6
Item payd William Grafton and William Covey for mending the bell frame & putting in of the Treble Stock	0 11 6
Item payd Joseph Newton for Iregare And some other worke About the bells	0 11 0
	19 14 4

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Item payd to Richard Noris for nine nitches of thornes & his work	0 1 1
Item payd the men for Caring the Doole bread	0 0 6
Item payd Ambros Zelay for mending the gallery	0 1 1
Item payd John Brunsdon for mending apane of Glasse	0 1 1
Item payd John May for Gymmalls & Nailes	0 0 9
Item payd Ambrose Zeley for mending the seats	0 1 4
Item paid Ambros Zely theldest for intrest	0 12 0
Item payd the same Ambros Zely for Jane Smith Rent	0 7 0
Item payd John Brunsdon for lead and Soder	0 3 8
Item payd for Charcoale to heat the Irons	0 0 6
Item payd John Brunsdon and his brother for worke	0 2 8
Item payd for waying the bells	0 2 0
Item payd Joseph Newton for A bar of Iron & other worke	0 5 0
Item gave fower Travellers	0 0 4
Item payd for bread & wine more then received at the communion	

	0 4 1
Item Gave Widdow Hiscock	0 0 2
Item payd Mr Watton for oyle	0 0 6
Item payd Mr Tayler for audit money Which he laid out	1 5 10
Item payd William Pullen for leather for the Bells	0 3 6
Item payd Robert Waltar for Use money for a quarter of a yeere ending at Anunciation last	0 6 0
Item payd for horse hiar & Expens And for the presentment at Salsbury	0 16 6
Item payd Mr Richard Webb senior for arreares When he was overser	3 8 1
Item payd William Poole for measuring of Mr Webbs ground being Ayleworth Hill	0 2 6
Item payd Mr Webb for Contrabution which was left in arreares	0 1 1½
Item payd Mr John Drew for his arreares which is on the foote of the last accounte	17 13 7
	26 7 10

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Item spent upon the workemen at severall times	0 4 2
Item payd the bellfounder for adding of neere three hundred wait of mettalle to the third and fourth bells and for wast of metle	18 17 0
Item payd Mr Drew for the use of his barne	1 10 0
Item payd the widdow Blackbury for the use of her ground to Cast the bells	0 10 0
Item payd Mr Drew for the use of his barne	1 10 0
Item payd the widdow Blackbury for the use of her ground to Cast the bells	0 10 0
Item payd William Powell for five bell ropes & a Clock rope	1 3 0
Item payd for Carring home a plank which was borrowed for the bellfounder	0 0 4
Item payd for Entring & casting up of this account	0 2 6
	22 7 0
 The Receipts	 74 1 8
The Disbursements is	93 4 11½
Soe the Disbursments Exceede the Receipts	19 3 3

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The said precedent Churchwardens delivered over unto the succeeding Churchwardens these Ornaments Goods & implements following, vizt:

One table board, one tablecloth, one pewter flagon, one silver Chalice, one silve plate, one Surplis, one Napkin, one pulpitt Cushion, one pulpitt Cloath, two Cusheons for the Mayor, two Carpets, twenty forms, two tunkes [*sic*], the historye of the booke of Martyres in three Volumes, the Parraphrace of Erasmus, One greate Church bible, three Common Prayer bookes and one old psalme boock, one hower glasse, two Joine stooles, one tummorell in the tower, one biere, two Bookes of account where of this is one, two Long ladders, two Peeces of timber Lying in the tower, one table bord more & one deske for the bookes of Martyres.

And then delivered One Bond of £330 from the Chamberleins dated 12 November 1662 14 Chas. II for the payment of £174 18s. on the 12th of November then next ensuing.

Will Yorke, Richard Webbe senior, John Tayler, John Filkes, William Poole, William Pullen, Robert Bennett [x], Walter Bennett.

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Memorandum that on the Sixeteenth day of Aprill in the yeere of our Lord 1666 at a meeting of the parishioners of this parish Walter Bennett one of the precedent Churchwardens is elected by Mr Henry Johnson Rector of the sayd parish to continue in his office for the yeere now next ensuing and then alsoe the sayd parishioners did elect Francis Potter to be the other Churchwarden for the same yeere.

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1665–1666

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect accompt of Richard Blanford and Walter Bennett Churchwardens of the parrish Church <wardens *deleted*> of the blessed Virgin Mary within the said Borough of their receiptes and disbursements of the yearly rentes profittes and Revenues belonging to the said Church from the Feast of Easter 1665 untill the Feast of Easter 1666 had and taken the Fourth day of June in the yeere of our Lord 1666 aforesaid as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received of Mr Grove for two acres
Item received of Samuëll Fidsall for his house

[]
1 10 0

Item received of Mr Richard Webb junior for the rent of Ayleworth Hill for one year ended att our Lady Day 1666	5	0	0
Item received of Thomas Moxam for his house	0	8	0
Item received of Walter Bennett for his house	0	15	0
Item received of Mr John Horton for a Tenement	0	12	0
Item received of William Blanford for Mr Thomas Allens ground	0	1	4
Item received of Robert Bennett for his house	0	10	0
Item received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the shambles	1	0	0
Item received of Hugh Skeate for his house	0	5	4
Item received of Robert Butcher for his house	0	13	4
Item received of William Gainne for his house for half a yeares rent	0	4	0
Item received of Robert Brotheres for his house	0	10	0
Item received of Mr John Tayler for a Tenement	1	0	0
Item received of David Howell for his house	0	16	0
Item received of Mathew Blackbery for his house	0	13	6
Item received of the widow Barton for her house	0	4	0
Item received of Ambros Thurman for his house	1	10	0
Item received of Thomas Cripps for his house	0	10	0
Item received of William Brice for twoe Tenementes	0	5	0
Item received of Richard Hiscock for for his house	0	13	4
Item received of Mr Robert Sloper for a Tenement	0	0	[.]
	16	16	4

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Item received of William Hudden for his ground	4	0	0
Item received of Mr Philipp Strong for his house	1	10	0
Item received of Robert Walter for his house	4	0	0
Item received of Richard Watton for a Warehouse	0	16	0
Item received of of John Wilkes for his house	3	0	0
Item received of Richard Goulding for his house	0	12	0
Item received of Daniell Cutting senior	0	10	0
Item received of Francis Paradice for Tymber Close	0	17	0
Item received of Francis Paradice & Peter Crooke for Dole Pittes	9	0	0
Item received of Stephen Hobbes for his house	0	15	0
Item received of Nicholas Webb for Issabells Breaches	14	0	0
Item received of Mrs Jane Comely for her house	2	0	0
Item received of Daniell Cutting for the boardes over the fornace wherein the bells were cast	0	13	4
Item received of Mr John Drew for the bricke of the fornace	0	15	0

Item received of the widow Gaine for rent that was behind	0	2	0
Item received of Robert Sloper for rent that was behinde	0	1	8
		42	12
the totall		59	8
			4

The Discharge

Inprimis paid to Daniell Cutting for repairing Mr Drewes Barne		1	16	0
Item Gave to a stranger	0	0	4	
Item gave to goodwife Seare	0	0	6	
Item gave to goodwife Dowden	0	0	6	
Item paid Hellier for thorning the trees in the Church-yard	0	0	10	
Item paid John Brunsdon for sodering the Liddes and for worke		0	1	3
Item paid Juda Brookes for washing the surplis	0	1	4	
Item paid the Kinges birthday for ringing	0	7	0	
Item paid for the twoe Bookes	0	1	2	
Item Gave to a Stranger	0	0	4	
Item paid for Penticost money to Robert Marten the Apparitor		0	1	0
		2	10	3

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Item paid the Ringeres when the Dutch were routed	0	1	6	
Item paid for the booke of prayeres	0	1	0	
Item Gave three strangeres	0	0	10	
Item paid Robert Marten for a book and Proclamacion	0	1	0	
Item gave to a stranger that had his house burnt	0	0	6	
Item paid the widowe Blackbury	0	0	8	
Item laid out for mending the chest	0	0	6	
Item paid William Graften for making the Chockes for the bell ropes, and one dayes worke to mend the wheeles & for board	0	4	0	
Item gave to a stranger	0	0	4	
Item gave to the Ringeres when the Dutch were routed againe		0	5	0
Item paid Ambros Zealy for mending a Seate in the Church	0	2	0	
Item paid Goodman Newnton for keeping the chimes	0	2	0	
Item paid him more for keyes and wedges and for mending the clock- hamer, spriges, and six strapps for the wheeles	0	3	4	
Item paid John May for nailes and sprigges	0	0	10	
Item paid Richard Watton for three pintes of oyle	0	1	6	
Item gave to the widow Hutchens	0	0	6	

Item paid Nicholas Webb two monethes Contribucion	0	1	6
Item paid him more six monethes Royall aid money	0	5	6
Item paid Richard Webb three paymentes for the royall aid money and two monethes contribucion	0	5	7
Item paid for Francis Paradice his royall aid money	0	1	9
Item paid the Kinges rent	0	5	4
Item paid the Chamberlaines for Castle gard rent	0	15	0
Item paid the chamberlaines for cheif rent	0	9	4
Item gave to the beareres of Gobbetts dole	0	0	6
Item gave a stranger	0	0	4
Item gave the ringeres gun powder <and <i>deleted</i> > treason day	0	6	8
Item gave the widow Hutchens att twice	0	0	8
Item gave to Seamen	0	0	4
Item gave to a stranger	0	0	3
Item spent att Seend going about John Abry	0	4	8
Item paid more then received of the Chamberlaines for cloath	3	14	7
Item paid for bread att Gobbetts dole	1	1	0
Item paid for washing the surplus	0	1	4
Item paid the beareres of the bread	0	1	0
	9	1	4

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Item gave to a Traveler	0	0	4
Item gave to Abraham Lawrence	0	0	10
Item gave to the widowe Panett	0	0	6
Item paid to Marke Uggins for pitching about the Church gate	0	0	7
Item paid for mattes for the bell ropes	0	5	0
Item paid Nicholas Webb Royall aid money	0	3	9
Item gave to a stranger	0	0	6
Item gave to the widow Panett	0	0	6
Item gave to Richard Kingston	0	0	6
Item paid William Koole for thorning the hedge about the <hue <i>deleted</i> > ewe tree	0	1	6
Item gave to a stranger	0	0	6
Item gave to the widowe Pennett	0	0	6
Item gave to a stranger	0	0	4
Item paid to Purryer for helping John James	0	0	6
Item gave to Joane Snell	0	0	6
Item paid John James for mending the pipe in the tower for lead soder and worke	1	1	9

Item paid William Coole for <mend <i>deleted</i> > mending the boundes	0 1 6
Item paid John Orchard for helping John James	0 1 0
Item paid Ambros Zealy for making the wheele	0 14 0
Item paid for mending of a seat	0 0 6
Item gave to a Seaman	0 0 3
Item paid Mr Nicholas Webb Royall aid money	0 2 9
Item paid Mr Richard Webb junior Royall aid money	0 1 8
Item paid John Brunsdon for glasing the Church windowes	1 3 7
Item paid John May for nailes and sprigges	0 1 9
Item paid William Powell for bell ropes	0 13 6
Item paid <Goodman <i>deleted</i> > Joseph Newnton for worke	0 5 6
Item paid for bread and wine more then received att the Communion	0 5 1
Item Mr John Watton for drawing up the register of the chrisninges marriages and burialls	0 3 0
Item paid more for carrying the delivery	0 2 8
Item gave to the widow Hiscock att twice	0 0 6
Item paid for maimed men and marrineres	0 10 0
Item paid Robert Bennett for worke and Timber	0 11 2
	6 15 6

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Item paid Mr Maior one of the late Churchwardens in parte of money <that hee was <i>deleted</i> > behind & due to him on the foote of the last Accompt	16 0 0
Item paid the Overseeres	19 6 8
Item paid Richard Floweres yeares <rent <i>deleted</i> > wages	2 10 0
Item paid Robert Walter for one yeares interest for twenty pounds	1 4 0
Item paid Ambros Zealy for one yeares interest for Twenty poundes	1 4 0
Item paid to Ambros Zealy for one yeares rent for Jane Smith	0 14 0
Item paid Francis Paradice for Fower grayes heades	0 4 0
Item spent in drinke att severall times upon workemen	0 4 0
Item paid for the entring of this accompt	0 2 6
	41 9 2
 The totall some is	 59 16 3
Soe the disbursements exceed the receipts	0 7 11

The said precedent Churchwardens delivered over unto the succeeding Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes and implementes following, vizt:

One Table board, one table cloath, one pewter flaggon, one silver Chalice, one Silver plate, one surplis, one Napkin, one Pullpitt Cushion one Pullpitt cloth, two cushions for the Mayor, two Carpettes, Twenty Formes, two trunkes, The History of the Book of Martyrs in three volumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, one great Church bible, Three Common prayer bookes, One old psalme booke, one houre glasse, two joyned stooles, one Tumbrell<ell *deleted*> in the Tower, One Biere, two bookes of account where of this is one, two long ladders, two peeces of timber lying in the tower and one Table bord more.

Alsoe then delivered One Bond of £330 from the Chamberleins for the payment of £174 18s. on the 12th of Novembr next.

Philip Strong, William Yorke, Richard Webbe, John Tayler, John Filkes, Ambros Zealy [x], John Overton, Paul Ludlo.

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Memorandum that the seaventeenth day of February in the yeare of our Lord God 1666/7 [*sic*] Nathaniell Blackbury Clarke of the parish of St Mary in the Borough of Devizes in the county of Wilts was elected Sexton or Bedman of the sayd parish by the free Consent <of y *deleted*> & suffrage of the Parishioners of the sayd parish after publicke notice given for the election. In witnes whereof we subscribe our names:

Henry Johnson Rector, Philip Strong.

Memorandum that on the Eighth day of Aprill in the yeere of our Lord 1667 at a meeting of the parishioners of this parish Francis Potter one of the precedent Churchwardens is elected to continue in his office for the yeere now next ensuing and then alsoe the parishioners did elect Edward Baugh to be the other Churchwarden for the same yeere.

1666–1667

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect accompt of Walter Bennett and Francis Potter Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed virgin Mary within the said Borough of their Receiptes and disbursements of the yeerely Rentes profittes and Revenues belonging to the said Church from the feast of Easter 1666 untill the Feast of Easter 1667 had and taken the First day of July in the yeere of our Lord 1667 aforesaid as followeth.

The Charge

Inprimis received of Mr William Grove for Two acres of land	[_____]
Item received of Samuell Fidsall for his house	1 10 0
Item received of Mr Richard Webbe the younger for his groundes called Aylworth Hill	5 0 0
Item received of Thomas Moxham for his house	0 8 0
Item received of Walter Bennett for his house	0 15 0

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Item received of Mr John Horton for his Stable and garden	0 12 0
Item received of <William Blanford for <i>deleted</i> > Thomas Beedle for Bascombe Close late Mr Thomas Allens	[_____]
Item received of Robert Bennett for his house	0 10 0
Item received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the Old Shambles	1 0 0
Item received of Hugh Skeate for his house	0 5 4
Item received of Robert Butcher for his house	0 13 4
Item received of William Gayne for his house	0 8 0
Item received of Robert Brothers for certaine Tenementes late Gaynes	0 10 0
Item received of Mr John Tayler for Brayes Tenement	[_____]
Item received of David Howell for halfe a yeere for his house	0 8 0
Item received of Margaret Blackbury widow for her house	0 13 6
Item received of Elizabeth Barton widow for her dwelling house and garden	[_____]
Item received of Ambrose Thurman for his house	1 10 0
Item received of Thomas Cripps for his house	0 10 0
Item received of William Brice for Two Tenements	0 5 0
Item received of widow Hiscock for her house	0 13 4

Item received of Robert Sloper for one yeere and a halfes Rent for a house	0 2 6
Item received of William Hudden for his ground	4 0 0
Item received of Mr Philipp Strong for his house	1 10 0
Item received of Robert Walter for his house	4 0 0
Item received of Richard Watton for his Warehouse	0 16 0
Item received of John Wilkes for his house	3 0 0
Item received of Richard Goulding for his house	0 12 0
Item received of Daniell Cutten senior for his house	0 10 0
Item received of Francis Paradise for Timber Close	0 17 0
Item received more of Francis Paradise & Peter Crooke for Dolepittes	9 0 0
Item received of Stephen Hobbes for his house	0 15 0
Item received of Nicholas Webbe for Isabell's mead and Breach	14 0 0
Item received of Jane Comley widow for her dwelling house	2 0 0
Item received for Nineteene poundes of Iron	0 3 0
 The whole some of their Receiptes are	 56 17 0

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The Discharge

Inprimis paid for carrying the Bread that Mr Richard Peirce gave	0 0 3
Item paid (at the Generall Sessions of the Peace for this County) to a Counsellor and witnesses to prevent the settling of one Abree in this parish	0 12 2
Item paid Ambrose Zealy for repaying of Seates in the Church	0 2 6
Item gave to Elizabeth Selfe in her Sicknes	0 0 6
Item gave to the Ringers the 29th of May	0 7 6
Item paid to William Overton & Richard Kinson for amending the Church pavement	0 5 4
Item paid for making the Bookes for gathering the Church Rentes & Mr Johnsons Rentes	0 1 0
Item paid to Mr Philipp Strong Maior being money due unto him	3 3 3
Item gave to the Ringers on the 8th of June being a Reioyceing for a victory over the Dutch	0 2 11
Item paid unto Richard Flower the sexton for his wages & for keeping the Clock & Chimes	2 10 0

Item paid Daniell Cutting for Lime and worke used about the Church windowes	0 1 8
Item paid to Mr Philipp Strong Maior being money that he gave the Ringers the 8th of June	0 5 0
Item gave William Lewis in his sicknes	0 0 6
Item paid Henry Purrier for goeing after widow Seare when she went from her Children	0 0 8
Item paid to Richard Watton for oyle for the Clock and Chimes	0 2 6
Item paid to Anthony West for wyer for the Chimes	0 0 3
Item paid Robert Marten the Apparitor for a Booke and proclamacion	0 1 0
Item paid to the Ringers on the 23th of August being a Reioyceing for a victory over the Dutch	0 4 8
Item paid to John Hamond Bookeseller for new binding & repaying the Bookes belonging to the parish	0 8 0
Item gave to Richard Kingson in his sicknes	0 1 0
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for amending Seates in the Church	0 1 10
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy th'elder a yeeres Rent for Jane Smith	0 14 0
Item gave to William Lewis & his wife in their sicknes	0 0 6
Item paid Mr Philipp Strong Maior being money which he gave to the Ringers on the 23th of August	0 5 0
Item paid to Joseph Newton his yeeres pay for keepinge of the Clock and chimes	0 2 0
Item paid more to Joseph Newton for mending the Bells and for curtaine Roddes Hookes & Staples	0 5 6
Item paid to William Biddle for Rent due unto him the last yeere for Jeffreyes family	1 1 2
Item paid for Beere at Burlyes childs funerall	0 0 6
Item paid the Kinges Rent for Isabells Breach	0 5 6
Item paid to Walter Bennett being money due unto him on the foote of the last accompt	0 7 11

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Item paid to the Ringers on the Fith of November	0 5 6
Item gave to widow Hiscock in her sicknes	0 0 4
Item paid more to Robert Marten the Apparitor for a Booke and proclamacion	0 0 9
Item paid more to him being Penticost money	0 1 0
Item paid for a payre of Shooes for Macyes Child	0 1 8
Item paid for Cloth for the Poore out of the interest of £25 being	

moneys given by Charitable persons to remayne as a Stocke and the interest to goe to the Poore which moneys were expended and lyd out by Mr Strong & Mr Drew late Churchwardens about casting the Bells	1 10 0
Item paid for Cloth for the Poore more then received of the Chamberlaynes	0 1 2
Item paid for bread for the Poore on the Feast of All Saintes	1 1 0
Item paid for makeing a Coate for Selfes Child	0 0 6
Item paid for makeing Clothes for Maceys Child	0 0 8
Item paid for washing the Surplis & other Church linnen	0 1 10
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for amending Two Bell Wheeles	0 1 6
Item paid for Sending Mary Jefferyes son to London	0 5 2
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for a Coffin for John [Toe?]	0 5 0
Item gave to old Fowle at Two severall times in his Sicknes	0 1 0
Item paid to Robert Bennett for timber & worke about <the <i>deleted</i> > David Howells house	0 10 0
Item paid Daniell Cutting for tile & worke about the same David Howells house	0 7 10
Item paid for beere for workemen at severall times this yeare	0 4 8
Item gave Joane Snell in her Sicknes	0 0 6
Item paid to Richard Bennett for Chaynes to fasten the Bookes in the Church	0 2 4
Item paid for a payre of shoes for Mullins his mayd	0 2 0
Item gave Reynolds his son when he went to London to be an Apprentice	0 0 6
Item paid to Joseph Newton for mending a Clapper kayes wedges and other worke done about the Church	0 3 6
Item paid James Lewis for Rent due unto him for the house wherein the widow Neate the widow Masese widow Harper lived in	1 7 6
Item paid for Bread and Wine more then received of the Communicantes	0 6 5
Item gave more to the widow Hiscock in her sicknes	0 0 4
Item paid to John Brunsdon for glaseing the windows colouring the Font deskes Mr Johnsons pew & other worke done about the Church	0 16 3
Item paid Robert Brookes his wife for washing the Surplis	0 1 4
Item gave to William Snell when he went to London	0 1 0
Item gave Joane Snell in her sicknes	0 0 6
Item paid to William Powell for Bell Ropes	1 0 9
Item paid to Hugh Hillman for copyng of the Register Booke and retorning of it	0 3 0
Item paid for Inke and paper	0 0 3

Item paid for the interest of £20 to Robert Walter which was taken up
by Mr Strong and Mr Drew precedent Churchwardens 1 4 0

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Item paid for the interest of £20 to Ambrose Zealy senior which was taken up by Mr Strong and Mr Drew precedent Churchwardens	1 4 0
Item gave to poore travillers at severall times	0 1 8
Item paid the Royall Ayd for Isabells Breach	1 11 0
Item paid the Royall Ayd for Aylworth Hill	0 9 4½
Item paid the Royall Ayd for Dole Pittes	0 4 9
Item paid the Overseers at severall times	29 16 2½
Item paid to Richard Watton for oyle used about the Chimes and Clock	0 3 1
Item paid to John May for Nayles used about the Church	0 0 9
Item paid to William Pullen for Leather for the Bells	0 2 4
Item paid for Entering and casting up of this Accompt	0 2 6
 The whole some of their disbursments are	 56 0 0
Soe their Receiptes exceed their Disbursmentes	0 17 0

The said precedent Churchwardens delivered over unto the succeeding
Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes and implementes
following, vizt:

One Table board, one Table Cloth, one pewter Flaggon, one Silver
Chalice, one silver plate, one surplis, one napkin, one Pullpitt Cloth,
one Pullpitt Cushion, Two Cushions for the Maior, Two Carpettes,
Twenty Formes, Two Trunkes, The History of the Booke of Martyrs
in Three volumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, one great Church
Bible, Three Common prayer bookes, one old Psalme booke, one
houre Glasse, Two ioyned stooles, one Tumbrell in the Tower, one
Biere, Two Bookes of Accompt (whereof this is one), Two long
Ladders, Two peeces of Timber lying in the Tower & one Tableboard.

John Tayler, John Filkes, Robert Bennett [x], John Overton, Paul
Ludlo, Thomas Barker.

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18 Octobris 1667

Uppon a meeting then had by the parishioners of this parish of St

Maryes It was Considered that seeing that there is due from the parish uppon Bond the some of twenty pounds unto Ambrose Zealy thelder of this parishe & likewise the some of twenty pounds more due unto Robert Walter of this parish in both which bondes Mr Phillip Strong and Mr John Drew late Churchwardens of this parish doe stand ingaged & obliged, Therefore for the better paying & discharging of the said debts respectively It is hereby agreed & consented unto And we doe order & appoint that the present Churchwardens & the Churchwardens for the tyme to come shall collect and gather all such rents which <are due *deleted*> from tyme to tyme shall grow due for Isabelles meade & Breach unto this parish after our Lady day next & pay the same unto the said Ambrose Zealy untill his principle money & his single interest be fully satisfied, And alsoe that the said Churchwardens shall from tyme to tyme until the principle money & single interest of the said Robert Walters debt be fully paid forbear together or collect the rent of Fower pownds per annum due from the sayd Robert Walter unto this parish of St Maryes the said Ambrose Zealy & Robert Walter being both present and consenting unto the severall payments aforesaid And soe the sayd Mr Strong & Mr Drew to be discharged of the same, all interest due in the meanetyme unto the sayd Ambrose Zealy to be paid. Witnes our hands the Day of yeare abovesayd.

Charles Danvers, John Horton, Ambros Zealy, William Poole, Phillip Strong, Francis Potter, Thomas Barker, Nicholas Forsith, John Bosom, Thomas Hawkins [x], Ambrose Zealy iunior [x], John Wyatt [x], John Brunsdon, William Pullin.

Memorandum that on the Foure and Twentieth day of March 1667 Edward Baugh at a meeting of the parishioners of the sayd parish being one of the precedent Churchwardens is elected to continue in his Office for the yeere now next ensuing and then alsoe the parishioners did elect Beniamin Streete to be the other Churchwarden for the same yeere.

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1667–1668

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect accompt of Francis Potter and Edward Baugh Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed virgin Mary within the said Borough of their Receipts & disbursments of the

yeerly Rents profitts & reuennues belonging to the said Church from the Feast of th'Annunciacion of the blessed Virgin Mary 1667 unto the Sixe & Twentieth day of March 1668 had and taken the Eleventh day of May 1668 aforesaid as followeth.

The Charge

Imprimis received of Walter Bennett the Remainder of our last accompt	0 17 0
Received of Henry Andrewes for 2 acres of land	0 0 0
Item received of Samuell Fidsall for his house	1 10 0
Item received of Mr Richard Webbe junior for the grounds called Ayleworth Hill	5 0 0
Item received of Thomas Moxham for his house	0 8 0
Item received of Walter Bennett for his house	0 15 0
Item received of Mr John Hoxton for a Tenement	0 12 0
Item received of Thomas Beedle for his ground	1 16 0
Item received of Robert Bennett for his house	0 10 0
Item received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the Shambles	1 0 0
Item received of Hugh Skeate for his house	0 5 4
Item received of Robert Butcher for his house	0 13 4
Item received of William Gaine for a yeere and an halfe for his house	0 12 0
Item received of Robert Brothers for his house	0 10 0
Item received of Mr John Tayler for a Tenement called Brayes for Two yeeres Rent ending at Annunciation last	2 0 0
Item received of David Howell for his house	[]
Item received of Margarett Blackbury for her house	0 13 6
Item received of the widow Barton for her house	[]
Item received of Ambrose Thurman for his house	1 10 0
Item received of Thomas Cripps for his house	0 10 0
Item received of William Brice for 2 Tenements	0 5 0
Item received of the widow Hiscock for her house	0 13 4
Item received of Robert Sloper for his house	0 1 8
Item received of William Hudden for his ground	4 0 0
Item received of Mr Phillip Strong for his house	1 10 0
Item received of Robert Walter for his house for halfe a yeere	2 0 0
Item <Received <i>deleted</i> > of Richard Watton for his Warehouse	0 16 0
Item received of John Wilkes for his house	3 0 0
Item received of Richard Goulding for his house	0 12 0
Item received of Daniell Cutten senior for his house	0 10 0
Item received of Francis Paradice for Timber Close	0 17 0

Item received of Francis Paradice and Peter Crooke for Dole Pitts	9	0	0
Item received of Stephen Hobbs for his house	0	15	0

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Item received of John Webbe for Isabells Breaches	14	0	0
Item received of Jane Comly for her house	2	0	0
Item received of the widow Blackbury for her Coppy License	0	2	6
Item received of the widow Blackbury for a Fine for her house	25	0	0
Item received of the Mayor for the placing of poore Children Apprentices	2	0	0
The whole some of the Receipts amount unto	86	4	8

The Discharge

Inprimis Paid Interest for £20 to Robert Walter for halfe a yeere	0	12	0
Item paid Royall Ayde for Frances Paradices ground	0	3	0
Item paid to the Overseers severall times	36	0	0
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for amending seats	0	2	5
Item paid to strangers at severall times	0	3	0
Item paid to John Webbe Royall Ayde for his ground	1	0	6½
Item paid to John Webbe that which he payd for the Trained Souldiers	0	1	11
Item paid for a Sack of Lime	0	1	6
Item paid to the Ringers when peace was proclaymed	0	4	6
Item paid to John Waite for keeping the Clock	0	1	0
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy thelder for a yeers interest for £20	1	4	0
Item paid to the Chamberlaynes for the yeere 1666 for the Castle Guard Rent	0	15	0
Item paid to the Chamberlaines Chiefe rent for the yeere 1666	0	9	4
Item paid to the Chamberlaynes for the Castle Guard for the yeere 1667	0	15	0
Item paid to the Chamberlaynes Chiefe Rent for the yeere 1667	0	9	4
Item paid the Kings rent for Isabells Breach & meadow	0	5	4
Item paid to Anthony West for Wyer	0	0	6
Item gave to Oakesford in his sickness	0	0	6

Item paid the Ringers the 5th of November	0 6 0
Item paid for carrying the Bread the 2nd of November	0 0 6
Item paid to Joseph Neweton for mending the wheels of the Bells & other worke & for his wages	0 5 6
Item paid to John Overton & Paul Ludloe the late Overseers being our of purse on their <last <i>deleted</i> > accompt	4 19 11
Item paid for Bread for the poore November the 2nd	1 0 0
Item paid Royall Ayde for Mr Richard Webb junior for his ground	0 5 7½
Item paid to Mr Richard Webbe <senior <i>deleted</i> > for the Trained Souldiers	0 0 9
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for mending seates & Formes	0 2 9
Item paid to John White for amending a Bell wheele & other worke	0 1 0
Item paid Richard Norris for stakes & Thornes & for his worke about the Church yard	0 2 0

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Item paid for carrying the dole Bread	0 0 8
Item gave to William Snells sonne when he was going for London	0 1 0
Item gave to the widow Hiscock at twice	0 0 6
Item payd for Cloth for the poore <for <i>deleted</i> > out of the interest of £25 that was given for the use of the poore which money Mr Strong & Mr John Drew laid out for casting of the Bells	1 10 0
Item paid for Cloth more	0 2 6
Item paid to John Brunsdon for glasing	1 7 1
Item paid for washing the surplis and other Church linnen	0 1 10
Item paid for 3 paire of Indentures	0 2 0
Item paid <with <i>deleted</i> > for placing Orchards as Apprentice with Thomas Philipps	1 0 0
Item paid for the like with William Fipp an Apprentice	1 10 0
Item paid with Elizabeth Lewes an Apprentice	1 0 0
Item paid for nayles used in the Gallery	0 0 2½
Item paid to Joseph Newton for mending the <Chymes <i>deleted</i> > [Chammer?] of the Great Bell	0 0 6
Item paid for inke & paper	0 0 4
Item paid for bread & wine more then we received of the Communicantes	0 3 10
Item paid for Alexander Cuttens rent	2 8 4½
Item paid to John Filkes & Robert Bennett late Overseers being out of purse for the poore	2 16 1
Item paid for Bell ropes	0 19 10

Item paid for Tobacco & pipes & Candles the Kings birth day	0 1 0
Item paid for an order for the removeing of John Smith	0 1 0
Item paid to Richard Watton for Oile	0 1 9
Item paid John Marchant for wyer & oyle	0 0 4
Item paid to <him <i>deleted</i> > John Marchant for halfe a yeeres wages	0 10 0
Item paid Robert Marten for Pentecost money	0 1 0
Item paid Daniell Cutten for worke	0 0 4
Item paid Richard White & Eleazer Pullin Overseers for the poore	2 0 0
Item paid to Hugh Hillman for copping & retorning the Register	0 3 0
Item paid for expenses at the Visitation	0 2 10
Item paid for a presentment	0 2 2
Item paid for a booke of Articles	0 0 8
Item paid for entering & casting up of thes accompt	0 2 6

<The whole some of their Disbursmentes amount *deleted*>

Item paid unto Mr Tayler as charges layd out in a suite brought by the Feoffees against William Blandford for deteyning from them a close called Bascombe Close as by his note appeareth	2 5 6
Item paid unto him for the drawing and ingrossing of Two Rentalls in parchment for the use of the parish	0 4 6

The whole some of theis Disbursementes amount unto	68 14 3
Soe their Receiptes exceed their Disbursementes amount unto	17 10 5

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The said precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens these Ornaments goods & implements following, Vizt:

One Table board, one Table Cloth, one pewter Flaggon, one silver Challice, one silver plate, one surplus, one Napkin, one Pulpitt Cloth, one pulpit Cushion, Two Cushions for the Maior, Two Carpetts, Twenty Formes, Two Trunks, The History of the booke of Martyrs in Three Volumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church bible, Three Common prayer books, One old Psalme booke, one houre Glasse, Two joyned Stooles, one Tumbrell in the Tower, one Biere, Two books of accompt (whereof this is one), Two long Ladders, Three pieces of Timber lying in the Tower & one Table board.

Mr Richard Webbe senior [x], John Tayler, John Filkes, William Poole, Robert Walter [x], Benjamin Street, William Pullin, Richard Pilli.

Memorandum that on the Thirteenth day of Aprill 1669 Benjamin Streete at a meeting of the parishioners of the sayd parish being one of the precedent Churchwardens is elected to continue in his office for the yeere now next ensuing And then alsoe the sayd parishioners did elect James Streete to be the other Churchwarden for the sayd yeere. And did then alsoe elect William Huddon and Edward Bowman to be Sidemen for the sayd parish for the sayd yeere.

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1668–1669

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect accompt of <Benjamin Streete and *deleted*> Edward Baugh and Benjamin Street Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the said Borough of their Receipts and disbursements of the yearly Rents profitts and Revenues belonging to the said Church from the Sixe & Twentieth day of March 1668 until the Sixe and Twentieth day of March 1669 had and taken [*sic*].

The Charge

Imprimis Received of Francis Potter <the <i>deleted</i> > in stock remaining <Due <i>deleted</i> > on the foote of the last accompt	17	10	5
Received of Richard Jefferies & Thomas Bayly being Rent paid for the house late Alexander Cuttens	2	8	1
Received of Mr Richard Webbe senior for laying a stone in the Chauncell	0	3	0
Received of Sir Henry Andrews for Two acres of ground	0	0	0
Received of <the Widow <i>deleted</i> > Mary Fidsall widow for her house	1	10	0
Received of Mr Richard Webbe junior for Ailworth Hill	5	0	0
Received of Thomas Moxam for his house	0	8	0
Received of William Coxe for his house	0	15	0
Received of Mr John Horton for his house	0	12	0
Received of Thomas Biddle for Bascombe Close	1	16	0
Received of Robert Bennett for his house	0	10	0
Received of Mary Eyles widow for the shambles	1	0	0
Received of Mary Skeate widow for her house	0	5	4

Received of Robert Butcher for his house	0 13 4
Received of William Gainne for his house	0 8 0
Received of Robert Brothers for his house halfe a yeeres Rent	0 5 0
Received of of Mr John Tayler for a Tenement called Brayes	1 0 0
Received of David Howell for his house	[]
Received of Margarett Blackborough for her house	0 13 6
Received of the widow Barton for her house	[]
Received of Ambrose Thurman for his house	1 10 0
Received of Thomas Cripps for his house	0 10 0
Received of William Brice for 2 Tenements	0 5 0
Received of Christopher Ellis for the house late Mansfields <house <i>deleted</i> >	0 13 4
	37 16 0

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Received of Robert Sloper for a Tenement	0 1 8
Received of William Hudden for his ground in the New Parke	4 0 0
Received of Mr Philipp Strong for his house	1 10 0
Received of Robert Walter for his house	4 0 0
Received of Richard Watton for a shop or Roome under the Councill house	0 16 0
Received of John Wilkes for his house	3 0 0
Received of Mary Golding widow for her house	0 10 0
Received of Daniell Cutten senior for his house	0 10 0
Received of Francis Paradise for Timber Close	0 17 0
Received of Francis Paradise and Peter Crooke for Dolepitts	9 0 0
Received of Stephen Hobbs for his house	0 15 0
Received of John Webbe for Isabells breach	14 0 0
Received of Jane Comly widow for her house	2 0 0
Received of William Snell for a plott of ground	[]
Received of Henry Jennings for a plott of ground	[]
	41 1 8
The sume totall of Receipts is	78 17 8

The Discharge

Imprimis Paid to the Apparitor for Pentecost money	0 1 0
Item given to Henry selfs child to carry her to London & for Cloaths	0 8 6
Item paid the Ringers on the Kings birthday May th [<i>sic</i>] 29th	0 6 8

Item paid for Three Foxe heads by the appointment of Mr Edward Pierce then Maior	0 3 0
Item gave to Henry Dowselins Children	0 1 6
Item paid for Coale to heat Irons for the leads & for roughcast	0 1 0
Item given to Two Seamen	0 1 0
Item paid for paper	0 0 6
Item paid for washing the Church to Daniell Cutten senior	1 5 0
Item paid for a Purse	0 0 4
Item given to a poore woman travelling to London	0 0 9
Item given to Rebecca Chivers being sick	0 3 0
Item given to Jeremiah Arthor being lame	0 0 4
Item laid out at the Visitation at Easter	0 5 6
Item paid for registring the presentment	0 3 6
Item paid for a booke of Articles and warning to the the Visitation Court	0 1 6
Item paid for a paire of drawers for Snells Child going to London	0 1 4
Item paid the Kings Rent for Isabells Breach & for an Acquittance	0 5 6
	3 9 11

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Item given to the widow Hiscock	0 0 4
Item paid for bread for the poore the the second of November called Gobbettes Dole	1 0 0
Item paid the Chamberlines for Cheif Rent & Castleguard Rent	1 4 4
Item given to a gentleman & his family	0 1 0
Item given to the Ringers on the 5th of November	0 6 8
Item given to John King in his sicknes	0 1 0
Item paid for Cloth the interest of Twenty & Five pounds laid out on the Bells being moneys heretofore given to this parish by Mr Robert Nicholas & Mrs Grubbe	1 10 0
Item given to John Pountney	0 0 6
Item paid to John Smith for Thorns to amend the bounds and the Ewe Tree	0 3 0
Item paid to Richard Norris for his worke about amending the same	0 3 0
Item paid the Charge of the Court & for all other expences at Salisbury	1 3 9
Item given to Jeremiah Arthur to carry his son to London	0 7 4
Item given to Jane Bishop wife of Richard Bishopp	0 0 6
Item paid to Peter Crooke for bread on Good Friday to give to the	

poor	0 10 0
Item paid to Richard Watton for oyle	0 1 4
Item paid for a hearse Cloth	0 10 0
Item given to goodwife Arthur wife of Jeremiah Arthur when he was at London	0 1 10
Item paid for the mariners & maimed souldiers	0 13 4
Item paid for washing the surplis & linnen of the Church	0 2 6
Item paid for <washing the <i>deleted</i> > beere for the Ringers when the Bishop came into Towne	0 2 6
Item laid out for Cloth more then the money amounted unto	0 3 6
Item paid to Thomas Smith for making Brunsdons Childs Cloths	0 2 0
Item paid to William Powell for Ropes for the Bells and Clock	0 18 2
Item paid for drawing out and recording the Register	0 3 0
Item paid <for <i>deleted</i> > the plumber for worke and sowder and ledd	3 5 6
Item paid John Marchant for labour with the Plummer and Tiler	0 9 0
Item paid Daniell Cutten senior for worke and lyme and other things about the repairing the Church	1 2 2
	14 6 3

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Item paid to John Brunsdon for mending the glasse windowes & leads	0 19 9
Item paid to William Poole for Timber worke & nailes and Three Hundred of Wood for the Plummer about repairing the Church	0 18 9
Item paid Richard Powell for worke and stone about the Tower and Church	0 8 5
Item paid Ambrose Zealy senior towards his bond & the Interest	14 18 8
Item paid to Robert Walter in part of his debt due on his Bond	4 0 0
Item paid to Joseph Newton for hanging the Third Bell & wages and other worke	1 7 6
Item paid John Marchant the sexton for his yeeres wages	1 0 0
Item paid Mr John Webbe for Royall Ayd 3 quarters of a yeere	0 16 1¾
Item paid to Mr Richard Webbe Junior for Royall Ayd 3 quarters of a yeere	0 5 7
Item paid to Francis Paradise Royall Ayd 3 quarters of a yeere	

	0 2 8
Item paid to Ambrose Zealy for work about the Church & stuffe & hanging the Third Bell	1 3 6
Item given to John Aberyes wife lying in Childbedd	0 0 6
Item paid Eleazer Pullen & Richard Whatley Overseers the last yeere	18 0 0
Item paid to Richard Pillis and Thomas Barker being Overseers the precedent yeere for money due to them on the foot of their accompt	8 17 11
Item paid to the present Overseers Robert Butcher & John Hill	4 0 0
Item paid for bread and wine more then received	0 10 8
Item paid for Beere when John King was buried	0 1 0
Item for entering and casting up this Accompt	0 2 6
	57 0 6
The Whole some of their disbursements amounts unto	75 13 6
Soe their Receipts exceed their disbursements	3 8 0

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The precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens the Ornaments goods & implements following, vizt:

One Table board, one Table Cloth, one Pewter Flaggon, one Silver Challice, One silver plate, one Surplis, one Napkin, One Pulpitt Cloth, One pulpit Cushion, Two Cushions for the Maior, Two Carpetts, Twenty Formes, Two Truncks, The History of the book of Martyrs in Three Volumes, The Paraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church Bible, Three Common Prayer books, One old Psalme Book, One houre glasse, Two joyned stooles, One Tumbrell in the Tower, One Biere, Two books of accompt (whereof this is one), Two long ladders, Three peeces of Timber lying in the Tower and One Table board, and one Hearse Cloth.

John Taylor, Richard Webb, John Filkes, George Beedell, William Poole, William Blanford.

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The 28th day of July 1669

At a meeting of the Feoffees and parishioners of this parish the day and yeere abovesayd It is ordered and agreed in regard there is Sixteene

pounds now due unto Eleazer Pullen and Richard Whatly the late precedent Overseers of the poore of this parish (there being £15 19s. <due *deleted*> remaining due on the foote of their Accompt and 1s. for the obteyning of an Order at the last Sessions of the Peace held for this Borough for the payment thereof unto them) That for the paying and discharging of the same the present Churchwardens and those which shall succeed them shall collect and gather all such rent which from tyme to tyme shall grow due for Isabells Breach and Isabells Mead unto the Feoffees of the landes of this parish to the use of this parish after the Feast of St Michael Th'archangell now next ensuing and pay the same unto the sayd Eleazer Pullen and Richard Whatly the late Overseers untill the sayd Sixteene poundes together with the single interest for the same to begin at the Feast of th'Annunciacion of the blessed virgin Mary now last past shalbe fully payd and satisfied the sayd Eleazar Pullen being here present consenting to this order for himself and on the behalf of the sayd Richard Whatly.

John Taylor, George Beedlle, Ambrose Zealy th'elder [x], William Poole, [James Sett?], William Pullin, Robert Walter [x], Benjamin Street, Robert Butcher, John Hill [x], Ambras Zealy.

Memorandum That on the Fifth day of Aprill 1670 at a meeting of the parishioners of the parish of the blessed virgin Mary they elected and chose Francis Read and Anthony Chivers to be churchwardens of the sayd parish for the yeere now next ensuing. And they did then alsoe elect William Tily and Daniell Cutton the younger to be Sidemen of the sayd parish for the sayd yeere. James Streete the Churchwarden for the last yeere being excused at the request of Mr Johnson in respect of the inability of his body to performe the sayd Office for another yeere.

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1669–1670

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect accompt of Benjamin Street and James Street Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough aforesaid of their Receiptes and Disbursements of the yeerly Rentes profittes and Revenues belonging to the said Church from the Sixe and Twentieth day of March 1669 until the Sixe and Twentieth day of March 1670 had and taken the Third day of June 1670.

The Charge

Inprimis received of Sir Henry Andrews for Two acres	0	0	0
Item received of Wiliam Brice for Two Tenementes	0	5	0
Item received of Wiliam Coxe for Walter Bennettes house	0	15	0
Item received of Thomas Moxam for his house	0	8	0
Item received of the widow Barton for her house	[]		
Item received of Daniell Cutten senior for his house	0	10	0
Item received of Christopher Ellis for his house late Manfieldes			
	0	13	4
Item received of Mr John Tayler for a Tenement called Brayes			
	1	0	0
Item received of Ambrose Thurman for his house	1	10	0
Item received of <Ambrose Zeal <i>deleted</i> > Richard Embry for half a yeere for his house	0	5	0
Item received of Robert Butcher for his house	0	13	4
Item received of Robert Bennett for his house	0	10	0
Item received of Mary Eyles for the Old Shambles	1	0	0
Item received of Richard Noyes for Skeates house	0	5	4
Item received of the widow Blackbury for her house	0	13	6
Item received of Mr Richard Webbe junior for Aileworth Hill			
	5	0	0
Item received of Thomas Beedle for Bascombe Close	1	16	0
Item received of Daniell Cutten junior for Robert Brothers house for a yeere & an half	0	15	0
Item received of Wiliam Gaine for his house	0	8	0
Item received of Robert Sloper for half a yeere for his house	0	0	10
Item received of Thomas Cripps for his house	0	10	0
Item received of Mr John Horton for a tenement	0	12	0
Item received of Mary Fidsall widow for her house	1	10	0
Item received of Mr Robert Foote for his house	1	10	0
Item received of Francis Paradise for Timber Close	0	17	0
Item received of Jane Comely widdow for her house	2	0	0
Item received of Robert Walter for his house	4	0	0
Item received of John Wilkes for his house	3	0	0
Item received of Stephen Hobbs for his house	0	15	0
Item received of Mary Golding widow for her house	0	12	0
Item received of Richard Watton for a Warehouse	0	16	0
Item received of John Webbe for Isabells Breach and meade	14	0	0
Item received of Francis Paradise & Peter Croke for Dolepittes			
	9	0	0
Item received of Wiliam Hudden for his ground being Foure acres			
	4	0	[?]
	59	[?]	[?]

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Item received of Henry Jennings for a Plott of ground	0	0	0
Item received of William Snell for a Plott of ground	0	0	0
Item received of the precedent Church Wardens in Stock	3	8	0
Item received of the Chamberlaines	2	0	0
Item received of John Filks for a Childes buriall	0	1	0
Item received of Thomasin Coxe for her husbandes buriall & Stone	0	13	4
Item received of Richard Embry for his Fine	8	0	0
Item received of John Long	0	11	0
Item received of Esquire Lewes his money to help place Edward Wattes an Apprentice	2	0	0
	16	13	4
The some total of the Receiptes are	76	3	8

The Discharge

Inprimis given to Travellers at severall times	0	4	3
Paid to the Ringers the 29th of May	0	6	8
Paid for a Purse	0	0	6
Paid for paper	0	0	6
Paid to John Brunsdon for mending the Church Windowes	0	2	8
Paid for making the Booke to gather the Rent and Mr Johnsons money	0	1	0
Paid for Leather for Nine Bardrickes for the Bells	0	6	0
Paid for Pentecost money to Martin the Apparitor	0	1	0
Paid for a presentment & warning at the Visitacion Court	0	10	0
Gave to the widow Edwardes in the Almehouse	0	0	3
Paid to Ambrose Zealy thelder the last of his twenty pounes & Interest	6	3	7
Gave to Peter Cooles Family being sick	0	1	0
Gave to Joseph Waite at severall times in his sicknes	0	5	6
Gave to John Pountney at severall times	0	3	4
Paid for sixe Mattes for the Bells	0	4	6
Paid Thomas Alford for Mattes for the Seates and Labour	0	3	10
	8	14	7

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Item paid for bread and Wine more then received	0	7	9
Paid Richard Smith for changinge the Church Flaggon	0	3	9
Gave to John Compton in Sicknes	0	1	6

Paid for the Kings Rent	0 4 8
Paid for an Acquittance for the said Rent	0 0 8
Paid for Castle Guard Rent & chief Rent	1 4 4½
Paid John Marchant a yeeres Wages	1 0 0
Paid to John Marchant for beer due when the Bishopp was here	0 3 0
Paid for the dole & carriage November the 1st	1 0 10
Paid to the Ringers on the 5th of November	0 6 8
Paid the widow Boxe for her Fathers Rent for a yeere & <three <i>deleted</i> > one quarter<s <i>deleted</i> >	1 5 0
Paid the Interest of Twenty & Five poundes disbursed about the Bells	1 10 0
Paid for one yard of Cloth	0 1 8
Paid for a paire of Stockings & Shoes for the Widow Lewes her son	0 5 2
Gave to John Brewer in his need	0 3 8
Paid for a paire of Shoes for Arthur Harrison's sonne	0 3 10
Paid to Richard Powell for mending the Tower window	0 1 6
Gave Thomas Hellier in his wifes sicknes	0 3 6
Paid for watching after John Deanes at severall times	0 1 6
Gave to the widow Abury	0 0 6
Paid for a Warrant to remove Susan Byer	0 0 6
Gave to John Compton which was Longs money	0 11 0
Gave to the widow Uggens to carry her sonne to London	0 2 6
Gave to Richard Bishopp's wife	0 1 0
Paid Mr Watton for Oyle for the Bells	0 1 6
Paid to Richard Norris for mending the boundes and for Thornes	0 3 6
Paid to Thomas Hawkins by Mr Maiors appointment	0 5 0
Paid James May for mending the Lock of the Chest	0 0 2
Paid to Hugh Hillman for drawing out and defending the Register	0 3 0
Gave to the widow Foxe in her need	0 2 0
Gave to her more by Mr Recorders order	0 5 0
Paid to the Treasurer for Mariners & maimed soldiers	0 13 4
Paid for washing the Church linnen and Surplis	0 2 6
Gave to the widow Bowman in need	0 2 0
[???	11 2 6½

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Item paid for Foure Bell Ropes and for mending	0 19 8
Paid for Mattes Inkle Nails & labour for the seates	0 1 11½

Paid to William Powell with Edward Wattes his Apprentice and for Clothes	3 3 0
Paid in monney & Clothes to place Henry Purriers son at London	2 15 6½
Paid to John Weekes for mending the Windowes Leades and Soader	2 9 7
Gave to Jeremiah Arter in his need	0 1 0
Paid to Mr Richard Watton for repairing the W e are house	0 12 0
Paid to Robert Walter towards his money	4 0 0
Paid to Robert Butcher and John Hill Interest for Ten Pounds for Nine Moneths and for £10 for Three Moneths more	0 12 0
Paid to Peter Crooke for a Bushell & an half of Coles to heat Irons	0 1 6
Paid for Two Hundred of wood	0 2 0
Paid to John Marchant for Sixe days labour in mending the Leades	0 5 0
Paid to Joseph Newton for labour materialls about mending the bells Clock and Chimes	0 18 8
Paid to Anthony West for one pound and an half of Wyer	0 1 6
Paid to Ambrose Zealy for mending the seats Bell and wheeles and for mending the Railes about the Churchyard	0 15 3
Paid for labour about the Bells	0 2 6
Paid to Richard Whatley & Eleazor Pullen towards their £16	7 0 0
Paid them more for Interest for a yeere & Five weekes till the <2nd deleted > second day of May	1 1 0
Paid to Robert Butcher & John Hill at severall times	26 5 0
Paid to Henry Price for Joseph Waites Rent	0 7 0
Payd to the now Overseers of the poore	2 0 0
Paid to Mr Recorder to place Aron Miles his daughter	1 0 0
Item paid for entring & casting up this Accompt	0 2 6
	54 6 8
The some totall of their Disbursmentes are	74 13 9½
Payd more to James Lewes due unto him for Rent which was after the totall entred	0 10 6
Soe the Receiptes exceed the disbursementes	0 19 4½

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The said precedent Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens the Ornamentes goodes & Implementes following, vizt:

One Table Board, one Table Cloth, one Pewter Flaggon, one Silver Challice, One silver plate, one Surplis, one Napkin, One Pulpitt Cloth, One pulpitt Cushion, Two Cushions for the Maior, Two Carpettes, Twenty Formes, Two Trunckes, The History of the Book of Martyrs in Three Volumes, The Paraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church Bible, Three Common Prayer books, One old Psalme Booke, One houre glasse, Two joyned stooles, One Tumbrell in the Tower, One Biere, Two books of Accompt (whereof this is one), Two long ladders, Three peeces of Timber lying in the Tower, One Table board and One Hearse Cloth, a peece of Bellmettall about 4 lbs in weight.

John Tayler, John Filkes, William Poole, William Blanford, Nicholas Forsith, Robert Bennett [x], Robert Butcher, Robert Walter [x], John Hill [x], Thomas Bayly.

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1670–1671

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect accompt of Francis Read and Anthony Chivers Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough aforesaid of their Receiptes and disbursements of the yeerly Rentes profittes and reventues belonging to the said Church from the Sixe & Twentieth day of March 1670 until the <Three *deleted*> Foure and Twentieth day of <June *deleted*> Aprill 167<0 *deleted*>1 had and taken the Three and Twentieth day of June 1671.

The Charge

Inprimis received of Benjamin Street in Stock	0 19 4
Received of Sir Henry Andrewes for 2 acres	0 0 0
Received of William Brice for 2 tenementes	0 5 0
Received of Thomasin Coxe widow & William Bennett for Walter Bennetts house	0 15 0
Received of Thomas Moxham for his house	0 8 0

Received of John Wyatt for his house	0	5	0
Received of Christopher Ellis for his house	0	13	4
Received of Mr John Taylor for a Tenement	1	0	0
Received of Ambrose Thurman for his house	1	10	0
Received of Richard Imbrey for his house	0	10	0
Received of Daniell Cutten senior for his house	0	10	0
Received of Robert Butcher for his house	0	13	4
Received of Robert Bennett for his house	0	10	0
Received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the old Shambles	1	0	0
Received of Richard Noyes for Skeates house	0	5	4
Received of Widow Blackbury for her house	0	13	6
Received of Richard Webbe junior for Ailworth Hill	5	0	0
Received of Thomas Biddle for Bascombe Close	1	16	0
Received of Daniell Cutten junior for Robert Brothers house	0	0	0
Received of William Gaine for his house	0	8	0
Received of Mr Robert Sloper for his house	0	2	0
Received of Thomas Cripps for his house	0	10	0
Received of Mr John Horton for a Tenement	0	12	0
Received of Widow Fidsall for her house	1	10	0
Received of Mr Robert Foote for her his house	1	10	0
Received of Francis Paradise for Timber Close	0	17	0
Received of Jane Comly widow for her house	2	0	0
Received of Robert Walter for his house	4	0	0
Received of John Wilkes for his house for 3 quarters	2	5	0
Received of Stephen Hobbs for his house	0	15	0
Received of Mary Golding for her house	0	12	0
	31	14	10

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Received of Mr Richard Watton for a Warehouse	1	16	0
Received of John Webbe for Isabells Breach and mead	14	0	0
Received of Francis Paradise & Peter Croke for Dollpittes	9	0	0
Received of William Hudden for his ground	4	0	0
Received of Henry Jennings for a plott of ground	0	0	0
Received of William Snell for a plott of ground	0	0	0
Received of Mr Robert Sloper for his Fine	8	0	0
Received of Roger Shal e for the widow Coxes buriall in the Church	0	6	8
	36	2	8
The some toll of the Receiptes are	67	17	6

The Discharge

Inprimis paid for bread & wine more then received	0 13 10
Paid to the Ringers 29th of May	0 6 8
Paid to the Old Churchwardens to pay for their presentment	0 3 4
Paid & given to a man which had a losse by Fire at Chareilton	0 2 0
Paid for making the book to gather the Rent & Mr Johnsons money	0 1 0
Paid to Jeremiah Williams for mending the leads & Soader	1 10 0
Paid for half a Bushell of Coles to heat the Irons	0 0 6
Paid for a board & nayles for the leads	0 1 0
Paid Eleazar Pullen & Richard Whatly	9 0 0
Paid them more for Interest for 26 weekes	0 4 8
Paid to Daniell Cutten for worke about the Church & haire	0 5 0
Paid for a Sack of Lime	0 2 0
Given to 2 seamen	0 1 0
Paid for the Kings Rent	0 4 8
Paid for an Acquittance for the same Rent	0 0 8
Paid for Castle guard Rent & chief Rent	1 4 4
Paid for Thornes & mending the bounds about the Churchyard	0 5 0
Paid for Cotton Inkle & nayles for Mr Mayors seate	0 5 3
	14 10 11

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Paid for Bread for <the <i>deleted</i> > Gobbettes Dole	1 0 0
Paid the Ringers the 5th November	0 6 8
Paid for Pentecost money to the Apparitor	0 1 0
Paid for warning the Visitacion	0 1 0
Paid Ambrose Zealy for mending the seates & ladders	0 15 0
Paid to John Brunsdan for mending the Church windows	0 13 7
Paid for beere at the same time	0 1 0
Paid for 3 Foxes heads	0 3 0
Paid to William Powell for 4 new Ropes and mending the old	1 0 4
Paid for Cloth more then the money amounted unto	0 1 0
Paid for stones to mend the Church & Richard Powell for his worke	0 6 9
Paid to Marchant his yeers wages	1 0 0
Paid to Hugh Hillman for drawing the Register	0 3 4
Paid to the Treasurer for Mariners & maimed soldiers	0 13 4
Paid for 3 mattes	0 4 0

Paid the Kings Bench and Marshal l sy money	0 6 8
Given to Thomas Hawkins in need	0 3 0
Paid to Robert Walter towards his money	4 0 0
Paid for washing the Church linnen & Surplis	0 2 6
Paid to the Ringers 29th May	0 6 8
Paid to Robert Butcher & John Hill & for Interest for 14 moneths	0 14 0
Paid Thomas Bayly & William Hudden Overseers of the poore at severall times	26 0 0
Paid the new Overseers	0 18 0
Paid to Joseph Newton for labour & materialls about amending the Bells Clock & Chimes	0 7 2
Paid to John Hill a yeeres Interest for £10	0 12 0
Given to 2 men which had great losses by Fire	0 1 0
Laid out at the Visitation	0 5 6
Paid for entring & Casting up of this Accompt	0 2 6
Payd to John Marchant for his attendance on severall dayes when the leads were mended	0 2 0
	50 11 6
The some totall of their Disbursementes	65 2 1
Soe their Receiptes exceed their Disbursmentes	55 0 1

Benjamin Street, Thomas Barker, John Hill, Thomas Bayly, Thomas Jacobb, John Tayler.

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Memorandum that on the Ninth day of Aprill Anno Domini 1672 at a meeting of the parishioners of the parish of the blessed Virgin Mary they elected and choose John Hill one of the precedent Churchwardens to continue in his Office for one yeere longer and they then alsoe elected John Bosome to be the other Churchwarden for the yeere now next ensuing. And they did then alsoe elect William Beedle and Robert Scott to be Sidemen for the sayd yeere.

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1671–1672

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Anthony Chivers and John Hill Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Burrough aforesaid of their Receiptes & of their

Disbursements of the yearly Rentes profittes and Revennewes belonging to the said Church from the Sixe & Twentieth day of March 1671 until the Sixe and Twentieth day of March 1672 had and taken the tenth day of June 1672.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of William Price for Rent for his house	0	2	6
Received for Walter Bennettes house	0	7	6
Received of Thomas Moxam for his house	0	4	0
Received of John Wyatt <half <i>deleted</i> > whole years Rent	0	5	6
Received of Danniell Cutten senior for his Rent	0	10	0
Received of Christofer Ellis for his Rent	0	13	4
Received of Mr John Tayler for Rent	1	0	0
Received of Ambrose Thurman for Rent	1	10	0
Received of Richard Embry for Rent	0	10	0
Robert Butcher for his Rent	0	13	4
Robert Bennett for his Rent	0	10	0
Mistress Eyles for Rent	1	0	0
Richard Noyse for his house	0	5	4
Widdow Blackbery for Rent	0	13	6
Mr Richard Webbe junior for a ground	5	0	0
Thomas Biddle for a ground	1	16	0
Received of Robert Brothers for Two yeeres Rent for housing			
	1	0	0
Received of William Gaine for Rent	0	8	0
Mr Robert Sloper for Rent	0	2	0
Received of Thomas Crips for his house	0	10	0
Received of Mr John Horton for Rent	0	12	0
Received of Widow Fidsall for Rent	1	10	0
Received of Mr Robert Foot for his house	1	10	0
Received of Mr Francis Paradice Rent	0	17	0
Received of Widow Cumley for her Rent	2	0	0
Received of Robert Walter for Rent	4	0	0
Received of John Wilcks for Rent	2	5	0
Received of Stephen Hobbes for Rent	0	15	0
Received of Widow Golding for Rent	0	12	0
Received of Mr Richard Watton for a warehouse	0	16	0
Received of John Webb for his ground	14	0	0
Received of Francis Parradice & Peter Croke for grounds	9	0	0
William Huddon for ground	4	0	0
Received of William Huddon for money tooke over and above last time	1	0	0
Received of the Communicantes on Low Sunday	0	1	7

The some total of the Receiptes is 59 19 1

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The Discharge

Inprimis paid to the Overseers at severall times	24	0	0
Aprill the 25th to the now Overseers	3	0	0
Paid for making the Collection Booke	0	1	0
Paid for a purse to gather the money	0	0	6
Paid Joseph Newton for new making of the Clapper of the great bell	0	14	0
Paid to Ambrose Zealy for making a new wheele & stock to the third bell and worke	1	11	0
Paid to Joseph Newton for worke	0	6	4
Paid to two Irish women that sustained great losse by fire	0	2	0
Paid to three women in August last	0	0	6
Paid for our presentment at the Visitation	0	5	2
Paid for a Booke of Articles	0	1	0
Paid Robert Martin for warning the Court and Pentecost money	0	2	0
Paid the Chamberlaines for the Kinges Rentes and for an acquittance	1	9	8
Paid Ambrose Zealy for worke done severall times in the Church	0	17	4
Paid at the widow Hilmans at the Visitation	0	5	6
Paid Joseph Newton for his Rent and keyes and braces for the bells	0	6	0
Paid Richard Powell for worke	0	4	6
Paid to John Hill the 2nd of November being money borrowed of him for the use of the parish	10	9	0
Paid Richard Parker & Peter Crooke for dole bread	1	0	0
Paid for the carriage of the bread	0	0	8
Paid for a warrant for the heele maker	0	0	6
Paid John Marchant a years wages	1	0	0
Paid John Marchant for beere for workemen at the making of the 3rd bell wheele	0	4	0
Paid for Ringing at the Bishopps comeing last to the Towne	0	7	0
Paid for bread and wine for the Communion	0	4	10
Paid more for bread and wine	0	5	4
Paid to Joseph Newton for the Clapper of the great bell and for some worke	0	4	4
Given to three Seamen	0	1	0
Given to five Seamen	0	1	0

Given to three Seamen	0 1 0
Paid for Ringing November the 5th	0 6 8
Given to two Seamen that were shipwrackt	0 1 0
Given to three Seamen	0 1 0
Given to two Bristow woemen	0 0 6
Given to two woemen that were shipwrackt	0 1 6
Given to Georg Derham & Charles Chettor for mending the bounds in the Church yard	0 3 0
Paid for thornes to doe the worke	0 2 6
	48 1 4

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Paid Jone Snell to send her sone to London	0 2 0
Given to her son for shoes and stockins	0 2 10
Given to Cuttens child for two smockes a paire bodyses two paire stockings when she was bound Apprentice	0 7 2
Given to John Tyley thelder a shirt cloath	0 3 0
Given to 4 Seamen	0 1 0
Paid Joseph Newton for mending the clapper of the great bell Spriggs and for worke	0 3 6
Paid for making the twists and sprigs for the Church yard gate	0 7 0
Paid Aprill the 21th <p <i>deleted</i> >to James Lewes, which Thomas Baily & William Hudden left to pay for Rent	1 2 0
Paid Anthony West for wyar for the Chymes	0 1 0
Paid Robert Bennett for boards and nayles for the Church yard gate	0 8 0
Paid Robert Butcher for 7 Ells and halfe of Canva<ce <i>deleted</i> >s for Carrets Children shiftes	0 7 6
Given to a prest man	0 0 6
Given to two poore woemen that had loss	0 0 6
Paid for Gaole Marshal<l <i>deleted</i> >sy money	0 13 4
Paid Thomas Clarke for washing the Church linnen and the Surplice	0 2 6
Paid for James Renholds rent for 3 quarters lying weake a long time	0 16 6
Given to a pore Irish man and woeman	0 0 6
Given to three Seamen	0 0 6
Given to two Seamen	0 0 4
May the 23th paid Ambrose Zealy for more worke at the Church and buske boards	0 2 6
May the 23 paid Robert Martin for making our Register booke and delivering it up	0 4 0
Given to <a poore <i>deleted</i> > William Hickman in distresse	0 1 0

Paid for our Journey for 3 men 3 horses to Salisbury about the presentment	1	9	6
Paid Robert Walter for Rent	4	0	0
<Paid <i>deleted</i> > allowed to John Webb for ye Kinges subsidy <Rent <i>deleted</i> >	0	6	0
<Paid <i>deleted</i> > Mr Richard Webb Junior ye Kinges subsidy <Rent <i>deleted</i> >	0	2	0
Paid William Hudden for ye Kinges subsidy <Rent <i>deleted</i> >	0	3	0
Paid Stephen Hobbs for ye Kinges subsidy <Rent <i>deleted</i> >	0	1	0
Paid Ambrose Thurman for ye Kinges subsidy <Rent <i>deleted</i> >	0	1	0
Paid Peter Crooke for ye Kinges subsidy <Rent <i>deleted</i> >	0	2	3
Paid Francis Parradice for ye Kinges subsidy <Rent <i>deleted</i> >	0	2	3
Paid for new making the two Cushions with new leather frings and tuffing of them	0	5	0
Paid for passing of our Accomptes	0	2	6
Paid to John Marchant for his attendance	0	4	6
<Low Sunday Bread and wine for the Communion <i>deleted</i> >			
Paid for one Rope & other worke to Ellinor <[bally?] <i>deleted</i> > Powell	0	6	0
Paid to Mr John Tayler for the use of money for William Hudden and Thomas Bailey the former Overseers	1	16	0
Paid to the Overseers the 3rd of May	1	0	0
The Some totall of their Disbursementes is	63	15	4
Soe their Disbursementes exceed their Receiptes	3	16	3

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The said Precedent Church Wardens delivered unto the succeeding Church Wardens these Ornamentes Goods & Implementes following, viz: One Table Board, One Table Cloth, One Pewter Flaggon One Silver Chalice, One Silver Plate, One Surplice, One Napkin, One Pulpitt Cloth, One Pulpitt Cushion, Two Cushions for the Maior, Two Carpettes, Twentye Formes, Two Trunckes, The History of the Book of Martyres in three Volumes, The Parraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church Bible, Three Common prayer Bookes, One old Psalme Booke, One hower Glass, Two Joyned Stooles, One Tumbrell in the Tower, One Biere, Two bookes of Accompt, (whereof this is one), Two Long Ladderes, Three peeces of Timber lying in the Tower, One Table board and One Hearse Cloath.

Richard Webb <junior *deleted*> senior, John Tayler, John Filkes, Francis Read, William Poole, Thomas Jacobb, John Hill, John Bosome.

Memorandum that on the First of Aprill Anno Domini 1673 at a meeting of the parishioners of this parish of the blessed Virgin Mary they elected and chose John Boseme one of the precedent Churchwardens to continue in his Office for One yeere longer and they then alsoe elected Thomas Beedle to be the other Churchwarden for the yeere now next ensuing. And they did then alsoe elect John Philipps and Philip Cadby iunior to be Sidemen for the sayd yeere.

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1672–1673

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of John Hill and John Bosome Church Wardens of the Parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borrough aforesaid of their Receiptes and Disburstments of the yearly Rents Profittes and Revennewes belonging to the said Church from the 26th day of March 1672 until the 26th day of March 1673 had and taken the [___] day of [___].

The Charge

Inprimis Received of the parishioners for 4 Communiones for Bread and wine	0 3 0
Received of Mr Francis Paradice for Timber Close for one yeere	0 17 0
Received of Jane Comley widow for her house	2 0 0
Received of Steven Hobbs for his house	0 15 0
Mary Goulding widdoe for her house	0 12 0
Received of Mr Richard Watton for his warehouse under the Councill Chamber	0 16 0
Received of Mr Richard Webb Senior for Issabeles breach for one yeere	14 0 0
Received of William Hudden for his ground	4 0 0
Received of Anthony Chivers for his ground	9 0 0
Received of Richard Embrye for his house	0 10 0
Mr John Horton for stable & garden	0 12 0
Mr Robert Foote for his house for one year	1 10 0
Received of Richard Webb the younger for ground	5 0 0
Received of Robert Butcher for his house	0 13 4
Received of Robert Bennett for his dwelling house	0 10 0
Mary Fidsall widow for her house 1 year	1 10 0
Received of Christofer Ellis for his house	0 13 4

Received of Ambrose Thurman for his house	1 10 0
Received of the widdow Blackbery her house	0 13 4
Received of Mr Robert Sloper for a Tenement	0 2 0
Mrs Mary Eyles widow for one yere for <Isabells <i>deleted</i> > the old Shambles Rent	1 0 0
<Received of Stephen Hobbs for 3 quarters 0 11 3 <i>deleted</i> >	
Received of William Gaine for one year	0 8 0
Received of John Webb for halfe a yeares rent	0 14 0
Received of John Wickes for one years rent	3 0 0
Received of John Tane for halfe a yeare	0 2 6
Received of Mr John Tayler for a tenement called Brayes	1 0 0
Received of Thomas Beedle for Bascombe	1 16 0
 The some totall of their Receiptes comes to	 53 17 6

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The Discharge

Inprimis for Bread and wine more then Received	0 19 0
Paid the Ringers on the 29th of May	0 6 8
July the 18 and 19th dayes paid the Pariter for a booke of Articles and warning the Court and for Pentecost money	0 3 2
Paid for taking in our presentment	0 3 4
Paid Hugh Hilman Interest money	0 12 0
Paid the Church Wardens and Sidesmenes expences at the Visitation	0 5 0
Paid for horse hyre to Sir Walter Earnleys about Hutchins	0 1 4
Paid 2 familyes came from Ireland	0 1 0
Paid William Overton at taking of Cuttens daughter an Apprentise	1 0 0
Paid Thomas Biddle and Thomas Jacob the former Overseeres for the poore	4 0 0
Given to a woman that came from Tangeers	0 0 6
Paid Joseph Newton for worke, Iron and other thinges don by him and his sone in the <Church <i>deleted</i> > Tower about the Clock and Chimes at severall times August the 10th	0 12 8
Paid John Marchant for carrying rubbish out of the Church & mending the 3rd bell	0 2 3
Paid Mr Watton Chiefe Rentt	1 4 4½
Paid Ambrose Zealy for board, nayles, Iron and worke, don by him, his man & boy at severall times in the Church	1 10 9
Paid old Cutten for Lyme, haire, & lathes, and two dayes worke for him & his boy about the Church & Chancell	0 6 8

Paid for Gobbets dole bread & cariage	1 0 9
Paid William Wheeler & John Andrewes Overseers of the Poore	5 0 0
Paid Richard Powell for 16 foote of free stone ½ bushell Lyme, for two dayes worke for him and his son about the Church porch	0 12 8
Paid Robert Bennett for 19 foote and a halfe of free stone for the Church porch	0 6 10
Paid John Marchant at a meeting of the Church men and Feoffees at his house	0 2 6
Paid him for wages 10s. for beere to worke men 6d. & towling a bell at a Corps passing through our Towne 6d.	0 11 0
Given to a ff Suffolke man undone by fire	0 0 6
Paid John Hanham for the Overseeres booke	0 4 6
Paid the Ringers the 5th of November	0 6 8
Paid Joseph Newton for more worke don in the Church, for 2 faggotes, to cleanse the clocke & other necessaries	0 11 8
Paid for stakes thornes and worke done about the yew tree, in'th Churchyard	0 2 10
Given to one who had his tongue cutt out	0 0 6
Given to some men that had taken a foxe	0 0 6
	20 9 7½

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Item given to 3 Seamen taken prisoners the 5 November	0 0 6
Paid to Benjamin Street for bardrickes for the belles	0 1 0
Paid more then the Chamber money for the Cloathing of some poore people	1 16 0
Paid Joseph Newton for against [<i>sic</i>] Christyde for taking down the clocke, cleansing of it two dayes worke for him and his sonne	0 5 6
Paid Mr Wheeler and John Andrewes the Overseers of the poore	1 10 0
Paid to John and Benjamin Brunsdon for 182 <peeces deleted > quarrells of new glass about the Church	0 15 2
Paid for soadering of the loos <peeces deleted > quarrells	0 2 8
For 9 pound sodder used about the ledde	0 9 6
Paid for 5 dayes worke for them both	0 11 0
Paid for 3 bushelles of Charcoals 3s. and Marchant for 5 dayes attendance in the workes 5s.	0 8 0
Paid John Marchant for beere for the Joyners Masons Smiths and Glasieres during the time of their worke in the Church	0 3 4
Paid for making Imbries Clothes a new shirt cloth and for making of it	0 4 3

Paid Mr Poole March 4th for interest	0 9 0
Paid Ambrose Zealy for Timber used about the Church and seats in the whole	0 16 0
For stuff for wainscot and dores	0 1 4
For turning of pinnes & posts	0 14 0
For 200 of 4d. & 100 of 10d. nayles	0 2 0
For 2 paire gimmels for 2 seat dores	0 1 0
For mend the 4th bell wheeles a bardricke	0 0 4
Nayles, board and for labour	0 1 8
Paid him for 7 dayes worke for old Phillip Cadbey & his sonn	0 14 0
Paid Ambrose Zealy himself 2 days worke	0 3 0
Paid him for John Burgess 2 days worke	0 2 8
For rayles and pinnes for another seat & a seat in the gallyary, nailles & legges	0 5 2
For Beere at sundry times to the workmen	0 2 8
Paid Richard Powell for plaistering the arch in the tower and labour & worke	0 1 6
Given to a poor seaman travelling home	0 0 6
Paid for dole bread on good Friday	0 10 0
<Paid Richard Powell for plaistering the tower for his mortar and his beere 0 0 0 <i>deleted</i> >	
Paid halfe yeres rent for the Widow Renholds	0 7 6
Paid halfe yeres rent for old Stickler	0 9 0
Aprill 7th paid Joseph Newton for more worke about the Clocke & Chymes	0 9 0
Aprill the 8th paid the Treasurer for maimed Soldiers and an acquittance	0 13 8
Paid Mr Wheeler to pay some poores rentes	1 10 0
Paid Ellenor Powell for a new bell rope and lengthening the great bell rope & for shetting of severall other ropes	0 9 4
Paid for washing of the surplice the Church linyng & cleansing the other vessells	0 2 6
Paid for thornes stakes and worke about the yew tree the 21th Aprill	0 1 4
Paid Lewis for 6 dayes worke in filling up of the [fines places?] and beere to drinke	0 12 6
Paid to John Marchant for wages	0 10 0
	15 16 7

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Paid to John Marchant for his attendance	0 2 6
Paid for the interest of £10 for <halfe a yeere <i>deleted</i> ><three <i>deleted</i> >	

Five moneths due unto Hester Workeman ending on the 5th of Aprill <last <i>deleted</i> > instant	0 4 0
Payd for the interest of £10 for halfe a yeere due unto Samuell Gage ending [01?]	0 6 0
Item they crave the allowance of the money remayning on the foote of the last Accompt	3 16 3
Payd the £10 due to Hester Workeman for which Thomas Bayly & William Hudden the last Overseers stood engaged for and is in parte of the money due unto them on the foote of their Accompt	10 0 0
The some totall of their Disbursementes is	50 14 11
Soe their Receiptes exceed their Disbursementes	3 2 7

W[hi]ch sayd some of £3 2s. 7d. was at the time of the delivering up
of this Accompt by the sayd Churchwardens payd unto the Overseers
of the poore of the sayd parish to be imployed by them for the relief
of the poore of the sayd parish.

Richard Webbe, John Tayler, John Filkes, William Pool. Frances
Paradice, Robert Walter, James Streete [x].

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Memorandum that on the Twentieth day of Aprill Anno Domini 1674 at
a meeting of the parishioners of the blessed Virgin Mary they elected
and chose Thomas Beedle one of the precedent Churchwardens to
continue in his Office for one yeere longer and they then alsoe elected
Nicholas Forsith to be the other Churchwarden for the yeere now
next ensuing and they did then alsoe elect James Lewes and John
Smith the younger to be Sidemen for the said yeere.

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1673–1674

Burgus de Devizes

A true and Perfect Accompt of John Bosome and Thomas Beedle
Church Wardens of the Parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary
within the Burrough aforesaid of their Receiptes and disburstments of
the yearly Rents Profittes and Disburstmentes Revennues belonging
to the said Church from the 26th day of March 1673 until the
26th day of March 1674 had and taken the eighth day of May Anno
Domini 1674.

The Charge

Imprimis Received of the Parishioners for bread and wine at 6 Communions	0 5 8
Received of William Woodroofe plumber for 236 lbs of old lead at 2d. halfe penney the pound	1 9 6
Received of Mr Timothy Sacheverell for breaking of earth for his daughter in the Church	0 6 8
Received of John Tane for his house	0 5 0
Received of John Webb for his houses	1 8 0
Received of old Daniel Cutten for his house	0 10 0
Received of Christopher Ellis for his house	0 13 4
Received of Richard Emmery for his house	0 10 0
Received of Gabriell Butcher for his house	0 13 4
Received of Robert Bennett for his house	0 10 0
Received of Mr Richard Webbe iunior for his Land	5 0 0
Received of Mr Robert Sloper for his house	0 2 0
Received of Mr John Horton for a tenement	0 12 0
Received of Mr Robert Foote for parte of his house	1 10 0
Received of Mrs Mary Fidsall for the foreparte of her house lying in the Brittax	1 10 0
Received of William Gaine for his house	0 8 0
Received of Thomas Beedle for a Close called Bascombe in the New Park	1 16 0
Received of Mr John Tayler for a tenement called Bra gg >yes lying in Northgate Streete	1 0 0
Received of Ambrose Thurman for his house for halfe a yeere lying in New parke streete	0 15 0
Received of Margaret Blackberry widdowe for her house & garden plott	0 13 6
Received of Mr Francis Parradice for a plott of ground called Timber close	0 17 0
Received of Mr Robert Walter for his house	1 10 0
Received of Mrs J o >ane Comely for her house	2 0 0

[*Marginated*: 24 - 5 - 0]

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Received of John Wickes for his house for one yeere resting still one quarter endebted	3 0 0
Received of Stephen Hobbs for his house	0 15 0
Received of Mary Goulding for her house	0 12 0
Received of Mr Richard Webb thelder for Issabels breach & Meade for one yeere	14 0 0

Received of Mr Watton for a warehouse under the Councell Chamber one year	0 16 0
Received of William Hudden for 4 acres of Garden ground	4 0 0
Received of Anthony Chivers for land that is called the Dolepits the upper & lower	9 0 0
Received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the old Shambles	0 0 0
[<i>Marginated: 32 - 3 - 0</i>]	
The whole some of the Receiptes are	56 8 0

The Discharge 1673

Inprimis for Bread & Wine for Sixe Communiones	1 14 5½
Paid for a warrant for a warrant remooving of John Orchard to Mr Recorders Clarke	0 2 0
Paid for a quire of paper for our use	0 0 7
Paid for taking in of our presentment at the visitation on Aprill last was 12 moneths	0 3 4
Paid Mr Kentt Subdeane pentecost money	0 1 0
Paid Mr Prince Register for fees	0 1 0
Paid Martin for warning in the Court	0 2 0
Paid the Church wardens <Overseers <i>deleted</i> > and Sidesmens Charges that day	0 5 0
Paid for a skinne of parchment 1s. 4d. and for wrighting the Pole of all the Christeninges Marriages & burialls which happened last yeare the last yeeres before this	0 3 10
Paid Mr Ketteby for gilding the board the poores bread standes on, in the Church	0 10 0
Paid the ringers for ringing on May the 29th in meate & in drinke	0 7 8
Paid the 3 Cuttens for washing of the Church against last Whitsuntide	2 1 0
Paid for their beere that weeke they workt	0 4 4
Paid John Marchant for 6 dayes attendance	0 3 0
Paid for carrying about of Mr Tayler his gift bread for the poore people	0 0 4
Paid at twice for Catching & killing of foxes	0 2 0
Given to 3 Seamen that had been prisoners	0 0 6
Paid John Marchant for the Feoffees meeting last yeare at his house	0 6 0
	6 17 0½

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Paid Hugh Hillman for interest of £10 for 12 moneths space	0 12 0
Paid for sixe Mattes to save the bell ropes	0 2 0
Paid for a hatt a paire of shooes a paire of stockinges and a new shirte for Cuttens boy with Thomas Beedle	0 6 2
Given to a wounded seaman that brought a Certificate	0 0 6
Paid for the repairing of old Cripps his house workmen for labour and materialls there used in the whole	1 8 11
Paid Ambrose Zealy for work done in the Church the litten about the bells and Chymes as appears by his notes	1 6 0
Paid Joseph Newton for Iron & worke at sundry times about the Church Clocke Chymes and the Seates	1 1 10
Paid Richard Powell for lyme hayre mortar & worke don by him in the Church yarde and out side of the Chancell	0 14 10
Paid <Goodman <i>deleted</i> > Robert Bennett for timber board nayles & worke by him & his 2 men at sundry times in the Church and the leads & a wallplatt and a new Joyse with other worke	1 3 6
Paid Daniel Cutten thelder for lyme haire mortar & worke at sundry times about the leades and poynting the leades & drawing round about the windowes of the leads	0 13 8
Paid towards a rate concerning Harnham bridge	0 5 0
Paid Mr Richard Watton for Castle gaurd [<i>sic</i>] & Chiefe rentt	1 4 4½
Paid him for Issabels breach & meade 4s. 8d. and for an acquittance 8d. & delivering it in at Marlborough for us 6d.	0 5 10
Paid at sundry times for securing of old wood & timber at Ambrose Thurmans old house	0 9 6
Paid for Alsaints dole bread and for carrying of it about to the peoples houses for them	1 0 8
Given to a pore seaman that was discharged	0 0 6
Paid William Woodroofe the plumber for a sheete of new lead & 3 other peeces used about the leads weighing 260 poundes at 2d. halfe penney the pound	2 15 6
Paid for £30 of sodder at 12d. the pound	1 10 0
Paid himselfe for eight dayes worke at 2s. the day	0 16 0
Paid his man for 8 dayes worke at 1s. the day	0 8 0
Paid for 400 of drye wood for his use about the Church	0 4 0
Paid for his beere, his lodging and meat dressing in the time of his working about the leades	0 4 6
[<i>Marginated: 16 - 18 - 3½</i>]	
Paid John Marchant for his 8 dayes attendance on them	0 5 0
Paid for 2 warrantes of removall the one for Robert Brookes the other for Robert Wiseman	0 2 0

Paid Hugh Hillman for money & the interest thereof	10	6	0
Paid the Ringers on the 5th of November	0	6	8
Paid for Cloth for the Cloathing of the poore upon the Church and Judge Nicholas his Accompt	2	16	0
Paid Mr Poole for interest of £10 for 12 moneths	0	12	0
Paid Mr Taylers Clarke for wrighting of 6 paire of Indentures in placing out 6 pore Children	0	12	0
Paid Edward Erwood for 3 quarters of a yeares rent for old James Stickler	0	13	6
Paid at severall times for the Churchmen at Mr Pooles meeting about parish businesse for the placing forth of poore Children apprentizes	0	10	10
Given to young Sea boy 4d. after that, to two at Mr Mayors house, upon Ash Wednesday 6d.	0	0	10
Paid Nicholas Biddle for worke done by him in the Church as appears upon his note	1	12	7
[<i>Marginated: 17 - 11 - 5</i>]	34	11	0½

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Paid old Coxe for hedging ditching & pleatching of the fence in the Church yard, makeing up the boundes about the yew tree, 28 new stakes for 7 dayes worke, & for beere	0	8	6
Paid Mr Richard Watton for oyle at sundry times for the Clocke & Chymes as by his booke & note appears	0	5	0
Paid Anthony Chivers for halfe yeares house rent for the Widdowe Christian Renhelds now dead	0	7	0
Paid for 4 of our expences for one who day, goeing about with the Chimney man, in behalfe of severall poore	0	4	0
Paid James Lewis for halfe yeares Rent for two smale Tenementes for two poore widdowes	0	15	6
Paid Ellenor Powell for 3 new Bellropes for lengthening & shetting severall others	0	18	3
Paid John & Benjamin Brunsdon for new glasse for soder binding the old panes & worke done by them in the Church at sundry times & for some beere 1s	1	16	6
Paid for wrighting the Register of all the Marriages Christeninges and Buryals that happend last yeare 2s. paid Robert Martin for delivering of it in at Sarum 1s. 6d.	0	3	8
Paid for posting of our Accomptes last yeare and this	0	5	0
<April the 19th paid for 3 quartes Muscadine and 3d. bread <i>deleted</i> >			
Paid John Marchant for his yeares sallarye as Sexton	1	0	0
Paid for wrighting the Certificate & Rolle of all such of the Inhabitants as we exempted from the Chimney money	0	1	6

Paid for washin & cleansing the Church Ornamentes	0 2 6
[<i>Marginated: 6 – 17 – 5</i>]	
Paid for Bread for the poore on good Friday last	0 10 0
Paid Mr Tayler for making & engrossing of a Surveigh of the Leases of the Landes belonging to the Church and for money which he paid to the Messenger to prevent his coming dowe [<i>sic</i>] to distraine for the Kinges Rent	0 10 0
Paid Mr Richard Webb thelder for Subsidye money	0 12 0
Paid Mr Richard Webb the younger for Subsidye money	0 4 0
Paid Anthony Chivers for Subsidye money	0 6 0
Paid William Hudden for Subsidye money	0 4 8
Paid the Ringers for ringing at the proclayming of the peace betweene us and the States ¹	0 3 4
Paid for a paire of Shooes for Jane Stevens	0 3 4
Allowed unto Thomas Beedle one of the Accomptantes in parte of money due unto him from the parish	1 16 0
Allowed alsoe unto the said Thomas Beedle in parte of Five pounds Nine shillings and Three pence more due unto him from the parish	1 9 3
Paid unto Abraham Lawrence for halfe a yeeres Rent for the Widow Dowden	0 6 0
Paid unto him more for the buying of stockins & shooes for his Apprentizes	0 6 0
Paid unto James Lewes for the house Rentes of Anne Harper Susan Barton and Mary Netton widowes for a yeeres Rent due at Annunciation last	1 10 0
The whole some of their Disbursementes is	56 2 9
Soe their Receiptes exceed their Disbursementes	0 5 3

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Memorandum Delivered up by the said Church Wardens unto the succeeding Church Wardens these Ornamentes goodes & Implementes following, viz: one Silver Challice, one Silver Plate, one Table board, one pewter Flagon, one Pulpitt Clothe, one pulpitt Cushion, Two Cushions for the Mayor, two Carpettes, Twenty Formes, two Trunckes, the Historye of the booke of Martyres in three Vollumes, The Parraphrase of Erasmus, one great Church Bible, Three Common prayer Bookes, one old psalme Booke, two Joynte Stooles, one Timbrell in the tower, one Biere, Two bookes of Accompt (this being one), two long Ladders, three

1 i.e The Dutch Republic.

pieces of Timber lying in the Tower, one old Table board and one Hearse Clothe.

William Poole, John Tayler, John Filkes, Nicholas Forsith, Richard Webb, Robert Walter [x], Richard Noyes.

Memorandum that on the Sixth of Aprill 1675 at a meeting of the parishioners of the parish of the blessed Virgin Mary they elected and choose Nicholas Forsith one of the precedent Churchwardens to continue in his Office for the yeere now next ensuing and they then alsoe elected Richard Pillis to be the other Churchwarden for the same yeere and they did then elect John White and Roger Shale to be Sidemen for the said yeere.

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1674–1675

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Thomas Beedle and Nicholas Forsith Church Wardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough of Devizes aforesaid of their Receiptes and disbursementes of the yearly Rentes profittes and revennues belonging to the said Church from the 26th day of March 1674 untill the 27th day of <July *deleted*> March 1675 had and taken the seventeenth day of July Anno Domini 1675.

The Charge

Inprimis of the Communicants for bread and wine at 6	
Communions	0 5 8
Received of John Tane for his house	0 5 0
Received of Sargeant Webb for his house	1 8 0
Received of Daniell Cuttin senior for his house	0 10 0
Received of Christopher Ellis for his house	0 13 4
Received of Mr John Tayler for one halfe yeare for <his <i>deleted</i> >the house called Brayes	0 10 0
Received of Richard Embry for his house	0 10 0
Received of Robert Butcher for his house	0 13 4
Received of Robert Bennett for his house	0 10 0
Received of Mrs Mary Eyles for 2 yeares rent for the old shambles in short street	2 0 0
Received of the widow Margarett Blackbury	0 13 6

Received of Mr Richard Webb junior for his ground called E<r <i>deleted</i> >lwood Hill	5 0 0
Received of Thomas Beedle for a Close called Bascombe Close	1 16 0
Received of William Gayne for his house	0 8 0
Received of Mr Robert Sloper for his house	0 2 0
Received of Mr John Horton for a little Tenement	0 12 0
Received of Mr Robert Foote for part of his house	1 10 0
Received of Mrs Mary Fidsall for part of her house lying in the Brittox	1 10 0
Received of Mr Francis Paradise Mayor for Timber close	0 17 0
Received of Mrs Elizabeth Walter for her house	2 0 0
Received of Mrs Jane Comeley for part of her house	2 0 0
Received of Stephen Hobbes for his house	0 15 0
Received of John Wilkes for his house	3 0 0
Received of Mary Goulding for her house	0 12 0
Received of Mr Richard Watton for a shopp under the Counsell chamber	0 16 0
Received of Mr Richard Webb senior for Isabells breach and mead in Rowd parish	14 0 0
Received of William Hudden for 4 acres of land	4 0 0
Received of Anthony Chivers for Dolpittes	9 0 0
Received of the old church warden	0 5 3
 The whole some <is <i>deleted</i> > of their Receiptes	 56 2 1

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The discharge

Inprimis for 6 Communiones <after the rate <i>deleted</i> > and the bread and wine thereof	2 2 0
[<i>Marginated</i> : Apr. 10 74] Paid to mariners and maimed souldiers	0 6 10
Paid for a quire of paper	0 0 7
Paid for mending and repaying the chimes	1 2 3
Paid the Ringers the 29th of May	0 6 8
Paid for a yard of cloth for a maid that was apprenticed to William Overton	0 2 3
Paid for a Badrick for a bell	0 1 0
Paid more for work	0 1 0
Paid for making a booke for uses	0 1 0
[<i>Marginated</i> : June the 4th] Paid for Robert Martin for pentecost money	0 1 2

Paid to Anthony Chivers for the Kinges pay	0 3 8
Paid to Mr Webb for Kinges pay	0 6 0
Paid to Joseph Newnton for keyes and plates for the bells	0 3 6
Paid Mr Richard Webb for the Kinges pay	0 2 0
Paid for 4 foxe heades	0 3 0
Paid for pavement for the church	0 6 6
For mending the ladders	0 4 6
Paid for beare for the workemen	0 1 6
Paid for a sacke of Lyme for the church	0 1 6
Paid to John Marchant for worke	0 4 9
Paid to Thomas Beddle what was due to him on the last yeares accompt	4 0 0
Paid to John Gamble for worke	0 6 6
Paid in expenses touching the Lord Bishopp and attending the Court	1 8 0
Paid for ringing of him into Towne	0 5 0
Paid to Ben Brunsdon for worke	0 2 0
Paid to Mr Tayler for the audit money	0 5 0
Paid William Hudden for the Kinges pay	0 3 0
Paid to Nicholas Beedle for worke	2 19 7
Paid for Gobbottes doale	1 0 0
Paid for Carriers thereof	0 1 0
Paid for ringing the 5th of November	0 6 8
Paid to Joseph Newnton for worke	0 9 8
Paid to a poore woemen by mayors order	0 0 6
Paid for a payre of shoes for the widow Bishopps boy	0 2 0
Paid to Thomas Beedle for the Kinges pay	0 1 6
	17 12 1

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Paid to the Overseers John Clarke and Henry King	8 18 8
Paid to Mr Poole on bond and interest thereupon	10 15 6
Paid to John Marchant for one yeares wages	1 0 0
Paid to Stephen Hillman for mending of the clapper of the great bell	0 14 8
Paid Mr Richard Webb senior for Rowd church out of Isabells Breach [dew?]	0 2 0
Paid for beare	0 1 0
Given to Thomas Hawkins at severall times	0 2 0
Given another poore woeman per Mr Mayors order	0 0 6
Paid <interest <i>deleted</i> > for cloth for cloathing of the poore and on Judge Nicholas his accompt	2 16 0
Paid for a wayt for the chimnies	0 5 0

Paid cheife rent to Mr Peirce	0	9	1
Paid to Mr Peirce and Mr Watton for castle gard rent	0	15	3
Given to Henry Flower at severall times	0	3	6
Paid for making John Embreyes hose	0	0	10
Expended for writing and cirtifcateing for chimney money	0	10	0
Given to the widow Harris	0	1	0
Given to Richard Mullions	0	1	0
Paid for makeing Brunsdens boyes cloathes	0	12	3
Paid for bread and carriage thereof on good Fryday	0	10	4
Paid for washing the church Lynnen	0	2	6
Given to Richard Bishoppes children their Friendes being 9 weekes absent	0	3	0
Given to Hutchins his daughter	0	0	6
Paid more to Stephen Hillman for worke	0	13	9
Given to Richard White	0	1	0
Given to Richard Mulliens	0	1	0
Paid more for Brunsdens boy for cloth	0	1	0
Paid Mr Walter for beare	0	3	6
Paid for a pound of wiar to Anthony West	0	1	0
Paid to Mr Mayor for the Rent of three Tenementes	1	17	6
Paid to Mrs Mary Eyles	4	7	6
Paid to Nicholas Sanford for rent	0	13	4
Paid for Oyle at several tymes	0	2	2
Paid to Mr Mayor for a matt for the church	0	1	2
Paid for 4 Fox heades	0	3	0
Paid to William Hawkins for expences touching the pales	0	2	0
Paid to Mr Pale for the beare the tyme the Joyner was at worke	0	3	6
Paid for a Forke and 2 stakes	0	0	9
	36	16	9

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Paid For a purse	0	0	6
Paid for a brieffe to yeatsbury	0	0	4
Received a brasse halfe crowne	0	2	6
Paid the passing of our accomptes	0	3	0
Paid for worke about the church	0	3	4
Paid for lugges for mending the ladders	0	2	6
Given to the poore in bread on great occasion	0	2	0
	0	14	2
Sum totall disbursed is	55	3	0
Soe the Receiptes exceed their disbursementes beside the brasse half crowne	0	19	1

The said Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes and implementes following, vizt: One silver Chalice, one silver plate, Two Tableboardes, one pewter flaggon, one pulpitt Cloth, one pulpitt cushion, Two Cushions for the Maior, Two Carpettes, Twenty Formes, Two Trunkes, The Booke of Martirs in Three Volumes, The Paraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church Bible, Three Common Prayer Bookes, One old psalme Booke, Two joint Stooles, one Tumbrell in the Tower, one Biere, Two Bookes of Accompt (this being one), Two long ladders, Three peeces of Timber lying in the Tower and a herse Cloth.

John Tayler, William Pool, James Streete, Richard Noyes, Richard Pillis, Richard Morris.

Memorandum that on the Seven & Twentieth day of March 1676 at the meeting of the parishioners of the parish of the blessed Virgin Mary they elected & chose Richard Pillis one of the precedent Churchwardens to continue in his Office for the yeere next ensuing and then alsoe elected Nicholas Chiffins to be the other Churchwarden for the same yeere and they did then elect Roger Chivers & William Collins to be Sidemen for the said yeere.

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1675–1676

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Nicholas Forsith and Richard Pillis Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough of Devizes aforesaid of their Receiptes and Disbursments of the yeerely rentes profitts & Revenues belonging to the said Church from the 27th day of March 1675 until the 27th day of March 1676 had & taken the Twenty eighth day of Aprill Anno Domini 1676.

The Charge

Imprimis received of the last precedent Churchwardens	0	19	1
Received of the Communicants for bread & Wine	0	3	0
Received of John Webbe for his houses	1	8	0
Received of John Tane for his house	0	5	0
Received of Daniell Cutting th'elder for his house	0	10	0
Received of Christopher Ellis for his house	0	6	8
Received of Mr John Tayler for one yeeres rent	1	0	0

Received of Richard Embry for his house	0 10 0
Received of Gabriell Butcher for his house	1 0 0
Received of Robert Bennet for his house	0 10 0
Received Mrs Mary Eyles for the old Shambles	1 0 0
Received of the widow Margaret Blackborough	0 13 4
Received of Mr Richard Webbe junior for his ground called Edward Hill	5 0 0
Received of Thomas Beedle for a Close called Bascombe Close	1 16 0
Received of Mr <Sloper <i>deleted</i> > Robert Sloper for his house	0 1 0
Received of William Gayne for his house	0 4 0
Received of Mr John Horton for a little Tenement	0 12 0
Received of Mr Robert Foote for parte of his house	1 10 0
Received of Mrs Mary Fidsall for parte of her house	1 10 0
Received of Mr William Poole for his house	0 10 0
Received of Mr Francis Paradise for Timber Close	0 17 0
Received of Mr Elizabeth Walter for her house	2 0 0
Received of Mr Richard Watton for a shop under the Councill Chamber	0 16 0
Received of Mr Richard Webbe thelder for one quarters rent for Isabells Meade & Breach	3 10 0
Received of Mrs Jane Comely for parte of her house	2 0 0
Received of John Wilkes for his house	3 0 0
Received of Stephen Hobbs for his house	0 15 0
Received of Mary Golding for her house	0 12 0
Received of William Hudding for Foure acres of land	4 0 0
Received of Anthony Chivers for Dollpitts	9 0 0
The some totall of their receipts comes to	45 18 1

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The Discharge

Imprimis to Richard Noyes Overseer	0 19 1
Paid to maimed soldiers & Mariners	0 6 10
Paid for bread & Wine for 4 Communions	0 19 10
Paid for amending the Chimney & Worke about the house where old Stichlow & old Levet dwells	0 4 6
Paid for a Coate for John Popp	0 7 0
Paid for ringing the 29th of May being the Kinges Birthday	0 6 8
Gave to old Stichlowes wife	0 1 0
Paid the Parritor for Penticost money	0 1 2

Spent upon the Chimney man & for the Certifycate	0	4	0
Paid for a badricke for one of the Bells	0	1	0
Paid for <that <i>deleted</i> > straw and thatching the house where <old <i>deleted</i> > James Stichlow & old Levet dwell	0	2	4
Paid to James Lewes for a yeeres rent for the widow Barton & the widow Harper	1	10	0
Paid for Three Fox heads	0	3	0
Paid John Marchant for helping at the Church 9 dayes when the seats were made	0	4	0
Paid the Roper his bill	0	18	8
Paid to the Overseers	5	0	0
Paid to the precedent Overseers	2	18	6
Paid to Benjamin Brunsden towards the placing of a poore boy to London	0	10	0
Gave to William Embry being sick	0	1	0
Gave to John Fords wife	0	0	6
Gave to the widow Barton	0	1	0
Paid for help for the hanging up of a Bell	0	1	0
Spent at the Visitation & for the Fees of the Courte	1	4	0
Gave more to the widow Barton	0	1	0
Gave to Foure Seamen	0	0	6
Paid for beere in the Greene at a meeting about busines for the parish	0	2	0
Paid for carriage of Sand to the Tower	0	1	6
Gave to Henry Purriers wife	0	1	0
Paid John Merchant his wages	0	10	0
Gave to 3 men that were taken prisoners by the Turkes	0	0	6
	17	1	7

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Gave to a travelling Minister	0	1	0
Paid to Nicholas Beedle about the repaire of Seats & other worke about the Church as by his note appeareth	7	4	6
Paid the Kings chiefe Rent at the Audit	0	6	4
Paid for bread <and wine spent at the Sacrament for the feast of All Saints <i>deleted</i> > on the Feast of All Saints being Gobbetts doale	1	1	8
Gave to James Stichlow	0	1	0
Paid for Beere at Mr Pooles	0	0	4
Paid for the rate to mayned [<i>sic</i>] Soldiers & Marriners	0	7	0
Gave to Elizabeth Bishop for a paire of shooes for her boy	0	2	0
Gave to the widow Compton	0	0	6
Gave to <the wid <i>deleted</i> > Goodwife Blackborough for tending of the widow Millard	0	0	6

Paid to John Graunte for cureing of Edward Oakfords daughter	
	0 5 0
Paid for a Badricke for a Bell	0 1 0
Paid to Mr Paradise for Rent	1 14 0
Gave to the widow Harper	0 0 6
Gave more to James Stichlow	0 1 0
Paid to the Ringers for ringing the 5th of November	0 6 8
Gave to Henry Purrier	0 0 6
Gave to a soldier & his wife & children he being blind	0 1 0
Paid to Stephen Hillman for iron worke done about the Bells as by note appeareth	1 4 4
Paid for bread & wine spent at the Sacrament after Easter	0 5 10
Spent upon the Collector of the Hearth money	0 3 0
Paid to the Chamberlaines for Rent	1 4 4½
Gave to the widow Powle	0 1 0
Gave to Henry Purrier	0 0 6
Paid for Cloth to William White	3 15 6
Paid the Carpenter for amending the pales & his house where Stichlow <lives <i>deleted</i> > and Levet dwell	0 2 0
Paid Marke Uggins for amending the Allies ¹ in the Church & the windowes in the Tower for brick & lime	0 6 9
Paid for an elm Tree in the Churchyard	0 0 6
Gave to a Seaman	0 0 2
Paid at Mr Pooles for beere for workmen at severall times	0 2 3
Paid for Two Ewe Trees	0 0 8
Gave to Three Seamen	0 0 6
Paid the hearth money for John Lewes	0 1 0
	19 2 10

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Item paid for Beere at Mr Pooles at a meeting about the parish business	0 2 0
Gave to Three Seamen	0 0 4
Gave to Robert Tyly <& <i>deleted</i> > the hatter & his wife both being very sick	0 2 0
Paid for making of John Poppes breeches	0 0 6
Paid for a booke for the Kings proclamacion for a publique Fast	0 0 6
Gave to [___] Watkins for her husband he being sick in prison	0 2 0
Gave to the widow Millard & her son in law Thomas Andrews they being both sicke	0 1 0

1 i.e. 'alley', an alternative word for an aisle.

Gave to the widow Powle	0 0 6
Gave to James Stichlow	0 1 0
Gave to William Coole	0 1 0
Paid for the Doule on Good fryday	0 10 0
Paid to one who had taken a Gray	0 0 4
Gave to a poore woman	0 0 6
Paid to Marke Uggins for worke done in the Chancell	0 1 0
Paid for a Foxhead	0 1 0
Paid James Lewes for Rent for the widow Barton & the widow Harper & attending the widow Barton	1 15 0
Paid John Marchant his wages	0 10 0
Paid John Marchant for Foure dayes worke in the Church	0 2 6
Paid to Robert Scott for Cloth for a shirt for Purton a poore boy	0 3 6
Paid for washing the Church Linnen	0 2 6
Paid to John Smith th'elder for apparell for his Apprentice	0 18 8
Paid to Mr Eyles for Rent for Two poore women	1 8 0
Paid to the Roper as by his note appeares	0 19 8
Paid to Stephen Hillman for worke	0 1 6
Paid him more for the keeping of the Clock and Chimes	0 2 0
Paid to Benjamin Brunsdn the Glazier for worke about the Church as by his note appeas [<i>sic</i>]	1 9 2
Paid to Robert Martin the Aparitor for drawing out & delivering the Register	0 4 0
Item paid for entring and casting up of this accompt	0 2 6

[*Marginated: 9 - 2 - 8*]

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Soe the whole some of their Disbursements is	45 7 1
Soe their receipts exceed their Disbursements	0 11 0

The said Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens these ornaments goods & implements following, vizt: One Silver Chalice, one silver Plate, Two Table boards, one pewter Flaggon, one pulpitt Cloth, one Pulpitt Cushion, Two Cushions for the Mayor, Two Carpetts, <Twenty *deleted*> Nineteen Formes, Two Trunkes, Three Booke of Martirs in Three Volumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church Bible, Three Common Prayer bookes, one old psalme booke, Two Joyned Stooles, one Tumbrell in the Tower, one Biere, Two Bookes of Accompt (this being one), Two long Ladders, Three peeces of Timber lying in the Tower & an hearse Cloath.

Richard Webbe, John Filkes, Richard Noyes, William Hawkins [x],
Ambrose Zealy, Gabriell Butcher, John Tayler, William Poole,
Francis Paradise.

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Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Richard Pillis and Nicholas Chiffens Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough of Devizes aforesaid of their Receipts and Disbursements of the yeerely Rents profitts & Revenues belonging to the said Church from the 27th day of March 1676 until the 27th day of March 1677 had & taken the [____] day of May Anno Domini 1677.

The Charge

Imprimis received of the last precedent Churchwardens	0	11	0
Received of the se deleted Communicants for bread & wine			
	0	2	4
Received of John Tane for his house	0	5	0
Received of John Webbe serjeant for his houses	1	8	0
Received of Daniel Cutting the elder	0	10	0
Received of Christopher Ellis for his house	1	0	0
Received of Mr John Tayler for one yeeres Rent	1	0	0
Received of Richard Embry for one yeeres rent	0	10	0
Received of Gabriell Butcher for a yeeres rent	1	0	0
Received of Robert Bennett	0	10	0
Received of Mrs Mary Eyes for the old shambells	1	0	0
Received of the widow Blackbury	0	13	4
Received of Mr Richard Webbe junior for his groundes	5	0	0
Received of Thomas Beedle for a Close called Bascombe	1	16	0
Received of Mr Robert Sloper for one yeere & halfs Rent	0	3	0
Received of William Gaine for one yeeres Rent	0	8	0
Received of Mr John Horton for a little Tenement	0	12	0
Received of Mr Foote for parte of his house	1	10	0
Received of Mrs Mary Fidsall for parte of her house	1	10	0
Received of Mr William Poole for his new house	0	10	0
Received of Mr Francis Paradise for Timber Close	0	17	0
Received of Mr John Harris for one yeeres rent	2	0	0
Received of Mr Richard Watton for a Shopp under the Councill Chamber	0	16	0

Received of Mrs Jane Comely widow	2	0	0
Received of John Wilkes for his house	3	0	0
Received of Mary Gouldney for her house	0	12	0
Received of the widow Hobbs for her house	0	15	0
Received of Benjamin Streete for the ground late William Huddens	4	0	0
Received of Anthony Chivers for Dollpitts	9	0	0
Received of Benjamin Streete for a Fine	12	5	0
Received of John Goldenham for a Tenement late Brothers	0	5	0
Received of John Wyatt for a Tenement <Some Total <i>deleted</i> >	0	4	8
Received of Elianor Cleford for her Tenement	0	5	0
Received of the same Elianor for her Fine	5	0	0
The Some Total of their Receipts comes to	60	17	8

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The Discharge

Imprimis paid to the Overseers of the poore at severall times	30	0	0
Paid to Ambrose Zealy for worke done about the Church at <the <i>deleted</i> > severall times as by his note appears	2	5	2
Paid for beere when this worke was done	0	2	0
Paid to Mr John Bosome for making the booke	0	1	0
Paid for bread & wine for 4 Communions	0	19	3
Paid to the Ringers the 29th of May	0	6	8
Gave to old Stichlow 4d. in money & 2d. in bread	0	0	6
Paid at the Visitation & the Fee of the Courte	1	4	0
Paid to Robert Martin for Pentecost money and warning to the Courte	0	2	3
Paid to Richard Noyes the late Overseer being money due to him	5	7	5
Paid for Drums and Culleurs	0	0	2
Paid for chiefe Rent to the Kings Receiver at Marlborough	0	5	8
Paid for the trimming and makeing of John Pops Coate	0	1	2
Paid to Margery Pountney in her sicknes	0	1	0
Paid Stephen Hillman for worke done about the Church at severall times	0	18	3
Paid to John Graunte for cureing of Christopher Mallard	0	10	0
Paid for 2 severall Foxheads	0	2	0
Paid to the Chamberlains for chiefe Rent	0	15	4

Paid the Ropers Bill as by his note appeareth	0 15 2
Paid to John Gamble for worke done about the Church for haire and Lime and beere	0 6 10
Gave in bread All Saints day	1 0 0
Paid to those that carried it	0 0 4
Paid to the Collector of the Fire heaths [<i>sic</i>] & for a Certificate and mony spent upon him	0 3 0
Gave to the Ringers for ringing the 5th of November	0 6 8
Gave Richard Mullens towards the payment of his fire hearth	0 1 0
Gave to a travellingman which had a great Losse by fire	0 0 6
Paid to the Chamberlaines for chiefe Rent	1 9 1
Gave to 4 Seamen being in great want	0 0 6
Laid out for Cloth to cloath the poore	2 3 8
Paid at a meeting at Mr Pooles for beere when the parish mett there	0 3 0
Paid to Richard Greene for Rent for 6 yeeres for some part of the Churchyard	0 1 6
Paid Ambrose Zealy for worke done about the Church as by his Note appears	0 13 4
Paid for ridding the Well where Goody Cripps liveth being the Church Land	0 4 6
Paid to a Traveller who had great Losse by Fire	0 0 6
Paid to John Gamble for haire Lyme & worke done about the Chauncell	0 0 6
Paid for a new Badrick for the great Bell	0 1 0
Paid to Mr Richard Watton for Oile used about the Clock & Chimes	0 2 0
Paid to a Traveller by Mr Johnson's order	0 3 0
Paid to Stephen Hillman for worke done at the Church at severall times & for the keeping of the Clocke & Chimes	0 14 3
	51 12 2

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Gve to Richard Morris his wife when she broke her Arme	0 0 10
Paid to the new Overseers	1 0 0
Paid for a Purse and Paper	0 0 6
Paid to John Marchant for his yeeres wages	1 0 0
Paid for a Dole Good Fryday	0 10 0
Paid for washing the Church Linnen	0 2 6
Paid <for <i>deleted</i> > to Mr Graunt for cureing Edward Oakfords maids Arme	0 0 6
Paid for Joyle and Marshall money	0 7 0

Paid to John Brunsdon for worke done about the Church at severall times as by his note appeareth	1 4 9
Paid for Cloth to make 2 paire of Breeches for old Levett & old Melksham	0 7 6
Paid to Mrs Mary Eyles for house rent for Jane Watts & Katherine Atkins widows	1 4 0
Gave to 2 poore Seamen	0 0 2
Paid to Mr Francis Paradise for house Rent for Samuell Gamble & Joane <Kent <i>deleted</i> > Snell	1 14 0
Paid to James Lewes for house Rent for the widow Harper & unto one for attending her	1 2 0
Paid to Mr Robert Foote for the use of £10 for halfe a yeere	0 6 0
Item for makeing and drawing up of this Accompt unto Mr Taylers Clerke	0 2 6
To Robert Martin for drawing out & delivering the Register	0 3 0
	9 5 3
The some totall of their Disbursements comes to	60 17 5
Soe their receiptes exceed their Disbursements	0 0 3

The said Churchwardens delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens these ornaments goods & Implements following (vizt): One Silver Chalice, One silver Plate, Two Table boards, One pewter Flaggon, one Pullpitt Cloath, one Pulpitt Cushion, Two Cushions for the Mayor, Two Carpetts, Nineteen Formes, Two Trunks, The Booke of Martirs in 3 Vollumes, the Paraphrase of Erasmus, One great Church Bible, Three Common Prayer Bookes, one old Psalme booke, Two Joynd Stooles, one Tumbrell in the Tower, one Biere, Two bookes of Accompt (this being one), Two long Ladders, Three peeces of Timber lying in the Tower & one hearse Cloath.

Richard Webbe, William Poole, John Filkes, Thomas Barker, James Street, John Tayler.

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Memorandum that on the Second day of Aprill 1678 at the meeting of the parishioner of the parish of the blessed Virgin Mary they elected and chose John Tane one of the precedent Churchwardens to continue in his Office for the yeere now next ensuing and then alsoe elected William Hawkins to be the other Churchwarden for the same yeere and they did then elect and choose Edward Skinner and Thomas White to be Sidemen for the said yeere.

1677–1678

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Nicholas Chiffinch and John Tane Church wardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borrough of Devizes aforesaid of their Receiptes and Disburstmentes of the yearly Rents profittes & Revenues belonging to the said Church from the 27th day of March 1677 until the 27 day of March 1678 had & taken the [___] day of [___] Anno Domini 1678.

The Charge

Imprimis Received of the severall Communicantes this year for Bread and wine	0 3 9
Received of John Tane for his house	0 5 0
Received of John Webb Seriant for his house	1 8 0
Received of Daniel Cutten thelder for his house	0 10 0
Received of Christopher Ellis for his house	0 13 4
Received of Mr John Tayler for one yeares Rent	1 0 0
Received of Richard Embry for one yeares rent	0 10 0
Received of Gabriell Butcher for one yeares rent	1 0 0
Received of Robert Bennett for one yeares rent	0 10 0
Received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the old Shambles	1 0 0
Received of Richard Webb Junior for his grondes	5 0 0
Received of Thomas Beedle for Bascombs Close	1 16 0
Received of Mr Robert Sloper for one yeares rent	0 2 0
Received of William Gaine for one yeares rent	0 8 0
Received of Mr John Horton for a smale Tenement	0 12 0
Received of Mr Robert Foot for part of his house	1 10 0
Received of Mrs Mary Fidsall for part of her house	1 10 0
Received of Mr William Poole for his new house	0 10 0
Received of Mr Francis Parradice for Timber Close	0 17 0
Received of Mr John Harris for one yeares rent	2 0 0
Received of Mr Richard Watton for a shopp under the Councill Chamber for one yeares rent	0 16 0

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Received of Jane Comley widow for her house	2 0 0
Received of John Wickes for his house one yeares rent	3 0 0
Received of Mary Golding for her house one yeares rent	0 12 0
Received of the widdow Hobbes for her house	0 15 0

Received of Benjamin Streete for ground late William Huddens	4	0	0
Received of Anthony Chivers for Dolpittes one years rent	9	0	0
Received of John Goldenham for his house for one yeare	0	5	0
Received of Ellenor Klelford for her house for one yeare	0	5	0
Received of John Wyat for his house	0	6	0
Receaved of John Brothers concerning a greement	5	0	0
Receaved of the Widdow Blackbery for her house	0	13	4
Receaved of Mr John Harris for breaking ground in the Church for his wife	0	6	8
The totall of the Receiptes amountes to	48	4	1[?]

The Discharge

Imprimis paid to the Overseers of the poore at Severall times	14	0	0
Paid for Bread & wine for 4 severall Communions	1	2	2
May the 29th paid to the Ringers	0	6	8
Paid Ambrose Zealy for 2 Coffins for two poore & for worke done the same time about the Church	0	18	4
Paid John Marchant for washing the hearse Cloth	0	0	6
Paid for mending the bell wheelles & in beere	0	1	4
Paid for 3 Sacks Lyme and worke done in the Church	0	12	6
Paid John Hammond for a booke of Articles	0	1	0
Paid Richard Powell for a stone laying in the tower and for worke done there & in beere	0	3	2
Paid Robert Martin for warning the Court & a booke	0	2	0
Paid for one sack of Lyme for the use of the Church	0	1	6
Paid John Gamble for washing & mending the Church & for Beere that sametime twas a doing	1	14	0
Paid the Ringeres at the Bishops coming to towne	0	9	8
Paid for Expences for the Church men, and fees that same time in the Court at the visitation	1	2	0
Paid Mr Foot interrest of £10 for a yeare	0	6	0
Paid John Wickes quarters Rent for Henry Flower	0	6	6
Paid Mr Richard Webb iunior out of his rent to Kings rent	0	0	9
Paid Benjamin Street also out of his rent Kings pay	0	1	4
Paid Ambrose Zealey for worke don in the Church	0	18	7
Paid Steven Hilman for worke don a bout the Chimes	0	16	0
Paid for a locke for a seate dore in the Church	0	1	0
Paid for Alhollands dole Bread for the poore	1	0	0
Paid the Ringers the 5th day of November	0	6	8
Paid Marchant halfe a years Sallary	0	10	0

Paid Benjamin Brunsdon for mending the Church windowes	0	10	2
Paid Mr Watton Chamberlaine for Chiefe Rent	1	9	8½
	27	1	6½

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Paid Mr Watton for paying off it into the Office for us at Marlborough to the Receaver general	0	1	0
Paid for a parcell of Cloth for some poore people above our Allowance which we Received	1	19	6
Paid for mending the bell wheeles and for some beere	0	0	9
Given to a pore traveller to helpe him homewardest	0	0	6
Paid Benjamin Streetes ½ yeares Kinges rent for his ground	0	1	4
Paid Thomas Streete for making of John Poppes clothes and for some other necessaries a bout them	0	1	8
Paid for beere at mending of the bell wheeles	0	0	4
Paid for cleansing the Church after the washing of it	0	2	6
Paid Lewes for 3 Leathren Badrick strapps for the bells	0	1	6
Paid Richard Hillier for worke a bout old Skeates house	0	1	0
Paid for a drawing up a Certificate a bout the Chimney mony and for the severall Church mens Charges that day	0	4	0
Paid the Chimney man for a blanke warrant	0	1	0
Paid for a paire Shooes for old Jane Stevens	0	3	0
Given to a pore Seaman that had bin prisoner in Turkey	0	2	0
Given to the widdow Hill to helpe her & her daughter up to London to be toucht for the evill	0	5	0
Paid Goodfridays dole bread for the pore people	0	10	0
Given to a poore woman to helpe her home	0	0	6
<Paid Eleazer Pullen a paire of shooes for Jane Stevens	0	3	0 deleted >
<Paid Beniamin Street for his Kinges rent ½ a yeare	0	1	4 deleted >
Paid Ambrose Zealy for worke done in the Church upon a Note the roth day of Aprill	0	12	7
Paid for <halfe deleted > a yeares rent for old Jane Smith	0	14	0
Paid Ellenor Powell of sheten of ropes & new ropes	1	8	0
Paid Thomas Clarke for washing the Church Linning	0	2	6
Paid for worke & beere at putting in off the bell Clapper	0	1	4
Paid Robert Martin for drawing up the Role of the Christeninges Marriages & Burialls and for delivering it in at Sarum	0	4	0
Paid Mr Paradise for 2 Tenementes for the Poore	1	14	0
Paid Mr Webb iunior for ½ a yeares Kings rent	0	0	9
Paid Mr Robert foot for the use £10 for halfe a yeare	0	6	0
Paid Mr Richardes Generall Marshalls money	0	10	0
Paid Mr Harris for beere at severall at the doeing of worke in and a bout the Church	0	4	0

Paid Stephen Hilman for a new Clipper for the bell & for worke done in thChurch [<i>sic</i>] upon his note	1 16 4
Paid Mrs Eyles for a years rent for 2 poore widdowes	1 4 0
Paid Widdow Marchant halfe years sallary	0 10 0
Paid more for Henry Flower to John Wickes for three quarters house rent	0 19 6
Paid John Gamble Junior for worke done about old Hugh Skeats house	0 5 0
Paid old <Ro <i>deleted</i> > John Marchant for helping Richard Powell when he set up old window going up the gallary staires	0 2 0
Paid Thomas Beedle for haire used about the Church	0 1 0
Paid for a Booke writing to collect the money by	0 1 0
Paid Mr Watton for oyle used a bout the Chymes	0 2 3
Paid the widdow Marchant for washing the Carpett & for mending it, belonging to the Communion Table	0 2 6
Paid William Lewce for helping Ambrose Zealy at sundry times in the Church mending the gallary	0 2 0
Paid John Tane for palling the Church yard postes board nailes and worke about the same on his note	4 4 0
Paid John Bosome for keeping my accomptes and for wrighting and drawing of them up	0 5 0
Paid John Gamble for rent for Simon Watkins in his sicknes by the consent of the Overseers	1 0 0
	47 8 10½

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Received in the full of severall Renters and Inhabitanes belonging to Saintes Maryes parish	48 4 1
Disburst by the Church wardens of the sume above said, the summe of	47 8 10½

The said Church wardens delivered unto the succeeding Church wardens These Ornaments good and Implementes following (viz): one silver Challice, one silver plate, Two table boards, one pewter Flagon, one pulpit Cloath, one pulpit Cushion, Two Cushions for the Mayor, Two Carpettes, Nyneteene Formes, Two Trunkes, the booke of Martyres in three vollums, the Parraphrase of Erasmus, one great Church Bible, Three Common prayer bookes, one old psalme book, two Joyn'd stooles, one Timbrell in the tower, one Biere, two bookes of accompt (this is one), two long ladders, three pieces of timber lying in the tower, and one hearse Cloath.

Memorandum that on the Two and Twentieth day of Aprill 1679 at a meeting of the parishioners of the parish of the blessed Virgin

Mary they elected and chose William Hawkins one of the precedent Churchwardens to continue in his Office and then also elected Thomas Barker to be the other Churchwarden for the same yeere and they did then elect Daniell Cutting the youngest and Peter Strong to be sidemen for the said yeere.

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1678–1679

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of John Tane and William Hawkins Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough of Devizes aforesaid of their receipts and disbursments of the yeerley Rents profitts & Revenues belonging to the said Church from the 27th day of March 1678 until the 27th day of March 1679 had & taken the Thirtieth day of May Anno Domini 1679.

The Charge

Imprimis the said John Tane for his house	0	5	0
Received of John Webb Sergeant for his houses	1	8	0
Received of Daniell Cutting for his house	0	10	0
Received of Mr John Tayler senior for a yeers rent	1	0	0
Received of Mr William Poole for his new house	0	10	0
Received of Richard Embry for his house	0	10	0
Received of Gabriel Butcher for his house	1	0	0
Received of Robert Bennett for his house	0	10	0
Received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the old Shambles	1	0	0
Received of Margaret Blackbery widow for her house	0	13	4
Received of Thomas Beedle for Bascombe Close	1	16	0
Received of John Goldenham for his house	0	5	0
Received of Elenor Cleford for her house	0	5	0
Received of William Gaine for his house	0	8	0
Received of Mr John Sloper for his house	0	2	0
Received of Mr John Horton for his stable	0	12	0
Received of Mr Robert Foote for parte of his house	1	10	0
Received of Mrs Mary Fidsall for parte of her house	1	10	0
Received of Elizabeth Hillman widow for the white bear	2	0	0
Received of Mr Francis Paradise for timber Close	0	17	0
Received of John Wickes for his <quarters <i>deleted</i> > yeers rent			
	3	5	0

Received of Mary Goulding widow for her house	0 12 0
Received of Jane Comely widdow for her house	2 0 0
Received of Widdow Hobbs for her house	0 15 0
Received of Mr Richard Watton for his warehouse	0 16 0
Received of Benjamin Streett for foure acres of land In new parke	4 0 0
Received of Anthony Chivers for a ground caled Dole Pitts	9 0 0
Received of John Wyatt for his house	0 6 0
Received of the Communicants for bread & wine	0 1 11
Received of Mr Chiffens the precedent Churchwarden	0 15 3
Received of Mr Richard Webb the younger for his yeeres Rent	5 0 0
The some totall of their Receiptes amountes unto	42 17 6

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The Discharge

Imprimis paid for a booke to collect the money	0 1 0
Paid John Smith and Edward Bath overseers received of the precedent Churchwardens	0 15 3
Paid Richard Scott for worke & Thorns about the churchyard	0 4 0
Paid Robert Martin for a booke and warning the Courte	0 2 0
Paid Two yeeres Pentecost Money	0 2 0
Paid for expences for the Churchmen and fees in the Court at the visitation	1 2 0
Paid towards the carrying of Robert Reynolds Children to London	0 5 0
Paid to the ringers 29th day of May being the kings birth day	0 6 8
Paid for Kilburyes maids Cloth with what we gave her in money	0 12 0
Paid to Two Passengers	0 0 6
Paid for the Clothes for the Child put an apprentice with Francis Fellowes	0 10 0
Paid for keeping the same Child	1 1 2
Paid for placing the same Child	2 0 8
Paid Thomas Dowding for looseing his time when he was to carry this child to Bristoll	0 1 0
Paid a man for goinge to Mr Johnsonses at Bowden and expences at sessions about the same Child	0 2 0
Gave Robert Tillyes maide	0 2 0

Paid Two passingers	0 0 6
Paid for Beare at the widdow Hillmans gave to Workmen	0 3 0
Paid John Brunsdan for glassing work done about the Church	0 12 8
Paid for bread and wine for four Communions	1 1 6
Paid gave [<i>sic</i>] to Phillip Watkins in his sicknes	0 1 0
Paid Henry Flowers quarters Rents	0 6 6
Paid William Lewis the sexton his quarterig	0 10 0
Paid William Lewis for shutting of the Rop<p deleted >es and other things	0 4 0
Gave a passenger	0 0 6
Paid Benjamin Streets chieffe Rent	0 0 8
Paid William Atkins while he was putt out of his house	0 4 0
Paid William Paradise for William Attkins his goods	2 0 1
Paid William Atkins his Rent to Richard Naise	0 13 0
Paid Nicholas Bedle ayeers Rent for old White	1 0 0
Paid Christopher Mallard for Thatching and speeckes and Roddes	1 1 6
Paid Thomas Cutting for worke done in the Church and for hayre	0 5 0
Paid for Lime	0 1 6
8s. paid Antony chivers for Straw	0 8 0

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Paid Mr Paradise for straw	0 10 0
Paid Goodwife Dowden when she had a lame hand	0 1 0
Paid the Chamberlin<g deleted >s for all Rents	1 9 5
Paid Mr Paradiice for paying the money at Marlborough	0 1 0
Paid to John Smith and Edward Baugh the old overseers	2 18 11
Paid All Saints dayes doale	1 0 0
Paid Mr Robert Foote for the use of ten pounds	0 12 0
Paid for a booke concerning the Fast	0 1 6
Paid the Ringers the 5th day of November	0 6 8
Paid the Widdow Dowden more	0 0 6
Paid the Plumber	6 10 7
For 55 foote of oaken boardes	0 8 9
And for a Raffter	0 1 6
For 32 foot of Elmen board over the Church Porch	0 3 4
Paid for beare for the Plumbers and other workfolkes	0 6 2
For Carpenters worke	0 2 6
Paid for Gimells and nailes & worke	0 2 8
Paid for an order made about Taylers Child	0 1 6
Paid Mr Paradise for the Rent of Two Tenements	1 14 0

Paid a parcell of Cloth for some poore people above our allowance which wee received	1 16 4
Paid William Lewis for helping the plummers	0 4 0
Paid for making of John Pops Clothes	0 1 10
Paid William Tayler for turning of a Rolle for the Chimes	0 0 8
Paid Amos Walker his half yeeres Sallary	0 7 6
Paid Ambros Zeales Bill for worke about the Church as by his note appears	1 4 7
Paid Richard Powle for Masonry worke	0 0 8
Paid to the widdow Showering	0 1 0
Paid for Two hundred of woode to Robert Bennet for the Plummers	0 2 0
Paid Robert Marten Apparitor for a booke concerning the fast & the Register	0 5 0
Paid John Dalyn for Ropes	0 15 0
Paid William Lewis the Sexton his quarterige	0 10 0
Paid him for leather & shutting Ropes	0 4 6
Paid for 5 warrants to the Recorders Clerk	0 5 0
Paid for oyle to Mr Watton	0 1 6
Paid for oyle <and <i>deleted</i> > for the bells and Chimes & Marshallsy mony	0 6 8
Paid Mrs Eyles for one yeeres Rent for Two poore Widdowes	1 4 0
Paid Thomas Clerke for washing the Serplis	0 2 6
Paid for good frydayes doale	0 10 0
Paid to Phillip Cadby the younger for amending the bell wheele	0 1 0
Paid to Stephen Hillman for worke done about the Church Clock & Chimes As by his note of particulers appeareth	0 18 2

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Paid to Mr Richard Webb the younger and John Wickes Overseers of the poore	7 5 0
Some totall of their Disbursementes	49 0 3
Soe the Disbursmentes exceed their Receiptes	6 2 9

The said Churchwardens then delivered unto the succeeding Churchwardens these ornamentes goodes & implementes following, vizt: one silver Chalice, one silver plate, Two Tableboardes, one pewter Flaggon, one pulpitt Cloth, one pulpitt Cushion, Two Cushions for the Maior, Two Carpettes, Nineteene Formes, Two Trunkes, the Booke of Martirs in Three volumes, the Paraphrase of

Erasmus, one great Church Bible, Three Common prayer bookes, one old psalme booke, Two ioynd stooles, one Tumbrell in the Tower, one Biere, Two Bookes of Account (whereof this is one), Two long ladders, Three pieces of Timber lying in the Tower, and one hearse Cloth.

Richard Webb senior [x], John Tayler senior, William Poole, John Rogers, John Filkes, Robert Bennet, Jonas Hill, John Smith.

Memorandum that one the Thirteenth day of Aprill 1680 at a meeting of the parishioners of the blessed Virgin Mary they elected and choose Benjamin Streete and Jonathan Filkes to be Churchwardens of the said parish for the yeere now next ensuing and they did then elect Thomas Harris and John Knight to be the Sidemen for the said yeere.

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Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of William Hawkins and Thomas Barker Church wardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the borough of devizes aforesaid of their receipts and disbusments of the yeerley Rents profitts & Revennues belonging to the said Church from the 27th day of March 1679 untill the 27th day of March 1680 had & taken the [___] day of [___] Anno Domini 1680.

The Charge

Imprimis the said Benjamin Streete for foure acres Land in new park	3	16	2
Received of Widdow Hilman for wite beare	2	0	0
Received of Jane Comly widdow for her house	2	0	0
Received of Widdow Goulden for her house	0	12	0
Received of Widdow Hobbs for her house	0	15	0
Received of Anthony Chevers for a ground called Dolpitts	6	12	6
Received of Mr William Poole for Dolpits	2	5	0
Received of John Wiett for his house	0	2	0
Received of Mr John Tayler senior a yeares rent	1	0	0
Received of Mr William Poole for new house	1	8	0
Received of Robert Bennett for his house	0	10	0

Received of Mrs <Mary <i>deleted</i> > Horton widdow for stable	0 12 0
Received of John Webb sargent for house	1 8 0
Received of Mrs Mary Fidsall for parte of her house	1 10 0
Received of John Tane for his house	0 5 0
Received of Daniell Cutting for his house	0 10 0
Received of William Gaine for his house	0 8 0
Received of Gabriell Butcher for his house	1 0 0
Received of Richard Embery for house	0 10 0
Received of Mr Robert Toope for breaking the ground in the Church	0 6 8
Received of Jonas Hill for a yeares rent	0 0 4
Received of Widdow Blackbury for her house	0 10 0
Received of John Gouldenham for his house	0 5 0
Received of Mr Richard Watton for ware house	0 16 0
Received of John Wilkes for a yeares rent	3 0 0
Received of Mr Robert Foot for parte of his house	1 10 0
Received of Robert Bennettes for a quarters Rent for new house	0 5 0
Received of Thomas Biddle for Bascombmead	1 16 0
Received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the old Shambles	1 0 0
Received of the Communicants	0 0 6
Received of the Communicants	0 0 3
Received of the Communicants	0 0 6
Received of John Sloper for rent	0 2 0
Received of John Wilkes in old Lead	0 1 4
	35 19 3

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Received of Mr Francis Paradice for rent	0 17 0
Received of Mrs Eyles being <money <i>deleted</i> > in parte of money by her received over and above her due Rent of the precedent Churchwardens for the Roome wherein Jane Wattes & Katherine Stephens inhabite	0 8 0
The some totall of the Receiptes comes to	37 4 3

The Discharge

Imprimis Paid unto Mr Hayes For his pleading fee	0 1 8
Paid For 12 yards of sarge for the two boyes that are placed to Jonas Hill and Henry Bishop	1 11 0
Paid For lining Cloath for the same boyes and buttons	0 17 3
Paid For two hats for the same boyes	0 4 6

Paid For Indentures For the same boyes	0 3 6
Paid For to paire of shoes for the same boyes	0 5 9
Paid For the placing of these two boyes & in beare	0 3 6
Paid For two paire of Stockings for the same boyes	0 2 6
Paid For the makeing and other materiales & For the boyes	0 10 1
Paid For 5 badgers heades	0 2 6
Paid For 5 foxes heades	0 2 0
Paid to a traveler towards his relief in [lgt?] fier	0 0 4
Paid unto the Ringers for the 29th of May	0 6 8
Paid to the Widdow Brooks for 4 [Curfeales?] ¹ for boyes	0 2 6
Paid to the Widdow Hickman	0 0 6
Paid unto Robert Marten penticost money	0 1 4
Paid at the vissitacion and the court	1 8 6
Paid For two Warrantes for Samuell Bud	0 3 0
Paid For Bread and Wine for the Communion	0 5 8
Paid For Amos Walkere Quarteredg	0 3 9
Paid For William Lewes his quarteridge	0 7 6
Paid For a boock to Mr Bosom	0 1 0
Paid For Beare bestowed on workmen about <to <i>deleted</i> > the Church	0 0 6
Paid two travelers	0 0 6
Paid For Charge and expences of Samuell Bud	0 12 2
Paid to the Widdow Powell	0 0 7
Paid to a traveling man	0 0 3
Paid to the Widdow Powell	0 0 10
Paid to William Lewes	0 7 6
Paid to the Widdow Dowden	0 0 10
Paid to a traveler	0 0 6
Paid to Amos Walker for Quarteridge	0 3 9
Paid For bread and wine at the Communion	0 5 3
Paid to Richard Noyes for rent of the house of William Barnes	0 13 0
Paid to John Gamble for Rent for the Widdow Watkines	0 4 6
Paid to the Widdow Dowden	0 1 0
Paid to William B<e <i>deleted</i> >arnes	0 1 0
Paid For Board naile and Workmanship about the Church	0 5 0
Paid the Widdow Powell	0 0 6
Paid the Widdow Dowden	0 0 6
Paid to Mr Hayes for fees	0 1 8
For the Witness	0 1 6
Paid For the Kings <pay <i>deleted</i> > Rent at Marlborough	0 4 8
Paid For a quittance	0 0 8

1 Unclear, possibly 'surfle', a hem or decorative edging.

Paid to Goodwife Hillman being expences at a parish meeting	0	5	0
Paid For a hundred of spriges	0	1	0
	10	17	8

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Paid For a hundred of wood	0	1	0
Paid For Candles	0	0	1
Paid to James Wilkes for Lead Soder and Workmanship	4	18	8
Paid to William Lewes for <J <i>deleted</i> > attendance	0	4	0
Paid For carrying the Lead <Charge <i>deleted</i> > up and downe	0	3	0
Paid For beare to the Widdow Hillman spent on workmen about the Tower	0	4	4
Paid to John Tane that was dew to him the last yeare	2	0	0
Paid to the Widdow Powell	0	0	9
Paid to Jane Smith	0	0	6
Paid to the Widdow Powell	0	0	8
Paid to the Widdow Dowden	0	0	4
Paid For the Allhollon doole	1	0	0
Paid the Ringers the 5th of November	0	6	8
Paid For haire and Lime and workmanship For the Church	0	3	0
Paid For Charcole	0	1	0
Paid to Goodwife Marchant For Looking to the Church	0	0	6
Paid to William Lewes for shutting of the Ropes and Leather about the belles	0	2	6
Paid For beare at Mr Pooles at a parish meeting	0	1	2
Paid For a Certifcate & expences about the Hearth money	0	4	0
Paid For Bread and Wine for Communion	0	6	6
Paid to William Lewes for his quarteridge	0	7	6
Paid to the Chamberlins	0	16	3½
Paid to John Gamble For the Widdow Watkins Rent a quarter	0	4	6
Paid to the Widdow Hickman	0	0	3
Paid For makeing of Purton boyes Coate	0	1	3
Gave to a traviler	0	0	6
Paid For mending of the Church hedg	0	0	7
Gave to John Sheppard	0	0	7
Gave to Richard Butcher for to help his children to London	0	10	0
Paid For a new shirt for Purtons boye	0	1	6
Gave to John Sheppard	0	0	8
Paid to Richard Noyes for William Watkins rent for half a yeere	0	13	0
Gave to Benjamin Hutchings	0	0	6

Paid to Mr Richard Watton for oyle for the bells	0 2 0
Paid For a dole of bread uppon Good fryday	0 10 0
Gave to Simon Wattkines	0 0 6
Paid John Wilkes for a peece of Lead	0 11 6
Paid to John Wilkes for Henry flowers rent	1 6 0
Paid to Stephen Hillman for worke about the Church & Tower	1 5 10
Paid to John Tane For work about the Church and Tower	1 12 10
Paid to John Wilkes for Thomas Helliars Rent	0 4 0
Paid to John Bransen For worke a bout the <house <i>deleted</i> > Church	2 10 2
Paid to John Baillie for Roapes	0 14 8
Gave to Robert Tyly	0 0 6
Paid to William Lewes quarteridg	0 7 6
Paid to William Lewes for a peece of Leather & shutting the roapes	0 1 0
	22 4 [.]

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Paid to the Constables For Gaole and Marshall money	0 6 8
Gave to Benjamin Hutchings	0 0 9
Paid to Widdow Chevers for Robert Tyly for a quarters rent	0 5 0
Paid to John Genings and Robert Brooks for Watching that night when Ellis house fell downe	0 2 0
Paid unto three men for laying the timber and brick and tile together by the feoffees desiere and for beare	0 4 0
Paid For nailes and labour before the house fell downe	0 0 4
Paid Henry Klaysh for beare and firing when the feoffees mett together	0 3 6
Paid For beare and nailes to make it sure	0 0 9
Paid unto a man which received A greate losse by fier	0 0 6
Paid to Mr Hayes for two paire of Indentures for the two boyes that is bound to John Sillith and Richard Hill	0 5 0
Paid unto one of Stert for 2 foxheads	0 1 0
Paid unto Widdow Milsom for the Widdow Skinner	0 0 6
Paid unto Widdow Fowle being in want	0 1 0
Paid unto Richard Butcher wife when shee went to London for her children to be touched	0 5 0
Paid unto Phillip Cadby for Oakford wifes Coffing	0 7 0
Paid unto Widdow Tyly and to Widdow White being in want	0 2 0
Paid unto William Bartlet at times	0 1 4

Paid unto Thomas Cuttens wife and to Richard Butchers wife	0 2 0
Paid unto Willim Winterson and to Widdow Tyly	0 2 0
Paid unto Thomas Cuttens wife at two payments	0 1 6
Paid unto Henry Purier and Edward <W deleted>oakford	0 1 6
Paid being spent with the Chim<l deleted>ney man about the poore	0 0 6
Paid Mr Foot for halfe a yeare Interest for Robert Scotts bond	0 6 0
Paid unto three men for carrying the timber from Christopher Ellis house to a tenement of Mr Taylers	0 3 0
Paid Thomas Clark for washing the Surplus	0 2 6
Paid Mrs Mary Eyles for <to deleted> two poore people rent	0 16 0
	4 1 4

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Paid to Mr Francis Paradice for Samuell Gamble and Joane Snells rent	1 14 0
Paid unto John Shepard for drawing up <the deleted> this account<deleted>	0 2 6
Paid unto Robert martin for the register	0 4 6
Paid unto Ambrose Zealy for worke about the Church	0 5 4
Paid unto a traveler that came from bath	0 0 6
Paid unto John Tane the precedent Churchwarden which was paid by him for entring the last yeeres Accounts and forgott then to be sett downe	0 2 6
Paid to William Lewes the Sexton for diverse dayes worke and attendance about the Church busines	0 5 0
	2 14 4

Summe totall of their <Receiptes deleted> Disbrsementes amounts unto	39 17 5
Soe their disbursementes exceed their Receiptes	0 53 2

John Tayler senior, John Filkes, Nicholas Forsith, Edward Baugh, John Tane, John Long.

Memoandum that on the Fourth day of Aprill 1681 at a meeting of the parishioners of this parish <of deleted> Benjamin Streete one of the precedent Churchwardens was elected & chosen by them to continue for the yeere now next ensuing and then they did elect & choose John Smith to be th'other Churchwarden for the yeere now next ensuing. And then Edward Coole & John Balliner were by them elected to be Sidemen for the said yeere.

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1680–1681*Burgus de Devizes*

A true and perfect Accompt of Benjamin Street and Jonathan Filkes Church Wardens of the parish Church of the Blessed Vergine Mary within The Borrough of Devizes Aforesaid of their Receipts and disburstments of the yearly Rents profitts & Revenues Belonging to the said Church from 27th March 1680 untell the 27th day of March 1681 had & taken the 22nd day of June Anno Domini 1681.

The Charge

Imprimis Received of John Tane for his house	0	5	0
Received of John Webb Sergent for his Houses	1	8	0
Received of Daniell Cutting Junior for his house	0	10	0
Received of Robert Bennett for his house late Ellises	1	0	0
Received of Mr John Tayler for a Tenement caled Brayes	1	0	0
Received of Mr William Poole for his house & Garden late Thurmans	0	10	0
Received of Richard Embry for his house & garden	1	10	0
Received of Gabriell Butcher for his house & Garden	1	0	0
Received of Robert Bennite for his Dwelling house	0	10	0
Received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the old shambells	1	0	0
Received of Mr Comerforde for his house & garden	1	6	8
And more likewise for Rent in Arears 3s. 4	0	3	4
Received of Mr Richard Webb for a grownd called Ayllworth Hill more lickwise for Rent in Arears	5	12	0
Received of Thomas Bidle for a grownd caled bascombe Close	1	16	0
Received of John Goldingham for a Tennement late Gaines	0	5	0
Received of William Gaine for his house	0	8	0
Received of Elinor Klelford for her house late Gaines	0	5	0
Received of Jonas Hill for a plot of garden Adjoyning to the Church yarde	0	0	4
Received of John Sloper for a Tennement in Bridle Street	0	2	0
Received of Mrs Horton for a Tennement next her house	0	12	0
Received of Mr Robert Foote for parte of his house	1	10	0
Received of Mrs Mary Fitsall for parte of her house	1	10	0
Received of John Wyatt for his house	0	4	0
Received of Widdow Hillman for the house she dwell in	2	0	0
Received of Mr Francis Parradice for Timber Close	0	17	0

Received of John Wilkes for his house	3 0 0
Received of Mrs Comly for parte of her House	2 0 0
	29 4 4

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Received of John Broocks for his house	0 15 0
Received of Mary Golding for her house	0 12 0
Received of Mr Richard Webb Senior for Issebells Breach & meade	0 0 0
Received of Mr Richard Watton for a Warehouse under the Councill Chamber	0 16 0
Received of Benjamin Street for four Acre of Land in new parke	4 0 0
Received of Mr William Poole for a grownd caled Dolpitts	9 0 0
Received of Mrs Sachiverell for Breacking the grownd In the Church for her Husband	0 6 8
Received of John Long for Breacking the grownd in the Church for his Sons	0 2 6
	15 12 2
Soe the sum totall of their Receipts is	44 16 6

The Discharge

Imprimis gave to Richard Bishops Children one of them going for London	0 2 6
Paid to the Ringers the 29th of May	0 6 8
Paid for moveing the Bells & mending them	0 6 0
Gave to John Sheaperd & his wife & Children	0 9 0
Gave to Goodman Levett & his wife at Severell times	0 12 0
Paid for Bread & Wine more then Received	1 6 8
Gave to the Widdow Netton at severall times	0 1 9
Paid at Vissetasion & the Charge of the Court	1 12 9
Gave Robert Tily at severall times	0 6 0
Paid John Gamble for washing the porch & other worke done at the Church	0 10 6
Paid for oyle for the Bells & Chimes & Clock	0 2 8
Paid for A Booke for the Kings Fast day And the Kings proclamation	0 2 0
Paid for the Kings declaration	0 1 0
Paid Robert Marten pentycost mony	0 1 4
Paid for the Widdow Comtons Cotton & Shrowed	0 10 8
Gave to two poore people	0 0 6
	6 12 0

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Paid to the Overseers as was last yeare	2	10	0
Gave to old Purrier & his wife at severall times	0	4	0
Paid to Thomas Watkins for Keepin of his son Phillips Child & sending of it to London	0	6	6
Gave to Roger Parridic & his wife & Boy at severell times	0	4	4
Paid for A pencill	0	0	2
Paid the Kings taxes for the Grownd John Smith hath	0	1	4
Paid for A shrowde for Simon Watkins Child	0	2	2
Gave Thomas Hillear	0	0	6
Gave to two seamen	0	0	6
Gave to Widdow Hickman	0	0	3
Paid to Thomas Clarke for Washing & mending the Surplisse	0	3	6
Paid Richard Powell for mending the penickell and other worke done at the Church	0	14	0
Paid to Thomas Rivers for worke done at the Church as his notte expresseth	11	19	11
Paid to William Lewis for his years wagges	1	10	0
Paid Goody Marchant for mending the Communion Table Carpett	0	2	0
Paid for Lime	0	3	0
Paid for macking the Booke	0	1	0
Paid Robert Bennitt for 1 cwt & a qaurter [<i>sic</i>] of wood	0	1	3
Paid William Lewis for 12 dayes labour	0	12	0
Paid to the Ringers the 5th of November	0	6	8
Gave to two traveing wemen with 9 small Children	0	0	10
<Paid <i>deleted</i> > Gave John Lewis wife at severall times	0	1	0
Paid Mr Alline for Bays	0	2	6
Paid for Handlebands 2d.	0	0	2
Gave to Susana Dowden	0	0	6
Paid Robert Fowls for mending the Church yard bounds severell times	0	2	4
Paid for Kings Rent & for the Acquittance and Charrige	0	6	4
Paid Roger Chivers for Robert Tylys Rent	1	0	0
Paid to the Widdow Zeally for Phillipe Watkins Rent	0	18	0
Paid Jonas Hill for the Widdow Hickmans Rent	0	5	0
Paid Richard Noys for William Atkins Rent	1	6	0
Paid John Bronsdon & his Brother Benjamin for glassing	2	9	3
Paid <Samuell Ga <i>deleted</i> > Mr Francis Parridce for Samuel Gamell & Jone Snells Rent	1	14	0
Paid the Chamberlins for Caslegarde Rent	1	4	4½
Paid John Wilkes for Henry Flower & Thomas Hilles Rent	2	12	0
	30	16	4½

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Gave to A blinde man & his Sister	0 0 6
Paid to John Wilkes for Lead Soder & worke <ab deleted> more then the old lead came	5 15 1
Paid Steven Hillman for worke <& deleted> at the Church	1 12 3
Paid the Constable for Joyle & Marshelsy	0 6 8
Paid Mrs Eyles for Katherine Atkins & Jane Watts Rent	0 14 0
Paid for Beare at severell times when the Church worcke was a doing	0 12 0
Gave a traveler	0 0 4
Paid the Chimly man for Certificat & other expence with him	0 5 0
Paid for waying & for charrige of the lead to & againe & for drawing of it up	0 2 6
Paid for two garments for Levett & his wife	0 5 4
Paid to Goody Skinner at severell times	0 4 0
Paid to John Wilkes for <the deleted> Beare <& deleted> when we Paid him for his worke	0 1 0
Spent when the poor peoples Cloth was Bought	0 1 0
Spent when wee dispose of the Cloth	0 3 6
Paid <more deleted> for the cloth more then the mony amounted to	1 9 11
Paid to John Dally for Ropes	1 6 2
Paid to Nicholas Bidle for mending Mrs Gildriges seat	0 1 0
Paid to Martine for drawing up the Register and delivering of it in	0 3 6
Gave to a traveler	0 0 6
Gave to Katrine Atkins at severell times	0 2 2
Gave to John Pope	0 0 6
Paid to John Browne to Binde Jane Watts boy Apprintis to him	2 9 6
Paid to William Lewis for sheutting of Rops	0 4 0
Paid William Lewis more for Bardricks	0 1 6
Gave him in his nessesity	
Paid for Entringe & drawing up of this Account	0 2 6
Gave to Traverlars at severell times more	0 4 0
Paid for nails at the Church for severell uses	0 4 6
	16 14 5
Gave to Goody Marchant & to William Lewis more 3s. 6d.	0 3 6
	16 17 11
Some totall of their disbursments	54 6 3

Soe their disbursements exceed their Receipts 9 9 9

Thomas Barker, Richard White, Thomas Sloper, Richard Vince,
Gabriell Butcher, Edward Erwood, John Smith.

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1681–1682

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Benjamin Street and John Smith Churchwardens of the parish Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough of devizes Aforsaid of thier Receipts & Disbursments of the yearly Rents & profitts & Revenues belonging to the said Church frome the 27th of March 1681 untell the 19th of Aprile 1682 had & Taken the 21 day of June Anno Domini 1682.

The Charge

Imprimis Received of John Tanne for his House	0 5 0
Received of John Webb sergent for his house	1 8 0
Received of Daniell Cutting Junior for his house	0 10 0
Received of Robert Bennitt for his house late Ellises	1 0 0
Received of Mr John Taylor for a Tenement cald Brayes	0 0 0
Received of Mr William Poole for his house & garden late Thurmans	0 10 0
Received of Richard Embry for his house & garden	0 10 0
Received of Gabrille Butcher for his house & garden	1 0 0
Received of Robert Bennitte for his Dewelling House	0 10 0
Received of Mrs Mary Eyles for the old Shambles	1 0 0
Received of Mr Richard Comerford for his house & garden	1 6 8
Received of Mr Richard Webb for a grownd called Ayleworth Hill	5 0 0
Received of Gabrille Butcher for a grownd calld Bascombe Close	1 16 0
Received of John Goldingham for a Tenement late gaines	0 5 0
Received of William Gainie for his house	0 8 0
Received of Elinor Klelford for her house late gaines	0 5 0
Received of John Sloper for Tenement in Brydall Street	0 0 0
Received of Mrs Grace Hortton for a Tenement next her house	0 12 0

Received of Mrs Foote for parte of her house	1	10	0
Received of Mrs Mary Fitsall for parte of her house	1	10	0
Received of John Wyatte for his house late Brothers	0	7	6
Received of Ann Hillman Widdow for the house she dwell in			
	2	0	0
Received of Mr Francis Parridice for Timber Close	0	17	0
Received of John Wilkes for his house	3	0	0
Received of Jane Comly for parte of her house	2	0	0
Received of John Brookes for his house	0	15	0
Received of mary Golding for her house	0	12	0
Received of Mr John Webb Issabells Breach & Mead	0	0	0
	28	17	2

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Received of Mr Richard Watton for his ware house under the Countsall house	0	16	0
Received of Benjamin Street for 4 Acres of land in new parke			
	4	0	0
Received of Mr William Poole for Dolepitts	9	0	0
Received of the Chamberlines for Intrist of Mr Walters £20 for two years	1	14	8
Received of John Brookes for his Coppy Lycence	0	2	6
Received of the Communicance at severall times	0	0	7
	15	13	9

The Discharge

Imprimis Paid for bread & wine at fouer Communiions	1	5	11
Gave to the Widdow Neatton at severell times	0	8	6
Gave to a poore man towards a loss by fire at lineam	0	2	[.]
Spent at Wilkes & other places <about about <i>deleted</i> > about the Hearth mony	0	2	6
Gave William Lewis being sick	0	1	0
Gave a Traveler	0	0	4
Gave the Ringers the 29th May	0	8	0
Gave Goody Hickman at severall times	0	2	6
Paid William Lewis for his yeares wagges	1	10	0
Paid for macking a Booke	0	1	0
Paid for Beare when the Wheell was a macking and for mending the bells	0	4	6
Paid for penticost mony & Acquitane [<i>sic</i>]	0	1	4
Paid to Mr Sainsbury <foure <i>deleted</i> > one yeares Rent dew to the manor of Bishops Canings	0	1	0

Paid to Richard Vince & Edward Erwood then overseers	10	0	0
Paid William Hakins for the Intrest of £15	0	18	0
Gave Madline Wattkins	0	0	6
Gave Hester Tyly Widdow	0	0	6
Paid for a pear of shooes for Thomas Watkins	0	3	10
Gave to a wandring Boy to Helpe carry him whome	0	0	6
Paid Robert Vowle for mending the Churchyard Hedg	0	0	6
Paid for warning to the Visitastone & the charge of the Courte		1	13 0
Paid for a shroud & other expence at the funerell of Ambros Cadbys wife	0	5	11
Paid for the Kings Rent & Acquittance & Carige	0	6	4
Paid for the Dole Bread all St Day	1	0	3
Gave to a woman & 5 Children which came out of Americca		0	1 0
Paid for Ringing the 5th November	0	8	0
Gave a poore man for lost of fier at Milsen	0	2	6
Gave Mr Bessame at severell times	0	2	6
	19	12	5

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Gave Robert Bucher	0	0	6
Gave a Traveler	0	0	6
Gave in Cloth more then Received of the Chamberlines	1	1	0
Paid the Chamberlins Caslegarde Rent	1	4	4½
Gave Susana Dowden in her nessesity	0	0	6
Gave to Seamen at twice	0	2	0
Paid Christover Mallard for thatching & Spickes Rods & Strawe at Rebeckah Butchers House	0	4	6
Gave to 3 Travelers	0	0	6
Gave to a poore man & woman towards the lost of fier	0	1	0
Gave old Roger Parridice in the time of his nessesity	0	1	0
Gave a Travelling man & woman & Children	0	1	0
Paid Roger Chivers for Robert Tylys Rent	1	7	6
Paid for mending the Widdow Sheappears House & Chimly	0	10	0
Gave Richard Norrises wif when she was sicke	0	1	0
Paid Mrs Eyles for Katherine Atkins And Jane Watts Rent	0	14	0
Paid Mr Richard Webb for Traine Souldirs and Troffie mony		0	0 8
Paid for washing of the Church linen	0	2	6
Paid for entering the Register	0	2	3
Paid for marriners & maimed soulders	0	6	8
Paid John Wilkes for Henry Flowers Rent	1	6	0

Paid Mr Parridice for John Snells Rent	0	14	0
Paid him lickwise for Samuell Gamble	1	0	0
Paid John Tanne for mending the palls in the Churchyard	0	3	0
Paid Richard Noyse for William Atkins Rent	1	6	0
Paid John Dallinor for Bell Ropes	0	17	7
Paid John Brounsdon for mending the Church windowes	1	16	3
Paid Steven Hillman for worke & wages	1	10	0
Paid Thomas Rivers for worke done at Church	3	9	4
Gave blinde Jane Stevens	0	3	0
Gave William Coole	0	2	0
Gave William Lewis & Goody marchant	0	5	0
Paid Richard Powell for worke a Bout the Church	0	4	6
Paid the old Churchwardens which was dew upon Account	9	9	9
Paid John Gamble for worke a bout Betty Butchers House	0	6	0
	28	13	10

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Paid William Lewis for shutting the Bell Ropes	0	2	0
Gave William Vowle in his sickness	0	2	0
Paid for halfe a years Rent for Mr Bossom	0	13	0
Paid Nicholas Bidle for worke done About the Church	0	1	0
Paid for a quire of paper	0	0	6
Paid for beare at severell times in the Church worke	0	2	6
Paid the Charge with the Chimly man	0	2	0
Gave Goody Nettone at Severell times	0	3	0
Gave A Sea man <Sixpen <i>deleted</i> >	0	0	6
Gave a other Seaman	0	0	6
Gave a Travelling woman	0	0	6
Gave to Three Seamen	0	1	0
Paid in expence at parrish mettings at severell times & for drawing up of the Chimny Satificate	0	5	6
Gave Goody Wintersayle in her time of need	0	1	0
Gave a Traveler with his Children	0	1	6
Gave a man that Came out of Turkey	0	1	6
Gave the widdow Overton	0	0	6
Gave Conerlis Kingstone	0	0	9
Gave the Widdow Hickman	0	0	6
Paid for a Bardricke	0	0	6
Gave a Traveler	0	0	6
[<i>Marginated</i> : <2 – 0 – 9d. <i>deleted</i> >] Paid for oyle	0	2	0
Paid for entring & casting up of the Account	0	2	6
[<i>Marginated</i> : <2 – 5 – 3d. <i>deleted</i> >]	2	5	3
Gave William Lewis & Goody marchant	0	2	0
	2	7	3

Benjamin Street, John Smith

Some totall of their Disbursments	50	13	6
So their disbursments exceed their Receipts	6	2	7

May the 15 1683 – being Dew to Benjamin Street I Benjamin Street received the 6 – 2 – 7 above on my account that was due to mee.

John Drew, Edward Erwood, <William Lewis *deleted*>, Nicholas Biddell, Ambres Paradice, Richard Bundy, James Lewes.

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1682–1683

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of John Smith and Nicholas Biddell Churchwardens of the parish Church of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Borough of Devizes aforesaid of their receipts and disbursments of the yearly rents profits & Revenues belonging to the said Church from the 19th day of April 1682 untill the 15th day of May 1683 had & taken by us whose names are hereunder written.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of John Tane	0	5	0
Item received of John Webb	1	8	0
Item received of Daniell Cutten	0	10	0
Item received of Robert Bennett for Ellises	1	0	0
Item received of him for John Halls	0	15	0
Item received of Mr Poole late Thurmans	0	10	0
Item received of Gabriell Butcher fuller	1	0	0
Item received of Robert Bennett for his dwelling hous	0	10	0
Item received of Richard Comerford	1	6	8
Item received of Mr Richard Webb for Ayleworth hill	5	0	0
Item received of Gabriell Butcher Tanner for Bascomb close	1	16	0
Item received of John Goldingham	0	5	0
Item received of William Gane	0	8	0
Item received of Elianor Clelford	0	5	0

Item received of John Sloper	0 2 0
Item received of Mrs Grace Horton	0 12 0
Item received of Mr Foote	1 1 00
Item received of Mrs Mary Fidsall	1 10 0
Item received of Ann Hillman widow	2 0 0
Item received of Mr Francis Paradice	0 17 0
Item received of John Wilkes	3 0 0
Item received of Jane Comeley	2 0 0
Item received of Mary Phillips	0 15 0
Item received of Mary Golding	0 12 0
Item received of Mr Richard Watton	0 16 0
Item received of Benjamin Streete	4 0 0
Item received of Mr Poole for Dolpits	9 0 0
Item received for a fine of Robert Bennett	16 0 0
Item received of the widow Baugh for burying her father & mother in the Church	0 10 0
Item received of Gabriell Butcher Fuller for old timber of the old Shambles	0 10 0
Item received of John Long for burying his daughter in the Church	0 5 0
Item received of the Chamblaynes for thinterest of <his <i>deleted</i> > a guift the remainder 6s. 8d. for the ministers Sermon being the guift of Mr Robert Walter	0 17 4
Item received of John Wyat of the green	0 8 0
	60 13 0
Arreares	
William Gane – 4s.	
John Wyatt – 4s.	Arr 0 8 0
	60 5 0

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Disbursments

Inprimis gave Cornelius Kingston at severall tymes	0 4 0
Item gave goody mullens	0 1 0
Item gave Robert Fowle when hee broke his leg	0 2 0
Item gave T. Dowdens wife at severall times	0 4 0
Item gave a travelling woman	0 1 0
Item paid old Mullens for making clothes lining & tape for 2 apprentices	0 8 2
For making 4 shirts	0 1 4
Spent at a parish meeting	0 1 6
Paid for warning the Visitacion & charges	1 13 0

Item paid for pentecost & Acquittance	0 1 4
Item spent upon the old Feoffees at twice	0 5 0
Item spent when the boyes were bound	0 1 6
Item spent when Robert Bennett bargayned	0 2 6
Item paid William Lewis & his mother for wages	1 10 0
Item paid Richard Comerford for bear at the procession & for ringing & bear the 29th of May	1 10 0
Item to 2 men who lost all by fire	0 2 0
Item gave the Widow Fowle at severall times	0 1 6
Item gave the widow Brewer at severall times	0 2 6
Item paid Mr Hiller for Cloth	1 7 6
Item paid widow Pullen for 2 pair of shoes for the boyes	0 6 8
Item paid for a Hatt	0 2 6
Item 2 pair of stockings	0 3 4
Item for making a pair of drawers	0 1 9
Item paid the Overseers	5 0 0
Item paid Charles Chester	2 0 0
Item paid James Wilkes for worke	1 10 0
Item spent in bear	0 0 6
Item paid to the Chimneyman for the Certificat	0 2 6
Item gave William Chevers at severall times	0 5 0
Item gave the widow Marchant at severall tymes in her sicknes	0 4 0
Item gave 3 seaman & one Woman	0 2 0
Item gave a Man which came out of Turkey	0 1 0
Item spent at the receipt of Robert Bennetes last £5	0 2 0
Item gave Richard Norris	0 3 0
Item gave Thomas Burtlet in his sicknes	0 2 6
Item spent on the Feoffees	0 5 0
Item gave Thomas Watkins at severall times	0 1 6
Item gave the Widow Hickman	0 1 0
Item paid William Hayes for making 2 pair of Indentures	0 5 0
Item gave Hester Tyly at twice	0 2 0
Item gave the widow Dowden at twice	0 1 0
Item gave to the widow Purryor at severall times	0 1 0
Item gave to 2 Seaman	0 1 0
Item gave a man & Woman travellers	0 1 0
Item gave to Shipwrackt man from Ireland	0 2 0
Item gave the widow Overton towards her rent	0 10 0
Item gave the widow Watkins in her lamenes	0 2 6
Item wine for 5 Communiones	1 8 4
Item at another Visitacion fees & expenes	0 11 2
Item paid William Hawkins for interest	0 18 0
Item paid for expences touching a woman in travell	0 1 0

Item paid to William Hawkins & Thomas Parker the former Churchwardens	2	13	4
Item paid for ringing the 5 of November	0	8	0
Item paid for dole in bread £1 expences 1s.	1	1	0
Item paid A. Paradice for bread for the procession	0	9	6
Item paid the widow Whites rent at twice	0	5	0
Item the Kings rent acquittance & charges	0	6	2
Item for paper	0	0	3
Item another Visitacion	0	7	0
Item paid the Chimny man for the Certificat & expences	0	4	6
Item paid for mending pales & work about the Church	0	16	9
	29	10	1

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Disburments

Item paid for bear for workmen about the Church	0	1	0
Item paid for a smock & making & stockings for Bishops maid	0	5	0
Item paid Thomas Street for tryming & making clothes for her	0	3	6
Item paid the Chamberlaines for rent	1	4	4½
Item paid Isaac Croke for a pair of shoes for Bishops maid	0	2	6
Item in buying & giving the poor folkes cloth	0	4	6
Item paid Philip Cadby for worke about the Church & for timber	0	18	5
Item for bear then	0	1	0
Item gave the Widow Overton in her need	0	1	0
Item gave Mary Melksham at severall times in her sicknes	0	4	0
Item paid John Pike for shutting Bellropes	0	2	6
Item paid Richard Noyes for William Atkins rent	0	13	0
Item spent when the Constables went to warn out Comers & delivering the presentment	0	1	6
Item paid T. Street for making & triming John Pops Clothes	0	2	10
Item 4 Seaman to carry them to Bedford	0	2	0
Item gave to Katherine Atkins at severall tymes	0	2	6
Item paid Mr Hayes for drawing & Ingross the new deedes	4	6	8
Item paid Benjamin Street for expences & charg of the Court when wee were somoned	0	18	0
Item paid Robert Dobbs towards curing John Syms	1	0	0
Item paid more to the Overseers	4	0	0
Item gave Pountney at severall times	0	4	0
Item Thomas Taker for killing a Gray	0	1	0

Item paid for 4 knitches of thornes 2 dayes worke & 6d. in bear	0 4 6
Item John Dally for bell ropes	1 6 9
Item paid Mr Paradice for Gambles rent	1 0 0
Item paid Joan Snells rent	0 14 0
Item Mr Watton for oyle	0 2 1
Item for William Lewis his Coat	0 13 0
Item paid Martin for delivering the Register	0 1 0
Item for Gaole & Marshalsey	0 6 8
Item paid when the constables strayed	0 0 4
Item paid for washing the Church linen & scowring the plate	0 3 6
Item paid Steven Hilman for worke	0 14 6
& for bear	0 0 6
Item paid Benjamin Streete	6 2 7
Item John Hunt	1 15 0
Item for a booke	0 1 0
Item for Cloth for 4 shirts & making	0 13 0
Item gathering the rent at John Webbs	0 1 0
Item spent at Wilkes	0 1 0
Item at Comerfords & other places	0 1 0
Item gave Jane Stevens	0 13 0
Item gave to William Lewes	0 4 0
Item for keeping this Account & entring &c	0 5 0
	29 12 8½

Receipts - 60 - 5 - 0

Disbursments - 59 - 2 - 9½

Remaining on accompt - 1 - 2 - 2½

And the Arrears - 0 - 8 - 0

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The old Churchwardens delivered to the New Churchwardens the plate church ornamentes & all the Church goods.

Memorandum the old Churchwardens paid to the new Churchwardens the 1 - 2 - 2½ that was due on the foot of their account.

William Hayes senior, Benjamin Street, Thomas Barker, Richard Vizar, Edward Boman, Gabriell Butcher, Anthony Green, Henry Nairsh, Edward Erwood.

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1683–1684

Burgus de Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Edward Erwood and Henry Naish Churchwardens of the parish of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Burrough of Devizes aforesaid of their Receipts and disbursments of the yearly Rents profits & Revenues belonging to the said Church from the 19th day of May 1683 untill the Twentethfore [*sic*] day of Aprill 1684 had & taken by us whoes names are hereunder Written.

The Charge

Inprimis Received of Mr Want	0	5	0
Received of John Webb Sergeant	1	8	0
Received of Daniell Cutting Junior	0	10	0
Received of Robert Bennett	1	0	0
Received of Robert Bennett for his house and garden late called Brayes	1	0	0
Received of John Skate	0	10	0
Received of Richard Embry	0	10	0
Received of Gabriell Butcher Fuller	1	0	0
Received of Robert Bennett for his dwelling house	0	10	0
Received of Richard Cumberford	1	6	8
Received of Mr Richard Webb for his ground called Aylworth hill	5	0	0
Received of Gabriell Butcher <Butcher <i>deleted</i> > Tanner for Bascomb Close	1	16	0
Received of John Goldingham	0	5	0
Received of William Gaine	0	8	0
Received of Elianor Cleftord	0	5	0
Received of Jonas Hill for a garden plot	0	0	4
Received of Oliver Edwards	0	0	4
Received of John Sloper	0	2	0
Received of Mrs Grace Horton	0	12	0
Received of Mrs Foot	1	10	0
Received of Mrs Mary Fidsall	1	10	0
Received of John Wyatt	0	8	0
Received of Ann Hillman	2	0	0
Received of Mr Francis Paradice for A Timber Close	0	17	0
Received of John Wilks	3	0	0
Received of Jane Comly	2	0	0

Received of Mary Philips	0 15 0
Received of Mary Golding	0 12 0
<Received of Mr John Webb for <i>deleted</i> >	
Received of Mr Richard Watton	0 16 0
Received of Benjamin Streete for 4 Acres of Land	4 0 0
Received of John Skate for his ground called doll pitts	9 0 0
Received of John Smith & Nicholas Bidle	1 2 2
Received of John Smith & Nicholas Bidle of Thomas Elises money	2 0 0
Received of Robert Bennett for a fine	0 2 6
Received of Mr Richards	2 6 0
Received of Mr Walters money	0 17 4
Received of Beadly for a fine	0 2 6
	49 6 10

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Disbursements

Imprimis paid unto the Deane for arears that was left <that <i>deleted</i> > in John Smith & Nicholas Bidles time	0 3 6
Paid when the vizetacion was may the 19th for Expences	1 5 0
29th May paid unto the Ringers	0 7 0
Paid for A Fox head	0 1 0
Paid for a foxhead & A gray	0 2 0
Paid to Robert Martine for penticost money & warning	0 2 4
Paid William Lewis for wages for mending the Widdow Pounes hous	0 5 0
Paid for paper & making 2 bookes	0 1 8
Paid for 2 shirts & A paire of Lineing for John Hatt	0 6 2
Spent upon the Cunstible when he went to straine	0 0 6
Paid to Richard Burges for worke & stufe about Rebecka<s <i>deleted</i> > Bucher & the Widdow foules houses	0 16 7
July 19th Spent upon the Ringers	0 10 0
Gave goody Blagbury to carry her to London	0 4 0
Paid for Rent for the Widdow White	0 10 0
For mending of bell wheeles & seats about the Church	0 9 8
Paid Ambros Zely for mending of Rebecka Buchers & Mary fousl and Ryes houses & for stufe	1 1 0
Paid for Rent for the Widdow Overton	0 12 0
Paid Robert Martine for the booke of Articles & for the booke of thanksgiven	0 3 6
Gave Thomas Bartlett in his Sicknes	0 8 0
Paid for tending of Richard Buchers Daughter in her sicknes	0 3 6

Paid William Lewis for worke about the Ledds & cleaneing of the Church	0 6 0
Paid to Mr Hamond for A Comon prayer booke	0 11 0
Paid at the Vizitacion for fees	0 4 4
Paid Thomas Clarke for washing the Surplis and mending the Surplis & mending the cushings and for his intendance on the Bishopp & his officers	0 6 0
For expences at the vizitacon	1 5 6
Paid to the Ringers when the Lord Bishopp came in	0 5 6
Gave William Lewis for cleaneing of the Church & to help him in his Lamenes	0 4 0
	12 4 3

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Gave a man towards the Redeemeing of a prisnor out of Turkey	0 1 0
Gave a man that came with a passe from winchester that worke at the Kings worke	0 1 0
Paid Richard Powell for mending of holes about the Church	0 4 6
Paid for 2 Sacks of Lime used about the Church	0 3 0
Paid Richard Burges for washing of the Church and drawing of the Lidds & for Lime and haire	2 10 0
For the <the <i>deleted</i> > Allhand dole and carriage	1 1 0
For A fox head	0 1 0
For beare when the Church was washt and the Lidds laid & for other worke about the Church	0 17 0
Paid the Ringers the 5th of November	0 1 0
Gave the Widdow Brewer	0 2 0
Paid Ambros Zealy for mending the bell wheels & for worke about the church	0 9 6
Paid Mr Mortimore for setting of William Lewises legg	0 7 6
Paid for the Keepeing of Christopher Elises boy when his father was in Bridwell	0 6 0
For clothing duble arage for Elises <by <i>deleted</i> > boy	1 18 6
Gave Nicholas Phipp with Elises boy	2 10 0
Gave John Hall	0 3 6
Paid Mr Cooke for 3 Sacraments	0 16 2
Paid to Mr Rogers for his Journey and for setting of John Halls legg and for the hire of horse & man that went for him	0 10 0
Gave 2 men that came with 2 Sertivocates	0 2 0
Spent woth the Chimny man at twice and for the Sertivocate	0 6 0
Item paid for A Proclaymacion which the Paritor brought	0 1 6

Paid to the Constables for <G <i>deleted</i> >Bale and Maishall	0	6	8
Spent at the visitacion	1	4	4
Paid at the visitacion for fees and prosses	0	11	4
Paid for 2 Sacraments at Easter	0	9	0
Gave a traveler	0	0	6
Spent in the whole yeare in gathering the Rents	0	3	0
Paid to Mr Richard Webb out of the Rent of his ground	0	0	9
Paid to Mr Richard Watton for oyle	0	1	6
Paid to John Dally for bell Rops	1	11	9
Paid to Stephen Hillman for mending the clocke and chymes and cramps and nayles	1	15	15
	19	3	10

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Disbursments

Paid John Tane for worke & timber	1	10	0
Paid Richard Vizard for glazing	5	1	6
Paid Ambrose Zely for mending the bell wheels	0	11	9
Paid John Wilks for the Widdow Brewers Rent	0	18	0
Paid James Wilks for <buying of the <i>deleted</i> > Lidd Soder & labour	7	2	0
Paid to Robert Martine for warneing of the visitacion and for Asetacion	0	2	10
Paid John Wilks for glazeing of part of the church windowes	3	16	0
For glazeing of the parish houes belonging to the poore peple	0	5	11
Paid Mr Dobbs for cureing of John Halls legg	5	0	0
Paid for makeing of A bond for Mr Dobbs keeping of him another yeare	0	0	6
Paid Mr Paradice for the Rent of Jone Snells house and Samuell Gambells	1	14	0
Paid Rent for James Smiths Wife in his absence in the Winter	0	6	0
Paid William Lewis for shetting of the bell Ropes	0	2	6
Paid for mending of the Churchyard bounds & thorns	0	1	0
Gave a traveller that had A Sertivocat from the Kinge	0	0	6
Paid to John Webb and Anthony Green Overseer of Elises money	2	0	0
Paid to the Chamberlains for the Kings Rent	1	4	4
For A gathering booke	0	1	0
Paid Robert Martin for carrying of A Register to Sarum	0	1	0
Gave in Cloath more then Received of the Chamberlains	1	9	6

Paid for Entring & drawing up of this Accompt	0 4 0
	31 12 4
Our Receipts totall is	49 6 10
And our disbursments totall is	65 0 7
Our Disbursments exceeds our Receipts	13 13 9

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The account Taken From Edward Erord and Henry Naish being the account of them in the yeare 1683 ending The 24 Aprill 1684 being Received and Taken this 23th November 1684.

John Rogers, Thomas Barker, John Smith senior, Stephen Hilman, Henry Seagar, Richard Pillis, Richard Bundy, Richard Vizar, John Sladd, Gabriell Butcher.

23 November 1684 Then Ordered by the Parish that the Church wardens shall nott exseed the spending att any visettation the Sum of fifteen Shillings being a perfett order and a generell Consent by those whose hands are above written.

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1684–1685

Burrough of Devizes

A true and perfect Accompt of Edward Errwood and Henry Naish Churchwardens of the parish of the blessed Virgin Mary within the Burrough of Devizes aforesaid of their Receipts and Disbursments of the yearly Rents profitts & Revenues belonging to the said Church from the 19th day of May 1684 had and taken by us whose names are hereunder Written.

The Charge

Imprimis	
Received of Mr Want	0 2 6
Received of John Webb Sergeant	0 14 0
Received of Robert Bennett	0 10 0
Received more of Robert Bennett	0 10 0
Received of John Sceate	0 5 0
Received of Richard Embry	0 5 0
Received of Gabriell Butcher	0 10 0

Received of Robert Bennett for his dwelling house	0	5	0
Received of Richard Cumberford	0	13	4
Received of Mr Richard Webb	2	10	0
Received of Gabriell Butcher tanner	0	18	0
Received of John Goldinham	0	2	6
Received of William Gaine	0	4	0
Received of Elianor Clellford	0	2	6
Received of Mrs Grace Horton	0	6	0
Received of Mrs Foot	0	15	0
Received of Mrs Fidsall	0	15	0
Received of Ann [<i>sic</i>] ¹	1	0	0
Received of John Wilks	1	10	0
Received of Jane Cumley	1	0	0
Received of Mary Phillips	0	7	6
Received of Mary Goulding	0	6	0
Received of Mr Watten	0	8	0
Received of Benjamin Street	2	0	0
Received of John Skeat	4	10	0
Received of the Widdow Long	0	4	0
Received of John Filks for bureing in the Church	0	5	0
Received of Mr Walters money	0	17	4
Received of Thomas Barker and Richard Pillis	8	0	0
	29	15	8
Received of Sargeant Webb	0	14	0

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Disbursements

Imprimis

Paid Martin for penticost money and fees	0	1	4
Paid Thomas Clarke for washing of the Serplace	0	2	6
Paid for Ringing the 29th of May	0	7	0
Paid Ambros Zealy for mending of the Bell wheelles	0	2	4
Paid Martine for Caring the Regester	0	1	0
Paid William Lewis for wages	1	10	0
Paid the Kings mesinger	0	15	8
Paid Mr Sainsbury for Rent	0	0	9
Paid for A Fox Head	0	0	6
Paid for A grayes Head	0	1	0
Gave to a Traveller which had the Kings Evell	0	1	0
Gave a travelling Woman	0	1	0

1 Probably Ann Hillman

Peter Slade for a grayes Head	0	1	0
Paid the Widdow Overtons Rent	0	4	6
Paid for Cloath for poore people more then we Received	1	12	0
Paid Bayly of Pottern for Four Fox heads	0	2	0
Paid Peeter Slade for A Fox head and two Grayes heads	0	2	0
Gave the Widdow Mullins daughter when she was sick	0	1	0
Paid for Milshams Chimney in particular for lime and Brick and worked done thereupon	0	9	0
Paid Ambrose Zealey for A Coffin for William Hudding	0	6	6
Paid Mr Child for the odiat money	0	6	4
Paid the Ringers	0	4	0
Paid the Cunstables for Gaile and Marshall money	0	6	8
Gave a traveller	0	1	0
Paid for the Dole Bred & Cariage	1	1	0
Paid the Ringers upon the Fifth day of November	0	8	0
Gave William Lewis when we gave up our Accompts	0	5	0
Gave the Widdow Hughes towards the making up of her Cloath	0	2	0
Gave 3 travellers	0	1	6
For making of a gathering booke	0	1	0
Paid for a grayes Head	0	1	0
Gave a traveller	0	1	0
	9	0	3

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Spent when our last Accompts was given up	0	1	6
Gave a traveller	0	1	0
Paid Richard Vizard for mending of 2 panes of glasse and a Spoute	0	4	6
Paid Thomas Rivers	1	9	6
For wood & coles	0	4	4
Paid for the Widdow Whites Rent	0	2	6
Paid Stephen Hillman	1	1	0
Paid Hiscocke of Pottern for 5 Fox heads	0	2	6
Paid Mr Watton for oyle	0	1	0
Paid John Dally for bellropes	1	14	3
Paid Mr Cooke for Foure Sacraments	1	1	3
Gave 2 travellers	0	2	0
Spent at the Visitation	0	15	0
Paid for Fees at the Visitation	0	4	0
Paid for the Widdow Brewers Chimny money	0	1	0
Paid Richard Hulbert for mending the bounds about the Church yard & for thornes	0	1	7

Paid Martine for altering of A prayerboke for the Minister	0	0	6
Paid Mr Childs for Rents	1	8	4
Gave 4 travellers at Four severall times	0	4	0
For charges that we was putt unto for goeing to the Chancellour to view the writteings	0	15	0
Paid for draweing and casting up of our Accompts	0	3	0
Paid Thomas Clarke for washing the Surplis and for mending it	0	2	6
Paid for Thomas Clarks dinner at the Visitation	0	1	0
Paid for drawing the Cobby of the Regester & for parchment	0	1	6
Paid Martine for carying it to Salisbury	0	1	0
Wee was out off pockett the last year which A peares by our A Counpt	13	13	9
Paid for Bardrick lethers	0	2	0
	9	19	9
	23	19	6

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The account Taken From Edward Errorr & Henry Naysh being the
account for the yeare 1684 ending the 24 Aprill being Received &
Taken This 22 May 1685.

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Burrough of Devizes

A True and Perfect account of Richard Bundy and Richard Noyes
Churchwardens of the parish of the Blessed Vergin Mary within the
Burrough Of Devizes aforsaid of Their Receipts and Disbursments
Belonging to the Said parish Church From the 8th day of May 1685
and taken by us whoses names areunder written.

Disbursments

The 9th May 1685: Seemen with a sertificat from bediford	0	0	4
Paid John Slad for a Gray	0	1	0
The 11th May 1685: Paid Stephen hilman for apeen for the Cleeper	0	0	6
The 13 May 1685: Spent at Mr Watts at the Returns of Jurry men	0	0	4

The 21 May 1685: Paid For the Kings Declaraiton and a booke of Common prayer For the 29 May	0 2 6
The 27 May 1685: For oyl & Twine For the Cloke	0 0 3½
The 30 May 1685: Paid Anthony Hortt for a grayes head	0 1 0
The 23 June 1685: Paid Duke Hillier and Richard Bucher for a graye	0 1 0
The 6 July 1685: Paid Thomas Webb For a foxhead	0 1 0
For oyle For the Bells 3d.	0 0 3
For a key For the Cleeper	0 0 2
The 8 July: Paid For a key For the Cleeper	0 0 2
Paid the Ringers upon the Rought of munmouth ¹	0 7 0
The 12 July 1685: Paid the woman that was at Roger Derchesters to go away with the Caridges	0 10 0
Gave William Atkens 4d. to bring her of	0 0 4
The 17 July 1685: Paid Phillip Cadby For mending the Bells 4s. & John Pike For a dayes worke 18d.	0 5 6
Paid Joseph Newton For an Iron plat	0 0 2
Paid him for 6 keys 6d. & 6 bolsters 6d.	0 1 0
For 2 peecees to hold the Terror [<i>sic</i>] 4d.	0 0 4
The 23 July 1685: Paid Marten for penticus & Recept	0 1 4
Paid Marton For a proclamation & a booke For the victory over the Rebles & For warning the Visitation 3s. 6d.	0 3 6
The 4 August 1685: For oyle For the Chimes	0 0 3
The 5 August 1685: Paid James Jaffris For a daye worke	0 1 1
For a bushell of heare	0 0 5
For a sake of Lime	0 1 6
Paid William Lewes For his help on day	0 0 6
The 21 August 1685: Paid James Jaffris For worke ond Day 16d. and For a Sak of Lime in the Tower and Church 18d.	0 2 10
Paid For half a dayes worke more 7d. a sak of Lime more	0 2 1
For Charcoal of Roger Dorchester 15d.	0 1 3
The 14 September 1685: Gave a man Releved From Turkey	0 0 6
Paid 2d. For a hooke to hold the Spoutt	0 0 2
The 24 September 1685: Gave a man that was Like to be Cast a way upon this Cost and his wife & 6 Children	0 2 0
The 29 September 1685: Paid John Slad For a grayes head	0 1 0
The 1th of October: Paid John Slad For a gray	0 1 0
The 7 of October: Paid gaberell Butcher for Charcoll	0 3 6
The 13 October: Gave to 4 Seamen	0 0 6
	2 16 3½

[*Marginated*: 2 – 16 – 3½]

1 i.e. The defeat of the Duke of Monmouth at the battle of Sedgmoor.

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Disbursements

21 October 1685: Paid goodman Bowman for Charcoll	0	1	0
29 October 1685: Paid Richard Powell 15s. 9d.	0	15	9
Paid Thomas Clarke For waishing the Serpliss	0	2	6
31 November 1685: Paid Mr Child For Audit mony & Receipt 5s. 4d.			
& gave him 12d. to drink a bottle of wine for doeing of it	0	6	4
The 1th November 1685: Paid Richard Vizer	4	0	0
Paid John Brunsdon	1	6	0
2 November 1685: Paid John Clark For Bread for the Dole	0	10	0
Paid Richard Pillis For Bread for the Dole	0	10	0
3 November 1685: Paid William Leweses half yeares Rent	0	15	0
Paid William Lewes for 3 badrick Leathers	0	1	6
The 5 November 1685: Paid the Ringers 10s.	0	10	0
6 November: Paid Richard Powell	0	19	0
And Paid 2d. a day For Drinke For 9 Dayes	0	1	6
The 7 November: Paid Joseph Newton For a badrick Iron	0	2	0
Gave William Lewes 4d. For Cleaning the Church when the massons Fould it	0	0	4
The 18 November 1685: Paid For 4 sakes of Lime	0	6	0
21 November 1685: Paid The Paynter 25s. For mending & painting the Fram in the Chancle & 5s. For Repairing the old 10 Comandments on the uper Roof	1	10	0
Paid 6d. For Drink	0	0	6
30 November 1685: Paid Joseph Newton For mending The Cloke & Chimes	2	6	0
Paid Mr Child Chamberline for Rent	1	6	4½
The 22 December 1685: Paid For mending the Church yard hatch	0	2	8
The 24 December 1685: Paid Joseph Newton For putting in of an eye into the bel Cleeper & on key 6s. 7d.	0	6	7
The 19 January 1685: Paid the old Church wardens there aReres	2	8	0
21 January 1685: Paid Martin For a booke	0	1	6
The 5 February 1685: Paid John Daley for bell Ropes	0	13	3
Paid For Cloath more Then was Receaved of of [<i>sic</i>] the Chamberlins	2	7	7½
9 February 1685: gave a Shoulder 12d. payment	0	1	0
1 March 1685: Paid Mr hamond for a book of homiles 9s.	0	9	0
16 March 1685: Gave to 4 Soldiers 12d.	0	1	0
28 March: Gave 4 Souldiers 2s.	0	2	0
& gave a Souldier 12d. per the order Mr Maier	0	1	0

1 April 1686: Paid Robert Marten For a book of directions Concerning preachers	0 1 0
Paid John Clark 5s. For good fryday doall	0 5 0
Paid Richard Pillis 5s. For the same doall	0 5 0
10 April 1686: Paid William Lewes 6d. For a bodrick Lether	0 0 6
Paid For Fowre Sacraments	1 0 4
Paid Mr Recorder for Fees to Keep out Samuell Box at Malbrough	0 10 0
For Drawing up of this accounts	0 2 6
Paid Thomas clark For washing the Serplis	0 2 6
	24 19 4
Spent at the visitation 14s. 10d.	0 14 10
	25 15 2

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Receipts

Received in October 1685 of Thomas Barker	8 12 4
16 January 1685: Received of Daniell Cutten	4 0 0
Received of Robert Bennetts Fameley For the Sacrement 4d.	0 0 4
	12 12 8

Disbursments

Paid Richard Pillis for on dozen of bread For the Ringers	0 1 0
<Paid <i>deleted</i> > Gave William Lewes 4s. when we gave our accounts	0 4 0
Paid William Lewes For half years rent	0 15 0
	1 0 0
	25 5 12
	2 16 3½
Our Disbursments is	29 11 5½
Our Receipts is	12 12 8
Our Disbursments is mor	16 19 9½
The the [<i>sic</i>] Receipts Just sixteen pound nintinshillings & 9d. and Taken and allowed per us whoss names are under written this 14th April 1686.	

John Smith senior [x], Richard Pillis, John Hill, Richard Vizar, John Hill senior [x].

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1686–1687*Disbursements For the year 1686*

15 April 1686: Paid Trofey mony	0 6 8
29 April 1686: Paid Thomas Clark For the Copey of the Regerster	0 1 0
And paid Goodman Marton 12d. to Carry the Regerster	0 1 0
& paid to the brife For the Protestants	3 10 7
1 May 1686: Paid for a brif for haxby	0 1 10
& for a brife for alsiston	0 2 3
& For Desford of Leaster	0 1 3
& for the Eyle of Elley	0 2 8½
& for Bulford Wilts	0 1 9
& for Sickinghall yorke	0 2 7½
Paid the overseares For James Hikmans Fine & gaberell Butchers	
34s.	1 14 0
Gave 4 Seemen with a sertificat & a noatt From mr mayor for orders	
2s. 6d.	0 2 6
Gave 2 women with Sertificats	0 1 0
Paid For briden & Daben the Church hous	0 5 8
11 May 1686: in nayles For milsoms hous	0 1 6
Paid John milsom for elming a Load of straw	0 1 8
Spent at the visitation	0 14 0
Paid the Regersters Fees	0 3 4
Paid For Mr Dyers Diner	0 2 6
13 May 1686: Paid martton for penticus and for warning to the	
visitation	0 2 0
Paid martton 12d. for Caring the Register	0 1 0
Paid Thomas Clark 12d. for Drawing the Register	0 1 0
& 8d. For parchment	0 0 8
Paid for 400 of Lasts for milsoms hous	0 1 8
And nayles 5d.	0 0 5
Paid 5 Seemen by mr mayors order	0 2 6
15 May 1686: Paid mr John webb 11s. for straw For milsoms hous	0 11 0
Paid mr hamon 2s. for Changing the booke of homeles	0 2 0
Paid For laying the Load of straw upon milsoms hous	0 9 0
And for elms mor then the Load of straw	0 1 6
Paid old Cutten 4s. for briden & dabling of milsoms hous	0 4 0
Paid For beare as the worke had at the widdow hilmans when at worke	
at milsoms hous	0 1 8

24 July 1686: Paid william hakens £6 2s. 6d.	6	2	6
& paid the over Seares	3	0	0
7 August 1686: Paid the over Seares	7	10	0
For 3 bisoms & whitten 8d.	0	0	8½
Gave a master of a ship & 3 more with him per mr mayers order 2s.			
6d.	0	2	6
Paid For Thomas Clarkes Diner and for waishing the Serplis at the bishops visitation 3s. 6d.	0	3	6
Spent at the visitation 15s.	0	15	0
Paid for Fees to the Register	0	3	4
	27	15	3½

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Paid for bord to mend the gallery and for work about it	0	7	3
27 September 1686: Gave 3 men Releved from Turkey	0	2	0
For oyle For the Chimes	0	0	3
For Lymes For the windows	0	1	0
Paid John gamble 12d. For playsterring the windows	0	1	0
Paid Richard vizer 10s. 2d. for mending the windows	0	10	2
Paid John Brunsdon 6s. for mending the windows	0	6	0
Paid Goodman Parker for Rods for milsoms hous	0	3	4
For nayles for the bell wheels	0	0	4
For 2 brishes to the Church 16d. & whitten 4d.	0	1	8
Paid William Lewes For waxis	0	15	0
23 October 1686: Paid the overseares	5	10	0
Paid william waylen for a Load of straw	0	[.]	6
Paid For audit mony 5s. 8d. and gave mr Child 12d. to drink a bottle of wine to do it	0	6	8
Paid Marton for warneing to the visitation and for a book of Artickles 2s.	0	2	0
3 November 1686: Paid for Bread for all saints Doall 20s.	1	0	0
Paid John Tane for mending milsoms houses	1	13	0
Paid For Thaching goody Foules houses & for nayles & Ludges 10s. 6d.	0	10	6
Paid for mending the Serplis 8d.	0	0	8
Paid the Chamberlens for Rent	1	6	4½
Paid the overseares	1	2	4
Paid For Cloath mor then wee Receved of the Chamberlens 4	0	0	0
Paid John Brunsdon for mending the Church houses windows	0	9	7
Paid 4s. as the fifees spent at the widow hilmans	0	4	0
Paid for beare as the workemen had at Church	0	4	9
Spent 2s. 6d. at a meeting a bought bradleys houses	0	2	6

Paid the Ringers for Ringing at the Visitation	0 8 6
Paid John Dally	2 3 6
Gave 4 men as was Releved out of Turkey per mr Recorders order he being Present	0 2 6
For nayles for mending the wheells	0 3 2½
Paid Phillip Cadby for mending the windows & for bord	0 12 6
Paid Robert Cadby for mending the wheells	0 12 7
Paid William Lewes wages	0 15 0
Paid William Lews for Clening the Church	0 5 0
[.] April 1687: Paid the Trofey mony	0 6 8
Paid Stephen hilman for work Don at the Church	1 6 10
Paid William hakens for a bond	12 6 0
Paid John wilkes for mending of glass at the Church in Edward Errors Time	0 6 0
Paid gaberell butcher 15d. For Charcoll	0 1 3
21 April 1687: Paid Thomas Clark for washing the surplice 2s. 6d. for the Copy of The Register & parchment 18d.	0 4 0
And paid Robert Marton for fees	0 1 0
Paid mr Cook for bred & wine	1 3 4
	40 8 9

Received for the Protestants £3 10s. 7d.

Received for 6 brifes 12s. 11d.

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Receipts For the year 1686

30 April 1686: Received by gaberell Butcher & James hilman For Fines	1 14 0
6 August 1686: Receved of Sir Jonathan Raymor	7 10 0
Receved of mr Richard webb for on yeare & a halves Rent £7 10s.	7 10 0
Receved of Mrs <Mary <i>deleted</i> > Grace hortton for on yeare & a halves Rent 18s.	0 18 0
Receved of Mr Benjamin Streett for for on yeare & a <halfs <i>deleted</i> > Quarters Rent £5	5 0 0
Receved of Mr Richard Commerford For on yeare & a halves Rent	2 0 0
Receved of Mr Edward Want For on yeare & a halves Rent	0 7 6
Receved of Mr Robert Bennett for on yeare & a halves Rent	2 5 0
Receved of Mr John webb For on yeare & a <quarters <i>deleted</i> > halves Rent	17 10 0
Receved of John Skeatt For on yeare & a quarters Rent for Dolpitts	11 5 0

& For on year & a halfs Rent for his houses Latte Thurmans			
		0	15 0
Receved of the widow hilman for on year & a quarters Rent			
		2	10 0
Receved of Mr Francis Parradice For on year & a quarters Rent			
		1	1 3
Receved of Mrs Cumly For on year & a quarters Rent		2	10 0
Receved of mary Phillips For on year & a quarters Rent		0	18 9
Receved of mary Golden for on year & a quarters Rent		0	15 0
Receved of John wilkes For on year & a quarters Rent		3	15 0
Receved of John wyatt For on year & a <quarters Rent <i>deleted</i> > halfs Rent		0	12 0
Receved of William Gayne For on year & a halfs Rent		0	12 0
Receved of John Sloper For on year & a halfs Rent		0	3 0
Receved of John Day For on year & a halfes Rent		2	14 0
Receved of olever Edwards For 2 yeares Rent		0	0 8
Receved of Jonas hill for 2 years Rent		0	0 8
Receved of gaberell Butcher For on year & a halfs Rent		1	10 0
Receved of Richard Embry for on year & a halfs Rent		0	15 0
Receved of mr noyes of Fulliway for on year & a halfs Rent		1	10 0
Receved of Daniell Cutten For on year & a halfs Rent		0	16 0
Receved of Sargent webb For on year & a halfs Rent		2	2 0
Receved for the Protestant breeff		3	10 7
Receved for 6 Breefs		0	12 11
		83	3 4

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15 April 1687: receved of John Clarke for his Fine for the Plott of ground in Short Streett		5	0 0
Receved of Mrs Foott for on yeares Rent		1	10 0
Receved of William Bidle for half a yeares Rent		1	8 9
Receved of Mrs Fitsell for on year halfs Rent		1	10 0
		9	8 9

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Disbursments 1686

Paid Thomas Rivers For Doing the new Seatts For the Fiffees		1	12 6
Gave a Traveller at Mr Dyers per Mr Mayers order		0	1 6
Paid the Ringers for Ringing on the 5th of November 6s. 8d.		0	6 8

Paid the Ringers 5s. for Ringing when the king was proclaimed	0 5 0
Paid the Ringers 6s. 8d. on St georges Daye	0 6 8
Paid John west for bricke for the Church housse	0 1 8
Paid Richard Powell for mending the Chimney at the Church housse	0 3 0
Paid Ross for a sack of Lime	0 1 8
Paid For a warrant for gullucke	0 1 0
For Drawing up of This account	0 2 6
Paid upon Expences upon Received of Rents at Severell Times	0 5 0
Paid Daniell Cutten For waishing of the Church & Playstereing of Faltey Places & Peyntin of the windows	2 7 0
Paid Mr Recorder for writing for the Land as we Bought of Sir Jonathan Raymons mony	1 10 0
Spent when we a securtey [<i>sic</i>] for Gullucks basterd	0 2 6
Paid Ambris Zealey for worke	0 3 6
	7 10 2
Our Disbursmenents Is Just	92 13 11
& our Receipts is Just	92 12 1
	0 1 10
Gave William Lewes when we gave our accounts 5s.	0 5 0
	0 6 10

So our Disbursments Coms to six shillings & 10d. mor then our receipts and taken & allowd the 30 May 1687 per us whoss names are under written

John Rogers, Thomas Barker, Richard Pillis, Daniel Cutting, Edward Erwood, John Hill, John Smith senior [x], Ambros Zealy.

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1687–1688

A True and Perfect account of Stephen Hillman and John Hill Churchwardens of The Parish of the Blessed vergin Mary within the Borough of Devizes aforesaid of Their Receipts and Disbursments to The said Parish Church from the 30th day of May 1687 and Taken by us whose names are under written.

Receipts

Received of Mr Want one yeare rent	0 5 0
Received of John Webb sargent one yeares rent	1 8 0
Received of Daniell Cootting one yeare Rent	0 11 0
Received of Robert Benet for one yeare Rent	2 10 0
Received of John Skeatt for the ground and his House one yeares	9 10 0
Received of Richard Hombry widdow one yeare Rent	0 10 0
Received of Gaberell Butcher one yeare Rent	1 0 0
Received of Richard Comberford one yeare Rent	1 6 8
Received of Mr Richard Webb one yeare Rent	5 0 0
Received of John Grant one yeare Rent	1 16 0
Received of John Gouldingham one yeare Rent	0 10 0
Received of William Gainne one yeare Rent	0 8 0
Received of William Bradly halfe a yeare Rent	0 4 0
Received of Jonas Hill one yeare Rent	0 0 4
Received of Oliver Edwards one yeare Rent	0 0 4
Received of John Sloper one yeare Rent	0 2 0
Received of Mrs Grace Horton one yeare Rent	0 12 0
Received of Mr Foot one yeare Rent	1 10 0
Received of Mrs Fidsall one yeare Rent	1 10 0
Received of Ann Hillman one yeare Rent	2 0 0
Received of Mr Paradices one yeare Rent	0 17 0
Received of John Wilkes one yeare Rent	3 0 0
Received of Mr Hayes one yeare Rent	2 0 0
Received of Mary Phillips one yeare Rent	0 15 0
Received of Mary Gouldinham one yeare Rent	0 12 0
Received of John Webb one yeare Rent	14 0 0
Received of Richard Watten one yeare Rent	0 16 0
Received of Mr Street one yeare Rent	4 0 0
Received of John Clarck one yeare Rent	0 5 [.]
	56 17 [.]

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Disbursment for The yeare 1687

Paid Mr Bundy for his a reares	0 6 [?]
Paid for fithing one hundred of Brick to mend the Church House	0 0 4
Gave toe Seman	0 1 0
Gave one Stranger	0 0 6
Gave the Ringers May the 29	0 6 2

Gave 2 Seman	0	1	0
Spent at the Visitaishon	0	15	0
Paid for fees at the Visitaishon	0	3	4
Paid for draing the presentment	0	1	0
Paid Robert Marten for fees and warning	0	2	10
Gave 4 semen with a setificat	0	2	0
Gave the Ringers gunpowder Treson	0	6	8
Gave the Ringers the King Berth day	0	6	8
Paid for a sake of Lime for the house in Short Street	0	1	6
Paid ould Cotton for worke a Bout the House	0	5	6
Paid for Rodes to mend the House	0	3	0
Paid Mr Bundy for oyl and noyls	0	2	3
Gave 2 travlers Bu Mr Mayers orders	0	2	0
Paid The overseares	17	0	0
Paid William Leues for wages for one yeare	1	10	0
Paid Samaiell Clarck for alhalen dole	1	0	0
Paid Richard Pouell for worck a Bout the Church and the Church house	1	6	10
Paid Richard Pouell for 2 dayes worke for his son to pyent the Touer	0	4	0
Gave 3 semen by Mr Mayers order	0	1	6
Paid Mr Child for Casell gat Rent and chife Rent	1	6	4
Paid the Kings misinger the oudit and for Coming after it	0	15	6
Paid John Daliner for Billropes	1	13	9
Paid Phillip Cadby for worck a Bout the Church	0	8	0
Paid Robert Cadby for worck a Bout the Church	1	6	2
Paid Thomas Clarke for waishon and minding the sarpler and for parchment and for Draing the Copy of the Rigester	0	5	0
Paid John Tane for worck	3	3	2
Paid James wilkes for plumin worke	15	17	3
Paid William Leues for worke	0	7	6
Paid for mending the Churcharde hedge	0	3	0
Paid out a pon Cloth more the our mony did a mount that that whe had of the Chamberlans	5	17	8
Paid for Bread and wine	1	7	3
Paid for Beare for the workmen as workt at Church	0	5	3
Paid for 2 hundred of wood To het the eyers for the plumer	0	2	0
Spent at the vizitaishon	0	15	0
	58	0	10

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Paid the procter for fees ¹	0 3 6
Paid for draing The present ment	0 1 0
Paid Robert Martten for fees	0 3 6
Paid for pentecost	0 1 0
Gave the Ringers when The King came to the Crowne february the 6	0 6 8
Gave the Ringers the Reioyesin daye that the Queane wase with Child	0 6 8
Gave the Ringers to Ring in the Lord by Mr Mayers order	0 12 0
Gave the Ringers for Ringers St georges day	0 6 8
Paid Mr Smith of Civat for Marshell mony	0 6 8
Spent in Times a gavering the Rent and parish Bisnes	0 5 0
Paid Thomas Phillips for 2 dayes work at Church	0 2 0
Gave Mr Collman a peare of Gloves for Ritting of Letters to Sir Jonanthon Raiman paid for them	0 5 0
Paid Christofer [Salard] for one dayes work	0 1 0
Gave William Leues for a Tendicces	0 5 0
For draing The a countes	0 2 6
Paid Stephen Hillman his Bill	2 6 6
	5 14 8
Our disbursments is	63 15 6
Our Resaits is	56 17 4
Soe our disbursment Comest to More then our Resaits	6 18 2

Henry Seager, Henry Paradice, Roger Shaul, Jacob Lawrence, William Poole, John Smith senior [x].

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1688–1689

A true perfect ACount of John Hill junior and Henry Seager Churchwardens of the parish of the Blesid virgin mary within the Borough of Devizes aforesaid of Theire Receipts and Disbursments To the said Parish Church from the 28th day of may 1688 and Taken by us whose Names are under written.

¹ i.e. fees.

Receipts

Received of Mr Want	0	5	0
Received of Sergent Webb	0	14	0
Received of Danill Cutten	0	11	0
Received of Phillip s Phillips	1	0	0
Received of John Figins	1	0	0
Received of John Skate	9	10	0
Received of An Embry widow	0	10	0
Received of Gabrill Bucher	1	0	0
Received of Robert Benett	1	10	0
Received of Mrs Comberford	1	6	8
Received of Richard White	2	3	0
Received of John Goldinham	0	10	0
Received of William Gainé	0	8	0
Received of Oliver Edwards and Jonas Hill	0	0	8
Received of John Sloper	0	2	0
Receved of Mrs Horton	0	12	0
Receved of Mr foott	0	15	0
Receved of John Clark	0	5	0
Receved of An Hillman	2	0	0
Receved of Mr francis paridice	0	17	0
Receved of John Wilkes	3	0	0
Receved of Mr Henry Hayes	2	0	0
Receved of mary phillips	0	15	0
Receved of mary Golding	0	12	0
Receved of Mr John Webb	14	0	0
Receved of Mr watton	0	16	0
Receved of Mr Street	4	0	0
Receved of Mr Richard Webb	5	0	0
	55	2	4

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Disbursments for the year 1688

Paid Stephen Hillman for arears	6	18	2
Paid the old oversears being out of pocket	1	13	8
Paid Henry Paridice & Roger Shall	11	0	0
Spent upon the Ringers for the Reioyceng for the young prince	0	12	0
Paid for Riding owell for the Church house	0	6	6
Paid Marten for 2 proclimations and a preyer	0	2	6
Gave a woman that Came from Jamaca	0	1	0

Paid the Ringers the 29 day omay	0 7 0
Paid for apurse	0 0 6
Paid John Brunsdon for worke at the Chirch	0 4 7
Paid the Register for fees at the visitation	0 4 4
Paid Marten for warning	0 1 0
Paid for drawing the presentment	0 1 0
Spent at the visitation	0 15 0
Paid for Ringing King James Berthday	0 7 0
Paid the auditt money	0 5 6
Paid for the Alhaland dole	1 1 0
Paid William Chivers for thaching	0 8 6
Paid for 10 dayes threck of straw & fetching	0 18 10
Paid for the Ringing Gunpowder treason	0 7 0
Paid for bear for old Chivers	0 0 8
Gave awoman that had agreat Losse by fire	0 1 0
Gave 3 travelers with a Sirtevicate	0 1 6
Paid marten for 3 bookes	0 3 0
Paid the Chambrlins for Caslgate Rent & Cheefrent	0 11 1
Paid thomas Clarke	0 5 6
Spent at the widow hillmans when King william wase proclaind upon the Ringers	0 10 0
Spent upon the Ringers when the newes wase that the King wase to be Crownd	0 5 0
Paid John wilkes for glassing william Lewis house	0 14 5
Gave 2 travelars	0 1 0
Paid Mr watton for mending the workhouse	0 4 0
Paid Richard Powell for worke don at the Church	0 2 6
Paid John Daliner for bellrops	1 13 1
Paid over & above apon the Cloth	6 13 9
Paid Phillip Cadby	6 7 0
Paid Robert Cadby	1 14 4
Paid Mr Peney for two Secrements	0 10 4
Paid Mr Shropshire for 4 Secrements	0 18 2
Paid Marten for pentecost money & for warning & proclimation And a Booke	0 4 4
Paid John wilkes towards his worke	1 10 0
Paid for fees at visitation	0 4 10
Sent at visitation	0 15 0
	49 5 7

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Paid for Thomas Clarks diner	0 1 0
Paid John Tane	4 10 2

Paid the new overseers	1	0	0
Paid the Ringers on the Crownashon day	1	0	0
Spent when we gave the Cloth	0	4	6
Spent In gathering of John Skates Rent at severall times	0	1	0
Spent In the parish bisness	0	5	0
Paid Richard Bundy for oyle	0	1	5
Paid for drawing the A Countrs	0	2	6
Paid william Lewis for atendence	0	5	0
Paid Stephen hillman	3	10	8
	11	1	3

<Our disbursmentes is more then *deleted*>

Our disbursmentes is	60	6	10
Our Reseiptes is	55	2	4
Our disbursmentes exceed our Receiptes Just	5	4	6

This a Count sin and a Loud By us whos hand a under Ritten

John Rogers, Stephen Hilman, Henery Paradice, Jonas Hill, Roger Shaul, Robert Threcher, John Bartlett.



MAPS AND ILLUSTRATIONS



Key map of St Mary's Devizes properties based on Ordnance Survey 1:500 series



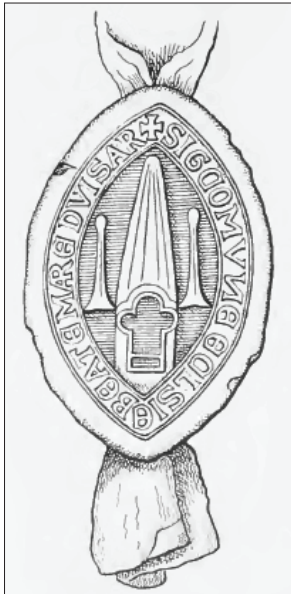
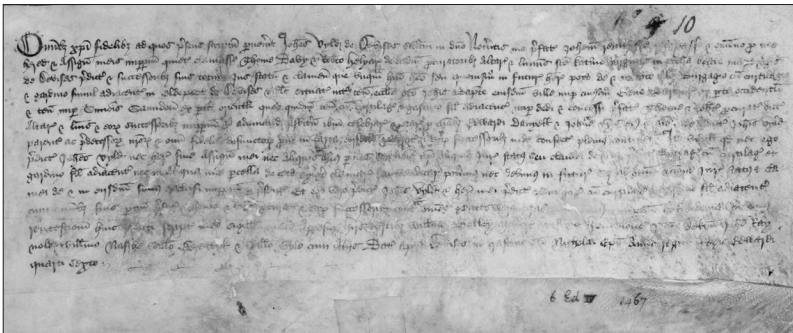
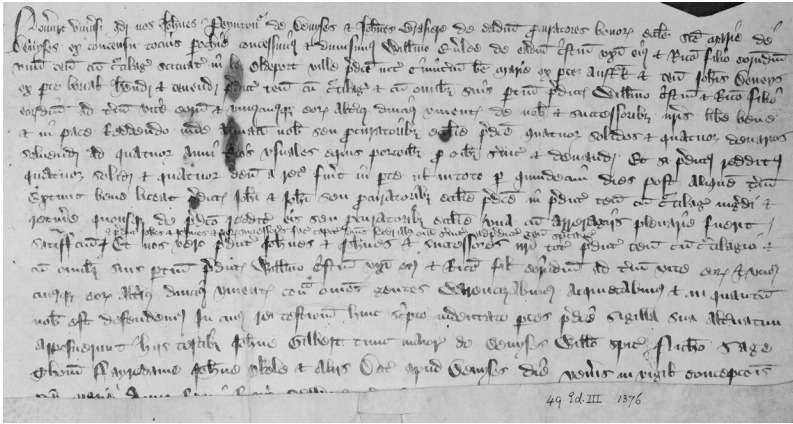
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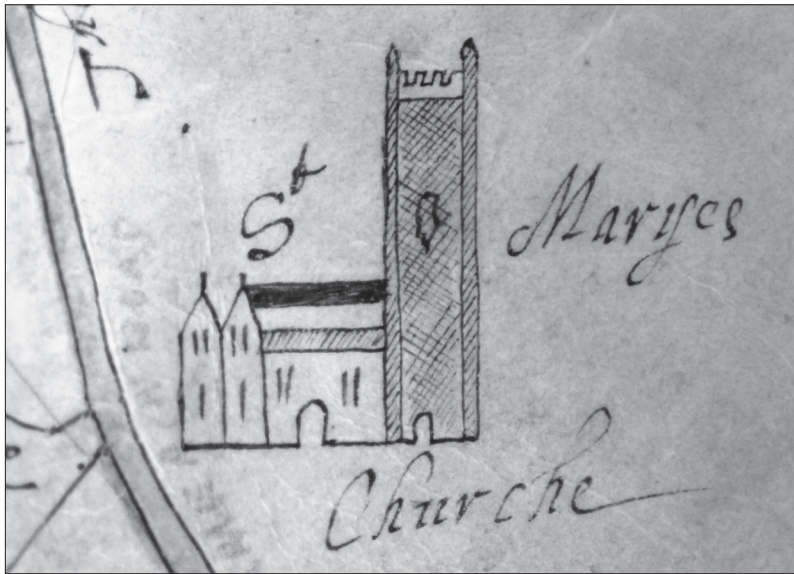
Top: Deed of 1375 of the tenement to the north of the cemetery [property 12], from the procurators to William Curles (WSA, 189/41).

Centre: Deed of 1466, the grant of a house [property 6] by John Vyld or Filde to the parish (WSA, 189/34).

Left: St Mary's churchwardens' seal, 1567. (Wiltshire Notes & Queries, VII, 202).



Above: Detail from a map of 1647 of the manor of Bishops Cannings, possibly the earliest depiction of the church of St Mary's (WSA, 1553/77H).
 Below: Enlargement of depiction of St Mary's church on this map.



PROPERTY HOLDINGS OF ST MARY'S CHURCH

THE PRINCIPAL sources for studying the property of the parish are two collections now held by the Wiltshire and Swindon Archives in Chippenham. The first of these, deposited by the parish, includes thirty-eight bundles of titles to property owned by the church, some dating from the 14th century.¹ Many of these were badly water-damaged when they were moved to a new vestry in the early 20th century, and some are no longer legible. We are therefore fortunate to have several transcriptions of much of this earlier material. The incumbent from 1833, Revd Edward Phipps, created a commonplace book of many useful documents belonging to the church, including copies of many early deeds, sketches of plans of the church lands, and his own efforts to identify when particular pieces of land were acquired by the church.² In 1855, Edward Kite published a calendar of some of the oldest deeds relating to the lands owned by churches and chantries within Devizes.³ Another notebook containing transcriptions of the collection of medieval and early modern deeds belonging to St Mary's church was produced by George Watson, one of the trustees of the church lands, during the summer of 1904.⁴ Surveys of the lands were carried out by the parish in the late 16th and early 17th centuries, giving details about each property.⁵

Several stray deeds relating to the land owned by the church can be found elsewhere, such as the extensive Wiltshire Deeds collection, formerly held by the Wiltshire Museum in Devizes.⁶ Some medieval and early modern deeds relating to the church lands can be found in a small collection mainly comprising 16th-century leases of the former chantry lands made by the borough officers.⁷ To these earlier deeds must be added the large deposit of material formerly the property of the trustees of the St Mary's Church and Poor Lands Charity, which includes sixteen bundles of title deeds for the church lands

1 WSA, 189/34-72.

2 WSA, 2011/21.

3 Edward Kite, 'The Churches of Devizes', *WAM*, II (1855), 302-8.

4 WSA, 543/33.

5 Survey of 1576: WSA, 543/3; survey of 1638, WSA, 189/77. The latter has been damaged and pages are missing.

6 WSA, 212.

7 WSA, 1556.

dating from the 18th and 19th centuries.¹ Besides these deeds, there are the numerous minute books of the feoffees and trustees of the church lands, beginning with a survey of leases undertaken in 1772, and extending to the middle of the 20th century.²

Beyond the records of the parish itself, the counterparts of the leases of parish property, in some instances the only copies extant, have descended with those properties. Much of the parish's land at Northgate was subsumed into the large brewery there, details of which can be found in the records of Wadworth's.³ The borough was itself an extensive landlord within the town, its lands administered by the mayor and chamberlains, and this estate was significantly increased by the acquisition of much of the former chantry lands within the town. The numerous surveys and lease books of the borough throw further light on landholding within the town, and are useful for those of the church's properties that adjoined the town lands. In particular, a collection of leases formerly held in a skippet in the town hall include some that date back to the 13th century.⁴ There are also 18th-century registers of the leases which give details of the abutments of the borough and almshouse lands, some of which relate to the parish church lands.⁵

The mapping the tenements of the church within modern Devizes was greatly facilitated by the near coincidence of the Charity Commissioners report into the endowed charities of Wiltshire, surveyed in 1901 and published in 1908, and the 1910 Inland Revenue valuation books and the corresponding maps.⁶ It is possible to correlate the names of tenants and occupiers between the two sources to identify the church's property, the boundaries of which can be refined with reference to the plans of the individual tenements drawn onto the leases from the 18th century onwards.

Although it has usually been possible to reconstruct the descent of properties from one tenant to the next quite satisfactorily from the 17th to the 20th century, the turmoil and discontinuity of the Reformation has left gaps in the record which in some cases it

1 WSA, 1713/8–24.

2 These are divided between three different collections, all to be found at the Wiltshire and Swindon Archives. Minutes of the feoffees, 1772–1858: WSA, 402/1/2. Minutes of the feoffees, 1861–1902: WSA, 1713/1–2. Trustees minutes and account books, 1837–1972: WSA, 2011/1–19.

3 WSA, 2816/155.

4 WSA, G20/150/1–122.

5 WSA, G20/1/78–80, 82.

6 *Endowed Charities of Wiltshire* (Parliamentary Papers, 1908, (273), LXXX), I (Northern Division), 396–403, 449–54. Inland Revenue Valuation Books, Devizes St John's and Devizes St Mary's, WSA, L8/109–10; maps, L8/10/34.

has been impossible to bridge. A number of leases for tenements of the church's properties made by the churchwardens in the 15th century cannot now be positively connected with their modern-day location. Others can only be identified tentatively, but with more work on the other sources for landownership within the borough, it is possible that these stray leases might be connected with their modern-day locations as well. The leases often give the dimensions of the tenement. When these differ by small amounts from earlier leases, this presumably represents more accurate measuring over time. However, sometimes the differences can be pronounced, such as [5], which was described as being 27 feet long in 1588 and 44 feet long in 1638. It is not always clear whether or not such differences are the result of changes to the boundaries of the property, or are caused by measuring the dimensions of the plot on one occasion and the building on the other. References are to documents held at the Wiltshire and Swindon Archives; *Endowed Charities of Wiltshire* (Parliamentary Papers, 1908, (273), LXXX), I (Northern Division); and the National Heritage List for England, <<https://historicengland.org.uk/listing/the-list>>.

Northgate St

Later annotations on the back of medieval leases suggest that the church's properties on the east side of Northgate Street were acquired through the donations of Walter Dene, perpetual vicar of Salisbury Cathedral, in 1415 (WSA, 189/34). These comprised five cottages, which he had acquired from John Drengs, brasier.

No. 1: 39 Northgate St, the White Lion Inn.

According to an inquisition of 1584 (189/35), all or part of this tenement was donated to the parish in 1375 by John Chapman of Bromly to maintain fifteen masses a year. It was let to William Herbarde for 80 years in 1475-5 with a proviso to build a new house upon the premises, but was still a garden ground and orchard in the late 16th century, when it was let to Philip James (573/3). It was let to William Pashion in 1592, and he had built a new house on the land by 1606 (189/75). The tenement was surveyed in 1638, when it was divided into two dwellings, each comprising two lower rooms and one upper room, with a thatched roof (189/76). It was let to John Tane in 1672, who was probably responsible for erecting a new dwelling house on the site by the end of the century. This was later an inn, variously called the Cross Keys, the Seven Stars, the Axe and Compass, and the Barge (189/42; 189/44; 402/1/2). Let to the Sloper

family in the 18th century, it came into the possession of John Tylee and James Gent by 1826, when they took out a new lease, which contains a plan of the tenement (2816/155/44). Still described as the Barge in 1834, it was known as the White Lion by 1908 (*Endowed Charities*, 396, 452). Now No. 39 Northgate St, it is listed grade II (NHLE).

No. 2: 41 Northgate St.

Let to John Baker and occupied by the widow Alice Barrow in 1577 (573/3), this tenement was shortly afterwards let to William Pashion with an agreement to build a new dwelling house with a stable (189/42; 189/43). In 1638 this was occupied by John Thurman and described as having three lower rooms, a loft and a thatched roof, and was in poor repair (189/76). It was subsequently occupied by Walter Bennett and Robert Thresher before being leased to Daniel Cutting in 1698, who apparently used it as a malting house. Let to Thomas Figgins in 1740, by 1774 it was an inn known as the Antelope. Let to John Tylee and James Gent in 1807, it was used once more as a malting house, and was subsequently incorporated into the Northgate Brewery (*Endowed Charities*, 396, 452). The brewery is listed grade II (NHLE).

No. 3: 42 Northgate St.

A tenement measuring 42 feet by 42 feet and let to John Pore in 1562 (189/42) may subsequently have been divided into this tenement and [4]. This was occupied by Thomas Paynter in 1613, and by John Thurman in 1638, when it was 26 feet broad, had four rooms, a loft and a thatched roof (189/76). It was let to Daniel Cutting in 1698 (189/37), and to John Brownjohn in 1774 (189/42; 2816/155/44). Brownjohn also held the tenement on the S [4], and these had been converted into a single house by 1834, held by George White in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 396, 452). They were subsequently incorporated into the brewery.

No. 4: 43 Northgate St.

In 1638 this was a two-roomed dwelling occupied by the widow Jessop (189/76). Let to John Wyatt in 1672 (189/42), and to Daniel Cutting in 1698 (189/37). It had been acquired by John Brownjohn by 1770 (189/42; 2816/155/44), who subsequently converted it and the adjoining tenement on the N [3] into a single house. (*Endowed Charities*, 397, 452). They were subsequently incorporated into the brewery.

No. 5: 44 Northgate St.

Let to William Griffen in 1588 (189/42), and held by Richard Archard in 1606 (189/75), this tenement was occupied by Richard Maundrell in 1638, when it was said to have three low rooms, two of them lofted, and a decrepit back house (189/76). Let to Daniel Cutting in 1651 (189/37), it had passed to his grandson, also called Daniel, by 1685 (189/37). It was held successively by Anne Harvest, Charles Smith, Edward Bailey, and William Peters of Frome Selwood, before being let to John Cole in 1825 (189/37; 2816/155/44). In 1834 the house was reported to have been much improved since the lease had been granted (*Endowed Charities*, 397). It was occupied by Wadworth & Co. in 1901 (*ibid.*, 452), and subsequently incorporated into the brewery.

No. 6: 22 Northgate St, Northgate House.

Still in private hands in the 15th century, the burgage was acquired by John Crokkere from his late wife Agnes Haburdasscher. Crokkere sold the tenement to Edward Danyel in 1418 (189/42), from whom it passed in 1445 to John Filde or Vyld (189/34).¹ In 1466 Vyld gave the premises to the altar and light of St Katherine's in the church of St Mary, to pray for the souls of himself, his parents and ancestors, and of Edward Danyel and his wife Johanna (189/34; 189/35). Extending in length all the way to the pale of the old park on the W, the tenement was occupied by Henry Pytt in 1555, when it was let to John Blanford (189/42; 573/3). It was occupied by Richard Come at the time of the 1574 inquisition into concealed lands (189/35), and had passed to John Herriott jun. by 1606 (189/75). In 1638 the house had three lofted rooms and the roof was tiled, while the long curtilage was populated with elm and ash trees (189/76). In good repair in 1638, the house fell down in 1679 (WSA 189/2, p. 210, see above, p. 185). The tenement was let to Robert Bennett in 1680 (189/42), and to John Smith in 1769 (189/43). Before 1825 it was occupied by William Stroud and rebuilt with the tenements on either side into a single building, used as an inn called the King's Arms (1713/14; *Endowed Charities*, 397). Let to James Gent and John and Thomas Tylee in 1825, it was known as Northgate House and held by the Corporation in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 452).

1 The feoffment deed of 1682 describes Come's tenement as subsequently being held by Matthew Smith and Ambrose Thurman, which would make Vyld's house [11]. However, the original deed between Crokkere and Danyel describes the tenement as being 'at Northgate', whilst it was said to lie between a tenement of the church of St John and a tenement of Simon Sandon when Vyld gave the house to the parish, so it has been identified with this tenement.

No. 7: 11–13 Northgate St

This tenement, which abutted upon the old park pale on the west, was let to Thomas Baker in 1554, and to Edward Eden in 1561 (189/42). It was held by John Bray in 1606 (189/75), and subsequently by his widow Joan, William Breach, and Edward Cadby, before being let to Thomas Potter in 1621 (189/42). In 1638 the tenement was divided between Potter and John Harris, and comprised four fields of building with four lower rooms, two of which were lofted, and a thatched roof (189/76). Let subsequently to Robert Bennett, it had been divided into three houses by 1738, when it was let to Thomas Higgins, who immediately assigned the premises to John Collins (189/42). By 1793 there were seven dwelling houses on the tenement (1713/11), held by Robert Cadby in 1834, which by 1908 were described as Nos. 11–13 Northgate St and Nos. 1–4 Cadby's Ct and let by feoffees on a weekly basis (*Endowed Charities*, 397, 452).

New Park St*No. 8: 92–93 New Park St*

This tenement probably comprised the garden let to John Shete in 1469, and the burgage with a garden let to John Cley in 1480 (189/41). It was let to Anthony Cley in 1567, John Smith of Corsham in 1588 (189/44), and to Matthew Smith of Blackland in 1612 (189/44). In 1638 it was held by Ambrose Thurman, and comprised of three rooms, with two lofts and a thatched roof (189/76). Thurman took a new lease in 1651, and passed to William Poole, and then to John Skeat (189/61). By 1728 the tenement had been divided into four dwellings, and it was assigned to the overseers of the poor in that year to be used as a parish workhouse (189/61). Still used as a workhouse in 1772 (402/1/2), the buildings were replaced by two new-built dwelling houses and let to Thomas Lacy in 1774 (189/43). Let to James Bullock in 1825, the two houses were held by James Raines in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 397, 452).

No. 9: 44 New Park St

Held by Edward Eden in 1561 (189/42), this very narrow tenement was described in 1612 as being 11 feet 4 inches wide next to the street and 255 feet long, when it was let to William Eden jun. (189/43). He still held the premises in 1638, when it was said to contain just one lofted room, with a tiled roof (189/76). It was let to Richard Embrey in 1668, and passed to John Filkes and then Edward Phillips (189/51). From the 18th century, if not earlier, it was held together

with the tenement to the S, and rebuilt as a single building. Used as a malthouse, it was let to John Tylee in 1807 (1713/9), and passed from them to Wadworth & Co. (*Endowed Charities*, 397, 452). It was occupied in the early 20th century by a printworks, and a large cast iron press remained on the premises in the late 20th century. Nos. 44–45 New Park St is listed Grade II (NHLE).

No. 10: 59 New Park St

Held by John George in the 16th century, this was let to Edward Eden in 1568, who assigned it to Richard Adlington shortly afterwards (189/46; 573/3). It remained in the hands of the Adlington family, sublet to the shoemaker Edward Webb, in 1606 (189/46; 189/75), but had passed to John Drew before 1638, when it was held by his executors (189/76). At that time the tenement contained two rooms, one of which had a loft, and a thatched roof, and was in poor repair. Let to Robert Bennett in 1649, and to Richard Noyes in 1701, it was in the hands of John Lawrence by 1769 (189/46). By 1790, when it was assigned to John Tylee, it had been divided into four dwellings (189/46), and was described as three messuages when Tylee took a new lease of the premises in 1826 (574/224). The garden ground was exchanged for a stable on the neighbouring tenement in 1834 (574/224). It remained three messuages in 1901, when it was in the tenure of one Mrs Burt (*Endowed Charities*, 452). Shown as still standing on the Ordnance Survey map in 1970, it had been cleared by 1985 (OS, 1970; 1985).

No. 11: 50–52 New Park St

On this site the new shambles were built by the corporation in 1568, and granted to the parish in 1569 (2011/21). The parish sub-let the shambles to tenants. In 1577 John Fuller held them, paying a rent of 23s. a year (573/3), and they were let to Edward Eden for 20s. a year in 1588. The shambles comprised rooms as well as the market place, and Eden was dwelling in the shambles in 1606 (189/75). Let to Robert Morris in 1626 (189/53), it was occupied by John Rymer in 1638, when it was said to comprise two lofted rooms and a plot of ground with seventeen stalls. The shambles may have been falling out of use by this time, as the usual access to the plot of ground had been impeded by the newly dug ditch of a neighbour (189/76). This plot of waste ground facing Short St was let separately to John Clarke, whilst the dwelling house fronting New Park St was held by Mary Eyles (189/53). The latter was let to John Oak in 1777, who erected a new building which he planned to use as a stable for twelve years and then to divide into two dwellings, and Oak acquired the adjacent plot

of land in 1786 (189/53). It was described as a single dwelling in 1834, and three houses in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 399, 454).

No. 12a: 48 New Park St

Amongst the earliest extant leases of church property, the tenement on the N side of the cemetery was let to William Curles for the large sum of 4s. 4d. in 1375 (189/41). The premises were let to William Naysche in 1476, with the proviso that he was to rebuild the house with a new hall, with seven 'getyses' on the W and five on the S, using 'the stone called scattys', and to sufficiently thatch the roof (189/41). It was let to Robert Kempson in 1569 (189/45), and held by William Hewses in 1606 (189/75). He took a new lease in 1612 (189/45), but it was in the possession of Robert Butcher in 1638, when it was a substantial house of seven rooms, five of which were lofted, with a curtilage that stretched to the back lane (189/76). The house remained in the Butcher family, and Gabriel Butcher took a new lease in 1701 (189/45). The tenement was divided later in the century [12b]. It was let to John Neate in 1797, and in 1834 it was a dwelling house occupied by William Trimmer (*Endowed Charities*, 397). Held by Charles Trinder in 1848 (1713/9), it was let to Alfred Boyce in 1896 (1713/15), who still held it in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 454). The house is listed Grade II (NHLE).

No. 12b: 1-4 Commercial Rd

A dwelling house had been built at the E end of the curtilage of [12a] by 1736, when it was let to Richard Newton (574/223). It passed through several hands before the lease was renewed by Adam Martin in 1807 (574/223). In 1834 it was described as a dwelling house with a workshop in occupied by W. Phipp and others (*Endowed Charities*, 397). It was assigned to Revd Edward Phipps in 1851, and in 1860 was said to have been divided into four tenements. Labelled 'Phipps Court' on the Ordnance Survey (1886), it was still four houses in multiple occupancy in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 452). Now three dwellings, called 'St Mary's Cottages', they are listed Grade II (NHLE).

No. 13: part of 49 New Park St, The Castle Hotel

The W side of the cemetery was presumably encroached upon at a similar date as the N and S sides. In the 16th century what is now the castle Hotel comprised a group of small tenements, one of which belonged to the church. The grant by the churchwardens to William Coventry in 1391-2 of another tenement adjoining the cemetery may relate to another of these tenements, later held by the borough in trust for the almshouses (189/34). The earliest extant deed for this

tenement, which corresponds approximately with the north-west end of the modern building, dates from 1557, when it was let to Thomas Stavve (189/43). It was subsequently let to William Erwood jun., and then to John Eyles. (189/43; 189/75; 189/76) In 1638 it was occupied by Hugh Skeat, and comprised just one lofted room with an entry and a small garden plot. (189/76). It was apparently being used by the parish to house poor people in the later 17th century (189/40). It was let to John Skeat in 1728 (189/43), and to Jonathan Rogers in 1792 (212B/2759). Still a house and garden in 1834, held by John and Thomas Tylee and occupied by W. Grace (*Endowed Charities*, 397), it was being used as a coach house and stable for the inn by 1847 when it was let to Thomas Henry Sutton Sotheron (1713/9). The premises were in the hands of Wadworth & Co. in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 452). An adjoining freehold tenement was purchased by the parson and demolished in 1848 to provide better access to the churchyard (1713/10). The Castle Hotel is listed Grade II (NHLE).

Monday Market Street

No. 14: Site now occupied by Chantry Court

These large premises were let to William Gyle in 1487, they were held by John Fuller in 1577, and occupied by his under-tenant Edward Norway in 1606 (189/41; 189/75; 543/3). Let to Henry Mayo in 1619 (189/43), the tenement comprised of a shop, hall, kitchen, buttery and back house, all lofted, with a tile roof, and a separate stable in 1638 (189/76). The tenement was subsequently held by Abel Blackborough, and a new lease was granted to his widow Margaret in 1668 (189/43). Let to James Comerford in 1705 (212B/1438), it may have been occupied by Revd John Shergold, rector of Devizes 1721–38 (402/1/2). The premises, described as a dwelling house and garden in good condition, were held by Joseph Tanner in 1834, but the tenement was occupied as warehousing in 1901. (*Endowed Charities*, 398, 452). The premises were demolished and replaced with a garage in the middle of the 20th century (OS, 1938, 1970).

No 15: 13 Monday Market St, The Cross Keys

There are no extant plans of these premises, and so they can only be located tentatively without further research on the adjoining properties. The tenement was probably that held by John Blanford in 1577 (189/75), it was let to John Batt in 1591, and to Thomas Lewen in 1612 (189/48). In 1638 the house consisted of a hall, a parlour, a buttery, and a kitchen, all lofted, as well as a well house. The parlour and buttery were tiled, the rest thatched and in poor repair, and there

were four chimneys. There was a pig sty and a paled 'house of office' in the garden (189/76). It was subsequently let to Nathaniel Comly, to Henry Hayes in 1696 and again in 1701, and to William Forth in 1771 (189/48), the latter lease to begin in 1800. The premises comprised three messuages in 1834, held on a lease granted to Mark Burton in 1826 and lately occupied by John Macalla (*Endowed Charities*, 398). The premises were subsequently used as an inn, the Cross Keys, and were held by Wadworth & Co. in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 453). The premises are now listed grade II (NHLE).

No. 16a: 33 Monday Market St, The White Bear

Possibly the tenement let to Robert Peyntor in 1430, it was let with Timber Close in 1487 to Roger Hawkyns (189/41). Let to John Burd in 1561, it was held by William Whittaker by 1567 (189/43). The premises were occupied jointly by Philip Strong and John Weeks or Wilkes in 1638, measuring 85 feet long and comprising seven rooms, five chambers, a cellar, and a stable, and said to be in a very poor state (189/76). The tenement was divided (see [16b]), and by 1672 the E end of the tenement, measuring 59 feet in length, was an inn called the Talbot and held by Robert Walter. At that time, it contained a hall, a kitchen, a buttery, three other little ground floor rooms, chambers over the hall, the kitchen, the buttery, and the entry, a cockloft, and a separate stable (189/58). Renamed the White Bear, it was let to James Hillman in 1686 and again in 1701, and to Third James Hillman in 1760 (189/58). It was let to James Gent, and John and Thomas Tylee in 1825, and was held by Wadworth & Co. in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 397, 452). The inn is now listed grade II (NHLE).

No. 16b: 35 Monday Market St/1 Maryport St

Originally part of [16a], the ancient tenement was divided before 1665, when this part was a separate messuage comprising an entry, a hall, two shops, a cellar and two chambers, with two cocklofts (189/57; 189/59). Let in 1665 to John Weeks or Wilkes, it was subsequently let to Richard Harman in 1690, to Henry Flower in 1701, and to Samuel Phillips in 1747 (189/57; 189/58; 189/59). In 1834 it was held by Benoni White, and by 1908 it was a jeweller's shop, occupied by Henry Johnson (*Endowed Charities*, 397, 453; 1713/13). The premises are now listed grade II (NHLE).

No. 17: Between 29–30 Monday Market St and 6–7 Maryport St

Lying in the centre of the 'middle row' of the old market place, in 1577 these premises comprised the back house and garden of the tenement of Thomas Stor (573/3). Let in 1578 to Jonas Adlington

(1556/15), and to Richard Stevens in 1588 (198/47), it was held by Edmund Smyth in 1638, when it comprised two bays, one lofted, with a chimney and a thatched roof (189/76). Held by Mary Goulding in 1682 (189/40), it was let to Thomas Smith in 1705 (189/47). The house had been divided into two dwellings by 1770, when it was let to Alexander Lockey (189/47). By 1826, when it was let to Gent and the Tylees, the dwellings had been replaced by stabling and other houses used by the adjacent inn, formerly known as the Saracen's Head and then as the Wellington Arms (1713/13; 248/82). It continued to be occupied by stables and outhouses in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 398, 453). Nos. 6–7 Maryport St and Nos. 29–30 Monday Market St are listed grade II (NHLE).

Maryport St

No. 18: 8 Maryport St

This tenement may have been the premises adjoining another belonging to the parish, given to the church by Thomas Smyth *c.* 1459 (189/34). It was let to Jonas Adlington in 1566 (212B/2318), it was held by William Adlington and occupied by John Wilshere in 1606 (189/75). It was let to Stephen Hobbs in 1657, to Jacob Lawrence in 1701, and to Robert Tuck in 1765 (189/49; 402/1/2; *Endowed Charities*, 398). It was occupied in 1873 as a photographer's shop by Tom Hayward in 1873 (1713/13), and still in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 454). The premises are listed grade II (NHLE).

No. 19: 21 Maryport St

These premises were purchased by the feoffees from Robert Flower in 1617 (189/35), and let to John Horton in 1664 (189/50). It was occupied by the widow Grace Horton in 1682 (189/40), perhaps the same Grace Horton who renewed the lease in 1717 (189/50). A new lease was granted to John Horton in 1743 (189/46), and to William Ellen in 1825 (1713/13). Occupied by one Mantell in 1901, it was demolished in the later 20th century to make an entrance for a car park (OS, 1961, 1970).

No. 20: 27 Maryport St

This tenement may have been the messuage occupied by William Rede and let to Thomas Hull in 1567 (189/43), originally given to the parish by William Smyth's son Thomas to maintain three sepulchre tapers and a font taper, and for the celebration of an annual obit (189/35) (see also [26]). The premises in Maryport St were let to John Havard in 1589 (189/43). The premises were subsequently

occupied by Philip Strong and then the widow Ann Foot (189/40). The leases were found in 1772 to have been lost, when the tenement was described as the north part of a dwelling house (402/1/2). Held then by William King, it was let to John Oak in 1774 (189/53). Let to William Giddings in 1825 (1713/13), it was occupied by Samuel Adlam in 1834, and by Eades and Giddings in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 398, 453). The premises are listed grade II (NHLE).

The Brittox

No. 21: 20 The Brittox

This may have been the tenement let to John Derby in 1456 (189/41). Let to Robert Trewe in 1558, it was held by Mrs Ernle and occupied by William Recke in 1577. Held by John Fidsall in 1638, the premises belonging to the church only extended 18 feet 6 inches back from the road, and comprised two rooms with a loft and a tiled roof (189/76). Let to Samuel Fidsall in 1664 (189/57), subsequently held by the widow Mary Fidsall (189/40), a new lease was granted to James Filkes in 1733 (189/57). It was assigned to Thomas Rickwood in 1805, by which time the tenement to the S had been incorporated into the shop (189/57; 1713/8). It was held by T. James in 1834 (*Endowed Charities*, 398), perhaps the Thomas James Heard who took a new lease in 1855. It was occupied by the shop of T. R. Edwards in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 453). The premises are listed grade II (NHLE).

St John's St

No. 22: Warehouse on St John's St

The parish owned market stalls from the early 14th century, with stalls located in both the fish market and the corn market in the 15th century (189/54). In 1559 the parish let a shop in the old shambles, measuring 15 feet by 11 feet and adjoining 'the way coming by the yelde hall door' on the N, to Thomas Scote (189/54). Underneath the council and adjoining the guild hall, it was held by Robert Prictowe in 1577 (573/3), let to Brian Bennet in 1588 (189/54), and held by William Erwood in 1606 (189/75). The shop was occupied by Giles Mills in 1638 (189/76), and was occupied by Richard Watton in 1682 (189/40). Converted into a warehouse and held together with premises on the S and E, it was let to Edward Watton in 1721, and Richard Watton in 1765 (1713/18). The new blind house and later the new town hall were built on the N of the premises. It was let to William Everett in 1825, and remained a warehouse in the occupation

of Messrs Cunnington in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 399, 453). The premises of 6–9 St John's St are listed grade II (NHLE).

Bridewell St

No. 23: 32a Bridewell St

Called East St in the 14th century, the tenement was let to Thomas Huloton in 1378–9 (189/41), William Necke in 1421 (189/55), John Stevyns in 1469, and to Walter Trymmell in 1505 (189/56; 212B/2289). Let to Henry Grubbe in 1569 (189/56), it was held by Richard Roke in 1577 (573/3), and let to Philip Smith in 1589 (189/56). Subsequent tenants were Thomas Clarke in 1638 (189/76), Robert Sloper in 1670, John Sloper in 1716, and Richard Richardson in 1781 (189/56; 212B/2713). Still a dwelling house and occupied by William Biggs in 1834, the premises comprised a stable, outbuildings, yard and playground occupied by the executors of Revd Dr Biggs in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 399, 453).

Sheep St

No. 24: 34–35 Sheep St

The premises were let to Nicholas Sutton in 1552, and to John Cadby in 1567 (189/43). Assigned to William Erwood jun. in 1587, a new lease of the premises was taken by Nicholas Erwood in 1612 (189/43). In 1638 the premises comprised three lofted rooms with a thatched roof, and was said to be in poor repair (189/76). In 1682 the tenement was occupied by poor people (189/40). Let to William Adlam in 1728 (189/43; 1713/16), and to Samuel Adlam in 1806 (*Endowed Charities*, 398), it had been divided into six dwellings with a workhouse by 1847 (1713/15). Still occupied as six tenements in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 453), it had been divided into eight tenements by 1910 (L8/1/110, p. 17). The buildings were demolished and replaced in the later 20th century (OS, 1961).

Commercial Rd

No. 25: Timber Close

A large close of garden ground called Timber Close, outside the borough and bordering the outer town ditch on the W, the premises were let with [16] to John Burd in 1561, and to William Whittaker in 1567 (189/43). It was held by Francis Paradice in 1682 (189/40), and was let to Francis Paradice in 1713 (189/36), who erected a barn on the premises. The premises, measuring 50 lugs, were let to

Thomas Sherwood in 1744 (189/68), and to Joseph Cummings in 1793. By 1834, the premises were occupied by five dwellings with outhouses and gardens, and it comprised eight cottages, a stone yard and a mason's shop in 1893 (1713/12), held by R. B. Mullings and others in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 398, 454). The cottages had been cleared from the site by 1970 (OS, 1970), and is now occupied by a supermarket car park.

Sidmouth St

No. 26: 13–18 Sidmouth St

The tenement was given to the parish by William Smyth's son Thomas, on the same terms as [20] (189/35). Let to John Brokeborth in 1469 (189/55), it was held by John Knape in 1577 (543/3), and let to John Barber or Hore in 1580 (189/36). The premises were let to Thomas Lee in 1587 (189/36), and was held by William Gayne in 1606 (189/75), who took a new lease of the premises in 1619 (189/35). The premises were then divided into several tenements and let separately.

No. 26a: 13 Sidmouth St

A house bordering the procession walk on the W was let to John Wyatt in 1680, to Richard Hill in 1687, and to Thomas Sherwood in 1735 (189/36). Sherwood took a new lease of the house together with a new building behind it in 1744 (189/68). Comprising one hall with a chamber over it, and a garden extending to 94 feet N of the street, it was let to Joseph Cummings in 1794 (*Endowed Charities*, 400). The premises were refronted by agreement with the corporation in 1889 (1713/17), and let in that year to Boyce and Son (*Endowed Charities*, 454). 13 Sidmouth St is listed grade II (NHLE).

No. 26b: 14–16 Sidmouth St

Robert Brothers and his brother took a lease of a parcel of the tenement and gave a bond to build a new house in 1660 (189/36). This may have been the house comprising one cellar, one hall and a chamber over the same, and another house to the N, which were let to Francis Paradice in 1675 (189/36). The building to the E was let to Eleanor Clifford in 1677, to Benjamin Amor in 1724, and James Filkes in 1741 (189/36). In 1745 the three dwellings, with outhouses and a brewhouse, were let to Thomas Holloway (1713/23), and to Charles Rhodes Plank in 1833 (1713/17). They were pulled down after 1873, and replaced with new houses, numbered 14–16 Sidmouth St, by 1879 (1713/17). The houses were held on an annual lease in 1901 (*Endowed Charities*, 454). They are listed grade II (NHLE).

No. 26c: 17–19 Sidmouth St

The remainder of the original tenement, let to John Paradice in 1701 (189/36), had been divided into seven dwellings by the time it was let to Thomas Sherwood in 1750 (189/68), and six buildings when it was let to Thomas Eden in 1793 (1713/24). Held by William Eden in 1834, the premises comprised 17–19 Sidmouth St, and shops, workshops and warehouses fronting Gain's Lane (*Endowed Charities*, 400, 454).

LIST OF CHURCHWARDENS

1633-34	John Erwood and Henry Mayo
1634-35	John Batt and James Filkes
1635-36	James Filkes and Thomas Merewether
1636-37	Thomas Merewether and John Fidsall
1637-38	John Fidsall and Christopher Pullen
1638-39	Christopher Pullen and George Beadle
1639-40	George Beadle and William Dicke sen.
1640-41	William Dicke sen. and Thomas Hawkins sen.
1641-42	Thomas Hawkins sen. and Giles Mills alias Sanders
1642-43	Giles Mills alias Sanders and Richard Webb
1643-44	Richard Webb and Ambrose Zealy sen.
1644-45	Ambrose Zealy sen. and Hugh Skeate
1645-46	Hugh Skeate and Thomas Lawrence
1646-47	Thomas Lawrence and James Bartlett
1647-48	Richard Webb and John Somers
1648-49	Christopher Pullen and Phillip Strong
1649-50	John Filkes and Robert Butcher
1650-51	Walter Mayo and James Street
1651-52	John Fidsall and William Poole
1652-53	Thomas Hawkins and John Overton
1653-54	Francis Potter and James Bartlett
1654-55	Philip Strong and Ambrose Zealy jun.
1655-56	Francis Paradice and Peter Croke
1656-57	Francis Paradice and Robert Bennett
1657-58	Robert Bennett and William Pullen
1658-59	William Pullen and Mathew Blackborough
1659-60	Mathew Blackborough and Nicholas Forsith
1660-61	Nicholas Forsith and William Blanford
1661-62	William Blanford and Robert Walter
1662-63	Robert Walter and John Drew
1663-64	John Drew gent. and Philipp Strong gent.
1664-65	Philipp Strong and Richard Blanford
1665-66	Richard Blanford and Walter Bennett
1666-67	Walter Bennett and Francis Potter
1667-68	Francis Potter and Edward Baugh
1668-69	Edward Baugh and Benjamin Street
1669-70	Benjamin Street and James Street
1670-71	Francis Read and Anthony Chivers

1671-72	Anthony Chivers and John Hill
1672-73	John Hill and John Bosome
1673-74	John Bosome and Thomas Beadle
1674-75	Thomas Beadle and Nicholas Forsith
1675-76	Nicholas Forsith and Richard Pillis
1676-77	Richard Pillis and Nicholas Chiffinch
1677-78	Nicholas Chiffinch and John Tane
1678-79	John Tane and William Hawkins
1679-80	William Hawkins and Thomas Barker
1680-81	Benjamin Street and Jonathan Filkes
1681-82	Benjamin Street and John Smith
1682-83	John Smith and Nicholas Beadle
1683-84	Edward Erwood and Henry Naish
1684-85	Edward Erwood and Henry Naish
1685-86	Richard Bundy and Richard Noyes
1686-87	Richard Bundy and Stephen Hillman ¹
1687-88	Stephen Hillman and John Hill
1688-89	John Hill jun. and Henry Seager

LIST OF SIDESMEN

1668-69?	Thomas Parker ²
1669-70	William Huddon and Edward Bowman
1670-71	William Tilly and Daniell Cutting jun. ³
1672-73	William Beadle and Robert Scott
1673-74	John Phillips and Philip Cadby jun.
1674-75	James Lewes and John Smith jun.
1675-76	John White and Roger Shale
1676-77	Roger Chivers and William Collins
1678-79	Edward Skinner and Thomas White
1679-80	Daniel Cutting 'the youngest' and Peter Strong

- 1 The names are not recorded in the accounts, and are supplied from the records of the visitation in 1686: WSA, D1/50/2; D1/54/11/3.
- 2 Parker was named as sideman in April 1668 in a list that included the old and new churchwardens, so it is unclear which year he served: WSA, D1/54/2.
- 3 A visitation book of 1671 lists John Smith and William Bennett as sidemen for the same year (1670-71) that Francis Read and Anthony Chivers served as churchwardens. The appointment of John Hill as a new churchwarden was noted in a different hand later in the year: WSA, D1/50/1, p. 14.

1680-81	Thomas Harris and John Knight
1681-82	Edward Coole and John Balliner
1686-87	Daniel Cutting and John Bartlett ¹
1687-88	Henry Zealy and Adam Watts ²
1688-89	William Poole and William Cadby ³

LIST OF FEOFFEES

All feoffees are 'of Devizes' unless otherwise stated.

3 May 1582: Thomas Baylie, Edward Hayne, Edward Hope, Richard Adlington, Thomas Lewood, John Powell alias Plummer, William Ricke, John Blanford, William Whittaker, and William Erwood.⁴

29 Feb. 1587/8: William Brouncker of Earl Stoke esq., John Drew of Devizes Green gent., Thomas Baylie gent., John Cannon mercer, Thomas Coles cordwainer, Thomas Lewoode cordwainer, Thomas Hull clothier, Richard Adlington brasier, Robert Waite yeoman, John Blanford cordwainer, Thomas Fidsall jun. glover, and Thomas Uprover joiner.⁵

9 Jan. 1609/10: Thomas Grubbe gent., John Nicholas gent., Michael Drew gent., Edward Hope cordiner, Edward Webb clothier, Robert Hope cordiner, John Watton cardmaker, Edward Norwell cordiner, William Clarke husb., Abel Blackborough glover, Thomas Browne cardmaker, and Thomas Potter glover.⁶

13 Mar. 1611/2: Thomas Grubbe gent., William Erwood gent., Robert Flower clothier, John Blanford sen. shoemaker, Robert Hope shoemaker, Edward Hope grocer, John Watton cardmaker, Edward

1 The names are not recorded in the accounts, and are supplied from the records of the visitation in 1686: WSA, D1/50/2; D1/54/11/3.

2 WSA, D1/54/9.

3 Recorded as sidemen in Sep 1689, at the same time as Henry Seagar and John Hill jun. are churchwardens: WSA, D1/50/3.

4 Grant of two tenements in Devizes and Southbroom, and Isabel's Breach and Isabel's Mead in Rowde: WSA, 189/35.

5 Feoffment of parish property: WSA, 189/35.

6 Feoffment of parish property: WSA, 189/35.

Webb clothier, John Erwood yeoman, Thomas Potter glover, Edward Norwell shoemaker, William Hope shoemaker, and George Bancroft shoemaker.¹

24 Aug. 1619: John Nicholas of Roundway gent., Robert Flower, Edward Hope, John Watton, Edward Webb, John Erwood, Thomas Potter, Edward Norwell, William Hope, and George Bancroft.²

8 Dec. 1647: John Tayler, John Batt, Christopher Pullen, Richard Webb, Thomas Merewether, George Beadle, Giles Mills, Thomas Lawrence, Francis Read, John Filkes, Hugh Skeat, James Street, James Bartlett, Walter Mayo, William Poole, Ambrose Zealy jun., William Blanford, and Richard Jones.

28 Feb. 1681/2: John Rogers gent., William Hayes sen. gent., Thomas Sloper gent., John Harris gent., Francis Smith gent., John Drew gent., Henry Nash, Thomas Barber, Nicholas Forsith, James Lewes, Edward Baugh, William Hawkins, John Hill, Nicholas Beadle, Richard Pillis, Nicholas Chaffinch, Ambrose Paradice, Ambrose Zealy, Richard Bundy, Stephen Hillman, John Smith, and Edward Erwood.³

1 Grant by mayor and burgesses of tenements and land in Devizes, Bishops Cannings and Rowde: WSA, 189/35.

2 Grant of a tenement in Southbroom: WSA, 189/35.

3 Feoffment of parish property: WSA, 189/40.



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