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PREFACE

At the Annual General Meeting in June 1983 Mr Christopher Elrington was elected President of the Society. Mr Elrington, General Editor of the *Victoria County History*, was the Society's Honorary General Editor from 1962 to 1972; and the Society is very fortunate to have secured the guidance of so distinguished a scholar.

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- BRUO A. B. Emden, *A Biographical Register of the University of Oxford to 1500*, 3 vols., (1957-9).
- CCR *Calendar of Close Rolls.*
- CFR *Calendar of Fine Rolls.*
- C.M. Salisbury Diocesan Registry: Chapter Muniments.
- Councils and Synods* *Councils and Synods with other documents relating to the English Church, II: A.D. 1205-1313*, ed. F. M. Powicke and C. R. Cheney (1964), parts i and ii.
- CPL *Calendar of Papal Letters.*
- CPR *Calendar of Patent Rolls.*
- D.D.R. Salisbury Cathedral Library: MS. 189 (Dean Davyson's Register).
- Jones, *Fasti* W. H. Jones, *Fasti Ecclesiae Sarisberiensis* (1879).
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- Lyndwood W. Lyndwood, *Provinciale, seu Constitutiones Angliae* (1679).
- P.R.O. Public Record Office.
- Reg. Wiltshire Record Office, Trowbridge (unless otherwise stated), Register [of bishop named].
- Salisbury Statutes* *Statutes and Customs of the Cathedral Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Salisbury*, ed. C. Wordsworth and D. Maclean (1915).
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INTRODUCTION

Dean Chandler

When he was elected dean of Salisbury in 1404 Master John Chandler was probably in his mid fifties. The facts about his parentage, upbringing, and education are unknown but he had been a residentiary canon since 1383.¹ He had gained experience in the affairs of the cathedral when acting as the dean's deputy, and had taken part in visiting churches and religious houses, and for short periods had been vicar-general in the diocese.² His experience was not confined to the cathedral and diocese. As early as 1383 he was in contact with Princess Joan, Richard II's mother, and later worked for the king whilst at Rome on chapter business. As a royal clerk he continued to enjoy the king's favour after his return to Salisbury.³ In March 1402 Henry IV appointed him treasurer of the household of Princess Blanche, the king's ten-year-old daughter, who was then preparing to depart to Cologne for her marriage. Soon after returning to England he was appointed treasurer of the household of Queen Joan, whom he escorted on her journey from Brittany. As dean he continued the work of his immediate predecessor, Master Thomas Montagu, a reformer and the first dean for nearly a century to keep residence.⁴ Chandler was able and conscientious but did not risk offending the great or members of the court.⁵ In 1417 he was elected bishop of Salisbury, which he remained until his death in 1426.

The Dean's Jurisdiction

The dean presided over a cathedral chapter whose members he admitted though they were appointed by the bishop. Besides the dean there were 51 prebendaries, most of whom received their supplies (*prebenda*) or revenues from lands and churches assigned to their particular stalls. The prebendaries, who could hold other benefices, were expected to reside at Salisbury for three months each year, but not all did so and absentees without reasonable excuse were fined.⁶ Every prebendary had a vicar-choral who took part in the daily services of the cathedral. Those with prebendal churches appointed parochial vicars, most of whom were presented to the dean for institution and induction. The dean had immediate ordinary jurisdiction in the cathedral

¹ C.M. Press IV, *Litere* (dated from internal evidence). For his career see *BRUO* i. 397-8; iii, p. xviii. His relationship to the Salisbury citizen, John Chandler, senior, is unknown.

² A.C. Dunham, pp. 15-89; A.C. Holmes, pp. 13-41; A.C. Draper, pp. 21-5; A.C. Holmes, pp. 29, 31, 72; *Reg. Medford*, ff. 41v., 42v., 43v.

³ C.M. Press IV, *Litere*; *CCR 1392-6*, 544; *CPR 1391-6*, 566.

⁴ *V.C.H. Wilts.* iii. 176.

⁵ Whereas Bishop Hallum provoked the court by sequestrating Upavon church: *Reg. Hallum* (Cant. & York Soc.), pp. 203-4.

⁶ K. Edwards, *English Secular Cathedrals* (1967), 53. For medieval chapter see *V.C.H. Wilts.* iii. 156-83.

close, in his own prebend of Heytesbury, in the peculiars of Mere and Sonning and in St. John's hospital, Wilton, and Longleat priory.⁷ Over most prebends in the diocese, each possessing its own court, he was the superior ordinary with authority to visit judicially whenever there was need and to hear causes of first instance and appeal at any time.⁸ He also exercised archidiaconal jurisdiction in Salisbury and the suburbs⁹ when the subdeanery was vacant.

The places under the dean's authority were scattered throughout the diocese. To the west lay the prebend of Chardstock in Devon and Wambrook chapelry in Somerset, both formerly in Dorset, the prebend of Warminster and the dean's peculiars of Mere and Heytesbury in Wiltshire, and the sixteen Dorset prebends of Alton Australis, Alton Borealis, Beminster Prima, Beminster Secunda, Charminster and Bere, Fordington and Writhlington, Grimston and Yetminster, Lyme and Halstock, Netherbury in Ecclesia, Netherbury in Terra, Preston, Sherborne, Slape, Stratton, Yetminster Prima, and Yetminster Secunda. Within about 12 miles of Salisbury lay six Wiltshire prebends: Coombe and Harnham, Durnford, Netheravon, Ratfyn, Stratford, and Wilsford and Woodford. In north and north-east Wiltshire were another ten prebends: Axford, Bedwyn, Bishopstone, Calne, Chisenbury and Chute, Highworth, Hurstbourne and Burbage, Ogbourne, Ramsbury, and Yatesbury. Further east were the four Berkshire prebends of Blewbury, Faringdon, Ruscombe Northbury, and Ruscombe Southbury and the chapels of Hungerford and Wantage which formed part of the large prebend of Ogbourne. Near the eastern borders of the diocese lay Sonning with its seven dependant and free chapels. From east to west the dean's jurisdiction stretched about 100 miles. In 1408-9, when almost all places were visited, the visitation took about 39 days, including periods for rest and travelling, and required three separate progresses.

The dean was largely independent of the bishop, who in 1392 with difficulty established his right to visit the cathedral and close; the dean's exclusive right to visit prebends remained intact.¹⁰ Heresy, simony, and apostasy were theoretically reserved for the bishop's judgment, though in practice this restriction on decanal competence was partly ignored.¹¹ The bishop's right to punish abuses which the dean after due warning had left uncorrected and to hear appeals and complaints from within the jurisdiction¹² was asserted by Bishop Robert Hallum (1407-17) on several occasions.¹³

⁷ *Salisbury Statutes*, 208; Le Neve, *Fasti*, 58; 424, 427.

⁸ *Salisbury Statutes*, 53, 384. Triennial visitation by the dean, customary by the late 17th century, was not obligatory. The dean did not visit extra-diocesan prebends or the prebends of Loders, Potterne, and Upavon.

⁹ Cf. *Salisbury Statutes*, 30.

¹⁰ *Salisbury Statutes*, 282-306.

¹¹ *Ibid.* 304; 31, 190; A.C. Newton, p. 145.

¹² *Salisbury Statutes*, 302, 304.

¹³ 88n, 22n, 247n, 249n, 277n. For a common-form monition to correct abuses in a prebend see *Reg. Hallum*, p. 112; cf. 297n, 306n.

The Content of the Register

The register is the official record of the legal business which Chandler transacted as dean, personally or by deputy, mainly in the cathedral close, the prebendal parishes, and his own peculiar. About three quarters of it relates to his personal visitation of prebendal parishes in 1405, 1408–9, and 1412 and the subsequent legal proceedings presided over by his official, together with inventories of ornaments, books, and vestments of churches and chapels visited and a survey of prebendal property and stock. Perhaps Chandler had realised long before, when the muniments were in his possession, that the cathedral possessed no such record although one was required by statute.¹⁴ There follows a fragment of what was evidently once a large part of the register containing the record of his consistory court. The third section of the register records both administrative business relating to the close and the prebendal parishes (collation to cathedral chantries, admission of vicars-choral, installation of archdeacons and canons, correction of vicars-choral and other residents of the close, grants of probate and the wills of those dying in the close, institutions to prebendal vicarages and chantries and free chapels), and elections at Longleat priory and St. John's hospital, Wilton and also courts held by Chandler and his exercise of probate jurisdiction in the vacant subdeanery in 1407 and 1410.

Chandler's is the earliest and most complete medieval dean's register to survive at Salisbury. That of his successor, Simon Sydenham, is bound with it but contains only institutions, an episcopal visitation mandate, and wills and probate from the close.¹⁵ Part of Dean Davyson's register (1473–85), containing visitations and miscellanea is in the cathedral library.¹⁶ No other decanal records are extant until the first act book, which dates from 1531.¹⁷ Chandler's register has no match in any of the other cathedrals of the Old Foundation. It is the product of a decanal authority which was more extensive than in most other places. Similar volumes are unlikely to have been compiled at York, Lincoln, or St. Paul's, where the chapters had won control of decanal jurisdiction,¹⁸ or at Exeter, where the prebends were bursarial. Lichfield and Chichester each possesses one medieval dean's register but the material is restricted to the deans' own small peculiars; at Lichfield jurisdiction over the prebends and churches of the Common Fund belonged to the dean and chapter, not to the dean alone, and at Chichester decanal powers were limited.¹⁹ At Wells and Hereford the dean's powers

¹⁴ A.C. Dunham, p. 88; A.C. Holmes, p. 117; *Salisbury Statutes*, 180, 434.

¹⁵ *Dean Chandler's Register*, ii, ff.49–66v.

¹⁶ MS. 189.

¹⁷ P. Stewart, *Dioc. of Salisbury: Guide to the Records* (Wilts. County Council, 1973), 71–95.

¹⁸ Edwards, *English Secular Cathedrals, 145–8*. York's medieval visitation registers, court books, and registers of wills originated in the jurisdiction of the dean and chapter, not of the dean alone. One medieval register of St. Paul's chapter jurisdiction survives: *Visitations of Churches belonging to St. Paul's Cathedral in 1297 and 1458* (Camden Soc. N.S. lv), 65–114.

¹⁹ *V.C.H. Staffs.* iii. 153; Edwards, *English Secular Cathedrals*, 131, 142; Lichfield, *Dean and Chapter Muniments Volume XVIII* (D.30), (Visitations and Wills); Chichester, Ep.III/4/1 (Act Book).

were probably considerable but no medieval decanal registers have survived. Chandler's register is exceptionally important because it records the proceedings of three triennial visitations at an early date. The inventories, the third largest collection of English medieval parochial inventories, add to our knowledge of the ceremonial and liturgical resources of 15th-century parishes. Of the pre-Reformation capitular, archidiaconal, and episcopal parish visitations that have already been published, some investigated no more than church fabric and ornaments, and few provide the same kind of detail as Chandler's.²⁰

Visitation Proceedings

Visitation had become an important means of spiritual supervision in England during the 13th century. At first, visitations possessed a general, somewhat ill defined pastoral function: while visitors may have preached sermons they were chiefly concerned to inspect the fabric of churches and to see that there were sufficient books and ornaments.²¹ Such was the intention of Dean William de Wanda when he visited his prebendal church of Heytesbury and other places in his peculiar in 1220 and later.²² By the middle of the century, however, the lives and conduct of the clergy and later the morals of the laity had been brought under the scrutiny of visitors. Groups of laymen from each parish were summoned to make detailed presentments, but it was not until nearly the end of the century that the practice was accepted by the secular authorities. As visitors enlarged their functions they also took to suspending during the visitation all other courts within the jurisdiction and absorbing their business.²³ Visitation had become a means of ensuring not only that churches were maintained and properly equipped but also that 'delinquents' might 'be recovered from their sin . . . [and] the proficient . . . encouraged in . . . good work.'²⁴

²⁰ *Archaeologia*, lv. 283-300; *Archaeologia Cantiana*, xxxii. 143-80; xxxiii. 71-90; xlvi. 13-54; *Archdeaconry of Norwich Inventory* (Norfolk Rec. Soc. xix); *Charters and Documents of Salisbury* (Rolls Ser.), 369-70; *Customs of London [or] Arnold's Chron.* [ed. F.C. Douce] (1811), 277-8; *E.H.R.* xxvi. 110-24; xlv. 279-89; 444-53; xlv. 92-101; 444-63; *Fabric Rolls of York Minster* (Surtees Soc. xxxv), 242-74; *Injunctions of Richard Barnes* (Surtees Soc. xxii), app. viii-xxxiv; *Reg. John de Grandisson*, ed. F.C. Hingeston-Randolph (1894-9), i. 570-9; ii. 605-11; *Reg. Robert Rede* (Sussex Rec. Soc. viii), 99, 106-7, 123-6; *Reg. S. Osmundi* (Rolls Ser.), i. 275-303, 311-14; *Reg. Walter Giffard* (Surtees Soc. cix), 322-4; *Reg. Walter Stapeldon*, ed. F.C. Hingeston-Randolph (1892), 34, 37-8, 53-61, 83, 107-12, 130-3, 170, 185, 193-8, 296, 327-8, 337-8, 345-7, 368-9, 378-81, 397; *Vetus Liber Archidiaconi Eliensis* (Cambridge Antiq. Soc. xlviii); *Visitations of Archbishop William Warham* (Kent Arch. Soc. 1984); *Visitations of Churches belonging to St. Paul's, 1249-52*, in *Camden Soc. N.S.* liii. 1-38; *Visitations of Churches belonging to St. Paul's in 1297 and 1458; Visitations in Dioc. Lincoln* (Lincoln Rec. Soc. xxxiii, xxxv, 1-69).

²¹ D. Wilkins, *Concilia Magnae Britanniae et Hiberniae* (1737), i. 213, 506. The inspection of fabric was an ancient element: *Decretum*, II. x. 1. 10, in *Corpus Iuris Canonici*, ed. E. Friedberg (1879), i. 615. See also *Visitation Articles and Injunctions of the Period of the Reformation* (Alcuin Club, xiv), 32-119.

²² *Reg. S. Osmundi*, i. 275-314.

²³ *Councils and Synods*, ii. 1086 (1289). For an earlier example *ibid.* i. 444-5.

²⁴ Probably written with a monastic community in mind but equally applicable to secular visitations: G.R. Owst, *Preaching in Medieval England* (1926), 254.

The scope of investigations was determined by articles of inquiry which the visitor compiled before setting out. Chandler's have not survived but their content can be deduced from others' articles²⁵ and from the nature of the presentments. In 1405 the dean clearly asked for details of the status, dedication, and tithes of each church and chapel and for a description of prebendal buildings and stock. Those questions were also used in 1408–9 in places not apparently visited or not providing adequate information in 1405. Chandler's other principal articles in each visitation fell into three groups, first about defects in the fabric, ornaments, and vestments of churches and chapels and in churchyards, secondly about misconduct by the clergy and any failures in the performance of their pastoral duties and services, and thirdly about the sins of the laity. The third group inquired whether men fulfilled their religious duties and attended church regularly, whether any heresy, witchcraft, or sacrilege was committed and whether any were guilty of sexual incontinence or defamation, failed to pay dues to the clergy or churchwardens, or withheld goods or rents from churches. The dean evidently expected to be informed only about open and notorious sin which was the cause of scandal. Most of the individuals accused had apparently already resisted correction by prebendal courts and admonition from senior parishioners and clergy.

Those who answered visitation articles came to be known in the 15th century as questmen. Their number depended on the size of the parish or chapelry. Women were never included even though they were sometimes churchwardens.²⁶ Where questmen were named in each of Chandler's visitations, possibly half of them served more than once; they probably came from the small group which supplied local representatives for other purposes.²⁷ They needed to have some social standing, for duties were onerous and could be dangerous.²⁸ At Lyme Regis in 1405 three of the four questmen had served as M.P.s and one was a former mayor, in 1408 two out of six had been M.P.s, and in 1412 four out of six were probably either former M.P.s or their kinsmen. At Great Bedwyn and Calne M.P.s or their namesakes were questmen,²⁹ and two of the town's leading clothiers at Sherborne in 1405.³⁰ Questmen were selected by the dean's mandatory, who was responsible for making all the visitation arrangements and who cited them and entered their names in a schedule presented to the dean at the beginning of his visitation (1). The schedule was presumably compiled after local consultations in which prebendal vicars may have played a crucial role.³¹

²⁵ H.E. Reynolds, *Wells Cathedral: its Foundation, Constitutional History and Statutes* (1881), 126; Jones, *Fasti*, 129–35; A.C. Coman, p. 102 (the bishop's articles, 1394).

²⁶ For female churchwardens see F.A. Gasquet, *Parish Life in Medieval England* (1909), 106.

²⁷ In the 13th century manorial juries were often limited to members of a select group: G.C. Homans, *English Villagers of the 13th Century* (1961), 312.

²⁸ For an early 15th-century mandate against those who attacked questmen see Cambridge Univ. Libr., Add. MS. 3115, ff.cxlili–cxlv.

²⁹ *Return of M.P.s, 1213–1702* (1878), H.C. Papers no. 69, vol. lxii (1); *Index to Charters and Rolls in the British Museum* (1900), i. 491.

³⁰ Hillary and Wynterbourne: P.R.O., E 101/344/1.

³¹ In the jurisdiction of the dean of Wells questmen were chosen by prebendal vicars: Wells Cathedral Libr.: 'Rights and Privileges', p. 154.

At every church the dean was greeted by a procession of clergy and a peal of bells. After short prayers at the high altar, legal proceedings began in the chancel with the reading of the certificate of the dean's mandatory (1, 189). A sermon may then have been preached as was customary in the later 15th century.³² The clergy were called by name and each promised obedience. The parish clerks made a similar promise. Possibly after that the visitation articles were read aloud in English and the questmen solemnly charged. They were then given time to consider the articles and decide upon their answers. Possibly whilst their informal discussions were taking place, the clergy exhibited their original letters of ordination, institution, and induction which the registrar could check as authentic before he received copies. In 1408–9 and 1412 those who had already exhibited letters were excused from doing so again. Proctors of monastic owners of tithe could show their credentials. Then, it seems, each group of questmen made oral presentments which the registrar and his clerks recorded in short stereotyped Latin formulae. At some point the dean examined the ornaments, books, and vestments and minor judicial business might be transacted. After the close of the morning sessions the questmen might dine together at parochial expense.

Occasionally the farmer of a prebend or the abbot of Sherborne provided dinner for the dean but normally the mandatory arranged for his master's dinner, supper, and lodging. Food, wine, ale, horsebread, fuel and candles, had to be bought; harness might need replacement, and farriers' bills had to be paid. For those expenses the dean received a procuration of 7s. 6d. from the farmer of each prebend. That sum was supposedly sufficient for one day for the dean and six attendants, of whom two may have been grooms.³³ His official, mandatory, registrar, and probably his apparitor, who subsequently had to cite all offenders to the court, accompanied the dean, and the registrar needed clerks to assist in recording presentments (215, 306). It is unlikely, therefore, that the procuration covered expenses.

Complaints about the Clergy

On average some kind of complaint was made about a quarter of the parish clergy. The most common failing was sexual incontinence.³⁴ More chaplains came under suspicion than incumbents, possibly because some of them lived with lay people and were more exposed both to temptation and to the breath of scandal. The two worst cases, however, concerned beneficed men who had offended before and had multiple accusations to answer (71/277, 353). Parishioners' attitudes to the offences are seldom apparent, though adultery, which was more frequently reported, may have incurred more hostility than fornication. That only two priests installed their women in the parsonage suggests that such blatancy was likely to arouse public disapproval. Possibly only rape produced enough anger to put a chaplain in fear of his life (58/59).

³² D.D.R., ff. 64, 77v., 111, 115.

³³ Lyndwood, pp. 220a (note e), 224a (note t).

³⁴ For a condemnation of all breaches of clerical celibacy see Lyndwood, pp. 125–7.

Public opinion certainly did not persuade all accused chaplains to leave their parishes and some remained who were still under suspicion at the time of the next visitation. People were prepared to confess to an openly immoral vicar, even when he solicited female penitents, so it was academic that a priest's sin released his parishioners from seeking absolution from him.³⁵ Accusations of sexual misconduct were levelled against 16 per cent of all parish clergy at the visitation of 1405 but at that of 1412 the proportion had been reduced by a half. That achievement is partly explained by the departure of many offenders from the jurisdiction.

Parishioners felt resentment when their opportunities to hear Mass were diminished or when priests neglected their pastoral duties. Between 5 and 8 per cent of the parish clergy were accused of such failures between 1405 and 1412. Often other complaints were involved, and it is necessary to consider the cases in some detail.

In 1405 there were complaints in 16 per cent of the places visited and irregularities in a further 6 per cent. Four small chapels had been deprived of services for lack of a priest who should usually have been provided by the vicar or prebendary; the inhabitants had the inconvenience of attending the mother church and may have been unable to hear weekday Mass. In one place the wardens sued in the dean's consistory for restitution of their rights (20, 25, 59, 67). Elsewhere, one chaplain sometimes said Mass in the afternoon, contrary to normal custom, so that many people could not attend.³⁶ Six other places reported flagrant negligence. The rector of Caundle Marsh did not reside continuously, leaving the cure unserved;³⁷ he falsely claimed to be able to consecrate holy oil used at the font, perhaps causing doubt about the validity of the baptisms which he performed, and he faced two charges of sexual incontinence (43). The rector of Stockwood, an unlicensed pluralist, was away for long periods and left one parishioner to die without the sacrament, failing in a fundamental duty.³⁸ At Longburton and Beer Hackett the incumbents were dishonest and immoral and committed the offence of celebrating Mass twice a day, one to save the expense of providing a chaplain, the other because he was chaplain of nearby Thornford, and parishioners died without the last rites; at Beer Hackett the sick were illegally charged for the sacrament, a confession was revealed, an offence for which a priest might be deprived,³⁹ and Mass was said too rapidly or too slowly, a charge that may be connected with another failing, habitual drunkenness (45, 48-9). The vicar of Preston neglected the dying, used the confessional to increase offerings, and failed to preach (20). The vicar of Faringdon neither preached nor said Vespers in church and secular business deflected him from spiritual work;⁴⁰ he refused to provide two parish chaplains, illegally charged for weddings,

³⁵ 353; J. Myrc, *Instructions for Parish Priests* (Early English Text. Soc., Old Ser. xxxi, lines 725-6.

³⁶ 80; J. de Burgo, *Pupilla Oculi* (Strasburg, 1517, f. xxiiij; Lyndwood, p. 236a (note g).

³⁷ Church law did not precisely define how long a rector might be absent from his benefice: Lyndwood, p. 131 (note y).

³⁸ 36; Lyndwood, p. 36.

³⁹ *Ibid.* pp. 226-8, 278-9, 334-5.

⁴⁰ Cf. *Councils and Synods*, i, 63, 565.

neglected the dying, would not buy candles for the church, was twice accused of adultery, and was a drunkard, whose baleful influence may explain the low standards of some of his assistant clergy (81). Elsewhere, one vicar failed to provide a chaplain and consequently had to say Mass twice a day, another was non-resident, a prebendary deprived a free chapel in the parish church of its incumbent, and a chaplain's pluralism may have caused some neglect (31, 44, 58, 74).

The second visitation, investigating more parishes, found better pastoral provision: there was neglect in 7 per cent of the places visited and inadequacies in a further 5 per cent. Some wrongs remained unrighted. Two chapels were still unserved. The rector of Caundle Marsh, whose drunkenness had been hinted at in 1405, was incapable of visiting the sick, scarcely ever said Matins or Vespers, and spent his time in the alehouse, where he had pawned a service book. The vicar of Longburton deserted the sick and dying for cattle dealing, and refused to accompany funeral processions to Sherborne. He no longer celebrated Mass twice a day but in consequence the services at Holnest were fewer (208, 228, 234, 242). Wokingham had a chaplain who was negligent in saying Mass, revealed confessions, and was immoral, dishonest and a troublemaker (255). Of less serious problems, a chaplain at Blewbury was deeply involved in secular business and said Mass too late in the day, and three other places lacked their full complement of priests which meant fewer services but no major pastoral failure (200, 260, 263, 277).

Matters were no better in 1412; serious complaints came from 8 per cent of places and irregularities from 4 per cent. Two chapels were unserved, one through the fault of the vicar of Preston who still failed to preach, and in a third daily Mass had been withdrawn (313, 350, 360). The dishonest and violent vicar of Wantage was periodically absent for six to eight weeks leaving the cure unserved, was negligent at funerals, and failed to provide a parish chaplain and to visit the sick, leaving one man to die without the sacrament.⁴¹ At Hungerford a parishioner had also died without the sacrament and the vicar had not provided a chaplain for the hospital (377). Elsewhere, a vicar failed to provide a chaplain and two rectors caused resentment through their absences (340, 341, 354).

At least half the complaints of pastoral neglect could have been avoided by the appointment of more chaplains. Benefices may have been declining in value because of demographic and economic change, and in 1378 maximum stipends were set for mass priests and chaplains serving cures.⁴² In two instances the poverty of vicarages was given as the explanation for the non-appointment of a priest (263, 354). Without more evidence, however, we cannot tell whether defaulters were poor or unscrupulous.

⁴¹ 375. There were no precise rules about the absence of vicars; one authority thought that the period should not exceed three weeks: Lyndwood, 2nd nos. p. 27 (note d).

⁴² Respectively 7 marks (or 3 marks and food) and 8 marks (or 4 marks and food): Wilkins, *Concilia*, iii. 135-6.

Besides sexual misconduct and pastoral neglect there were charges relating to church furniture and property and to social behaviour. Between 3 and 6 per cent of the parish clergy and some prebendaries failed to provide certain books, ornaments, or lights, withheld bequests or rents, or misappropriated church stock. Trees growing in churchyards helped to protect churches from damage by high winds, and statute law, recognizing that they belonged to the clergy, allowed them to be felled only to repair the chancel.⁴³ At Fordington parishioners reported the vicar's breach of an agreement not to fell churchyard trees without their permission (13). Parishioners asserted their rights against the priest's to decide which part of a churchyard should be used for interments (13). They were angry when the clergy's pigs rooted over the graves or when a chaplain beat a pathway over them and broke a gatepost. Anti-social behaviour complained of included a chaplain's extortionate retention of parishioners' wills, insults from the pulpit, armed nocturnal excursions, and defiance of the church's ban on usury.⁴⁴

Parish Clerks

Parish clerks, occasionally charged with disobedience, negligence, or sexual incontinence, had on the whole a good record, perhaps because once they became unpopular parishioners might force them to leave.⁴⁵ It was exceptional for one to stay in a parish for as long as seven years (24/207/317; 50/346).

The parish clerk was normally a boy, recently tonsured, who was using his office to maintain himself at school. When a suitable youth could not be found it was permissible to have a married clerk, though the office was closed to men who had been married twice.⁴⁶ The clerk was appointed by the clergy but his wages were usually paid by parishioners.⁴⁷ He was primarily an assistant to the parish priest; he served at the altar and read the epistle; he sat in the chancel, took part in the canonical offices, and perhaps read the lessons; he carried the holy water in procession and later on Sundays visited each house and sprinkled its rooms and inhabitants;⁴⁸ attended baptisms and accompanied the priest when he took the sacrament to the sick. He had charge of the vestments and ornaments and was responsible for ringing the bell. In some places he may have baked communion wafers (20, 82, 190, 291). In large parishes where several clerks and sometimes a deacon and sacrist were employed their particular duties were laid down in detail.⁴⁹ One clerk and other men were presented for acting improperly as deacons (71, 288). The register contains a single example of a parish clerk who later served in the same place as a chaplain (24/207/317).

⁴³ E. Gibson, *Codex Iuris Ecclesiastici Anglicani* (1761), i. 207–8. Cf. *Councils and Synods*, ii. 1009–10.

⁴⁴ Lyndwood, p. 160–1; 5, 38, 52, 71, 81, 102, 191, 228, 255, 277.

⁴⁵ Lyndwood, p. 143 (note q).

⁴⁶ *Ibid.* p. 142 (note p). Six married men were mentioned.

⁴⁷ *Ibid.* p. 143 (notes f, y).

⁴⁸ *Ibid.* p. 143 (notes h, m, y); E.L. Cutts, *Scenes and Characters of the Middle Ages* (1926), 220.

⁴⁹ Cf. *The Clerk's Book of 1549* (Henry Bradshaw Soc. xxv).

Complaints about Lay People

Potentially the most serious complaint which Chandler received was the accusation of heresy against Walter Hoperre of Yetminster during the first visitation (31). Lollard preachers were early at work in the diocese, taught in many places including the prebendal parishes of Calne, Ramsbury, and Hungerford, and won many supporters at Bristol, whither Wycliffe's secretary fled.⁵⁰ Hoperre was charged with denying that offerings should be made to statues but was not accused of other heretical views; he was not in possession of Lollard books, nor had he preached, and he cleared himself of the charge. His case illustrates that men in the diocese were familiar with Lollardy, which does not, however, seem to have established roots there. In Sherborne an undoubted Lollard had to recant in 1418;⁵¹ the vicar of Bere Regis, who was obliged to clear himself of heresy before the bishop in 1412, had been at Oxford in the 1380s where a fellow member of Exeter College, Laurence Stephen, was for a time a supporter of Wycliffe;⁵² laymen of Great Somerford, Reading, and Wokingham were suspected of heresy in 1412 and 1413.⁵³ Had the movement been stronger Chandler would surely have received more than one report of heresy, even though its correction in prebendal parishes properly belonged to the bishop.

Two cases of necromancy were reported, in one of which magic circles were used (255, 256). Such conduct was grossly superstitious but not heretical. It may not have been uncommon; one 14th-century writer noted peasants' tendency to believe in magic.⁵⁴

The presentments show over a dozen people failing to attend church on Sundays and festivals. Some went instead to fairs, a mortal sin unless, as seems unlikely, necessity obliged them to buy food or drink.⁵⁵ Other defaulters had perhaps become wholly alienated from the church: two stayed away for between five and seven years. Some were also accused of other misconduct including abusing and assaulting priests (203, 247, 306). Of those temporarily excluded through excommunication, most were probably to be reconciled and were not presented at visitations, but three recalcitrants who had remained excommunicate for a long time were reported (3, 19, 37). For failing to refrain from work on Sundays and over 40 annual festivals⁵⁶ only seven people were presented. No craftsmen were specifically said to be among them, in contrast with evidence from the city of Salisbury.⁵⁷

Irreverent or improper conduct in or around churches was seldom reported. Single instances occur of worship maliciously disrupted and of

⁵⁰ CCR 1389-92, 4; Reg. Waltham, ff. 222-223v.; K.B. McFarlane, *John Wycliffe and the Beginnings of English Nonconformity* (1952), 127, 176.

⁵¹ Reg. Chaundler, ii, ff. 17v.-18.

⁵² BRUO iii, pp. 1772, 1917; Reg. Hallum, p. 215.

⁵³ Reg. Hallum, pp. 123, 216, 219; cf. J.A.F. Thomson, *The Later Lollards, 1414-1520* (1965), 56.

⁵⁴ W.A. Pantin, *English Church in the 14th Century* (1963), 209.

⁵⁵ Lyndwood, p. 103 (note o); 22, 315. For later legislation to ban all but food fairs on Sundays and certain festivals see Gibson, *Codex*, i. 242-3.

⁵⁶ Lyndwood, pp. 101-3.

⁵⁷ 31, 214, 218, 234; A.C. Coman, pp. 103-4; Reg. Hallum, p. 109.

talking and fighting in church (7, 88, 239). A chapel was polluted by sexual intercourse, but the offenders were not the traders mentioned by one writer as the usual culprits.⁵⁸ Sanctuary was violated when suspected robbers were snatched from Hungerford church door and handed over to the civil authorities. Churchmen declared that such conduct warranted excommunication; those who sought refuge should be safe in church until they had abjured the realm before the coroner and could depart under ecclesiastical protection.⁵⁹ Lay opinion was probably different, and those involved at Hungerford were able to clear themselves or simply ignore the charges (88). A few minor offences were reported involving animals in churchyards (239, 265, 287).

The church's attempts to control social life met opposition over sexual conduct. Many 'open and notorious livers' flaunted their offence. An incumbent described how in warning one of his parishioners, first privately and then before witnesses, to desist from adultery he had risked physical assault and did not dare to cite the man before the courts.⁶⁰ The presentments show that some sexual offenders threatened violence when cited (256, 315).

Sexual incontinence accounts for half the accusations against lay people. About equal numbers were accused of fornication and adultery. Both offences were regarded by the clergy, though probably not by the laity, as mortal sin.⁶¹ Only a few cases of the graver sin of incest were reported.⁶² Just under 10 per cent of sexual offenders were presented for promiscuity and most of those presented at more than one visitation had long-standing liaisons. Mention is made of only two brothels and only one prostitute (236, 310, 315). Many guilty persons probably went altogether unreported and others avoided presentment for a long time. (300, 317). Most sexual offenders were single, probably young adults unable to marry. About 12 per cent of women accused of adultery and fornication were called only by their Christian names, and sometimes not even those were known. Some may have been migrants unable to make a marriage and easily exploited. Similarly 14 per cent of accused women were servants, open to suspicion and temptation; most like Isabel Scotere could contemplate marriage only if bought out of service by their friends (21).

Marriage contracts mentioned in reports of immorality and court proceedings show that people flouted church teaching on wedlock. There were two kinds of betrothal. In one the couple made their promise with words in the future tense. Churchmen expected them to marry in the face of the church soon after the publication of banns, lest fornication occur. Hence some couples who delayed their wedding were presented for fornication. Nevertheless, intercourse was held to transform the agreement into an indissoluble

⁵⁸ 252; *Dives and Pauper*, vol. I, part i (Early English Text Soc., no. 275, 1976), p. 219.

⁵⁹ Lyndwood, p. 256 (notes g and l); 2nd nos. pp. 101–6; Gibson, *Codex*, ii, 1141.

⁶⁰ Oxford, Bodley MS. 859 (S.C.2722a) f. 35; St. Matthew 18, vv.15–17.

⁶¹ Lyndwood, pp. 96–7, 343; 'that simple fornicacion atwoxsyn sengle man and sengle woman schulde ben dedly synne I may nout assentyn therto and comoun opnyonon it is that it is non dedly synne': *Dives and Pauper*, Vol. I, part ii (Early English Text Soc., no. 280, 1980), p. 76.

⁶² 22, 81, 213, 291, 351; Lyndwood, pp. 339–40.

marriage. Betrothals could be made anywhere; they were private contracts and often, against church teaching, remained known only to the persons present. The second kind of betrothal with words in the present tense itself constituted a binding marriage unless some canonical impediment existed. Priests warned that betrothals with words in the present tense should be solemnized in church before consummation, to provide publicity and a blessing. Couples often ignored them, opening the way to many abuses.⁶³ Men used betrothal with words in the present or future tense to deceive girls into permitting intercourse (21, 26, 81). A man might become betrothed to three different women and a woman to two different men (4, 81, 197). The party who had entered sincerely into a contract had then to appeal to the courts to decide whether the marriage was valid, and, if so, to compel the other to accept its obligations.

The wish of some couples to marry secretly but also to receive a nuptial blessing strongly suggests the existence of a legal impediment. Couples and the priests who solemnized such clandestine marriages were *ipso facto* excommunicate.⁶⁴ Other couples with something to conceal left their village and used forged certificates of banns to marry publicly elsewhere (214).

Desertion by husbands and wives was presented (4, 13, 81, 262, 315, 331, 349, 361). Joan Janynes, left by her Spanish husband 17 years before and cohabiting with John Benfeld in 1405, had failed to apply for a letter of divorce from the dean's consistory court.⁶⁵ A clue to the procedure of inquiry in such cases is given by Benfeld's request for a letter declaring his intention to marry Joan, so that any who objected might do so. Three cases of marital cruelty were presented: one woman had died as a result of her husband's assault and another, whose husband had promised to treat her better did not apply for a judicial separation.⁶⁶

The report of an infant overlaid by his mother echoes a 13th-century diocesan constitution for women to be warned about the danger of sleeping with their children.⁶⁷ Complaints were received at every visitation of both male and female scolds, who were *ipso facto* excommunicate; although the church had jurisdiction over them, their offences might equally be presented at a manorial court and punished in the cucking stool.⁶⁸ Only one layman was presented for usury (104). Questmen may have been unwilling to reveal the existence of a social necessity, however unpopular.

Just over a fifth of all accusations against individual lay people, the most numerous group after sexual offences, concerned detainee of church goods and money, including bequests withheld, non-payment of rents or wax for church lights, failure to contribute to the church fabric, and misappropriation of church goods or money. Debts to churchwardens, resulting from the many small rents and legacies, were common and often long-standing. They

⁶³ R.H. Helmholz, *Marriage Litigation in Medieval England* (1974), 26–31.

⁶⁴ Lyndwood, pp. 274–7; 31, 252, 255, 257.

⁶⁵ 20. Cf. Gibson, *Codex*, i. 422.

⁶⁶ 16, 25, 237. For judicial separation see Helmholz, *Marriage Litigation*, 100–7.

⁶⁷ 221; *Council and Synods*, i. 70.

⁶⁸ *Ibid.* ii. 906; Gibson, *Codex*, ii. 1025.

were noted each year in the wardens' accounts, but a visitation provided an opportunity to compel payment. There were far fewer failures to pay dues owed by the whole community. Although in three places all parishioners refused to make dedication day offerings (20, 293, 327), fewer than 30 individuals refused tithe and a mere handful failed to pay church scot, mortuaries, or Peter's Pence. Only two places refused to maintain a parish clerk (263, 288). One hamlet would not provide the holy loaf, probably in a bid for independence from the mother church (76, 274): some of the few defaults elsewhere probably arose because people who owned several properties refused to give a loaf for each one (4, 28, 300). Among tithe cases, refusal of tithe on trees reflected the statute of 1371 suspending proceedings in the church courts when clergy demanded payment on trees more than 20 years old. Nevertheless the vicar of Bere Regis persisted in his efforts (4). Most disputes about tithes on wool and lambs between 1405 and 1412 were amicably settled.⁶⁹ Only one parish reported general unwillingness to pay tithe: woollfells were at the centre of the conflict (56). The refusal by an Augustinian priory of tithe on its flocks is unexplained: papal exemption had been curbed by statute in 1401.⁷⁰

Obstruction of the prebendal courts was a cause of complaint. Executors administered wills without permission (4, 74, 315, 375). A man encouraged people to refuse to apply for letters of acquittance, and forged letters were obtained from priests (13, 375). Payment of 12s. 6d. for falsely sealed letters suggests exorbitant court fees: the just fee on goods worth between £60 and £99 was 10s. The fact that prebendaries farmed their jurisdictions makes high fees all the more likely.⁷¹ Interested parties hindered the course of justice, preventing the delivery of mandates and seizing and destroying one (2, 88, 193). Apparitors were threatened (256, 315). An official was accused of incompetence and an apparitor of extortion (3, 46). Some officials may have had low standards, though of two who were married one was a graduate (21–2). A provincial decree of 1416 prohibited married clerks and laymen from acting as judges in ecclesiastical courts. Chandler had earlier removed a married official, and when he became bishop seemed to insist that judges should be in higher orders.⁷² When he was dean, however, his own official and registrar were in minor orders.

Church Buildings and Parsonages

Maintenance of naves and churchyards lay with elected wardens.⁷³ Their ordinary income came from offerings on certain days each year, annual fund-raising events, bequests, and often a few small rents. Between a quarter and a half of it was spent on wax. Additional money for repairs might be

⁶⁹ cf. *Councils and Synods*, i. 567.

⁷⁰ 88/247; 2 Hen. IV, c.4.

⁷¹ Lyndwood, pp. 181–3; 21, 53, 74, 81.

⁷² Lyndwood, 3rd nos. p. 69; 21; Reg. Chaundler, ii, f. 36v.

⁷³ *Councils and Synods*, ii. 1388.

raised if a parish meeting agreed to a rate on land and livestock. More repairs than usual were needed after the extreme weather of 1407–8.⁷⁴ Snow lay for three months and summer was exceptionally wet, which may partly explain the many reports of dilapidation at Chandler's second visitation. Churchyard pales were sometimes the responsibility of tenants of particular houses or land, a custom well attested in the returns, and used in 25 English counties and in Wales before 1869 but often unsatisfactory.⁷⁵ The glass of windows was often damaged by people who played ball games and threw stones in the churchyard.⁷⁶

Only just over a third of all churches and large chapels were without dilapidation in 1405 and 1408–9 but by 1412 almost two thirds were in good repair. Minor chapels seem to have had a better record, but since they were not visited personally their reports may be unreliable. The wardens were not alone to blame for disrepair: individuals neglected churchyard enclosures and clergy were responsible for some fabric disrepair which together accounted for 13 per cent of reported dilapidation. Wardens' success in maintaining the fabric can be judged by how often they were responsible for disrepair in the 32 churches and large chapels reported on at each of the three visitations: 6 had no faults at any, 16 presented faults at one, 8 at two, and 2 at every visitation. No place had a defective churchyard enclosure twice and only one had broken windows on successive occasions.

Since no contemporary churchwardens' accounts survive for any of the places visited it is uncertain whether dilapidations were the result of limited resources, apathy, or normal cumulative deterioration. At Sherborne the faults reported at two out of three visitations suggest that the wardens had a rather casual attitude (37, 331). In fact, the reverse was probably true. In 1396 a major rebuilding programme was being undertaken so that, for a time, the church could not be used for services.⁷⁷ At Great Bedwyn broken windows were reported in 1405, but the recent levy of a parish assessment for the bells shows that the wardens were not apathetic. (62, 64). Neglect is evident in seven of the 32 churches and chapels reported on at each visitation. Six had recurring dilapidations not only in early summer but also in the autumn when the season for major repairs was over. In a seventh the same defect was mentioned at every visitation. With one exception the places were relatively prosperous and had no important debts owing to the fabric.⁷⁸

The prebendaries were responsible for maintaining chancels, and were less conscientious and less amenable to discipline than churchwardens. In 1405 only 27 per cent of the chancels of churches and larger chapels were in good order, the commonest faults being in roofs and windows. An even higher proportion of defective roofs was reported in 1408–9 though by then 36 per cent of chancels were free from dilapidation. By 1412 faults in roofs were

⁷⁴ C.E. Britton, *Meteorological Chronology to 1450* (1937), 154–5.

⁷⁵ *Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, xxiii, 287–8.

⁷⁶ Myrc, *Instructions for Parish Priests*, lines 330–7.

⁷⁷ B.L., Harl. MS. 862, f. 98 and v.

⁷⁸ Bishopstone, Chardstock, Chute, Durnford, Hungerford, Ramsbury, Woodford. Only Chute was assessed at less than £5 in 1334.

back to the proportions of 1405 but only 35 per cent of chancels were in good order. Chancels were less well maintained than other parts: of the 31 chancels reported on at each visitation, 4 had no fault in the fabric at any visitation, 4 reported at one, 11 at two, and 12 at every visitation.

The prebendaries had also to maintain rectory buildings. Of the 37 rectories reported on at each visitation 15 were free of dilapidation at every visitation, 9 had faults at one, 10 at two, and 3 at all three visitations. On average two thirds were free of fault at every visitation, probably reflecting the attempts of Dean Chandler and his predecessor to ensure that on vacation of a prebend dilapidations were made good in accordance with the cathedral statutes.⁷⁹ Dilapidations were significantly bad in prebends which had not changed hands since 1400 and in Ogbourne long farmed to the king.⁸⁰ Defects in prebendal houses, where canons scarcely ever resided and which were of little concern to parishioners are more likely than those in chancels to have gone unreported and become serious. In 1390, when £15 was needed for the chancel at Bere Regis, £145 was required for the parsonage. The same year at Charminster just over £6 was spent on the chancel and £133 on the rectory. In 1395 Calne chancel needed £5 and the prebendal buildings there £157. The same pattern of expenditure is found in churches of the Common Fund.⁸¹

Prebendal farmers, though seldom accused of neglect, were almost certainly responsible for bad conditions in rectories and chancels. The dangers of leasing had been recognized by the cathedral statutes in 1319 but probably little was done immediately. In 1396, however, Chandler's ten-year lease of Calne contained a clause about the maintenance of the buildings.⁸² In 1402 the chapter adopted a policy of granting leases of several years to encourage farmer to manage churches belonging to the Common Fund more responsibly.⁸³

Action Against Those Presented

Proceedings against contumacious persons and those accused at the dean's visitation was almost entirely in the hands of his official, Master John Shirburne. At the end of his life Shirburne was much concerned with his own failings: whether he felt scruples about his work at Salisbury is unknown. He was, of course, a man under authority, and his sentencing policy was influenced by Chandler's own outlook.⁸⁴

On visitation days there was time only to declare clerical absentees contumacious or excuse them, to order priests who had failed to exhibit their letters to do so later, to prove some wills, to make a few injunctions to wardens about dilapidated church fabric, and to hear the first stage of a few

⁷⁹ *Salisbury Statutes*, 182-8.

⁸⁰ *CFR* 1377-83, 356; 1383-91, 153; 1399-1405, 18; *CPR* 1401-5, 466.

⁸¹ A.C. Dunham, pp. 158-9, 161; A.C. Holmes, pp. 15-6; A.C. Coman, pp. 4-5, 81-2; A.C. Viryng, pp. 7-8; A.C. Pountney, p. 54.

⁸² *Salisbury Statutes*, 180-2; *CFR* 1391-9, 178.

⁸³ *V.C.H. Wilts.* iii. 182-3.

⁸⁴ *BRUO* iii. 1690; London, Guildhall Libr. MS. 9171/3, p. 425.

suits. The main investigation of complaints took place at special courts held from two to four months after visitation. A circuit was always made in Dorset, north and north east Wiltshire, and Berkshire where the official heard causes in certain prebendal churches, whence unfinished business was transferred to the dean's consistory court. All matters relating to prebends and parishes within easy reach of the cathedral were heard at Salisbury.

Two kinds of business were largely peripheral to the task of visitation. First, the inhibition of prebendal courts before visitation meant that wills were waiting to be proved either on visitation day or at a later session. The few recorded probate fees ranged from 16d. to under 1s. and some were excused because of poverty. Although not following exactly the scale imposed in 1342, fees in the dean's court seem modest enough.⁸⁵ Letters of administration were apparently granted after probate before any inventory was presented, which seems to have been usual in the diocese though contrary to strict church law.⁸⁶ Secondly, just over a dozen people appeared at the visitation or later to clear themselves of offences, usually theft or sexual incontinence though in one case murder, of which they were suspected although they had not been formally presented.

To analyse the outcome of court proceedings is difficult. For many charges no court action was recorded, perhaps through the carelessness of the registrar's clerks but probably much more often through contempt of court by the accused. The unwillingness of one party to appear in court may explain the number of reports of sexual incontinence which are followed by proceedings against only one person. Perhaps the official was sometimes satisfied when one of the accused cleared himself but that was not always so, and if both parties were cited both should have appeared. Some recalcitrance was to be expected from those who had already resisted normal ecclesiastical discipline. Of individual lay people accused, between a quarter and two fifths either were guilty of contempt of court or were not prosecuted. The court seems to have had particular difficulty in making women and clergy attend. Even at the visitation some prebendaries and religious were contumacious, and a satisfactory answer was recorded in only a third of complaints against clergy. Possibly just over half the women in cases of sexual misconduct remained contumacious, and many others did not appear and had their fines paid for them.

Excommunication or suspension was not rashly used and was often ineffective. Accused who lived outside the dean's jurisdiction or had fled were occasionally noted by the registrar but were not even cited before the court (13, 207, 315). Those who ignored a sentence of lesser excommunication could be threatened with greater excommunication, and if they remained obdurate their arrest would be ordered by the secular powers if the bishop applied to chancery for a writ of *Significavit*.⁸⁷ Only two women were imprisoned by virtue of the writ following visitation charges in 1409, and the

⁸⁵ Lyndwood, pp. 181-3; 81.

⁸⁶ Lyndwood, p. 176; Wilkins, *Concilia*, ii. 377.

⁸⁷ The dean could not apply directly: Lyndwood, p. 350 (note c).

arrest was ordered of one other person reported as recalcitrant in 1405 (37n, 247n, 553). Patrons or social rank might render a man immune from correction by the dean's official. Shirburne did not punish an erring member of the powerful Turverville family of Bere Regis though admitting him to court to pay fines for two others (297, 301). He was apparently powerless to deal with Laurence Drew, who enjoyed the trust of Bishop Medford.⁸⁸ He halted a case at the request of the abbot of Sherborne and allowed the rector of Caundle Marsh to be extricated from his difficulties as a result of pressure from Sir Ives Fitzwarren (225, 228). Lesser men also successfully lobbied to deflect the course of justice (221, 225).

When defects had been reported in the fabric of the nave or amongst ornaments, books, and vestments, a judicial warning was issued obliging the parish to put matters right by a fixed date on pain of a fine roughly proportionate to the seriousness of the fault. The procedure, rather irregularly followed or recorded in 1405, was automatic in later visitations. If repairs were not made the financial sanction was exacted and a further term set for completion of work (68, 247, 348–9, 369). The same procedure was used when possible against prebendaries and their farmers charged with defects in chancels and parsonages. On one occasion the official appears to have inspected a parsonage himself and issued his warning within the building (361). Sometimes during the second and third visitations he (or very occasionally the dean) sequestered money from the farmers to pay for repairs, and once the official sequestered the entire prebendal revenues (201, 203–4, 244, 260, 313).

Many who were accused of sexual incontinence, absence from church, working on festivals, and defamation confessed their faults after citation and more than 50 were sentenced to fustigation. Corporal punishment, still a standard form of ecclesiastical discipline, seems to have been meted out in the dean's jurisdiction with a rod in church as the penitent walked at the head of the Sunday procession (13). Other places had different customs.⁸⁹ The dean's official usually ordered three separate beatings but was sometimes content with one or two and exceptionally ordered six (190, 306). In addition to the penance in church he occasionally ordered people to be beaten through the market place, a sentence that may have been administered on market day by one of the clergy.⁹⁰ Penitents probably had to appear bareheaded and barefoot in both church and market place, and sometimes the court seems to have required proof that they had received their punishment (81, 286, 348, 362, 370).

Rarely the dean's official not only imposed a penance for fornication but obliged the couple to abjure their sin in a process known as *abjuratio sub forma communi* designed to end or regularize long-standing liaisons. Instead of the

⁸⁸ 104, 255; Lambeth Pal. Libr.: Reg. Arundel, i. f.238v.

⁸⁹ *Episcopal Court Book for the Dioc. Lincoln* (Lincoln Rec. Soc. lxi), p. xv; *Ripon Chapter Acts* (Surtees Soc. lxiiv), 10, 62, 118, 191.

⁹⁰ A. Hamilton Thompson, *English Clergy in the Later Middle Ages* (1947), 217.

sworn renunciation or abjuration of sin which was often enjoined upon erring couples on pain of a fine, both parties agreed that subsequent fornication between them would create an indissoluble marriage. The court could use the process only infrequently since the presence of both parties was required. Although there were some opportunities in 1408–9, it was not until 1412 that it was applied and then to only three couples, two of whom were previous offenders (301, 369/276, 370). The official also enforced existing marriage contracts where they were admitted, with one exception (71).

A minority of those who admitted faults were actually beaten. Penances were readily commuted, for which appearance in court was not even necessary: fines could be paid by one erring partner for another and clergy and prebendal farmers might compound for both. Moralists complained that commutation licensed ‘fornicators who give . . . money to fornicate as they please’ and suspected pecuniary penance which provided ‘a laxative medicine for purses rather than a medicine for souls.’⁹¹ Church law urged judges not to impose public penances which would induce men to compound for large sums.⁹² At first sight the imposition of penances which were later commuted looks like a cynical way of making money, but church courts were obliged by statute first to impose penances on lay people and might levy fines only if offenders asked for commutation.⁹³ Except perhaps for rare orders to make a pilgrimage, Shirburne does not seem to have imposed harsh punishments (190, 191, 197), and very occasionally excused penances without any payment (22, 223). From the commutation payments recorded it appears that couples guilty of adultery, fornication, and incest might pay 1s. though a fine could be lower (59, 79, 81). Twelve pence probably represented two or three days’ wages.⁹⁴

Those who denied their guilt could establish their innocence by compurgation. A man required to purge ‘with six hands’ must bring five people to join with him in a sworn declaration of his innocence. Compurgators were ideally of the same status as the accused but the laity were allowed to vouch for the clergy.⁹⁵ The number depended to some extent on the gravity of the charges and was at the judge’s discretion.⁹⁶ In 1408–9 and 1412 the dean’s official often demanded slightly more compurgators than in 1405. The compurgators were subjected to scrutiny only when other people’s interests were likely to be damaged, as in the case of John Frye, which reveals how compurgation could be abused (10). Stephen Froggmere purged himself of an offence which his accomplice admitting helping him to commit (49). Most people who denied charges were able to purge, though not everyone succeeded (2, 375). The ordinary procedures proved too difficult for some, and over a third of those who denied their guilt were allowed instead to use the less demanding ‘compurgation with the indulgence of the court’ (*purgavit gratiose*). The

⁹¹ G.R. Owst, *Literature and the Pulpit in Medieval England* (1933), 266, 280.

⁹² Lyndwood, pp. 323–6.

⁹³ Gibson, *Codex*, ii. 1045–6.

⁹⁴ e.g. *Essays in Econ. Hist.* ed. E.M. Carus Wilson (1966), ii. 177.

⁹⁵ Lyndwood, p. 314 (note g).

⁹⁶ *Ibid.* pp. 313–4 (note y).

phrase probably means that the court was satisfied with fewer compurgators than were originally demanded or even with single-handed compurgation. Many clergy used this form and one priest paid 1s. for the privilege (81). It was not peculiar to Salisbury and almost certainly it perverted justice.⁹⁷ On one or two occasions the dean's official was prepared to forego any kind of compurgation and accepted instead the simple denial of the suspect (43, 255, 353).

Individuals who confessed failure to pay rents, bequests, debts, and tithe were usually warned to settle, often on pain of excommunication. Occasionally they were 'willingly condemned' to pay, their promises making them liable to punishment for perjury should they fail. Exceptionally recourse was made to arbitration (362). Other miscreants were sworn to amend their ways. Many settlements took place out of court and a few in it, and some actions were suspended in the hope of agreement. With offenders who did not admit their debts the court acted in one of two ways. One was to demand proof by the accused that he had already settled or owed no debt (3, 20, 22, 96, 98, 207, 375, 376), and if proof were not forthcoming to make an uncompromising order to settle (20, 204, 248). Not all claimants achieved satisfaction: a man who was ordered to show why he ought not to pay tithe failed to appear in court and eventually purged his contempt, whereupon proceedings ceased and it was left to the claimant to promote an action (88). Other claimants similarly found it necessary to prosecute in person or by proctor (31, 59, 217, 273, 376). The second way was for the court to allow cases of detainee to be settled by compurgation (7, 10, 71, 82, 203, 254, 306, 375, 378), but it remained possible for a complainant, in the dean's name, to bring specific charges which the accused must answer (10).

The Inventories

For 61 churches and chapels, 7 chantries, and Longleat priory the register contains inventories made to enable a check at later visitations on the loss or acquisition of possessions.⁹⁸ Drafts were probably compiled at the visitation. Books were noted by the catchwords on their second or third pages, which are omitted from the abstracts printed below. That ornaments were unlocked was occasionally recorded, and once the dean suspended a broken chalice from use (124). In places which were visited personally the parish clerks and clergy probably set out the church goods for inspection. Goods from outlying chapels may have been carried to the mother church for examination or merely described by questmen. What was recorded depended, therefore, upon what was presented or reported. There were probably omissions: no inventory mentions a paschal candlestick, though visitation presentments refer to the paschal candle (361, 364), and only one holy water bucket is recorded, though most churches had holy water clerks. Parishioners often

⁹⁷ Cf. York Minster Libr. M.2. (1)f, f.9.

⁹⁸ *Councils and Synods*, i. 115.

listed their goods in an idiosyncratic way; 16th-century churchwardens of Sherborne, for instance, regularly made inventories which omitted important items.⁹⁹

It was the parishioners' legal responsibility to provide all necessary equipment for their church, though local custom occasionally obliged prebendal clergy to find additional items. Archbishop Reynolds had established what was required in parish churches: the eight service books were an antiphonary, gradual, lesson book, manual, missal, ordinal, psalter, and troper, and the ornaments were, altar cloths, an altar frontal or frontlet, banner, bier, bell and lantern used when taking the sacrament to the sick, chalice and paten, chrismatory, font, lenten veil, processional cross, funeral cross, paschal candlestick, pax, pyx, rochet and three surplices, thurible, holy water bucket, and a full set of vestments.¹⁰⁰ The pyx, font, and chrismatory were to be locked to avoid the danger of sacrilege.¹⁰¹ The inventories also mention corporals, cruets, and towels, required by Salisbury diocesan constitutions, and in Chandler's day a canopy over the high altar was probably considered essential.¹⁰² If a church possessed a *portas* it would not require a separate antiphonary and lesson book, and if the gradual contained sequences a troper would be unnecessary.¹⁰³

Although the inventories record vestments of striking colour and elegant design, they show that churches fell far short of requirements. That is only partly because they are defective as lists. Of comparable groups of inventories made for the archdeaconry of Norwich in 1368, the diocese of Ely in 1278 (kept up to date until about 1390), churches belonging to St. Paul's cathedral in 1297 and 1458, and churches belonging to Exeter cathedral in 1301,¹⁰⁴ all show some failures and most have some peculiarities but only that for St. Paul's in 1458 records fewer of the required items than the 30 Salisbury prebendal churches possessed. The other four had an average 20 per cent more books and 18 per cent more ornaments. Underprovision in the prebendal churches is likely to have resulted less from economic factors than from lack of effective and regular visitation before 1390.¹⁰⁵ Chandler seems to have concentrated mainly upon improving the provision of books, ensuring that chrismatories, fonts, and pyxes were locked, and making good the losses caused by dishonesty.

The prebendal churches and chapels were not much influenced by the Use of Salisbury. No inventory included the Salisbury Customary, no set of vestments contained the three chasubles needed for the full ceremonies of the

⁹⁹ *Somerset and Dorset Notes and Queries*, xxiii-xxv.

¹⁰⁰ *Councils and Synods*, ii, 1387-8. For explanation of terms see Glossary.

¹⁰¹ Lyndwood, pp. 241 (notes r and s), 247.

¹⁰² *Councils and Synods*, i, 378-9; Lyndwood, p. 248 (note e).

¹⁰³ Lyndwood, p. 251b (notes a and c).

¹⁰⁴ *Archdeaconry of Norwich; Reg. Walter Stapeldon*, 109, 111, 130-3, 185, 337, 345, 368, 378-80; *Vetus Liber Archidiaconi Eliensis; Visitations of Churches belonging to St. Paul's in 1297 and 1458*.

¹⁰⁵ Norwich and Ely parishes were wealthy but in 1334 only 10 per cent of the townships bearing the names of Exeter parishes and 15 per cent of those of St. Paul's were rated over £5. Of the townships of prebendal parishes 53 per cent were so rated: *Lay Subsidy of 1334*, ed. R.E. Glasscock (1975).

Use, and the liturgical colour sequence used in the cathedral seems not to have been generally adopted. Whereas red vestments were regularly used on certain Sundays and festivals and white ones on certain others,¹⁰⁶ only two thirds of the inventories mention red vestments and only one third white ones. Moreover, several parishes used white vestments for Lent, which did not conform to the Salisbury Use, at least on Sundays.¹⁰⁷ Red vestments were the most common, then came green (blue-grey was reckoned to be a shade of green), bright blue, white, and multi-coloured sets. There were equal numbers of gold and black and a single set of violet.¹⁰⁸ The richness and condition of the vestments, not their colour, probably determined when they were used. Nearly a quarter of the prebendal churches had more than one set of vestments for High Mass, which suggests that High Mass was celebrated in some of them daily. In at least six places it was accompanied by singers, and one choir contained boys' voices.¹⁰⁹ A higher proportion of places than in Norwich or Ely possessed relics. Heytesbury and Sonning had impressive reliquaries and a larger number of relics than in the early 13th century, but Horningsham had lost its small collection.¹¹⁰

Instance procedure in the Dean's Consistory Court

The regular sessions of the dean's consistory court were in the cathedral on Fridays every four or five weeks to hear mostly instance business, i.e. actions between party and party. Extraordinary sessions could be held on any weekday, and after visitations were held principally for *ex officio* business, i.e. promoted by the dean against his subjects. The court's organization was flexible, so that the closing stages of one cause were able to proceed at intervals of only three days (10). The surviving records of the regular sessions comprise terse notes of the stage reached by a cause and its progress. Parties were often represented by proctors, who might depute others (385). If a proctor's powers lapsed his client had to appoint another proctor or appear personally and continue with the cause (386–8): proceeding 'according to the form of the former acts' completed until then. A defendant who had no proctor and failed to appear in court was excommunicated; absent unrepresented plaintiffs might be ordered to pay the day's costs (385, 388).

In most instance causes the court followed normal plenary procedures, which are also found in instance proceedings of the courts held during the vacancy of the subdeanery (508–10, 583). The process is described in the report of the cause between the vicar and churchwardens of Bere Regis and John Frye.¹¹¹ When the defendant appeared in court the plaintiff had to present the libel, a short written statement of the facts of his case, and give

¹⁰⁶ W.H. St. J. Hope, E.G.C.F. Atchley, *English Liturgical Colours* (1918), 135–6, 208.

¹⁰⁷ *Ibid.* 42.

¹⁰⁸ Cf. *Archdeaconry of Norwich*, ii, p. liv; *English Liturgical Colours*, 22.

¹⁰⁹ Collections of four or five graduals suggest the presence of a choir: 145, 159, 163, 179–80, 187. For boys' copes see 179.

¹¹⁰ *Reg. S. Osmundi*, i. 276, 295, 313; 168, 180.

¹¹¹ 10; cf. Helmholz, *Marriage Litigation*, 13–22; C.I.A. Ritchie, *Ecclesiastical Courts of York* (1956), 117–53.

one copy each to the judge and the defendant. The judge appointed a day, on which the plaintiff contested the suit affirmatively, asserting that the libel was true, and the defendant either conceded the suit or contested it negatively, denying the facts in the libel. The parties took the oath of calumny affirming that their case was good and promising to tell the truth and not to use false evidence, protract the suit, or suborn anyone.¹¹² The judge appointed a day for the plaintiff to begin to put the positions and articles and to bring witnesses, a process for which three separate court days were available. The record speaks of evidence or proof being brought for the first or second or third time, referring to the three days which together constituted a full probatory term. Positions were elaborations of the libel point by point. A defendant might deny some positions and accept others, and so matters in dispute could be narrowed down and more precisely defined. What remained at issue constituted the core of the plaintiff's case and was written out in articles. His witnesses were sworn and then examined individually, normally in private so that they could speak without fear of the defendant. Their testimonies consisted of replies to questions based both on the plaintiff's articles and on interrogatories which the defendant might provide. The interrogatories were designed to establish the extent of the witnesses' knowledge and test their integrity. Testimonies of those unable to attend could be received elsewhere and forwarded (21). A plaintiff who did not need three full days to present his case could 'renounce the other terms' waiving his right to the remaining days, and unless the defendant wished to use them the cause could move to its next stage without delay. A day would then be set for the witnesses' testimonies to be published, i.e. read in court, and for copies to be provided. After publication the defendant could object to the plaintiff's case and his witnesses, for which a full probatory term was allowed. When both parties appeared to have no more evidence or exceptions the judge set a day for them to propound all acts, i.e. make any final submissions. Another day was set for the parties to conclude, i.e. commit all their submissions for judgment, and a day could then be appointed for hearing sentence, in which the judge alluded to facts not in the official court record but found in the libel, positions, articles, and depositions (10). After judgment and the award of costs the unsuccessful party might appeal.

In two matrimonial causes the court used a summary procedure authorized by Pope Clement V in 1306.¹¹³ No libel was necessary and proceedings were initiated by an oral petition. There was no formal contestation and parties were simply sworn to tell the truth without an oath of calumny (21, 197). The court followed current legal practice in allowing speedy settlements and several stages might be telescoped into a single session.

Corrections of Vicars-Choral and Others in the Close

As immediate ordinary of the cathedral the dean was responsible for

¹¹² Gibson, *Codex*, ii. 1010.

¹¹³ Helmholz, *Marriage Litigation*, 120-3.

correcting those inhabiting its precincts.¹¹⁴ There were over 70 inferior members of the cathedral body: in 1390 only about 30 were priests, the rest being young vicars-choral who were still deacons or subdeacons and young clerks.¹¹⁵ There were also many servants: the dean kept at least 8 and each of some 15 residentiary canons probably had 4 or more.¹¹⁶ Some priests not on the cathedral staff and a few laymen also lodged in the precincts. Excluding the senior members of the chapter, there were probably well over 100 inhabitants of the close, who might be expected to provide problems of discipline.

The register contains 44 corrections of 39 persons, mostly vicars-choral, but is an incomplete and uneven record. It mentions no delinquencies after 1411, in which year alone over a third of all reported offences took place. Most cases seem to have resulted from disciplinary drives and several offenders were often dealt with on the same day. Accusations were almost all of sexual incontinence, but the potential range of offences was obviously much wider.¹¹⁷ The chapter act books mention another 19 offences, all but one occurring in the years between 1412 and 1417. It is not clear why they were omitted from the dean's register, especially where Chandler disciplined the culprits.¹¹⁸

St. Osmund's ordinances advocated humiliating light penances for first offenders and tougher ones for the others. Bishop Richard Poore (1217-28) advised that punishment should take account of a man's personal standing.¹¹⁹ Some vicars-choral were sentenced to stand at the end of the row of choristers in the choir (408, 411-12, 421, 545), as recommended by St. Osmund, whilst others had to attend choir without their black caps.¹²⁰ Other men were ordered to carry a candle at the head of the procession through the cathedral, and the dean also evidently hoped for improvement from the saying of psalms and abjurations on pain of heavy fines. He threatened one vicar-choral with deprivation, but on the second offence merely repeated the threat (421, 580). Only rank insubordination could bring about the dismissal of a vicar-choral.¹²¹ Corporal punishment was apparently used in the close only against lay people and a chaplain not belonging to the cathedral (422, 529, 537), and for the dean's own lay servants the official ordered, except once, painless humiliations (529, 538-44), in contrast with the automatic sentences of fustigation found elsewhere throughout the register. Most penances seem to have been exacted: there was no commutation and only two were remitted.¹²²

¹¹⁴ *Salisbury Statutes*, 28, 57.

¹¹⁵ Lambeth Palace Libr.: Reg. Courteney, f. 150 and v.

¹¹⁶ For the number of residentiaries who were not present all the year round see *V.C.H. Wils*, iii. 176. For servants see the evidence of wills and corrections.

¹¹⁷ Edwards, *English Secular Cathedrals*, 271-2.

¹¹⁸ A.C. Viryng, pp. 5, 78, 83, 85, 89-90, 92-3, 110, 112; A.C. Pountney, pp. 2, 38-9, 42.

¹¹⁹ *Salisbury Statutes*, 32, 57.

¹²⁰ 573, 578-9; *Salisbury Statutes*, 46.

¹²¹ A.C. Pountney, pp. 38-9.

¹²² 408-9. One penance was not completed: 576: Doubtful outcome: 422.

Wills

The register contains 41 wills. Nineteen are of residents of the close, including vicars-choral, inferior cathedral clergy, and two surprisingly affluent servants of cathedral dignitaries. Twenty-one were made by residents of the subdeanery whose executors applied for probate during the vacancy in 1407 and who mostly appear to have had modest property: only one was amongst the 55 wealthy citizens and property-owners in Salisbury whose wills were proved or approved between 1405 and 1417 and preserved in the city archives.¹²³ A will from *Berc Regis* was one of two proved by the dean or his official for reasons which are obscure (561, 566).

The so-called 'traditional Catholic form' bequeathing the soul to God, St. Mary, and the saints, though favoured by some clergy, was only infrequently employed by early 15th-century testators at Salisbury. Most were content to commend themselves to God. Two women and two priests acknowledged the redemptive merits of Christ's blood, possibly revealing more religious feeling but expressing it in a formula found in wills of wealthy Salisbury laymen.¹²⁴

Every lay testator left money to the cathedral or a parish church. Nearly three quarters of them gave to both and three fifths also made bequests to secular priests. A few remembered the friars, whose main benefactors were the very wealthy. Bequests may have been prompted by the hope of merit; they may equally reflect affection for the ecclesiastical buildings of the city and friendly relations with the clergy. That only two fifths of testators specified prayers or Masses for their souls probably indicates limited resources rather than spiritual indifference. Nearly three quarters requested prayers or left the residue of their estates to be distributed for the good of their souls. All the clerical testators arranged for similar distributions and almost all provided for prayers for their souls. Over three fifths of the clergy left money to the poor, whereas only a minority of lay people did so. William Bocke, a vicar-choral, provided for each city cripple 1d. a week for 20 years and gave money for shoes for the poor, clothes for 24 poor people, marriage portions for six city girls, food for prisoners, and for repairing the roads (404). Most of the books mentioned in clerical wills were liturgical. A vicar-choral, however, had a collection of English books and bequeathed all but one to a lay relative; only a single title is recorded (530). The small library left by Master Robert Ragenhull reflects interests beyond his study and practice of law.¹²⁵

Executors usually applied promptly for probate: just over half the wills were proved within less than a month and over three quarters within three months. The dean granted probate on application and there is some indication that executors were encouraged to prove wills without delay (508).

¹²³ Wiltshire Record Office: Salisbury Domesday Book, ii, ff. 55-end; iii, ff. 1v.-37v.; the will of John Chandler, senior. The wills of Robert Curtlyngstoke and the vicar-choral, William Bocke, appear both in the dean's register and Domesday Book, ii, ff. 54 and v., 71v.

¹²⁴ 403, 449, 499, 505; Salisbury Domesday Book, ii, ff. 63v., 83, 85v., 89, 89v.; iii, ff. 1v., 4v., 11v.

¹²⁵ 449; Le Neve, *Fasti*, 7; Reg. Waltham, ff. 17v., 222; York: Reg. Bowet, f. 31v.

The Manuscript

The Manuscript contains 22 parchment gatherings measuring on average 30 cm. by 22.5 cm. and was last bound in the 18th century. It has 17th-century pagination: the first fourteen gatherings, some of which are bound out of their original order, have the folios numbered 1–148 with three at the end unnumbered, and the last eight have the folios numbered in a second sequence from 1 to 66. Part of the original parchment cover now measuring 22.5 cm. by 18 cm. comes after f. 148 and bears the title *Registrum Iurisdictionis decanatus venerabilis M. Johannis Chaundeler decani etc. et praecipue . . . M. Thome Rylee clerici commissarii sui*. The register is written in several hands including that of Thomas Rylee, the dean's registrar. The record of the first visitation seems to have been completed by the autumn of 1406, that of the second by late 1409, and that of the third by the early summer of 1413. The inventories are contemporary with the proceedings of the first visitation since ff. 43–76v. are written in the same hand. They contain a few near contemporary additions. A small number of late medieval, 16th- and 17th-century notes occur throughout, and thirteen originally blank pages were subsequently written on. There are extensive annotations and underlinings by Canon Richard Drake (d. 1681). A visitation presentment from Yetminster is attached to one of the fly leaves. The register was probably already a single volume in 1480 when Dean Davyson consulted material in *registro Chaundeler*. About 1630 it was known as *Decani Chaundler Librum*.¹²⁶ According to notes on the fly leaves it was kept in the so-called dean's registry in 1742, whence it was taken to be exhibited in chancery. It was again produced in court in 1788 and in the exchequer in 1782 and 1801. By the 20th century it had with some other records of peculiars been moved to the Diocesan Registry. After the Second World War most of the diocesan records were gathered together in the Wren Hall in the close, and in 1980 the records relating to the jurisdictions of the bishop, the archdeacons, and the various peculiars, including that of the dean, were transferred to the County Record Office at Trowbridge.

Editorial Method

The original Latin text has been abstracted in simple English. Marginal headings in Part One of the register are given in italics and other contemporary marginalia which add understanding to the text have been italicized in round brackets. Names of dioceses, counties and Salisbury, Gloucester, Oxford, Winchester, and York, Dorchester, Shaftesbury and Beaulieu Abbey are spelt throughout in their modern forms, but other place-names and surnames appear as in the MS. except that suspension marks are indicated only when a name is obviously contracted. Obsolete English words are reproduced in inverted commas or brackets. Latin words have been appended in round brackets sparingly. The following are invariable renderings: *blodius*, bright blue;

¹²⁶ D.D.R. f.72; *Salisbury Statutes*, 434.

caretta, cart; *coclearum/cocliarum*, spoon; *crebum*, sieve; *diffamator/diffamatrix vicinorum*, scold; *garcio*, serving boy; *glaucus*, blue-grey; *harpica*, harrow; *implementum*, stock; *nativus*, serf; *olla*, pot; *patella*, pan; *plumbum*, lead (vessel); *prandium*, dinner; *tabula commensalis/mensalis*, trestle table; *tintinabilum/tintinabulum*, hand bell; *turribulum*, thurible. Except where otherwise shown the words bird, sheep and striped normally translate *volucer/volicer*,¹²⁷ *ovis* and *stragulatus*, wall represents either *paries* or *murus*, and altar-cloth, frontal and frontlet, *tualla*, *tualla altarium*, *frontale* and *frontella* with variations.

Dates are given in modern form, beginning the year on 1 Jan. not 25 March. Dates expressed in relation to saints' days are translated into days and months, but Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Whitsun and Michaelmas, given as firm dates, are retained.

Bold-face figures in the Introduction and Text serve as cross-references to the relevant entry.

¹²⁷ In 166, 170, 171, 173, 174, 177, 185 and 186 'bird' translates *avis*; and in 54, 56, 58, 61 and 74 sheep translates *bidens*.

ABBREVIATIONS AND DEFINITIONS

a.	acre
admin.	administration
B.C.L.	Bachelor of Civil Law
B.Cn.L.	Bachelor of Canon Law
cath.	cathedral
ch.(s)	church(es)
chapl.	chaplain
chyard	churchyard
chwdn(s)	churchwarden(s)
d.	pence
D.C.L.	Doctor of Civil Law
excom.	excommunication
excomd.	excommunicated
I.C.L., I.Cn.L.	Inceptor in Civil and Canon Law
inst.	instituted, institution
ind.	induction
lb.(s)	pound(s)
M.	Master (a graduate)
m.	mark (13s. 4d.)
Mich.	Michaelmas Day (29 Sept.)
ord.	orders
P.	prebendary
pat.	patron
preb.(s)	prebend(s)
proc.	procurator
R.	rector
resig.	resignation
s.	shilling(s)
Sir	a knight or non-graduate priest
St.	saint
V.	vicar
v.	<i>versus</i>
Vc.	vicar-choral
vic.	vicarage

THE REGISTER

[The Visitation of 1405]

1 [f.1]¹ 13 JULY 1405 INDICTION 13 IN 1ST YEAR OF INNOCENT VII.² M. JOHN CHAUNDELERE, DEAN OF SALISBURY, BEGAN HIS VISITATION IN COMBE CH. Richard Willesden's certificate, dated Salisbury 12 July and sealed with seal of the official of peculiar jurisdiction of Devyses, Poterne, and Lavyngton,³ containing dean's visitation mandate addressed to Richard Willesden and Thomas Rylee, clerks, dated Salisbury 10 June and sealed with dean's seal, was read. [f.1v.] It testified that in accordance with mandate he had cited beneficed clergy, with or without cure of souls, religious with appropriated portions or pensions, all priests saying mass within prebendal jurisdictions, and 6 or 4 trustworthy parishioners or tenants from each preb. and ch., according to its extent, to come before dean at places and times contained in a schedule annexed to the certificate. Beneficed clergy were to come to answer for their benefices and religious and others for their right and title to appropriations. Each priest must show letters of ord. Prebendaries named in the schedule and their officials and servants were inhibited from doing anything prejudicial to visitation. Laymen were bound to tell truth about state of prebs. and chs. Those cited were named in the schedule.

2 [same day.] *Combe*. After certificate was read, dean caused M. Robert Broune,⁴ P., to be called; did not come; dean excused him; Nicholas Southam, his proctor and farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Richard Davyot, V., promised obedience, showed letters of inst., ind., and ord. but did not submit copies; dean assigned 31 July 1405 in cath. for this; V. submitted them. [f.2] John Dybon, parish clerk, swore obedience to dean. Richard Rede, John Kebull, John Moremete, John Burdon, John Hulkote, John Schetere, parishioners, cited, say that ch. is dedicated to St. Michael 'in Monte Tumba'.⁵ Preb. is endowed with tithes of hay and grain. Glebe has 50 a. of which 3 are meadow. The 4 prebendal tenants pay 20s. a year. Vic. is endowed with tithes of wool, lambs, piglets, geese, eggs, milk, and with altar offerings and all other lesser tithes.⁶ Rectory has a hall and a barn with 7 bays (*seldis*). An ordinal is lacking through fault of parish. William Choppechurche commits adultery with Isabel, servant of John Buram; she was cited before dean's official in cath. on 2 April 1406; did not come;

¹ *ij* at top right-hand corner and *A* at bottom of page. Much writing is faded and part has been inked over by a (?) 17th cent. hand.

² Papal title erased and noted by 17th cent. hand: *This erasure was about the pope*.

³ Peculiar of the bishop of Salisbury.

⁴ Le Neve, *Fasti*, 46; *BRUO*. i. 280-1.

⁵ Commemoration of St. Michael's appearance to St. Aubert, bishop of Avranches.

⁶ V. had to provide 2 candles for high altar every Sun. and festival and 24 candles for *Tenebrae*: A.C. Draper, p. 83.

suspended; both left. John Burdon commits adultery with Katherine, his former servant, and Isabel, Thomas Randolfe's servant. Nicholas Kembere was chwdn for last 2 years with John Coke and never presented accounts; alleged before official in cath. that he has accounted; has 23 Jan. 1406 in cath. to purge with 5 hands; purged. Roofs are defective on western side of rectory barn, on hall, adjoining granary, and great gate through R's fault. Font and chrismatory are not locked through fault of parish; Nicholas atte Mulle and Nicholas Kembere, chwdns, ordered on 18 Dec. 1405 in cath. by dean's official to lock them before 2 Feb. on (*pain*) of 40d. [f.2v.] Bindings of a missal, a gradual, and a lesson book are defective through fault of parish. John Deye's will is not proved and John Morwmete is his executor. Nicholas atte Mulle prevented V. from obeying the ordinary's mandates; denied it in cath. on 18 Dec.; has 23 Jan. to purge there with 6 hands; unable to do so; to be beaten thrice through ch. carrying a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. candle. Chyard enclosure is defective through his fault; denied it on 23 Jan.; has 19 Feb. to purge in cath. with 6 hands; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. V. guilty of fornication with Alice Colman; denied it on 18 Dec. in cath.; purged; dismissed.

3 same day. *Harnham* (Harnaham, Haranham). Immediately after dinner dean visited the ch. or chapel. William Gannok, chapl., swore obedience to dean but did not show his letters of ord.; official assigned 31 July 1405 to show and submit copies; did not come; contumacious; penalty reserved. Oliver Harnham, Roger Clerke, John Amy, John Parkere, Nicholas Barly, parishioners, disclose that St. George's ch. or chapel is annexed to Coumbe ch. and endowed with 15 a. glebe, 3 a. meadow, and greater and lesser tithes. [f.3] The prebendal tenant pays 6s. 8d. a year. Rectory has a hall with a barn at its north end with a stable, hay-house (heyhous), and well-repaired byre at north end of barn. Chancel timber-work is defective through R.'s fault. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of Oliver Servyngton, John Benet, Thomas Herle, John Faukes and Thomas Verne, parishioners; later [*unfinished*]. Harnham ch. is farmed to Nicholas Southam, a layman, to detriment of ch. liberties. William Skot witholds 6s. from Holy Cross fraternity to grave danger of his soul; confessed in cath. on 18 Dec. 1405 that he owed 6d.; denied the rest; has 23 Jan. 1406 to purge there with 6 hands. Joan, Oliver Harnham's wife, died intestate and prebendal official failed to do justice. John Curteys witholds 12d. from Holy Cross ch. [*recte* fraternity]. William Soper and Christine, his wife, withhold 18[d.] from fraternity. John Wynter witholds 4s. left by Ralph Bonyng for a torch. William Pagyn fornicates with Amice Comptoun; she was cited for 18 Dec.; did not come; suspended; submitted on 23 Jan. and confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine; dismissed. [f.3v.] Nave roof is defective through fault of parish; John Amy and Nicholas Berle, chwdns, ordered on 20 Nov 1405 in cath. by official to repair it before 2 Feb. on (*pain*) of 20s. Font and chrismatory locks are defective through fault of parish; chwdns ordered same day to repair them before Christmas on (*pain*) of 40d. John and Nicholas were chwdns 11 years and will not present accounts; ordered on 20 Nov. to

do so before Epiphany on pain of 20s. Nave windows are defective through fault of parish; chwdns ordered on 20 Nov. to repair them before Christmas on (*pain*) of 40d. Richard Sare, 'mulewarde', was excomd. for contumacy by ordinary's official last year and still refuses to seek absolution to grave peril of his soul thereby giving a bad example to others. R. withholds 1 a. of meadow in Blakeforde to detriment of ch. James Hemmyngby, Alice Hemmyngby's executor, withholds 2s. 6d. left in Alice's will to John Sparhauk, once chapl. there; said on 20 Nov. that he paid M. Thomas Southam;¹ has 18 Dec. to bring proof of payment for first time. He withholds Peter's pence since John became chapl. there; paid 1d. to chapl. in cath. before official on 21 Jan. 1406; dismissed. [f.4] William Gannok, chapl., guilty of adultery with Agnes Hykkes; both cited; both denied it on 20 Nov.; both purged. William Brounfeld for fornication with Isabel, the miller's servant; both cited for 20 Nov.; he confessed; to be beaten thrice through market and ch. and to abjure on pain of 40d.; she did not come; suspended; later submitted; he paid a fine. Nicholas atte Mulle is a scold; denied it on 20 Nov.; has 18 Dec. to purge with 6 hands; purged. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; chwdns ordered on 20 Nov. to repair it before 2 Feb. on (*pain*) of 6s. 8d.

4 15 July 1405. Byre (Beere, Biere, Bire, Byeere), Dean visited ch. with its chapels. Nicholas Bubbewyth,² P., called; did not come; dean excused him because in king's service; John Macy, his farmer and proctor, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Belle,³ V., promised obedience to dean, showed all letters, and submitted copies; dismissed. John Jaye, parish chapl., swore obedience to dean, showed his letters of ord. and submitted copies to the register. John Sperhauk, chapl. of Wodebury,⁴ swore obedience *etc.* Thomas Pycharde, parish clerk, swore obedience to dean. [f.4v.] Richard Dene, Thomas Bryce, John Mulwarde, Walter Bayly, John Syngelday, Edmund Schayle, parishioners, cited, disclose that St. John Baptist's ch. is dependent on Chermynstre ch. and endowed with tithes of hay, corn, and mills except from chapels of Blokesworth, Andreston, Thomanston, and Tonerspudell. There are 9 prebendal tenants paying 63s. a year. Glebe has 32 a. arable and pasture, and 3 a. meadow. Yearly prebendal pensions are paid by: V. for Kyngeston chapel, £4; R. of Blokksworth, 13s. 4d.; R. of Thomanston, 12s.; R. of Andreston, 16s.; R. of Tonerspudell, 6s. 8d.; abbot of Bynedon, 21s. 8d. for his grange at Bovyngton; R. of Stoke, 20d.; V. of Deuelyssh, 5s.; also Afftpudell, 20d.⁵ Vic is endowed with 2 a. arable and all lesser tithes with above exceptions.⁶ Richard Lucas commits adultery with Alice, John Boner's servant, and with Edith Taylour; V. of Deuelysch paid a fine for Edith before

¹ Died as P., 1404: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 46; *BRUO*. iii. 1733.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 42; *BRUO*. i. 294-6.

³ Occurs as V. 29 Aug. 1390: A.C. Dunham, p. 158.

⁴ Chapel ruins were still visible on west side of Woodbury hill in the late 18th cent.: J. Hutchins, *History and Antiquities of Dorset* (1861-73). i. p. 135.

⁵ also . . . 20d. added in same hand.

⁶ A dilapidated grange and chapel there in 1390 and £100 was needed to rebuild other destroyed prebendal property: A.C. Dunham, p. 159.

official in Bere ch. on 23 Nov. 1405; official committed Edith's abjuration to him on (*pain*) of 40s. Robert Pychard, deacon, and same Alice for fornication; she confessed on 23 Nov., to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine; dismissed. Roger Bachelor for fornication with Katherine Bagges; confessed on 23 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; she was cited; did not come; suspended; he paid both their fines; Sir John Jay to absolve her. Same man for fornication with Alice Tylle; denied it on 23 Nov.; has 18 Dec. 1405 in cath. to purge with 6 hands; she was cited; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved; he purged with court's indulgence and paid a fine for her contumacy; both dismissed. [f.5] Alice Stokes for fornication with John, middle son of Robert Turbulvyle, knight; she left. Andrew Cerles fornicates with Joan Hynebest; she was cited for 23 Nov.; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved; later submitted; paid a fine; dismissed. William Skydomour fornicates with same woman who contracted marriage first with Andrew Cerle and had intercourse with him, and then with William, each of whom is living; on 23 Nov. William denied fornication; has 18 Dec. as above to purge with 6 hands in cath.; later purged with court's indulgence; denies contract. Robert Golde, 'skynnere', Edward Cerne's bailiff, sold coppice wood from Denes Close in 1404 for £20 and refused tithes to V.; confessed before M. John Shirbourne,¹ dean's official and commissary, on 23 Nov. that Denes Close was in parish and tithable; after discussion reached agreement with V.; willingly condemned and sworn to pay 20s. in part payment of tithes on 2 Feb.; commissary judicially warned him to pay within 8 days [of 2 Feb.] on pain of greater excom.; prohibition of excom.; a consultation sought; case pending.² [f.5v.] William Treschere holds tenements in parish and refuses to contribute to the holy loaf giving a bad example to others. Chancel walls, roof, timber-work, and windows are defective through R's fault. Nave windows and west door are defective through fault of parish; John Neweman, chwdn, ordered on 23 Nov. to mend them before Easter on (*pain*) of 20s. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; John ordered same day to mend it before Easter on (*pain*) of 40d. Thomas Bagge fornicates with Joan, his servant; confessed on 23 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine; dismissed. John Boor³ left ch. a missal which executors refuse to give. Joan Grokles guilty of adultery with John Lucas as she once told many; confessed on 23 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on (*pain*) of 3 beatings through ch. She customarily leaves husband for long periods and is guilty of adultery with strangers. She is a scold causing quarrels amongst her neighbours. Davy Perleisman fornicates with Alice Benet; she was cited; did not come; suspended; later denied it; paid a fine for her contumacy; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. Will of William Geurney of Thomanston is not proved but his wife, Marion, administered his goods; admin. granted on 23 Nov. to Thomas, his son and executor, being first sworn; official reserved power to grant [f.6] admin. to Marion;

¹ BRUO. iii. 1690.

² case pending written later in same hand.

³ Died as P. in 1402: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 42.

Thomas accounted with office; dismissed. Robert Hube withheld tithes on 'hethes' from V.; confessed that he owed V. 6s. 8d. for tithes and also tithes of 'hethes' for last year, if owed to V., for which V. received 2 cartloads of 'hethes' from Robert.¹ On 20 Nov. 1405 wills of following proved: John Golde, admin. granted to Alice, his wife; Alice, Robert Glover's wife, admin. granted to Robert, her husband; Eleanor, John Russell's wife, admin. granted to John Russell; Nicholas Tonere, admin. granted to Joan, his wife, and Walter, his son. Executors were first sworn; accounted; dismissed.

5 Kyngeston. John Alayne, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Barbour or Gardyner, clerk, promised obedience. Andrew Toure, William Synyere, John Skylour, Thomas Dekene, parishioners, say that St. Nicholas's chapel is dependent on Bire ch. V. of Bire ought to provide a chapl.² [f.6v.] Chancel celure is defective through fault of R. or V. Font lock is defective through fault of parish; parishioners ordered on 23 Nov. 1405 at Bire [to repair] it before Easter on pain of 40d. Thomas Dekene, William Synyere, parishioners, withhold the holy loaf which inhabitants customarily bring to ch.; warned on 23 Nov. to provide it on pain of the law. Sir John Alayne keeps horses, sheep, pigs, etc., in chyard; confessed on 23 Nov.; pardoned in hope of reform. Sir John Boor promised a chalice to Kyngeston ch. which executors have not given. Sir John Goyler for fornication with Alice Benet; denied it on 23 Nov.; purged with court's indulgence. Same man for adultery with Alice Sheches; denied it on 23 Nov.; purged with court's indulgence. John Jay, chapl., for adultery with Alice Osberne; denied it; purged with court's indulgence.

6 Blokksworth. M. John Tydelyng,³ R., came before dean in Fordyngton ch.; dean excused him all but he did not show tithes. Andrew Colde, chapl., promised obedience; showed letters of ord., did not submit copies; has 31 July in cath. to submit them; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. Nicholas Elys, clerk, did not come; cited [*recte* contumacious], penalty reserved. John Wassebrew, William Catere, parishioners, say that advowson of St. Andrew's free chapel belongs to Cerne abbey. Chapel has 32 a. and tithes from Blokksworth. It pays pensions of 6s. 8d. to V. [f.7] and 13s. 4d. to R. of Bire for burials there. John Bakere, rectory farmer, brewed ale in rectory for sale. He prevented chapls. from outside conducting baptisms in chapl.'s absence.

7 Thomanston. John Goylere, R., promised obedience *etc.* John Colyforde, John Harryes, parishioners, say that advowson of St. Andrew's free chapel belongs to Marion Thorney. R. should receive all tithes from Thomanston lordship and its tenants. Glebe has 6 a. R. shall say Mass there 3 times a week. John Sampson withholds 4d. yearly rent and 3lbs. of wax from R. for last 22 years for a cow worth 13s. 4d.; denied it in Bere ch. on 23 Nov. 1405; has 18 Dec. 1405 in cath. to purge with 4 hands; purged.⁴ He disturbed divine service

¹ Note written in later hand.

² There should have been a grange built there in 1390: A.C. Dunham, p. 159.

³ BRUO. iii. 1875.

⁴ Note written in later hand.

especially at Easter; denied it on 23 Nov.; has 18 Dec. as above to purge with 4 hands; **purged**. John Chaumburlayne refuses to provide the holy loaf; denied it on 23 Nov.; has 18 Dec. in cath. to purge with 4 hands; later sworn to provide it like other parishioners.

8 [f.7v.] *Andreston*. John Parterich, R., promised obedience *etc.* John Russell, John Loupe, parishioners, cited, say that advowson of St. Michael's free chapel belongs to lord of Bere. Chapel has 4 a. land and $\frac{1}{2}$ a. meadow. R. shall have all tithes from lordship and from its tenants. Chapel pays an annual pension of 16s. to R. of Beire. Maud Pycharde, executrix of Jordan, former R., withholds 8s. left to chapel fabric; cited to Byre ch. for 23 Nov. 1405; did not come; suspended; later submitted; paid a fine for contumacy. Every brother of St. Michael's fraternity in chapel who dies within 5 miles of Andreston customarily gives a breakfast for brothers if he has the means or pays 12d.: Maud Pycharde, executrix of Jordan, the R., who was a brother, refused to give the breakfast or 12d. Jordan withheld a fraternity 'botell' worth 6d. and 2 bushels of barley worth 12d.

9 *Tonerspudell*. M. Henry Chichele,¹ R. John Lude chapl., promised obedience and showed a legal process about chapelry's status and submitted copies for the register. Simon Lude, John Lovell, parishioners,² say that advowson of Holy Trinity free chapel belongs to Nicholas Tonere. Chapel has 30 a. land and 1 a. meadow. [R.] shall receive all tithes from lordship and its tenants. Chapel pays an annual pension of 6s. 8d. to R. of Beire. [f.8] John Lude, chapl., commits adultery with Alice Osmude; V. of Deuelych paid a fine for her. John, former parish clerk, commits adultery with same woman; he left. Thomas Lovell and John [*sic*], parishioners, ordered to appoint a parish clerk on (*pain*) of 10s. before Mich.

10 *Bire. Action about a lamp*. Proceedings in dean's consistory between John Belle, V., John Neweman, William Trechere (Trehere), chwdns, plaintiffs, and John Frye of Werdesforde, defendant.³ At dean's visitation it was disclosed that John de Werdesforde ought to provide a lamp burning daily in ch. from dawn to curfew and refuses to do so; denied it on 23 Nov. 1405 at Bire ch.; has 15 Jan. 1406 in cath. to purge with 6 hands; he then brought 5 compurgators, William Bourdon, Thomas Croyle, John Large, William Broune, Alan Chitterne; plaintiffs appeared by Richard Willesden, their proctor, who petitioned [f.8v.] to be admitted to promote the office of the dean; having been admitted, objected that Croyle is under sentence of greater excom. imposed by archdeacon of Dorset, that Large, Broune, and Chitterne are Frye's household servants, people whom he could control, that Burdon is instigator and supporter of the matter, allied to Frye and his heir, and petitioned that they be not admitted as compurgators; Frye petitioned to have objection in due form; official, by mutual consent, assigned 22 Jan. 1406 in

¹ BRUO. i. 410-12.

² were sworn interlined in a later hand.

³ Note written in a later hand.

cath. for giving and receiving objection; plaintiffs appeared by Willesden and Frye appeared by Nicholas Lorde, his proctor, and Willesden offered libels, which being admitted, by mutual consent, 29 Jan. 1406 in cath. fixed to make reply; parties appeared by their proctors and plaintiffs contested suit affirmatively and defendant contested it negatively; they took oath of calumny; 19 Feb. 1406 in cath. similarly fixed to put the positions and articles and to bring evidence for the first time; parties appeared by their proctors and plaintiffs produced 6 witnesses, Thomas Lovell, William Hake, Richard Busket, Thomas Dekene, John Norton, John Sampson, who were admitted, sworn, and examined by commissary; 26 March 1406 in cath. similarly fixed to put positions and articles and bring evidence for second time; parties appeared by their proctors, no articles were offered or witnesses produced and plaintiffs renounced all other terms for bringing evidence; 30 April 1406, in cath. similarly fixed to publish; [f.9.] parties appeared by their proctors and defendant's proctor propounded contrary evidence; 28 May 1406 in cath. similarly fixed to propound it in due form; plaintiffs appeared by their proctor but defendant did not come; pronounced contumacious, in punishment for his contumacy testimonies were published and copies ordered for parties; at plaintiffs' request official ordered defendant or his proctor to be cited for 7 June 1406 in cath. to give evidence with witnesses and, if expedient, in his own words; plaintiffs appeared by their proctor but defendant's proctor, having been cited, did not come and in punishment for his contumacy forfeited the day; 25 June 1406 in cath. fixed to propound all acts and official ordered defendant to be called then; parties appeared by their proctors and nothing having been put, the day was forfeited; 28 June 1406 in cath. fixed to conclude and official assigned defendant's proctor same day to conclude and to be concluded if it seemed expedient to him; plaintiffs appeared by their proctor but defendant did not come and in punishment for his contumacy commissary concluded with plaintiffs and ordered John Milbourne to cite defendant or his proctor for 1 July 1406 in cath. to hear definitive sentence; plaintiffs appeared by their proctor but defendant, having been cited, did not come and official pronounced him contumacious and in punishment for his contumacy gave definitive sentence. [f.9v.] He found that John Nel, chapl., had ordained that a lamp burning daily in Beere (Biere) ch. from dawn to curfew should be provided from his lands in Beere, acquired from ancestors of John Frye, and that his successors and assignees who obtained lands ought to provide lamp. Nel maintained it before his death as did those obtaining his lands afterwards and it had burned there time out of mind. John Frye, now occupying the lands, had withheld lamp though required to provide it by V. and chwdns. Official ordered Frye to restore lamp and be canonically punished for withholding it. He condemned Frye to pay plaintiffs' costs reserving their assessment to himself. Present: John Gradele, Nicholas Godewynne, chapl., Peter Uphavene, notary public, and others.¹

¹ Frye began an action against official and plaintiffs in King's Bench late in Trinity Term 1406. They failed to appear but began a counter action against him in next term: P.R.O., Coram Rege rolls, KB 27/581 m.68v, 82; KB 27/582, m.16, rex m.19v.

11 [f.11]' 16 July 1405. *Aulton Australis*. Dean visited prebs. of Aulton at Aulton St. Pancras. M. John Maydenhith,² P. John Stoke, junior, William Repe, tenants, cited, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with 90 a. land, 10 a. meadow, about 9 a. wood, 11 customary tenants holding between them 160 a. land and 4 a. 'bordlond', and 15 cottagers paying 13s. a year. Preb. has 7 serfs. There is a hall, kitchen, stable, byre,³ barn, sheepfold, and dovecote on the manor. P. should give his successor 8 oxen worth 16s. each; a plough with harness for 8 oxen; a trestle table; a pair of trestles; a bushel measure, and a strickle (striche).⁴

12 *Aulton Borealis*. William Denys,⁵ P.; Robert Yonge, his proctor and farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Thomas Herne, Henry Grey, John Smyth, John Hogeskyn, Henry Hopere, tenants, cited, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with 90 a. land, 10 a. meadow, 15 a. wood, 13 customary tenants holding between them 180 a., and 13 cottagers paying 13s. a year. Preb. has 4 serfs. There is a hall, barn, byre, hay barn, stable, kitchen, and sheepfold on the manor. P. should give his successor £6 12s. for stock. Preb. has a mill paying 5m. a year, 5 a. of 'bordlond' paying 5s. a year, another 4 a. of 'bordlond' paying 5s. a year. Two cottages are completely destroyed.⁶

13 [f.11v.] 17 July 1405. *Fordyngton*. Dean visited Fordyngton preb., Chermynstre ch., Grymston preb., Stratton preb. with chapels in Fordyngton ch. M. Walter Medeforde,⁷ P., called; did not come; dean excused him; V., farming revenues, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John atte Welle (Well, Welles), V., swore obedience to dean; has 31 July 1405 in cath. to show all letters and submit copies; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. William Cokk, parish clerk, promised obedience. William Powke, Henry Toukere, William Cabowe, Henry Chyke, Henry Hwlet, John Bysschop, William Wotton, Thomas Notte, parishioners, disclose that St. George's ch. is endowed with greater tithes of hay and sheaves. Glebe has 100 a. arable and 3 a. and 3 roods⁸ of adjoining meadow. Eleven cottagers pay 25s. 7d. a year. P. enjoys entire lordship, holding courts at will. There is a hall with 2 rooms at each end, 2 barns, a stable, and dilapidated building⁹ by hall. P. shall keep by reason of his tenure 4 avers in stubble field and meadows . . . [blank] only in Fordyngton common field with other tenants. He gives no stock to his successor. Chancel celure is defective through P.'s fault. Timber-work of

¹ f. 10 has a valuation of English and Welsh bishoprics for papal taxation in late 15th cent. hand.

A valuation of bishopric of Salisbury follows in same hand. f. 10v. blank.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 21; *BRUO*. ii. 1246-7. Residentiary of Salisbury.

³ byre repeated later in list.

⁴ Note: no mention of 10s. pension now received from Northbury mill so it does not seem to be owed. Recently introduced: see when added in a late 15th cent. hand.

⁵ Le Neve *fasti*. 23. Very limited residence at Salisbury.

⁶ another . . . destroyed added by a different hand. B appears at bottom right hand of folio.

⁷ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 52; *BRUO*. ii. 1252-3. Very limited residence at Salisbury.

⁸ $\frac{1}{2}$ a. and j ly yerde interlineated in later 15th cent. hand.

⁹ It is not there interlineated in later 15th cent. hand.

rood loft (*camere ante crucem altam*) is defective through fault of parish; chwdns ordered by official on 24 Nov 1405 to repair it before Easter on (*pain*) of 6s. 8d. [f.12] At last visitation of M. Thomas Mountagu,¹ former dean, V. and parishioners agreed that V. should not fell chyard trees without parishioners' licence yet notwithstanding he felled one. Ch. storehouse had a garden, but V., unreasonably and against wishes of parish, enclosed it in chyard and caused dead to be buried there. John Knolle commits adultery with Denise, Henry Styry's wife; both cited; denied it on 24 Nov. in Fordyngton ch.; both purged and abjured on (*pain*) of 20s. Thomas Cornysch left his wife Edith; not cited because he left. Edith guilty of adultery with William Weymakere; she was cited; purged on 24 Nov. Lucy Cornes and Alice Maynarde defamed Richard Maynarde of soliciting Lucy for intercourse. William Maskell makes trouble between Henry Styry and Denise, his wife; purged on 24 Nov. Will of Emma, Ralph Baderok's wife, proved; admin. granted to Ralph, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. Will of Alice, Richard Colynge's wife, proved; admin. granted to Richard as above. [f.12v.] William Maskell commits adultery with Agnes Heliere of Dorchester; cited; denied it on 24 Nov; purged. Henry Webbe impeded P.'s jurisdiction, disparaged his office, and hindered several men from compounding for acquittances; denied it on 24 Nov.; purged; sworn not to impede dean's or P.'s jurisdiction on (*pain*) of 40s. Richard Maynarde commits adultery with Lucy Cornys; cited; denied it; purged; appointed Richard Willesden his proctor.² Joan Drynkewatere made Thomas Drynkewatere her executor and left her son, Robert Drynkewatere, a best coverlet, a pair of best sheets, a pan, and 6 gallon-vessels, and Thomas refused to give legacy; party cited; no prosecution. Henry Webbe had 16 ewes grazing in parish all this year whose 16 lambs were reared there until tithing day when he removed them and refused to tithe to V.; confessed on 24 Nov. that 15 lambs were born and reared there; willingly condemned to pay V. a lamb and 6d. for half a lamb; paid 6d. at once. Will of John Carpenter proved; admin. granted to John Nagarde, R. of All Saints, Dorcestre and Emma, testator's wife, being first sworn; later accounted; have 31 July 1405 to send copy of will to Salisbury. [f.13] On 17 July 1405 will of Magota Smyth proved; admin. granted to Henry Smyth, executor, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. Richard Smyth made Henry and John, his sons, his executors. Defamation action between Denise Stury, plaintiff, and Agnes Knoll, defendant; parties appeared personally; plaintiff accused Agnes of defaming her among good and serious people of adultery with John, Agnes's husband, so that her reputation was greatly harmed; defendant confessed; to be beaten thrice in front of procession through ch.

14 *Chermynstre*. Nicholas Bubbewyth, P., called; dean excused him; in king's service; John Maty, his farmer and proctor, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Smyth, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Waldyche, parish clerk, promised obedience. William Tannere, John Roke, John Macy, Henry

¹ BRUO. ii. 1296-7.

² Perhaps he intended legal action against his accusers.

Steor, parishioners, cited, say that ch. is dedicated to Assumption. Preb. is endowed with tithes from Chermynstre, Stratton, and Grymston. P. is chief lord (*dominus capitulis*) of Chermynstre. All living there, now 33 customary bond-tenants, hold of P. There are 12 serfs. The canon should give £23 to his successor for stock. He has jurisdiction within preb. except for probate of tenants on Stratton and Grymston prebs. Polyngton and Stratton chaps. belong to preb¹ [f.13v.] Chrismatory is worn out; parishioners to replace it before Mich. on pain of 40d. Two processional candlesticks are worn out through R.'s fault; farmer to replace them before Mich. on (*pain*) of 40d. William atte Nassche of Dorchester holds 2 a. for which he owes 2lbs. of wax a year to St. Katherine's light which he withheld for last 7 years.

15 Polyngton. William Doke, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* William Merchaut, Thomas Hervy, parishioners, cited, say that All Saints' chapel is dependent on Chermynstre ch. and R. should receive all tithes. Chapel has a font. Chapl. shall say Mass there 3 times a week. Burials are at Chermynstre.

16 Frome Whytefeld.² M. John Tydelyng, [R.]. John Gradele, his proctor, came; dean excused him. John Jordan, parish chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Robert Umfray, clerk, promised obedience. William Sexpen, Thomas Hoghurde, Thomas Dykere, Philip [*sic*], parishioners, cited, say that St. Nicholas's ch. is a free chapel whose advowson belongs to William Arundell and his heirs. It is endowed with all tithes from town. It has parishioners, a font, a graveyard like a parish ch. It pays no pension and is not a portion. [f.14] Nicholas Sexpenne possessor of Fromewytefeld chantry, cited; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; later swore obedience to dean before official in Fordyngton ch., showed title and submitted copies. John Warham of Frome beat his wife so that she gave birth to a still-born child and died immediately after, intestate; denied it before commissary; purged. When aforesaid Joan [*sic*] died, John Jordan, chapl., and husband forged a will; both denied it on 24 Nov. 1405 at Fordyngton ch. both purged.

17 Grymston. M. Thomas Wroston,³ P., called; did not come; dean excused him. William Coppes, Richard Coffe, John Crowmay, William Fadere, tenants, cited, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with 100 a. land and meadow and 16 customary bond-tenants. There are 2 serfs. Tenants pay £9 a year. Unknown what P. should give for stock.

18 [f.14v.] **Stratton.** M. Thomas Bekyngham,⁴ P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Edward Foule paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Philip

¹ 6 a. arable in 'licfurlong' from manor of Froma also belong to preb. added in 15th cent. hand.

² Parish depopulated by 1483. Church was decayed before 1552 and parish annexed to Dorchester in 1609-10: D.D.R. f.110; Hutchins, *History of Dorset*. ii, pp. 416-7.

³ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 57. Formerly resident at Salisbury.

⁴ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 89; BRUO. i. 156.

Sprake, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Stykelane, Edward Foule, Thomas Bayly, Philip Taylour, tenants, cited, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with 2 carucates and 30 customary bond-tenants paying £9 a year. There are 2 serfs. Two free tenants pay suit of court twice a year. See whole extent in second visitation.¹

19 *Stratton chapel.* Chancel is totally defective. Edward Foule, excomd. long ago by dean's official at request of John, chapl. of M. John Tydelyng, is not yet absolved.

20 [f.15] 18 July 1405. *Preston.* Dean visited ch. M. Richard Deram,² P., called; John Gryffyn, his proctor, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Robert Chaundose, V., promised obedience, did not show his title; official assigned 25 Sept. 1405 in cath. to show title and letters of ord. and submit copies; did so; dismissed. John Felde, John Rose, Henry Gardenerc, John Toukere, Adam Mille, parishioners, cited, say that preb. is endowed with tithes of sheaves in Preston and Sutton except for sheaves from Heybotys which belong to V. It has 60 a. arable, 16 a. meadow, and 17 customary bond-tenants paying 4 m. a year. Ten chapels pay prebendal pensions: Chekerell, 8s. a year; Stokwode, 4s. a year, a hand-barrow (*civera manuale*) and 10 ?stakes (sowles) for sheepfold (*ovili*); Wynterbourne Monacorum and Wynterbourne Farendon, 5 lambs and 2s. 3d. each; Staforde, 15d.; Wyttekombe, 2s. 8½d. and 6 lambs; Lytulmayne, 12d. and 2 lambs; Brodemayne, 4s.; Chalutton Boys, 15d. and 2 lambs; Osmanton, 4s. and 10 lambs. P. gives no stock to his successor. There is a hall with a room, a byre, and barn. V. should receive all lesser tithes. Ch. is dedicated to St. Andrew.³ A chancel window is defective through R.'s fault. Chyard enclosure is defective through R.'s fault; farmer to repair it before 2 Feb. on (*pain*) of 40d. [f.15v.] Thomas Russell and Roger Fox, Emma Gylberde's executors, appointed Richard Willesden their proctor. In Sutton chapel St. Giles's altar and St. Mary Magdalene's altar were dedicated without dean's licence. V. failed for last 8 years to provide a suitable chapl. to say Mass there 3 times a week to great detriment of people of Sutton. V. does not instruct parishioners nor preach as he ought; purged in Fordyngton ch. on 24 Nov. 1405. Walter Ky of Sutton died without sacraments through V.'s fault; V. purged on 24 Nov. Parish clerk is married, disobeys V., and keeps vestments disgracefully; sworn on 24 Nov. to keep them properly. [f.16] John Benfeld commits adultery with Joan Janynes; confessed on 24 Nov. that he had intercourse with her and she was his wife; commonly said that Joan had married a Spaniard so he has 18 Dec. 1405 in cath. to show a certificate of divorce between Joan and Spaniard; alleged that Spaniard left 17 years ago without trace and requested letter from dean's office to enquire publicly in those parts

¹ See . . . *visitation* written later. See 199. There was an inadequate house for a chaplain in 1390: A.C. Dunham, p. 161.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*, 77; BRUC. 184-5.

³ Ch. . . *Andrew* added later by contemporary hand.

if any objected to his marriage with Joan and to cite them to show reason. At parishioners' confessions V. imposes penance of offering 1d. at ch. dedication festival when they only used to offer $\frac{1}{4}$ d. and so compels them to offer $\frac{1}{4}$ d. by [threat of] withdrawing sacraments; denied it on 24 Nov.; purged. John Benefelde withholds 17 [hundred] weight (*duodenas*) of lead from ch. goods; confessed on 24 Nov. that he then owed 11; willingly condemned, sworn, and warned to pay chwdns before Mich. on pain of greater excom.; has next consistory after Mich. in cath. to show why he ought not to incur sentence of excom. [f.16v.] Edward Watcombe and William Warman, former chwdns, keep 6s. 6d. from balance of their last account; both say that money was delivered to chwdns; warned to settle before Easter on (*pain*) of 10s. John Taylour owes ch. 15[d.]; cited; did not come; excomd. John Benefeld cited because owes ch. 6d.; alleged on 24 Nov. that he paid it but cannot recall to whom; has 18 Dec. to prove payment for first time; later paid chwdns 4d.; dismissed. Adam Wattys cited because owes ch. 2s.; did not come; excomd.; later John Gryfyn paid a fine for his contumacy. Parishioners do not offer on ch. dedication festival like neighbouring parishioners; to offer as on other [offering] days.

21 20 July 1405. *Lyme*. Dean visited ch. with Halnestoke chapel. M. John Cole,¹ P., called; did not come; Ralph Stykelane paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. William Baron, V., promised obedience, showed letters of inst. and ind.; did not submit copies; has 31 July 1405 in cath. to do so. John Dorsete, Ralph Stykelane, John Cronere, Roger Crogge, parishioners, cited, say that ch. is dedicated to St. Michael. Preb. is endowed with 27 a. arable, 3 a. meadow, tithes [f.17] of sheaves from Lyme, all tithe of fresh fish, and two thirds of tithe of salted fish with V. receiving one third. Eleven prebendal tenants pay R. 20s. a year and a heriot at death. Rectory has a barn but no other building. V. should receive all other tithes. When R. leaves he should give ch. a set of vestments. Choir stalls are defective through R.'s fault; Ralph Stykelane, R.'s farmer, to repair them before 24 June on (*pain*) of 20s. Women improperly approach altar for want of prohibition by V.; V. tells commissary on 26 Nov. 1405 in Netherbury ch. that fault is amended. P. farms jurisdiction to Ralph Stykelane. Thomas Maskelsey, a married man, improperly holds prebendal chapters; dean suspended him from office. Vic. 'reftorys' and roof are defective through V.'s fault; ordered on 26 Nov. to repair them before 24 June on (*pain*) of 20s. V. lives on lay fee outside vic. V. acquired a tenement there whilst V. with which, it is said, he enfeoffed his daughter Joan. [f.17v.] John Bakere for fornication with Alice Benet; cited; confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 40d.; later paid a fine for penance; dismissed. Thomas Rycheman went sea fishing last season and refused tithe. John Bowchere withheld a yearly ch. rent of 3s. 4d. for last 4 years from lands in Lyme formerly belonging to Robert Artour. Matrimonial action between Agnes Crogge and Isabel Scotere, plaintiffs, and

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 65.

Thomas Rycheman, defendant; parties sworn to tell truth before official in Lyme ch. on 20 July 1405; Isabel alleges that a marriage contract with Thomas was made on 1 Jan. 1404 at Combe Pyne in Thomas Phelpes' house, Rycheman saying 'If you are bought out of Ralph Stykelane's service by your friends I wish to have you as my wife', and Isabel replying 'I agree' before witnesses, sexual intercourse following; she petitions that Thomas be declared her rightful husband; Thomas denies all; Agnes alleges that a marriage contract with Thomas was made, followed by sexual intercourse before witnesses, saying 'I take you as my husband' and 'I take you as my [wife]'; she petitions that Thomas be declared her rightful husband; Thomas confessed all; Isabel brought one witness, Thomas Phelpe, and Agnes brought John atte See, Roger Devdenys, William Skynnere, John Rycheman, who were admitted, sworn, and examined; Isabel vouched that she has 2 witnesses in Oxford [*recte* Exeter] diocese, at Combe Pyne, Roger Scotere and John Phelpes, and petitioned for [f.18] their examination; official empowered V. of Cherdestoke by mutual consent, to examine and, if necessary, compel them to appear for reception, admission, and examination of their testimonies; by mutual consent 31 July 1405 in cath. fixed for forwarding testimonies; official warned parties to be present at all stages; Agnes appointed Richard Willesden, Thomas appointed Nicholas Lorde, and Isabel appointed John Pedewelle¹ their proctors; parties appeared on 31 July and 25 Sept. 1405 by their proctors but no testimonies forwarded; by mutual consent 23 Oct. in cath. fixed for forwarding testimonies on pain of forfeiting them; parties appeared by their proctors but no testimonies forwarded; 20 Nov. 1405 in cath. similarly fixed for this; parties appeared by their proctors, testimonies were forwarded, and, by mutual consent published, and copies ordered for parties; 18 Dec. 1405 in cath. fixed for bringing evidence with witnesses; parties appeared by their proctors; by mutual consent 23 Jan. 1406 in cath. fixed for same purpose; parties appeared by their proctors; nothing was said; 19 Feb. 1406 in cath. similarly fixed to propound all acts; parties appeared by their proctors, nothing was propounded so action was concluded; 26 March 1406 in cath. similarly fixed to hear definitive sentence . . . [*unfinished*].

22 [f.19]² 21 [July] 1405. *Cherdestoke*. Dean visited ch. M. John Cheyne,³ P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Thomas, R. of Wambroke, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. M. Roger Berewyk,⁴ V., promised obedience and showed nothing; has 26 Nov. 1405 to show title and submit copies; showed title and letters of ord. at Netherbury ch. and submitted copies; Richard Dunkastell, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Knyfe, [parish] clerk, promised obedience. Robert Dyvclyne, William atte Wyche, William Proute, Nicholas Splente, parishioners, cited, say that St. Andrew's ch. is endowed with tithes of corn and hay, except for Wambrok chapel which is dependent

¹ BRUO. iii. 1450.

² f.18v. blank.

³ Le Neve *Fasti*. 39; BRUC. 134-5. Residuary of Salisbury and Exeter.

⁴ V. there and B.Cn.L. in 1391: CPL. 1362-1404. 406.

and whose greater and lesser tithes belong to R. of Wambrok who pays a pension of 20s. a year. Preb. has 20 a. arable and pasture, and 2 a. meadow. There is a hall with 2 rooms under its roof, a barn, byre, and dovecote. P. gives no stock to his successor. P. ought, by ancient custom, to subsidize parish clerk's yearly salary by 6s. 8d. and refused to do so for a year. [f.19v.] Rectory walls, chancel windows, and choir stalls are defective through R.'s fault. P. allowed prebendal chapters to be held during past year until now by his official, M. Henry Durke, a twice-married man, to detriment of ch. liberties. John Vyncent for fornication with Juliana Skynnere; both cited for 26 Nov. 1405; neither came; both suspended. Same man for fornication and incest with Benedicta Elyat, related to him in second degree of consanguinity; both cited for 26 Nov.; neither came; both suspended. Walter Peytesyne customarily goes to fairs and markets on Suns. and festivals absenting himself from ch. to grave peril of his soul; confessed on 26 Nov.; to be beaten twice through ch.; later penance remitted in hope of reform. William Budde does same; confessed on 26 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch. Edward Bouchere, William Webbe, Walter Martyn do same; each confessed on 26 Nov.; each to be beaten thrice through ch.; penance remitted as above. Nave roof is defective through fault of parish; John Rost and Richard Hubarde ordered on 26 Nov. to mend it before Easter on (*pain*) of 6s. 8d. Walter Pole does not attend parish ch. but hears Mass elsewhere; confessed on 26 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; penance remitted, as above. [f.20] William Wagge has 18 Dec. in cath. to purge himself of defaming V. of making accusations against parishioners at visitation by which V.'s reputation is enormously harmed and diminished; submitted on 26 Nov.; dismissed in hope of reform. A ch. rental is lacking through fault of Thomas Gylle or John Hubarde; both purged on 26 Nov. that it was not removed by them. Andrew Rydon and his ancestors used to pay chwdns 1½d. each Christmas for house called Le Logge and 2 lbs. of wax for holding at Tyderle called Parrok which he withheld for last 10 years; peace made. All William Bowdich's ancestors used to pay chwdns 1½d. at Christmas for ½ a. north of Le Stapwey and he refused to pay for last 20 years; denied it on 26 Nov.; has 18 Dec. as above in cath. to show why he should not pay; peace made. Richard Tyderle ought to pay chwdns 3lbs. of wax each Christmas and withheld it for last 10 years; alleged on 26 Nov. that he had paid in parishioners' presence; no prosecution; dismissed. Edward Boucher, William [*recte* Walter] Martyn, William Budde, purged themselves on 26 Nov. of defaming V. of accusing certain of bishop of Salisbury's tenants at visitation of going to markets [f.20v.] and fairs on Suns. and festivals and not attending ch.; dismissed at V.'s request because peace is made. Action for contributing towards nave between John Rose and Richard Hubarde, plaintiffs, and Richard Tyderle, defendant; parties appeared personally; pending in hope of agreement.

23 *Wambrok* Thomas, the R., promised obedience and showed letters of ord. and inst. and submitted copies; has 26 Nov. 1405 to show letter of ind. and submit copies; did so. William Derelyng, John Londesham, parishioners, cited, disclose that chapel is undedicated. High altar is consecrated in honour

of the Glorious Virgin. Chapel is dependent on Cherdestoke ch. Sir William Percy, knight, is patron: he presents to P. who institutes and inducts. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Burials are at prebendal ch. Rectory is endowed with greater and lesser tithes, 20 a. arable, and $\frac{1}{2}$ a. meadow for which it pays P. a yearly pension of 20s. No stock is given. Tower walls are defective through fault of parish; Robert Schortberde and John Simond ordered at Netherbury ch. on 26 Nov. 1405 to repair them before 24 June on (*pain*) of 40s. Graveyard enclosure is defective; Robert and John, wardens, ordered same day to repair it before 2 Feb. on (*pain*) of 40d.

24 [f.21] 22 July 1405. *Netherbury*. In Netherbury ch. dean visited Netherbury ch., Bemynstre chapel, prebs. of Netherbury, Bemynstre Secunda, and Slape. M. John Profete,¹ P., called; did not come; dean excused him because in king's service; John Jordan paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Thomas Haryngdon, V., promised obedience and showed all letters but did not submit copies; has 26 Nov. 1405 to do so. Thomas Arnald, chapl. of Maggerton chapel,² and William Fraunceys, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Edmund Skete, deacon, John Baron and Walter Bagge, parish clerks, promised obedience. John Jordan, Thomas Toukere, William Coumbe, Adam Bere, Hugh atte Wyche, Walter Davy, parishioners, cited, say that preb. of Netherbury Ecclesia is endowed . . . [*unfinished*]. [f.21v.] Richard Toukere, executor of William Spryng, refuses to pay 25s. 4d. that William owed Richard atte Forde. Same man for adultery with Richard Witherhere's wife; confessed on 26 Nov. at Netherbury ch.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine and abjured on (*pain*)³ of 20s.

25 [Beaminster Prima chapel]. William Vele, chapl., William Muryfelde, chapl., William Spencer, chapl., and John Hulle, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Gay, parish clerk, promised obedience. Parishioners say that chapel is dedicated to Nativity of St. Mary and belongs to Netherbury ch. whose V. shall have all tithes except tithes of sheaves which belongs to P. of Netherbury Ecclesia. Whole chancel is ruinous and rectory is completely destroyed⁴ except for barn through R.'s fault. R. of Bemynstre and Netherbury⁵ ought to provide a suitable chapl. to say Mass 3 times a week at Northmaperton chapel and for rest of week at Bemynstre.⁶ William Corbynne fornicates with Agnes Corbynne; John Jordan paid a fine for [their] contumacy; both dismissed. Margaret, John Dygonne's tenant, guilty of immorality with John Harcombe, chapl. of Crowherne; both left. [f.22] Sir John Chylde fornicates with Margaret Chylde; both left but V. of Netherbury paid a fine for her; she

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 74; *BRUO*. iii. 1521-3.

² There were but 4 households in 1483 and services were only held on festivals: D.D.R. f.117.

³ Faded and possibly written later.

⁴ Nothing seems to have been done to rectory. In 1463 all buildings except barn and dovecote were said to have been destroyed for 60 years: A.C. Newton, p. 167.

⁵ i.e. P. of Netherbury Ecclesia.

⁶ *Memorandum: P. of Bemynstre ought to provide a chapl. for this chap. and in Northmaperton* in late 15th cent. marginal note.

is dismissed. Philip, the chapl., guilty of fornication with her; both left. Sir John Prankardehole commits adultery with Alice Wylhouse; V. of Netherbury paid both their fines at Netherbury on 26 Nov. 1405. Sir William Muryfolde commits adultery with Felicity, Thomas Wetherhoke's wife; both purged with court's indulgence on 26 Nov. John Tannere commits adultery with Joan Sawyere; John Jordan paid both their fines on 26 Nov. Agnes Frankes is a scold; denied it on 26 Nov.; purged. Alice Haysyde, Hugh Huryes's wife [*sic*], for adultery with John Bonwyle and William Wylkyns; men left; she denied it on 26 Nov.; paid a fine; dismissed. Graveyard enclosure is defective so that pigs grub up dead bodies through fault of parish. Robert Colyngdon ill-treats his wife, stripping and beating her with rods and binding her with iron chains; she affirmed this on 26 Nov., he denied it; he swore on gospels to treat her well on (*pain*) of paying 20s. to dean and 20s. to ch. fabric if and when convicted.

26 *Bemynstre Secunda*. Thomas Haxey, P., did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; John Jordan, farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. William Combe, John Gray, William Erewyn, John Ropere, Adam Bere, tenants and parishioners, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with 180 autumn works from tenants worth 2m., 60 bond-tenants and cottagers, 2 carucates containing about 100 a., 12 a. meadow, 2 enclosures containing 16 a., a wood of about 40 a. in parcels, and a big pasture of about 100 a. called Longdoune held in common with P. of Bemynstre Prima. [P.] gives no stock to his successor. [f.22v.] John Borowe for adultery with Agnes Ganeleres, his servant; confessed at Netherbury ch. on 26 Nov. 1405; to be beaten thrice through market and ch. and to abjure on pain of 40s.; later paid a fine for penance; dismissed. Nicholas Chyney for fornication and contract with Joan Trylles; parties sworn to tell truth on 26 Nov.; she alleges that a marriage contract was made with him on 29 March 1403 in his house in Bemynstre he saying 'I wish to have you as my wife' and she replying 'I wish to have you as my husband', sexual intercourse following before witnesses; she petitions that he be declared her rightful husband; he denies all except intercourse; parties have 18 Dec. 1405 in cath. for her to bring proof for first time; he appointed Richard Willesden his proctor.

27 *Maperton*. John Wyther, 'R.', cited; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved. John Bexyngton, parish chapl., promised obedience and showed letters of subdeacon's and deacon's ord., submitted copies but did not show priest's ord.; has 25 Sept. 1405 in cath.; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. William Mulewarde, Roger Coke, John Gerarde, Robert Gerarde, parishioners, disclose that chapel is dependent on Netherbury ch. Its patron is William Shipton. He presents to dean who admits, institutes, and inducts. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Burial is at Netherbury. Chapel is undedicated. High

¹ Subdean of Salisbury: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 6.

altar is consecrated in honour of All Saints. Rectory is endowed with greater and lesser tithes, 20 a. arable and pasture, 1 a. meadow, and 1 a. wood. No stock is given. Rectory has a hall with rooms at each end, a barn, byre, and kitchen and their timberwork, roofs, and walls are defective through R.'s fault. R. cited at his benefice to come to Netherbury on 26 Nov. 1405.; did not come; revenues sequestrated and committed to John, the chapl. Missal's binding and contents are defective through fault of parish; Sir John Bexyngton to amend it before Easter on (*pain*) of 40d. A portas is lacking through fault of parish.

28 [f.23]¹ *Netherbury in Terra*. Thomas Wysbeche,² P., called; did not come; dean excused him because in bishop of Salisbury's service; John Jordan, prebendal farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Pury, Robert Bagge, John Lambroke, John Godesworth, parishioners and tenants, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with 2 carucates, 10 a. meadow, 32 tenants paying 13m. 2s. 4d. a year, 3 a. wood, and a water-mill paying 40s. a year. P. should give his successor 8 oxen, a wagon not bound with iron, 25 ewes and 25 other sheep, a ram and a boar (*beryg*), a mare, a harrow, a plough with harness for 8 oxen, a winnowing fan (*ventulamēn*), 2 sieves, a table with 2 trestles. There is a hall with rooms at each end, a barn, byre with adjoining stable, and dovecote. Dovecote roof and stable roof are defective through P.'s fault. Agnes Pokeswell and James Amerell, parishioners, refuse to contribute to ch. fabric. Agnes Pokeswell refuses to provide the holy loaf for her houses at Brymmesham and Okebere. Thomas Woche, John Prowte, Thomas Bemynstre, and John Dyere refuse to provide the holy loaf; Prowte and Dyere said on 26 Nov. 1405 at Netherbury ch. that they would provide it like other parishioners; dismissed in hope of reform.

29 *Sclope*. M. Henry Harbourgh,³ P., called; did not come; dean excused him because in king's service; John Jordan, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Jordan, John atte Wey, Hugh atte Wyche, Henry Smyth, tenants and parishioners, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with 2 carucates, 6 a. meadow, 8 a. wood, 32 tenants paying 13m. 2s. 4d., and a water-mill paying 40s. P. should give his successor 8 oxen, a wagon not bound with iron (*plaustrum nudum*) [f.23v. *other stock and buildings identical with 28*]. Robert Kolte fornicates with Christine . . . [blank]; both cited; neither came; both suspended; later V. of Netherbury paid both their fines.

30 *Bemynstre Prima*. Reginald Braybrok,⁴ P., called; did not come; dean excused him; William Coumbe, his farmer paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Adam Bere, Thomas Toukere, Thomas Bakere, William Davy, tenants, say that [*services, tenants, and land identical with 26 except that pasture called Langedon*]. P. gives his successor no stock.

¹ C. appears at bottom right-hand side of folio in (?) 17th cent. hand.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 75. Residentiary of Salisbury.

³ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 86. Residentiary of Salisbury.

⁴ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 30; BRUO. i. 253-4.

31 23 July 1405. *Yatmynstre*. Dean visited prebs. of Yatmynstre Ecclesia, Yatmynstre Inferior, Yatmynstre Superior with their chapels in Yatmynstre ch. M. Thomas Wroston, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Walter Ray, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. John Whyte, V., promised obedience *etc.* Thomas Stafforde, chapl., promised obedience, showed nothing; has 25 Sept. in cath. to show letters of ord.; left. Walter Smyth, Walter Ray, Richard Dyere, John Odam, Nicholas Derying, Richard Smyth, parishioners, say that ch. is dedicated to St. Andrew. Rectory is endowed with tithes of hay and corn, except greater tithes from Carswell lordship. Vic. is endowed with all other lesser tithes, and greater tithes from Carswell. Glebe has [f.24] 50 a. arable and 10 a. meadow. Ten rectory tenants pay 12s. a year besides services contained in the customary. Yearly pensions to R.: Ryme lordship pays 2 a. corn and 2 a. oats; Frankham lordship pays $\frac{1}{2}$ a. corn or oats, whichever is sown; R. of Clyfton pays 2s. Rectory has a hall with rooms at north end, a barn, byre, stable, kitchen, dovecote, and granary. Stock to be given: a cart, 3 avers with harness, 6 oxen, a wagon with harness, a trestle table with a pair of trestles, 2 harrows, a table-cloth (*mappam*), a towel (*manutergium*), basin, ewer (*lavacro*), pot, and pan. Rectory roofs are defective, a 'carthouse' and also chancel stalls are lacking through R.'s fault. On 23 July 1405 William Uphulle's will proved; admin. granted to Agnes, his wife, and Thomas atte Naysshe, executors, being first sworn, John Iryssh refusing; later accounted; dismissed. John Uphulle's will proved same day; admin. granted to Alice, his wife and executrix, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of Richard Hosey; ordered by official on 27 Nov. 1405 in Yatmynstre ch. to repair it before 2 Feb. on pain of 40d. Pyx and font need locks through fault of parish; chwdns ordered on 27 Nov. to provide them before 2 Feb. on pain of 40d. Lye and Chetknolle chapels are in parish and P. should receive their greater tithes and V. their lesser tithes and P. should provide a chapl. to say Mass at Lye on Wed., Fri., and Sun. and on festivals, and V. should similarly provide a chapl. at Chetknolle and one chapl. is lacking through V.'s fault; V. alleged on 27 Nov. that chapl. was provided. [f.24v.] V. customarily says Mass twice a day; confessed on 27 Nov.; paid a fine; dismissed. Time out of mind Vs. received 20s. a year from Whytyoke lordship for tithe of agistment but P. withheld 1m. for last 4 years. Vic. has a hall with adjacent rooms, a kitchen, and well-repaired stable. V. should give his successor a lead as stock. Robert Fowke was married to Elizabeth Taylour without banns outside parish without V.'s consent by William Dook, chapl.; Robert and Elizabeth confessed on 27 Nov.; both to be beaten through market and ch.; later Robert compounded for both their penances; both dismissed. Richard Dedeman, Richard Smale, and Walter Bower attended wedding; all confessed on 27 Nov.; each to be beaten thrice through ch.; each paid a fine; dismissed. Thomas Bramscombe fornicates with Isabel Crokkers; he confessed on 27 Nov.; paid a fine for both their penances. Thomas Pravy absents himself from ch. and customarily works on festivals; confessed on 27 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine; dismissed. Rectory gate is wholly defective through R.'s fault. John Cole and Beatrice, his wife, falsely

defamed Thomas Kemberere of stealing 2 sheets and a shirt from John Cole incurring sentence of greater excom.; Thomas purged with court's indulgence. Sir Thomas Stafford commits adultery with Cecily Harpour. John Lewston withholds 5s. from goods of Michael Payne; confessed on 27 Nov.; to pay executors before Easter on pain of excom. [f.25] Walter Hopere is a Lollard and says that offerings should not be made to statues; purged on 27 Nov. John Busshe owes V. a cow as mortuary payment on William Busshe's death; V. came on 27 Nov. to sue for it; John cited; did not come; contumacious; suspended; later V. paid a fine for John's contumacy; dismissed. Nave roof is defective; Walter Smyth, chwdn, to repair it before Easter on pain of 10s.

32 *Clyfton*. Stephen, the R., promised obedience *etc.* John Kyngeslonde, parish clerk, promised obedience. Robert Benet, John Bayly, Hugh Shawe, Henry Dawbron, parishioners, disclose that chapel is undedicated. High altar is consecrated in honour of All Saints, second altar in honour of St. Mary, third in honour of St. Nicholas. Chapel is dependent on Yatmynstre ch. where parishioners are buried but they receive all other sacraments in chapel. Patron is Philip Mabank who presents to P. of Yatmynstre who institutes, admits, and inducts. Rectory has a hall with rooms at each end, a barn, and byre. No stock is given. Rectory is endowed with greater and lesser tithes. Glebe has 30 a. arable and 2½ a. meadow. R. pays P. a yearly pension of 2s. Nave roof is defective and font unlocked through fault of parish. Parish clerk is married. [f.25v.] John Derby fornicates with Joan, William Hewysssh's daughter; confessed at Yatmynstre on 27 Nov. 1405; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later he paid a fine for both their penances; both dismissed.

33 *Ryme*. John Elys, R., and John Mathew, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Wastell, Thomas Cade, John Person, John Kemberere, parishioners, disclose that free chapel is founded in honour of St. Hypolitus. Parishioners shall receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Burial is at Yatmynstre. R. should provide a chapl. to say Mass there 3 times a week. Glebe has 16 a. arable and 2 a. meadow. Rectory has a hall with a room, and a barn. No stock is given. Everything else is well. Agnes Taylour made William and John Taylour her executors and the will is not proved; Richard Smale paid a fine for acquittance before official on 24 Sept. 1406; executors dismissed.

34 *Yatmynstre Superior*. M. Ralph Lovell,¹ P., did not come; dean excused him; farmer paid a proc. of 7s 6d. to dean. Nicholas Bowne, William More, Thomas Teteboll, tenants, disclose that there is a hall with adjacent rooms, a barn with a granary under one roof, and a byre with a stable. Preb. is endowed in lay fee with 2 carucates of which 24 a. are meadow, the rest arable and pasture. Preb. has 40 tenants paying 9m. a year besides works contained in customary and court profits. P. should give his successor a

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 100; *BRUO*. ii. 1166.

plough, 9 oxen with harness, an iron-bound cart, 2 avers with harness, 2 harrows, a table and a pair of trestles, a spade (*vangam*), shovel (*triblum*), 'dungpyk', bushel measure, and barley basket (berwyly).

35 [f.26] *Yatmynstre Inferior*. M. Richard Pittes,¹ P., did not come; dean excused him; Richard Smale paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Laurence Vele, Robert Ray, Walter Smyth, tenants, disclose that there is a hall with adjacent rooms, a barn, byre, kitchen, and stable with granary. Preb. is endowed in lay fee with 2 carucates of which 24 a. are meadow, and Heygrove wood. P. has 30 tenants paying 100s. a year besides works contained in customary. P. should give his successor a plough with complete harness, 9 oxen, an iron-bound cart, 2 avers with harness, 2 harrows, a spade, shovel, 'dungpyke', bushel measure, 2 brass pots, a pan, basin, ewer (*lavacro*), table-cloth (*mappam*), towel (*tuallo*), 2 trestle tables with trestles, and a fixed table (*tabulam dormientum*). Prebendal enclosure and byre roof are defective through P.'s fault.

36 *Stokwode*. John Temelyne, R., did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious; suspended from saying Mass; submitted in cath. on 19 Feb. 1406; to be beaten; paid a fine for contumacy, showed all letters and submitted copies. Thomas Barre, John Chesewey, John Lovelache, parishioners, disclose that St. Edwold's parish ch. has a graveyard and font. Parishioners shall have all sacraments and sacramentals there. Ch. pays Preston ch. a yearly pension of 4s., a hand-barrow (*civeram manualem*) and 3 stakes for the sheepfold (*palludibus pro ovili*). R. should receive all tithes from lordship and its tenants. Glebe has 30 a. arable, 1 a. meadow, and 1 a. wood. William Payne and Gybon Nebourgh are patrons presenting alternately to dean. Chancel roof, celure, walls, and windows are defective through R.'s fault; R. ordered on 19 Feb. to repair them before 24 June on pain of 100s. Nave roof and walls are defective through fault of parish. [f.26v.] Roof, walls, and timber-work of all rectory buildings are defective through R.'s fault; R. ordered on 19 Feb. to repair them before 24 June on pain of 100s. John Thomelyn, R. of Wynterborn Monachorum, is R. by resig. of Sir Thomas Wyldemerssh whom he pays 6m. a year for life.² R. leaves benefice unreserved sometimes for 13 weeks, sometimes for a year. Agnes Lovelas died without sacraments through R.'s fault; R. denied it on 19 Feb.; to purge on . . . [blank]. Dean sequestered revenues³ and R. broke sequestration; paid a fine for his contumacy and violation of sequestration on 19 Feb. and obtained letter of absolution. William Haywarde withholds 7 sheep and 6 bushels of oats from ch. and fails to provide a candle in ch. yearly; cited; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved because he is blind.

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 102. Earlier resident at Salisbury.

² William Payne presented Richard Bavet or Baret to dean before 8 Aug. 1406 but parishioners stated that Thomelyn was still R. holding incompatible benefice of Winterborne Waste. Stockwood was worth 7m. a year net. On 22 Aug. 1406 dean issued commission to deprive Thomelyn and on 16 Sept. ordered Baret's induction: Hutchins, *History of Dorset*. iv, pp. 443-4.

³ See 397.

37 24 July 1405 *Shirbourne*. Dean visited ch. with chapels. Robert, the abbot, P., did not come; dean excused him; later paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean in his room at Shirbourne. M. John Caumpedon,¹ V., and John Brunyng, R. of Grene chapel, promised obedience *etc.* Thomas Smyth, chapl., promised obedience and showed nothing. Sir William Hogyn, Thomas Cary, chapl., and Thomas Eustas, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Nicholas and Thomas Clerk, holy water clerks, promised obedience. [f.27] John Wygrym, Walter Kervere, Robert Gore, Thomas Hillary, John Dare John Wynterbourne, parishioners, say that All Saints' ch. . . [unfinished]. [f.28]² Alice Paynter for adultery with Sir John Welcome; denied it before official in Shirbourne ch. on 28 Nov. 1405; purged. Alice Cory for adultery with John Basset, monk; denied it on 28 Nov.; purged. Henry, chapl. of Wymbourne, for fornication with Agnes Panter; she confessed on 28 Nov.; paid a fine; dismissed. Thomas Sextayne for adultery with Alice Pakkes; both denied it; purged. William Brewyere for adultery with Margota Brewyeres; confessed on 28 Nov.; paid a fine; dismissed. Elias Taylour for adultery with Alice, Raymond Tannere's wife; denied it on 28 Nov.; purged. Sacrist fails to provide a lamp in Shirbourne ch. Thomas Benet commits adultery with Alice Raymaunes; denied it on 28 Nov.; purged and abjured on pain of 20s. Roger Leche for adultery with Clarice, Davy Shiphurde's wife; cited; denied it on 28 Nov. since last correction; purged. Thomas Frensche for adultery with same Clarice; denied it on 28 Nov.; purged and abjured on pain of 6s. 8d. Walter Gardinere for adultery with Ibota Childes; denied it on 28 Nov.; purged. Walter Barbour for adultery with Joan Laventes; she left; he denied it; purged. Robert Jolyff long remained excomd. at request of John Noble of Salisbury.³ A chyard 'style' is lacking through fault of parish. Elias Taylour commits adultery with Agnes Repes; both confessed on 28 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch.

38 [f.28v.] *Compton Hawy*. John Passeware, R., and William Lane, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Colyns, John Ware, John Cole, John Hogges, Walter Hogges, John Clerk, Laurence Morys, Adam Hogges, John Yorke, parishioners, say that free chapel is founded in honour of St. Michael. Parishioners shall have all sacraments there. Burial is at Shirbourne. Abbot of Shirbourne and Lady Katherine Waterton are patrons: she presents twice consecutively and he presents the third time. Mass should be said there by R. or another 3 times a week. Glebe has 52 a. land, 2 a. and 3 virgates meadow. R. shall have all tithes except on abbot's land called Loreland and on abbot's meadow there. R. shall keep 4 oxen and an aver yearly in parish on common and separate pasture and on Stradelyng lordship from 3 May to 1 Aug., except in Orcharde and Le More. Then he shall have commons for all his animals in the lord's meadow called Six Acres after mowing, in lord's

¹ BRUO. i. 344.

² f.27v. blank.

³ Request for his arrest by secular powers made 26 Jan. 1406: P.R.O., Significavits of excommunication, C 85/148/15.

woodland, and wherever lord has commons in parish until 2 Feb. He shall keep the 4 oxen and aver on abbot's common pasture and in Clyf and Rowclyf from 3 May to 1 Aug. and then have commons for all his animals in abbot's meadow called Six Acres, in Clyf and Rowclyf, and elsewhere in parish where abbot has commons, until 2 Feb. Rectory has a hall with a room, a barn, a byre, 2 cottages paying 4s. a year, and a dovecote. R. pays a pension of 3s. a year to abbot who ought to provide bread and wine for Mass in chapel. Chrismatory and pyx are not locked through fault of parish; wardens ordered on 28 Nov. 1405 at Shirbourne ch. to lock them before Easter on pain of 40d. R. disparages his parishioners from pulpit saying 'You are excomd. rustics'; denied it on 28 Nov.; purged.

39 [f.29v.]¹ Nethercompton. Ralph Shiphurde, R., offered obedience *etc.* Robert Tannere, John Lange, Walter Spletarde, parishioners, say that St. Nicholas' chapel has cure of souls and is dependent on Shirbourne ch. Parishioners should receive all sacraments there except burial. Abbot of Shirbourne is patron. R. should receive tithes of grain and lambs from abbot's tenants who have cottages there or are 'ferthyngmen', wool tithes from all tenants in town, abbot's wool excepted, and all other lesser tithes. Glebe has 30 a. arable and $\frac{1}{2}$ a. meadow. Rectory has a hall with 2 rooms at each end, and a barn.

40 *St. Thomas in Le Grene.* Mass should be said in free chapel of St. Thomas by R. or another 3 times a week. Glebe has 8 tenements in Shirbourne: 6 in Le Grene between former tenement of Roger Gyldon to north extending south to former tenement of Stephen Derby, knight, where R. has a stable, kitchen, and garden paying 23s. a year; others stand by themselves north of chapel. R. has 52 a. in Shirbourne fields.

41 *Pymforde.* John Brunyng, R., and William Tarent, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Peter Pynforde, Walter Bysshop, parishioners, say that chapel of St. Thomas the Martyr has cure of souls. Peter Pynforde and his heirs are patrons. Glebe has 25 a. land and 1 a. meadow. R. should receive all tithes from Peter Pynforde's demesne lands, half tithe of hay and sheaves from lands and meadows of Walter Bysshop, William Wyot, Maud Carpenter, and from former tenement of . . . [blank] West, and from Everarde's tenement. R. should receive all tithe . . . [unfinished]. Peter Pynforde fornicates with Edith, his servant. A chalice, missal, ordinal, and portas are lacking. Nave windows are defective, and there is no font through fault of parish; wardens to repair and amend before 24 June on (*pain*) of 100s.

42 [f.30] *Wobourne.* Benedict Liger, V., promised obedience *etc.* Bartholomew Helyere, Robert Taylour, parishioners, say that chapel is dependent on Shirbourne ch. It is not dedicated but founded in honour of St. Cuthbert. Abbot of Shirbourne is patron and appoints and inducts. St. Mary Mag-

¹ f.29 blank.

dalene's chapel by castle is annexed to Wobourne. V. has greater and lesser tithes, except for tithes of wool and lambs from all parishioners holding 10 a. called 'ferthynglond' and those holding 20 a. called 'halveyerd londmen'. He has all other lesser tithes, including wool and lambs, from other parishioners. Vic. at Wobourne is endowed with 10 a. land and 1 virgate meadow. It pays no pension. Vic. has a hall with adjacent room, a barn, and bakehouse. No stock is given.

43 *Merssh.* Maurice Tyler, R., promised obedience; has 28 Nov. to show title and letters of ord. and submit copies. Walter Brit, Geoffrey Asshcombe, parishioners, disclose that chapel is dependent on Shirbourne ch. Patron is Sir Ives Fitzwaryn, [sic] [knight], who presents to P. who institutes and inducts. Chapel is founded in honour of St. Peter and St. Paul but not dedicated. Rectory is endowed with greater and lesser tithes. It pays P. a pension of 12d. for 'hokesland'. Glebe has 30 a. of which 1 a. is meadow. Rectory has a hall with adjacent rooms, and a barn. No stock is given. R. commits immorality with servant-woman of John Austyn of Shirbourne, and was caught alone with her and with Margaret, from Yevele; confessed about Margaret but denied about other woman since correction. Rectory roof and enclosure are defective through R.'s fault; R. to mend them before Easter on pain of 40d. [f.30v.] R. blesses font without holy oil and says that he can make holy oil¹; he takes the superaltar and put his ale jars on it: denied charges on 28 Nov. 1405 in Shirbourne ch.; purged by court's indulgence with his own hand. R. serves other chs. leaving his ch. unserved; denied it on 28 Nov.; purged with court's indulgence. Pyx and a manual are lacking through fault of parish; wardens to provide them before Christmas on pain of 40d.

44 *Folke.* John Stokes, R., did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. John Wycham, chapl; promised obedience and showed nothing, has 31 July in cath. to show letters of ord.; left. Thomas Dounton, William Cowlarde, parishioners, disclose that undedicated chapel is in Shirbourne jurisdiction and dependent on mother ch. of Shirbourne. High altar is consecrated in honour of St. Laurence. Chapel is endowed with greater and lesser tithes in Folke lordship. R. should receive as tithe third sheaf and third haycock on William Cowlard's holding, third sheaf at Ineme and all other lesser tithes from parishioners. Glebe has 20 a. of which 3 a. are meadow. Rectory has a hall with adjacent rooms, 2 barns, a byre, a dovecote, and a kitchen next to hall. R. gives 2 cows or 16s. to his successor. John, the chapl., is beneficed in diocese of Bath [and Wells] and serves chapel to detriment of his parish; left. He serves Haydon chapel to detriment of Folke chapel; left. Will of Thomas, V. of Haydon, is not proved and Sir John Wycham is his executor; admin. granted to him before dean on 24 July 1405, being first sworn; later paid a fine for acquittance; dismissed.

¹ Holy oil could only be made by a bishop: Lyndwood, p. 39 note x.

45 [f.31] *Bourton and Holneste*. Thomas Hamme, V., promised obedience and showed nothing; has 25 Sept. 1405 in cath. to show all letters and submit copies; did not come; suspended. John Maundevice, John Showre, (*Bourton*), William Wyntershey, Edward Nayssh, (*Holneste*), parishioners, say that Bourton chapel has cure of souls and is dependent on mother ch. of Shirbourne. Holnest chapel is annexed. V. of Borton ought to provide 2 candles burning all day before Holneste chapel altar. Chapels are not dedicated. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals in them. Burial is at Shirbourne. Burton chapel is founded in honour of St. James and Holnest in honour of Assumption. Vic. is endowed with lesser tithes, tithes of lambs excepted.¹ Glebe has 18 a.² at Burton and 2 a. meadow at Holnest. Burton vic. has a hall with adjacent rooms, a barn, and bakehouse with adjacent stable. No stock is given. V., when required to administer sacraments to William, William Tresshere's son, of Holnest, who was dying, refused and went away 3 days so William died without them; V. denied it on 28 Nov. 1405 at Shirbourne ch; purged. V. disgracefully keeps a woman in his house; denied it on 28 Nov.; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. V. customarily says Mass twice a day at Burton and Holnest; confessed on 28 Nov.; to be beaten; paid a fine; dismissed. V. failed to provide a chapl. to say Mass 3 times a week at Holnest for last 5 years. V. will not restore altar-cloth left to Burton ch. by Alice Childe; denied charges on 28 Nov.; purged; dismissed.

46 [f.31v.] *Haydon*. Thomas, the V., did not come because dead. John Coke, John Taylour, parishioners, say that chapel is founded in honour of St. Katherine. Parishioners shall receive all sacraments there. Burial is at Shirbourne. Sir John Waddam, knight, is patron and presents to dean. Vic. has 40 a. land, 2 a. meadow and wood in a close. V. should receive all tithes from inhabitants of Blakmanesforde who belong to lord of Haydon. He gives as stock a lead, a seat (sate), a chest, a whitch (whyche), and an axe (*securum*). Vic. has a hall and room under one roof, a barn, kitchen, and stable with byre under one roof. Jurisdiction belongs to P. of Axeforde. Apparitor of Shirbourne cites parishioners outside his jurisdiction to detriment of P. of Axeford and practises many extortions. Chancel is defective through fault of abbot of Shirbourne because he farms his portion of Haydon, Southenay, and Prinnesley.

47 *Lyllyngton*. Walter Bole, R., and Thomas Stratton, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Thomas Neweman, John Ladewynne, parishioners, say that chapel is founded in honour of St. Martin. Walter Lyllyngton and his heirs are patrons. It is a portionary chapel of abbot of Shirbourne and dependent on Shirbourne ch. Parishioners shall receive all sacraments there. Burial is at

¹ Composition between abbot of Sherborne and Stephen Turges (V. in 1412) gave V. a salary of 4m. and certain tithes from Holnest; abbot provided 2 altar candles in Burton chapel. C.M. Sherborne Box 1/5 (17th cent. transcript).

² and a close: *Ibid.*

Shirbourne. R. should receive grain tithes from Walter Lyllington's¹ lands, except on 7 a., 5 in 'North Felde' by Geddewyll and 2 in Lynethewey Field, where abbot shall have tithes. R. shall have half hay tithes from meadows of Walter Lyllington and his tenants and all tithes from lands, tenements, and tenants of Charteres Place. He shall have tithes from Walter Lyllington's tenants' lands and meadows except 7 a., 4 in his close and 3 in 'South Felde', and except 1 a. in Hoke Field below road, where tithes belong to abbot. Glebe has 30 a. land, 2 a. meadow, [f.32] and 2 closes containing 3 a. R. should receive all lesser tithes from Lyllington besides tithes of lambs, grain, and hay from Robert Dounton's tenement and tenants. Rectory has a hall and barn. On St. Wulfstan's Day [R.] should pay a pension of 12d. to abbot who should provide bread and wine for Mass during year. No stock is given.

48 *Bere*. Stephen Froggemere (Froggmere), R., promised obedience *etc.* Sylvester Everarde, Robert Ballere, Thomas Smyth, parishioners, say that chapel is founded in honour of St. Michael. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Burial is at Shirbourne. Chapel is dependent on Shirbourne ch. Sylvester Everarde and his heirs are patrons and present to abbot of Shirbourne. Rectory has 34 a. arable and 6½ a. meadow. R. should receive all tithes except tithes of sheaves and hay which belong to abbot. Rectory has a hall and stable. No stock is given. Abbot shall maintain chancel. Mass should be said there by R. or another 3 times a week. R. fornicates with Alice Moppull; denies it on 28 Nov. 1405 at Shirbourne ch.; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. R. serves Thornesforde and customarily says Mass twice a day to detriment of own ch.; confessed on 28 Nov.; to be beaten; paid a fine; dismissed. R. publicized confession of John Smyth saying that he had stolen 7s. from Alice Mode so that he was indicted and he left. Messelina, John Benet's wife died without sacraments through R.'s fault. R. will not administer sacraments to sick unless given 1d.; denied charges on 28 Nov.; has 18 Dec. 1405 in cath. to purge with 6 hands; purged by his hand with court's indulgence; dismissed.

49 [f.32v.] *Thorneforde*. Nicholas Capronn, R., promised obedience *etc.* Stephen Froggemere, chapl., promised obedience. John Pakok, Robert West, William Pepeleere, parishioners, say that St. Mary Magdalene's chapel is undedicated and dependent on Shirbourne ch. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Burial is at Shirbourne. Chapel has greater and lesser tithes from all tenants called 'ferthyngmen' and lesser tithes from all other parishioners. Glebe has 29 a. arable and 2 a. meadow. Chapel pays no pension. Patron is abbot of Shirbourne who appoints and inducts. Rectory has a hall, barn, byre, and kitchen. R. should give his successor a trestle table with 2 trestles. Chancel windows are defective through R.'s fault. R. of Compton Hawy withheld tithes of coppice wood from Lecok

¹ *M. Thomas Taylemey* interlined in (?) 17th cent. hand.

wood. [Stephen] Froggemere stole a yearly rent of 4s. 4d. [owed] by wardens of St. George's fraternity, Thorneford, to R. for praying each Mon. for its brothers and sisters; denied it on 28 Nov. 1405 at Shirbourne; purged. He is usually disgracefully drunk. He sometimes takes services too quickly and sometimes too slowly; denied it on 28 Nov.; purged with court's indulgence. John Persones consented to theft of 4s. 4d. by Stephen; confessed; to be beaten etc.

50 [f.33] 27 July 1405. *Mere*. Dean visited preb. Dean is P. Nicholas Modeforde, V., promised obedience. John Shase, parish chapl., promised obedience etc. Henry Rochell, cantarist,¹ promised obedience, showed letters of ord. and submitted copies. Richard Cheddese, cantarist, promised obedience etc. John Jordan, cantarist, did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. John Stokke, annual chapl., and John Symmes and John Clerk, parish clerks, promised obedience. John Perys, John Wolmangere, William Hykkes, John Clyne, Peter Petrych, Roger Smyth, Simon Wolverton, Richard atte Ville, parishioners, say that ch. is dedicated to St. Michael. Parishioners shall receive sacraments, sacramentals, and burial there. Glebe has a carucate of land, 5 a. meadow, 1 a. wood. R. shall keep 20 oxen and a bull winter and summer with . . . [unfinished]. R. should receive all tithes of grain and hay and a yearly pension of 40s. from abbot of Noteley for Kyngeston ch. for tithes on abbot's lands there. Rectory has 26 tenants: 4 hold land by their tenements; 16 hold cottages; 6 hold of lord in chief paying suit of court like the rest. Tenants pay rent of £4 7s. 1½d. a year. A chancel light is lacking through R.'s fault. William Notebeme withholds 5m. owed to ch. for a lamp. Of old R. ought to provide a daily breakfast for bailiff, reeve, and bailiff's household and Sun. breakfast for tenants in parish 1 Aug. to Mich. and he withholds it. Rectory farmers destroyed its trees and hedges. [f.33v.] John Busterne gave a set of white vestments to chantry for Mass at high altar on all feasts of St. Mary.

51 28 May [recte July] 1405. *Wermynstre*. Dean visited preb. M. Robert Ragenhull,² P., did not come; dean excused him; later paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Walter Stanforde, John Hopere, Simon Johanes, John Coupere, tenants, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee . . . [unfinished].

52 [f.43]³ 9 Sept. 1405. *Wynterburn Dauteseye*. Dean visited chapel. John Chitterne, R. John Enefelde, chapl., has 25 Sept. 1405 in cath. to show letters of ord. and submit copies; did not come; suspended from saying Mass. John

¹ Chantry for one priest was founded in 1324–5 with Roger and Margaret Butesthorpe as future patrons. It was augmented with 2 additional priests in 1399 by Sir John Berkeley, son-in-law of John Betteshorpe. The latter's memorial brass names him as founder. *CPR 1321–4*. 403; *Reg. Martival* (Cant. and York Soc.), pp. 479–85; *CPR 1399–1401*. 126.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 94; *BRUC*. 470. Residentiary of Salisbury.

³ f.34, 34v blank. Register's original order restored. A distinctive, angular hand first appears on f.43. On top rt.-hand corner is A in (?) 17th cent. hand. At top l.-hand side another hand has written *fruit* followed by *f*.

Waleys, parish clerk, promised obedience. John Somerake, Adam Hurneman, Adam Hayward, John Gerne, parishioners, cited, say that St. Edward's chapel is dependent on Chuyte preb. It has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Rectory has a hall with a room, a kitchen, a barn, and a stable. Rectory has a 30 a. land and 1 a. meadow. R. shall have all town's tithes. Chapel pays no pension, is not a portion, and has no stock. Chancel roof and windows are defective through R.'s fault. Nave roof is defective through fault of parish. Pyx and chrismatory are not locked. Chyard enclosure is defective. Chopl. is customarily drunk and disparages several men. [f.43v.] John Enefelde, chopl., abjured Agnes Thecher on gospels before archdeacon of Sarum's official but keeps her continuously in rectory. He commits adultery with Agnes. Sir John Dautesey, [knight], recently built a house taking in along it a foot of the graveyard. William Wyly made a hedge round his house taking in along it 4 feet of the graveyard. Rectory enclosure is defective. Parish clerk is married.

53 10 Sept. 1405. *Chuyte*. Dean visited preb. John Chitterne¹, P. and R². John Prat, V., promised obedience; has 25 Sept. 1405 in cath. to show title and letters of ord. and submit copies; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. Robert Balle, St. Mary's cantarist, has 25 Sept. as above to show title, letters of ord., and chantry foundation and submit copies; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved; showed all letters and submitted copies in Hungerford ch. on 3 Jan. 1406. [f.44] Hugh Clerk paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Hugh Clerk, Laurence Tak, weaver, Clement Ode, John Touker, William Hunnydewe, parishioners, cited, say that St. Nicholas's ch. has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. R. should receive all tithes of sheaves and coppice wood. V. should receive other tithes. Ch. pays no pension and is not a portion. R. gives no stock. Rectory has 1 a. meadow, 3 tenants holding in all 25 a. who pay 16s. a year and mow rectory meadow. It has 2 barns. Chantry is founded in honour of Assumption³. Its patron is Sir John Wrothe, knight, who presents to P. who institutes and inducts. It is endowed with 1½ carucates, 3 a. meadow, 3 a. wood, and 2 tenants paying 5s. a year. It has a house. If patron does not present within 15 days, P. should appoint and if chantry is vacant for 30⁴ days dean of Salisbury⁵ should appoint a suitable chopl. to say Mass daily according to its ordination⁶. Chancel roof, walls, and windows are defective through R.'s fault. Nave roof, walls, and windows are defective through fault of parish. [f.44v.] Chrismatory is not locked. Hugh Jolyff, rectory farmer, farms P.'s jurisdiction.

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 44. Residentiary of Salisbury and St. Paul's.

² Followed by erasure.

³ Licence granted 1320: *CPR 1317-21*, 450.

⁴ 30 struck through by later 15th cent. hand: 15 interlined.

⁵ dean of Salisbury struck through in same hand as above and bishop of Salisbury should appoint before the other 15 days otherwise dean and chapter should appoint interlined.

⁶ to say . . . ordination added later in same hand. A different 15th cent. hand added in rt.-hand margin: Now worth 5m.

54 11 Sept. 1405. *Stratforde*. Dean visited preb. in morning. Richard Prentys,¹ P. Nicholas Petyte, William Lakys, tenants, say that preb. is endowed with tithes from Kynkesfelde and offerings made in St. Laurence's ch. near [Old] Salisbury castle. Glebe has 60 a. land, 6 a. meadow, and pasture for 95 sheep. Ten customary tenants hold in all 4 virgates paying 56s. 4d. a year. There is a hall with a room under one roof, a grain-barn, hay-barn, byre, and dovecote. Two of tenants' tenements are completely destroyed. The byre walls are defective. John Avarey, Robert Chyke, parishioners, cited, come for their lands in St. Laurence's parish and say that ch. has a graveyard and font. Parishioners have all sacraments and sacramentals there. P. ought to provide a suitable chapl. to say Mass on Sun., Wed., and Fri. Parishioners should provide all ornaments. It is not a portion and pays no pension. [f.45] William Blundell is Vc. of Salisbury. Executors of John Walbronde, P.,² seized a missal, chalice, set of vestments, and 3 altar-cloths etc. from ch.

55 same day. *Wodeforde*. Dean visited ch. with Willesforde chapel. M. Ralph Repyngton,³ P.; J. Chamberlay, farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Thomas Bakere (Baker),⁴ V., promised obedience and showed all letters; has 18 Sept. 1405 in cath. to submit copies. Thomas Bele, chapl., and William Muleward, parish clerk, promised obedience. John Seresey, Adam Cartere, Thomas Corp, William Prest, Thomas Pollarde, John Wyte, parishioners, cited, say that All Saints' chapel has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Preb. is endowed with grain and hay tithes in Wodeforde. Rectory has a hall and barn. V. should receive all other tithes from Wodeford and Willesforde. [f.45v.] Barn, hall, chancel roof and door are defective through R.'s fault. Chrismatory and font are not locked. An ordinal and manual are lacking through fault of parish; Richard Marchal, chwdn, ordered to obtain books before 24 June on (*pain*) of 20s. John Carter left ch. fabric 2s. and Maud Sunnys, his executor, [*sic*] refuses to pay. John Nale has held a water-mill called Busshopesmulle for 30 years and withheld from V. tithe of its profits estimated at 2s. a year; confessed to dean that he only withheld tithe of profit of his own grain and petitioned to reply more fully; dean assigned 25 Sept. 1405 in cath.; he appeared and had 26 March 1406 to consider it more fully.

56 [f.46] *Wyllesford* (Willesforde). John Wyte, Thomas Pollard, parishioners, cited, say that St. Michael's ch. has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Preb. is endowed with tithes of grain and hay. Glebe has 2 virgates of arable, 1 a. meadow, and 2 tenants paying 32s. a year in equal portions. There is a hall with 2 rooms under one roof, a kitchen and stable under another roof, and a barn. P. has pasture for 100 sheep and 15 oxen or

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 87. Paid occasional visits to Salisbury.

² Dead by July 1403: *Ibid.*.

³ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 96.

⁴ Dead by 28 July 1415: *Reg. Hallum* (Cant. and York Soc.), 71.

cows. Chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault; R.'s proctor alleged that it was repaired. Nave roof is defective through fault of parish; Thomas Pollard, chwdn, to mend it before 24 June of (*pain*) of 20s. All parishioners refuse tithe of wool-fells to V. [of Woodford]. John Chamberleyn and Agnes, his wife, live in rectory with their household and entertain there; John came; dean dismissed him. North door of ch. is defective through fault of parish. Font is not locked. Chyard enclosure is defective.

57 [f.46v.] same day. *Durneforde*. Dean visited preb. M. John Shillyngforde,¹ P. Thomas Neweman, farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Roger Smyth, V., promised obedience and showed all letters; has 25 Sept. in cath. to submit copies; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. John Carpynter, parish clerk, promised obedience. William Clerk, chapl., R. of Laneford, serves Normanton chapel leaving his ch. unserved. John Nale, Thomas Saverey, Jordan Jurdan, John Malyn, John Grigge, William Sawy, Walter Yonge, William Court, parishioners, cited, say that St. Andrew's ch. has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Preb. is endowed with 40 a. land, 3 a. meadow, tithes of sheaves, hay, lambs, wool, and lesser tithes from Great Durneford. V. should receive greater and lesser tithes from rectory lands and tenants in town, tithe from a carucate at Woodhull in Little Durneford, 12 a. in Salterton Field, and Haukysmede meadow, lesser tithes from Little Durneford, and altar offerings at Great Durneford. Ch. does not pay a pension and is not a portion. Sir William Wyot of Fiffide Magdeleyn commits adultery with Agnes Courteys.

58 [f.47] 12 Sept. 1405. *Netheraven*. Dean visited preb. M. Roger Grey,² P.; Thomas Gylys, farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Robert, the V.,³ cited; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved; dean ordered him to be cited to show title 5 weeks on Fri. in cath.; promised obedience, showed letters of inst. and ind.; has 20 Nov. 1405 to submit copies. John Walyssh, chapl., cited, promised obedience; has 25 Sept. 1405 in cath. to show letters of ord. and submit copies. John Holewey, parish clerk, promised obedience. Edmund Underclyne, Walter Rypon, John Perys, John Galfyne, John Brok, John Wytewey, Thomas Rolf, parishioners, cited, say that All Saints' ch. has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Preb. is endowed with tithes of sheaves and hay in Netheravene and wool from jurisdictions (*curia*) of Chesynbury, Trenchevyle, Cunneria de Sancto Amando, and Cormayle. Glebe has 4 virgates, 6 a. meadow, pasture for 200 sheep, a bull [f.47v.] and a boar for P. and tenants, and 12 oxen and 12 pigs. Preb. has 3 tenants holding 7½ a. in all and paying 18s. a year. There is a hall with a room, a kitchen, 2 barns, and a byre with a stable under one roof. Vic. is endowed with tithes from R.'s demesne lands and tenants, tithe of hay and sheaves from gardens,

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 48; *BRUC*. iii. 1689–90.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 71; *BRUC*. 271.

³ Probably Robert Bottesford: Dean Chandler's Register, ii, f.62.

tithes of wool and lambs except those tithes stated above, all lesser tithes, and altar offerings. R. fails to provide a set of vestments. An ordinal or missal is lacking through R.'s fault. V. has been there over a year and only resided for 4 weeks. Chapl. raped Joan Souter of Chesynbury. Chapl. married Joan, John Griffith's servant, and William Felawe of Upavene, in Chesynbury chapel without V. of Upavene's licence. Chapl. stabled his horse in Chesynbury chapel, tethering him to font. Roof and timber-work of north barn are defective. Chancel desks are weak and broken, [f.48] chancel roof is defective, and chancel door is broken through R.'s fault. V. fails to provide his surplice. Nave roof and windows are defective; chwdns said on 21 Jan. 1406 in cath. that they have been repaired. William Compton fornicates with Maud Wilkys. V. uses ch. porch as his stable and keeps his horse in chyard. Parish clerk is married. V. withholds 13d. from clerk from offerings on 4 principal [offering] days and funeral offerings.

59 *Chesynbury*. John Bacon, Ralph Hobbes, parishioners, cited, say that chapel altar is dedicated to St. John Baptist. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals in chapel except burial. Chapel is not annexed to Netheravene ch. R. of Netheravene should receive town's tithes of hay and sheaves and tithe of wool and lambs from lordship. V. of Netheravene should receive tithes on enclosures, wool, and lambs from lordship's tenants, all town's lesser tithes, and altar offerings. Parishioners should provide ornaments and repair nave. R. of Netheravene shall repair chancel. [f.48v.] Nave roof is defective through fault of parish; Thomas Chapelayn and John Baconne, parishioners, ordered on 12 Sept. 1405 to repair it before Mich. on pain of 20s. Ralph Hobbes fornicates with one Isabel. He refuses tithe of things which are yearly renewed. John Giles commits adultery with Alice, Thomas Giles's servant; paid a fine of 6d. on 14 April 1406 in cath. for both of them; both dismissed. Ralph Hobbes threatens to kill chapl. of Netheravene who dare not administer sacraments in Chesynbury chapel. V. of Netheravene fails to say Mass there on Sun., Wed., and Fri.;¹ on 21 Jan. 1406 in cath. V. says he has evidences which excuse him; has next court day to show them; did not come; contumacious so barred from showing anything further; called to next court day to say why he ought not to say Mass as stated; on 18 Feb. 1406 in cath. he showed muniments concerning vic. endowment and his exemption from saying Mass there and submitted them to the register; Thomas Chapelayn, opposing V., appeared by John Pedewell, substituted for Richard Willesden, and petitioned for copies and a day to contest the matter; official ordered [f.49] copies for him and assigned him 18 March 1406 in cath. to contest it; Thomas appeared by proctor and petitioned for copies of the legal process (*actorum et processorum munimentorum*); official ordered copies and right to be done next court day . . . [*unfinished*].

¹ A previous vicar was sued by churchwardens in dean's court in 1392 for not providing a chaplain in chapel and had alleged in his defence the existence of a composition in a chapter register: A.C. Dunham, p. 209.

60 [f.49v.] same day. [Chisenbury]. Dean visited preb. John Chitterne, P. Thomas Gerneys, Andrew Bristowe, tenants, cited, did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved.

61 same day. *Rotefen*. Dean visited preb. M. Thomas Heterschith,¹ P.; John Hayward, farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. William Crokker, John Shirburne, James atte Kyne, Richard Busshop, John Nyght, tenants, cited, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with a carucate, 5 a. meadow, 4 tenants each holding 10½ a., 3 cottagers each holding 2 a. and a croft and paying 16s. 3d. a year, and 2 serfs. P. has separate pastures for 500 sheep for himself and tenants. No stock is given. There is a hall and room under one roof, 2 barns, a byre and stable under one roof, and a dovecote. Chapel altar is dedicated to All Saints. Inhabitants should receive all sacraments and sacramentals in chapel except baptism and burial. Prioress of Ambresbury is responsible for administration of sacraments [f.50] and for Mass on Sun., Wed., and Fri. She should receive tenants' greater and lesser tithes, 5 a. sown with grain called 'bere', and 1 a. sown with wheat for all her tithes.

62 16 Sept. 1405. *Bedewynde*. Dean visited ch. and Burbache preb. with chapels. M. Nicholas Wykham,² P.; William Bailly, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Roger Derby,³ V., and John, chapl. of Estbedewynde chapel, promised obedience *etc.* John Gamelyn, chapl. of perpetual chapel of Merton, promised obedience and has nothing; assigned 25 Sept. 1405 in cath. to show title and letters of ord. and submit copies; showed and submitted copies in Hungerforde ch. John Wyse, perpetual chapl. of Chysbury chapel⁴ promised obedience *etc.* William Curtys, chapl. of Grafton, cited, did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved.⁵ [f.50v.] John Moryene, perpetual chapl. of Grafton, promised obedience; has 25 Sept. as above to show title and submit copies; showed letters of ord. and title and submitted copies in Hungerforde ch; dismissed. John Medmenham,⁶ R. of Grofton; Nicholas Godewyne, his proctor, promised obedience *etc.* Thomas Taillour, chapl. of Westbedewynde, promised obedience *etc.* Prior of St. Margaret, Marleburgh, did not come for his portions in Estgraston and Westgraston; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; John Hendelawe, friar from priory, showed title without letters of proxy and submitted it to register; has Fri. 5 weeks hence to show letters of proxy in cath.; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. Prior of Motesfonte cited for his portion in Merton; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious; Robert Hardene came; ordered to come

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 80; *BRUC*. 296.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 29; *BRUC*. iii. 2111–12. Residentiary of Salisbury.

³ Inst. 12 Oct. 1396; dead before 12 April 1421: B.L. Harleian MS. 862, f.80v.; Dean Chandler's Register, ii, f.55.

⁴ Chapel had a lay custodian in 1463. Still unserved in 1486: A.C. Newton, p. 149; D.D.R. f.45.

⁵ He had exchanged chapel for Condicote, Glos., with Moryene in Feb. 1405. *CPR 1401–5*. 453, 490.

⁶ Cantarist in cathedral in 1391 and 1413: A.C. Dunham, p. 170; A.C. Viryng, p. 99.

on prior's behalf and show letters of proxy and ord. of portion 5 weeks hence in cath. on pain of 20s; did not come; penalty incurred. Abbess of Romsey cited for her portion in Wolfehale; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. Robert Chanyn, parish clerk, offered obedience. [f.51] John Sparwe, canon of Motesfonte, promised obedience on behalf of prior and convent for [their] portion at Merton on 24 April 1406 in cath. and showed title; has a day before 24 June to submit copies of 7 letters. Prior of [St.] Denys did not come for portion in Chessebury; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved. Thomas Stoke, Robert Hardell, John Sydele, Roger Smyth, Peter Demas, Hugh Luyde, John Lok, John Bloxham, John Skynner, Richard Petysaute, Hugh Bailmonde, William Odam, parishioners, cited, say that ch. is dedicated to Nativity of St. Mary. It has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Preb. is endowed with tithes of grain, hay, wool, and lambs, except tithes from Chissebury demesne lands . . . [unfinished] [f.52]¹ Ch. windows are defective through fault of parish. Geoffrey Brasier commits immorality with a certain woman.

63 *Merton*. Merton chapel is built on lord's manor. Altar is dedicated to Assumption. Chapel has a font for lord, his household, a tenant, and 3 cottagers, who should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Burial is at Bedewynde. R. [of Great Bedwyn] should receive greater and lesser tithes from lordship of John Malewayne, lord there, [his] tenant, and 3 cottagers. Glebe has 8 a. R. of Bedewynde shall have 1 a. and a croft and give a second best load of corn yearly from demesne lands for lordship there. Lord shall provide chapel's ornaments and make repairs after injunctions. Chapl. shall say Mass daily.²

64 [f.52v.] *Crofton*. Free chapel is built on lord's manor. Altar is dedicated to St. Katherine. Patron is Sir William Sturmy [knight]. R. shall not administer sacraments and sacramentals to anyone but say Mass if lord is on manor. He should receive all tithes from demesne lands. Rectory has a barn with 1 a. of land and a croft. R. pays 7d. a year for lordship and a pension of 13s. 4d. to P. of Bedewynde. Chapel is completely ruined through fault of lord.³ Rectory is completely destroyed.⁴ Roger Shephurde of Hungerforde for fornication and contract with Christine, servant of Thomas Stoke of Bedewynde because he abjured her before official of Bedewynde and afterwards had intercourse with her; both confessed; both to be beaten thrice through ch.; she alleges that a marriage contract was made with the words, 'I, Roger, take you, Christine, as my lawful wife' and 'I, Christine, take you, Roger, as my lawful husband'; he confesses all; dean warned him to have marriage solemnized within a month on pain of excom. if no canonical

¹ f.51v. originally blank. Now contains will of John Younge of Hungerford, dated 1457. Upper half of f.52 blank.

² Chapel worth 26s. 8d. in 1480 and unserved in 1486: D.D.R. ff.45 94.

³ Chapel probably remained derelict: not mentioned in 1480, 1486, or in *Valor* of 1535.

⁴ Remaining charges almost certainly relate to Great Bedwyn.

impediment existed; has next court day in cath. to say why he ought not to be excomd. if he has not obeyed monition; later her penance remitted in charity at V. of Bedewynde's request. Henry Felde, a married man, commits adultery with Lettice, his servant; both left. [f.53] Stephen and Thomas Smyth of Bedewynd, Nicholas Tanner of Crofton, John Alewyn, Walter atte Lese of Westgraston, Thomas Broun of Estgraston, John Perlere, John Coupere of Wilton, Hugh Broun, William Lamhurde of Wexcombe, Hugh Denyas, William Frankelayn of Merton, appointed by parishioners of Bedewynde to collect money from these townships for Bedewynde ch. bells, partly collected it but will not present accounts; all ordered by commissary on 3 Jan. 1406 in Hungerforde ch. to do so within 17 days on pain of 20s. Chapl. of Merton failed to pay a yearly pension of 2s. to V. of Bedewynde for last 3 years.

65 *Estbedewynde*. Parishioners disclose that St. Michael's chapel is dedicated, has a graveyard and is dependent on Bedewynde ch. P. [of Great Bedwyn] ought to provide a suitable resident chapl. to administer all sacraments and sacramentals there. P. should receive greater and lesser tithes. Glebe has 4 a. arable and 2 tenants paying 6s. 8d. a year and doing autumn works with P.'s tenants. Font is not locked through fault of parish; John Snowe, warden, says on 3 Jan. 1406 that it is amended; dismissed.

66 [f.53v. West Grafton]. Parishioners disclose that S. Nicholas's chapel is not dedicated.¹ Glebe has half a virgate of arable. R. should receive all lesser tithes and a third of greater tithes from Lady de Haveryng's manor and from 32 a. called Wolfuglondes, 16 a. called Sprakynslond, 1 a. called Palfremanslond, 1 a. called Bonyngeslond, 4½ a. called Frereslond, 2 a. called Chowne-lond, 1 a. called Phelpeslond, 1 a. called Clementeslond, 2 a. called Cokemanslond, 2 a. called Pakemanslond, 1 a. called Pronteslond, 1 a. called Stiwardeslond held by different tenants of lordship. Prior of St. Margaret, Marleburgh, should receive two thirds of above tithes for his portion. R. should receive manor's entire hay tithe and pay prior 2s. He shall administer all sacraments and sacramentals [there] to manorial household and officiate at their burials in St. Margaret's priory. Lady de Averyng is patron and presents to P. of Bedewynde who institutes and inducts.

67 *Wilton*. Inhabitants disclose that chapel is founded in honour of Assumption. Glebe has a virgate of land. Chapl. should receive any tithes from mill called Portmulle. Lady de Haveryng is patron and presents to P. who institutes and inducts. [f.54.] Chapel is defective through fault of parish. Rectory is totally destroyed through R.'s fault. Chapel has been vacant 2 years during which time P. received [revenues].²

¹ Chapel was in use in 1480 but unserved in 1463 and 1486: A.C. Newton, p. 148; D.D.R. ff.45, 94v.

² Chapel had ceased to exist about 1440: Ibid. f.94v.

68 *Burbache*. M. Adam Mottrom,¹ P. and R., paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. in cath. Thomas Hyworth, V., cited, promised obedience; has 25 Sept. 1405 to show all letters in cath.; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved; showed them and submitted copies in Hungerforde ch.; dismissed. Hugh Clerk, parish clerk, promised obedience. Robert Skalerne, Thomas Carter, John Pakk, John Skalerne, parishioners, cited, say that All Saints' ch. has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Preb. is endowed with tithes of sheaves, hay, and wool, except lord of Riggelond's tithes which belong to Chuyte preb. and V.'s tithes of sheaves and hay from enclosures, crofts, and gardens on east side of Burbache. Glebe has 30 a. arable. There is a hall and 2 rooms under one roof, a stable, and barn. [Ch.] pays no pension and is not a portion. P. gives no stock. V. should receive all other tithes and altar offerings. [f.54v.] Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; official ordered it to be repaired before 1 Nov. on pain of 20s.; Richard Crede, chwdn, submitted to commissary in Hungerforde ch.; to repair it before 25 March 1406 on pain of 40s. An ordinal is lacking through fault of parish; chwdn to buy one before Easter on pain of 30s.

69 17 Sept. 1405. *Remmesbury*. Dean visited ch. M. Richard Wyche,² P.; Thomas Benet, farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. William Holtham,³ V., cited; promised obedience. John Gylam, chapl., promised obedience; has 25 Sept. 1405 in cath. to show letters of ord.; showed them and submitted copies; dismissed. Thomas, chapl. of Beydon, promised obedience; has next day, 18 Sept. to show letters of ord. in Busshopeston ch.; did so; dismissed.⁴ Robert Lilye, parish clerk, promised obedience. [f.55]⁵ Simon Rasell, John Glonde, Thomas Blake, Richard Mildenhale, Robert Thorp, Robert de Preston, William Person, John Perham, William Elyns, Richard Mulewarde, Robert Carpynter, Robert Page, Henry Shephurde, John Page, John Palmer, Nicholas Raynold, parishioners, cited, say that Holy Cross ch. has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Preb. is endowed with tithes of grain, hay, lambs, and wool, except tithes of hay from tenants of Axeforde which V. should receive. V. should also receive all other lesser tithes and altar offerings. V. has 1 a. meadow for R.'s hay tithes, tithes of sheaves from R.'s demesne lands, tithes of 2 a. of grain from R.'s tenants, and tithes of all mills, except R.'s mill. If a parishioner has only 6 lambs born in parish V. takes ½d. a head; if he has 7 lambs R. should receive seventh lamb and give parishioner 1½d. Glebe has 2 carucates, 10 a. meadow, a water-mill, 10 cottagers paying 35s. and 2 woods⁶ containing . . . [blank] a. R. gives a great brewing lead as stock.⁷

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 63; *BRUC*. 415. Residentiary of Salisbury.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 79; *BRUC*. iii. 2101. Residentiary of Salisbury by 1411.

³ Mandate for induction 15 May 1404: Reg. Medford, f.97v.

⁴ Entry marked by marginal pointing finger.

⁵ B occurs at top rt.-hand corner.

⁶ called *Fyttecrests* interlineated in late medieval hand.

⁷ R . . . stock written in different contemporary hand.

70 *Beydon*.¹ Chapel is dependent on Remmesbury ch. It has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. R. of Remmesbury should receive greater and lesser tithes and provide a suitable chapl. to say Mass.

71 [f.55v. Ramsbury]. On 17 Sept. 1405 will of John Horsell proved before dean and probate published by him; admin. granted to Edith, his wife, and Simon, his son, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed, 12d. William Elyne kept 60 sheep in parish from 25 March to 24 June and refuses tithe to R.; on 3 Jan. 1406 in Hungerforde ch. before commissary says that peace is made; dismissed. Bishop of Salisbury refuses tithe of second hay harvest² in Parkmede meadow. Parish clerk is married and holds offices of deacon and parish clerk receiving tithe of grain, hay, lambs, and wool from land called Bowestretys, offerings made at Cross at Easter, 13d. from altar offerings during year, and chyard herbage belonging to deacon's office for which he should provide bread and wine for all Masses; confessed on 3 Jan. 1406; commissary requires clarification; later dismissed him. V. commits adultery with Agnes Webbe, Katherine atte Heggess, Ellen Benet, and Joan, formerly John Glover's servant. [f.56] A silver and silver-gilt chalice, worth 30s., was delivered to John [*recte* Robert] Lilye, the clerk, to keep with other ch. ornaments and stolen through his fault; peace made. Clerk does not ring curfew and bell for Matins and Vespers; denies it; dean excused him. Parish clerk is married. Richard Mulewarde has a garden called Aldegoddes and refused hay tithe for last 2 years and so V. lost 4d.; denied it; has 19 Feb 1406 in cath. to purge with 6 hands. John Perham, for adultery with Agnes Battes. During visitation of M. Thomas Mountagu, former dean, Edmund Parkere swore to pay chwdns 16s. 8d. each year in equal portions at Mich. and Easter until he had paid 5m. left to ch. by John Mulewarde but later refused to pay it.³ Thomas Bourton, chapl. of Beidon, for adultery with Joan William; denies it; purged with court's indulgence. [f.56v.] He is an habitual gossip and causes quarrels between parishioners and constantly threatens to beat up Nicholas Raynolde, his parishioner, without cause; purged as above. He attacked Nicholas in Margery Hykeman's house intending to beat him up; purged as above; dismissed. Nicholas Thecher for fornication with Alice Pyper; both confess on 3 Jan.; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; confess to marriage contract; paid a fine; both dismissed. Same man for fornication and contract with Benedicta de Shryvenham; she died. For 5 years before his death John Leverych, former V., rented 8 a. of ch. land for 4s. a year and executors refuse to pay arrears; Simon Rasell confessed on 3 Jan. that he owes 4s.; to pay before Easter. V. ought to pay 2s. a year to wardens of St. Mary's chapel but John Leverych withheld it for 2 years and executors refuse to pay; Simon says that if there are arrears he will pay. Wills of following

¹ *Beydon* written in different ink.

² Later medieval marginal note: *Note that bishop withholdes hay tithe from second mowing of Parkmede meadow.*

³ Wardens brought an action against him for impeding a will before July 1404: A.C. Draper, p. 72.

proved; Edith Page, admin. granted to Robert, her husband, Robert Lilie refusing to act; [f.57] Margaret Shephurde, admin. granted to Henry and John Shephurde, 12d.; Christine Pottere, admin. granted to John Potter and Thomas Thouker, 8d.; Katherine Person, admin. granted to William Person, Simon Rasell refusing to act, 6d. Executors were first sworn; accounted; dismissed. Joan Palmer's will proved; admin. granted to John Palmer; dismissed because poor; to say 3 psalters of St. Mary for dean.

72 *Beydon*. A missal is lacking through fault of inhabitants.

73 same day. *Axford*. Dean visited preb. . . . [*unfinished*].¹

74 [f.57v.] 18 Sept. 1405. *Great Okeburn*. Dean visited preb. of Great Okeburn and Little Okeburn in Great Okeburn ch. Abbot of Bekharlewyn, P.; John Napper submitted letters of proxy to register. Thomas Taillour,² V., promised obedience and showed nothing; has 23 Oct. 1405 in cath. to show title and letters of ord. and submit copies; showed all letters and submitted copies in Hungerforde ch. on 3 Jan. 1406. John Leveryng, [parish] clerk, promised obedience. William More, Thomas Hore, Thomas Shipere, Thomas Bronde, John Perys, John Smyth, parishioners, cited, say that St. George's ch. has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Preb. is endowed with tithes of sheaves from Great Okeburn. Glebe has 9 carucates and 32 tenants holding in all 32 carucates, paying £8 a year. Preb. has 40 a. meadow and sufficient firewood from Priorswode in parish of 'Le Chas de Aldeburn'. P. shall keep 1,000 sheep, 10 avers, 18 oxen, and 10 cows on his pasture. V. should receive all lesser tithes and hay tithes. [f.58] Nave walls by Holy Trinity chapel³ are defective through P.'s fault. A manual, ordinal, processional book, some masses from missal, and a troper are lacking through P.'s fault. William Hereforde died intestate and Robert Durant administered his goods without authority. P. farmed jurisdiction to Sir William Ildesle. P. appointed Thomas Schaddele, chapl., to Holy Trinity chapel but kept it vacant since his death 10 years ago. Robert Durant, [prebendal] farmer, refused wool tithes from 420' sheep, tithe of lambs from 160 ewes reared in parish, hay tithe from Okeburn lordship, and all lesser tithes for last 4 years worth 20m. to V. Robert Mulewarde took timber and wood from ch. and will not settle with chwdns; settled. William Mor withholds ch. muniments; denies it on 3 Jan.; has 19 Feb. 1406 in cath. to purge with 4 hands; later paid a fine; dismissed. William Godarde refuses tithe to V. on 2m.; peace made. [f.58v.] Robert Gilot, Peter Hayward's executor, sworn to make an inventory; sworn likewise by commissary in Wantyng ch. on 8 Feb. 1406 and to submit a copy in cath. on 19 Feb. as above.

¹ Entry written in a different hand and ink. Prebend had only one parishioner in 1428: *Feudal Aids*. v. 288.

² Presented 24 Aug. 1401: *CPR 1399-1401*, 537.

³ Probably free chapel in northern part of church worth £3 6s. 8d. in 1480. Its advowson was granted to London Carthusians in 1462: *D.D.R.* f.87; *CPR 1461-7*, 141.

⁴ Some alteration has been made and it should perhaps read 320.

75 same day. *Little Okeburn.*¹ Parishioners of Great Okeburn and Little Okeburn disclosed in Great Okeburn ch. that Robert Durant took lead from prebendal gutters and chancel worth 10m. Chancel celure, windows, and door will cost 40s. to repair. 'Longechamber' is wholly ruinous and will cost £40 to repair. Cost of other repairs: 'dormer' stonework at north end, £6 13s. 4d.; walls, timber-work, and roof of adjoining latrine, £6 13s. 4d.; 'dormer' roof, £6 13s. 4d.; chapel roof and laths, £6; walls, timber-work, and roof of an oriel, 40s.; 'garret' timber-work, roof, walls, and windows, £10; walls of ground floor gyling-house (yelynghous), 100s.; [f.59] stone walls of kitchen and stone walls and steps of upper room called 'malthous', 40s.; walls and roof of stable by kitchen, 40s.; 'ovnehou' with its oven (*furnace*), 5s. Robert Durant removed a brass oven worth £10. Cost of other repairs: brewhouse walls, 40s.; walls, etc., of room at west end of hall, 20s.; timber-work and roof of long building called 'le shepen', £10. Robert Durant demolished 'gathous' and a ground floor room: estimated loss, £20. Cost of other repairs: walls, timber-work and roof of long byre by great barn, £10; great barn's defective walls, posts, and bosses (*pastis*, *bosys*) 100s; walls of 'le stourhou', 10s.; roof and walls of 'le deiry', 60s.; Holy Trinity chapel's gutter, 10s.

76 [Ogbourne St. Andrew.] John Wilde, V., promised obedience *etc.* [f.59v.] Walter Wadelee, Walter Perys, Stephen Kyng, William Godarde, John Hore, John Wolwey, parishioners, cited, say that St. Andrew's ch. has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Preb. is endowed with tithes of grain and hay, 3 carucates and 20 a. meadow. All inhabitants are R.'s tenants and pay £4 10s. a year. Eleven cottagers pay 5m. 4s. a year. P. has pasture for 1,000 sheep, separate pastures for 16 avers, and a warren all year. V. should receive all other tithes and altar offerings. Nave windows are defective through fault of parish; Walter Wadelee to repair them before Easter on pain of 40d. Chancel door and windows are defective and desks are lacking through R.'s fault. People of Roclee do not attend mother ch. on festivals as they ought; commissary ordered them in Hungerforde ch. on 3 Jan. 1406 to attend on Sun. and festivals; dismissed. They refuse to offer the holy loaf; each² appeared in cath. on 19 Feb. 1406 to purge with 6 hands; dismissed.

77 [Rockley.] Thomas Heyder, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Rooclee chapel has 3 altars. High altar is dedicated to St. Leonard. Chapel is dependent on Little Okeburn ch. Inhabitants should receive neither sacraments nor sacramentals there.³ Lords of vill shall repair nave. R. of Okeburn shall repair chancel. Nave is defective through fault of lords. [f.60] Chancel walls and windows are defective through R.'s fault. P. failed for last 10 years

¹ Charges refer to buildings at Ogbourne St. George.

² i.e. each parochial representative.

³ Mass was probably said there 3 times a week. In 1486 V. of Ogbourne St. Andrew agreed to pay people of Rockley 20s. a year to provide a chapl. to say Mass there on Sundays: D.D.R. f.42.

to pay 3s. a year to lord of vill for repair of nave to destruction of nave.¹ John Prynce for fornication with Edith Wheler; neither came; suspended; V. of Okeburn paid a fine of 4d. for [their] contumacy.

78 same day. [Bishopstone.] Dean shall visit Busshopeston preb. after dinner riding to Hyworth. M. Richard Holme,² P.; Richard Billerwill, farmer, paid 7s. 6d. Baldwin, the V.,³ promised obedience; has 21 Sept. 1405 to show title and letters of ord. in Hungerforde ch.; showed and submitted copies. John Overton, parish clerk, promised obedience. John Ladde, John Walyssh, Thomas Ewarde, John Ricardes, Nicholas atte Stile, parishioners, cited, say that ch. is dedicated to Nativity of St. Mary. It has a graveyard, font, sacraments, and sacramentals. Rectory is endowed with tithes of grain, hay, lambs, and wool, 1 carucate, 3 a. meadow, 8 customary tenants holding in all 8 virgates, and 3 cottagers paying 30s a year. Rectory has a barn, stable, and dovecote. V. should receive all lesser tithes and altar offerings.⁴ Hall with room and a byre have been destroyed (*deructa*) and chancel walls and chapel [*recte* chancel] celure are defective through R.'s fault. South aisle roof is defective through fault of parish; John Ricarde and Thomas atte Lee, chwdns, tell commissary in Hungerforde ch. that all is well. Chancel windows are defective through R.'s fault. [f.60v.] R. fails to provide a deacon and a chasuble and 2 tunicles. John Warbey withheld the holy loaf; sworn on 3 Jan. 1406 at Hungerforde to provide it like other parishioners. Perjury action between Ellen Hogges of Salisbury, plaintiff, and Hugh Mason, defendant; plaintiff appeared by John Monketon, her proctor; defendant did not come; dean ordered him to be excomd.

79 19 Sept. 1405. *Hyworthe*. Dean shall visit Hyworth ch. and Farendon preb. in Hyworth ch. M. Thomas Stowe,⁵ P.; farmer paid 7s. 6d. Richard Havyngdon, V., promised obedience. William Vynur, parish chapl., William Murye, chapl. of Sevenanton chapel, Thomas Hervy, chapl. of Blontesdon chapel, and John Calne, chapl. of Merston promised obedience *etc.* Richard Lente, deacon, promised obedience. Edmund, parish clerk, [came]. Richard Prest, William Foxley, Richard Kybbull, John Dibby, John Hywey, John Henton, Roger Saundr', John Acreman, parishioners, cited, say that ch. is dedicated to St. Michael 'in Monte Tumba'. Ch. has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, and sacramentals. Rectory is endowed with tithes of grain and hay, 1½ hides, 17 a. meadow, 11 tenants, 2 of whom are cottagers, paying 6m. a year and holding in all 80 a. Rectory has a hall, 2 rooms, a chapel, 2 barns, and a kitchen. Vic. is endowed with tithes of wool, lambs, other lesser

¹ Marginal finger points to this entry. Chapel existed in 1480 but it is not mentioned in the *Valor* of 1535 nor in the Chantry Certificates: D.D.R. f.42.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 33; *BRUC*. 311-12.

³ Baldwin atte Mille: inst. 8 Feb. 1397: Reg. Medford, f.46.

⁴ Continuation in 15th cent. hand: See *visitation of M. [John] Davyson for vicarage and what belongs to it*. No account of vicarage occurs in surviving portion of Davyson's register.

⁵ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 59; *BRUC*. iii. 1794-5.

tithes, and altar offerings. R. and V. should share mortuary payments equally. Chancel windows are defective through R.'s fault. [f.61] Sir John Lyitte commits adultery with Florence Wattes. John Boucher fornicates with Agnes Bestenale; confessed before commissary on 5 Feb. 1406 in Hyworth ch.; to be beaten thrice through ch. John Cole for fornication with one Magota; he paid a fine of 12d. for both of them. William Souter,¹ John Avenell,² Roger Herchenene,³ William Herchenene,⁴ built at bottom of chyard with consent of R., V., and parishioners but fail to pay yearly rents; Avenell paid a fine. V. has a 'bakhous' in chyard [but fails to] pay 2s. 6d. to St. Mary's light in chancel. Agnes Besyn has building (*placea*) in chyard [but fails to] pay 2s. to light; she paid a fine.⁵

80 [Broad Blunsdon.] Chapel has 3 altars. High altar is dedicated to St. Leonard. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there except burial. Chapel is dependent on Hyworth ch. There is a house for a permanently resident chapl. Chrismatory and font are not locked through fault of parish. Thomas Hervy, chapl., habitually says Mass after noon; denied it in Hyworth ch. on 5 Feb. 1406; purged.

81 *Farendon*. M. Walter Coke,⁶ P.; farmer paid 7s. 6d. Robert Buschton, V., promised obedience; showed letter of ord. and inst. on 5 Feb. 1406 in Hyworth ch.; has 19 Feb. in cath. to show ind. letter and submit copies. Richard Richevyle, parish chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Sir John Marchall, warden,⁷ promised obedience; has 23 Oct. 1405 in cath. to show letters of ord. and submit copies, did so; dismissed. [f.61v.] John Whyte, chapl., Richard Burgeys, chapl., Sir William Havyndon *or* Smyth, Sir John Plomere, and Sir Thomas Cote *or* Bokelonde promised obedience *etc.* Roger Dekene, deacon, and John Walwyne, [parish] clerk, promised obedience. John of Worthe, Henry Bailly, Robert Lovegrove, Richard Robert, senior, Thomas Barbour, John Taillour, Robert Colswayne, parishioners, cited, say that All Saints' ch. has a graveyard and font. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Preb. is endowed with tithes of sheaves, hay, lambs, and wool, 3 virgates of land, 3 a. and a virgate of meadow. Rectory has a hall with 2 adjacent rooms under one roof, a stable, byre, and barn. It pays no pension and is not a portion. V. should receive all lesser tithes, altar offerings, and mortuary payments where paid. John Crowthe refuses to pay chwdns 13s. 4d. left by Sir Gilbert Talbot, knight; peace made. Joan Smyth refuses to pay chwdns 6s. 8d. left by William, her husband. Richard Denleye owes ch. fabric 4d. left by Richard, his father; paid a fine; dismissed. John

¹ *11b. of wax* interlined.

² *11b. of wax* interlined.

³ *11b. of wax* interlined.

⁴ *11b. of wax* interlined.

⁵ Much prebendal dilapidation must have been unreported for in Jan. 1406 notable unspecified disrepair existed: A.C. Draper, p. 48.

⁶ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 50; *BRUC*. 157-8.

⁷ The nature of this benefice is unknown.

Fader owes ch. fabric 5s. given by parishioners; paid a fine; dismissed. John Noreyce owes ch. fabric 2 bushels of barley malt. V. refused sacraments to Richard Lodyngton last Easter. V. refuses to marry parishioners unless paid a noble. V. refused sacraments to Margery Short who died without them. John, the chapl., for adultery with Alice Crouche; purged before commissary with court's indulgence on 6 Feb. 1406; taxed at 12d.; dismissed. [f.62] Andrewe Fisshere for fornication and contract with Joan Algar; both sworn to tell truth in Wantyngg ch. on 21 Sept. 1405; she alleges that marriage contract made before witnesses with words 'I take you as my husband' and 'I take you as my wife' in her house in Farendon last Lent and subsequent sexual intercourse were common knowledge; he denies all except sexual intercourse and brought one witness, Philip Cotiler, who was admitted and sworn; has 23 Oct. as above in cath. to bring witnesses the second time; with mutual consent, official ordered Alice Langele' to be called to bring her witnesses then. V. of Hyworth prevents solemnization of matrimony between John Boucher and Agnes Bestenale. V. raped her in his garden about Whitsunday last year.² William Taillour for fornication with one Alice. Richard Shorte for fornication with one Sarah; both cited; neither came; suspended; later she confesses; to be beaten thrice through ch. John Lynde for immorality with one Florence. Chancel payment is defective through fault of P. and farmer. Chyard [enclosure] is defective through fault of parish; Robert Lupsogrove said on 5 Feb that all is well. Andrew Fisshere for adultery and contract with Joan Cotiller; confesses; to be beaten thrice through ch.; has 20 Nov. 1405 in cath. to report that he had done penance. Same man for fornication and contract with Alice Langele; confesses; to be beaten thrice through ch.; has 20 Nov. to report penance. [f.62v.] Rumour says that he left his wife in Buckinghamshire. John Curtays, a married man, for adultery with Maud Willy; Henry Bailly paid a fine of 12d. for both of them before commissary on 6 Feb. 1406. V. farms the jurisdiction. William Spor, a married man, for adultery and incest with his servant, Joan; William Bourton, chapl., paid a fine of 12d. for both of them at Ayvestoke. Same man left his wife. John Harries and Edith Boucher have land and ought to maintain a lamp burning continuously at night in ch. but refused for 6 years; John paid a fine to parishioners. Margaret Moyn left ch. lights 20d. and Alice, her daughter and executrix, refuses to pay; later paid a fine. V. does not preach nor instruct parishioners in Creed (*artialis fidei*) nor cause others to preach so endangering parishioners' souls. V. fails to provide 2 processional candles. V. ought to provide 3 chapls. and receives 5s.³ for each and 2 have been lacking since he came. V. will not publicize business of cathedral fabric as he ought. V. engages customarily in farming and worldly labour and says Hours and Vespers not in ch. but in unseemly places. V. habitually frequents taverns at night and is customarily drunk. V. for adultery and incest with Emma Webbs, his parishioner; purged. V. for adultery with Margery Lary, his

¹ See later charge.

² Contrast this with description of his cure of souls in 563.

³ or 50s.

parishioner; purged on 8 Feb. 1406. V. ought to repair St. Alban's chapel which is totally ruinous. Sir Richard Richevyle, for adultery with Agnes Phelpe, his parishioner. He habitually and disgracefully trades in corn, malt, and sheep. He is a usurer. [f.63] Juliana Stone made Thomas Stone and John Baker her executors; admin. granted to Thomas; power reserved to grant it to John; accounted; dismissed; paid 16d. and 4d. to Salisbury [cath.] John Hordewell made Katherine, his wife, John Andr', junior, and Stephen Bernard his executors; admin. granted to Katherine; John and Stephen refused to act; accounted; paid 12d. and 3d. to Salisbury [cath.] Margery Fisshere made Nicholas, her husband, her executor; paid a fine of 8d.

82 21 Sept. 1405. *Wantyngg.* Dean shall visit chapel. Abbot of Bekharlewyn is P. and R. of Okeburn. V., his proctor, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d.¹ John Chauche, V., promised obedience *etc.* John Frere, parish chapl., promised obedience. John Synet, stipendiary chapl., and Thomas Bourton, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* William Hardyng, parish clerk, confesses that he is married; dean to consider whether to admit him. Richard Hardyngton, sacrist, John Lange and John Lane, the other clerks, offered obedience. William Broun, Walter Diere, Richard Palmer, Richard Mullyng, John Waterman, Ralph Boicher, Robert Brodeyate, William Pleystrowe, William Kyng, Richard Wynterburn, parishioners, cited, say that ch. of St. Peter and St. Paul is dependent on Okeburn preb. It has a graveyard and font. Parishioners have all sacraments and sacramentals there. Rectory is endowed with tithes of sheaves. Glebe has 1 a. land and 20 a. meadow. William Hardyng, a married man, is parish clerk and so ministers about altar contrary to ch. laws; confesses. [f.63v.] He was negligent as sacrist and had bells rung by another person and one was broken. By his negligence a silver chalice was broken. He absolutely refuses to obey V. and chapl. and go with them to visit sick. He refuses to say exequies and to accompany the dead to ch. with chapl.; denies that he ought. He refuses to attend baptisms in ch. with chapl.; denies it. He only attends services on festivals when he wants; confesses. He took vestments home and customarily in them with his wife causing scandal to ch.; [*sic*] denies it. He is too arrogant to heed his superiors but composes songs to taunt them, especially John Romsey, former parish chapl.; denies it. Felicity Cartere's will proved; admin. granted to her husband, Walter, being sworn; later accounted; dismissed; paid 12d. Parish clerk makes his wife ring curfew; confesses. He customarily has his wife and children sleeping (*coniacentes*) with him in ch. on vestments contrary to an inhibition; denies it. He customarily leaves town without licence from V. or parishioners; confesses. He causes disputes between V., parishioners, and chapls.; denies it. Peter Gylmyn withheld yearly rent of 3s. from St. Mary's lights for 20 years; denied it; has visitation court day to purge with 6 hands. [f.64] For 12 years John Yonge withheld yearly rent of 18½d. left by John, his father. Parish clerk refused to pray for peace and for present king in processions; confesses.

¹ V . . . 7s. 6d written later in different hand and ink.

83 22 Sept. 1405. *Hungerforde*. Dean shall visit Hungerforde and Shaldeburne chapels in Hungerforde chapel. Abbot of Bekharlewyn, R. Robert Nappere, V., promised obedience. John Franke, warden of St. John's House, did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. William Broun, cantarist,¹ promised obedience *etc.* William Coleyng, chapl., did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. John Botiller, chapl. of Southstaunden, offered obedience *etc.* John Franke, R. of Northstaunden,² did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. Prior of St. Frideswide, Oxford, did not come for his portion at Hydden; contumacious, penalty reserved; John Lenton showed letters of proxy. William, the clerk, offered obedience. John Demiton, Henry Denys, William Mathew, William Parker, Walter Pynell, Hugh Dyer, William Webbe, John Dighton, Thomas Warnwell, Robert Fisshere, Thomas Webbe, Robert Smyth, parishioners, say that ch. is dedicated to St. Laurence. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Rectory is endowed with tithes of grain, except in gardens and tofts where they belong to V., 2 carucates, 22 a. meadow, 14 a. wood, 6 tenants at Sandon [paying] 36s. a year, and 9 cottagers paying 40s. a year. There is a hall with a room, a granary, stable, barn, and hay-house. Vic. is endowed with tithes of wool, lambs, hay, [f. 64v.] all other lesser tithes except tithe of rectory meadow, and altar offerings. V. should receive tithe from Stokmede meadow. Prior of St. Frideswyde pays R. 40s. a year. High altar in chapel of St. John's House³ is dedicated to St. John Baptist. Warden should receive the poor leaving and living in town in time of need. Duke of Lankastre appoints warden who shall say Mass there 3 times a week. House has a carucate of glebe, 2 a. of meadow, 6 cottagers paying 40s. a year, and offerings made on 24 June.

84 *Northstaunden*. Duke of Lankastre is patron of free chapel⁴ whose high altar is dedicated to St. Michael. Chapel is endowed with 16 a. land, 2 a. wood, a rood and virgate of meadow, separate pastures for 60 sheep on the lordship and 60 sheep on the common with tenants' sheep. R. should receive all hay tithe from lord's meadows and half tithe of wool, lambs, etc.; V. of Hungerforde receives the other half. Tenants within jurisdiction (*curia*) should receive all sacraments in chapel. Burial is at Hungerforde. Other inhabitants should receive all sacraments and burial at Hungerforde.

85 *Southstaunden*. Chapel's high altar is dedicated to St. Faith. Inhabitants should receive all sacraments in chapel. Burial is at Hungerforde. It is a free chapel whose patron is abbot of Dereforde.⁵ It has 2 a. glebe, 7s. rent at Riser by Shaldeburn, and a third of tithes within jurisdiction (*curia*). R. shall say Mass on Sun.

¹ Holy Trinity chantry was founded in 1325 and further endowed in 1331 and 1336: *V.C.H. Berks.* iv. 198.

² Presented 3 March 1399: *CPR 1396-9*. 570.

³ For hospital see *V.C.H. Berks.* ii. 94-5.

⁴ In 1486 it was unserved. The thatched building was standing in 1547: *D.D.R.* f. 46v.; *P.R.O.*, *Certificates of Chantries and Colleges*, E 301/58/67.

⁵ In 1486 it was unserved but still standing in 1547: *D.D.R.* f. 46v.; *P.R.O.* E 301/58/68.

86 [Hungerford.] Through R.'s fault chancel roof, celure, and door are defective, a portas and a set of weekday vestments are lacking, and every part of rectory is ruinous except granary and barn. [f.35]¹ Nave roof is defective through fault of parish; William Ferroure and William Parkere ordered by commissary in Hungerforde ch. on 3 Feb. 1406 to repair it before Whitsunday on (*pain*) of 20s. William Pyke left 7m. for a chapl. to say Mass for his soul for a year in ch. and residue of his goods to ch. fabric and Henry Amyce and Philip Pyke, executors, refused to pay; they denied it on 3 Feb.; have 16 April 1406 to show his will in cath. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of John Trycere and Walter Pynell; ordered on 3 Feb. 1406 to repair it before Easter on (*pain*) of 20s. Will of William Kyng proved; admin. granted to Christine, his wife, and Robert Touke, executors, being sworn; later accounted; dismissed.

87 *Merton.* John Gamelyne showed and submitted letters of ord.; has 3 Feb. 1406 to show letter of inst.

88 [Hungerford]. Juliana Fareman assaulted Alice Saucer in ch. on 8 Sept. 1405; confessed before commissary on 3 Feb. 1406; has 19 Feb. in cath. to do penance; did not come; contumacious; excomd. William Ferroure smashed Juliana Fareman's pew (*cathedram*); asserted on 3 Feb. 1406 that it was fixed to ground and obstructed entrance and was removed with consent of V. and parishioners but not by him; purged same day. [f.35v.] Juliana Farman snatched a mandate directing V. to solemnize matrimony between William Ropere and Alice Saucer from M. William Hildeslee, official of Hungerford, and tore it up;² confessed on 3 Feb.; has 19 Feb. as above in cath. to do penance; did not come; excomd. Sir William Goldyng for fornication with Joan Tryppes by whom he begot a child; Joan denied it on 3 Feb.; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. Same man for adultery with Joan Symmes; John Boteler, chapl., paid a fine for her on 3 Feb. Same man for adultery with Margaret Domiton; she denied it on 3 Feb.; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. William Ferroure, Roger Bocher, John Redhede, William Parkere, William Ropere, John Dyghton, and William Peye ejected certain robbers from chyard who were holding ch. door-ring seeking sanctuary (*humanitatem dicte ecclesie petentes*) and delivered them to secular arm to detriment of ch. liberties; Ferroure, Redhede, Parkere, and Ropere denied it on 3 Feb.; each has 19 Feb. as above in cath. to purge with 12 hands; Ferroure, Redhede, and Bochere purged. John Smyth for adultery with Joan, Simon Dyere's wife; denied it on 3 Feb.; purged with court's indulgence. Same man for adultery with Juliana Farman, Agnes, John Dyghton's former servant, Emma, his servant, Agnes, William Frensman's wife, and Magota, William Hoppegras' servant; denied it on 3 Feb.; purged with court's indulgence. [f.36] William Ferroure for adultery with Maud, his former servant, and Alice

¹ Original order of register restored. What is probably first hand in it appears again.

² Marriage did not take place. In 1408 couple were still consorting and cited before bishop at instance of William's wife. Agnes: *Reg. Hallum*, (Cant. and York Soc.) 213-4.

and Maud, his servants; denied it in cath. on 20 March 1406; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. William Whytyate kept 320 sheep in parish and refused wool tithes for last 2 years; on 4 Feb. 1406 in Hungerforde ch. confessed that he kept 200 sheep there in the first year and 260 in second and refused V. tithe but was obliged to do so by written bond for £100 with prior of St. Frydeswide, Oxford; commissary assigned him 19 Feb. as above in cath. to show why he ought not to pay tithe; did not come; excomd.; submits on 10 April 1406 in cath.; to be beaten thrice through ch. for contumacy; on 23 April in cath. John Lenton, prior's proctor, paid a fine for William's contumacy; on 24 Sept. 1406, at promotion of V., William was called for 22 Oct. to show why he should not pay tithe; V. appeared by Richard Willesden; William did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved.

89 [f.36v.] *Shaldeburne* (Shaldebone). Dean visited chapel. Abbot of Bekharlewyne, R., came by John Budde, his proctor. William Waryne,¹ V., and Ingram, R. of St. Margaret's chapel,² promised obedience *etc.* John Whyte, parish clerk, promised obedience. Henry Hycheckok, John Boxhore, John Bochere, John Stodele, parishioners, say that ch. is dedicated to St. Michael. Parishioners shall receive all sacraments, sacramentals, and burial there. Rectory is endowed with tithes of grain. Rectory has a barn. V. should receive all other tithes, tithe of coppice wood, and altar offerings. Chancel roof, windows, and altar steps are defective and a set of Sun. vestments and a portas are lacking through R.'s fault. By ancient custom parishioners had bread and drink in rectory hall after Sun. High Mass from 1 Aug. to 29 Sept. and these are withheld through R.'s fault. William Yewarde refused to give to ch. fabric; confessed in Hungerforde ch. on 4 Feb. 1406 before commissary; willingly sworn to pay 15d. before 25 March.

90 *Beydon*. Thomas Borton, chapl., for adultery with Joan William; denied it in Hungerforde ch. on 3 Feb. 1406; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed.

91 [f.37] 6 Oct. 1405. *Calne*. Dean visited ch. with chapels in Calne ch. George Louthorp,³ P. and R. called; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; Thomas Stude, his bailiff, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Valentine Pumpe, V., offered obedience *etc.* John Grene, prior of St. John's Hospital⁴ and St. Mary's cantarist⁵, cited, promised obedience and showed letters of ord., inst., and ind. to chantry, and foundation deed of hospital. Prioress of Kynton cited for her portion did not come; dean pronounced her contumacious, penalty reserved; Sir John Okebourne, her

¹ Presented in 1392: CPR 1391-6. 39, 191.

² In Westcourt manor: *V.C.H. Berks.* iv. 234.

³ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 20. Residentiary of Salisbury.

⁴ *V.C.H. Wilts.* iii. 334-5.

⁵ Chantry founded 1336: cantarist to be provided by warden of St. John's Hospital: chantry lands granted to John Grene for life before 1398: chantry united to St. Mary's chantry, Heytesbury in 1442: CPR 1334-8. 231; Reg. Neville, ii, f.56v.; Reg. Aiscough, ff.48-49v.

proctor, has 19 Feb. 1406 in cath. to show letters of proxy and title to portion and to submit copies. Abbess of Lacok cited for her portion; Thomas Calston, her proctor has 27 Jan. 1406 to show adequate letters of proxy. Prior of Bradenstoke cited for his portion; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved. Prior of Bustelsham cited for his portion; did not come; Richard Tylere, his farmer and proctor, came; dean assigned him 27 Jan. to show adequate letters of proxy and ordination of portion. Thomas, the clerk, and John Tannere, clerk, offered obedience.

92 *Stodeley*.¹ John Stodeley, Robert Felawe, inhabitants, cited, come before dean; his visitation articles were expounded to them; they say all is well there.

93 [f.37v.] *Calne*.² John Justise, John Bovedonne, Robert Lery, Thomas Bochere, John Averay, John Howes, John Juffray, John Prest, Nicholas Ede, John Tyllyng, Richard Chamberbayne, John Foule, parishioners, say that ch. is dedicated to Assumption and has a graveyard and font. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. R. should receive all tithes of hay, grain, wool, and lambs, and from 2 lordships at Blakelonde all crops (*fructus*) on 2 a. allocated by lords' servants, and 1 a. of wheat sown on Thomas Frayne's land, 1 a. of grain on lord of Wydecombe's lands, 2 a. of grain on Crofton lordship, and 1 a. of wheat on land of abbot of . . . [blank] 2 years out of 3 and in third year on William Putmane's land. Glebe has 7 carucates, 20 a. meadow, 20 a. pasture, 24 a. wood, and 12 tenants of whom 7 hold 12 a. each and 5 are customary tenants holding 5 a. each. Tenants and rectory's assized rent yield £12 17s. 2½d. a year. V. should receive all other lesser tithes, tithe of mills, and altar offerings.³ Tithe at Berewike belongs to R. Rectory has 3 rooms, a chapel, barn, dovecote, and room above gate. A watermill belongs to it.

94 [f.38] *Berewyk*. William Arnald, William Bayly, parishioners, cited, say that inhabitants should receive all sacraments and sacramentals in St. Nicholas's chapel and burial in its graveyard. R. of Calne should receive greater and lesser tithes. Robert, the chapl., did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved. Rectory has a barn and a house for chapl. Parishioners felled graveyard trees without R.'s licence selling them for 30s.; John Quyntheyne and Thomas Tebolde submitted to dean before commissary on 27 Jan. 1406 in Calne ch. Graveyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; John and Thomas said on 27 Jan. that it is repaired. Two processional candles, celure above altar, and a candle beam (*trabes . . . ad portandum cereos*) before high altar are lacking through R.'s fault. Richard Tylere violated sequestration of tithes from St. Giles' lands; confessed before commissary; has 27 Jan. to do penance; did not come; suspended.

¹ Inhabitants had no chapel but attended parish church. D.D.R. fo.86v.

² *Calne* written in later hand.

³ Vicarage revenues were apparently augmented between 1375 and 1388 but no mention is made here of vicar's new right to greater tithes in Compton, Whitecombe, and Bobeton. Reg. Erghum, ff.158v.-159.

95 *Chyryell*. John, the chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Henry Bochere, Richard Sloe, parishioners of Calne living in Cheryell, cited, say that chapel is built in manor and altar is dedicated to St. James. Inhabitants should receive all sacraments there. Burial is at Calne. R. of Calne should receive tithes of hay, grain, lambs, and wool. V. of Calne should receive all lesser tithes. Chapl. should receive offerings made in chapel. He has a messuage, 24 a. of land and meadow, and salary of 40s. a year from R. [f.38v.] Inhabitants shall repair chapel and its ornaments.

96 *Calne*¹. R. withheld a set of vestments and a portas. Chancel windows are defective through R.'s fault. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of people of Chyryell; they and parishioners of Calne came in Calne ch. on 27 Jan. 1406; pending in hope of peace. Some people refuse to contribute to repair of Calne nave; Richard Sloe, Henry Boher, Thomas Calays, alleged on 27 Jan. that they should not contribute; have next consistory in cath. on . . . [blank] Feb. to propound this in due form. Alice Morys withholds a silver chalice worth 2m. which belonged to fraternity of Cross in Calne ch.; Alice and John Morys, chapl., executors of John Morys, brother of the light, said on 27 Jan. that John belonged to fraternity and contributed like other brothers and also spent 11s. of his own in its affairs and lent its wardens 13s. 4d. taking chalice as security; have next consistory in [cath.] on . . . [blank] Feb. to say why they ought not to return chalice and to prove debt of 13s. 4d.

97 *Calston*.² John Dovy, William Bayly, parishioners, came before dean; visitation articles were expounded to them; they say all is well.

98 [f.39] *Calne*. One of 3 clerks and also two processional candlesticks are lacking through V.'s fault. For last 6 years William Skynnere withheld 20d. a year left by Adam Bardemulle to Stanley abbey; denied it on 27 Jan. 1406 in Calne ch. and asserted that he could show why he ought not to pay; has day in cath., as above, to do so.

99 *Brewyk*. Parishioners felled young welsh oaks (*querulos wallicanos*) in graveyard to detriment of R.; submitted before dean who remitted their penances and gave them the oaks to repair chapel windows.³ John Fynche commits adultery with Lucy Poundes; he left.

100 same day. *Yatesbury*. Dean visited preb. Robert Buyssh,⁴ P., called; did not come; John Bakere, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Preb. is endowed in lay fee with 60 a. and 8 customary tenants holding in all 120 a. and paying 4m. a year. P. has jurisdiction over his tenants. There is a barn and byre.

¹ Charges grouped within a marginal bracket.

² Chapel was not in dean's jurisdiction. D.D.R. fo.86.

³ See **94**.

⁴ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 98. Residentiary of Salisbury.

101 10 Oct. 1405. *Blebury*. Dean visited ch. Cardinal¹ is P.; did not come; John Latton, farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Hugh, the V., and John Clement, chapl., promised obedience *etc* [f.39v] Abbot of Cirencestre cited for his portion at Aston Uptrop did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; John Kenet, his bailiff, came; did not show letters of proxy; dean assigned him 7 Feb. 1406 to show them with muniments relating to abbey portion on (*pain*) of 20s.; showed nothing on 7 Feb. in Wantyng ch.; commissary assigned Fri. 5 weeks hence in cath. to show and submit them. Abbot of Radyng cited for his portion; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; Richard Hulstdon, his farmer, did not have adequate letters of proxy; dean assigned 7 Feb. to show adequate letters with muniments as above. Prior [*recte* abbot] of Bermundesey cited for his portion; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; John Latton, his farmer, showed no letters of proxy; dean assigned 7 Feb. to show them; showed them to commissary in Blebury ch. on 10 March 1406; dismissed. John Latton, John Bullok, Richard Hunsterton, John Baron, John Segere, Andrew Shene, John Kene, William Benfelde, parishioners, cited, say that ch. is dedicated to St. Michael 'in Monte Tumba' and has a graveyard, font, all sacraments, sacramentals, and chapels at Upton and Aston Uptrop. R. should receive tithe of hay and sheaves, mortuary payments, and mortuary payments and heriots from his tenants. Glebe has a carucate, 2 a. meadow, 4 tenants, each holding a virgate, and 5 cottagers, paying in all 45s. a year. Rectory has 2 barns, a stable, hay-house, room, and kitchen. V. should receive tithes of wool and lambs except [f.40] from abbot of Radyngg and Notynggham Basset.² He should receive all other tithes and altar offerings. He ought to provide a chapl. to say Mass on alternate days in chapels where parishioners should receive all sacraments except burial. Juliana Hobbes made Richard Perys and John Hobbes her executors; admin. granted to them by commissary on 7 Feb. 1406 in Wantyng ch., they being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. William, John Davy's servant, fornicates with Isabel Davy; confessed on 7 Feb.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid both their fines; both dismissed. Chancel roof and windows of Upton chapel and Blebury chancel roof are defective through R.'s fault. John Whyte withholds yearly ch. rent of 4d. for last 12 years; paid a fine to parishioners. Richard, the parish clerk, [took] 2 sheets from ch.; denied it before dean; has 7 Feb. to purge with 6 hands. R. fails to provide parish clerk's surplice.

102 12 Oct. 1405. *Sonnyng*. Dean visited his ch. with its chapels. Dean is R. Robert Etton, V.,³ promised obedience. John Watresfelde, chapl., promised obedience *etc*. Thomas and Walter Clerk, holy water clerks, promised obedience. [f.40v.] Philip Ponsard, Ralph Parkere, William Chydenham, Ralph atte Hawe, Thomas Merye, John Shippehurde, William Capy, Tho-

¹ Angelo Acciaiuoli: *Le Neve, Fasti*. 37.

² Nottingham's fee in Blewbury: *V.C.H. Berks*. iii. 281.

³ Presented on 17 Aug. 1405: *Reg. Medford*, f.106v.

mas atte Rook, William Gorewey, Thomas Aynalf, parishioners, cited, say that St. Andrew's ch. has a graveyard and font. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. There are dependent chapels at Sandehurst, Wokyngham, Hurst, and Roscombe where inhabitants should receive all sacraments and burial. Rectory is endowed with tithes of grain, hay, coppice wood, mills, fish, summer cider apples, and with mortuary payments. Glebe has a hide of arable and 13 a. meadow in Sonnyng common meadow. R. also has Prestesmede meadow and Bowelmede in a close except 5 a. which belong to his tenants at Sonnyng. He has a pasture in a close, 5 customary bond-tenants and 9 cottagers paying in all 60s. a year.¹ Rectory has a hall with 2 rooms at either end, a barn, and byre, and a barn in Oxfordshire. Ch. roof and walls are defective through fault of parish. Chancel door is defective through R's fault. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish. John Chesewey of Rysthewey declines to be chwdn. V. commits adultery with Joan Fuller; denied it before commissary on 9 Feb. 1406; has 19 March 1406 in cath. to purge with 6 hands. He quarrels with his parishioners. He goes about at night with a long sword contrary to clerical decency.

103 [f.45 recte 41] *Erberfelde*. Richard Thomas, R., promised obedience *etc.* John Taylour, William Westbrok, parishioners, cited, say that St. Bartholomew's ch. has a graveyard and font. Parishioners should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Rectory is endowed with greater and lesser tithes and with altar offerings. It pays a pension to R. of Sonnyng. Robert and his heirs are patrons. On 13 Oct. 1405 in Roscombe chapel R. paid dean a yearly pension of 13s. 4d. from Erberfeld ch. due on 24 June. Present: M. John Shirbourne, Sir Nicholas Godewyn, William Vyell, John Stephenes.² (*Note*) On same day John's [*sic*] will proved; admin. granted to Joan, his wife, and John Okettour, executors, being sworn; later accounted; dismissed.

104 *Wokyngham*. Stephen, the chapl., and Richard Benet, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Thomas Clerke, holy water clerk, promised obedience. Richard Beche, Richard Rolonde, Walter atte Mersche, parishioners, say that All Saints' chapel has a graveyard and font. Inhabitants should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Chapel is dependent on Sonnyng ch. R. of Sonnyng should receive all tithes and altar offerings and provide a permanently resident chapl. and [parish] clerk. Glebe has 20 a. of arable.³ [f.45v. recte 41v.] R. ought to provide a set of ferial vestments. Tenants from Bokehurst ought to provide a 1 lb. candle at serçices in chapel and Laurence Drew withheld it. William and his wife, Marion, fail to provide a lamp in chapel. John Glaswere is a usurer lending William Turfelde 5m. and receiving

¹ Marginal hand in different ink points to this item.

² Marginal hand in different ink points to this item.

³ 20 a. of arable added in different hand.

a loan of 10s.; confessed before commissary in Sunning ch. on 5 March 1406; has 26 March 1406 in cath. to do penance; paid a fine; dismissed.

105 *Erleygh St. Bartholomey*. William, the R., did not come because not cited. William Capy, Thomas Mury, William Chydenham, inhabitants, say that free chapel's altar is dedicated to St. Bartholomew. Thomas Overey and his heirs are patrons and present to dean. Chapel pays a pension of 2s. to Sonnyng ch. Inhabitants should receive all sacraments at Sonnyng.¹

106 *Erleygh Whyteknyght*. William, the R., did not come because not cited. Inhabitants say that free chapel's altar is dedicated to St. Nicholas. Thomas Overey and his heirs are patrons as above. Chapel pays a pension. Inhabitants should receive all sacraments at Sonnyng.²

107 [f.42] *Roscombe*. John, the chapl., promised obedience; has 5 March 1406 to show letters of ord. and submit copies. John Hacheman, John Grove, parishioners, cited, say that St. James's chapel has a graveyard and font. Inhabitants should receive all sacraments and sacramentals there. Chapel is dependent on Sonnyng ch. whose R. should receive greater and lesser tithes and altar offerings. Rectory has a barn and a house for a chapl.

108 *Hurste*.³ John, the chapl., promised obedience. John Kryssell, William Stopesull, parishioners . . . [*unfinished*].

109 *Sandhurst*. John, the chapl., promised obedience and showed nothing; has 5 March 1406 to show letters of ord. and submit copies. Richard Bonwell, John Gorewey, Ralph Coupere, parishioners . . . [*unfinished*].

110 13 Oct. 1405. *Roscombe Southbury*. Dean visited preb. M. William Spaldewyk,⁴ P., did not come; dean excused him; John, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Preb. is endowed in lay fee with 2 carucates of land and woodland, 8 customary tenants holding in all 96 a. and paying 16s. a year, 2 free tenants paying 10s. a year, and 6 cottagers. There is a hall with 2 rooms, a kitchen, with a room, a barn, byre, stable, and granary.⁵

¹ Entry is bracketed. Rt.-hand marginal hand with *ij* written in different ink occurs.

² Entry is bracketed. Rt.-hand marginal hand with *ij* written in different ink occurs.

³ Dean and chapter had to provide a chaplain to say Mass there 3 times a week: *Cal. Inq. Misc.*, 1399-1422. 248.

⁴ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 82. Residentiary of Salisbury.

⁵ 17th century marginal note: *Inquire whence the lands: 2 carucates, 96 a. are held and another carucate, 88 [recte] 188 a. are held in the other prebend which makes 3 carucates of land and wood [2 words scored out] besides 4 free tenants. Let them give satisfaction for 10 hides of land with which cathedral is endowed as appears in Old Register, f.21 [i.e. St. Osmund's Register] and in rubricated book of statutes, f.32 [i.e. Statuta Ecclesiae Sarum where similar note appears in same hand] by Osmund's charter in endowment and foundation of church. Who took what and by what right?*

111 [f.42v.] same day. *Roscombe Northbury*. Dean visited preb. M. Robert Broune, P., did not come because he is portioner of Coumbe and Harnham;¹ dean excused him because he came before. Preb. is endowed in lay fee with a carucate, 2 a. of woodland, 12 customary tenants holding in all 188 a. and paying 24s. a year, and 2 free tenants paying 6s. a year. There is a hall with 2 rooms, a kitchen, barn, stable, and byre.

112 *Wokyngham*. Following withheld rent from St. Mary's altar in chapel: Richard atte Beche, 12d.; Robert Deyghare, 2s.; John Payn, 12d. for Hugh Edwarde's former tenement in Le Don Stret; Bartholomew Colrygge, 12d.; Richard Benet, clerk, 5d.; William Coupere, 6d.; Peter Lamputte, 9d., John Mey, 6d.; Robert Boseworth for a tenement at Stonhull, 4d.

113 *Sonnyngg*. Robert Tresshere for adultery with one Alice; both cited for 5 March 1406 at Sonnyng ch.; neither came; both suspended.

114 *Alfeldcros*. John Echenwell for adultery with Joan, Robert Coke's wife. Henry Flecher for adultery with Agnes, John Trechere's wife.

115 *Hurste*. Joan Carpunter for adultery with William Vyell; denied it before commissary on 5 March 1406 at Sonnyng ch.; purged.

[Inventories of Ornaments and Books]

116 [f.65]² *Comba*. A silver chalice, gilt inside; 4 corporals with 2 burses, one of which has a cross; 2 missals; 3 sets of vestments, one for ferial days, and [2] for festivals; 2 silk copes; a surplice; 6 altar-cloths; 2 processional crosses; a handbell for visiting sick; a lantern; a pyx; a silver cup to lock up the pyx, given to ch.; 2 embroidered frontlets; a Lenten veil; 2 antiphonaries; a processional book; 2 lesson books; a gradual; a manual; a troper; 2 psalters with a hymnal; a latten thurible; 2 hand-towels (*tualla manualia*); an altar carpet (*tapetum*); 2 pewter cruets; 2 processional candlesticks; a locked lead chrismatory.

117 —³/A silver chalice, gilt inside; 4 corporals with a bright blue burse with a white cross and another burse with various shields; a set of festal vestments with chasuble, cope, 2 tunicles, 2 albs, and other parts from a set powdered with green birds; a set of vestments with chasuble and alb powdered with green roses; a bright blue ferial set with chasuble, alb, stole, and maniple; 2 missals; a gradual; a psalter; 2 antiphonaries; a troper; 2 lesson books.

¹ Prebend was annexed to Harnham: *Salisbury Statutes*, p. 542.

² Original order restored. Same hand which occurs from f.43 to f.64v. continues here. Space left for heading.

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118 Harnham. A missal; an antiphonary with music; a portas¹ with music; a gradual with music; a manual; a lesson book for ordinary days and saints' days; [f. 65v.] a troper; a hymnal; a psalter whose antiphons are set to music; a chalice, gilt inside; a gilt paten with a hand in a circle; a latten pyx for visiting the sick; a pax; 2 canopies (*canape*) with a pyx hanging above altar; 4 corporals with 3 burses; 2 candlesticks; a principal set of vestments with chasuble and red apparels from the same set; a blue-grey cope; a set of green 'tarteryn' vestments; a red and black woollen set; an old psalter; a missal; a set of vertically striped (*palatorum*) white and bright blue 'worstede' vestments; a cross with its staff; 2 lanterns; a Lenten veil; a thurible; 2 old wooden crosses; 2 handbells; 2 pewter lanterns; 6 altar-cloths with a frontal.

119 Meere. The chantry. A silver-gilt chalice with a crucifix at base and *agnus dei* in middle of paten; 2 silver cruets (*phiole*); 4 corporals with 4 burses; 2 missals, one with music; 2 portases with music; a gradual with music; an ordinal; a *Rationale Divinorum*;² a *Pars Oculi*,³ a book of decretals;⁴ a *Summa Summarum*.⁵

120 —⁶ A set of white cloth of gold vestments powdered with golden griffins' heads with chasuble, 2 tunicles, 3 copes, and other parts and a frontlet (*fronute*) and frontal (*subfronute*) of the same stuff; 4 white 'tartaryn' riddel curtains (*ridelle*); a set of black 'worstede' vestments with chasuble, 2 tunicles, 3 copes with other parts from same set; a [f. 66] red baudekyn set with white birds; a bright blue baudekyn set; a green 'tartaryn' set; a red 'tartaryn' set with chasuble, 2 tunicles, cope, and other parts; a murrey cloth of gold set powdered with griffins' heads with chasuble, 2 tunicles, apparels for one alb from same set, and apparels for other 2 albs in various colours; an alb and amice with bright blue apparels; 3 amices, of which one apparel has various arms, another is cloth of gold powdered with 'flourdelice', the third is red 'velewet' powdered with golden griffins; 6 altar-cloths, 4 of which are Paris work; 3 frontlets; 2 towels (*torsoria*). Chantry altar is dedicated in honour of Annunciation. A green pall (*palleum*) powdered with golden lions and peacocks.

¹ *portas* interlineated; another antiphonary struck through.

² Late 12th cent. book of John Beleth concerning Kalendar, liturgy, and ceremonies: *Inventory of Church Goods temp. Edward III*, ed. A. Watkin (Norfolk Record Soc.), xix, ii, page xlix.

³ First part of *Oculus Sacerdotis*, a penitential manual by William Pagula written between 1326 and 1328. He was vicar of Winkfield, Berks: L.E. Boyle, 'The Oculus Sacerdotis and Some Other Works of William Pagula', *Transactions of the Royal Hist. Soc.*, 5th series, v, pp. 85, 99, 106.

⁴ Probably *Liber Extra* of Gregory IX promulgated in 1234.

⁵ Collection of canon law and theology in 5 books by William Pagula written about 1322-3: Boyle, *ut sup.* pp. 101, 105.

⁶ Blank. Entry is probably for St. Mary's chantry, Mere.

121 *Meere*. Missing chantry books. A Bible and a *Hugucion*¹ are in Sir Richard Cheddesey's custody; Giles's *De Regimine Principum*² is in custody of John Cleveden; a pair of *Clementinis*³ and *Sextus Liber Decretalium*⁴ in custody of John Robbetut, R. of Penrech;⁵ an *Albertinus*⁶ in custody of Sir John Chasse; a set of vestments in custody of Sir John Berkelee, knight.⁷

122 *Netherbury*. A silver-gilt chalice; a silver-gilt chalice with Trinity on gilt paten; 3 corporals with 3 burses; 2 missals, one without music; an ordinal; 2 portases with music; 2 antiphonaries with music; 2 processional books with music; 3 graduals [f.66v.] with music, one in poor condition; a French psalter; a manual; a set of bright blue baudekyn vestments with chasuble, 2 tunicles and cope powdered with peacocks' feathers; a red baudekyn set with chasuble, 2 tunicles, and cope powdered with white crowns and other various white things; a white cope powdered with golden lions; a set of vestments whose red chasuble is powdered with white horses and the alb apparels are bright blue powdered with dragons; a set whose bright blue chasuble powdered with griffins is in poor condition and the alb apparels are green; 7 altar-cloths, 5 of which are Paris work with 3 frontlets (*paruris*) attached; a red frontal powdered with lily leaves; a linen frontal painted with dragons; a linen frontal in poor condition powdered with figures of St. John; 3 towels (*torsoria*); 2 latten candlesticks; a latten hearse (*hauselet*); 2 latten crosses; a copper-gilt (*coper' deaurato*) pyx above altar with a canopy (*canape*) with 3 latten crowns; a latten pyx for visiting the sick; a latten thurible; 5 surplices; a plaque (*tabula*) with figure of St. Mary in middle; 3 paxes; 3 pewter cruets (*phiole*); a latten holy water bucket (*baket*); a pewter chrysmatory; a dyed linen lectern cloth; a vertically striped (*palatum*) bright blue and blue-grey linen Lenten veil; 2 cushions (*pulves*); a set of striped red silk vestments given by M. Nicholas Ryxton.⁸

123 *Yatemynstrè*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with head on paten; a silver-gilt chalice with Trinity on paten; 4 corporals with 2 burses and a good red burse powdered with perrie (*perrey*) roses; a missal with music; a portas with music; 2 antiphonaries, one with music; 2 lesson books; [f.67] an ordinal; 3 graduals, one with music; 2 manuals, one is old; a set of vestments whose chasuble and alb apparels are bright blue powdered with golden

¹ Either the *Summa* of Hugh Pisa, a commentary on Gratian's *Decretum*, written after 1185 or his *Etymologicum* which was a dictionary: A.G. Cicognani, *Canon Law*, 2nd edn. revised, (Westminster, Maryland, 1934), 329-30; Watkin, *ut sup.*, p. xlv note.

² Written by Giles of Rome before 1285: C.H. McIlwain, *Growth of Political Thought in the West*, (New York, 1932), 339-40.

³ Clementines, last medieval collection of decrees incorporated into canon law and promulgated in 1317: Cicognani, *ut sup.* p. 314.

⁴ *Liber Sextus*, a canon law collection promulgated in 1298 by Boniface VIII: *Ibid.* p. 309.

⁵ Former vicar of Mere: *CPR 1391-6*. 645.

⁶ Probably *Summa Theologica* of Albert the Great written 1270-80: D. Knowles, *Evolution of Medieval Thought* (1962), 251.

⁷ See 50 note.

⁸ Last item added later.

griffins; a set whose chasuble and alb apparels are bright blue baudekyn powdered with white birds and white roses; a cope and 2 tunicles from a set of striped tawny (tany); a cope and 2 tunicles from a set powdered with green birds; 2 green tunicles in poor condition powdered with blue-grey birds; an alb in poor condition with 2 apparels powdered with green birds; a set of vestments with white chasuble, the alb apparels are bright blue for Lent; a set with red chasuble and alb apparels; 10 altar-cloths, 8 of which are Paris work with 2 frontlets attached; a big frontal in poor condition powdered with great birds; a linen frontal dyed for Lent; an 'every' pyx with a canopy (*canape*) above the altar; a vertically striped (*palatum*) bright blue and white linen Lenten veil; a wooden pyx for visiting the sick; a pax, a latten chrismatory; a latten thurible; 2 pewter candlesticks; 7 pewter cruets (*fiolle*); a handbell; 3 surplices.

124 *Shirburn*. A silver-gilt chalice with cross at base and Trinity in middle of paten; a silver-gilt chalice without a cross with Saviour's hand in middle of paten; a silver-gilt chalice with moulded ornamentation (swag¹) with *agnus dei* in middle of paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with Saviour's hand and sun and moon in middle of paten; an identical chalice; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with Saviour's hand in middle of paten; a broken silver chalice with paten, which dean withdrew from use; 4 corporals with 4 burses; 2 silver cruets; [f.67v.] a silver-gilt thurible; a locked silver-gilt pyx; 6 paxes; a silver pyx with a silver cup to carry the sacrament to the sick; 2 missals, one with music; a portas with music; a portas with music with a psalter; 2 antiphonaries, one with music; a gradual with music; a lesson book for ordinary days; a lesson book for saints' days with music; 2 graduals, one with music; a martyrology with psalter and hymnal; a collect book; a psalter with hymnal; another psalter with Sequences for Dead; 3 processional books, 1 with music; a red baudekyn chasuble, cope, 2 tunicles, 3 albs, 3 amices, 2 stoles and 3 maniples from same set; a silk maniple [*recte* chasuble], 3 albs, 3 amices, 2 stoles and 3 maniples from same set; a red silk cope powdered with golden roses;¹ a gold silk maniple [*recte* chasuble] powdered with golden deer and white roses; 2 green silk copes powdered with parrots (popeiayes); a chasuble, 2 tunicles, 3 albs, 3 amices, 2 stoles, and 3 maniples from the same set; a bright blue silk chasuble powdered with red dragons with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a green chasuble worked with stars, with alb, amice, stole, and maniple, and apparels worked with lions; a bright blue chasuble, an alb with *agnus dei* in the apparels, an amice with lions and flowers worked in the apparel, a bright blue striped (*radiati*) stole and maniple; a white baudekyn chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; 23 altar-cloths, 2 with frontlets; 3 surplices; 2 embroidered (?) hangings (*aulocall'*); 2 carpets (*tapeti*); a blue-grey silk pall (*pallium*); 2 riddel curtains (*ridelle*) embroidered with angels; a lesson book for saints' days; a lesson book for ordinary days.²

¹ Faded, illegible word interlineated.

² Last 2 items added later.

125 [f.68] *St. T[homas] in la Grene*. A silver-gilt chalice with paten with a star and moon and Saviour's hand in middle; a missal; a portas; an antiphonary with music with a psalter; a lesson book; a striped (*radiato*) red velvet chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a 'burdelisaundr' chasuble of various colours with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a red silk chasuble worked with birds with alb and amice from same set, stole and maniple worked with flowers; 5 altar-cloths; an embroidered frontal; an embroidered dossal.

126 *Magdeleyn*. A silver chalice, gilt inside and partly outside with hand on paten; a corporal with 2 burses; a missal; a red 'bordalisaundr' vestment with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a bright blue baudekyn chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a green silk chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple whose blue-grey apparels are worked with roses; a surplice; an ivory pyx; a wooden crucifix; 3 altar-cloths; a hand-towel (*tuallum manuale*); a chrismatory unlocked though fault of parish.

127 *Compton Hawey*. A silver-gilt chalice with gilt cross at base with a rood [*recte* paten] with Saviour's hand in middle; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with big crucifix at base with paten with Saviour's hand in middle; 4 corporals with 4 cases; 2 missals; 2 portases; an antiphonary; a lesson book for saints' days; a gradual; a manual; a psalter with hymnal; [f.68v.] a processional book; a chasuble of red scarlet with amice, alb, stole, and maniple from same set; a green striped chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a linen chasuble embroidered with angels' heads with alb and amice from same set; 12 altar cloths (*mappe*), 3 with frontlets; 6 tin cruets (*virole*); a wooden pyx; a chrismatory; 4 surplices; 2 latten thuribles; an ordinal; a green striped cope; a lantern with handbell for visiting the sick; a copper-gilt cross; 2 tin candlesticks; a pax.

128 *Nether Compton*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with a crucifix at base with Saviour's hand in middle of paten; 2 corporals with a burse; a missal; 2 portases; a lesson book for ordinary days and saints' days; an antiphonary; a gradual; an ordinal; a 'bordasilisandr' chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a blanched silk chasuble with birds, with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from another set; a red silk chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a latten pyx; a 'latyn' processional cross; a funeral cross; 2 tin processional candlesticks; 7 altar-cloths (*mappe*) without frontlets; a pax; a copper thurible; a lantern with handbell for visiting the sick; an unlocked chrismatory.

129 [f.69] *Compton Hawey*. R. has common rights in the closed season (*tempore separali*) to keep 4 oxen and an aver in every separate pasture in Compton, namely Somerlese, Sixacris, Rucllyff, and Le Wode by church right and in the open season (*tempore aperto*) to keep all his animals within lordship of lords of Compton.

130 *Cherdestoke*. A silver-gilt chalice with cross at base and likeness of Saviour in middle of paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with gilt cross at base and Saviour's head in middle of paten; 3 corporals with 2 silk burses; a locked 'yvery' pyx; a red gold silk cope; a white fustian cope powdered with roses; a red baudekyn chasuble worked with golden stars in the orphreys with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a white baudekyn chasuble with bright blue velvet orphreys with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from the same set; a red and blue-grey chequered chasuble with alb, 2 tunicles, 3 albs, 3 amices, 3 stoles, and 3 maniples from same set; a gold silk chasuble powdered with varous arms with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a red 'satan' chasuble with alb, amice with a figure in the apparel, and stole and maniple from another set of various colours; a green silk chasuble with alb, amice, stole and maniple from same set; 3 missals, one with music is old; an antiphonary with music; a manual; a processional book; a gradual with music; a gathering of a processional book with music; a portas with a psalter without music; another portas; a psalter; 2 small copper-gilt candlesticks; 5 surplices; 3 sets of pewter cruets; a locked pewter chris-matory; a gradual.¹

131 [f.69v.] *Fordyngton*. Two missals, one with music; 2 antiphonaries, one with music in poor condition; a gradual with music; a collect book with psalter and hymnal; a processional book; a hymnal; an almost completely worn out portas; 2 silver chalices with gilt patens; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with paten; a silver pyx; a latten pyx with a canopy (*canape*) hanging above altar; a set of red baudekyn vestments with a cope; a white set with 2 tunicles and cope from same set; a red cloth of Lucca set powdered with beasts, in poor condition; 2 corporals with their burses; 4 surplices; 6 altar-cloths; a frontal of dyed cloth; 2 crosses with one staff; 2 tin processional candlesticks; 2 tin cruets (*firole*); a tin chris-matory; a red silk cushion (*pules*); a lantern; a handbell; 2 red carpets (*tapete*) to lay before the altar at festivals; a portas provided by V. to replace one stolen;² a set of vestments given by John Wakeryng, P., whose chasuble is crimson (*crymyn*) powdered with white birds;³ a missal.⁴

132 *Preston and Sutton* A silver chalice, the lower half gilt; a silver chalice; 5 corporals with 5 burses; a missal; an antiphonary; an old gradual; an ordinal; a troper; 2 processional books with music; a manual with *Dirige*, Baptism and Burial of Dead; an old book with office for *Corpus Christi* and part of a psalter with collects; a gathering of office for *Corpus Christi*; a red silk cope powdered with golden eagles; a chasuble with various golden arms with alb,

¹ Last item added in a different hand.

² This item added later.

³ This item added later in different hand. In his will dated 29 March 1425 Wakeryng left church a gradual and a vestment: *Reg. Chichele 1414-1443*, (Cant. and York Soc.), ii. 313-14.

⁴ This item written at top of page followed by a portas with music struck through.

green velvet amice and stole and maniple [f.70] from same set; a ferial 'bordalisaundr' chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a red and blue-grey chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; an old blue-grey cope; a 'fustyan' chasuble with alb whose apparel is partly white silk, partly 'fustyan', a green cloth of gold amice powdered with lambs, a blue-grey stole, a white stole with linen maniple; 2 surplices; a green silk cushion (*pulvinar*); 10 altar-cloths, 2 with gold silk frontlets; 2 tin cruets; 2 tin candlesticks.

133 *Lyme*. A silver-gilt chalice with crucifix at base and likeness of Saviour in middle of paten; a silver-gilt chalice with hand in middle of paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with gilt crucifix at base and a likeness of Saviour in middle of paten; 2 corporals with 2 old burses; an 'yvery' pyx locked inside a wooden pyx; a little bone from St. Blaise's arm; a cross covered with silver with a little bone of St. Petroc inserted; a wooden cross covered with silver and various stones; a great wooden cross with a silver and part-gilt figure; a copper-gilt Sun. cross; 2 missals; 2 graduals with music, one with defective binding through fault of parish; 2 manuals, one is new; 3 processional books with music, one is old; a psalter with Mass of *Corpus Christi*; a gathering of *Corpus Christi* service with music; an old psalter; a portas with music with a psalter; a portas [*recte* lesson book] for saints' days without a psalter; a portas [*recte* lesson book] for ordinary days with music with a psalter; [f.70v.] an antiphonary with music; a red silk cope powdered with golden peacocks; a silk cope powdered with dragons; a bright blue silk chasuble powdered with white dragons with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a tawny velvet chasuble in poor condition with alb, amice, stole, and maniple with 'bordalisaundr' apparels from one set; a red striped silk chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a silk chasuble powdered with colour [*sic*], 2 tunicles, 2 albs 2 amices, stole, and maniple from same set; a blue-grey chasuble powdered with heads in poor condition; a silk chasuble of various colours powdered with green birds; a striped (*radiato*) silk chasuble lined with green carde and alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; an alb with roses worked in apparels; 2 white fustian chasubles with stole and maniple from same set; an amice with a red gold silk apparel; 20 altar-cloths, one with a red and one with a white frontlet; altar furnishings comprising 2 bright blue silk frontals decorated with jackdaws (*nodulis*) and 2 curtains from same set; 3 'paxbredes' decorated with crucifixes; 2 sets of tin cruets; 2 surplices; a silver pyx with a gilt cross on top.¹

134 *Wambrook*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with silver paten; 2 missals, one is old; a gradual; a processional book; an old troper; a psalter; 2 antiphonaries; a book with hymnal and ordinal; a book with various masses and collects; an old and new corporal with a burse; a red chasuble with horizontal golden stripes (*barris*) with an alb with 'bordalisaundr' apparels; an old blue-grey

¹ This item added later in same hand.

chasuble with blue-grey leaves; an alb with white bustian apparels; 2 surplices; 3 altar-cloths in poor condition; a frontal painted with beasts; a latten cross; a set of red vestments given by Thomas, the R.¹

135 [f.71] *Haydon*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with cross at base and star and moon with Saviour's hand in middle of paten; 2 corporals with 2 burses; a grey-blue silk chasuble and alb, amice, and maniple from same set; a white thread stole; an unlined damask chasuble with alb, amice, and stole whose apparels are decorated with feathers; a maniple worked with white linen thread; a missal; a manual with music; an old portas with music with a psalter; a wooden Sun. cross; 2 cruets; an unlocked chrismatory; a wooden pax; a surplice; a psalter; 5 altar-cloths.

136 *Merssh*. A silver chalice with Saviour's hand in middle of paten; 2 corporals with 2 burses; a missal; a portas; a lesson book for both ordinary days and saints' days; a black cloth of gold chasuble with cope, alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a black velvet chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a silk chasuble with clouds with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a ferial striped (*radiato*) silk chasuble; 6 altar-cloths, 2 with frontlets; an unlocked latten chrismatory; an unlocked wooden pyx, 2 pewter cruets; a surplice.

137 *Folk*. A silver-gilt chalice with Saviour's hand in middle of paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with Saviour's hand in paten; a missal; 2 portases with music, one with a psalter; a manual; a gradual with music; [f.71v.] 2 corporals with 2 burses; 3 surplices; a green silk chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a blue-grey silk chasuble with alb, amice, and maniple from same set; a white chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a wooden cross with a latten figure; a wooden cross; a wooden pax; an unlocked horn pyx; an unlocked pewter chrismatory; 3 pewter cruets; a latten thurible; 4 altar-cloths and an embroidered linen frontlet.

138 *Burton*. A silver chalice, gilt inside and partly outside, with crucifix at base; a corporal with burse; a missal; a portas with music; a gradual with music; a red baudekyn chasuble with golden stars in its orphreys with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a red silk chasuble with striped (*radiatis*) orphreys with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a red cloth of gold chasuble in poor condition with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; 2 little pewter cruets (*ampulle*); a latten Sun. cross; an unlocked silver-gilt pyx; an unlocked pewter chrismatory; 4 altar-cloths; a black and white Lenten veil.

139 *Holnest*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with Saviour's hand in middle of paten; a corporal with a burse; a missal; a portas with a psalter; a bright blue

¹ This item added in different hand.

and white striped (*radiato*) silk chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; 2 bright blue silk chasubles with 2 albs, 2 amices, 2 stoles, and 2 maniples from same set; an unlocked tin chrismatory; 2 pewter cruets; a wooden cross; 4 altar-cloths without frontlets.

140 [f.72] *Wotton*. A silver chalice, gilt inside and partly outside with gilt cross at base and Saviour's hand in middle of paten; a bright blue baudekyn chasuble with orphreys worked in gold thread with 2 albs, an amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a corporal with a burse; a bright blue striped (*radiato*) silk chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a white 'fustyan' chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; 3 altar-cloths without frontlets; a bright blue and white Lenten veil; a missal; a gathering for blessing water; a missal; a book with the Blessing of Water and certain Masses; an iron thurible; 2 wooden paxes; a tin cruet.

141 —¹ A silver chalice, gilt inside, with cross at base and Saviour's hand in middle of paten; a good silver-gilt chalice around which is written 'I will receive the cup of salvation' with *agnus dei* in middle of gilt paten; a smaller silver chalice, gilt inside, with gilt cross at base and Saviour's hand in middle of paten; 4 corporals with 4 burses; an ivory pyx; a latten pyx for taking sacrament to the sick; a latten chrismatory unlocked through fault of parish; a striped silk cope with chasuble, 2 tunicles, 3 albs, 3 amices, 2 stoles, and maniples from same set; a red baudekyn chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a cloth of gold chasuble with two-headed eagles with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a chasuble with bright blue silk ground (*serico campado*) worked with different designs; an alb with red velvet apparels powdered with golden roses and an amice from same set; a bright blue silk chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; 2 'paxbreds'; 5 pewter cruets; a latten handbell; 6 surplices; 4 missals, one [f.72v.] is old; 3 graduals with music; a manual with music; 2 portases, one with music; an ordinal; another manual with music; an old ordinal; an antiphonary with music; 12 altar-cloths, 5 with frontlets of various colours; a latten cross; a wooden cross.

142 *Lyllington*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with holy lamb on paten; a corporal; a missal; a portase; 2 graduals; a lesson book; a book with collects, epistles, readings, and responsories; an antiphonary with music; a set of vestments whose chasuble and apparels are 'bordasisaundr' powdered with red birds; a set with a white chasuble and blue-grey apparels in poor condition; a set with blue-grey alb apparels; a bright blue striped chasuble; 3 altar-cloths; a thurible; 3 surplices; 2 pewter cruets (*fiote*); an unlocked chrismatory.

143 *Beere by Shirbourne*. A silver chalice; a corporal; a missal with music; 2 antiphonaries with music; a processional; a set of vestments with bright blue

¹ Blank.

and red chasuble and alb apparels powdered with golden griffins; a white chasuble for Lent; an unlocked chrismatory; a set of vestments with striped red and black 'bordelisaundr' alb apparels; a silk frontal with vertical blue-grey and brown (brounet') stripes (*palato*); 6 altar-cloths; 2 cruets (*fiote*); a latten thurible in poor condition.

144 [f.73] *Thorneforde*. A silver-gilt chalice; 3 corporals; a missal; a gradual; a lesson book for ordinary days with responsories, antiphons, and readings; a similar lesson book for saints' days; a set of vestments with bright blue chasuble and apparels of cloth of Lucca; a set with blue-grey chasuble and green apparels; another set with chequered chasuble and apparels; a white chasuble for Lent; 4 altar-cloths; a thurible; 2 tin candlesticks; a pewter chrismatory; a pyx above the altar; a lantern for visiting the sick.

145 *Calne*. A silver-gilt chalice with crucifix at base with Saviour's head on paten; a silver-gilt chalice with leaves at base and Saviour's head on paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside and partly outside, with crucifix at base with Saviour's hand on paten; 4 corporals with 4 silk burses; a monstrance (*iocale*) to carry at *Corpus Christi* with different relics, the base of silver-gilt and a figure of Christ on top; a gospel text, one side of which is silver-gilt with figures of the crucifix, St. Mary and St. John; St. Edmund's' comb (*pecteren*)²; St. Mary's hair (*capillus*); various other unnamed relics; a set of St. Edmund's vestments with chasuble, alb, amice from one set and stole and maniple from another set; a set of bright blue vestments powdered with golden lions and falcons; a (?) frontal (*fort'*) from same set; 2 frontals, one bright blue with figure of St. Mary, the other with Trinity powdered with golden stars; a red vestment with horizontal golden stripes (*barris*) with chasuble, 2 tunicles, 3 amices, 3 albs, 2 stoles, and 3 maniples; a vestment of different colours with chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple; a vestment with birds and an alb from same set, an amice from another set, a stole and maniple from another set; a bright blue striped vestment with chasuble, cope, 2 tunicles, 3 maniples, albs, and amices; [f.73v.] one old cope from another set; 6 altar-cloths, one with a frontlet; 2 missals; 4 graduals; 2 antiphonaries; a portas with music without a psalter; a book of collects; a manual with collects and hymnal; a psalter with iron chains (*cum super fer[r]eis*); a latten pyx to carry chrisim and oil; 2 latten pyxes; 3 latten crucifixes; 2 hand-towels (*manutergia*)³; a manual given by R.; a set of red silk vestments powdered with golden leaves; a green and bright blue silk frontal and dossal with riddel curtains (*ridellis*) of same material.⁴

¹ St. Edmund of Abingdon held Calne prebend probably from 1222 to 1233. An altar was dedicated in his honour there before 1336: *BRUO*. i. 6; 263n.

² Note *St. Edmund's comb* in later medieval hand.

³ This and 2 previous items written in different hand.

⁴ Last 3 items written in another different hand.

146 *Calne*. St. Mary's chantry. A silver-gilt chalice; a missal; the chantry stock, namely a cow or 6s. 8d. assigned for souls of Thomas Comoer and Christine his wife.

147 *Upaston*. A silver-gilt chalice with crucifix at base with leaves and a likeness of Saviour on paten; 2 corporals with 2 silk burses; a green vestment powdered with birds and leaves with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a bright blue chasuble, a red apparelled alb, stole and maniple from same set; a bright blue chasuble with alb [apparels] in different colours, an amice [whose apparel] is another colour with stole and maniple of another colour; 2 paxes; a missal; a psalter; a gathering for *Corpus Christi*; a manual; 3 altar-cloths (*manutergia*), one with a frontlet.

148 [f.74] *Blebury*. A gilt chalice with a crucifix at base and Saviour's hand on paten; a silver-gilt chalice with nothing at base, with a likeness of Saviour on paten; corporals with 3 burses; a red vestment powdered with roses and birds with chasuble, cope, 2 tunicles, 3 albs, 3 amices, 2 stoles, and 3 maniples; a white chasuble powdered with golden birds, with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a red striped chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a chasuble of various colours powdered with beasts with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a pyx for carrying the sacrament, worth nothing; a copper-gilt cross; a latten cross; 3 cushions (*pulvinaria*); 8 altar-cloths and 2 frontlets; 6 hand-towels (*manutergia*); 4 banners (*vexilla*); a wooden chrismatory; 3 paxes; 2 missals, one is old; a manual; a portas; 2 antiphonaries; a lesson book; 2 graduals; 2 psalters; an ordinal; 2 processional books; a troper; a rochet; a latten-gilt cross; a latten cup for the sacrament.¹

149 *W[ynterburn] Dautesey*. A silver chalice, gilt inside and partly outside, with gilt crucifix at base and Saviour's head in middle of paten; 2 corporals with 2 burses; a missal; a lesson book; an antiphonary with music; a psalter; [f.74v.] a gradual with music; a psalter; a lesson book; a Common of the Saints; a book in poor condition; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of red baudekyn; a red silk chasuble powdered with white lions; a bright-blue ferial chasuble powdered with stars; an alb with chequered apparels; an amice, stole, and maniple with variously coloured [apparels]; an unlocked pyx; an unlocked lead chrismatory; 3 altar-cloths, one with a green frontlet.

150 *Chuyte*.² A silver chalice with crucifix at base and Saviour's head on paten; 3 corporals with 3 burses; a set of red vestments powdered with green leaves and roses; a chasuble, 2 tunicles, and a cope of green, an alb with cloth of gold apparels, an apparel, an amice with shields, a stole and maniple; a striped bright blue and red cope; a chasuble and 2 tunicles of white bustian; a

¹ Last 2 items added later in different hand.

² and St. Mary's chantry there interlined in different hand.

chasuble and 2 tunicles with green 'stripys'; a chasuble and 2 tunicles of black 'satyn'; 2 green tunicles with vertical (*palatis*) blue-grey stripes; an ivory pyx; a tin chrismatory; a latten cross; a handbell; 2 missals; a gradual; a lesson book; an antiphony with music with a psalter; a manual; 3 surplices; 3 altar-cloths with red frontlets (*paruris*); 3 towels (*torsoria*); a blue-grey frontal.

151 *Chuyte*.¹ The chantry. A silver-gilt chalice with crucifix at base and *agnus dei* in middle of paten; a cloth of gold chasuble worked with figure of a horseman; a gradual with music; a missal; 2 sets of vestments, one blue-grey, the other red baudekyn.²

152 [f.75]³ *Wodeforde*. A silver-gilt chalice with a cross at base and Saviour's hand in middle of paten; a silver-chalice, part-gilt, with crucifix at base with cross in middle of paten; 3 corporals with 3 burses; an unlocked silver pyx; a chasuble, cope, 2 tunicles, 3 albs, 3 amices, 2 stoles, 3 maniples, and a cloth of gold frontlet worked with dogs; a white silk chasuble with alb, stole, amice, and maniple from same set; a cloth of gold chasuble powdered with birds with alb, amice, stole, and maniple of various colours; a green silk chasuble and alb, stole, and maniple worked with various arms; a blue-grey chasuble in poor condition with different coloured alb, stole, and maniple; a red silk chasuble in poor condition with different coloured alb, stole, and maniple; a silk chasuble powdered with white roses with alb, amice, stole, maniple, and altar frontlet from same set; 3 altar-cloths without frontlets; a frontlet worked with roses with an altar-cloth; an embroidered frontal (*autercloth*); 3 hand-towels (*tualla manualia*); an unlocked tin chrismatory; 2 wooden processional crosses covered with latten; 2 missals, one with music; an antiphony with music; a portas with music; a gradual with music. A manual and ordinal are lacking.

153 *Durneforde*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix, with hand in middle of paten; another chalice, gilt inside with plain (*non signata*) paten; 4 corporals with 3 burses; a latten pyx; a copper-gilt pyx; an unlocked tin chrismatory; a cloth of gold chasuble powdered with leaves with red [apparelled] alb, amice, and maniple powdered with leaves; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of red, powdered with 'hyndes' and birds; a red and blue-grey chasuble powdered with roses, an alb [whose apparels are] powdered with leaves with an amice with various arms, a stole, and maniple of various colours; a cloth cope with horizontal silk stripes (*barr'*); 2 bright blue tunicles; a glass-covered 'paxbede' with variously coloured relics; a little brooch (*brochia*) with bones of St. Andrew and St. Blaise; a banner (*banerium*) powdered with pictures (*picturis*) of Salutation of St. Mary; a silk banner with various arms; [f.75] a latten cross, partly gilt; a 'paxbede'; 2 altar cushions

¹ Entry cancelled later by *va . . . cat.*

² Last item written in different ink like that of interlineation in 150.

³ Double foliation: 17th cent. hand has 78 and a modern hand 75. C in top rt.-hand corner under 78.

(*pulwes*); 10 embroidered (*pix*) linen altar-cloths; 2 missals; a portas with music; 2 graduals with music; a portas; 2 psalters; an ordinal with processional-als and sequences; a book with gospels and prefaces; a manual with *Placebo* and *Dirige*; an altar-cloth (*manutergium pro altari*); 3 surplices.

154 *Willesforde*. A plain (*non signatus*) silver chalice, gilt inside, with hand in middle of paten; 2 corporals with 2 burses; an ivory pyx; a latten pyx; an unlocked tin chrismatory; a latten cross; a red and white velvet chasuble and an amice with a red velvet [apparel] powdered with white roses, and alb, stole, and maniple from another set; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of striped green; a vestment with 'bordelisandr' parts; a chasuble of various colours powdered with branches and dogs; another with orphreys in various wavy (*endent*) colours with an amice with red and white [apparels] with roses in middle and stole and maniple of various colours; an old bustian chasuble with an alb with multi-coloured striped [apparels] and an amice with an old cloth of gold [apparel] with lions; a bright blue striped cope; 4 altar-cloths, 2 with frontlets; a missal; a portas with psalter; an antiphonary; 2 graduals; an antiphonary with a lesson book with music; a poorly bound psalter. An ordinal and manual are lacking.

155 [f.76] *Chesyngbury*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base and hand on paten; a corporal; a set of bright-blue vestments, the apparels of alb and amice from same set powdered with golden griffins; a set with grey-blue chasuble with the apparels of alb and amice in various colours; a missal; 2 graduals; an antiphonary with psalter; a lesson book; 4 altar-cloths with a frontlet (*parura*); a canvas altar coverlet (*canefas pro altari*); a banner (*vexillum*); a wooden cross; a bell; a towel (*torsorium*) a multi-coloured frontal; a set of white fustian vestments for Lent.

156 *Netheravene*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base and silver paten with hand in middle; another silver chalice as above with silver paten with *agnus dei* in middle; 2 corporals with 2 silk burses; a chasuble of various colours with orphreys powdered with hinds and eagles and 3 albs, 2 tunicles, 2 stoles and 3 maniples from same set; an old cloth of gold chasuble powdered with dragons with alb, amice, stole, maniple, and 2 tunicles from same set; a striped blue-grey cope; a latten pyx; a silver pyx for the sick; a cloth of gold cope powdered with flowers and roses in poor condition; a bright blue cope powdered with crowned golden lions; 2 missals with music; 2 antiphonaries with music with psalters; a lesson book; a book containing psalter, collects and part of an antiphonary; 2 graduals, one with music; a psalter; [f.76v.] a processional book with music; a manual; an old ferial chasuble of various colours powdered with birds and 'fleuridelices' with amice, alb, stole, and maniple of various colours from another set in poor condition; a white and bright blue Lenten veil; 6 altar-cloths, 2 with frontlets; 4 surplices. They lack an ordinal. Two latten crosses; a 'paxbrede'; 2 tin candlesticks; 2 small brass bells; 2 latten censers.

157 Rotefen. A silver-gilt chalice with cross at base like a tree and hand in middle of paten; a corporal with a cloth of gold burse powdered with roses; a blue-grey chasuble powdered [*sic*] in poor condition with an alb [with apparels] of various colours, an amice with a red [apparel], a stole of various colours,¹ and a green maniple powdered with various leaves; 4 altar-cloths, one (*velum*) with a frontlet; a missal with music; a linen frontal painted with Christ on the Cross, St. Mary, angels, and various trees and leaves.

158 Burbache. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base and *agnus dei* on paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix and with Saviour's hand on paten; 2 corporals with their burses; a missal; a gradual with music; 2 antiphonaries, one with music; a lesson book; a manual; a set of red and blue-grey vertically striped (*palato*) silk vestments with cope, chasuble, 2 tunicles, apparels, stole, and maniple from same set; a black baudekyn set powdered with red flowers given by M. Adam Mottrum;² a bright blue 'satyn' set with a cope from same set; a red cloth of gold set powdered with [f. 77]³ golden heads and feet; 5 altar-cloths; 2 towels (*tersoria*); a striped silk frontal in poor condition; 3 surplices; 3 latten thuribles; a locked pyx; a tin chrismatory; 2 latten crosses; 2 pewter candlesticks; 2 pewter cruets (*fiote*); 2 handbells; a lantern; a white linen Lenten veil; 2 banners (*vexilla*).

159 Bedewynde. A chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base and paten with ICHS⁴ in middle; a plain (*non signatus*) part-gilt chalice and a paten with hand in middle; a chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base with hand in middle of paten; 10 corporals with 10 burses; a vestment with chasuble, 3 albs, 2 tunicles, and 3 amices of red cloth of gold powdered with griffins and roses, a stole, and 3 maniples powdered with roses and gold stars; a blue-grey vestment with chasuble, 3 albs, 2 tunicles, a cope, 3 amices, 2 stoles, and 3 maniples; a cloth of gold vestment powdered with various beasts and birds with chasuble, 2 tunicles, 3 albs, 3 amices, 2 stoles, and 3 maniples; an alb with black 'worstede' stole and maniple powdered with bright blue and red roses and other flowers; 2 green silk striped tunicles; a white vestment with chasuble, 3 albs, 2 tunicles, 3 amices, 2 stoles, and 3 maniples; a chasuble, alb, stole, amice, and maniple of old cloth of gold powdered with lions; an old chasuble of various colours powdered with birds and 'flourdeliz'; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of green cloth of gold powdered with leopards and various trees and maniples [*sic*]; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of old white fustian; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of green silk; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of old fustian; a chasuble, amice, stole, and maniple of various colours powdered with various birds; 5 old chasubles of various colours; a cloth of gold stole and maniple made with 'endelesknottis'; a stole and maniple of various colours made as above; 7

¹ a stole of various colours repeated.

² Prebendary there 1397-1415: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 63.

³ Entry continues in similar hand using different very black ink. Catchwords with golden heads written at foot of f. 76v.

⁴ Monogram of Jesus Christ, Saviour of Mankind.

altar-cloths, 5 with frontlets; 8 hand-towels (*tualla manualia*); 4 banners (*vexille*), 2 of green and white silk, one white, another painted with Christ crucified used for a cross; 4 cushions (*pallulia*), one of variously coloured silk; a linen Lenten veil; 2 linen frontals for Lent painted with the Cross, scourge, and other Instruments of the Passion; an unlocked latten hanging pyx; 2 missals, one is old; a portas with music; 2 antiphonaries with music; [f. 77v.] a lesson book; an exposition of gospels and epistles; 2 old manuals; 5 graduals, 2 with music one of which lacks offices from Advent to Christmas Eve; a book of sequences; a processional book; a psalter; a book of various organ chants; another book of various chants; a book with seven penitential psalms and litanies; an ordinal; 2 brass candlesticks; an unlocked tin chrismatory; a latten censer; a box (*pixis*) with various saints' relics covered with variously coloured silk; 2 surplices; a missal; 2 dyed linen sepulchre cloths; a silver cup with a crucifix on lid (*capite*); an ordinal.¹

160 *Estbedewynde*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base and IHC² on paten; a silver-gilt chalice with Saviour's hand on paten; 3 corporals with 2 burses; a missal with music; a manual; an ordinal; a processional book; a gradual with music; 2 portases, one with music; a set of bright blue vestments powdered with gold dragons; a red set of bright blue [*sic*] silk powdered with golden, bright blue, and green beasts; a white silk set with 'brodealisaundr' apparels; a red cope powdered with blue-grey leaves; 6 altar-cloths, 3 with frontlets (*paruris*); a latten pyx; a gathering of office for *Corpus Christi*; 2 latten crosses; a latten thurible; 2 surplices; 2 tin cruets (*phiole*); a handbell; 2 candlesticks; a Lenten veil; a lectern cloth; 2 iron candlesticks.

161 [f. 78] *Remmesbury*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base with hand in middle of paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with Saviour's face in middle of paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base with *agnus dei* in middle [of paten]; 2 corporals with 2 burses; an unlocked copper-gilt pyx; an ivory pyx bound with silver; a whole green vestment powdered with roses and gold flowers with chasuble, 3 albs 3 amices, 2 stoles, and 3 maniples from one set; a chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple of white silk; a cloth of gold vestment with chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple; a vestment with chasuble with orphreys powdered with a gold figure, alb, stole, and maniple from same set; a green silk chasuble with bright blue orphreys powdered with stars and crowns with alb, stole, and maniple; a blood-red (*sanguinis*) vestment with chasuble, 3 albs, a cope, 2 tunicles, 2 stoles, 3 maniples, and 3 amice apparels; a white cloth cope; a linen ferial cope powdered with roses; an alb, amice, stole, and maniple from a different set; a ferial 'burdelysaundr' chasuble with alb, stole, and maniple from a different set; 2 missals with music; 2 graduals; 2 processional books, one with

¹ Last 4 items added in different hand.

² Monogram of Jesus.

sequences; 2 portases with music; 2 antiphonaries with music; a psalter with *Placebo* and *Dirige*: 2 manuals, one with various collects; a book of lessons for [feasts of] St. Mary; 3 parts of a lesson book, 2 with responsories with music; an antiphony with part of a lesson book with music; 7 altar-cloths, 2 with frontlets; 5 hand-towels (*tuelle manuales*); 4 silk cushions (*pluviaria*); 3 paxes; 6 surplices; 3 old copper-gilt crosses; a small breviary bequeathed for V.'s use; 5 silk banners (*vexilla*) painted with arms; a Lenten veil; a silver cross, [f. 78v.] part-gilt, with a crystal in middle and 4 Evangelists at each end and *agnus dei* in middle on left side [sic]; a latten censer; 3 brass handbells.

162 *Little Okeburn*. A silver-gilt chalice with 'James de Havont' at base and hand in middle of paten; a broken silver chalice, part-gilt, with plain (*plana*) paten; a silver chalice, part-gilt, with crucifix at base with paten with *agnus dei*; 3 corporals with 3 burses; 2 missals with music, one has defective binding; a portase with music; a lesson book; a gradual with music; a psalter with an antiphony with music; an old antiphony; a processional book; a manual; a processional book; a book of collects with hymnal and psalter; a bright blue chasuble worked with stars and roses with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a bright blue cope with red orphreys worked with stars and crowns; a red 'saton' chasuble with blue-grey alb, stole, amice, and maniple; a multi-coloured silk cope with red orphreys; 4 frontals (alter-clothes); 9 altar-cloths; an ivory pyx bound with silver; an unlocked wooden chrismatory; 3 wooden crosses worked with latten; 2 tin candlesticks; 2 brass handbells; 4 surplices; a pax.

163 *Great Okeburn*. Two silver chalices, gilt inside, with crucifix at bases and hand on patens; 2 corporals with 2 burses; a latten-gilt pyx; a latten-gilt cross; a hanging wooden pyx; a green vestment with chasuble, alb, amice, stole, and maniple from set set; a red chasuble in poor condition with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from a different set; a bright blue cope powdered with griffins and golden leopards; 2 old tunicles of various colours; 2 paxes; 3 missals, [f. 79] 2 with music; 2 graduals; a psalter with a hymnal; a book of collects with hymnal and ordinal; an antiphony; a gradual; an antiphony with a psalter; a lesson book; a gradual; a processional book; 9 altar-cloths; 4 frontlets; a Lenten veil; a small box containing saints' relics; 2 tin candlesticks; 2 hand-towels (*tuelle manuales*); a lantern; an unlocked tin chrismatory; a handbell; an old latten cross.

164 *Mersshon*. A silver chalice, part-gilt, with crucifix at base and *agnus dei* in middle of paten; a silver chalice, part-gilt, with Saviour's hand in middle of paten; a missal with music; 2 corporals with a burse; a gradual with music; a manual; a violet striped chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a bright blue striped chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a surplice; an unlocked tin chrismatory; an unlocked

¹ Prebendary of Beminster Secunda, 1340-9: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 32; *BRUO*. i. 462.

latten-gilt pyx; 2 wooden Sun. crosses covered with latten; 3 small pewter cruets (*ampulle*); a haircloth altar coverlet (*hairum*) and 6 altar-cloths; a lantern for visiting the sick; an iron thurible.

165 *Sevenanton*. A silver chalice, gilt-inside, with crucifix at base and Saviour's hand in middle of paten; a silver-gilt chalice with Saviour's hand in middle of paten; 2 corporals with burses; a missal in poor condition; a gradual with music; a red cloth chasuble worked with birds with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a cloth of gold chasuble worked with dragons with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a surplice; an antiphonary with music with a psalter; a portas with music; ; 3 small pewter cruets (*ampulle*); a wooden Sun. cross; an iron thurible; 3 altar-cloths, one with a frontlet.

166 [f.79v.]¹ *Wokyngham*. A silver chalice, gilt inside and partly outside, with crucifix at base with Saviour's hand on paten; a latten pyx; a small copper pyx for visiting the sick; a tin chrismatory; a missal; a portas; a manual; a psalter; a gathering of lessons for [feasts of] St. Mary and a hymnal; a troper; a blue-grey chasuble with blue-grey birds, the alb and amice apparels and stole and maniple of various colours; an old cope powdered with cocks and lions; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with likeness of Christ at base with Saviour's hand on paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base and hand on paten; 2 graduals; a processional book; 2 cushions (*pulvinaria*); 3 latten crosses; 2 latten processional candlesticks; a green striped chasuble and alb apparels from same set; a striped red and bright blue cope; a set of black baudekyn vestments powdered with red leopards; a bright blue baudekyn set with chasuble powdered with white swans and 2 tunicles powdered with white birds and white ostrich (*estriches*) feathers.

167 *Upton*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base with Saviour's hand on paten; a corporal with its burse; a missal; a troper; a missal containing special Masses; a gradual in poor condition; a set of vestments with a bright blue bustian chasuble with apparels from same set; a copper pyx; 3 altar-cloths with a frontlet (*parura*); a linen frontal painted (*staynito*) with 3 birds (*regulis*); a latten cross; a latten thurible; a tin chrismatory; a lantern; a surplice; a handbell; a set of 'brode alisaundr' vestments with red and green stripes (*stripis*).

168 [f.80] *Sonmyng*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix and 'Sonnyng' at base with Saviour's hand on paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix and figure of St. Andrew and 'Denesdene' at base with Saviour's hand on paten; a silver-gilt chalice with Saviour's face on paten; 4 corporals with their [burses]; 2 missals; a book of special Masses; a psalter; a book of the gospels; 2 antiphonaries; a lesson book for ordinary days; another lesson book; a lesson book for saints' days; 3 graduals; an epistle book; a book of Alleliuas; a processional book; a book with the *Asperges* and various collects; 2 gatherings

¹ Letter *j* occurs in same hand at bottom rt.-hand corner of folio.

of life of St. Cyricus and St. Julitta;¹ the hair (*capillo*) and bones of St. Vincent and St. Thomas; relics of St. Bartholomew's head set in a beryl-stone (*lapide de burell'*) with a silver-gilt base and top; relics of Our Lord's Sepulchre, St. Mary's tomb, and Mount Cavarie in a silver *agnus dei* with *agnus dei* on one side; relics of prophet Daniel, the three youths,² and Our Lord's Sepulchre in a silver box (*pixide*) with a beryl-stone (*lapide de burell'*); relics of St. Julitta and St. Cyricus set in a round part-silver box (*pixide*) with figure of Trinity; St. Ledger's relics in a burse. An 'ivery' pyx; a set of red vestments powdered with lions given by M. T[homas] Mountagu,³ with stole, chasuble, maniple, apparels, and alb; a red, bright blue, and green striped 'velewet' set with cope, chasuble, 2 tunicles, stoles, and maniples from same set with 3 albs; a red set powdered with white leopards (*lib[ar]dis*), with chasuble, stole, and maniple from same set; a green set with chasuble, stole, and maniple from same set; a red set with chasuble, stole, and maniple from same set; a green striped cloth set with cope, chasuble, 3 albs, with apparels from same set; 3 black sepulchre cloths (*panni*); a silk pall (*palleum*) powdered with peacocks; [f.80v.] 5 frontals; 23 altar-cloths, 5 with frontlets (*paruris*); 10 towels (*tersoria*); 2 latten crosses; 2 latten candlesticks; a Lenten veil for rood (*cruce summo*); an unlocked tin chrismatory; 5 cruets (*fole*); a latten cup (cope) for the Sacrament.

169 Roscombe. A silver chalice with crucifix at base and Saviour's hand on paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with round base; a missal; a lesson book; an antiphonary; a portas; 3 corporals with their burses; a set of vestments whose chasuble, stole, maniple, and apparels are green velvet (felewet); a green striped set; a white bustian set; a psalter; a gradual.

170 Hurste. A missal; a silver chalice with round base with Saviour's hand on paten; a silver-gilt chalice with crucifix at base and *agnus dei* on paten; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base and Saviour's face on paten; 4 corporals with their burses; a manual; a missal; an antiphonary; a lesson book; 2 graduals; an antiphonary; a psalter; a set of red cloth of gold vestments powdered with golden beasts with a tunicle from same set; a red cloth of gold tunicle with golden leopards with alb apparels from same set; a bright blue baudekyn cope; a green striped cope; a bright blue and green cloth of gold chasuble with various birds and beasts with an alb with various apparels; a red cloth of gold vestment [f.81] powdered with golden 'spaynellis'; an old red set powdered with golden birds with an alb with green apparels; a set of red baudekyn vestments powdered with red leaves; 6 altar-cloths; 2 latten crosses; 4 tin cruets (*fole*); a latten chrismatory; a latten pyx with a canopy (*canape*).

¹ Life of St. Cyricus which would include reference to his mother, St. Julitta, was there in 1220: *Reg. S. Osmundi*, i. 276.

² Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego.

³ Dean and rector of Sonning, 1362-1404: *Le Neve, Fasti*, 4.

171 *Salisbury*. Walter Skammell's' chantry at St. Edmund's altar in cath. A silver-gilt chalice with hand on paten; a small silver chalice with hand on gilt paten; a silver pax, gilt on one side; 2 silver cruets (*viole*); a small missal without music; a psalter; a set of vestments of imperial cloth of gold powdered with dragons; a green set powdered with blue-grey leaves; a white fustian set for Lent; 2 corporals with 2 burses; a chasuble and 2 apparels of dyed linen in poor condition with a worn out alb; 7 altar-cloths, one in poor condition with a small frontlet; a great red cloth of gold frontal powdered with gold birds for festivals; 2 big frontals in poor condition; a pewter dish (*discus*); a pewter pot containing a 'pynte'; a hand-towel (*manutergium*); a chest to store everything; a wafer box (*pixis pro panne [sic]*); 3 altar-cloths and a big green frontlet belong to altar.

172 [Bishopstone.] A silver-gilt chalice with a crucifix with figures of St. Mary and St. John at base and hand in middle of paten; a . . . [*unfinished*].

173 [f.81v.]² *Longolete*. A portas; a missal; a lesson book; a gradual; 2 antiphonaries; 2 graduals; a book of epistles; 2 processional books; a martyrology; 3 psalters; 2 bronze (*de auricalco*) candlesticks; 2 tin candlesticks; 2 silver-gilt chalices; a set of bright blue vestments powdered with various lighter (*remossioris*) bright blue birds and 3 tunicles; a chasuble, 2 green tunicles, and 3 albs from different sets; a red chasuble; a black baudekyn chasuble powdered with white birds with an alb from same set; a white silk chasuble powdered with golden birds; a white striped cope; a red silk chasuble powdered with golden hinds; a blue-grey cope powdered with griffins, in poor condition; 4 corporals with their burses; 6 altar-cloths; a latten-gilt cross; a latten cross in poor condition.

174 *Hornynghesham*. Two silver chalices, gilt inside, one has crucifix at base; 2 missals; a manual; 2 antiphonaries; a portas; a principal vestment with red baudekyn chasuble powdered with white birds with alb and apparels from same set; a bright blue cope powdered with white snakes; a set of 'brodala-sundr' vestments; a white silk set; a white 'bustiane' set; 4 corporals with their burses; a latten cup for the Sacrament; 3 altar-cloths; 3 cruets (*phiole*); 3 crosses; 2 wooden candlesticks; 2 surplices; 2 handbells; a thurible; a Lenten veil.

175 [f.82] *Clyfton*. Two missals, one is old; a gradual; a lesson book for ordinary days; a lesson book for saints' days; an antiphony; an old psalter; a gathering for *Corpus Christi*; an old missal; a silver-gilt chalice with holy lamb on paten; a set of white striped silk vestments; a blue-grey striped silk set; a set with a white 'bustiane' chasuble; a bright blue chasuble; a surplice; 3 altar-cloths in poor condition; 3 tin candlesticks; a latten cross; a lantern; a handbell.

¹ Bishop of Salisbury 1284-6.

² A change of hand occurs.

176 *Byre*. A missal; an antiphonary; a portas; 2 graduals; a manual; an antiphonary; a lesson book; a lesson book for saints' days; an ordinal; a collect book; 3 silver-gilt chalices; a chalice, gilt inside; a principal vestment with chasuble, 2 red gold tunicles and 3 albs; a corporal with burse; a green vestment with chasuble and 2 tunicles with 3 albs from a different set; a green gold cope with a green amice.

177 *Chermynstre*. Three missals; 2 antiphonaries; 2 lesson books; 3 graduals; a manual; 2 chalices, one silver-gilt, the other gilt inside; a green chasuble powdered with various golden beasts with alb, amice, stole, and maniple from same set; a green striped chasuble with alb, stole, and maniple from same set; a red chasuble with a cope and 2 red tunicles with their 3 albs; a red chasuble [f.82v.] with an alb; a set of blue-grey vestments powdered with various birds; an old worn out blue-grey cope; 9 consecrated altar-cloths; a frontal with dossal painted with 5 Joys; 2 crosses; 3 consecrated altar-cloths; a latten pyx; 2 small bronze (*de auricalco*) candlesticks; a chrismatory; 5 tin cruets (*firole*); 5 surplices in poor condition; a handbell.

178 *Poleynston*.² A missal; a chalice, gilt inside; 3 sets of vestments; 4 altar-cloths; 2 other altar-cloths (*tuelle*); 4 cruets (*firole*); a wooden cross.

179 *Hyworth*.³ A silver-gilt chalice; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with Saviour's hand on paten; a small chalice, gilt inside, with Saviour's hand on paten; 2 missals; an antiphonary; a portas; an antiphonary; 4 graduals; a psalter; 2 lesson books; a manual; a psalter; a gradual; a psalter; a martyrology; a collect book; a book with histories of St. Mary; 2 processional books; a chasuble and 2 red gold silk tunicles powdered with golden flowers; a red samite cope; a white silk chasuble and 2 tunicles powdered with golden griffins' heads, with their albs; a set of bright blue vestments; a green set; 4 corporals; a bright blue cope; a blood-red (*sanguayne*) cope; 11 altar-cloths, 2 with frontlets (*paruris*); 2 boys' blue-grey copes; 2 green copes; 2 other green copes; 2 green and blood-red (*sanguinee*) copes powdered with roses; a dossal painted in middle with Trinity; 4 'peuter' cruets (*firole*); 2 latten crosses; 3 handbells; 2 latten thuribles; 2 pyxes; 4 surplices; a pewter pax; a set of green vestments powdered with golden roses given by Robert Cubbull;⁴ a silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base; a set of green striped vestments given by Richard Havyngdon, former V.; a black set powdered with red beasts and golden roses.⁵

180 [f.83] *Heytesbury*. A silver-gilt chalice with Saviour's hand on paten; a part-gilt chalice with Saviour's hand on paten; a silver-gilt chalice with paten;

¹ *i.e.* Joyful Mysteries of St. Mary; Annunciation; Visitation; Christmas; Presentation of Christ; Finding of Christ in Temple.

² A change of hand occurs.

³ The hand occurring between 173 and 177 recurs and continues to 184.

⁴ given by Robert Cubbull interlined.

⁵ Last 2 items added later.

a silver pyx; 9 corporals with 5 burses; a silver handbell with gilt exterior; 2 silver cruets (*fiolle*) with gilt exteriors; 2 silver-gilt candlesticks. Relics: a cross containing wood from True Cross in middle; 10 unknown saints' bones in a small ivory box (*cista*); a cross containing part of True Cross with precious stones; St. Mary Magdalene's alabaster box (*pixis*) in whose base is set a silver vessel; St. Edmund's comb (*pecten*); 2 crosses, one gilt having relics with precious stones, the other silver with an 'egle' in centre; a burse with a gold ring with a stone and an ivory knife (*artafo*) said to be St. Edmund's. A set of copper basons; 2 copper-gilt paxes; a copper-gilt cross; a latten cross; a missal; 2 ordinals; 2 portases; an antiphonary; an old lesson book for ordinary days; a lesson book for saints' days; a manual with hymnal; 2 psalters; a book of epistles and gospels; 2 processional books; 4 graduals; a gathering containing *Placebo* and *Dirige*; a portas belonging to St. Katherine's chantry; a white vestment with chasuble, 2 tunicles, 3 copes, 3 albs, 3 amices with its stoles and maniples; a red chasuble with alb whose gold apparels and stole and frontal are from a set powdered with hinds; a red chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple of cloth of gold powdered with red leopards with a frontal with same animals given by dean Thomas Mountagu; a red and bright blue cloth of gold chasuble with alb, amice, stole, and maniple; a whole set of vestments with cope, chasuble, 2 bright blue cloth tunicles powdered with golden griffins, stole, alb, and 2 blue-grey maniples; a blue-grey vestment with 3 copes, a chasuble, 2 tunicles, an alb, stole, and maniple from same set; a multi-coloured baudekyn cope with various animals; a stole and maniple; 2 dyed riddel curtains (*rydelle tincte*) powdered with animals; a blue-grey silk frontal powdered with red roses and bright blue fleur-de-lys; a dossal from same set; [f.83v.] 14 altar-cloths; a blue-grey silk striped vestment; 2 red silk palls (*pallia*); a striped red frontal.

181 Knowke. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with Saviour's hand on paten; 2 corporals; an ivory pyx; a set of red vestments powdered with baboons (*babunis*), with chasuble, tunicle, stoles, and maniples from same set; a green vestment powdered with hinds; a striped vestment with different colours; 2 altar-cloths with 2 frontlets; a missal; an antiphonary; a lesson book; an antiphonary with music; a hymnal; a psalter with hymnal; a gradual; a processional book; a psalter; a hymnal with book of collects; an old gathering about imposing penances; a missal; 2 gatherings for *Corpus Christi*; a processional cross.¹

182 Shaldebourne. A silver-gilt chalice with St. John's lamb; a silver chalice, gilt inside; a set of red vestments given by earl de Waryne² powdered with golden figures; 3 corporals with their burses; a set of red silk vestments; a bright blue and green set; 2 missals, one is old; a portas; 2 antiphonaries; a lesson book; 2 graduals; 5 altar-cloths; 2 frontals; 2 dossals; a set of riddel curtains painted (*redellis staynetis*) with angels; 2 brass processional candles-

¹ Last item added later.

² Possibly John de Warenne, earl of Surrey d. 1347.

ticks; a latten pyx; 3 tin cruets (*firole*); 2 copper crosses; a latten thurible; 2 handbells; a lantern; 3 hand-towels (*manutergia*).

183 [f.84] *Hungerforde*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base with hand on paten; another gilt cross [*recte* chalice] with a cross at base and hand on paten; 3 corporals with their burses; 2 missals; 2 antiphonaries; a portas; 3 graduals; a troper; a manual; an ordinal; a martyrology; a bright blue gold silk cloth with golden roses; a set of bright blue vestments powdered with crescents (*cressauntis*); a bright blue striped set with albs but no cope; a green ferial set; an ivory pyx; 3 altar-cloths with frontlets. Relics: a tooth of St. Laurence; hair (*crines*) of St. Mary; St. Thomas of Canterbury's chasuble; a bone of St. Laurence; a silver box (*pixis*) containing a stone from Our Lord's Tomb; 4 latten crosses; 2 latten candlesticks; 2 tin cruets (*firole*); a handbell; 2 surplices in poor condition.

184 *Hungerforde*.¹ Holy Trinity Chantry. A silver-gilt chalice; a missal; a portas; a whole set of bright blue vestments; a black set; 3 altar-cloths; 2 cruets (*firole*); a surplice.

185 *Hungerforde*. St. Mary's chantry. A silver chalice, gilt inside; a missal; a set of red vestments powdered with golden birds, in poor condition.

186 [f.84v.] *Farendon church ornaments*.² A silver-gilt chalice with crucifix at base and the likeness of Christ on the paten; a silver chalice with a crucifix at base and Trinity on paten; 6 other crosses [*recte* chalices], gilt inside; 4 corporals with their burses; 3 missals; a portas; an antiphonary; 2 other portases; 2 graduals; an ordinal; 2 processional books; a lesson book for saints' days; another lesson book; a psalter; a whole set of red silk [vestments] powdered with golden birds with a dossal from same set with a crucifix in middle; a whole red silk set powdered with white flowers; a white silk set powdered with golden birds; a bright blue silk set powdered with red beasts and red feathers; a bright blue cope powdered with white birds and red leaves; a silver pyx; a silver-gilt pyx; 3 latten crosses, one is gilt; 2 latten candlesticks; 4 tin cruets (*firole*); 4 altar-cloths; a thurible; 2 handbells; a small gilt plaque (*tabula*) with crucifix in middle; a pax; a set of red silk riddel curtains (*redellis*); a red silk cloth powdered with golden beasts; a green silk cloth powdered with golden colours [*sic*]; 4 banners (*vexille*); an ivory pyx decorated with silver with a silver lock; 2 silver candlesticks made like roses;³ a gradual.⁴

187 *Waneryng*. A silver chalice, gilt inside, with crucifix at base and Saviour's hand on paten; a silver-gilt chalice with Saviour's hand at base [*recte* on paten]; a silver chalice, gilt inside, with lamb on paten; a silver chalice, gilt

¹ This and next entry written in different hand.

² Written in same hand as 183.

³ Added in hand which occurs in 184-5.

⁴ Added in hand which begins last part of 158.

inside, with Saviour's hand on paten;¹ 4 missals, one is old; 2 lesson books; 5 graduals; [f.85] 4 antiphonaries; a portas; an antiphony; 3 psalters; a troper; 2 processional books; 2 manuals; an ordinal with a martyrology; a whole set of red silk [vestments] powdered with golden griffins; a red baudekyn set powdered with white swans; a red baudekyn set powdered with white cocks; a black baudekyn set; a bright blue set; a bright blue baudekyn set powdered with bright blue birds (*avibus*); an ordinal; a chasuble; 2 tunicles, and a red striped silk cope; a cope, 2 tunicles, and blue-grey chasuble powdered with bright blue hinds and other animals; 4 corporals with their burses; 4 altar-cloths with 3 frontlets (*paruris*); 4 frontals; a dossal; 2 copper-gilt crosses; 2 copper candlesticks; 4 handbells; 6 cruets (*firole*); a lantern; a silver pyx; an ivory pyx; 2 carpets (*tapete*); 2 surplices; 2 thuribles; 4 hand-towels (*manutergia*); a linen lectern cloth; a set of red gold silk vestments powdered with golden beasts; a red set powdered with golden lions given by Ives Fitz Waryn; 2 frontlets; 2 copper candlesticks; a silver pyx.²

188 *Henry Bluntesdon's*³ *chantry ornaments in cath.* at St. Andrew's altar. A silver-gilt chalice with crucifix at base; a missal; a set of black baudekyn vestments with 2 altar-cloths (*tuelle*) and a canvas altar coverlet (canewas) given by John Stalyngton's⁴ executors; a set of white linen vestments; a bright blue set; a bright blue striped 'worstede' set; a red set; 3 corporals with their burses; 4 altar-cloths and a canvas altar coverlet (canewas); 3 pewter cruets (*firole de pewt'*); 3s. is in hands of master of schools.⁵

[The Visitation of 1408–9]

189 [f.86]⁶ 9 OCT. 1408 INDICTION 2 IN SECOND YEAR OF GREGORY XII⁷ DEAN BEGAN VISITATION WITH BYRE CH. AND ITS CHAPELS AT BYRE. The undated certificate of dean's mandatory, M. John Warham, testified that he had made preparations in accordance with dean's visitation mandate, sealed with his seal, dated Salisbury 26 Aug. 1408. [*Content almost identical with 1.*]

190 [f.86v. same day] *Byre*. Thomas [*recte* Richard] Kyngeston,⁸ P. of Chermynstre and Byre, called after Warham's certificate was read; did not

¹ To this point entry is written in hand of 184–5; remainder is in hand which began previous entry.

² Last 5 items written in different hand.

³ Died in 1316 as archdeacon of Dorset: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 7.

⁴ Fellow of de Vaux College in 1377; still in 1392: K. Edwards, 'The Activities of Some Fellows of De Vaux College Salisbury at Oxford and elsewhere', *Oxoniensia*, xix, p. 88.

⁵ f.85v. originally blank. Now contains decree of Bishop Robert Neville and dean and chapter, dated 8 May 1457, relieving prebendaries of Stratton from providing stock for their successors. Robert appears in margin and at end of entry.

⁶ (?) *Jesus* written in later hand at top of folio. Different hand appears in the text.

⁷ Papal reference erased.

⁸ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 42–3.

come; in king's service; dean excused him. John Belle, V., [came] and dean excused him from showing letters again because previously shown letters of inst. and ind. and submitted copies. John Gylot, parish chapl., promised obedience etc. [f.87] Thomas Bagge parish clerk, promised obedience. Thomas Braderforde, John Bouchere, John Neweman, Thomas Hynebest, Thomas Bryce, John Boner, Jordan Dodde, William Tynham, parishioners, charged as is customary in visitations of deans of Salisbury, say that chancel roof and windows are defective and chancel door lacks a lock through R.'s fault. Parish clerks do not toll bell in daytime nor at curfew as they ought; they confessed before M. John Shirbourne, dean's official, in Byre ch. on 26 Nov. 1408; to toll it on pain of 20s. Thomas Bagge fornicates with Joan Shynes; confessed on 26 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 6s. 8d.; later paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Richard, the lord's son, fornicates with Joan Noris; she confessed on 26 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid her fine; dismissed. Walls, doors, windows, roof, and timber-work of Wodebury chapel¹ are defective through R.'s fault. Joan Bryce commits adultery with John Cerles; confessed on 26 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. John Glover fornicates with Alice Heges; she confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; paid a fine; dismissed. Adam Stoke for fornication with one Alice; confesses but alleges that they had married; has 1 Feb. 1409 in cath. to certify marriage; she did not come; suspended; later he paid a fine for her contumacy; she was dismissed. John Hunte fornicates with Edith Walderes; both confessed on 26 Nov.; both to be beaten thrice through ch.; he paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. John Perys fornicates with same woman; both confessed on 26 Nov.; both to be beaten thrice through ch.; he paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. John Wele fornicates with Christine Hulvyng; both cited; he confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. [f.87v.] Agnes Porter's will is not proved; executors came before dean on 9 Oct. 1408; admin. granted to them, being first sworn; later accounted with office; dismissed. Will of Agnes, William Forde's wife, is not proved; executors came before dean as above. Robert Ostberne fornicates with Christine Gauntes; both confessed; both to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 6s. 8d.; he paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. John Shyne fornicates with Joan Tynham and Margaret, John Bonere's servant; confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; paid all their fines; all dismissed. Roger Bachelere fornicates with Katherine Bagges and Alice Bartelot; confessed; to be beaten 6 times through ch.; paid a fine for all of them; all dismissed. John Hoggehurde refuses to provide the holy loaf; paid for it before dean on 9 Oct.; to be beaten in Salisbury carrying a 1lb. candle; paid a fine; dismissed. John Preston for fornication with one Alice; both cited; he confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Richard Helye commits adultery with one Isabel; both cited; he confessed; to be beaten 6 times through ch.; she did not come; suspended; he paid for both of them;

¹ Dilapidations there in 1390 assessed at £6 13s. 4d.: A.C. Dunham, p. 159.

both dismissed. Stephen Dykere, an apostate monk, fornicates with one Emma; on 26 Nov. both alleged that they had married; assigned 22 Dec. 1408 in cath. to certify marriage; both had same day to purge themselves of apostacy with 6 hands. Roger Comere refused to help pay costs of an action about a ch. lamp for which other parishioners paid;¹ on 26 Nov. ordered to pay chwdns 12d. before Christmas. Isabel Synggulday, defamed for forcibly stealing 40s. from John Strode and stealing 4 ducks (*anetas*) on king's highway in her part of town, purged. (*Milborne*) Alice Glyemyn for fornication with one Robert; confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; paid her fine; dismissed; he left.

191 [f.88] *Kyngeston*. Richard Bromhulle, parish chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Barbour, parish clerk, came and was excused *etc.* John Couke, Richard Kyngeston, William Synyere, Thomas Taylour, Philip Skylour, William Padynire, parishioners, disclose that 2 processional candlesticks are lacking through fault of V. of Byre. A processional cross is lacking and pyx and font are not locked and portas lacks history of St. Anne² through fault of parish; John Coke and William Synyere, chwdns, ordered on 26 Nov. 1408 at Byre ch. to amend matters before 21 Dec. on pain of 6s. 8d. Stephen Dekene, Joan Fouke's executor, said that her will was in Sir Richard Bromhulle's custody; they came on 26 Nov.; Sir Richard alleged that he gave him will on 3 Dec. 1407; executor denied it; parties have, with their consent, to bring proof for first time after dinner; they appeared personally and produced no witnesses; given 22 Dec. 1408 to bring proof for second time. Sir Richard Bromhulle commits adultery again with Edith Godesgrome; he habitually disturbs peace between his parishioners; he beats a pathway over graves; he tethered his horse to chyard gate-post and it broke gate-post and fouls chyard disgracefully; he keeps wills and compels executors to pay before returning them: denied charges on 26 Nov.; has 22 Dec. in cath. to purge with 8 hands; purged; dismissed. [f.88v.] Celure above altar is defective through R.'s fault. John Crowkerne buried his sons in ch. without permission of R. or V.; confessed on 26 Nov.; to be beaten once when going on pilgrimage to Salisbury and offer 4d. and distribute 40d. on the way; paid a fine; dismissed. He refused tithe on 7 cows, 7 calves, and 3 colts for last 2 years and will not offer at dedication festival; denied it on 26 Nov.; sworn to pay tithes and to offer on dedication festival. John Gele refused tithe of 8 lambs, 2 cows, and 2 calves for last 2 years; cited for 26 Nov.; did not come; suspended. On 22 Dec. Agnes Tenre's will proved; admin. granted to John Crowkerne, her executor, being first sworn; accounted; dismissed.

192 *Andreston*. John Parterich, R., came and was excused *etc.* John Loup, William Lakwarde, parishioners, disclose that William Wele fornicates with Alice, John Sampson's servant, and is betrothed to her; confessed at Byre ch. on 26 Nov. 1408; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; she was cited;

¹ Probably the action recorded in 10.

² Feast of St. Anne was officially introduced into England in 1383: Wilkins, *Concilia*, iii. 178-9.

did not come; suspended. John Russell, brother of Holy Cross fraternity in ch., refuses to account for fraternity goods in his possession; John and R. said on 26 Nov. that peace was made; John submitted to office; dismissed.

193 *Thomanston*. John Goylere, R., showed title and letters of ord. and because he had submitted copies before was dismissed. John Coleforde, John Harry, parishioners, disclose that chancel is defective through R.'s fault. [f.89] John Sampson made his son, John, his executor. John Russell prevented chapl. of Bere from executing dean's mandate; denied it on 26 Nov. 1408; purged. William Russell swore that Sir John Gylot cited him at John Syngulday's request on unknown authority; chapl. to be cited for usurping dean's jurisdiction and for troubling William; submitted to office on 18 Jan. 1409 in cath.; peace made with William.

194 *Blokkeswerth*. M. John Symundesbourgh,¹ R.; Nicholas Godewyn, his proctor, came; dean excused him. Richard Edward, chap., promised obedience *etc.* Robert Pychard, John Hamelyn, William Dunnyng, John Broune, parishioners, say that a nave window is defective and graveyard is not properly enclosed through fault of parish; parishioners to amend them before 1 Nov. on pain of 40s.

195 [f.89v.] 10 Oct. 1408. *Aulton Australis*. Dean visited Aulton prebs. Simon Marcheforde,² P., did not come; dean excused him because in archbishop of Canterbury's service; Richard Porter, his farmer, came. John Stoke, Richard Trek, William Junor (?), William Fysshier, tenants, disclose that south side of hall roof and south walls of kitchen and west wall of dovecote and west wall of byre are defective; farmer to repair them before Easter on pain of 40d., 6s. 8d., 20s., and 6s. 8d.

196 *Aulton Borealis*. John Overton,³ P., did not come; dean excused him because in king's service; Richard Porter, his farmer, came. John Hogekeyns, John Gylle, John Stoke, junior, Thomas Hurne, tenants, say that byre walls are defective through P.'s fault; farmer to repair them before Christmas on pain of 20s. Timber-work of 'heyhouus' and kitchen are defective through P.'s fault; farmer to repair them before 24 June on pain of 40s. and 20s.

197 [f.90] 11 Oct. 1408. [Charminster]. Dean visited prebs. of Chermynstre, Fordyngton, Stratton, and Grymston with their chapels in Fordyngton ch. Richard Kyngeston, P., did not come; dean excused him because in king's service; John Russell, his farmer, provided dean with a splendid meal on behalf of his master; dean remitted his proc. John Smyth, parish chapl., came and was excused *etc.* John Macy, William Tannere, John atte Mulle, John Shirbourne, Thomas Shippere, William Anketill, parishioners, say that

¹ BRUO. iii. 1842.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 21.

³ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 23.

chancel walls and roof are defective through R.'s fault. A window at north side of nave, solar in tower, and chyard enclosure are defective through fault of parish; William Tannere and John Anketill, chwdns, ordered by official in Fordyngton ch. on 27 Nov. 1408 to mend them before 24 June on pain of 20s. John Macy fornicates with Maud Bonjoure; both came on 27 Nov.; she confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 100s.; he confessed; to be beaten on pilgrimage to Salisbury and distribute 6s. 8d. on the way; warned to remove her from his company before 8 Dec. on pain of £10. Walls, timber-work, doors, and roofs of barn, stable, byre, sheepfold, granary, and dovecote are defective through R.'s fault.¹ Thomas Wotton, commits adultery with Margaret Galone; confessed on 27 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. John Waldych for fornication with Marion Phelpes; confessed on 27 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 20s.; paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Will of John Coweyn proved before dean on 11 Oct. 1408; admin. granted to Juliana, executrix, being first sworn; accounted with office for inventory; dismissed. [f.90v.] William Thursteyne's will proved; admin. granted to Joan Thursteyne, executrix, being first sworn; accounted as above. On 11 Oct. in Chermynstre ch. John Gouderich, Maud Cheseman and Thomas Wrothe appeared before official; sworn to tell truth; Maud alleges that she made a marriage contract in the present tense with John followed by sexual intercourse without witnesses; John confesses all; Thomas alleges that he made a marriage contract in present tense with Maud followed by sexual intercourse before witnesses; she confesses all except intercourse which was forced upon her; they have 27 Nov. in Fordyngton ch. to bring proof for first time; parties appeared then personally; William and Alice Cheseman, witnesses, were brought by . . . [blank] and admitted, sworn, and examined and their statements published and copies ordered for parties and no objections were made to witnesses or their statements and other intermediate stages waived and case concluded with consent of parties; official . . . [unfinished].

198 *Polyngton*. William, the chapl., did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; left. William Merchaunt, John Meche, parishioners, say all is well.

199 *Stratton preb.* [and chapel.] M. Roger Harewell,² P., called; did not come; dean excused him. Philip Sprake, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* Henry Kakenton, Richard Bounde, tenants, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with 2 carucates, 20 a. meadow, 35 customary tenants, and 2 free tenants paying suit of court twice a year. Customary tenants pay . . . [blank] a year. There is a watermill, [f.91] barn, byre, dairy (deyhouse), and stable. P. should give his successor 100 ewes, a ram, a boar (beryg), 16 oxen, 10 cows,

¹ A hall, chapel, kitchen, bakehouse, room at the south end of the hall, and 2 granges also existed in 1390: A.C. Dunham, p. 161.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 89; *BRUO*. ii. 873.

a bull, a horse, an iron-bound cart with a horse's harness, a winnowing fan (*ventulabrum*), a dry measure (*saccum*), 2 sieves, a pan and tripod (*tripide*), a brass pot, a 'dungpyk', a 'spade', 2 ploughs with harness for 16 oxen, a bushel measure, a strickle (*stryche*), a trestle table, and a pair of trestles for which John Jakes, a free tenant, gives 20s. a year and Nicholas Cole, a free tenant, gives 13s. 4d. a year.¹ William Crokker, parish clerk, promised obedience. Graveyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; warden ordered on 27 Nov. 1408 in Fordyngton ch. to repair it before 1 Aug. on pain of 10s. Edward Foule's will proved; admin. granted to John, his son and executor, being first sworn; power reserved to grant admin. to Alice, co-executor; V. of Frampton refused to act; executors dismissed.

200 [Grimstone.] M. Thomas Polton,² P. did not come, dean excused him. Philip Sprake, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* Thomas Bayly, John Page, Geoffrey Coppe, tenants, disclose that preb. is endowed in lay fee with 1 carucate, 20 a. meadow, 15 customary tenants, 5 cottagers, and a free tenant who pays suit of court twice a year. Inhabitants of Langeford House pay suit of court twice a year but give nothing. P. should give his successors 6 oxen, a bull, a cart with harness for 6 oxen, an iron-bound cart, a horse and harness for a cart, 200 ewes and 120 other sheep, a basin with an ewer (*lavacro*), a bushel measure, a dry measure, a basket (wylve), a pan, a brass pot, 2 sieves, a winnowing fan, a trestle table with a pair of trestles, and 12 cows. There are 2 barns, a hall and a byre with adjoining stable. [f.91v.] Water-mill and sheepfold are completely destroyed and dairy (deyhous) is completely broken down through P.'s fault. Graveyard [enclosure] is defective through fault of parish; wardens to mend it before 1 Aug. on pain of 10s.³ Chapl. is lacking through R.'s fault; amended. Chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault. Joan Strugge for adultery with John Dyere of Bradeforde; left.

201 *Fordyngton*. M. John Prophete [*recte* Wakeryng],⁴ P., called; did not come; dean excused him because in king's service; John Wellys, V., his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. V. came and was excused *etc.* Henry Toukere, Henry Houlet, Robert Pouke, William Wotton, John Byssshop, Thomas Notte, Roger Batruk, parishioners, disclose that Isabel Collys made Thomas Comme her executor; admin. granted to him, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. Chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault; V. ordered in Fordyngton ch. on 27 Nov. 1408 to repair it before 24 June on pain of 100s.; official sequestrated 40s. from V. for repairs. Agnes Gernes is a scold; denied it on 27 Nov.; purged. [f.92] Thomas Tolet for fornication with Joan, widow of William Wotton, junior; awaited. John Knoll for adultery with Denise Sturys; denied it on 27 Nov.; purged. Robert Pouke and

¹ *Prebendaries excused payment of above-mentioned stock by decree of bishop and dean and chapter as appears 6 pages before at the sign Robert added in later 15th cent. hand. See 188n.*

² *Le Neve, Fasti*. 57; *BRUO*. iii. 1494-5.

³ This and following charges must refer to Stratton chapel.

⁴ *Le Neve, Fasti*. 52.

William Cabow, former chwdns, keep a portas left to ch. by Richard Postell,¹ former P.; on 27 Nov. Roger Batrok paid a fine to the office to be discharged; matter pending in hope of agreement with parishioners. John Gryys, former clerk, broke cross on pyx and V. went surety; pending in hope of agreement. Joan Wotton purged herself of adultery with John Kyle. Katherine Dene purged herself of adultery with Richard Sadeler, friar of Dorchester. V. commits adultery with Denise Sturys; she denied it on 27 Nov.; assigned 5 Dec. 1408 in Fordyngton ch. to purge with 8 hands before official's commissary and abjure on pain of 100s.; V. not to meet her in suspect places or receive her in his house on pain of £10; M. John Morton² to receive V.'s purgation; power reserved to official to punish V. if he could not purge.

202 *Frome Whytefelde.* M. John Tycelyng, R., did not come; dean excused him. Thomas . . . [blank], chapl., did not come; awaited. Nicholas Sexpenne who holds chantry did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. William Sexpenne, Richard Knave, Thomas Dykere, John Phippe, parishioners, disclose that chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; dean ordered chwdns on 11 Oct. 1408 to repair it before 1 Nov. on pain of 40d.

203 [f.92v.] 12 Oct. 1408. *Preston.* Dean visited preb. M. Richard Derham, P., called; did not come; dean excused him because abroad on king's service; Richard Kychene, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Robert Chaundose, V., came and was excused *etc.* William Lalman, John Rose, John Kemere, John Vyle, Richard Neweman, Robert Brygge, parishioners, disclose that John Touker, chwdn, stole a pair of 'amber' beads left to St. Mary's statue; cited to Fordyngton ch. for 27 Nov. 1408; did not come; contumacious; suspended. Chancel roof and windows are defective through R.'s fault; farmer to repair them before 24 June on pain of 40d. Tower timber-work is defective through fault of parish; dean ordered parishioners on 12 Oct. 1408 to repair it before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. Will of Edith, John Man's wife, proved; admin. granted to John, being first sworn; accounted; dismissed. Alice Mey's will proved; admin. granted to John Mey, executor, as above. V. keeps his horse in chyard which it fouls; dean ordered him not to do so. John Joys disparages V.; confessed on 27 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; peace made. He scarcely attends ch. once a year; confessed on 27 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch. He refused tithes on wool of 8 ewes for last 2 years; denied it on 27 Nov.; has 22 Dec. 1408 in cath. to purge with 6 hands. [f.93] He withholds 12d. left to ch. fabric in wife's will; denied it on 27 Nov.; has 22 Dec. as above to purge with 6 hands. Robert, the clerk, commits adultery with Margery Michell; confessed on 27 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 40s.; paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Thomas Houlot for fornication with Isolda Louves; both confessed on 27 Nov.; both to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 40d.; he

¹ Dead by 28 Aug. 1400: Le Neve, *Fasti.* 51.

² BRUO. ii. 1317.

paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Same man for fornication with Joan Fenell, Robert Smyth's servant; both denied it; he paid a fine for indulgence of purging; both dismissed. Rectory barn has wholly defective timber-work, walls, and roof, and its entrance has defective door, walls, and roof and hall has defective laths, wattle (watelys), and roof through R.'s fault; dean sequestrated sufficient revenues for repairs. Adam Mannyng withheld V.'s hay tithes; cited; did not come; contumacious; suspended; later submitted in cath.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; paid a fine for contumacy; dismissed.

204 14 Oct. 1408. *Lyme*. Dean visited ch. M. John Cole, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Ralph Stykelane, his proctor, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Hert, V., promised obedience; has 29 Nov. 1408 to show title and letters of ord. and submit copies; exempted because inst. and inducted by dean. [f.93v.] Nicholas Shaldon, chap., promised obedience *etc.* John Latche, parish clerk, promised obedience. Ralph Stykelane, Richard Honde, Peter Rycheman, Roger Dewdeny, John Cronere, Thomas Stykelane, parishioners, say that chancel is ruinous and defective in timber-work, roof, and gutter and chancel stalls are lacking through R.'s fault; official sequestrated revenues until faults repaired. William Baron, former V., removed a gathering of history of *Corpus Christi*; left. John Lynke withholds 7s. from ch.; alleged on 29 Nov. 1408 at Netherbury ch. that agreement reached; dismissed. John Bouchere withholds 2s. 6d. left to ch. fabric by John atte Wylle; condemned by official on 29 Nov. to pay 8d. at Christmas on pain of excom. William Hakerygge commits adultery with Joan Rycheman; denied it; purged with court's indulgence; both dismissed. Ralph Cronere commits adultery with one Margery; confessed; to be beaten thrice through market and ch. and to abjure on pain of 6s. 8d.; later paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. William Gaylarde fornicates with Margery Pynnok; confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; she is ill; later he paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. John Shawe fornicates with Alice Forstallere; V. paid a fine for both of them. Sir William Colfox for adultery with Alice Snellys. John Bakere fornicates with Alice Benet; confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; paid a fine for both of them. Thomas Richeman for fornication with Agnes Crogge; confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine for both of them. John Smurt for fornication with Joan, John Cronere's servant; confessed on 29 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; later paid a fine for both of them. In south aisle the celure above altar and the roof are defective through fault of parish; Richard Hede, chwdn, ordered on 29 Nov. to repair them before Easter on pain of 20s. Tower is defective through fault of parish; parishioners ordered on 29 Nov. to repair it before 2 Feb. on pain of 6s. 8d. [f.94] Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; parishioners to repair it before Easter on pain of 10s. A veil (*velamen*) for St. Mary was removed by William, former V. St. Michael's statue by high altar lacks an arm and is inadequately painted through fault of parish; chwdns to amend it before 24 June on pain of 20s. The lead on chancel roof was removed by different farmers.

205 15 Oct. 1408. *Cherdestoke*. Dean visited ch. with Wambrok chapel. M. John Bathe,¹ P., called; did not come; dean excused him because with archbishop; Sir Thomas Sprete, his proctor, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. M. Roger Berewyk, V., came and was excused *etc.* Richard Duncastell, parish chapl., showed his letters of ord. and was excused *etc.* Nicholas Splente, Thomas Wylmyngton, John Jamys, John Golsturne, Robert Delyvelyn, Robert Drapere, parishioners, say that chancel desks and stalls are lacking and chancel windows are broken through R.'s fault; R.'s proctor ordered by dean on 15 Oct. 1408 to repair them before Whitsunday on pain of 20s. Chwdns do not light candles on festivals as they ought; ordered by dean to do so on pain of 40d. The south aisle roof is defective through fault of parish; dean ordered parishioners to repair it before 1 Nov. on pain of 40d. Nave roof is defective between chancel and nave through fault of parish; Richard Hubarde ordered on 29 Nov. 1408 at Netherbury ch. to repair it before Easter on pain of 10s. [f.94v.] Andrew Rydoun withheld an annual ch. rent of 2lbs. of wax for Noneton in Tyderle for last 13 years; settled.

206 *Wambrok*. Thomas Sprete, R., came and was excused *etc.* William Duryng, John Londesham, John Stoure, John Lyllyng, parishioners, say that troper's binding is broken through fault of parish; dean ordered parishioners to repair it before Christmas on pain of 40d.

207 16 Oct. 1408. *Netherbury*. Dean visited Netherbury ch. and prebs. of Netherbury in Terra, Bemynstre Prima, Bemynstre Secunda, and Slape with Bemynstre and Maperton chapels. M. John Prophete, P., called; did not come; dean excused him because in king's service; William Parkere, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Thomas Haryngdon, V., came and was excused but did not provide copies. John Gramison, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Baron, Walter Bagge, Thomas Starkè and Thomas Hobby, parish clerks, promised obedience. John Jordan, Richard Proute, William Parkere, Nicholas Gele, parishioners, disclose that Christine Bolys's will is not proved; V. and John Pryreur of Bridepört, executors, came in Netherbury ch. on 29 Nov. 1408; admin. granted to them, being first sworn; William Bole refused; Bole warned on pain of excom. to allow them access to his houses to administer Christine's goods; later V. accounted; dismissed. [f.95] John Bemynstre's will proved; admin. granted to Denise, his wife and executrix, being sworn; later accounted; dismissed. John Brough for adultery with Agnes Ganelere; John Jordan paid a fine for both of them; V. to make them abjure on pain of 40s. Agnes Jordan defamed of stealing a pair of amber (lambre) beads, purged. Thomasina Okeley is a scold; denied it on 29 Nov.; purged with court's indulgence. John Leche for adultery with Joan, John Cayser's wife; denied it; purged with court's indulgence; she is outside the jurisdiction. John Walyssh, junior, for adultery with her; cited; did not come; suspended; later John Stamp paid a fine for his contumacy; dismissed because they left. Robert Bysshyn for adultery with Joan, John Storke's wife; Stamp

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 39; *BRUO*. i. 131

paid a fine for her; she is dismissed. John Gowsyll for adultery with Maud, Richard Bykebyry's wife; Nicholas Gele paid a fine for her; John paid his fine and abjured on pain of 40s.; sworn [not] to harm V. or servants of ch. on pain of 100s. John Dyre withholds the holy loaf; denies on 29 Nov. obligation to provide it; has 22 Dec. in cath. to show why he ought not to provide it.

208 *Bemynstre*. M. John Prophete is R. because chapel is dependent on Bemynstre [*recte* Netherbury] ch. William Muryfeld, chapl., William North, chapl., and Nicholas Skynnere, cantarist, came and were excused *etc.* Adam Byre, John Personnes, John Strange, John Grey, John Ropere, Thomas atte Forde, parishioners, disclose that chancel roof and walls and graveyard enclosure are defective through R.'s fault; his farmer to repair them before 1 Nov. on pain of 6s. 8d. [f.95v.] Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of John Franke, P. of Bemynstre Prima; his reeve to repair it before 1 Nov. on pain of 6s. 8d. R. should provide a chapl. to say Mass 3 times a week in Maperton chapel and on other days in Bemynstre ch. for land in Maperton fields called Backele. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of William Parkere; alleged that he had repaired it; dismissed. Will of Alice Wetherhogg proved; admin. granted to Thomas Wetherhogg, executor, being sworn; later accounted; dismissed. William Chalenere and John Chyny cited at R.'s request; did not come; suspended; V. paid a fine for their contumacy on 11 June 1409 in cath.

209 *Netherbury in Terra*. Thomas Wysbeche, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; John Jordan, his proctor, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Smyth, William Parkere, Ralph Strode, tenants, say that roof of latrine in east room and the stable walls are defective through P.'s fault; farmer to repair them before Christmas on pain of 40d. each.

210 *Slape*. M. Henry Harbough, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; John Jordan, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John atte Wey, Walter Davy, John Lambrok, William Bole, tenants, say that barn roof is defective through P.'s fault; farmer to repair it before Christmas on pain of 6s. 8d.

211 [f.96] *Bemynstre Prima*. John Franke,¹ P., called; did not come; dean excused him; William Hayne, his reeve, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Adam Byre, John Persones, John Strange, Thomas Toukere, tenants, say all is well.

212 *Bemynstre Secunda*. Thomas Haxhay, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; John Ropere paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Grey, John Ropere, Thomas atte Forde, William Hayne, tenants, say all is well.

213 17 Oct. 1408. *Yatmynstre in Ecclesia*. Dean visited Yatmynstre ch. and prebs. of Yatmynstre Prima and Yatmynstre Secunda with their chapels. M.

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. p. 30. Residentiary of Salisbury.

Thomas Polton, P., called; dean excused him; John Merchaunt, reeve, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Whyte, V., came and showed nothing; came on 1 Dec. 1408 before official in Shirbourne ch. to show and submit copies. William Cornyssh, chapl., did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved; promised obedience on 1 Dec. and showed nothing; has 22 Dec. 1408 in cath. to show letters of ord. and submit copies; did not come; suspended. John Wallop, clerk, promised obedience. Walter Smyth, William Bokelere, Robert Rayll, John Gurnay, parishioners, disclose that chancel stalls are lacking through R.'s fault; John Merchaunt, his farmer, to repair [*sic*] them before 24 June on pain of 40s. Walter Smyth withholds 25s. from St. Christopher's light; confessed before official in Yatmynstre ch. on 1 Dec. that he owed 13s. 4d.; to pay on pain of excom. [f.96v.] He owes St. Michael's light 12s. withheld for last 12 years; confessed on 1 Dec. that he owed 8s.; to pay; has 22 Dec. in cath. to purge with 4 hands about the rest. William atte More's will is not proved; Isabel, his wife, and Thomas, his son, executors, came; admin. granted to them, being first sworn; later paid a fine for acquittance; dismissed. John Leuston of Chetknolle prevents Richard Smale from administering Michael Paynes's goods and withholds 6s. 8d.; did not come; suspended; later submitted; to be beaten thrice through ch.; peace made. Laurence Vele withholds yearly rent from a cow to provide Masses for mother's soul; denied it on 1 Dec.; has 22 Dec. in cath. to purge with 4 hands. Vic. hall roof is defective through V.'s fault; V. ordered on 1 Dec. to repair it before Easter on pain on 20s. William Cornys says Mass twice a day; denied it on 1 Dec.; has 22 Dec. in cath. to purge with 3 hands. Alan Uphulle for adultery with Alice, wife of John Dollyng; John Merchaunt paid a fine for her on 1 Dec.; he paid his fine; to abjure on pain of 6s. 8d. Thomas Bramiscombe for fornication with Joan Crockere; both denied it; both purged with court's indulgence. Will of Alice Revell proved; admin. granted to Thomas Revell and Agnes, her daughter, executors, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. Alice, Walter Uphulle's wife, for adultery with William Tutbull; he denied it; purged; she denied it; purged with court's indulgence; both dismissed. William Repe for adultery with same woman; denied it on 1 Dec.; purged. John Leuston for adultery with same woman; denied it on 1 Dec.; purged. Font has a defective lock; chwdns to repair it before 1 Dec. on pain of 40d. [f.97] Richard Dygon for adultery with Alice, Walter Elys's wife; denied it; purged with court's indulgence and abjured on pain of 20s. William Tetbolde for adultery with Joan, his servant; denied it on 1 Dec.; has 22 Dec. in cath. to purge with 6 hands; did not come; suspended. John Gurnay for adultery with Joan, his servant; confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 20s.; paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Richard Merston for adultery with Emma, Thomas Gofayre's wife; both denied it; purged. Robert Lovet for incest with his daughter by whom he begot a son; denied it on 1 Dec.; has 22 Dec. in cath. to purge with 8 hands. Walter Smyth cited for assaulting R. of Bere; submitted on 1 Dec.; paid a fine to office for its indulgence; dismissed. John Bayly, junior, takes God's name in vain and breaks agreements; denied it on 1 Dec.; has 22 Dec. in cath. to purge with 9 hands; did not come; suspended.

214 *Yatmynstre Superior*. M. Laurence Gomecy, ¹ P., called; came personally; Sir Walter Warewyk paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. William Tetbold, Robert Lovet, tenants, say that timber-work and roof of byre are defective and barn is wholly ruinous through P.'s fault; Robert Lovet, farmer, to repair them before Easter on pain of 20s. Robert Lokyere cited at request of John Clerke of Lye in perjury action; appeared; to pay John 7s. at Easter on pain of excom. Thomas Pravy cited for working on 1 Nov.; confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 6s. 8d. John Martin of Lye made banns' certificates for couples whose banns were not published; denied it before official; purged.

215 [f.97v.] *Yatmynstre Inferior*. M. Richard Pittes, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Laurence Vele paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to Richard Smale, dean's apparitor. Walter Smyth, Laurence Vele, tenants, say that barn roof is defective through P.'s fault; Laurence Vele, farmer, to repair it before Christmas on pain of 40d. Robert Lokyere to pay 5s. to V. before 11 June 1409 on pain of excom.

216 *Lye*. Nicholas Bonde, John Odom, Walter Hopere, Richard Raundus, parishioners, disclose that John Curteys's will is not proved and his wife is his executrix; Alan Uphull, co-executor, came in Yatmynstre ch. on 1 Dec. 1408; admin. granted to him, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. Maud Andrewes' will proved; admin. granted to Andrew, her husband and executor; wholly dismissed because poor.

217 *Clyfton*. Stephen Bole, R., came and was excused *etc.* Richard Howys, Robert Benet, Henry Dapron, parishioners, disclose that John Davy delivered a lead to Richard Howys left to ch. by late John Bayly; Richard willingly condemned to pay 12s. for lead before 2 Feb. on pain of excom. Richard Howys withheld a ch. cow for last 14 years; denies it before official in Clyfton ch. on 2 Dec. 1408; Hugh Cowche swore that Richard delivered cow to Robert Toukere who had it for past 14 years paying Richard 2s. a year for ch.; Richard admitted receiving 2s. from Robert and spending it on ch. business with 4s. more but denied receiving rest; Robert Benet and Henry Dapronne intending to prove that Richard received rest have 22 Dec. 1408 in cath. to bring proof for first time.²

218 [f.98] *Ryme*. John Elys, R., did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved. John Gardinere, chapl., his farmer, did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. John Wastell, Thomas Gade, John Cole, Thomas Kemere, parishioners, disclose that Joan Gole of Tryll, Joan Cole, and Thomas Govayre did not observe ch. dedication festival but went into other parishes to harvest corn; all confessed in Yatmynstre ch. on 1 Dec.

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 101. Residentiary of Salisbury.

² This is the most striking example of conflict among questmen.

1408; each to be beaten thrice through ch.; later dismissed in hope of amendment.

219 *Halnestoke*. Chapel is dependent on Lyme preb. Richard, the chapl., did not come because ill; dean excused him; Joan Bentele for fornication with William Hogges, chapl.; cited for 1 Dec. 1408; did not come; suspended.

220 *Stokewode*. Richard Baret, R., promised obedience; showed letters of ord. and submitted copies; has 1 Dec. 1408 in Yatmynstre ch. to show title to benefice and submit copies. John Chesewey, John Lovelas, parishioners, disclose that tower is wholly defective through fault of parish; parishioners to repair it before 24 June on pain of 20s.

221 18 Oct. 1408 *Shirbourne*. Dean visited ch. with its chapels. Robert Brounyng, abbot of Shirbourne, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; did not pay proc. because he courteously provided dean with a splendid meal. M. John Campedon, V., came and was excused *etc.* Stephen Sturgeys, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Thomas Mereston, chapl., William Hogyn, chapl., Robert Begew, chapl., and William Tarent, chapl., came and were excused *etc.* [f.98v.] Thomas Clerk and William Hosyer, parish clerks, promised obedience. Thomas Hylary, Robert Gore, John Nobelet, John Wygrym, Henry Panter, William Rydere, Reginald Taylour, parishioners, disclose that Roger Brasyere commits adultery with Alice Balbecayres; denied it before official in Shirbourne ch. on 3 Dec. 1408; purged with court's indulgence and abjured on pain of 20s. John Balle, 'taylor', for adultery with Alice, Richard Langemede's wife. John Tavernere for fornication with Juliana Kembestere; denied it on 3 Dec.; has 22 Dec. 1408 in cath. to purge with 6 hands; she denied it; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. Agnes Grauntys for adultery with John Balle, 'taylor'. Will of Alice, John Carse's wife, proved; admin. granted to husband, her executor, being first sworn; later wholly dismissed because poor. Ibota, John Horne's wife, overlaid her son and would not do penance; confessed on 3 Dec.; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; later dismissed at request of honest men.¹ Thomas Whyte for fornication with one Agnes; confessed on 3 Dec.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later he paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Thomas Benet for adultery with Alice, John Rayman's wife; both denied it; purged and abjured on pain of 40s. John Lay, 'taylor', a married man, is an habitual lecher; denied it; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. Stephen Scryvener² for adultery with Joan, John Ysyn's wife, and Alice Kembester; on 3 Dec. he denied it with Joan since last correction but confessed about Alice; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine; dismissed. John Hold for adultery with Isabel, a married woman; confessed on 3 Dec.; to be beaten thrice through ch.

¹ i.e. the senior parishioners.

² The liaison probably continued. In 1410 the 'so-called wife' of Stephen Scryven or Carlell reported his adultery with Joan Iveyne: *Reg. Hallum* (Cant. and York Soc.), 110.

222 [f.99] *Nethercompton*. Ralph, the R., came and was excused *etc.* Robert Taverner, Walter Splatarde, Richard Maunsell, John Lange, parishioners, disclose that a chancel window is defective through R.'s fault; R. to repair it before 1 Nov. on pain of 40d.

223 *Overcompton*. John Passenare, R., came and was excused *etc.* John Hogges, Adam Cokes, John Colyns, John Smewyns, John Cole, parishioners, say that John Yarke withheld arable land belonging to ch.; denied it before official in Shirbourne ch. on 3 Dec. 1408; later dismissed with R.'s consent. John Wilkyns scarcely attends ch. once a year; confessed on 3 Dec.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later dismissed because poor in hope of amendment. Graveyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; wardens ordered on 3 Dec. to repair it before 1 Nov. on pain of 40d. John Yarke destroys tithe sheaves; denied it on 3 Dec.; dismissed because poor, in hope of amendment.

224 *Maperton in jurisdiction of Netherbury ch.* Thomas Benet, R., promised obedience, showed all letters but did not submit copies; has 3 Dec. 1408 to do so. Roger Coke, Robert Gerarde, Thomas Janys, John Gerard, parishioners, disclose that rectory is totally ruinous and chancel windows are defective through R.'s fault; being repaired.

225 [f.99v.] *Thornforde*. John Gardinere, R., showed letters of inst. and ind. and submitted copies; has 3 Dec. 1408 to show letters of ord. and submit copies. John Pokok, William Mayster, John Style, Thomas Stonhurde, parishioners, disclose that John Brystowe fornicates with Joan Brystowe; denied it in Shirbourne ch. on 3 Dec.; dismissed at abbot's request. Walter Mulewarde, 'thechere', fornicates with Agnes Mulewarde; she denied it on 3 Dec; purged with court's indulgence at Simon Chaumburlyne's request.

226 *Bere*. Nicholas Shudde, R., promised obedience *etc.* Sylvester Everarde, Silvester Wyfelde, John Wyfyng, Thomas Cartere, parishioners, disclose that chancel is defective and ruinous through abbot's fault. R. says Mass twice a day and habitually frequents taverns and takes God's name in vain; denied it in Shirbourne ch. on 3 Dec. 1408; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. R. for adultery with one Ibota; denied it on 3 Dec.; purged.

227 *Lyllington*. Walter Bole, R., came and was excused *etc.* John Lelworth, John Williams, William Caleys, say all is well. William Dodde, parish chapl., promised obedience; has a day at Easter to show letters of ord. and submit copies.

228 *Merssh*. Maurice, the R., showed all letters but did not submit copies; has 3 Dec. 1408 to do so. Ralph Brut, Geoffrey Ascombe, William Skylbeler, Hildebrand Everarde, parishioners, disclose that R. is drunk daily and continually frequents taverns; he scarcely says Matins and Vespers in ch. [f.100] once a year; he pawned a ch. troper at tavern; he disparages his

parishioners and makes trouble between them; he cannot visit sick because drunk; denied all in Shirbourne ch. on 3 Dec.; assigned 22 Dec. in cath. to purge with 8 hands. Rectory is totally ruinous and chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault; all remains unresolved at request of Sir Ives Fytz Waryn, [knight], in hope of amendment.

229 *Haydon*. Thomas Hursele, V., promised obedience and showed all letters; has 3 Dec. 1408 to submit copies; did so. John Taylour, John Colyns, parishioners, say that chancel roof above altar is defective through abbot's fault; being repaired.

230 *Wobourne*. Benedict, the V., came and was excused *etc.* John Genys, William Kyng, Robert Taylour, Hugh Baller, parishioners, say all is well.

231 *Folke*. John Stokes, R., promised obedience *etc.* John Medeforde, John Everarde, parishioners, disclose that John Shyne, senior, of Haydon, failed to pay 11d. a year to R. to say Mass for soul of Beatrice Cowlard for last 2 years; denied it in Shirbourne ch. on 3 Dec. 1408 because peace made with R.

232 *Pynford*. Thomas Cary, R., promised obedience *etc.* William Bysshop, Peter Pynford, parishioners, say that a chalice is lacking through fault of parish; parishioners to provide one before 24 June on pain of 20s.

233 [f.100v.] *Grene*. John Brounyng, R., came and was excused *etc.*

234 *Holnest and Bourton*. Thomas Hamme, V., promised obedience *etc.* William Wyntershey, Edward atte Nashe, John Trayle, William Fox, parishioners, say that V. has not said Mass in Holnest chapel as he ought each Sun., Wed. and Fri. and on festivals; he will not visit sick even when repeatedly asked; he habitually trades in livestock; he ought to accompany the dead to Shirbourne ch. saying funeral exequies for them and refuses even when asked; Roger Coppe and William Thechere died without sacraments through his fault; denied charges in Shirbourne ch. on 3 Dec. 1408; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. Geoffrey Coppe removed candles offered in Holnest chapel with cheese and a goose brought as V.'s tithe; peace made. Same man assaulted William, the parish clerk. John Frankelayne, Walter Mody, and Robert More cited for working on festivals; Walter confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; John and Robert denied it; dismissed in hope of amendment because poor. John Shoure and John Webbe, wardens of Borton, took a silver pyx weighing 5s. from Holnest chapel to Bourton; alleged that it only weighed 2s. 6d.; to pay 2s. 6d. to Holnest chapel before 2 Feb. on pain of excom.

235 [f.101] 22 Oct. 1408. *Wermynstre*. Dean visited preb. M. John Tydelyng,¹ P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Thomas atte Rook,

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 94.

farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Simon Jonis, Walter Stanforde, tenants, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with 2 carucates, 6 a. meadow, some in a close and some in common meadow, 5 customary tenants paying 19s. in all, and 4 a. wood. Semenourys Place and Thomas Laffoul's tenement each pay 2s. a year; John Compton's tenement pays 4s.

236 27 Oct. 1408. *Coumbe*. Dean visited ch. M. Robert Broune, P., called; did not come; Nicholas Southam, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Richard Davyot, V., and Richard Dygon, parish clerk, came and were excused *etc.* Richard Howys, Nicholas Lym, junior and senior, Richard Rede, John Petyesyne, John Dygon, parishioners, say that Edith Brewere's husband's will is not proved; proved before dean; admin. granted to Edith, his executrix, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. (Mark this, *Cave*) Chancel windows are broken and perished through R.'s fault; farmer ordered by official on 29 March 1409 to repair them before Mich. on pain of 10s. [f.101v.] Celure above high altar is old and partly broken through R.'s fault; farmer ordered same day to repair it before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Agnes Drew for fornication with Robert Mulewarde; he confessed on 29 March; to be beaten thrice through ch. Nave roof is defective through fault of parish; chwdn to repair it before 24 June on pain of 40d. An ordinal is lacking through fault of parish; chwdn to provide one before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. John Bourdon commits adultery with Katherine, his former servant; denied it on 29 March; purged and abjured on pain of 20s. Edith Brewere keeps a brothel and receives strangers there; denied it on 29 March; purged. Nicholas Kembere withholds 2 altar-cloths; confessed; to return them before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. John Bourdon defamed of adultery with Edith, formerly Thomas Rede's servant; denied it on 29 March; purged.

237 same day. *Harnham*. Dean visited chapel after dinner. M. Robert Broune, R. Edward David, parish chapl., promised obedience and showed nothing. Roger Langeforde, parish clerk, promised obedience. James Ovyot, John Benet, John Amy, Robert Stamforde, John Faukus, Thomas atte Verne, parishioners, say that chancel windows are broken and roof is defective through R.'s fault; Nicholas, the farmer, was ordered on 29 March 1409 to repair them before Mich. on pain of 20s. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of Thomas Grene and Magota Nicholas; repaired; both dismissed. [f.102] Robert Chaldecote's will proved; admin. granted to executor; wholly dismissed because poor. Holy Trinity chapel roof is defective through fault of Oliver Harnham. An ordinal is lacking through fault of parish; chwdns ordered on 24 May 1409 by official to provide one before Christmas on pain of 20s. A papal bull belonging to St. Baldwin' is in Oliver Harnham's custody. John Wynter ill-treats his wife and refuses her

¹ Possibly an error for Theobald. A papal indulgence of 3 years and 40 days was granted on 20 July 1391 to penitents visiting church and giving alms on St. Theobald's Day. A later indulgence was cancelled: *CPL 1362-1404*. 356, 442.

food; denied it on 24 May; has 21 June 1409 in cath. to purge with 6 hands. John Lange for adultery with Agnes Dille; denied it in cath. on 21 June; purged.

238 29 Oct. 1408. *Stratford*. Dean visited preb. M. Edward Prentys,¹ P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Nicholas Petyte, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Gode, John Ferthyng, tenants, say that St. Laurence's chancel roof is defective through P.'s fault; farmer to repair it before Easter on pain of 40d.² Dovecote, walls round prebendal house, stable and byre roofs are defective through farmer's fault.

239 same day. *Wodeforde*. Dean visited ch. M. Ralph Repyngton, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; John Chaumberlayne, his bailiff, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Thomas Bakere, V., came and was excused *etc.* [f.102v.] Adam Hendy, Richard Waryn, Thomas Sorp, Adam Rowland, Henry Kyng, John Wylly, parishioners, say that ch. roof is defective through fault of the parish; parishioners to repair it before Easter on pain of 40d. Base and capital of a chancel pier (*columpna*) are defective through R.'s fault; John, R.'s farmer, ordered on 29 March 1409 in cath. to repair them before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. Pigs get into chyard and grub up earth through fault of parish; amended; dismissed. Walls round rectory are wholly ruinous through R.'s fault; farmer ordered by official on 29 March to repair them in a year on pain of 20s. Thomas Corpe tells great tales in ch. and disturbs the service; denied it before official; purged and abjured on pain of 40d. Thomas Gybbes's will proved; admin. granted to executors, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. Edith Cartere's will proved; admin. *etc.* as above. Thomas Willy's wife's will proved; admin. *etc.* as above. Action for impeding Margaret Mulle's will between William Hendy and John Pokeman, parishioners, plaintiffs, and John Dyere, executor, defendant; parties appear personally; plaintiffs present a libel stating that defendant owes ch. fabric 2 tunics from Edith's [*sic*] will; defendant alleges that he has given them; they have 23 Nov. 1408 in cath. to bring proof for first time.

240 *Wyvelesforde*. Thomas Marchall, parish chapl., came and was excused *etc.* Robert Venas, John Whyty, John Messenger, Thomas Pollarde, parishioners, say that a chancel window is defective through R.'s fault; R.'s farmer to repair it before Easter on pain of 40d. Chyard [enclosure] is defective through John Whyte's fault; cited; did not come; suspended. [f.103] A manual and ordinal are lacking through fault of parish; parishioners to provide them before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault; John, his farmer, to mend it before 24 June on pain of 40d.

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 88. Residuary of Salisbury

² In June 1408 dilapidations assessed at £4 for roof and 1s. for windows. Cost of repairing rectory and chancel estimated at £26 11s. 4d. but stable and byre not seriously defective: A.C. Viryng, pp. 7-8.

241 same day. *Durneforde*. Dean visited ch. Simon Membury,¹ P., came personally. John Mydderhull, V. promised obedience *etc.* John Durneforde, parish clerk, promised obedience. Henry Frampton, Robert Carpenter, tenants, John atte Nale, William Sawy, parishioners, say that chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault. Tower roof and timber-work are defective through fault of parish; parishioners to mend them before Easter on pain of 20s.

242 30 Oct. 1408. *Chesyngbury*. Dean visited preb. John Chytterne, P., called; did not come; dean excused him. John Smyth, John Godesblessy, tenants, say that preb. is endowed in lay fee with a carucate, 4 a. meadow, pasture for 300 sheep for P. and his tenants, and 7 customary tenants paying 55s. a year. There is a barn, hall, and dovecote. [f.103v.] John Malte, John Collys, parishioners, say that chapel is totally ruinous through fault of inhabitants and needs rebuilding; dean ordered them to repair it before Mich. on pain of 20m. V. of Netheravene fails to provide a chapl. to say Mass 3 times a week in chapel.

243 same day. *Netheravene*. Dean visited ch. Nicholas Rixton,² P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Thomas Gyles, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Thomas Pakke, William Smyth, tenants, Thomas Edmunde, Thomas Rolfe, William Weybole, parishioners, say that chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault. Chyard enclosure is defective through R.'s fault; his farmer to repair it before Christmas on pain of 40d. William Smyth withholds a pan left to Christine Rypons in mother's will. John Perys withholds a bequest from his wife; ordered by official on 29 March 1409 to give it before 1 Aug. on pain of 40d. Roof of east barn is defective through farmer's fault; to repair it before Easter on pain of 40d. Robert, the V., came and was excused *etc.* but did not submit copies. V. purged on 29 March with court's indulgence of fornication with a stranger.³

244 [f.104] same day. *Rothesfen*. Dean visited preb. M. Simon Sydenham,⁴ P., called; did not come; dean excused him; John Haywarde, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John West, James Yatkyne, John Shirbourne, John Nygt, tenants, say that celure above altar is defective through fault of prioress of Amubresbury; official sequestrated 20s. from farmer for repairs; John Haywarde, prioress's farmer, confessed on 29 March 1409 in cath. to violating sequestration; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine; official sequestrated 2m. for repairs.

245 23 April 1409. *Chuyt*.⁵ Dean visited ch. John Chytterne, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; V., his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean.

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 48. Residentiary of Salisbury.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 71; *BRUO*. iii. 1619-20.

³ Last 2 items added later.

⁴ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 81; *BRUO*. iii. 1838. Residentiary of Salisbury.

⁵ *Chuyt* written in a very large hand.

Robert Balle, V., promised obedience and showed letters of inst. and ind.; has 31 May 1409 in cath. to submit copies. Richard, St. Mary's cantarist, promised obedience *etc.* Thomas, the parish clerk, promised obedience. John Vunnedewe, Richard Sotewell, John Toukere, William Neweman, Laurence Takewell, John Hudde, parishioners, say that chancel roof, windows, walls, and door are defective through P.'s fault. Nave roof is defective through fault of parish; parishioners to repair it before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. Porch walls are defective through fault of parish; parishioners to repair them before Mich. on pain of 20s. [f.104v.] Top of south aisle wall is defective through cantarist's fault. John Marion for fornication with Isabel, Laurence Takewell's tenant. William Vunnedewe, former chwdn, owes ch. 7s. 2d. Laurence Takewell owes ch. 6s. 8d.; agreed to pay at once. John Toukere owes ch. fabric 40d. Font is not locked through fault of parish; parishioners to provide a lock before Whitsunday on pain of 40d.

246 same day. Shaldebourn. Dean visited chapel. William Waryne, V., came and was excused *etc.* Richard Hobbekok, cantarist,¹ promised obedience *etc.* John Carpenter, William Tangle, Edward Newe, Henry Taylour, parishioners, say that chancel roof is defective, chancel windows are broken, high altar steps are wholly broken, and chancel desks are lacking through R.'s fault. Principal statue is inadequately painted through fault of parish; parishioners to repaint it before Mich. on pain of 20s. Font is not locked through fault of parish; parishioners to provide a lock before Whitsunday on pain of 40d. Thomas atte Hurne fornicates with Alice Dryffelde; she was cited before official in Hungerforde ch. on 9 July 1409; confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; paid a fine; dismissed. Henry Hychecok fornicates with Agnes Gay; cited; confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine; dismissed. John Bouchere withholds 13s. and half a quarter of corn from ch.; not cited.

247 [f.105] 24 April 1409. Hungerforde. Dean visited ch. Abbot of Beckharlewynne, R. Robert Nappere, V., did not come; excused because on ch. business. William Broune, Holy Trinity cantarist, came and was excused *etc.* John Botelere, St. Mary's cantarist, promised obedience *etc.* John Trumpelynne, chapl. of North Staunde, cited; did not come; suspended. William Ferrour, John Dyghton, William Parkere, John Smyth, Hugh Dyere, Roger Bouchere, John Dyere, Thomas Knolle, parishioners, say that William Whytyat, St. Frydeswyche's prior's farmer at Hydden, refuses V. tithe of lambs and wool from 250 sheep for last 3 years; cited for 9 July 1409 at Hungerforde ch.; did not come; suspended.² Margery Coterell and Juliana Farman took a chalice, a missal, a set of vestments, 3 altar-cloths, a superaltar, 16 sheep, and 10m. from St. Katherine's light; cited for 9 July; did

¹ Chantry founded in 1363 by John, vicar of Shalbourne, and William Radele: *CPR 1361-4*. 304.

² Cited before an episcopal commissary probably in 1409 for owing vicar tithes of wool, lambs, calves, pigs, and other lesser tithes: *Reg. Hallum*, (Cant. and York Soc.) 110-11.

not come; both suspended.¹ William Goldyng withholds a missal belonging to the light. Juliana Farman assaulted William Pyc, chapl. Juliana Farman and Margery Coterell have not attended ch. for 5 years. They ate flesh on Easter Day and did not receive the Eucharist.² William Ropere commits adultery with Agnes Coterell; cited; did not come; suspended. Chyard enclosure is defective by vic. through fault of 'Longe Stephene' and Adam Coupere of North Staunden; cited; neither came; both suspended. [f.105v.] Chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish. Magota Coterell has not attended ch. for 7 years. Nave roof is defective through fault of parish; official assigned 24 May 1409 in cath. for chwdns to show why penalties previously imposed should not be exacted and ordered them to repair it in a year on pain of 100s. William Frerour [sic] appointed John Warham his proctor. Robert Whytyat previously suspended for adultery with Marion Holte. Roof of St. John Baptist's chapel is defective through fault of Sir John Orum,³ prior. William Knolle allowed John Clitere and Edith, his wife's sister, to come to his house to have intercourse; confessed on 9 July; to be beaten thrice through ch. John Snowe for adultery with one Denise; did not come; suspended. William Barbour for fornication with one Margaret; both confessed on 9 July; both to be beaten thrice through ch.; he paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. John Blachye for adultery with Alice Goldyng; he paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Joan Hykkes is a scold; did not come; suspended. Sir John Trumpelyn says Mass twice a day and fornicates with Margaret Osteler; paid a fine on 9 July; dismissed. John Sadeler, defamed of stealing 2 bushels of corn from Edith Langebrygg, purged. John Smyth for adultery with Margaret Esteler; denied it on 9 July; purged. Robert Wylsche for adultery with one Alice whom he married to a man who is still alive; denied it on 9 July; purged. Sir John Trumpelyne for adultery with John Marche's wife and he is godfather to their child.⁴ John Marche for adultery with Margaret Ostelere. John Trumpelyn for adultery with wife of Philip Smyth who is abroad.

248 [f.106] 25 April 1409. *Wantynge*.⁵ Dean visited ch. Prior of Okebourne is R. and P. Abbot of Abyndon did not come for his portion in Wantyng; dean sequestrated revenues. John Walkynton, V., promised obedience. John Freere, chapl., and John Synet, chapl., came and were excused *etc.* Roger Palmere, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Robert Clerk, chapl., promised obedience; has 17 July 1409 to submit letters of ord.; did so. Thomas Bourton, chapl., and Sir John Cornyssh or Bonde, promised obedience *etc.* Henry Bedewynde, John Wyllyes, John Lange, Richard Palmere, Richard

¹ Bishop requested their arrest on 4 Dec. 1409. Imprisoned but absolved by 2 June 1410: P.R.O., Significavit of excommunication, C.85/148/22; 553.

² Charge emphasises their absence from Mass. Meat intended for Easter Day meal was blessed during Mass: D. Rock, *The Church of Our Fathers*, ed. G.W. Hart, W.H. Frere (1905), iv. 118.

³ BRUO. ii. 1405-6.

⁴ Baptism created a spiritual affinity between parents and godparents making chaplain's adultery spiritual incest.

⁵ *Wantynge* written in later hand.

Millyng, Henry Bayly, Richard Deygon, Richard Ardyngton, parishioners, say that chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault; official ordered William Pleystowe, his farmer, on 17 July 1410 [*recte* 1409] in Wantyng ch. to repair it before 1 Nov. on pain of 6s. 8d. Principal statue by high altar is inadequately painted; parishioners to amend it by Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Sir John Frere frequents taverns and plays quoits and such like, disgracefully making a spectacle of his body; left. North aisle wall is ruinous through fault of parish; parishioners to repair it before 24 June next year on pain of 100s. Peter Gylemyn withheld ch. rent of 3s. a year for last 7 years; on 17 July gave no good reason; to pay 21s. before Mich. on pain of excom. Richard Dygon and John Ingram removed a ch. charter about payment of 3s. from Peter Gylemyn's house; confessed on 17 July; to restore it before 1 Aug. on pain of excom.

249 [f.106v.] 26 April 1409. *Sunnyngge*.¹ Dean will visit his ch. with its chapels. Dean is R. Ralph Harewell, V., and John Adam, parish chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Richard and Thomas Clerk [parish clerks], promised obedience. Ralph Lenam, William Vyell, Philip Pensarde, Thomas Mury, William Capy, William Chuddenham, William Botelere, Thomas atte Oke, Robert Thorne, Ralph Parkere, parishioners, disclose that Henry, John Taylour's son, commits adultery with Felicity, Peter Smyth's wife; he denied it in cath. on 17 June 1409; purged with his own hand; abjured on pain of 20s.; she denied it before official in Sonnyng ch. on 17 July 1409; abjured on pain of 100s. John Coupere of Wynhurst commits adultery with Agnes Whyte; he confessed at Sonnyng on 17 July; to be beaten thrice through ch. and abjure on pain of 6s.8d.; she did not come; suspended. William Vyell commits adultery with Joan Carpenter; denied it on 17 July; purged. 'Gutterys' and roof of nave and tower are defective through fault of parish; parishioners to repair them before 24 June next year on pain of 100s. John Frome left ch. fabric 20s. which John Fylole withholds. M. Walter Medeforde withholds a missal and 13s. 4d. from ch. John Jordan withholds 13s. 4d. left by Stephen Stanlake² to ch. fabric. Richard Cokkes withheld for last 6 years rent of 12d. a year for a lamp to burn at various times in ch.; pending in hope of agreement. Official sequestered all goods of Robert Etton³ within jurisdiction because he stole ch. goods.

250 [f.107] *Erberfelde*. Ralph Waterman, R., promised obedience *etc.* John Taylour, John Fuller, parishioners, say that John Elyne, senior, and Roger Robynhode withheld goods left by Thomas Mulewarde and Christine, his wife, to Margaret, their daughter; on 17 July 1409 in Sonnyng ch. John Taylour alleged that Thomas gave him custody of his daughter; has 31 July 1409 in Roscoumbe ch. to prove it.

¹ *Sunnyngge* written in (?) 17th cent. hand.

² Former V. Matter still unresolved in 1412 when, at request of wardens, an episcopal inquiry was held. Jordan had died 3 years before and Walter Burgh, co-executor, had left long before: *Reg. Waltham*, f.153; *Reg. Hallum* (Cant. and York Soc.), 216.

³ Former V.: left Sonning for Standon, Staffs. on 31 July 1408: *Reg. Hallum* (Cant. and York Soc.), 4.

251 *Erlegh St. Bartholomew.* William, the R., promised obedience and showed all letters; has 17 July 1409 to submit copies; did so. Thomas Mury, John Boseworth, William Chedenam, William Capy, inhabitants, say all is well.

252 *Erlegh St. Nicholas.* William, the R., did not come; dean sequestrated revenues. Walter Mustarde, R.'s farmer. John Boterstake fornicated with Edith, John Fryday's daughter, in chapel; dean suspended services there on 29 April 1409 because couple had fornicated and married there, without banns, with approval of Thomas Mercey, farmer of Erle St. Bartholomew; Thomas denied it at Sonnyng on 17 July 1409; has 31 July 1409 in cath. to purge with 6 hands; dean dismissed him. Thomas has same day and place to show why he should not make mortuary payment on vacation of tenement of late John Bayly of Erle.

253 [f.107v.] *Roscoumbe.* John, the chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Grove, William Grove, John Ayschman, parishioners, say that chancel windows and roof are defective through farmer's fault; to repair them before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. Thomas Sextayne withholds tithe of swans. A portas was taken by Thomas Northbury, chapl., for whom John Stephenes stood surety.

254 *Hurste.* William Paynet, parish chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Thomas Whelere, John Eldrygge, Richard Bowell, parishioners, say that graveyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; parishioners to mend it before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Stephen Welde withholds ch. rent of 8d. a year for his house in Silesham; denied it in Sonnyng ch. on 17 July 1409; purged; dismissed.

255 *Wokyngham.* Stephen, parish chapl., and Sir Richard Benet came and were excused *etc.* John Westende, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Thomas Mason and William Rodam, parish clerks, promised obedience. Richard Ladde, Robert Dyere, John Badecok, John Glasyere, parishioners, say that Laurence Drew withheld a 1lb. candle which should be lighted at services. R. [of Sonning] withheld 2 processional candlesticks. William Norreis and Agnes, his wife, withheld 2s. a year for 2 torches; pending in hope of settlement. [f.108] Richard Ladde commits adultery with Agnes, his servant; on 17 July 1409 at Sonnyng ch. denied it since his last correction; purged. Sir Stephen Cartwryght solemnized matrimony between Richard Beche and Alice Barefot without banns.¹ He mixes wine and water in the cruets (*violis*) which putrefies and nauseates chapls. saying Mass; denies it. He is negligent in saying Mass; denies it. He had Amice, John Stephenes's wife, in his room suspiciously; denied it. He quarrels with parishioners; denies it. He revealed

¹ The bishop applied for couple's arrest 20 Jan. 1409: *Reg. Hallum* (Cant. and York Soc.) 198; P.R.O., *Significavit* of excommunication, C.85/148/19.

confessions; denies it. He took reredos (*tabulam stantem*) above St. Mary's altar and made it into his trestle table; confesses. He felled chyard trees to detriment of R.; submitted to office and paid a fine; dismissed. Agnes, William Norris's wife, formerly wife of John Youndon, felled a chyard elm with John to detriment of R. and made a cart; pending in hope of agreement. Richard Cubbul uses necromancy and circles on ground; confessed at Sonnyng on 17 July; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later dismissed; abjured on pain of 6 beatings through ch.

256 *Sandhurst*. William Mapondere, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* William Stopeshull, John Cryshull, parishioners, say that chancel windows are broken through R.'s fault. John, the parish chapl.,¹ sold 24 mulberry trees (Morpuryes) through William Vyoll to detriment of R. [of Sonning]. Chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault. Graveyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; parishioners ordered at Sonnyng ch. on 17 July 1409 to repair it before 3 May 1410 on pain of 6s. 8d. Walter, [sic] the chapl., for adultery with Agnes Pypere; did not come; suspended. William Mulewarde for adultery with Margaret Bernarde; both cited; neither came; both suspended. William threatened to assault apparitor if he cited him; to be cited. John Taylour cited for necromancy.

257 [f.108v.] *Hurste*. William, the chapl., for marrying John Solyhurst to Wowome's daughter at night without banns or licence; confessed on 17 July 1409 at Sonnyng ch. that he permitted solemnization of their matrimony; submitted to office; paid a fine; dismissed.

258 27 April 1409. *Roscombe Inferior*. Dean visited preb. M. William Spaldewyk, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; John atte Hacheman, Peter Sawyere, tenants, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean in his manor of Sonnyng on 29 April 1409. Peter Sawyere, John Hacheman, William Grove, William atte Putte, tenants, say that roofs of hall, kitchen, stable, byre, and the prebendal pale are defective through P.'s fault.

259 same day. *Roscombe Superior*. Dean visited preb. M. Robert Broune, P., called; did not come; dean excused him. John Aysshman, farmer and tenant, said all is well.

260 29 April 1409. *Blebury*. Dean visited ch. M. John Grendon, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Sir John Clement, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Hugh, the V., and John Clement, chapl., came and were excused *etc.* Richard Clerk, John Pyrys, parish clerks, promised obedience. [f.109] Richard Hunsterton, John Baron, William Baron, Robert Hatche, (*Blebury*), John Latton, John Bullok (*Upton*), John Kene, William North (*Aston*), parishioners, say that chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault. R.

¹ Probably chapl. there in 1405.

ought to provide a set of vestments and clerk's surplice. John Whyte withholds a ch. rent of 4d. a year for last 6 years. Roof, windows, and walls of Upton chapel chancel are defective through R.'s fault; farmer ordered by official on 16 July 1409 in Blebury ch. to repair them before 24 June on pain of 100s.; official sequestrated 10m. from farmer for repairs. Roof and windows of Aston chapel chancel are defective through R.'s fault; farmer ordered on 16 July to repair them before Mich. next year on pain of 40s. Rectory roof and kitchen roof and walls are defective and other buildings are ruinous and rectory enclosure is defective through R.'s fault. Chapl. sometimes says Mass after noon. He is habitually buying and selling; denied it on 16 July; purged. Font lacks a lock through fault of parish; chwdns ordered on 16 July to provide one before Christmas on pain of 40d. William Segere will not pay parish clerk; did not come; suspended. Andrew Baron contracted marriage with Joan Tannere after marrying Alice Peking, widow; Andrew and Joan sworn to tell truth on 16 July; deny contract; dismissed. Alice Cornysse is a scold; did not come; suspended. Thomas Sekolle fornicates with Alice Samon or Haveny; both cited; neither came; both suspended. Andrew Baron willingly condemned on 16 July to pay John Tannere 20d. on 15 Aug. and 10d. on 8 Sept on pain of excom. [f.109v.] Alice Taylour is a scold; abjured on 16 July on pain of 8 beatings through ch. For last 2 years John Segre withheld profits from a cow left by Agnes Colyere for a candle in ch. and sold cow; paid a fine to discharge previous penalty; dismissed. Abbot of Cirencestre did not come for his portion; M. Henry Corbrygg,¹ abbey proctor, showed title on 16 July; dismissed. Abbot or prior of Bermundesey did not come for his portion; revenues to be sequestrated.

261 1 May 1409. *Farendon*. Dean visited ch. M. Water Coke, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Robert Colswayne, his proctor, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Richard Lenton, V., promised obedience; has 13 July 1409 to show all letters and submit copies. Sir John Plomere promised obedience and was excused *etc.* John Bylyn, chapl., and Laurence Daungervyle, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Richard Rychevyle, chapl., did not come; suspended from saying Mass. Robert Leche, deacon, promised obedience. Abbot of Beaulieu did not come for his portion; revenues to be sequestrated. John Weston, Richard Dummere, Richard Cotelere, Thomas Barbour, Robert Luffegrove, Peter Kok, Robert Warenere, Richard Glovere, parishioners, disclose that Richard Richevyle, chapl., commits adultery with Agnes Phelpe; denied it in Hyworth ch. on 13 July before official; purged with court's indulgence; abjured on pain of 100s.; paid a fine for both of them; dismissed. John Marchell fornicates with Alice Church; she denied it on 13 July; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. [f.110] John Curteys, a married man, commits adultery with Maud Twyly; she confessed on 13 July and paid her fine; he confessed same day, to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 100s.; paid his fine; dismissed. John Colswayne for adultery with Agnes

¹ BRUO. i. 484.

Punfolde; both confessed on 13 July; both to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 20s.; he paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. On 14 [*recte* 13] July will of Maud Fooll proved; admin. granted to Robert Haywarde, being first sworn; later paid a fine; dismissed. John Thomas, John Herryes, Thomas Harneles, Edith Boucheres, fail to provide a lamp in ch. lighted until curfew; ordered on 13 July to provide it before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Graveyard enclosure of Cokeswell chapel is defective through fault of parish; parishioners to repair it before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. Roger Coupere refused personal tithes for last 3 years; did not come; suspended. Sir William agreed with V., Robert Luffegrove, and William Hunte to say Mass for a year for soul of Richard Robert, junior, for 100s. and to say a trental of St. Gregory for him for a noble and omitted trental; denied it on 13 July; pending, in hope of agreement. Action for impeding will of John Harryes between Sir Richard Harnhulle, executor, plaintiff, and Thomas Keche, defendant; parties appeared on 13 July; defendant confessed that he owed plaintiff 20s.; to pay it on 15 Aug. on pain of excom. William Spore for adultery with unnamed woman; confessed on 13 July; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. William Kyngham, chapl., for fornication with William Hunte's servant; denied it before dean in Farendon ch. on 1 May 1409; has 13 July 1409 in Hyworth ch. to purge with 6 hands; purged.

262 [f. 110v.] 2 May 1409. *Hyworth*.¹ Dean visited ch. M. Ralph Lovell,² P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Philip Blaunhenale, his bailiff, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Richard Havyngdon, V., came. William Mury, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* John Hulle, chapl., and Nicholas Hale, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Thomas Calne, chapl., and Thomas Hervy, chapl., came and were excused *etc.* John Bourton, parish clerk, promised obedience. Richard Kybbell, John Kybbel, junior, Richard Prest, William Morecok, Ingram Hampton, William Poucok, Robert Grandon, John Dylby, Stephen Martyn, John Henton, Stephen Sewey, John Akerman, parishioners, say that Agnes Taylour is a scold especially for saying that William Chinchehey killed a man; denied it in Hyworth ch. on 13 July 1409; official assigned her 31 July 1409 in cath. to purge with 8 hands. A house belonging to St. Mary ought to pay ch. 2s. a year and occupant ought to do repairs. Roger Hurchenene has a house and failed to pay 2s. a year to the light before high altar for past 2 years; confessed on 13 July that he owed a year's rent; to pay it before 1 Aug 1409 on pain of excom.; to repair house before 1 Nov. on pain of 6s. 8d. V. ought to pay same light 2s. a year for his kneading-house (knedehaus). Richard Prest ought to pay light 40d. for 'Seyntmarye Hous'. Sir William Hurchenene withheld 11lb. of wax from chwdns for a year. Roger Hurchenene failed to pay chwdns 11lb. of wax; [f. 111] confessed on 13 July; to pay next day. William Bryan ought to pay ch.

¹ *Hyworth* written in a large hand.

² Le Neve, *Fasti.* 59-60.

fabric 2s. a year; did not come; suspended. John Avenell ought to pay ch. fabric $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of wax a year. William Soutere failed to pay ch. 1lb. of wax a year for 6 years; not cited. P. withholds mortuary payments of 2 oxen, a cow, and a sheep from V. who ought to have half of them; bailiff alleged on 13 July that when he accounted with P. he intended to pay V. William Chinchehey, defamed of killing a man in Hyworth, purged. Alice Gylys for adultery with Thomas Ferrour, a married man; he confessed; paid a fine; dismissed and . . . [*unfinished*]. Sir John Calne for adultery with Joan Legge; denied it on 13 July; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. William Soutere for fornication with Joan Lente; denied it on 13 July since last correction; purged with court's indulgence. John Millere for adultery with Alice Gyles; denied it on 13 July; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. William Taylour for fornication with Joan Lynte; confessed on 13 July; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later paid a fine for both of them. William Murye, chapl., for fornication with Christine, William Churchehy's servant, and a woman at Bernesle; denied it on 13 July; purged with court's indulgence; dismissed. William Jour for fornication with Amice Pyry; cited; did not come; suspended; later Ralph Hulle paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Isabel Cras of Lechelade cited for not living with husband; did not come; suspended. Sir John Calne and Alice Wolkok both cited for fornication; both left. (Mark this, *Cave*).

263 [f.111v.] 7 May 1409. *Calne*.¹ Dean visited ch. with its chapels. George Louthorp, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; John Voule, his reeve, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Valentine, the V., came and was excused *etc.* John Grene, St. Mary's cantarist and prior of St. John's, promised obedience *etc.* John, the deacon, Nicholas Ronde and John Tannere, promised obedience. Abbess of Lacok cited for her portion did not come; dean sequestrated revenues. Prioress of Kynton appeared before official for her portion in Calne ch. on 11 July 1409; showed title; has 27 Sept. 1409 in cath. to submit copies. Prior of Bradenstoke did not come for his portion; dean sequestrated revenues. Abbot of Stanleygh for his portion in Calne and Berewyk; dean excused him until later. John Justise, Edward Stokke, Robert Ronde, Thomas Bouche, Edmund Swopere, parishioners, say that R. ought to provide a set of white vestments and a ledger (*lyggere*). Vic. revenues can no longer provide a chapl.² Robert Salomon and Sir John Grene withhold a chalice from ch. which was in the late John Blake's custody. Inhabitants of Calston and Comerforde no longer have a parish clerk. Inhabitants of Cheryell fail to repair part of Calne chyard [enclosure]; peace made. Robert Barbour and Alice Webbe cited for fornication; he confessed it prior to their marriage; to be beaten thrice through ch.; he paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Richard Webbe for fornication with same Alice; denied it on 11 July; purged. Thomas Marchell fornicates with Juliana Bluntes; denied it on 11 July; purged. [f.112] John Averay fornicates with Edith Bacokkes;

¹ *Calne* written in (?) 17th cent. hand.

² See 93n.

confessed on 11 July; to be beaten thrice through ch.; he paid a fine for both their penances; both dismissed. Joan Trym and John Trounthyn, John Trym's executors, cited for 31 July 1409 to prove his will in cath.; neither came; both suspended. John, the deacon, for fornication with a stranger in ch.; denied it before official; purged in Calne ch. on 12 [*recte* 11] July. He makes trouble between V. and parishioners; denied it on 11 July; purged with 10 hands. Sir John Grene should say Mass 3 times a week for poor people of his priory; denied it on 11 July; has 31 July in cath. to prove his exemption and to show priory's foundation charter. He fails to wear a tunic with a cross and should say Mass daily, especially on Sun., at St. Mary's altar in Calne ch. but scarcely does so once a week;¹ denied it on 11 July; to purge both charges on 31 July with 6 hands. V. will not accompany the dead to ch. saying exequies; alleged on 11 July that it is amended.

264 *Berewyk*. Robert, the chapl., promised obedience *etc.* William Bayly, William Arland, junior, Robert Philpys, parishioners, say that John Frankelayne withholds ch. rent of 4s., his mother's legacy of 6d., and 11d. left by William Jamys; confessed; to pay before 15 Aug. 1409 on pain of 6s. 8d. R. of Calne ought to provide 2 processional candlesticks which are withheld through V.'s fault; William Bayly, R.'s proctor, ordered on 11 July 1409 in Calne ch. to provide them before Mich. on pain of 40d. [f.112v.] R. of Wynterbourne has long withheld a ch. lamp for which he has 2 a. in the fields. John Lyght fornicates with Joan, William Baly's servant. John Quyntyne and Thomas Tebbolde chwdns, ordered to present their account before 15 Aug. on pain of 6s. 8d. Robert Phelippes, his wife Edith's executor, . . . [*unfinished*].

265 *Cheryell*. Gilbert, the chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Richard Sloo, Richard Bouchere, parishioners, disclose that a window at west end of chancel is defective through fault of parish; parishioners to repair it before Mich. on pain of 40d. Henry Bouchere's sheep foul chapel porch; he denied it; purged. Perjury action between Thomas Stode, plaintiff, and Anne, Henry Bukke's wife, defendant; plaintiff appeared; defendant did not come; suspended.

266 *Calston*. Official ordered John Daungere to be beaten thrice through ch. for defaming John Trynekere of killing John Chypman of Cannyngg and to retract his words from pulpit; later submitted; paid a fine for his penance; dismissed. Agnes, his wife, is a scold; cited; did not come; suspended.

267 *Blakelond*. John Marenere came; showed his title elsewhere so dismissed. Geoffrey Obyot, parishioner, says all is well.

¹ Originally Mass was said at St. Edmund's altar daily except on Sundays and festivals: A. E. W. Marsh, *History of Calne*, Calne, [1904], p. 133.

268 *Stokkeley*.¹ John Averay, Howys . . . [blank], parishioners, say that John Morys fornicates with Ellen, Thomas Moris's servant.

269 *Whetham*. John and William Fynamour say all is well.

270 *Stodeley*. John and Alan Foulere and Thomas Portere say all is well.

271 [f.113] *Whitley*. Richard Tannere for adultery with Agnes, Richard Cartere's wife; she denied it in Calne ch. on 11 July 1409; purged. William Carpenter and Alice, Thomas Stable's wife, are scolds; they denied it on 11 July; purged. Action for subtraction of tithe between R. of Calne, plaintiff and John Obyot, defendant; plaintiff appeared by his proctor, Thomas Stode, and defendant appeared personally; defendant to pay Thomas 12d. for 1½ bushels of corn before 15 Aug. 1409 on pain of excom.

272 same day. *Yatesbury*. Dean visited preb. Robert Buyssh, P.; Thomas Personis, prebendal reeve, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. William Bylle, Richard Seneschall, Nicholas Rybbe, tenants, say that Richard Lange made R. and John Lange his executors . . . [unfinished]. Timber-work, roof, and walls of barn and byre are ruinous through P.'s fault; being repaired. A cottage which Thomas atte Ferme desires because of his tenement is in possession of P. and Salisbury Chapter until matters are settled between Thomas and them; worth 2s. a year.

273 8 May 1409. *Great Okebourne*. Dean visited Great Okebourne ch. and Little Okebourne ch. in Great Okebourne ch. Abbot of Bekharlewynne, P. John Lyly, V., promised obedience etc. Thomas Haydere, cantarist,² came and was excused etc. [f.113v.] William Gybon, Thomas Hore, William Godarde, William Balle, Richard Crapyn, John Smyth, parishioners, disclose that Robert Gylot withholds £4 12s. given or left to ch. fabric by Peter Haywarde; accused; on 9 July 1409 in Hungerforde ch. he petitioned to have the matter in writing; official assigned 31 July 1409 in cath. for him to receive it and for parishioners to put their case. Same man kept 100s. left ch. by Sir Thomas Wadle and has not accounted for it for last 3 years; confessed on 9 July that he had 6m. 3s. 4d.; to pay it on 11 Nov. 1409 on pain of excom. Chyard [enclosure] is defective through R.'s fault; William Goldyng, R.'s proctor, ordered on 9 July to repair it before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. All rectory buildings are wholly ruinous, their enclosure and north aisle roof are defective through R.'s fault. It is not known where Robert Cras or Muleward received the Eucharist; later dismissed because V. vouched for him.

274 *Little Okebourne*. Abbot of Bekharlewyn, R. John Wylde, V., came and was excused etc. John Wolewey, Walter Wadley, Stephen Kyng, Richard Sibily, Walter Goldyng, parishioners, say that inhabitants of Rocle fail to

¹ There was no chapel there in 1463: A.C. Newton, p. 155.

² Foundation of chantry not recorded in Patent Rolls but it existed by 1376: CPR 1374-7. 245.

provide the holy loaf; no prosecution in Hungerforde ch. on 9 July 1409; dismissed. R. fails to pay lord of Rocle 3s. a year to maintain nave to detriment of ch. and villagers. [f.114] Chancel walls and roof are defective through R.'s fault.

275 *Rocle*. John Combe, Richard Spakeman, Hugh Pitteman, parishioners, say that chancel door is defective through R.'s fault. Graveyard stile (*scancile*) is defective through fault of parish; parishioners to repair it before 24 June on pain of 40d. Chancel desks are totally destroyed through R.'s fault. Admin. granted in Hungerforde ch. on 9 July 1409 by official to Hugh Putiman, his wife's executor, having been sworn; compounded and paid a fine for his acquittance; dismissed. Will of Gode, Thomas Shipperene's wife, proved; admin. granted to Thomas, executor, as above.

276 same day. *Bysshopeston*. Dean visited ch. M. Richard Holme, P., called; dean excused him; John Dolman, farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Baldwin, the V., showed nothing; has 13 July 1409 to show title and submit copies. William Jamys, John atte Le, John Waleys, John Ladde, parishioners, say that chancel roof, laths, and walls are defective through R.'s fault; V., R.'s proctor, to repair them before 1 Nov. on pain of 6s. 8d. South aisle is defective through fault of parish; William Jamys and John atte Le, parishioners, ordered in Hyworth ch. on 13 July to repair it in a year on pain of 13s. 4d. Celure above high altar is defective through R.'s fault. R. fails to provide a set of vestments. Rectory enclosure is defective; John Dolman to mend it before 1 Nov. on pain of 6s. 8d. [f.114v.] John Hay fornicates with Juliana Spynnere; denied it on 13 July since last correction; paid a fine for indulgence of purging; dismissed. John Heliere for adultery with Alice Woulle; both confessed on 13 July; both to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 20s.; he paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Principal statue and high altar's reredos (*tabula*) need painting through fault of parish; chwdns ordered on 13 July to amend them before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Font is not properly locked; chwdns to amend it before 24 June on pain of 40d.

277 9 May 1409. *Remmesbury*.¹ Dean visited ch. with Beydon chapel. M. Richard Wyche, P., called; did not come; dean excused him. William Holtham, V., showed no title; has 9 July 1409 in Hungerforde ch. to show it and submit copies; did not come; contumacious, penalty reserved. Thomas Knyght, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Prior of Poughle cited for his portion; Adam Rukkull, his farmer, to warn him to show title before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Walter Mille, Walter Mason, William Elyne, William Helyere, Richard Mulewarde, John Taylour, Richard Mildenhale, parishioners, disclose that chancel windows are broken and roof and celure are defective through R.'s fault; Simon Rasell, his farmer, ordered on 9 July to mend them before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Ch. windows are broken and

¹ Written in later hand.

perished through fault of parish; chwdns to mend them before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. V.'s pigs get into chyard through V.'s gate, foul it, and grub up soil; [f.115] in Remmesbury ch. on 9 May 1409 dean ordered V. not to allow pigs in chyard and to make up his part of chyard enclosure before 24 June on pain of 40s.¹ V. fails to provide a chapl. for divine service to detriment of parishioners; V. could give no good reason on 9 May in Remmesbury ch. before official; has 24 May 1409 in cath. to show why he ought not to provide chapl.; petitioned to have article in writing; has next day in cath. to receive it.² Robert Carpenter made V. his executor and his will is not proved; V. cited to show and prove will on 9 July; summoned, did not come; contumacious; suspended from saying Mass. V. commits adultery with Katherine atte Hege. Richard Strobery commits adultery with one Alice; denied it on 9 July; purged. V. allows R. of Milton into his house for intercourse with a woman from Marlebourgh. John Leverych, former V., owed Robert Chaundeler 5s. of his salary and Simon Rasell, Sir John Hurle, and John Taylour are his executors; executors cited for 9 July; no prosecution; dismissed. John Ferroure gave a cow and 10 sheep to maintain font candle and Richard Mildenhale has them and will not account for their increase in last 4 years . . . [unfinished]. [f.115v.] Rectory enclosure and north barn's enclosure are defective through R.'s fault. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; John Glovere, chwdn, ordered on 9 July to repair it before 24 June on pain of 20s. V. said Mass knowing himself to be suspended by dean's official and publicly denounced for adultery with Katherine atte Hegge, Agnes Webbe, and Joan, John Glovere's servant; confessed on 9 May that he had read letter of suspension; has 24 May in cath. to show why he should not be deemed guilty and receive what justice shall determine.³ Roger Lenelyf's will proved; admin. granted to Alice, his wife, and Henry Hurrell, executors, being sworn. Robert, the parish clerk, commits adultery with Katherine Heggis. V. fornicates with Maud Shippester of Abyndon who lives with Alice Chamberlayne. V. is illegitimate.

278 *Boydon*. John Willyam for fornication with Lettice Cartere.⁴

279 [f.116]⁵ 10 May 1409. *Bedwynde*. Dean visited ch. M. Walter Medeforde,⁶ P., called; did not come; dean excused him. Roger, the V., came and was excused *etc.* Thomas, chapl. of Chyssebury, promised obedience. Prior of St. Margaret, Marlebourgh, did not come for his portion in Estgrafton and Westgrafton; dean sequestrated revenues; friar Ralph Hamme from priory ordered on 9 July 1409 in Hungerforde ch. to show muniment

¹ legal action written in late medieval hand in rt.-hand margin.

² legal action for provision of chaplain by vicar written in rt.-hand margin in same hand.

³ Space left for completion. Vicar, cited before bishop's official on 26 Nov. 1409, came to Ramsbury church on 6 Dec. 1409 to answer charges, some apparently involving sexual incontinence. Penance imposed on 23 Dec. 1409: *Reg. Hallum*, (Cant. and York Soc.), 215.

⁴ Entry written later in different ink.

⁵ Entries from here to f.119v. are written in darker ink with a more upright hand.

⁶ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 29.

granting the portion and letters of proxy in cath. before 1 Aug. 1409 on pain of 10s. Prior of Mottesfounte did not come for his portion in Merton nor abbes of Romesay for her portion in Wolfhale nor prior of St. Denys for his portion in Chyssebury; dean sequestrated their revenues. Thomas Stokke, John Vunnedewe, Hawkin Page, Thomas Smyth, Thomas Hurlebat, William Plomere, Hugh Luyde, Richard Waryne, parishioners, disclose that Robert Shaket, parish clerk, frequents taverns and customarily sits with his ale when he ought to go with V. to visit sick; submitted on 9 July. Thomas Gylprynne, parish clerk, ordered to mend bell ropes before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. Clerks do not obey V.; ordered on 9 July to do so on pain of 6s. 8d. V. habitually frequents taverns; denied it on 9 July; purged with court's indulgence. Priests of Merton, Grafton, Chyssebury, and Crofton do not come to Bedwynde ch. on double feasts¹ as they ought. [f.116v.] Stephen Smyth keeps 8s. belonging to St. John's House;² alleged on 9 July that he would account for it when required; dismissed.

280 *Merton.*³ John Grey, chapl. of Merton, promised obedience *etc.* John Frankeleyne, parishioner, says all is well.

281 *Estbedewynde.* John, the chapl., came and was excused *etc.* John Sedele, parishioner, says all is well.

282 *Estgraston.*⁴ Stephen, the chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Petsawe, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* John Petsawe, parishioner, says all is well.

283 *Crofton.* John Medmenham, R., came by Nicholas Godewyn, his proctor. Thomas Morys, R.'s farmer, says all is well.

284 *Bedewynde.* Perjury action between Walter Taylour, plaintiff, and Emma Crop, defendant, Giles Crop's executrix; parties appear personally; plaintiff libels that defendant owes him 25s. from deceased's debts; action contested affirmatively by plaintiff and negatively by defendant; they took oath of calumny; 26 July 1409 in cath. assigned to bring proof for first time. John Crop, defamed of having stolen Richard Colyngbourne's capons and hens, purged. Margaret Note's will proved; admin. granted to John Manton and Christine Note, being sworn; wholly dismissed because poor.

285 same day. *Burbache.* Dean visited preb. after dinner. M. Adam Mottrum, P., called; did not come; dean excused him. There came . . . [unfinished]. Alexander, the V., promised obedience and showed letters of inst. and ord.; has visitation court day to submit copies. John Pakke, John Assere, parishioners, say all is well.

¹ i.e. major festivals.

² i.e. St. John's Hospital.

³ 280-4 separated by marginal brackets.

⁴ Entry cancelled by *vacat*. The place was outside dean's jurisdiction.

286 [f.117] 20 Oct. 1408. *Mere*. Dean visited his ch. Dean is R. Nicholas Modeforde, V., came and had promised obedience elsewhere; showed nothing. Richard Choddese, cantarist, and Henry Rochell, chapl. of same chantry, came and were excused *etc.* Robert Combe, chapl., promised obedience. John Stokke, chapl., came; has 6 Dec. 1408 to show letters of ord. John Counstable, chapl., promised obedience; has 6 Dec. to show letters of ord. and submit copies. John Perys, Robert Kyng, John Clyne, John Hitche, Roger Smyth, Roger Hulle, parishioners, disclose that V. commits adultery with Argentina, John Bonde's wife; denied it before official on 6 Dec.; purged. John Prouse, defamed of adultery with Edith Mey, purged. Action for defamation between John Prouse, plaintiff, and John Hardyng, defendant; plaintiff appeared personally, defendant did not come; suspended; later submitted in *Mere* ch. on 6 Dec.; to be beaten thrice through ch. for contumacy; plaintiff did not prosecute; defendant dismissed. Nave roof is defective through fault of parish; chwdns to repair it before Christmas on pain of 40d. Dean withdrew from use a chalice with a broken base; chwdns to repair it before Easter on pain of 6s. 8d. Chyard stile (*scandale*) was removed by John Personis; chwdns to amend it before Christmas on pain of 40d. Peter Puteryg commits adultery with Argentina Cosham; confessed on 6 Dec.; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; later reported that he had done penance; dismissed. John Forst commits adultery with Christine Whytes; both denied it on 6 Dec.; purged. John Hardyng for fornication with Edith Mey; confessed on 6 Dec.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; later reported that he had done penance; dismissed. [f.117v.] John Stephenes for fornication with Joan, servant of Thomas Hulle of Wolverton. Thomas Tyny for fornication with John Tyny's servant. John Wygons's will proved; admin. granted to Ellen, his wife, and John, his son, executors, being sworn; paid a fine for acquittance; dismissed. John Flochere's will proved; admin. granted to Ibot, executrix, as above. Thomas Kene, his wife Mabel's executor, did not come; suspended.

287 same day. *Hornynghesham*. Dean visited ch. after dinner. John Chitterne, P. of one moiety; did not come; dean excused him. Nicholas Godewynne, P. of other moiety, came and showed nothing. Alexander Blythe, parish chapl., promised obedience; has 18 Dec. 1408 to show letters of ord. and submit copies. Thomas Toukere, John Edward, John Luffelane, John Toukere, Walter Elys, John Broune, Robert Buket, Robert Guddeler, parishioners, say that St. John Baptist's ch. has a graveyard and font. Preb. is endowed with 40 a. and has common pasture for prebendaries' beasts. Prebendaries shall keep 4 oxen and 2 avers in a separate pasture of lordship. Preb. is endowed with real and personal tithes. Rectory has a barn. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; parishioners to mend it before Christmas on pain of 6s. 8d. The lord's pigs get through his gate into chyard and foul it. John Edwarde for fornication with his servant; confessed in cath. on 18 Dec.; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 8s.; later paid a fine for both of them; both dismissed. Thomas Huwyssh for fornication with Christine Yulye; on 18 Dec. purged before official since last correction. John

Hewyssh for fornication with Margaret, John Dildappe's servant; did not come; suspended.¹

288 [f.118] 10 Feb. 1409. *Heytredesbury*, (Heigtredesbury, Heygtredesbury). Dean visited his collegiate ch. Stephen Coke, parish chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Stony, parish chapl., promised obedience. John Wade-man, cantarist, promised obedience; to show letters of ord. and submit copies at next chapter. John Gunne, St. Katherine's cantarist, promised obedience; to show all letters and submit copies at next chapter there. Walter Proutewode, chapl. of Knowke, promised obedience. John Andrew, Robert Leverych, John Pycharde, Thomas Beynton, Richard Cosse, Richard Rous, Walter Pokok, John Burman, Richard Kembere, Walter Fryker, Richard Ostelere, John Palet, parishioners, say that ch. is dedicated to St. Peter and St. Paul. Rectory is annexed to deanery and endowed in military fee from lands, tenements, tenants, and tithes within town and fields of Heytredesbury, except tithes belonging to Swaleclyff preb. Dean is patron of Swaleclyff, Tuderyngton and Hornyngesham, and Hulledeverell prebs. in ch. and institutes and inducts prebendaries to them. Prebendaries of Swaleclyff and Hulledeverell ought each to provide a deacon to minister daily in ch. P. of each part of Tuderyngton and Hornyngesham preb. ought each to provide a parish chapl. to minister daily in ch. Parish clerk cannot be maintained through fault of parish. Choral services (*divina per notam*) cannot be held through fault of those holding office of deacon who are not deacons. Paintwork of statues at high altar is flaking through fault of parish; Thomas Beynton and Richard Kembere, chwdns, ordered by official in Heytredesbury ch. on 2 April 1409 to amend it before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. [f.118v.]² Tower and sollar are ruinous through fault of parish; chwdns to repair them before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d.

289 [Heytesbury.] 12 Feb. 1409 according to reckoning of English Church, indiction 2 in 3rd year of Gregory XII. Dean's certificate containing bishop Hallum's mandate dated Salisbury 11 Sept. 1408 ordering him to hold an inquisition about chantry in Lady Chapel of Heytredesbury ch. During his visitation an inquisition was held on 12 Feb. 1409 and muniments were searched and it appeared that [f.119] chantry at St. Mary's altar on south side of ch. was founded in time of M. Giles, former P.,³ by Lucy Clyfton, widow, for her soul and soul of former husband, Gaudinus de Albo Monasterio,⁴ their ancestors and descendants. It was endowed with a messuage with curtilage, 3 virgates, 10s. a year rent, certain meadows, pastures, water

¹ Last 3 items added later in different hand.

² *office or benefice* written in very small hand at foot of folio.

³ i.e. before 1284 when Heytesbury prebend was annexed to deanery: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 58.

⁴ About 1242-3 he held 2 hides in Heytesbury by sergeanty of earl of Gloucester: *Book of Fees*, ii. 739.

meadows, fisheries, mills, and other places, and goods,¹ for a chapl. to say Lady Mass daily in ch. who was instituted and inducted by the canon and his official and presented by Lucy. Canon and successors were to present if she did not do so within 4 months. After her death, canon and successors were always to present freely a suitable chapl., not one of canons, and so increase worship and numbers serving in ch. On institution chapl. swears to serve according to chantry ordination. In last 100 years John Tettebury was there for 30 years and more followed by Richard Barnabe for about 13 years, Ralph Mynsterton for about 12 years, John Elys for about 10 years, M. John Snapp² for about 23 years, M. Thomas Polton for about 4 years, and John Wademan there now for about 6 months and residing. All except Snapp and Polton said Lady Mass [f.119v.] daily in chantry, attended other services in ch. and resided continuously. Written by dean's scribe; sealed with dean's seal round which is written '*Sigillum Joh'is Chaundeler decani eccl'ie Cath'is Sar'*', in middle of which are 2 crowned and seated figures in 2 tabernacles, God the Father, holding an orb like world in his left hand and giving a blessing with right hand raised, and most blessed Virgin Mary with hands similarly raised, and on each side of them another figure, and beneath their feet a kneeling clerk, hands raised in prayer. Witnesses: M. John Shirbourne, M. John Warham, B.C.L., and other witnesses summoned from Salisbury.

290 [St. Katherine's chantry, Heytesbury.] William Mounte³ founded chantry on south side of ch. endowing it with a messuage with curtilage, 2 cottages with curtilages, 30 a. arable, and meadow with hay worth 4d. a year for a permanently resident chapl. to say Mass for founders' souls. William's heirs present chapl. to dean.

291 [Heytesbury.] Parish clerk ought to receive 2 bushels of corn from dean for hosts on Easter Day. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of P. of Swaleclyff and Sir John Chytterne; being repaired. [f.120] Tenant of land called Luddok fails to pay 2s. a year to dean. Adam Cartere's former tenant, former tenant of Tounnesende once Strugges atte Cornere, John Cosyn's tenant, tenant of Wolveryge, and John Goderyg refuse to pay churchscot (churshetus), namely, 3 hens and a cock. Agnes Houchynes's will proved; admin. granted to Robert Houchynes, executor; paid a fine for acquittance; dismissed. Stephen Cornysche for fornication with one Joan; denied it on 2 April 1409 since last correction; purged. John [sic] for incest again with Joan Cartere; confessed in Heytresbury ch. on 2 April; to be beaten thrice

¹ In 1413 chantry was worth only 10 gold florins and had been unserved for some time. Walter Hungerford considered augmenting and transferring it. By 1438 it was worth 40s. a year and had been vacant for a year. In 1442 chantries of St. Katherine, Heytesbury, Calne, Upton Scudamore, and Corton free chapel united with it: *CPL 1404-15*, 490-1; Reg. Neville, f.56; Reg. Aiscough, ff.48-49v.

² *BRUO*. iii. 1723.

³ Granted licence in 1317 to alienate a messuage, a virgate, and 30s. rent for a chaplain to say Mass for him, his ancestors, and all Christian souls. By 1438 chantry worth only 19s. gross (8s. net); united with St. Mary's chantry in 1442: *CPR 1313-17*. 610; Reg. Neville, f.56; Reg. Aiscough, ff.48-49v.

⁴ The hand on fo.115v. recurs.

through ch. and to abjure on pain of 40s. Thomas Petyte for fornication with Alice Drake, Agnes Malle, and Alice Bakere; all confessed on 2 April; all to be beaten thrice through market and ch. and to abjure on pain of 6 beatings through market and ch.

292 *Tuderyngton.*¹ Robert Mulewarde, William Coke, John Webbe, William Hore, Thomas Tullok, Walter Tullok, parishioners, say that prebs. are each endowed with half tithes from Tuderyngton. Prebendaries shall have common grazing rights with town tenants for 100 sheep. They shall have 3 oxen and 2 avers on common pasture with tenants and common pasture for their geese and pigs with tenants.

293 *Hull Deverell.* John Haydon, V., promised obedience and showed his letters previously; submitted copies; dismissed. John Broune, Henry Hytches, Peter Frenche, John Soutere, parishioners, say that preb. is endowed with tithes of grain and hay. P. shall have common rights to pasture in western part of town for all his beasts. Vic. is endowed with all lesser tithes from town and with altarage. Ch. is dedicated to Assumption. There is a hall with a room, a barn, a hay-house. Parishioners refuse to offer at dedication festival.

294 [f.120v.]² *Swaleclyff.* John Wakeryng, P. Sir . . . [blank], V., and William Felde, cantarist,³ promised obedience *etc.* William Gofayre, Stephen Bathe, Stephen Mulle, parishioners, say that nave, tower, and north aisle are defective through fault of parish; William Gofayre, chwdn, ordered in ch. on 27 July 1409 to mend them before 1 Nov. on pain of 100s. An ordinal is lacking, portas has a defective psalter, and a processional book is lacking through fault of parish; William ordered to amend this before Easter on pain of 40s.

295 14 Oct. 1409. *Swaleclyff.* Chapter held in ch. Thomas Hert owes ch. 5s. 6d. and his wife owes 16d. for a brewing lead. Thomas Peris owes ch. 11d. Maud, executrix of John Pudell, owes ch. 15d.

296 21 Oct. 1408. *Longeleta.* Dean visited Priory. Peter Sampson, prior, Richard Stapulton, William Chewton, John Wellys, John Keyforde, canons, say that ch. is dedicated to St. Radegund and has a consecrated graveyard. John Vernon, knight, was first founder and his heirs are patrons.⁴ All is well.

¹ There was a chapel there by 1140 which in 1480 had a font: *Reg. S. Osmundi*, i. 340; D.D.R. f.81.

² The hand in ff.116–119v. recurs.

³ In 1335 Thomas West received licence to endow a chantry at Swallowcliffe and Burcome: *CPR 1334–8*. 77.

⁴ Founded before 1235: *V.C.H. Wilts.* iii. 302.

Prior and canons ordered to have Rule of St. Augustine so that younger canons can know it.¹

[The Visitation of 1412]²

297 [f.134]³ BERE REGIS. 6 JUNE 1412 INDICTION 5 IN 2ND YEAR OF JOHN XXIII.⁴ DEAN FIRST VISITED CH. AND ITS CHAPELS. M. John Warham, clerk, dean's mandatory, appeared before dean, sitting judicially, and showed his certificate of dean's visitation mandate which was immediately read. Dean called Thomas [recte Richard] Kyngeston, P. of Chermynstre and Byre; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved. M. Thomas Turk,⁵ V., promised obedience; had 10 Oct. 1412 to show letters of inst. and ind. and to submit copies. John Luyde, chapl. of Wodebury, came and was excused *etc.* Andrew, parish clerk, promised obedience. William Durneforde, William Tynham, William Lovell, Thomas Bradeforde, John Bryce, Thomas Bryce, William Berthelout, Thomas Hynbest, John Syngelday, Richard Morton, John Staynard, Robert Trewe, parishioners, disclose that a chancel 'boteras' is defective through R.'s fault; John Macy, his farmer, ordered by M. John Shirbourne, dean's commissary, in Byre, ch. on 10 Oct. to repair it before Easter on pain of 100s. Alice Dyne owes ch. 6s. 8d. from husband's will; confessed on 10 Oct.; to pay before 24 June on pain of excom. [f.134v.] Wills of following proved: John Coke, admin. granted to his wife, Margaret; Nicholas Edwarde, admin. granted to John Edwarde; John Bursy, admin. granted to William Lovell and his wife. Executors accounted; dismissed. Walter Bygot fornicates with Agnes Morgan; confessed on 10 Oct.; to be beaten thrice through market and ch. John Dodde commits adultery with Alice, Richard Dyne's wife; she denied it; purged; he denied it at Mere ch. on 16 June 1412; purged with court's indulgence.⁶ Thomas Bagge for fornication again with Joan Shyne; she confessed on 10 Oct.; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; he was cited; did not come; suspended. Sir Richard Bromhull commits adultery with Edith Godgrome; cited; denied it on 10 Oct.; purged with court's indulgence. He commits adultery with Magota Ruysbiton; denied it; purged with court's indulgence. Robert

¹ ff.121-121v. originally blank now contains (?) 17th century copy of foundation deed of St. Mary's chantry, Wokingham, dated Wokingham 26 Aug. 1451, appointing Richard Begge cantarist and defining liturgical observances, residence, method of future appointments, and the disciplinary and interpretative powers of deans of Salisbury. Chantry founded by John Noreys, esquire, and John Westend, chaplain, for king, M. Adam Moleyns (Yoleyys), former dean of Salisbury, themselves, and all chantry benefactors. Royal licence obtained in 1443. Moleyns died in 1450: CPR 1441-46. 190; BRUO. ii. 1291. Richard Drake commented at foot of f.121v: *Something, alas, seems to be missing.*

² Visitations written at top rt.-hand corner of folio.

³ Original order restored; change of hand.

⁴ Papal reference partly erased.

⁵ BRUO. iii. 1917.

⁶ Adultery between this pair reported uncorrected for more than 7 years, probably in 1410: Reg. Hallum (Cant. and York Soc.), 112.

Osburne and Christine Gaunt for fornication again; he confessed on 10 Oct.; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; she was not cited. Richard, the lord's son, for fornication with Joan Hundes; neither cited. John Hunte withholds 4s. left to ch. in Nicholas Edwarde's will; confessed on 10 Oct.; willingly condemned to pay by 2 Feb. on pain of excom. Action for tithes between Thomas [*recte* Richard] Kyngeston, R., plaintiff, and William Padenere, defendant; plaintiff appeared by John Macy, his proctor; defendant did not come; suspended. Robert Shirwode, chapl., promised obedience; has a day before Epiphany to show letters of ord. in cath.

298 [f.135v.]¹ *Kyngeston*. William Mulverton, chapl., promised obedience; has 10 Oct. 1412 to show letters of ord. and submit copies; left. John Crowkerne, William Synyere, John Stratford, John Stone, parishioners disclosed that ch. roof and porch are defective; to mend them before Mich. on pain of 40d. Processional candlesticks are lacking through fault of parish; dean ordered parishioners to provide them before Mich. on pain of 20s.² John Crowkerne, executor of his wife Alice, granted admin. by dean on 6 June 1412, being first sworn. John Synyere, William Synyer's son, and Edith Dekene [accused of immorality]; he confessed in Byre ch. on 10 Oct. 1412; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 6s. 8d.; she did not come; suspended; later he paid a fine for both of them.

299 *Thomanston*. John Goyler, R., came and was excused *etc.* John Colford, John Harry, parishioners, disclosed that John Sampson is a scold; submitted in Byre ch. on 10 Oct. 1412; to be beaten twice through ch.; later paid a fine; dismissed. Graveyard enclosure and ch. roof are defective through fault of parish; dean ordered parishioners to repair them before Mich. on pain of 40d.

300 *Andreston*. William Archere, R., showed letters of inst. and ord.; has 10 Oct. 1412 to submit copies. John Lowpe, Robert Coke, parishioners, say that William Wele fornicates with one Alice for 8 years; he confessed in Byre ch. on 10 Oct.; to be beaten thrice through ch. and market; she was not cited; he paid a fine for both of them. [f.136] He holds 2 tenements there and refuses to provide the holy loaf and candle; warned on 10 Oct. to do so for his house on pain of excom. Robert Durneford fornicates with Agnes Durneford; V. of Deuelyssh paid a fine for both of them. On 10 Oct. Robert Golde's will proved; admin. granted to his wife and executrix; dismissed because poor.

301 *Blokkesworth*. M. John Chaundelere,³ R., represented by Sir Nicholas Godewynne. Robert Pychard, John Gy, Thomas Dunning, William Dunning, parishioners, say that chancel roof is defective. Desks, seats (*sedilia*), and windows in chancel are defective through fault of . . . [*unfinished*]. Nicholas Rygus fornicates with Alice Gyys. Juliana atte MerSSH guilty of fornication

¹ f.135 blank.

² Responsibility for provision was attributed in 1408 to vicar: 191.

³ BRUO. i. 398.

with William Loupe; confessed on 25 Nov. 1412 in cath.; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; later she paid her fine; dismissed. Richard Stoke fornicates with Joan Raulyns; both confessed in Byre ch. on 10 Oct. 1412; to be beaten thrice through market and ch. and to abjure in common form he saying 'if it should happen for me, Richard, to have sexual intercourse with you, Joan, in future, I take you as my wife from now as from then and from then as from now' and she saying 'if I, Joan, shall allow you, Richard, to have sexual intercourse with me in future, I take you as my husband from now as from then and from then as from now'; he paid a fine for both of them. William Loupe fornicates with Juliana atte Merssh; Richard, son of lord of Byre, came on 10 Oct. and paid a fine for both of them.

302 *Bovyngton chapel*. Abbot of Bynedon, R. William Wymbourne, monk, showed chapel's constitution to dean on 6 June 1412; has 10 Oct. to submit copies.¹

303 [f.136v.] *Tonerpudell*. Walter Symound, R., cited; promised obedience in Byre ch. on 10 Oct. 1412; has 12 May 1413 in cath. to show title and letters of ord. and submit copies; Richard Campe, chapl., showed all letters and submitted copies on 20 March 1413 in cath. Thomas Lovell, Simon Ledde, William Kebawe, Thomas Pyde, parishioners, say that patron presents to dean and he last presented Walter Simounde. Everything else is well.

304 7 June 1412. *Aulton Australis*. Dean visited Aulton prebs. Simon Marcheforde, P., cited; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; Richard Portere, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Stoke, Richard Kent, John Chalenere, tenants, say all is well.

305 *Aulton Borealis*. John Overton, P., cited did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; Richard Portere, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Nicholas atte Mulle, John Brounnyng, John Wyke, tenants, say all is well.

306 [f.137] 7 June 1412. *Chermynstre*. Dean visited prebs. of Chermynstre, Fordyngton, Stratton, Grymston, and Preston with their chapels. Richard Kyngeston, P., cited; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; John Macy, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Smyth, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* John Waldiche, John Shirbourne, Henry atte Mulle, Richard Wotton, John atte Mulle, parishioners, disclose that William Curteys of Burton refuses to attend ch. on Sun. and festivals all year; submitted in Fordyngton ch. on 11 Oct. 1412 before commissary; to be beaten thrice through market and ch. and to abjure on pain of 40s. Sir William Doke² commits adultery with Marion Powke; denied it on 11 Oct.;

¹ Lower 4½ cms. of folio cut away.

² In 1409 or 1410 as chaplain of Bere Regis accused of immorality: *Reg. Hallum*, (Cant. and York Soc.), 112.

purged. William Curteys, Walter Toukere, John Chesman refuse to restore goods belonging to St. Mary's light; on 11 Oct. all ordered to present the light's accounts before 1 Nov. on pain of 10s. Robert Botoun commits adultery with Marion Powke; both confessed on 11 Oct.; both to be beaten 6 times through market and ch. and to abjure on pain of 13s. 4d.; later both paid a fine; dismissed. John Botoun incited Robert and Marion [to adultery]; confessed on 11 Oct.; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 20s.; later paid fine; dismissed. John Govys of Charleton made William Charleton his executor; admin. granted to William on 11 Oct.; dismissed because poor. Nicholas Perys has 20 ewes with their lambs grazing in parish and refuses tithe; denied it on 11 Oct.; purged with court's indulgence. [f.137v.] Richard Lombe and Edith Smyth cited for fornication because their banns were called and they refuse to marry; both confessed; both to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; commissary warned them to marry before Christmas on pain of excom.; Richard said that he had had intercourse with her mother; has 13 Jan. 1413 in cath. to . . . [unfinished]. The gable-end of granary and of prebendal barn are defective (*patitur defectus in pinone in fine*) and stable roof and timber-work are defective through R.'s fault. John Macy fornicates with his servant, Maud; contracted matrimony before commissary at Chermynstre ch. on 7 June 1412 saying 'I take you for my husband' and 'I take you for my wife'. Present: John Warham, Thomas Rylee, notaries public, and others. Thomas Wotton, defamed of agreeing to steal John Bouton's linen, purged on 11 Oct.

307 *Stratton preb.* M. Roger Harewell, P., cited; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved; Joan Fowle, farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Coppe, John Drynkewater, Nicholas Smyth, Godfrey Gosse, John Knyfe, Henry Edeward, tenants, say that chancel roof is defective and windows are broken and perished through R.'s fault; dean ordered R.'s farmer, John Macy, to repair them before Mich. on pain of 40s. Felicity, John Bagewell's wife, made John her executor; admin. granted to him in Fordyngton ch. on 11 Oct. 1412; accounted; dismissed. John Crowmy fornicates with a certain woman; John Jordan paid his fine on 11 Oct.

308 [f.138] *Stratton chapel.* Philip Sprake, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* John Dyere of Bradeford committed adultery with Joan Grugges or Bencombe for 4 years; denied it in Fordyngton ch. on 11 Oct. 1412 since his last correction; purged.

309 *Polyngton.* William Gyffard, chapl., promised obedience and showed nothing; has 11 Oct. 1412 to show letters of ord. and submit copies.

310 *Fordyngton.* John Wakeryng, P., cited; did not come; dean excused him because in king's service; V., prebendal farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Wellys, V., came and was excused *etc.* Robert Morys, William Coupere, John Bedeforde, Henry Chyke, Henry Howlot, Robert Powke, parishioners, disclose that William Ryche fornicates with Joan Shippestere;

cited; confessed in Fordyngton ch. on 11 Oct. 1412; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 6s. 8d.; paid a fine; dismissed. Thomas Drynkewater commits adultery with Isabel, Eli Soutere's wife; both denied it on 11 Oct.; both purged and abjured on pain of 6s. 8d. Sir William Gyffarde fornicates with Richarda Wardebeke; denied it on 11 Oct.; purged. Walter Sexpenne, Alice Bouges, Joan Guyrys, Henry Dumme, John Carpenter, William Curteys, Henry Webbe, and John Gerneys, 'bakere', refuse to provide the holy loaf; all warned on 11 Oct. to provide it on pain of 40d. each. Alice Michell guilty of adultery with Philip, chapl. of Stratton; he denied it on 11 Oct.; purged. [f.138v.] Amice Kete keeps a brothel and has left her husband; denied it on 11 Oct.; purged. Christine Phelpis for adultery with Thomas Hermita; both denied it on 11 Oct.; both purged. Sir Henry, Hermita's son, assaulted Walter Wrying, chapl.; denied it on 11 Oct; purged.

311 *Frome Whitefeld.* M. John Tydelyng, R., represented by Sir Nicholas Godewynne; dean excused him. Nicholas Sexpenne, cantarist, cited; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved. John Fyret, chapl., promised obedience. John Phippe, William Sexpenne, parishioners, say that Margaret Dykeret is guilty of fornication with William Cartere; neither cited. William Topias has a common oven and refuses tithe of his profits; cited; did not come on 11 Oct. 1412; suspended.

312 *Grymston.* M. Thomas Polton, P., cited; did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved. William Coppe, Richard Fowle, tenants, say all is well.

313 *Preston.* M. Richard Derham, P., did not come; dean excused him because with pope; Edward Kychene, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Robert Chaundose, V., came and was excused *etc.* Edward Kychene, John Rose, Robert Benfeld, Adam Wattys, William Lalman, Richard Neweman, Richard Greneleff, parishioners, say that Christine Shottowes's will is not proved and Edward Shottowe is her executor; he came in Fordyngton ch. on 11 Oct. 1412 and accounted; dismissed. Chapl. [*recte* V.] does not preach; ordered on 11 Oct. to preach himself or by another on pain of 20s. [f.139] Parish clerk fails to collect customary $\frac{1}{4}$ d. for V. from every tenant in parish on St. Martin's day for processional candles. V. fails to provide a chapl. to say Mass in St. Juliana's chapel. John Ricard fornicates with Isabel Damyett, William Damyett's servant; confessed in Preston ch. on 8 June 1412 before commissary; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; paid his fine; she did not come; suspended. John Joos withholds 6s. 3d. from ch.; alleged on 11 Oct. that settlement made with parishioners. Rectory byre's roof is defective on each side and barn's rafters (reftorys), laths, and walls are defective and barn is totally ruinous through R.'s fault; dean ordered farmer to repair them before 24 June next year on pain of £10; dean sequestrated £10 from him for repairs. A chancel window is broken through R.'s fault; dean ordered farmer to mend it before Mich. on pain of 40d. Chancel door is ruinous through R.'s fault; farmer to mend it before Mich. on pain of 40d.

314 9 June 1412. *Lyme*. Dean visited ch. M. John Collys, P., did not come; dean excused him; Thomas Stykelane, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Hert, V., promised obedience and showed letters of inst. and ind.; has 12 Oct. 1412 in Netherbury ch. before commissary to submit copies; submitted copies of all letters then. John Bexigton, chapl., promised obedience; has 12 Oct. to show letters of ord. and submit copies; did so. [f.139v.] Roger Crogge, John Dorsete, John Bakere, John Mussh, Richard Rycheman, Thomas Jade, parishioners, say that William Benet, former chwdn, will not account for ch. goods which he received; commissary ordered him on 9 June 1412 in Lyme ch. to do so before Mich. on pain of 20s. Chancel roof timbers are defective and need renewing and chancel stalls and desks are lacking through R.'s fault.

315 10 June 1412. *Cherdestoke*. Dean visited ch. and Wambrok chapel. M. John Bathe, P., did not come; dean excused him because in archbishop [of Canterbury's] service; Thomas Sprete, chapl., his proctor, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. M. Roger Berewyk, V., came and was excused *etc.* John Bole, parish clerk, promised obedience. John Rost, John Dygon, John Crowme, Richard Tyderle, Robert Henle, Thomas Gylle, parishioners, say that Magota Puttis made her husband, John, her executor; admin. granted to him by dean; accounted; dismissed. Chancel desks are lacking and celure and chancel windows are broken and weak through R.'s fault; P.'s proctor ordered in Netherbury ch. on 12 Oct. 1412 to amend this before 24 June on pain of 40s. Andrew Rydon of Axmystre withheld a rent of 1½d. for last 8 years for tenement called Legges Place; not living in the jurisdiction. Katherine, John atte Mulle's wife, left her husband and wasted his goods; [f.140] denied it on 12 Oct; sworn to stay and look after him on pain of 100s. and 6 beatings through market and ch. Nicholas Splent administers goods of William Michell, last V.,¹ without authority; denied it on 12 Oct.; official of Cherdestoke and R. of Wambroke to receive his purgation with 12 hands when and where they decide if he can purge. The back of antiphonary is weak and worn through fault of parish; chwdns to mend it before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. An ordinal is lacking through fault of parish; chwdns to provide one before 24 June on pain of 20s. A lesson book for ordinary days and saints' days is lacking through fault of parish; chwdns to buy one within a year on pain of 20s.² A chalice is broken through fault of parish clerk; left.³ Katherine atte Mulle is a common prostitute (*communis leno*); denied it. Lucas Menbury incites (*fovet lenocinium*) John Cokeswell, junior, and Joan Norman to immorality; denied it on 12 Oct.; purged with court's indulgence. John Cokeswell threatened to cut off horse's tail of any servant of prebendal jurisdiction who cited him. John Cokeswell, junior, commits adultery with Christine, Thomas Kyng's wife, and Katherine atte Mulle. He fornicates

¹ Vacated benefice before 1391: 23n.

² This and previous injunctions added later.

³ *left* added later.

with Joan Norman; both confessed on 12 Oct.; both to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 6s. 8d.; later he paid a fine on all charges against him; dismissed. Katherine atte Mulle for adultery with William Pas, a married man, and Richard Jambe, John Bere, William Paydy, Thomas Shawe, and John Cokeswell, junior; denied all charges on 12 Oct.; purged with court's indulgence. Robert Phelpys refuses to go to ch. on Sun. and festivals but attends fairs and markets; confessed on 12 Oct.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; sworn to go on pain of 20s. [f.140v.] Ivory pyx is worn out and unlocked through fault of parish; chwdns ordered on 10 June 1412 in Cherdestoke ch. to amend it before Mich. on pain of 40d.

316 *Wambrok*. Thomas Spret, R., came and was excused *etc.* John Londesham, John Philipp, William Durlyn, Roger Clerk, parishioners, say all is well.

317 11 June 1412 *Netherbury Ecclesia preb.* Dean visited ch. and prebs. of Netherbury in Terra, Bemynstre Prima, Bemynstre Secunda, and Slape with chapels of Bemynstre and Maperton. M. John Prophete, P., did not come; dean excused him because in king's service; V. paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Thomas Haryngdon, V., came; dean excused him because previously showed all letters but did not submit copies. Walter Bagge, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* William Fraunceys, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* Thomas Sterk and John Baron, parish clerks, promised obedience. William Proute, Richard Elwell, John Colyngton, John Bodde, Thomas Davy, Walter Laurence, Nicholas Stampe, William Wyllamys, William Carpenter, parishioners, disclosed that John Stonere committed adultery with Christine, Robert Carpenter's wife, many years as a recidivist; both confessed in Netherbury ch. on 12 Oct. 1412 before commissary; both to be beaten thrice through market and ch. and to abjure on pain of 100s. Will of Walter Boucher not proved; admin. granted on 11 June 1412 by official to William Parkere and Walter Bouchere, [f.141] executors, being first sworn; later they accounted; dismissed. On 11 June Richard Brynsham's will proved before official; admin. granted to Alice Brynsham, his executrix, as above. Daniel Taylour fornicates with Isabel atte Well; V. paid a fine for him on 12 Oct.; she left. Nicholas Morys came before dean defamed of stealing a horse from Thomas Toukere of Bemynstre; purged.

318 *Netherbury in Terra*. Gilbert Hallum, P., did not come; dean excused him; V., his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. William Parkere, John Borowe, John Purys, William Proute, tenants, say all is well.

319 *Slape*. M. Henry Harbourgh, P., did not come; dean excused him; Richard Bonere, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John atte Wey, Walter Davy, John Lambrok, William Bole, tenants, say all is well.

320 *Bemynstre Prima*. John Franke, P., did not come; dean excused him; John Gay, his reeve, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Grey, John Ropere, William Davy, Adam Byre, tenants, say all is well.

321 [f.141v.] *Bemynstre Secunda*. Thomas Haxay, P., did not come; dean excused him; John Borew, his reeve, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Richard Toukere, Peter Bakere, John Semere, William Hayne, tenants, say all is well.

322 *Bemynstre chapel*. William Selke, parish chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Nicholas Skynnere, cantarist, did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved. John Tournour, annual chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Reginald Kyng, Peter Bakere, Thomas Pawle, John Borewe, parishioners, disclose that John Hyry's will is not proved; admin. granted by official on 11 June 1412 to Maud, his wife and executrix, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. John Danyell's will proved same day before official; admin. granted to Agnes, his wife, and John Batyn, executors, as above. Peter Gilbarde's will proved same day; admin. granted to Joan his wife and executrix, as above. William Whyte committed adultery with Alice Wodes for 16 years; denied it in Netherbury ch. on 12 Oct. 1412; purged with court's indulgence. John Corscombe, defamed of promising Emma Curteys a furred gown for sexual intercourse, purged. Graveyard enclosure is defective through fault of Sir John Franke; dean ordered his reeve to repair it before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Thomas Palmere committed adultery with Alice Heysyde for 16 years; denied it; purged on 12 Oct. with court's indulgence.

323 [f.142] *Maperton*. M. Nicholas Stere,¹ R., did not come; dean excused him. John, the chapl., came and promised obedience and showed letters of ord.; has 12 Oct. 1412 to submit copies. Roger Coke, Robert Gerard, Walter Horsman, parishioners, disclose that high altar ornaments are lacking through fault of parish; dean ordered chwdns to provide them before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Chancel roof and windows are defective through R.'s fault. Font is unlocked through fault of parish; dean ordered chwdns to provide a lock before 1 Aug. 1412 on pain of 40d. John Nappere,² chapl., fornicates with Denise, John Jurdan's daughter; she purged in Netherbury ch. on 12 Oct. with court's indulgence.

324 13 June 1412. *Yatmynstre in Ecclesia*. Dean visited ch. and prebs. of Yatmynstre Superior and Inferior with their chapels. M. Thomas Polton,, P., did not come; dean excused him; John Merchaunt, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Walter Smyth, Robert Ray, John Artour, Richard Fouke, William Arnell, parishioners, say that Nicholas Wyke fornicates with one Ibota; denied it before commissary in Yatmynstre ch. on 13 Oct. 1412;

¹ He had a reputation for adultery, drunkenness, pluralism, brawling, and litigiousness as rector of Stanton St. Quinton in 1409: *Reg. Hallum* (Cant. and York Soc.), 217.

² Appointed rector in 1422; later exchanged for Beaminster chantry: *Dean Chandler's Register*, ii, ff.57-57v.

purged. He commits adultery with Idoma; John Knyght's wife; Idoma denied it on 13 Oct.; purged. Richard Smale incites (*fovet lenocinium inter*) Joan, his servant, and V. of South Ockere to immorality; denied it on 13 Oct.; purged. On 13 June 1412 Margota Smyth's will proved; admin. granted to Walter Smyth, executor, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. [f.142v.] Thomas Cade has 13 Oct. to prove his father's will. John Langeman owes V. of Bradeford 4s. 4d. given by him and his mother; no prosecution. All prebendal buildings are ruinous through P.'s fault. Richard Smale withholds 15s. from ch. for a lead. Richard Chepman is a scold; submitted to the office on 13 Oct.; to be beaten twice through market and ch. and to abjure on pain of 6s. 8d.; paid a fine; dismissed.

325 *Yatmynstre Superior*. Laurence Gomecy, P., did not come; dean excused him; Richard Dyrng, his reeve, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Buyssh, Richard Dygon, tenants, say all is well.

326 *Yatmynstre Inferior*. M. Richard Pittes, P., did not come; dean excused him; Laurence Vele paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Richard Raundes, William Courme, tenants, say that faulty gutter by barn porch allows rain into barn and it spoils grain through P.'s fault; dean ordered Laurence Vele, farmer, to mend it before 1 Nov. on pain of 40d.

327 *Lye*. Nicholas Bonde, John Odam, Walter Hopere, parishioners. Inhabitants refuse to offer on Yatmynstre ch.'s dedication day.

328 *Cheknolle*. Walter Elys, Walter Hurman, parishioners, say all is well.

329 *Clyfton*. Stephen, the R., came and was excused *etc.* John Bayly, Robert Benet, Philip Cartere, Richard Howe, parishioners, say that ch. is ruinous through fault of parish; parishioners to mend it before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d.

330 [f.143] *Ryme*. John Elys, R., did not come; dean pronounced him contumacious, penalty reserved. John Keymer, John Persone, Richard Keymer, parishioners, say that late John Yonge left Yatmynstre ch. a lead intending his wife, Agnes, to give another after his death and she arranged to provide both but John Longston married her and sold them.

331 14 June 1412. *Shirbourne*. Dean visited ch. with its chapels. Abbot of Shirbourne is P. M. John Caumpedon, V., came and was excused *etc.* Thomas Merston, parish chapl., and William Hogyn, chapl., came and were excused *etc.* Thomas Hillary, Robert Gore, John Nobelet, John Lyveden, Henry Pant, William atte Pury, parishioners, disclose that John Kernerd's will is not proved; admin. granted to Alice, his wife and executrix, being first sworn; later accounted; dismissed. Roger Brasyere commits adultery with Alice, John Babbekary's wife; she denied it before commissary in Shirbourne ch. on 14 Oct 1412; purged and abjured on pain of 40s. John Gylemyne

commits adultery with Clarice, David Shippehurde's wife; he denied it; to purge after dinner with 10 hands; she denied it; purged and abjured on pain of 40s. Richard Dollyng for adultery with Isabel, widow of John Askell; both purged on 14 Oct. and abjured on pain of 40s. [f.143v.] John Bernard for fornication with Margery Godhyne; both confessed in Shirbourne ch. on 15 June 1412 before commissary; to be beaten thrice through ch. South aisle roof is defective through fault of parish; dean ordered chwdns to mend it before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. Isabel Poterne warned to return to husband within 3 weeks on pain of excom.

332 *Pynforde*. Thomas Cary, R., came and was excused *etc.* Peter Pynforde, parishioner, says all is well.

333 *Haydon*. Robert Berew, V., promised obedience and showed letters of ord. but did not submit copies; has 14 Oct. 1412 in Shirbourne ch. to show letters of ord. and title; did not submit copies; has 23 Dec. 1412 in cath. to do so. John Cooke, farmer, and John Taylour, parishioner, say that [chancel] windows are defective and broken and chancel desks are weak and very old and need repairing through R.'s fault. There is no font lock and no canopy (*canape*) above pyx through fault of parish; parishioners to amend this before Mich. on pain of 40d.

334 *Merssh*. Maurice, the R., showed all letters and submitted copies. Walter Chelhille. Hildebrand Everard, John Gonne, parishioners, say all is well.

335 *Nethercompton*. Richard Nettare, R., promised obedience *etc.* Walter Tannere, Walter Prat, parishioners, say that font is defective; to mend it before Mich. on pain of 40d.

336 [f.122]¹ *Overcompton* M. William Brydby,² R.; Robert Dolyng, his proctor, showed letter of proxy; has 5 May 1413 in cath. to show and provide copies of title, letters of ord., and better letters of proxy. John Clerk, John Smewyne, Walter Splotard, parishioners, say that thurible and pyx are very defective; to mend them before Mich. on pain of 20d. each.

337 *Wobourne and Magdalene*. Benedict, the V., came and was excused *etc.* Bartholomew Helyere, Richard Hoges, parishioners, say that chancel roof of St. Mary Magdalene's chapel is defective through fault of abbot of Shirbourne.

338 *Folke*. William Medeford, R., promised obedience *etc.* John Medeforde, William Whytewenche, parishioners, say all is well.

¹ Original order restored.

² Possibly William Britby: *BRUO*. i. 271.

339 *Bourton and Holneste.* Stephen Turges, V., promised obedience and showed nothing; has 13 [recte 14] Oct. in Shirbourne ch. to show all his letters and submit copies; did so. John Wilkok, William Begy, parishioners, say all is well.

340 *Lyllyngton.* Walter Bole, R., and Thomas Stratton, chapl., came and were excused *etc.* John Edeward, Walter Ladewynne, parishioners, say that R. does not keep due residence.

341 [f.122v.] *Thorneforde.* John, the R., promised obedience *etc.* Richard Cote, Robert West, William Popelard, John Crede, parishioners, say that R. does not reside but serves abbot of Shirbourne. Everything else is well.

342 *Byre.* Nicholas Shudde, R., came and was excused *etc.* Sylvester Everarde, Walter atte Mede, Walter Popelard, parishioners, say all is well.

343 *Grene.* John Brunyng, R., came and was excused *etc.*

344 *Halnestoke.* Chapel is dependant on Lyme preb. William Hoges, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* Chapl. for fornication with Joan Bentele; he paid a fine for both of them in Shirbourne ch. on 14 Oct. 1412; both dismissed. John Roches for fornication with Agnes Gobettis; confessed in Yatmynstre ch. on 13 Oct. 1412; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; later paid a fine; dismissed; she left; he abjured on pain of 6s. 8d. Hugh Ferme, John Rouge, John Skaye, parishioners, say that 2 stoles, a pyx, and surplice are lacking; wardens to obtain what is necessary before Christmas on pain of 10s.

345 *Stokwode.* Richard Baret, R., showed letters of ord.

346 [f.123] 16 June 1412. *Mere.* Dean visited his ch. He is R. Nicholas Modeforde, V., showed nothing. John Counstabele, chapl., promised obedience but showed nothing. Richard Cheddeseay and Henry Rochell, cantarists, came and were excused *etc.* Robert Carpenter, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* John Godfray, morning chapl., promised obedience; had visitation court day to show letters of ord. and submit copies. Thomas Shyppehurde, John Foulter, John Clyne, Roger Smyth, John Perys, John Cleymond, John Whytynowe, parishioners, say that gutter (*stillicidium*) between chancel and north aisle is broken so it rains down chancel walls through fault of Sir John Stokke; repaired. Chancel roof is defective through R.'s fault; repaired. Town cross where many offerings for dean are made is ruinous through R.'s fault. Sir John Stokke took 1,000 'sklattis' from chancel roof to R.'s detriment. R. fails to provide a bull and boar to detriment of parishioners. John Clymond assaulted John Symmes, [parish] clerk. Action for defamation between Thomas Cornwayle, plaintiff, and Alice Arnald, defendant; plaintiff appeared personally; defendant did not come; suspended. Thomas Cornwayle, defamed of adultery with Edith, John Pyllyng's wife, purged. Edith purged herself of adultery with Thomas. Agnes Faulkenere for

adultery with William Faukenere. Will of Alice Stapull proved; admin. granted to Thomas Pylteryche and Richard Flemyng, executors.

347 [f.123v.] 17 June 1412. *Wermynstre*. Dean visited preb. M. John Tydelyng, P., did not come; dean excused him; Thomas Waspayle, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Walter Carpenter and John Hopere, tenants, say all is well.

348 21 June 1412. *Combe*. Dean visited ch. M. Robert Broune, P., did not come; dean excused him; Nicholas Southam, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Roger Davyot, V., came and was excused *etc.* Richard Rede, William Wygamour, Nicholas atte Mulle, Richard Pottere, Henry Gofayre, Nicholas Mody, parishioners, say that ordinal does not contain the Salisbury use; parishioners to provide another before Mich. on pain of 20s.; on 27 Oct. 1412 before commissary in cath. they gave no reason why penalty should not be exacted since they had not provided ordinal. Celure above high altar has not been repaired since last injunction; farmer to mend it before Mich. on pain of 20s. A window in south side of chancel is broken; farmer to mend it before Mich. on pain of 10s.; alleged on 27 Oct. 1412 that it was repaired. Magota Pottere is a scold; unable to purge on 27 Oct; to be beaten twice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 3 beatings through ch. Chancel door is weak and old; farmer to mend it before Mich. on pain of 40d. John Cartere commits adultery with Maud Rycheman; both confessed on 27 Oct.; both to be beaten through ch. and to abjure on pain of 6 beatings through market and ch.; reported in cath. on 25 Nov. 1412 that they had done penance; both dismissed. [f.124] John Herdeman commits adultery with Isabel Brounfeld; denied it on 27 Oct.; has 24 Nov. 1412 in cath. to purge with 8 hands; did not come; convicted.

349 same day. *Harnham*. After dinner dean visited chapel annexed to Combe preb. M. Robert Broune, R. Edward David, chapl., showed nothing; has 27 Oct. 1412 to show letters of ord. and submit copies. James Ovyot, John Benet, Robert Stanford, Thomas atte Verne, parishioners, say that missal's binding is defective through fault of parish; chapelwardens to mend it before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Wardens have next court day to show why penalty enjoined on them should not be exacted since they have not provided ordinal.¹ Chapel's west windows are defective through fault of parish; wardens ordered by commissary in cath. on 27 Oct. to mend them before Easter on pain of 40d. John Amy and John Wynter withhold 8s. left by Randolph Bonyng for a ch. torch. Margaret Berley will not live with her husband; on 27 Oct. ordered to do so on pain of 6 beatings through market and ch.

350 10 July 1412. *Rothesfen*. Dean visited preb. M. Simon Sydenham, P.; John Hayward, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d to dean. John Shirbourne,

¹ See 237.

John Nyght, tenants, say that Robert Whytefeld fornicates with one Maud; they cannot be apprehended. Rood (*crux magna et principalis*) is broken through fault of parish; parishioners to mend it before Christmas on pain of 40d. Chapel is ill-served by prioress of Ambresbury, R., who no longer provides daily Mass to detriment of parishioners. [f.124v.] Ch. windows are broken through fault of parish; parishioners to mend them before Christmas on pain of 20d.

351 same day. *Netheravene*. Dean visited ch. M. Nicholas Rixston, P., did not come; dean excused him; Thomas Duryng, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Robert, the V., showed nothing. Edmund Bakere, John Whytewey, William Smyth, William Whybole, parishioners, say that William, V.'s servant, commits adultery with Alice, William Soppe's wife; he left. Thomas Iryssh had intercourse with Alice atte Mere, his wife's daughter; denied it in cath. on 27 Oct. 1412 since his last correction by prebendal official; showed letter of correction; purged.

352 10 July 1412. *Chesyndury*. Dean visited preb. John Chitterne, P. Philip Smyth, Andrew Brystowe, tenants, say that north side of barn roof and roof of wall east of barn are defective; farmer to mend them before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. and 40d.

353 12 July 1412. *Burbache*. Dean visited preb. in morning riding to Bedwynde. M. Adam Mottroum, P., did not come; dean excused him; later he paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Alexander Champion, V., showed nothing; has visitation court day to show all letters and submit copies. John Pakke, John Skalarne, John Asser, John Walteres, John Bokelond, parishioners, say that V. committed adultery with Alice, William Burton's wife, for 2 years and also with Walter Luyde's wife, [f.125] old John Forst's wife who was caught in his room whom he had for 7 years both at Chyppenham and Burbache, John Shifford's wife, and a concubine at Salisbury by whom he had many children. In Lent he solicited wives and servant girls;¹ denied it before commissary in cath. on 19 Jan. 1413. He agreed to hand over spiritual goods to lay people. A missal is lacking through fault of parish; parishioners to provide one before Easter on pain of 40s.

354 same day. *Bedewynde*. Dean visited ch. with its chapels. M. Walter Medefor, P. Roger Derby, V., came and was excused *etc.* Prior of St. Margaret, Marleborough for his portion in Estgraston and Westgraston; . . . [blank], a friar of the house showed a confirmation of portion; has 19 Nov. 1412 to submit copies of portion and show letters of proxy. Prior of Motesfount did not come for his portion in Merton; dean excused him. Abbess of Rummsey did not come for her portion in Wolfhale nor did prior of St. Denys for his portion in Chyssebury; dean sequestrated their revenues.

¹ The context suggests that this was done at confession.

Robert Shaket and Thomas Gyldepren, parish clerks, promised obedience to dean and his servants. [f.125v.] Robert Harden, Thomas Stokke, Richard Colyngerbourne, Hugh Baylemound, John Bloxham, John Skynnere, parishioners, say that William Godswayne, his parents' executor, will not pay for 100 Masses in accordance with their will; ordered by commissary in Hungerforde ch. on 19 Nov. to do so before Christmas on pain of 20s. On 12 July 1412 Margery Gylbus's will proved; admin. granted to William Brun, executor, who accounted; dismissed. V. fails to provide a chapl. because of poverty of vic.

355 *Estbedwynde*. Thomas, the chapl. came and was excused *etc.* Walter Snowe, John Shippehurde, Thomas Gode, John Snowe, parishioners, disclose that graveyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; John Shippehurde ordered in Hungerforde ch. on 19 Nov. 1412 to repair it before Christmas on pain of 20d.

356 *Chyssebury*. Thomas, the chapl., did not come because ill.

357 *Grafton*. Stephen, the R., came and was excused *etc.*

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

359 *Crofton*. John Medmenham, R., did not come; dean excused him.

360 *Wilton*. Thomas, the chapl., does not reside and leaves his ch. unserved; showed letters of inst. and ind. on 19 Nov. 1412; has 23 Dec. in cath. to submit copies.

361 [f.126] 13 July 1412. *Remmesbury*. Dean visited ch. with Beydon chapel. M. Richard Wyche. P.; Simon Rasell, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. William Holtham, V., showed nothing; has 19 Nov. 1412 to show title and submit copies; R. of St. Peter Marleborough showed V.'s letters of inst. and ind. and submitted copies. Thomas Benet, annual chapl., promised obedience and showed letters of ord. and submitted copies. Thomas, chapl. of Beydon, came and was excused [*etc.*] Prior of Poughle did not come for his portion. John Mulewarde, John Glovere, Walter Gylot, Richard Mildenhale, William Clerk, John Hykeman, parishioners, disclose that John Ferrour gave ch. 10 sheep worth 20s. and a cow worth 10s. which were handed over to Richard Mildenhale to provide paschal candle and Richard has not accounted for them for last 5 years. Ch. windows are broken through fault of parish; John Glovere, chwdn, to mend them before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. Gable of St Mary's chapel is defective (*patitur defectus in pinone*) through fault of parish; chwdn to mend it before Mich. on pain of 40d. R. ought to receive each year

4½ ridges (rygges) of corn from lord of Axeford for burial rights¹ and similarly 1½ ridges (rygge) of barley from lord of Litelcote. Predecessors of Thomas Calston of Litelcote and his farmers used to pay yearly for 2 candles lighted at Mass which are withheld for last 2 years. Through P.'s fault wall between chyard and rectory has defective roof; brewhouse is totally ruinous and needs rebuilding; north barn has defective roof and walls; walls of great barn are ruinous; roof of wall between that barn and room by hall is defective; kitchen roof and walls are defective; granary walls are fractured and totally ruinous and building's foundations are completely unstable; byre with adjoining stable next to gate has defective northern roof, walls, and foundation; dove-cote roof is defective; [f.126v.] chancel roof is defective and it rains on altar; chancel celure and windows need repair: Simon Rasell ordered by commissary on 13 July 1412 in rectory to repair faults before Easter on pain of £20.² John Yatley left his wife and denies her food but sells his goods and spends the money elsewhere; denied it on 19 Nov. in Hungerford ch.; sworn to treat his wife well on pain of 20s.

362 14 July 1412. *Calne*. Dean visited ch. with its chapels. George Louthorp, P., did not come; dean excused him. Valentine, the V., came and was excused *etc.* John Grene, prior of St. John, did not come; dean excused him. He is St. Mary's cantarist. John Marener, R. of Blakelonde, did not come; dean excused him because broken with age and cannot come. David Prendilgast, monk, showed licence for absence from his abbot; has 14 Nov. 1412 to submit copies; official suspended him from saying Mass until validity of licence established. Robert, chapl. of Berewyk, cited; did not come because ill. Gilbert, chapl. of Chyryell, came and was excused *etc.* Edward Stokke, Thomas Bochere, John Prest, Nicholas Ede, Henry Bocher, Richard atte Sloo, William Bayly, Richard Chambourlayne, John Fowle, Thomas Creklade, parishioners, disclose that John Grene holds 3 incompatible benefices: Bakhampton chapel with cure of souls, chantry in Calne ch., and St. John's Hospital, Calne. Action for defamation between Richard Barbour, plaintiff, and Philip Okeley, defendant; plaintiff appeared personally; defendant did not come; suspended; submitted in Calne ch. before commissary on 14 Nov.; to be beaten twice through ch. for contumacy; dismissed because plaintiff did not prosecute. [f.127] Abbess of Lacok did not come for her portion; revenues to be sequestrated. Prioress of Kynton cited to come on 14 Nov. for her portion; did not come; revenues to be sequestrated. Prior of Bradenstoke did not come for his portion. Robert, the prior, represented abbot and convent of Stanley for their portion so dean excused them. Action for defamation between Richard Barbour, plaintiff, and Thomas Toukere, defendant; plaintiff appeared personally; defendant did not come; suspended; submitted on 14 Nov.; dismissed. John, William Mulewarde's son, for

¹ *Legal action* in rt.-hand margin in 15th cent. hand by this and following 2 items.

² Over 2 years later there were 'many notable and enormous' dilapidations there: A.C. Pountney, p. 11.

fornication with Joan, William Wychamton's servant; both confessed on 14 Nov.; both to be beaten thrice through ch.; later he reported that they had done penance; both dismissed. An antiphonary, psalter, and ordinal are lacking through fault of parish; chwdns to provide them before Christmas on pain of 40s. Parishioners of Cheryell disclose that John Cartere received 2 quarters of corn in recompense for grain destroyed in fields by sheep but refused tithe on it; confessed on 14 Nov.; willingly condemned to pay tithe before Christmas on pain of excom. Walter Kene owes ch. 10s. left by John Anys; confessed on 14 Nov.; to pay before Christmas on pain of excom.; John Muleward of Stodeley paid 5s. towards it at once. Joan Chesulden owes St. Mary Magdalene's light 6s. 8d. Richard Chamburlyne owes Helmerton ch. 13s. 4d. left by Walter Balle; Richard, and William Garleke, chwdn of Helmerton, sworn on 14 Nov. to accept arbitration of Thomas Crekkelade and V. of Calne and act in accordance with it before Christmas. Robert Shecer of Stodley owes Calne ch. 20s. handed over by Robert Velawe and he went surety for 10s. and Richard Norman went surety for 10s. Chwdns to repair weak bindings before Christmas on pain of 6s. 8d.

363 [f.127v.] same day. *Yatesbury*. Dean visited preb. Robert Buyssh, P.; Thomas Person, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Nicholas Rybbe, John Chelsestre, Thomas Staunton, John Bysshop, disclose that barn is ruinous and needs rebuilding through P.'s fault; Thomas Person to mend it before 24 June on pain of 100s.

364 15 July 1412. *Great Okebourne*. Dean visited ch. and Little Okebourne ch. there. Abbot of Bekkeharlevyn, P.; Richard Crapyn, collector of rents there, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Thomas Wotton, V., has 15 Nov. 1412 to show all letters and submit copies; showed them but did not submit copies; commissary gave him 9 Jan. 1413 in cath. to do so. Thomas Haydore, cantarist, came and was excused *etc.* William More, Thomas Bronde, Wille Balle, Thomas Hore, parishioners, disclose that there is no celure above high altar, south wall of chancel is ruinous, and chancel windows are broken through R.'s fault. Walter Wadeley withholds 12 bushels of barley for paschal candle; willingly condemned by commissary in Little Okebourne ch. on 15 Nov. to pay before Christmas on pain of excom. Christine Buttok gave ch. 11s. 11d. which Andrew Bouchere owes her; on 15 Nov. he was willingly condemned to pay 2 quarters and 3 bushels of barley to ch. before Christmas on pain of excom. William Denys for fornication with Maud, John Denys' servant; both confessed on 15 Nov.; both to be beaten thrice through ch. On 15 Nov. Margery Gylam, defamed of stealing a pennyworth of herrings at Marlebourgh from William Blakeman, purged.

365 [f.128] *Little Okebourne*. Abbot of Bekharlewyn, P. John Wilde, V., and Thomas, the cantarist,¹ came and were excused *etc.* John Wolewey,

¹ No perpetual chantry is recorded elsewhere. Thomas may have been chaplain at Rockley.

Walter Wadley, Hugh Pytman, parishioners, disclose that chancel door is totally broken and needs renewing through R.'s fault; Richard, the bailiff, was ordered in ch. on 15 Nov. 1412 to mend it before next [*sic*] on pain of 20s. Nicholas Perys has a ch. cow and refuses to account for its natural increase for the last 3 years which should be distributed for Thomas Perys's soul on Good Friday; confessed on 15 Nov. that he has a cow, a sheep, and 4 bushels of grain belonging to ch.; sworn to restore them within 15 days on pain of excom.

366 *Great Okebourne.* Hall with adjacent rooms, stable, bakehouse, long house by chyard, and cart-house (*domus carpentrie*) are ruinous through P.'s fault; Richard Crapyn, farmer's bailiff, to mend them before Mich. on pain of £20.

367 *Little Okebourne.* Boar and bull are withheld by R.'s servants to detriment of parishioners.

368 *Rocle.* Richard Combe, Hugh Putman, Richard Spakeman, parishioners, disclose that chancel is totally ruinous through fault of R. of Great Okebourne whose servants also withheld 3s. yearly rent last year for repairing chapel nave to its grave detriment. Thomas Broune withholds 14s. for [repairing] nave; alleged on 15 Nov. 1412 that he spent it on chapel business; has a day before Christmas to present an account on pain of 6s. 8d. On 15 Nov. in Little Okebourne ch. John Combe's will proved; admin. granted to Margery, his wife and executrix.

369 [f.128v.] same day. *Bysshopeston.* Dean visited ch. after dinner. M. Richard Holme, P., did not come; dean excused him; Thomas atte Le, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Baldwin, the V., came and was excused *etc.* Thomas atte Le, Robert Taylour, John Godman, John Dolman, John Clerke, Nicholas Cowberwe, parishioners, disclose that chancel walls are ruinous through R.'s fault. There is no canopy (*canape*) for the sacrament through fault of parish; Robert Taylour ordered by commissary in Hyworth ch. on 16 Nov. 1412 to provide one before Easter on pain of 6s. 8d. South aisle roof is defective through fault of parish and was not repaired after last injunction; penalty exacted. Chancel roof and windows are defective and chancel desks and seats (*sedilia*) are lacking and end of prebendal barn is ruinous through R.'s fault. John Hay fornicates with Juliana Spynnestere; on 16 Nov. both denied it since their last correction; both purged and abjured in common form [*as in 301*]. John Hulle commits adultery with Agnes, William Waleys's daughter; confessed on 16 July in Hyworth ch.; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 20s. A pyx is lacking through fault of parish; parishioners to provide one before Christmas on pain of 6s. 8d.

370 [f.129] 16 July 1412. *Hyworth.* Dean visited [ch. with its chapels. M. Ralph Lovell, P.; Philip Blaunchenale, his proctor, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. John Stone, V., showed nothing. William, the parish chapl., promised

obedience. John Davy, chapl. of Merston, promised obedience but showed nothing; has 16 Nov. 1412 to show letters of ord.¹ and submit copies. Thomas Fotherby, chapl. of Bluntesdon, promised obedience and showed letters of ord.; has 16 Nov. to submit copies. William Foxle, Robert Kybbull, William Churchehy, John Brygges, Richard Prest, Robert Cole, parishioners, disclose that chancel windows and door are ruinous through R.'s fault; R.'s proctor ordered in Hyworth ch. on 16 Nov. to mend them before Christmas on pain of 20s. Rectory hall is defective, roof, timber-work, and walls of chapel and adjacent room are defective, rectory enclosure is ruinous, and 2 barns have defective roofs through R.'s fault; his proctor to mend them before Mich. on pain of £20. Thomas Bouchere or Trenell cited at V.'s request in perjury action for disparaging V. (*patrem spiritualem*); did not come; suspended. Margaret Comyn cited for adultery with² John Fytheler; did not come; suspended. Roger Hurchenene withheld $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. of wax from ch. for 5 years; confessed on 16 Nov. that he owes 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of wax; to pay before Christmas on pain of excom. William Corneser fornicates again with Joan Lynte; she was cited; did not come; suspended. John Legge fornicates again with one Alice; both confessed on 16 Nov.; both to be beaten thrice through market and ch. and to abjure on pain of 40s.; have 23 Dec. 1412 in cath. to report that they had done penance and to certify death of woman's husband. John Cole commits adultery with one Magota; both confessed on 16 Nov.; both to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; alleged solemnization of matrimony; have 23 Dec. as above in cath. to show marriage certificate [f.129v.] and meanwhile to abjure on pain of 20s. Bluntesdon font is not locked through fault of parishioners. John Dalle cited for fornication with one Ellen; did not come; suspended. John Lynte for fornication again with Alice Gylys; both confessed on 16 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure in common form [*as in 301*].

371 *Bluntesdon*. John Akeman, Robert Mone, parishioners say that principal statue is not painted through fault of parish; parishioners to paint it before 16 Nov. 1412 on pain of 10s.; Robert Mone alleged in Hyworth ch. on 16 Nov. that it had been painted; dismissed. Chancel door and celure are defective.³ Graveyard enclosure⁴ is defective through fault of Agnes Havyngdon of Hyworth.

372 *Merston*. Robert Grandon, William Pekok, parishioners, say all is well.

373 *Sevenanton*. Stephen Hayward, John Dybby, parishioners, say all is well.

¹ *ord.* added later in same hand.

² The rest of this charge added later in same hand.

³ *through R.'s fault* erased.

⁴ Graveyard was consecrated in 1410: *Reg. Hallum*, (Cant. and York Soc.), 107.

374 17 July 1412. *Farendon*. Dean visited ch. M. Walter Coke, P., did not come; dean excused him; Robert Luffegrove paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. William Bolkere, V., promised obedience but showed nothing; has 17 Nov. 1412 to show and submit copies; did so. John Byllyng, parish chapl., came and was excused *etc.* [f.130] Robert Luffegrove, Robert Warener, John Weston, Richard Dummere, Robert Bolle, John Smyth, John Shippehurde, parishioners, disclose that rectory byre with adjoining stable are defective through R.'s fault; Richard Pillerwell to mend them before Mich. on pain of £10. Sir Robert Leche refuses to say divine service in ch. setting a bad example and scandalizing clergy; swore in Farendon ch. on 17 Nov. before commissary to amend and promised obedience to V. John Bylon, chapl., fornicates with Alice, Thomas Barbour's servant; not apprehended because they left. Thomas Barbour cited for adultery with Alice, his servant; denied it on 17 Nov.; purged. Chancel desks are defective through R.'s fault. R. fails to provide 2 candles for high altar. John Colswayne commits adultery with one Lucy; both confessed on 17 Nov.; both to be beaten thrice through market and ch. and to abjure on pain of 100s. Robert Colswayne fornicates with Agnes Punfold; denied it on 17 Nov. since last correction; sworn to remove her within a week on pain of 100s.; she was cited; did not come; suspended. Robert Roo and one Christine for immorality; both cited; neither came; both suspended; V. to absolve them and give them a penance. Isabel Colswayne's will proved; admin. granted to Robert, her husband and executor, being first sworn; accounted; dismissed. John Vice came on 17 Nov.; to pay John Weston and Richard Dummere, chwdns., 26s. 8d. at rate of 6s. 8d. a quarter from Christmas on pain of excom. John Lydeard, junior, for adultery with Maud, John Baret's wife; on 17 Nov. V. paid a fine for both to purge with court's indulgence; V. to receive purgations, if they can purge.

375 [f.130v.] 18 July 1412. *Wantyng*. Dean visited ch. Abbot of Bekharlewynne, P. John Walkyngton, V., showed nothing. John Synet, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* John Wycham, chapl., promised obedience. Richard Dygon, John Ingram, William Trowbrygg, William Pleystowe, Richard Palmere, William Hardyng, William Clement, William Barre, parishioners, disclose that Sir John Wycham forged [Ogbourne] prebendal official's seal and sealed wills, etc.; denied it in cath. on 14 April 1413; has 12 May 1413 to purge there with 6 hands; did not come; commissary pronounced him convicted; to be cited to do penance. Two rectory barns and walls round rectory have defective roofs through R.'s fault. Perjury action between William Hardyng, plaintiff, and William Walcrot, defendant; plaintiff appeared by William Pleystowe, his proctor, defendant appeared personally and confessed debt of 16s.; to pay it before Christmas on pain of excom. William Bentele cited for fornication with Joan Howleys; both confessed before commissary in Wantyng ch. on 18 Nov. 1412; both to be beaten thrice through ch.; confessed that they had contracted marriage; solemnization ordered before 2 Feb. on pain of excom. Roger Burymulle for fornication with Maud Sippestere; Henry, the chapl., paid a fine for her in cath. on 14 April 1413. Richard Merssh for fornication with Emma Broke; both cited for

18 Nov.; did not come; both suspended; he submitted in cath. on 23 Dec. 1412; to be beaten thrice through ch. Margery Bemamen cited for fornication with Edmund Bedeman; confessed on 18 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; Henry, the chapl., paid a fine for her in cath. on 14 April; she was dismissed. [f.131] John Renacles for fornication with Christine Pyllys; she was cited; confessed on 18 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through market and ch. Christine Pyllys for fornication with Robert Shank; both denied it on 18 Nov.; to purge after dinner with 4 hands; did not come; both convicted. John Boteler for fornication with Margaret Broune; confessed on 18 Nov.; to be beaten thrice through ch.; she left. John, John Sare's servant, for fornication with Gretekytte; denied it on 18 Nov.; purged; she did not come; suspended; later submits; purged. John Bawler cited for fornication with Gretekytte; denied it on 18 Nov.; to purge after dinner with 4 hands; did not come; convicted. John Waterman's will proved on 18 July 1412; admin. granted to Maud, his wife and executrix; later accounted; dismissed. V. received 4m. from John Waterman to say Mass for his soul at Wantyng and compelled him as he was dying to swear not to reveal this; alleged on 18 Nov. that he received money of Waterman's own free will and used it in accordance with his wishes; commissary gave him 23 Dec. in cath. to bring proof the first time; V. produced no witnesses; has 20 Jan. 1413 in cath. to bring proof the second time; did not come; to be cited for 17 Feb. 1413 to bring proof the second time. V. leaves ch. unserved for 40 days on end or sometimes for 8 weeks; submitted on 18 Nov. to dean and to indulgence of the office; commissary warned him to reside on pain of the law. [f.131v.] By his composition V. ought to provide a parish chapl. and has not done so since last Mich.; submitted on 18 Nov. to indulgence of the office. V. has never provided a chapl. to say Lady Mass; submitted on 18 Nov. to indulgence of the office. John Grove died without extreme unction through V.'s fault; V. denied it on 23 Dec. in cath.; has 20 Jan. to purge there with 4 hands; did not come; convicted. John Marchall left money for a chapl. to say Mass for his soul at Wantyng whom V. sent elsewhere officiating for him and received 4m. from chapl.'s stipend; V. denied it on 18 Nov.; has 23 Dec. as above in cath to purge with 6 hands; unable to do so; convicted. V. fails to provide a lamp to burn continuously before the Sacrament in chancel; ordered on 18 Nov. to provide it on pain of 100s. V. will not accompany the dead from their houses even when asked, especially in the case of John Aston's child; submitted on 18 Nov. to the office. V. will not visit sick and women in childbed; submitted on 18 Nov. to the office. Chancel roof, celure above high altar and pavement are defective through R.'s fault. On 18 Nov. admin. of goods of William, William Broune's son, dying intestate, granted to Richard Wydeforde etc. [f.132] V. assaulted John Sare, clerk, last Easter Eve in ch. V. was give 12s. 6d. from John Warde's goods by his widow and forged her acquittance under official's seal. On 17 [recte 18] Nov. Edith Carpenter's will proved; admin. granted to her husband William, who accounted; dismissed. John Chapman administered goods of Christine Crowches, William Palmere, and Ralph Bouchere without licence; denied it in cath. on 14 April; purged.

376 19 July 1412. *Blebury*. Dean visited ch. John Grandum, P., called; did not come; dean excused him; Sir John Clement paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. for him. Hugh, the V., and John Clement, chapl., came and were excused *etc.* John Trussere, chapl., and John Purstowe, chapl., promised obedience *etc.* Abbot of Cirencestre did not come for his portion; dean sequestrated revenues; his proctor, M. John Tumbrell,¹ came on 18 Nov. 1412; commissary gave him 23 Dec. 1412 in cath. to show letters of proxy and title and to submit copies. Abbot of Radyngg did not come for his portion; dean excused him because he previously exhibited and submitted copies. Abbot of Bermundesey cited for his portion; did not come; dean sequestrated revenues. [f.132v.] John Shene, John Symmes, John Baron, John Goderyche, William Benfeld, John Bullok, parishioners, say that Thomas White withholds yearly rent of 4d. for 1 a. for last 4 years; denied it in Blebury ch.; commissary assigned him 18 Nov. in Wantyng ch. to say why he should not pay. Perjury action between Thomas Godard, plaintiff, and John Frankelayne, defendant; plaintiff appeared by John Boucher, his proctor; defendant did not come; suspended; John Clement to absolve him; dismissed. Alice Taylour is a scold; cited; did not come; suspended. Chancel roof is defective between chancel and nave through R.'s fault; John Clement ordered on 18 Nov. to mend it before Easter on pain of 20s. John Segre willingly condemned to pay 2 bushels of barley and 1½ lbs. of wax to ch. fabric. Walls of rectory kitchen are ruinous through R.'s fault; John Clement ordered on 18 Nov. to mend them before Easter on pain of 20s. Chwdns to provide a manual and 2 antiphonaries within 2 years on pain of 40s. Thomas Whyte of Aston withheld yearly rent of 4d. from St. Mary's altar for last 4 years; alleged on 18 Nov. that he was not obliged to pay; has 23 Dec. in cath. to show why; John Symmes and John Shyne, chwdns, appointed John Warham and Thomas Vyryng their proctors.

377 [f.133] 20 July 1412. *Hungerford*. Dean visited ch. Abbot of Bekharlewynne, P. Robert Nappere, V., showed nothing. Richard Harold, cantarist, promised obedience and showed letters of inst. and ind.; has 19 Nov. 1412 to show letters of ord. and submit copies. John Boteler, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* William Hoppegras, William Ferrou, Henry Goldsmyth, John Smyth, John Dyghton, junior, John Hildeslee, William Mathewe, William Cherleford, parishioners. Alice Saucer came on 20 July 1412 defamed of fornication with William Goldyng, chapl. and purged and abjured on pain of 100s. Goldyng came same day similarly defamed and purged. M. John Orum, prior of St. John's House, did not attend visitation; dean sequestrated revenues. St. John's chapel is ruinous through fault of prior; V., his proctor, came in Hungerford ch. before commissary on 19 Nov.; to mend it before Mich. on pain of 40s. V. put his wood in chyard to detriment of parishioners going to ch. John Hondles *or* Wyche died without sacraments through V.'s fault; V. denied it on 19 Nov.; has 23 Dec. 1412 in

¹ BRUO. iii. 1913.

cath. to purge with 8 hands; purged. V. farms St. John's chapel which has no services through his fault. Sir John Trumpelyne was indicted at V.'s request for stealing a horse. Chyard gate and enclosure are defective through fault of inhabitants of Northstaunden, Southstaunden, and V. Sir William Goldyng commits adultery with Agnes, John Buttekyn's wife. [f.133v.] V. did not execute dean's official's mandate to cite Henry Tricere at Maurice Homydewe's request in defamation action; submitted to the office on 19 Nov. V. did not execute a mandate directing him to denounce Richard Muleward excomd. at William Goldyng's request in a tithe action. Action for tithe between Sir William Goldyng, plaintiff, and Richard Muleward or Carperenter, defendant; plaintiff appeared personally on 20 July; defendant did not come; suspended. John Blachie for fornication with Margaret Thele; denied it at Hungerforde ch. on 20 [recte 19] Nov.;¹ purged with court's indulgence.

378 same day. *Shaldebourn*.² Dean visited ch. after dinner. Abbot of Bekharlewynne, P. William Waryn, V., and Richard Hobbecok, cantarist, came and were excused *etc.* William Wygehurst, William Curre, John Polkok, John Carpenter, William Nithelane, parishioners, disclose that John Shippehurde's will is not proved; admin. granted to Agnes, his wife, and William Curre, executors, who accounted; dismissed. Chancel roof, desks, seats (*sedilibus*), and altar step are defective through R.'s fault. Chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; John Pulkok, chwdn, to mend it before Christmas on pain of 10s. Nave roof and door are defective; parishioners to mend them before 24 June on pain of 6s. 8d. The vessel for holy oil is completely worn out through fault of parish; parishioners to mend it before Christmas on pain of 40d. [f.144]³ There is no principal statue of St. Michael; parishioners to provide one before Mich. on pain of 6s. 8d. John Bochere withholds 20s. 7d. from ch.; cited; did not come; suspended. Edmund Langebrigg owes ch. 4s. 6d. from an old rent and 12d. this year for a candle; denied it in Hungerforde ch. on 19 Nov.; has 23 Dec. 1412 [in cath.] to purge with 6 hands; did not come.

379 21 July 1412. *Chuyte*. Dean visited ch. John Chitterne, P., did not come; dean excused him. Robert Balle, V., came and was excused *etc.* Richard, the cantarist, showed letters of ord. and chantry foundation; has visitation court day to submit copies. William Vunnydewe, William Perys, John Towkere, Thomas Jamys, parishioners, disclose that chyard enclosure is defective through fault of parish; parishioners to repair it before 1 Nov. on pain of 6s. 8d. A prebendal portion receives a third of all tithe from tenement called Oxenford in Northtodeworth and from tenement called Crokesplace in Southtodeworth. A southern chancel 'botras' is defective through R.'s fault. A canopy (*canape*) is lacking through fault of parish; parishioners to provide one before Christmas on pain of 40d.

¹ 20 Nov. written in different hand.

² *Shaldebourn* written in different hand.

³ Original order restored.

380 23 July 1412. *Durneford*. Dean visited ch. Simon Membury, P.; John Neweman, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. to dean. Robert Marchell, V., promised obedience but showed nothing; dean gave him visitation court day to show all letters and submit copies; showed nothing in cath. on 17 Feb. 1413; commissary sequestrated vic. revenues. [f.144v.] Hugh Eliot, John Stevenes, John Grygge, William Sawy, parishioners, disclose that chancel timber-work and roof are defective through R.'s fault. Tower is defective through fault of parish; parishioners to mend it before 24 June on pain of 40s.

381 same day. *Wodeford*. Dean visited ch. M. Ralph Repyngton, P., did not come; dean excused him; John Chamburlayne, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. Thomas Bakere, V., came and was excused *etc.* William Mundy, Richard Waryn, Adam Hendy, William Hendy, parishioners, disclose that chancel windows are too small and narrow so that when it is cloudy V., and other ministers cannot read their books; farmer to amend this before 1 Nov. on pain of 20s. Nave roof is defective through fault of parish; parishioners to repair it before 1 Nov. on pain of 20s. There is no font lock through fault of parish; parishioners to provide one before 1 Nov. on pain of 40d. John Tounesende made his son, Edward, his executor and his will is not proved.

382 same day. *Wyvelesford*. Dean visited chapel. M. Ralph Repyngton, P. Thomas Marchall, chapl., came and was excused *etc.* Robert Vynas, Thomas Pollard, Edward Salamon, parishioners, disclose that chancel is defective through R.'s fault; farmer to mend it before 24 June on pain of 20s. John Messangere's will proved; admin. granted to Emma, his wife, and Thomas, his son, executors, who accounted; dismissed. [f.145] Tower walls are ruinous through fault of parish; parishioners to mend them before 24 June on pain of 20s. Rectory timber-work, roof, and enclosure walls are ruinous through R.'s fault.

383 same day. *Stratford*. Dean visited preb. under Old Salisbury castle after dinner. M. Edward Prentis, P., did not come; dean excused him; Nicholas Petyt, his farmer, paid a proc. of 7s. 6d. William Lake, John Gode, John Ferthyng, Thomas Richeman, tenants, disclose that Richard and John Benet, junior, refuse tithe of fish from St. Laurence's parish.¹

[Consistories, 1404, 1406]²

384 [f.146] 20 Sept. 1404. Salisbury. Dean's commission making M. John Shirbourne, B.C.L., his official with authority and canonical powers of coercion to hold consistories and chapters within decanal jurisdiction; to hear

¹ There follows a taxation of Common Fund churches and cathedral dignities written in same hand as f.10. A taxation of prebends, their vicarages, and chapels and a list of priest, deacon, and subdeacon prebends in same hand on ff.145v., 148. The lists are based on Taxation of Pope Nicholas IV with some slight additional material.

² *Consistory* written at top rt.-hand corner of folio. The first few lines of commission are faded.

and determine all spiritual and mixed¹ causes, both *ex officio* and instance business, arising in consistory or outside close; to hear complaints and appeals made to dean or his consistory; to inquire into crimes by subjects of either sex and others within his jurisdiction outside close and to correct, punish, and reform them; to prove, approve, register, and, if necessary, disallow, his subjects' wills and those of others holding goods at death within his jurisdiction outside close, committing admin. of all goods contained in wills or belonging to intestates to suitable persons; to require and examine admin. accounts and to grant acquittances; to receive obedience of all ecclesiastical persons within jurisdiction outside close and to induct them and order their induction.

385 [f.146v.]² 26 Sept. 1404, indiction 13 in 15th year of Boniface IX.³ Principal consistory of M. John Chaundeler, dean, held in cath. by his official, M. John Shirbourne, B.C.L. Official fixed next consistory for 24 Oct. 1404.

Hungerforde. Matrimonial and divorce action between Cecily Borde, plaintiff, represented by Richard Holte, her proctor, and Hugh Dyere and Alice Broune, defendants, represented by Thomas Rylee, their proctor; day for plaintiff to put positions and articles and bring evidence the third time; plaintiff appeared by Holte, defendants by John Dunham, substituted for Rylee; no articles were offered or witnesses produced; by mutual consent next consistory assigned for this.

Stratton. Defamation action between Edward Foule of Stratton, plaintiff, represented by John Pedewell, and John Kynge, defendant, represented by Thomas Rylee; day to put positions and articles and bring evidence the first time; plaintiff did not come; defendant appeared by John Dunham substituted for Rylee; no articles offered or witnesses produced; adjourned because of plaintiff's contumacy; next consistory assigned to put positions and articles and bring evidence the second time; official ordered plaintiff to be called to it.

Remmesbury. Action about obstructing a will between Simon Rasell and Walter Mason, chwdns of Remmesbury, plaintiffs, represented by Richard Holte, and Edmund Parker, defendant, represented by Thomas Rylee: day to propound all acts; plaintiffs appeared by Holte, defendant by John Dunham substituted for Rylee; by mutual consent next consistory assigned for this because nothing propounded.

Substitution. Thomas Rylee substituted Richard Willesden, John Tyllyngham, Walter Reson, John Dunham, and John Pedewell for him and his masters with power conceded to him by his masters.

Substitution. Richard Holte substituted Richard Willesden and John Tyllyngham in all his causes and John Pedewell.⁴

¹ i.e. causes involving both spiritual and temporal matters.

² First [consistory] of M. John Chaundeler, the dean written at top. l.-hand corner of folio in later hand.

³ Papal name and title erased.

⁴ and John Pedewell added later in same hand.

Hornyngesham. Defamation action between John Clevyle and Alice Boket, plaintiffs, and John Watys, Isolda Bayly, and Agnes Thechere, defendants; plaintiffs did not come; Agnes Thechere came; dismissed with costs because time was pressing; appointed John Tyllyngham her proctor. (*Note*) . . . [*many folios lost*].

386 [19 Feb. 1406. Dean's cath. consistory . . . *beginning lost*]. [f.147]¹ Matrimonial action between Joan Trylles, plaintiff, and Nicholas . . . defendant, represented by . . . [Willesden: day] to call plaintiff for examination of witnesses . . . on pain of forfeiting them; plaintiff did not prosecute. *Farendon.* Matrimonial action between Joan Algar, plaintiff, represented by Willesden, and Andrew F . . ., [defendant], represented by Pedewell; day to propound all acts; plaintiff did not come; [defendant appeared by Pedewell] and at his petition official ordered plaintiff to be called according to the form of former acts (*iuxta formam retroactorum*) to next consistory and to each judicial act until definitive sentence.

Remmesbury. Perjury action between John Lyly, plaintiff, and Robert Lyly, defendant; parties appeared personally; official assigned next consistory for plaintiff to reply to defendant.

387 26 March 1406. Dean's cath. consistory. Official fixed next consistory for 23 April 1406.²

Cherdestoke. Appeal between John Paydy, represented by Willesden, and Thomas Walmyngton, represented by Pedewelle; day to put positions and articles and bring evidence the second time; parties appeared by their proctors; no articles offered or witnesses produced; by mutual consent next consistory assigned to put positions and articles and bring evidence the third time; appellant's proctor alleged that parties had settled; given day to produce settlement.

Beydon. Assault action between Sir Thomas Bourton, plaintiff, and John Eyre, defendant, previously excomd.; defendant submitted; to be beaten thrice through market and ch.; plaintiff did not prosecute.

Knowke. Perjury action between Walter Daubeney, plaintiff, and Henry Damebe, defendant, previously suspended.

Ryme. Perjury action between William and Walter Coteryngg, plaintiffs, represented by Nicholas Lorde, and Robert Leche, defendant, previously suspended.

Remmesbury. Perjury action between Robert Lyly and Robert Hurlere, plaintiffs, represented by Willesden, and Edmund Parkere, defendant, previously excomd.; defendant submitted; to be beaten thrice through ch.; plaintiffs appeared by their proctor; by mutual consent next consistory assigned to give and receive libel; defendant appointed Pedewell and John Smyth his proctors. [f.147v.]³

¹ First 5 lines faded and folio crumbling on rt.-hand side.

² In fact it met on 30 April 1406.

³ First 5 lines faded and folio crumbling on l.-hand side.

[*Compton*. Perjury action between John] Pelle, plaintiff, represented by Henry Colyngbourne and [Willesden], and [Richard Loscombe] and John Losc[oumbe], defendants, represented by Dunham; parties appeared by their proctors; by mutual consent next consistory assigned to present libel.

Remmesbury. Perjury action between Simon Rasell and John Taylour, chwdns, plaintiffs, and Edmund Parkere, defendant; day to hear sentence; defendant appeared personally; at his petition, official ordered plaintiffs to be called according to form of former acts (*iuxta formam retroactorum*) to next consistory to hear sentence; defendant appointed Pedewell and John [*sic*] his proctors.

388 30 April 1406. Dean's cath. consistory. Official fixed next consistory for 28 May 1406.

Cherdestoke. Paydy *v.* Walmyngton represented as above; day to produce settlement; no prosecution.

Ryme. John [*recte* William] Coterygg and Walter Coterygg represented as above *v.* Robert Leche,¹ previously excomd.

Remmesbury. Lyly and Hurler, represented as above *v.* Parkere represented by Pedewell; day to present libel; parties appeared by their proctors; libel offered; by mutual consent next consistory assigned to reply.

Compton. Pelle *v.* Loscombe and Loscoumbe represented as above; day to present libel; plaintiff appeared by his proctor; defendants did not come; excomd.

Remmesbury. Rasell and Taylour *v.* Parkere represented by Pedewell; day to call plaintiffs according to form of former acts (*iuxta formam retroactorum*) to hear sentence.

Okebourne. Perjury action between Sir Robert Martyn and Robert Thorne, plaintiffs, represented by Smyth, and Marion Jonys, defendant, previously excomd.; no prosecution.

Hungerforde. Action for refusal of tithe between Robert Nappere, V., plaintiff, represented by Willesden, and John Smyth, Thomas Knolle, and William Clitere, defendants; plaintiff appeared by his proctor; defendants did not come; official pronounced them contumacious and excomd. them . . . [*other folios lost*].²

¹ *Robert Leche* interlineated; *Marion Jonys* lightly struck through.

² f.148 originally blank. f.148v. contains in one later 15th cent. hand a copy of Bishop Richard Poore's witnessed confirmation dated 17 Aug. 1227 of witnessed composition between dean of Salisbury and vicar of Sonning; a royal letter dated 19 Dec. 1317 (*CFR* 1307-19, 348-9) defining chapter's right to farm see, *sede vacante*, continued on f.149 (unnumbered). In the same hand follows a indentured grant of Stottingwaye manor by abbot of Abbotsbury to dean and chapter (by means of named feoffees) for use by vicars-choral, dated 22 Aug. 1392. (See also *CPR* 1391-6, 124). A cut down register cover occurs followed by a blank unnumbered folio, then an originally blank folio now containing 4 lines of index to second part of register with *William Cook* below in the same hand as index on ff.48-48v. (part 2).

[f. 1]¹ REGISTER OF DECANAL JURISDICTION OF M. JOHN CHAUNDELER, DEAN OF SALISBURY, INSIDE AND OUTSIDE THE CLOSE.

389 1 Oct. 1404, indiction 13 in 15th year of Boniface IX. In chapter-house dean admitted Laurence Grome and had him installed Vc. of Yatesbury, pat. M. Robert Bussch, P., after his oath of obedience to dean and successors.

390 18 Oct. 1404. Installation of John Longevile,² priest, as P. of Axeforde in person of Robert, canon of Salisbury, on bishop Richard [Medford's] mandate received in chapter by dean, [M.] Adam Mottroum, precentor, [M.] Walter Medforde, chancellor, John Lyncolne,³ and [M.] William Spaldewyk. Dean assigned him choir stall and place in chapter after his oath to observe cath. statutes and customs and to obey dean and successors. V. of Remmesbury to induct John or his proctor into preb. Present: Roger Neton, John Molton, janitor.

391 29 Sept. 1404. Dean presented John Vantot by devolved right and admitted him Vc., of Grymston in my presence.⁴

392 [f. 1v.] 17 Dec. 1404. Dean ordered V. of Fordyngton to induct M. Walter Medforde⁵ or his proctor into Fordyngton preb.

393 3 Jan. 1286. Little Windesor. Letter of brother S., abbot of Ford, to H[enry Braundeston], dean of Salisbury, presenting William Briton, V. of Cherdestok, to Netherbur' and Bemynstre vic. on death of Adam, the chapl.

394 13 April 1337. Swaleweclyve. John, the prior, with brethren and sisters of St. John's Hospital outside the Gate, Wilton,⁶ freely and unanimously bind themselves and their successors for ever to pay 5m. a year in the hospital in equal portions at Mich. and Easter to John Colkyng, chapl., and his successors, from rents, lands, and tenements in Northbrudecombe, Ugeforde St. James, and Swaleweclyve which Sir Thomas West, knight, gave them by licence of king and other chief lords, Colkyng being appointed by Olive who was wife of Thomas Hanenebere of Swaleweclyve to say Mass daily in Swaleweclyve ch. for souls of Thomas and Eleanor⁷ and all faithful departed. They will present a suitable chapl. to chantry on death or resig. of John and his successors. If they fail to appoint within 20 days, dean of Salisbury or his official or *locum tenens* shall present. [f. 2] To ensure payment, John, the dean and his commissaries and their successors may distrain

¹ Second foliation. Much of this part of the register is in the hand of Thomas Rylee, the dean's scribe.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 25.

³ Prebendary of Bedminster and Redclyffe: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 27.

⁴ i.e. of Thomas Rylee.

⁵ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 52.

⁶ *V.C.H. Wilts.* iii. 364-7.

⁷ Eleanor West, wife of Sir Thomas West. For those commemorated see *CPR 1334-8*. 77.

hospital's goods and chattels on those lands and tenements and keep them until payment is made. Sealed with hospital's common seal and with mayor of Wilton's seal. Witnesses: Walter Shireveton, John de Reyny, William de Colyngbourne, John de Swaleweclyve, Robert le Bygge of Don Hundred, Stephen le Cryour, John Picot, Ralph atte Mulle, William Quyntyne of Brench Hundred, Thomas Brudecome, clerk, and others. Copy of original.

395 20 Sept. 1404. Salisbury. Commission making M. John Shirborn dean's official [*as in 384 but with clause about inductions erased*].

396 [f.2v.] 30 Nov. 1404. M. John Tydelyng, dean's *locum tenens*, admitted John Crokkehurste, clerk, as Vc. of Farndon, pat. M. Walter Coke, P.

397 31 Jan. 1405. Dean sequestrated revenues of Stokwode chapel to prevent them being squandered. Custody granted to V. of Yatmynstre and William Payne. Any violators of sequestration to be summoned for 13 March.

398 23 March 1405. Dean presented Thomas atte Kyns (*Kynes*) by lapse and admitted him as Vc. of Shypton.

399 same day. Dean admitted John Grey, clerk, as Vc. of Coumbe and Harham, pat. M. Robert Broun, P.

400 [f.3] 27 Oct. 1404. Dean's official, on dean's authority, warned John Wattedcombe, prior or warden of St. John's House, Wilton, to wear his habit on pain of deprivation.

401 . . . [*blank*] 1405. In cloister, dean admitted John Foliet, chapl., to chantry of bishop Giles [Bridport], founder of de Vaux College, presented by M. John Maydenhith, canon-residentiary and Master of the College, and inst. him and ordered his ind. Note: done in my presence.¹

402 17 May 1405. Probate of will of John Gilberd, who died within close, before dean's official; admin. granted to executors being first sworn.

403 14 May 1405. In name of God. Amen.² Will of John Gilberd, chapl. in Salisbury. He commits soul to Almighty God, his Creator, Who redeemed it with His precious Blood, and body to be buried in St. Thomas's ch., Salisbury, next to his grandmother's grave. He leaves to cath. fabric, 12d.; to St. Thomas's fabric, 20d.; to Richard Harlewyn and Margery, his wife, of Salisbury, for life, the tenement with its apurtenances in Mynsterstret or Castelstrete between tenement formerly belonging to John Wallop to north

¹ Note: done in my presence written later in same hand by Rylee.

² All wills except 4 which invoke the Trinity use this formula subsequently omitted by calendar.

and Thomas Mason's tenement to south. After their death their executors shall sell it and distribute money for souls of John, his parents, [f.3v.] and faithful departed, causing his annual obit to be solemnly celebrated in St. Thomas's ch. while they live. Executors: Richard and Margery Harlewyn. Residue to executors to distribute for his soul and aforesaid souls.

404 14 June 1405. Will of William Bocke, Vc. He commits soul to God and body to be buried before west door of cath. He leaves to cath. fabric, 6s. 8d.; to fabric of St. Thomas's, Salisbury, 40d.; to fabric of St. Edmund, Salisbury, 6s. 8d.; to fabric of St. Martin, Salisbury, 40d.; to each canon and Vc. at his exequies, 12d.; to each annual chapl. saying Mass in cath., 6d. to pray for his soul; to each sacrist, chorister, altarist, and each of the 2 servants of sacristy (sextrie), 4d. He leaves his tenement with appurtenances in Castelstret between that formerly belonging to the late John Wallop to the south and John's gate to the north and also 7 cottages with curtilages situated together at Fuggeston between William Salle's shops to the south and Richard Knolle's tenement to the east and also 12s. yearly rent from Juliana la Bolde's tenement in la Potrewe in city and also 8s. yearly rent from corner tenement of Eleanor, formerly wife of Richard Brumeschawe, to his executors to sell. He leaves to John Hathewey, horner (cornes'), his heirs and assignees, the tenement with appurtenances in New Ward between tenement of John Bakere, grocer, to the east and de Vaux [College's] tenement to the west which Alice, widow of Thomas de Brutforde, former citizen, gave testator in her widowhood by her charter, to hold for ever according to testator's charter sealed with his seal, the city's common seal, and the mayor's seal. [f.4] He leaves the shop in Castelstret with appurtenances where Richard Chessam used to live, opposite William Warmwell's tenement and between testator's 2 shops where Thomas Boughton, horner (cornes'), used to live to the north, and John Assgheley's shop to the south, to his executors to sell. He leaves 2 shops in Castelstret where Thomas Boughton used to live between John Monere's corner shop to the north and testator's other shop where Richard Chessam used to live to the south, to his executors to sell and to use proceeds for Mass for his soul and all his benefactors' souls in St. Edmund's chapel in cath. He leaves to Laurence Grome, Vc., and his assignees, for ever, his house and garden in close between Comynhalle to the west and M. William Franke's house to the east, except for a ground floor room with a sollar, granted for life to John Michel, chapl., with free exit and entry, and access to hall, kitchen, garden, well, and latrines as contained in a deed, which they shall have for ever on John's death. From sale of tenements, cottages, shops, and rents, executors shall provide for a year or two at least, if not longer, 4 suitable, stipendiary, annual chapls. to say Mass for his soul and all his benefactors' souls in St. Edmund's chapel as quickly as can be done with deliberation. They shall also spend £20 from proceeds on marriages of 6 honest girls, each receiving 5m., and use remainder for poor, for mending roads, for shoes, and in other charitable works for his soul. He leaves to each Dominican at Fyscherton and each Franciscan at Salisbury, 6d. He wishes 24 poor people to be clothed with russet or white cloth. He leaves 24 lbs. of wax

to burn about his body on his burial day and 1d. to every poor person present at his obit; to Joan, who was William Godale's wife, 6 yards of sendal (*panni cendr'*) and a gold ring; to Edith de Wykham, weaver, 3 silver spoons and a silk-tulle (*cerico tuly*) belt decorated with silver; to Laurence Grom, chapl., a [f.4v.] portas without music, a set of 6 short silver spoons, a basin and ewer (*lavatorio*), a table-cloth (*mappam*) and towel (*manutergio*), and a bed with a tester; to Thomas Stalbrygg, carpenter, John Molton, 'portor', William, cath. 'laborar', 2s. each; to Adam Bocke of Wallop, a short bluet (*bleuet*) cloak (*armilausam*) lined in red; to Sangere's wife of Brutforde, his god-daughter, 5s.; to Robert Everarde, Vc., a great psalter with hymnal, collect book, *Placebo* and *Dirige*, and his best cope with third best surplice; to John Owarde, a leather belt decorated with silver; to John Chaundeler, senior, a cup called Nhote decorated with silver and silver-gilt with a lid, and 10 ells of linen; to Richard Jacob, Vc., a portas with music; to V. of Brutforde, 2s. 6d.; to Thomas Alayne, chapl., 2s.; to the 'almeshous' in Salisbury, all firewood in one room of his house; to both city gaolers (*prisonibus duorum servientium civitatis*), 40d. each for prisoners' food. Immediately after his death executors shall distribute 1d. a week for his soul to each poor paralytic person in city, to be given weekly for 20 years by them or their executors, except in the 'almeshous' and St. Nicholas's House, [East Harnham]. He leaves to John Michel, chapl., 5m. to say Mass and pray for his soul. Executors shall distribute one part of residue in Masses for his soul and his benefactors' souls, a second part amongst poor, and a third part to repair roads and for other charitable works for his soul. Executors: Laurence Grome, chapl., John Michell, chapl. He leaves to cath. fabric 100s. which William Wynselawe, John Biterleigh's executor, owes him from John's will.

405 20 June 1405. Probate of **404** before dean; admin. granted to executors being first sworn.

406 [f.5] 29 June 1405. Executors of William Bokke (Bocke), Vc., accounted with dean; because they knew extent of his goods excused from accounting further; dismissed.

407 1 Aug. 1405. Dean ordered V. of Calne and Thomas Rylee, clerk, to induct George Louthorp, treasurer, or his proctor, into Calne preb.¹

408 26 June 1405. John Sangere, Vc., before dean for fornication with Cecily Bertram; confessed; warned not to meet her in suspect places on pain of 40s.; to stand as the last of the choristers; penance remitted in hope of amendment.

409 7 Sept. 1405. William Blundell, Vc., before dean for fornication with 'Bette' Frowe, Christine Kedewelly, and Joan, John Lymbremere's servant, and Isabel Walyssch; in dean's household chapel admitted offence with

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 20.

'Bette', Christine, and Joan but denied it with Isabel; warned not to meet them in close or in other suspect places on pain of paying 20s. to cath. fabric; penance remitted in hope of amendment.

410 same day. Richard Coke (*Cok*), Vc., before dean for improperly taking different women to his house in close; denied it; warned not to do so on pain of paying 10s. to cath. fabric.

411 [f.5v.] same day. George Upton (*Uptun*), Vc., before dean in chapter-house for incontinence with Isabel Walyssch; confessed; disciplined; to stand as last of the choristers and abjure on pain of paying 20s. to fabric.

412 same place. Sir William Palmere before dean for incontinence with Sybil Teyntenhull; confessed; [*punished as in 411*].

413 2 July 1405. In his house in close, dean collated and inst. M. Thomas Upton,¹ chapl., to Walter Scamel's chantry in cath., pat. the dean, on William Bocke's death.

414 Dean's undated letter to John Michell, V. of Hyworth, on behalf of M. Ralph Lovell, P. of Hyworth, who claimed that M. Thomas Stowe, his immediate predecessor,² left many defects in prebendal property on his death and feared that revenues might be alienated before defects were repaired. Revenues sequestrated. V. to publish sequestration and take custody of revenues.

415 [f.6] 8 March 1406. In his house, dean authorised an exchange between Henry Walyngforde and Roger Maydenhith and received their resignations and inst. Henry to Durneford vic., pat. M. John Schillingforde, P., and ordered his ind. after he swore to make continual residence according to the form of Otto and Ottobono³ and to obey dean and successors. Dean inst. Roger to Natelescures rectory, Winchester diocese, under a commission from Henry [Beaufort], bishop of Winchester, ind. and canonical obedience being reserved to bishop.

416 13 March 1406. William Edeshale, Vc., before dean in chapter-house for fornication with Ellen Sokere; firmly denied it; assigned 17 March to purge there with 6 hands; purged; abjured on pain of 40s.

417 30 June 1406. Hugh, chapl. of M. John Cheyne, before dean's official in cath. for adultery with Joan Doggesay, Maud Mody, and Alice Rodde; denied it; assigned 2 July to purge with 4 hands; purged with court's indulgence; to pay fine; did not pay.

¹ BRUO. iii. 1934.

² John Medford held prebend for 10 days before Lovell's installation in Dec. 1405: *Le Neve, Fasti*. 59-60.

³ *Councils and Synods*, i. 249; ii. 757-8.

418 [f.6v.] 6 April 1406. In his chapel, dean collated and inst. Walter Sage, chapl., to Walter Scamel's chantry, pat. the dean, on resig. of M. Thomas Upton and received his oath of obedience to dean and successors.

419 8 July 1406. Dean collated and admitted Nicholas Hulle, chapl., as Vc. of Blebury, in dean's gift by cath. statutes and customs because P. lives abroad; Hulle sworn to keep customs of the ch. and to obey dean; Sir Robert Everard to install him; done immediately.

420 14 Aug. 1406. Thomas Macy (*Maci*), Vc., before dean in his chapel for discarding his habit on 11 Aug. and walking up and down in cath. during a service. Dean restored habit at request of his fellows; warned that if offence repeated he would not be reinstated; to extinguish candle in candlestick in middle of quire at night after Matins for a week.

421 17 Aug. 1406. John Sangere, Vc., before dean in chapter-house for fornication again with Cecily Bertram and to show why penalties imposed by M. T[homas] Montagu, former dean, and M. John Chaundeler should not be exacted; submitted freely; abjured on pain of deprivation; dean restored his habit; to stand bareheaded next night at Matins at last of choristers.

422 [f.7] 30 July 1406. William Lont, stipendiary chapl. in St. Martin's ch. living at night in close, before Thomas Rylee, dean's commissary, in cath., for fornication with one Alice; confessed; to be beaten once through cath. in front of procession; later freely submitted to commissary.

423 1 Sept. 1406. Dean inst. Richard Lenton, chapl., to Farendon vic., pat. [as in 396], on death of Robert Buschton; Lenton sworn to make continual residence [as in 415] and to obey dean and his successors; official to induct.

424 [f.7v.] Longelete Chapter-house. 22 Dec. 1404, indiction 13 in 1st year of Innocent VII. ELECTION DECREE OF JOHN (*recte* PETER) SAMPSON, PRIOR-ELECT OF LONGALETE IN DEAN'S JURISDICTION sent to dean by Roger Cloforde, subprior. Founders decreed that a monastery should not be vacant more than 3 months and after death on 14 Oct. 1404 of [John] Frome, last prior, and his burial on 16 Oct., subprior and convent obtained licence to elect a successor from Peter Stanter, their patron, and on 20 Dec. in chapter, fixed day-break on 22 Dec. for an election in chapter-house. That day after Solemn Mass of Holy Ghost, bell was immediately rung as usual for chapter and Roger Cloforde, Peter Sampson, Richard Stapulton, and William Lupyate (Luppeyate), priests and Augustinian canons professed in priory, met in chapter-house, and there being no absentees [f.8] they agreed to make an election. The word of God was set forth, the *Veni Creator*¹ sung, and chapter acts of 20 Dec. read together with patron's licence to elect. Cloforde publicly warned excommunicates and those having no part in election to

¹ Hymn invoking Holy Ghost.

leave and protested that chapter did not intend to admit any such and would disallow their votes if present. M. John Shirbourne, B.C.L., read constitution *Quia Propter*¹ and expounded on methods of election it contained but they did not debate whether election should be by scrutiny² or compromise.³ Suddenly, without further discussion, inspired as they believed by Holy Ghost, the others unanimously chose Peter Sampson who was commended by his learning, life, and manners being a priest of full age, a free man born in wedlock, circumspect in spiritual and temporal affairs, endowed with many virtues and able to defend priory rights. They immediately sang solemn *Te Deum*⁴ caused bells to be rung and carried Sampson into quire and placed him on high altar as is custom. When they had sung *Te Deum* and a prayer over him Shirbourne immediately [f.8v.] acknowledged their choice and solemnly published election in English to a multitude of clergy and people. Soon afterwards about noon, prior-elect was received in refectory by Cloforde, convent's proctor for receiving his consent, but would not agree to election. After many requests, when asked again at time of Vespers by subprior, he, Peter⁵ Sampson, canon⁶ of Longelete⁷ priory, Salisbury⁸ diocese, a professed Augustinian, formally consented to election. Patron consented and dean was petitioned to confirm election and commit temporalities and spiritualities to Sampson. Convent ordered election decree to be made and published by M. Thomas Rylee, clerk of Salisbury diocese, notary apostolic, and endorsed with his sign and subscription and with convent's common seal. Formal attestation follows. [f.9] Witnesses: M. John Shirbourne, B.C.L., M. John Copeh[e]de or Bekynton, B.C.L. John Pedewelle, notary public of Salisbury and Bath and Wells, specially summoned.

425 7 Jan. 1405. In his house, dean issued commission empowering official to examine Peter Sampson's election after summoning any objectors, to confirm or quash it, to commit spiritual and temporal admin. to Sampson, to install and induct him, and to expedite all other necessary matters. [f.9v.] If election quashed, oversight of priory reserved to dean. Official to inform him promptly what was done. Sealed with seal he used as Treasurer.⁹

426 *Longelete*. 11 Jan. 1405 according to computation of English Ch., indiction 13 in 1st year of Innocent VII. M. John Shirbourne, dean's special commissary, sat judicially in quire of Longelete Priory and dean's commission was read to a multitude of people. John Pedewell, clerk, convent's proctor, came to present Peter Sampson's election and to seek its confirma-

¹ Chapter 24 of Fourth Lateran Council (1215) later incorporated into canon law: J.D. Mansi, *Sacrorum conciliorum nova et amplissima collectio* (Florence and Venice, 1759-98), xxii, 1011-13; E. Friedberg, *Corpus Iuris Canonici* (Leipzig, 1879-81), ii, 88-9.

² i.e. by a small electoral committee.

³ i.e. by a secret vote.

⁴ Canticle used at Matins.

⁵ *John Rogge* interlined in later hand.

⁶ *formerly* interlined in later hand.

⁷ *Worsprynge* interlined in later hand.

⁸ *Bath and Wells* interlined in later hand.

⁹ Chandler was Treasurer from 1394 to 1404: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 20.

tion according to mandate sealed with priory's common seal and judicially exhibited. Peter Stantor's written consent to election and to prior-elect was read and exhibited. A certificate showing that objectors to election had been cited was read but none came after public proclamation was made at priory doors (*valvis*). Proctor presented election decree and prior-elect and petitioned commissary [f.10] with Peter's support to confirm election. He presented articles supporting petition and brought John Holmere and Sir William Luppeyate to testify to them, who were admitted and secretly and singly examined by commissary. Having exhibited election decree he concluded his case. Shirbourne¹ examined and formally confirmed election and committed admin. of priory to Peter Sampson² supplying by his authority anything which might have been omitted.³ He inducted Sampson same day assigning to him customary stall in choir and place in chapter. Present: [Thomas Rylee], William Gyffarde, William Everarde, clerk of Salisbury diocese, and others.

427 [f.10v.] Wilton. 22 Dec. 1405, indiction 14 in 2nd year of Innocent VII. Richard Bereforde, chapl., came before dean in chancel of St. John's Priory by Wilton in dean's jurisdiction and kneeling before high altar with arms extended offered his submission to God and priory and sought habit and employment (*servicium*) of House and to be made prior. Dean ordered him to promise personal continence to God, continual service to priory, and canonical obedience to him and his successors, which he did. Dean and those standing by said *Deus Miseriatur*⁴ [*sic*] and *Ecce quam bonum*⁵ and prayers used at profession of prior and brothers of House. Dean blessed cross in his mantle (*pallio sive capa*) made in traditional style of Order which Richard wore to act as deacon at Mass of Holy Ghost, after which dean made him prior. Present: Nicholas Godewynne, Thomas Bourton, chapls., Peter atte Forde, donzel, and many others.

428 22 Dec. 1405. Salisbury. Dean's sealed commission giving Richard Bereforde, chapl., custody of St. John's priory by Wilton, making him prior and ordering brethren and sisters to obey him.

429 [f.11] 6 Oct. 1406. Walter Rycheman (*Richeman*), Vc., sought dean's dispensation for being bled without his leave.

430 31 Oct. 1406. Dean admitted John Bosham, clerk, as Vc. of Durne-forde, pat. Simon Membury, P., and had him installed.

¹ *Paslew* interlined in a later hand. M. John Paslew died in 1457: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 44.

² *John Rogge* interlined in later hand.

³ Note in l.-hand margin at beginning of formal confirmation.

⁴ Psalm 67.

⁵ Psalm 133.

431 30 Oct. 1406. In chapter-house, dean and John Frank, as canon residentiary, nominated William Mel and John Everard, vicars-choral, to say Mass in St. Mary's chapel, Old Salisbury [castle]. Dean charged them on their cath. oath to serve faithfully.

432 15 Dec. 1406. William Megre, chapl., before dean for adultery with Joan, wife of Richard Knyght of Salisbury; purged with sufficient compurgators.

433 19 Nov. 1406. Thomas Coke, servant of George [Louthorp], treasurer, before dean's official for inciting (*fuit proneba inter*) [*parties in 432*]; firmly denied it; purged as above.

434 1 Dec. 1406. Dean granted admin. of goods of Thomas Aleyne, annual chapl. in cath., dying intestate, to John Salfe, Vc., (*Commission*).

435 [f.11v.] 25 Dec. 1406. In his chapel, dean collated and inst. Peter Benham to Walter Scamel's chantry, pat. the dean, on resig. of Walter Sage.

436 7 Jan. 1407. Will of Thomas Stalbrygge, carpenter, dying within close, proved before dean; admin. granted to John Nony and John Ambresbury being legally sworn; later they accounted with office; dismissed.

437 1 Feb. 1407. In his chapel, dean inst. Richard Thomas to Mercham vic., diocese of Salisbury, pat. St. Mary's abbey, Abendon, under bishop Richard [Medford's] commission, [f.12] canonical obedience being reserved to bishop, by exchange with John Lamburne for Eburgfeld (*Eburgfelde*) chapel with cure of souls, pat. Laurence Drw. He inst. Lamburne in person of Richard Barowe, clerk, who swore obedience to dean. Thomas swore to make continual residence [as in **415**]. Official to induct Lamburne or his proctor.

438 9 Dec. 1407. Dean . . . [*blank*].

439 [f.12v.] 16 March 1407. In his chapel, dean inst. Thomas Taylour to Great Shobury rectory, London, pat. St. Mary's Cluniac Priory, Prytewell, under a commission from Nicholas [Bubwith], bishop of London, ind. being reserved to bishop, by exchange with William Broun for Great Okebourne vic., pat. Thomas [Langley], bishop of Durham, and John, the king's son. He inst. Broun who swore to make continual residence [as in **415**] and obey dean and his successors. Official to induct.

440 17 March 1407. Dean inducted William Magot,¹ clerk, in person of John Salfe, Vc., into stall of archdeacon of Wiltshire by virtue of bishop Richard [Medford's] commission.

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 14.

441 [f.13] same day. Dean commissioned Vs. of Remmesbury and Bedewynde to induct Robert Uppy,¹ priest, or his proctor, into Bedewynde preb. on death of M. Nicholas Wykham.

442 25 March 1407. Dean commissioned V. of Durneforde and Richard Wyllesden, clerk, to induct Roger atte Hurne² into Rotfen preb. by exchange for free chapel of St. Radegund in St. Paul's cath. crypt.

443 [f.13v.] 26 March 1407. Will of John Oward, Vc. He commits soul to Almighty God, his Saviour, and body to be buried before west door of cath. He leaves to cath. fabric, 20s.; to each canon and Vc. at his exequies, 4d.; to each cath. cantarist, 3d.; to each chorister and altarist, 2d.; to the 2 sacrists, 8d.; to their 2 servants for their labour, 6d.; to St. Edmund's fabric, Salisbury, 20s.; to Richard Oward, his brother, John Pykard, John's wife, each of John's 2 boys, and Henry Mantravers, $\frac{1}{2}$ m. each; to Katherine, Henry's wife, 40d.; to serving boy living with John Pykard, 12d.; to Thomas Archere, weaver, 26s. 8d. and $\frac{1}{2}$ m. to his wife; to executors, 8s. annual rent from tenement with its appurtenances in Wynemanstret between Robert Bowyer's tenement to west and former tenement of William Sure to east, for his obit in cath. to be held solely by vicars-choral for ever it if can be appropriated, and if not executors shall sell it and distribute proceeds for his soul.³ Residue to executors for his soul. Executors: Laurence Grom, chapl., Henry Mantravers. (*Note this will*).⁴

444 30 March 1407. Probate of **443** before dean; admin. granted to executors being first sworn.

445 [f.14] 31 March 1407. Dean commissioned M. John Elmere,⁵ official of Winchester, to effect an exchange between Henry Walyngforde, V. of Wodeforde⁶ [*recte* Durnford], pat. Simon Membury, P. of Durneforde, and John Mydderhulle, R. of St. Rowald, Winchester, and to inst. John to Durneforde reserving to himself John's ind. Certificate of exchange received 9 April; official to induct John.

446 [f.14v.] 26 April 1407. Will of John Grey, Vc. He commits soul to God and body for burial. He leaves to each canon, Vc., chapl. wearing the habit, and chorister, 2d.; to each altarist, 1d.; to Edward, morrow chapl., 12d.; to Walter who cared for him in his illness, a green gown called Gawdegrene; to

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 29.

² Le Neve, *Fasti*. 81.

³ College of Vicars-choral was not incorporated until 1409 hence possibly testator's doubts: *V.C.H. Wils.* iii. 179.

⁴ Written in a different hand.

⁵ *BRUO*. i. 635-6.

⁶ Entry written to this point and then struck through and begun again. Walyngforde's benefice rightly given in cancelled entry as Durnford.

his mother, Joan Bederyng or Grey, if alive, 40s. and if not executors shall distribute it; to Sir William Nedeler, a painted cloth. Residue to be distributed by executors for his soul. Executors: Laurence Grome, Robert Wodeforde, vicars-choral.

447 27 April 1407. Probate of 446 before dean; admin. granted to executors being first sworn.

448 same day. Dean inducted and installed John Chitterne¹ as archdeacon of Wiltshire by virtue of bishop Richard [Medford's] letters.

449 [f.15] 17 July 1407. Will of [M.] Robert Ragenhull, canon of Salisbury² and provost of St. Edmund, Salisbury. Seeing present immutable [*sic*] world in prosperity and considering that he must surely die, he commits soul to most high God Who redeemed it on Cross with His precious Blood and body to be buried in St. Edmund's chyard beside boundary path (*perambulationem*) opposite high altar where a cross shall be erected in honour of Christ Crucified. On day of his burial executors shall give new clothes to 50 poor and needy persons among parishioners and prisoners, and give, at their discretion, 50 sheets of 2 leaves³ to 50 very poor bedridden persons. A thousand Masses shall be said as soon as possible for his soul. 25 lbs. of wax shall be provided for 5 candles round his body in cath. on day of his exequies and Mass. He leaves to each canon at his exequies, 12d.; to each Vc. and cantarist present, 6d.; to each Vc. including succentor and master of grammar school, for their dinner, 6d.; to each sacrist, altarist, and chorister present, 4d.; to cath. fabric, 5m. besides 5m. due on his death. After cath. services, body shall be taken to St. Edmund's ch. for similar exequies and Mass. 50 lbs. of wax shall be provided for 5 candles round his body before burial. He leaves to each collegiate chapl. present at these services and his burial, 12d.; to each annual chapl. from St. Edmund's and St. Martin's present, 6d. and to their deacons and sacrists, 4d. After [f.15v.] burial, his exequies shall be solemnly celebrated in St. Edmund's for 7 days. He leaves 4d. a day to each collegiate chapl. present. As a perpetual memorial of him and his master, John [Waltham] bishop of Salisbury, he leaves chapls. a silver-gilt cup (*peciam*) with a lid; the incomplete homilies of Gristostim and [St.] Gregory; friar John [*recte* Robert] Holkete's⁴ sermons; Parisiensis's sermons on Sun. Gospels; Januensis's Sun. sermons; a paper book bound in black leather and another containing [St.] Bernard's treatise [*recte* meditation] *Multi Multa Sciunt; Stimulus Amoris*;⁵ an exposition of words of Bible;⁶ and Parisiensis on

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 14.

² Prebendary of *Major Pars Altaris*: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 67.

³ This describes the weave of the sheets.

⁴ *BRUO*. ii. 947.

⁵ Composite work wrongly attributed to St. Bonaventura written partly by James of Milan in 13th cent.: W. Hilton. *The Goat of Love*, ed. C. Kirchberger (1952), 15.

⁶ Possibly *Vocabularium Biblie* of the Franciscan William Brito written before 1284: F.M. Powicke, *The medieval books of Merton College* (1931), p. 188 n.

seven deadly sins and sins of the tongue. He leaves to Simon Elyot, his servant, 20s. besides his wages; to John Elseby, his servant, similarly 20s.; to Robert, John's son, 13s. 4d.; to John Heryng,¹ his household servant, 13s. 4d.; to John, his household servant from kitchen, 6s. 8d.; to John Broune, college servant, 13s. 4d. and to his brother Walter, 10s.; to Nicholas Broun, clerk, living with him, his portas and red bed if ordained, and if not portas shall go to collegiate chapls.; to the college, his long trestle table, all his brass vessels (*vasa*), and iron kitchen equipment (*necessaria*); to high altar of St. Edmund's, chalice and missal used in his chapel; to St. Mary's altar there, his principal vestment used in his chapel; to St. Nicholas's altar there, his vestment which he uses there to remain for ever for a memorial; to Walter Deen, his Vc., his best habit with almuce (*amic'*) and surplice; to M. Robert Neel, a best silver salt with a lid and a paper book; to M. George Louthorp, treasurer, 20s.; to M. Richard Pittes and M. William Spaldewyk, 13s. 4d. each; to Stephen Edyngdon, a small silver cup (*peciam*) with a lid and a round base; to William, his household servant, 20s. Residue to executors for his soul. Executors: [f.16] M. Adam Mottrum, precentor, William Spycer and Henry Waryn, chapls., and Stephen Edyngdon. He leaves to John, son of his uncle Roger, and John's mother, 5m.; a set of vestments with cope shall be sold for 10m. and given to Ragenhull ch.

450 26 July 1407. Probate of **449** before dean; admin. granted to Spicer and Edyngdon being legally sworn; Mottrom refused. Dean reserved power to commit admin. to Waryn.

451 14 Aug. 1407. Will of William de Glashouse, serving in cathedral. He commits soul to God and body to be buried before west door of cath. under pathway from Salisbury to Harnham. He leaves to cath. fabric, 23s. 4d.; to some suitable person chosen by executors, 4d. a year for 10 years after his death to fill cath.'s 4 'halywaterstokkes'; for translation of St. Osmund, if it takes place in cath., 40d.; to light of the Salutation of Blessed Mary in cath., St. Christopher's light there, Holy Trinity light in Lady Chapel there and light 'atte southrode' above altar called le Josyan,² 12d. each; to light before Rood (*alta cruce*) in cath., lighted at first mass, St. Paul's light there, and light before painted statue of St. Mary on south side of cath., 6d. each; to John Codeforde, 'seynt Laurens clerk', 26s. 8d.; to fabric of St. Mary Chitterne, 3s. 4d.; to John Donnyng, V. there [*omission*]; to Holy Trinity almshouse, Salisbury, 40d; to Dominicans and Franciscans of Salisbury, 5s. each; to each prisoner in city, 3d.; to fabric of St. Edmund, Salisbury, 2s.; to Edward, morrow priest, 2s. 6d.; to John Elys, his sister's son, his better jupe; to Thomas Bakere, 2s.; to Ralph Chitterne, John Chitterne's servant, 2s.; to John Rose and John Hanworthe, executors, [f.16v.] 5s. each for saying 2

¹ Interlineation above: (?) *Note*. Marginated: Named [. .] *Jon Wynterbourne* in a different hand.
² Altar of St. Mary in Gesina, i.e. in childbed. *Ceremonies and processions of the cathedral church of Salisbury*, ed. C. Wordsworth (1901), 305-6.

trentals. Executors: John Rose, John Hanworth, priests. Residue to executors to distribute for his soul as seems right to them and him.

452 17 Sept. 1407. Probate of **451** before dean; admin. granted to Hanworth being first sworn. Dean reserved power to commit admin. to Rose.

453 1 Oct. 1407. Probate of **454** before dean; admin. granted to executors being first sworn.

454 23 Sept. 1407. Will of John Tournour, Vc. He commits soul to God and body to be buried in cath. graveyard. He leaves to each canon, Vc., the successor, and master of the schools present at his obit on day of his burial, 4d.; to each chapl. wearing the habit present, 3d.; to each chorister, sacrist, altarist, and sacrists' servants, 2d. Executors to provide five 1 lb. candles round his body on day of his burial. He leaves to cath. fabric, 12d.; to each Vc. present at his obit on his 30th day, 2d.; to Edward, morrow-priest, 5s.; to each executor, 6s. 8d.; to his father, a bright blue medley gown; to his mother, a long red medley gown with a red hood; to both of them, 13s. 4d.; to John, his brother, his green bed with a green 'testar', a pair of 'blankettis', a pair of sheets, and 20s. to remain with executors until John is 22, and given to him if he seems to improve in manners and understanding [f.17] but if not to be distributed for testator's soul; to John Gylys, a bright blue 'medeley' gown and 3s. 4d. Residue for Masses and to neediest poor. Executors: Richard Holhurst, William Packere, vicars-choral.

455 11 Sept. 1407. Probate of **456** before dean's official; admin. granted to Lawe, being first sworn; power reserved to commit admin. to Spicer and Drapere.

456 10 Sept. 1407. Will of John Wyther, subdean, R. of Caundell Hadden. He commits soul to God and body to be buried before St. Thomas's altar in cath. He leaves to cath. fabric, 5s. Executors to provide 25s. for Masses for his soul and 20s. for poor, both on day of his burial. He leaves to M. William Dunham, John Drapere, John Spicer, chapl., and Thomas Claveryng, 40d. each; to Henry Wanborgh, clerk, 20d.; to his servant, Ralph, his best [horse] with complete harness, a bright blue coverlet, a small coverlet, a russet tunic, and 2 riding tunics; to each executor, 6s. 8d. Executors to provide a suitable chapl. to say Mass in cath. for his soul, his parents' souls, and faithful departed for a year. Residue to executors to distribute for his soul. Executors: [f.17v.] John Spycere, John Drapere, Ralph Lawe.

457 6 July 1407. Dean inst. John Wakeryng to Swaleclyf preb. in collegiate ch. of Heyghtredesbury (*Heytesbury*), pat. the dean, on resig. of Sir John Chitterne, in person of William Prestwyk, clerk. Official to induct.

458 24 Sept. 1407. Dean inst. Thomas Benet, priest, to rectory of ch. or chapel of Maperton on Netherbury Ecclesia preb., presented by Sir Hum-

phrey Stafforde, knight, since heir of Margaret, John Bryt's widow, was under age and in his custody. Official to induct.¹

459 3 Nov. 1407. Dean inst. Robert Haldwey (*Haldway*), chapl., to Chuyte vic., pat. John Chitterne, P.; Haldwey sworn to make continual residence [*as in 415*]; official to induct.

460 [f.18] 20 Dec. 1407. Dean inst. John Chitterne to preb. of Tuderyngton and Hornyngesham (*in Heytesbury*), pat. the dean, on resig. of M. William Frank. Official to induct.

461 23 Dec. 1407. In his chapel, dean inst. William Broune to Harnhull rectory, Worcester diocese, pat. the king, under a commission from Thomas [Peverel], bishop of Worcester, by exchange with John Lylve for Great Okebourne vic., pat. Thomas [Langley], bishop of Durham, and John, the king's son, constable of the East March, to whom king conceded alien priory of Okebourne during French War.² He inst. Lylve who swore to make continual residence [*as in 415*]. Official to induct.

462 [f.18v.] 7 Dec. 1407. Dean inst. John Burnham, chapl., to Wantyng vic., pat. [*as in 461*]; Burnham sworn to make continual residence [*as in 415*]; official to induct.

463 13 Feb. 1408. Dean inst. M. John Orum to chapel of Staunden by Hungerforde and chapel or House of St. John Baptist, Hungerforde, pat. king as duke of Lancastre, on resig. of Sir John Frank, last R. Official to induct.

464 25 April 1409. Dean received revenues from vacancy of Wantyng vic. from Sir John Synet whom he had made custodian.³

465 [f.19] 17 Sept. 1407. Chapter held in St. Edmund's ch. by Thomas Rylee, clerk, dean's commissary, dean having immediate jurisdiction in city and suburbs of Salisbury while subdeanery vacant.⁴ Probate of **466**; admin. granted to Mede being first sworn. Durneforde refused.

466 7 Sept. 1407. Will of John Steer (Stere), mercer of Salisbury. He commits soul to God and body to be buried in St. Thomas's chyard. He leaves to cath. fabric, 12d.; to St. Thomas's high altar for tithes forgotten, 20d. and to ch. fabric, 6s. 8d.; to Franciscans of Salisbury and Dominicans at Fyssherton a trental each to pray for his soul; to John, his wife's son, 20s., 2 silver spoons, a bed, an ornamented (harnes') 'daggar' with an ornamented (harnes') belt; to Christine, his wife's daughter, 20s., a bed, and 2 silver

¹ 16th century pointing hand in l.-hand margin: *Belongs to dean according to Harvard in margin.*

² *CPR 1401-5*. 466.

³ Entry inserted in different hand.

⁴ Vacant from 11 Sept. to 10 Nov.: **455**; Le Neve, *Fasti*. 6.

spoons. Quartern loaves worth 13s. 4d. shall be distributed to poor on day of his burial. He leaves to William Aucher, his apprentice, a striped bright blue furred gown; to John Carpenter, who shall stay with his wife until Christmas and then, being released from his contract, leave, a gown lined with black cloth. Residue after payment of debts to Christine, his wife, to pray for his soul. Executors: John Durneford, Walter Mede, each left 6s. 8d. Supervisors: John Castleton, left 6s. 8d., and testator's wife.

467 [f.19v.] 17 Sept. 1407. Probate of **468** before Rylee; admin. granted to Robert, who being first sworn, accounted with office dismissed; Grene refused.

468 22 Aug. 1407. Will of Agnes Beryng of Salisbury. She commits soul to God and body to be buried in St. Thomas's chyard. She leaves to cath. fabric, 2s.; to St. Thomas's fabric, a drinking horn decorated (harneysed) with silver worth $\frac{1}{4}$ d. or $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; to Sir William Uphavene, 6d.; to deacon of St. Thomas's, 3d.; to friar John Hyndon, a 'pewt' pot; to Richard, her brother, 12d. Residue to Robert, her husband. Executors: husband and Sir James Grene.

469 18 Sept. 1407. Probate of **470** before Rylee; admin. granted to executor, who being first sworn, accounted, dismissed.

470 8 Sept. 1407. Will of Alice, wife of Richard Gele, 'irmongere', of Salisbury. She commits soul to Almighty God and body to be buried in St. Thomas's chyard. She leaves to cath. fabric, 12d. and a wedding ring; to St. Thomas's fabric, 20d. and to high altar for tithes forgotten, 20d.; to Sir William Uphavene, 12d.; to Sir James Grene, 6d.; to Alice, her daughter, a bright blue and motley coloured tunic with a hood and her best silk veil; to John Lange, her best hood. Residue to husband to distribute for her soul and for all faithful departed. Executor: husband.

471 [f.20] 17 Sept. 1407. Probate of **472** before Rylee; admin. granted to John, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

472 31 Aug. 1407. Will of Alice Stoure of Salisbury. She commits soul to Almighty God, her Creator, and body to be buried before font in St. Edmund's ch. She leaves to St. Edmund's fabric, 3s. 4d. and a gold ring; to parish chapl. there, 8d.; to her mother, her best jupe and a small silk kerchief; to Lucy, her sister, a silk kerchief; to Alice Wylmotys, a bright blue jupe. Residue to John, her husband, and Thomas, their son. John to distribute for her soul.

473 19 Sept. 1407. Probate of **474** before Rylee; admin. granted to executors, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

474 20 Aug. 1406. Stratforde. Will of John Petyt (Petyte) of Avene. He commits soul to God and body to be buried in St. Cross [*recte* St. Laurence's] graveyard, Stratforde. He leaves to Stratforde ch. 6s. 9d. from ch. goods which Agnes Horpedmam has and owes him; to cath. fabric, 12d.; to parish chapl., 2s. 6d.; to each of Nicholas Petyt's 4 sons, a sheep; to his godson, John Tannere, a sheep; to John, his godson, Richard Jonis's son, a sheep. Residue to Agnes, his mother, and Cecily, his wife, to distribute for his soul. Executors: Nicholas Petyt and testator's wife.

475 [f.20v.] 19 Sept. 1407. Probate of **476** before Rylee; admin. granted to Budell, being first sworn.

476 11 March 1407. Old Salisbury. Will of Alice Porter (Portere) of Old Salisbury. She commits soul to God and body to be buried in St. Peter's chyard, Old Salisbury. She leaves to cath. fabric, 6d.; to St. Peter's fabric, her best brass pot; to [Easter] sepulchre, her best coverlet; to Sir Henry Pentrich, 2s. 6d.; to St. Peter's ch. 5½d. owed to her by Walter Scephurd and 6d. owed to her by Hugh Syffard; to Edith Brays, godchild, her best tunic, hood, and veil; to Roger Kyte, godson, 8d.; to William Lorde, her house with all its appurtenances for her anniversary so long as house lasts. Executors: William Lorde, Roger Budell. Supervisor: William Styveyne, chapl. Residue left to executors' discretion.

477 19 Sept. Probate of **478** before Rylee; admin. granted to husband.

478 11 July 1407. Will of Maud, wife of John Cliter (Clitere), 'mulewarde', of Salisbury. She commits soul to God and body to be buried in cath. graveyard. She leaves [f.21] to cath. fabric, her silver-gilt ring and 20d.; to St. Thomas's fabric, 40d. and to its high altar for tithes forgotten, 12d.; to Dominicans of Fyscherton 40d. divided amongst them, to pray for her soul. Residue to husband to distribute for her soul. Executor: husband.

479 23 Sept. 1407. Probate of **480** before dean; admin. granted to executor, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

480 16 Aug. 1407. Will of Robert Charlez of Salisbury. He commits soul to God and body to be buried in St. Edmund's chyard south of Lady chapel by pathway to college entrance. He leaves to cath. fabric, 6d.; to St. Edmund's fabric, 40d.; to each collegiate chapl. of St. Edmund's at his exequies and Mass on day of his burial, 4d.; to parish chapl., 12d. Margaret, his wife, to have for life cottage in Charleton with all its arable and other appurtenances which Geoffrey Pay and Maud, his wife, hold for life. After her death it shall go to John, his son, and Joan, his daughter, and their legitimate heirs. If [f.21v.] they and their heirs die, it shall go to John Charlez, his brother, and his legitimate heirs. Residue, after payment of debts, to his wife, son, and daughter to pray for his soul. Executors: wife and Thomas Stabbe. Supervisor: Robert Foret, weaver, his intimate friend.

- 481** 23 Sept. 1407. Probate of **482** before dean; admin. granted to executrix, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.
- 482** 21 June 1407. Will of Thomas Gylbert, 'tannere' of Salisbury. He commits soul to Almighty God, his Creator, and body to St. Edmund's chyard. He leaves to Richard, his father, his best jupe and hood; to his brother, a second best jupe with hood; to Christine, his mother 20d.; to provost of St. Edmund's, for tithes forgotten, 12d.; to Sir John Wellys, 6d. if he gets better, and if he dies 6d. to Sir William Colvyle; to St. Edmund's fabric, 12d. Residue to Edith, his wife, his executrix, to distribute for his soul and pay his debts.
- 483** [f.22] 23 Sept. 1407. Probate of **484** before dean; admin. granted to executor, being first sworn.
- 484** 13 Sept. 1407. Will of William Scryveyn (Scryveyne), parish chapl. of Stratforde sub Castle (*Stratforde*). He commits soul to Almighty God, His most blessed Mother, Mary, and all saints, and body to be buried in Stratforde ch. He leaves to John Chedyngdon, his household servant, a book of *Dirige* [and *Placebo*], a second best coverlet, pair of sheets, and blanket; to Beatrix, William Sedere's wife, 30 lbs. of wool. Residue to John Pykard (Pycard), saddler (whittawyere), of Salisbury, to pay his debts, expedite his will, and do what is expedient for his soul. Executor: John Pykarde. Witnesses: Sir John Jakes, his confessor, John Lake, John Chedyngdon, and others.
- 485** 25 Sept. 1407. Probate of **486** before dean; admin. granted to executrix, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.
- 486** 19 Sept. 1407. Will of Nicholas Garnen (Garmon), 'boucher' of Stratforde. He commits soul to God, most blessed Mary, and all saints, and body to be buried in Stratforde ch. He leaves to ch. fabric, 6s. 8d.; to cath. fabric, 6d.; to William, chapl. of Stratforde, 2s. 6d. [f.22v.] Residue to Edith, his wife, his executrix. Witnesses: William the chapl., John Chedyngdon.
- 487** 26 Sept. 1407. Probate of **488** before dean; admin. granted to executor, who first being sworn, accounted; dismissed.
- 488** 8 Aug. 1407. Will of Margaret Battis (Bat) of Salisbury. She commits soul to God and body to be buried in St. Martin's chyard. She leaves to St. Martin's fabric, 6d.; to cath. fabric, 4d.; to Holy Ghost light in St. Martin's, a ring; to her daughter, Edith, 2 dishes (*disc'*), a copper pan, and 2 jupes. Residue to husband, John, her executor.
- 489** 26 Sept. 1407. Probate of **490** before Rylee; admin. granted to executor, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

490 29 July 1407. Will of Thomas Pope, weaver, of Salisbury. He commits soul to God and body to be buried in St. Edmund's chyard. He leaves to St. Edmund's fabric, 40d.; to high altar there, 6d.; for funeral expenses, 13s. 4d. Residue to maintain his wife, Agnes, and their children, and for prayers for his soul. Executor: John Parche. Wife to pay his debts.

491 [f.23] 1 Oct. 1407. Will of Richard Wodecok of Salisbury. He commits soul to God and body to be buried in St. Martin's chyard. He leaves to St. Martin's fabric, 40d.; to cath. fabric, 6d. A trental shall be distributed for his soul. Executors: Emma, his wife, John Moule, junior. Residue to wife.

492 5 Oct. 1407. Probate of **491** before M. John Shirbourne, dean's deputy; admin. granted to Emma, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed; Moule refused.

493 30 Sept. 1407. Will of Eve Latenere of Salisbury. She commits soul to God and body to be buried in cath. graveyard next to Thomas Barbour, her former husband. She leaves to cath. fabric, 6d. and a gold ring; to St. Thomas's fabric, 6d.; to her daughter, Lucy, her best gown; to her husband, Robert, after payment of debts, all her goods to do what is expedient for her soul. Executor: husband.

494 6 Oct. 1407. Probate of **493** before Shirbourne; admin. granted to executor, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

495 [f.23v.] 9 Aug. 1407. Will of Walter Cartere of Mulforde. He commits soul to God and body to be buried in St. Martin's chyard. He leaves to St. Martin's fabric, 12d.; to Richard Dawe's wife, a great chest with 4 bushels of corn; to Sir Thomas Benet, 12d.; to cath. fabric, 4d. Residue to Joan, his wife. Executors: Richard Pokeman, Richard Dawes of Salisbury.

496 7 Oct. 1407. Probate of **495** before Rylee; admin. granted to executors, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

497 29 Sept. 1407, Wed. [*recte* Thurs.] Will of Maud Marchal of Salisbury. She commits soul to God and body to be buried on western side of St. Thomas's chyard. She leaves to St. Thomas's fabric, 12d. and to its R. for tithes forgotten, 6s. 8d.; to Richard, chapl. there, 3s. 4d.; to lights of St. James and St. Christopher there, 6d. each; to cath. fabric, 12d.; to her mother, Joan, a bright blue furred gown; to Alice, William Qwyk's wife, a green furred gown, a cloak (*armilausam*), a bright blue hood, and veil. Residue to Thomas, her husband. Executors: Thomas Marchall and her mother.

498 18 Oct. 1407. Probate of **497** before Shirbourne; admin. granted to Marchall, being first sworn; power reserved to commit admin. to Joan; executor paid a fine; dismissed.

499 [f.24.] 23 July 1407. Will of Joan, wife of William Tule, daughter and heiress of Thomas Burforde, former citizen. She commits soul to Almighty God, her Creator, who redeemed it on Cross with His precious Blood and body to be buried in St. Edmund's ch. next to her father. She leaves to St. Edmund's fabric, 13s. 4d.; to statue of St. Mary in cath. high altar, her wedding ring; to her sister, Elizabeth Dureme, her ring mounted with pearls; to her friend, Margaret, a pair of silver beads; to her husband, his heirs and assignees, the tenement with its appurtenances in market place between John Judde's tenement to west and that of John Gatecombe, servant, to east and also her claim to 3 tenements next to St. Thomas's chyard to north of ch. having Richard Owarde's tenement which John Chitterne, canon of Salisbury, formerly held, to south. Residue to husband to distribute for her soul. Executors: husband, principal executor, Thomas Felde, John Sibilly, citizens.

500 7 Nov. 1407. Probate of **499** before Shirbourne; admin. granted to Tule, being first sworn; Felde and Sibilly refused; sealed with seal of dean's office.

501 [f.24v.] 14 Nov. 1406. Will of Robert Curtlyngstoke, citizen. He commits soul to Almighty God, his Creator and Saviour, and body to be buried in St. Thomas's ch. before St. Michael's altar for which he leaves to ch. fabric 6s. 8d. and to R. for tithes forgotten, $\frac{1}{2}$ m. He leaves to William Uphavene, chapl. there, 6s. 8d.; to John Rycheman of Avene, a gown and hood. He leaves 5s. for a candle before statues of St. John Baptist and St. John Evangelist in Little Wodeforde ch. to pray for his soul and those of his parents and benefactors: executors to provide candle henceforth if they can. Margaret and Agnes, his daughters, and their legitimate heirs, shall receive on death of his wife, Joan, reversion of a corner tenement with shops and an inn and its appurtenances, in Salisbury opposite the fish stalls next to Thomas Bowwere's former shops which now belong to William Slegge, weaver, and also of another tenement with its appurtenances in Endelestret which John Parche formerly held from him for a term of years. If they or their heirs die, properties shall be sold by his or their executors and, after payment of debts, profits shall be used for Masses and other services, alms, and charitable works for his soul and those of Joan, his wife, their parents and children, William Assgherton, Robert Godmanston, their benefactors, and faithful departed as they shall answer before God and saints. Residue to executors to implement his will. Executors: William Uphaven, chapl., John Judde, merchant, acting together. He leaves to John Judde [f.25] $\frac{1}{2}$ m. of silver for his labours. Debts shall be settled from residue and remainder shall be distributed by executors. He leaves to his daughters, Margaret and Agnes, and their legitimate heirs, a tenement with curtilage and appurtenances in le Endelestret between former tenement of Alice Hungerforde to south and that once belonging to John Elys to north, left to him by John Richman, former citizen. If they or their heirs die it shall be sold and profits used for Masses and alms for his soul and those of his wife, John Rycheman, his children, benefactors, and faithful departed. Sealed with his seal.

502 8 Nov. 1407. Probate of **501** before dean; sealed with his seal; admin. granted to executors, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

503 31 Oct. 1407. Will of John Shirbourne, 'bakere', of Salisbury. He commits soul to God and body to be buried in St. Thomas's chyard or ch. as executors decide. He leaves to St. Thomas's fabric, 3s. 4d. and to high altar, for tithes forgotten, 3s. 4d.; to each chapl. from St. Thomas's ch. at his funeral exequies, 4d. On day of his burial 10s. shall be given in bread to poor for his soul. He leaves to Franciscans of Salisbury and Dominicans of Fyssherton a trental each to say Mass for his soul; to William Shirburne, 20s. of silver; to prisoners in Old Salisbury castle, 12d. Executors to provide [f.25v.] a suitable, honest, Franciscan priest from Salisbury to say Mass for his soul and his benefactors' souls for 2 years immediately after his death. Residue, after payment of debts, to Joan, his wife, who shall not be required to account. Principal executrix: wife. Co-executors: William West, 'bakere', Thomas Holme, horner (cornes), each of whom is left 6s. 8d. He leaves to each godchild, 12d.; to William Bakere of Hampton, a dagger (dagg') ornamented with silver.

504 8 Nov. 1407. Probate of **503** before Shirbourne; admin. granted to Joan Shirbourne, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed; West and Holme refused.

505 Salisbury. 19 Oct. 1407. Will of Amice Motteshont (Motteshunt). She commits soul to Almighty God, her Creator, who redeemed it on Cross with His most precious Blood, and body to be buried in St. Thomas's chyard. She leaves to St. Thomas's ch., 12d.; to cath. fabric, 16d.; to Margery, servant of Alice Coryers, a sendal (*de sendre*) tunic with rabbit fur. Her clothes and personal jewelry (*ornamenta corpori*) shall be sold by her husband, John, for alms and charitable works. Residue to husband for prayers and distributions for her soul. Executor: her husband.

506 9 Nov. 1407. Probate of **505** before Shirbourne; admin. granted to executor, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

507 [f.26] 8 Nov. 1407. Probate of will of William Hulman, servant of Thomas Byston of Salisbury, before Shirbourne; admin. granted to Byston, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

508 23 Oct. 1407. Chapter held in St. Thomas's ch. by Rylee. Defamation action between Maud Mate, plaintiff, represented by her proctor, Nicholas Lorde, and John Rede, defendant, previously excomd.; Mate appeared by her proctor; Rede did not come; denounced again. Margaret Courtenay, excomd. before for adultery with John London, horner (corneser). William Skynnere cited to prove wife's will; did not come; suspended. Thomas Bakere previously excomd. for not proving wife's will; did not come; denounced again. Perjury action between Thomas Hykelot, plaintiff, and

John Blacwelle, defendant; settled. Joan Toukere, previously suspended for fornication with Richard Haule, weaver; denounced again. Isabel Helyer, previously suspended for probate of William Helyere's will; denounced again. John Phippe, cited to prove wife's will; did not come; suspended. Perjury action between John Wyght, plaintiff, and John Lynge, defendant; Lynge previously suspended; denounced again. Perjury action between Ralph Bouchere, plaintiff, and Agnes Blythe, defendant; Bouchere appeared personally; Blythe did not come; suspended. Perjury action between Richard Hamersmyth, plaintiff, and Amice, William Hogynne's servant, defendant; plaintiff appeared personally; defendant did not come; suspended. Perjury action between Ralph Bouchere, plaintiff, and John Hawtot, weaver, defendant; both appeared personally; assigned next court day to present the libel. Perjury action between John Iwerne, tiler (helye), plaintiff, and Thomas Redes, defendant, previously excomd.; Redes appeared; promised to pay Iwerne's costs and obey mandates of ch.; submitted; to be beaten through ch. thrice for contumacy. Clarice Preston cited to prove husband's will; did not come; suspended; later submitted because ill and did not then have the will.

509 [f.26v.] 29 Oct. 1407. Chapter held in St. Edmund's ch. by Shirbourne. Defamation action between Sir Walter Warde, plaintiff, and John Bakere and Agnes, his wife; day for replying to libel; plaintiff and John Bakere appeared personally, Bakere being warned to appear on behalf of his wife; Warde contested action affirmatively, Bakere contested it negatively; by mutual consent next court day assigned for putting positions and the articles and bringing evidence for the first time; Bakere [*recte* Warde] appointed Richard Willesden his proctor. Boucher *v.* Blythe; defendant previously suspended. Hamersmyth *v.* Amice; defendant previously suspended. Isabel Sperlyng for fornication with Robert Burgeys; both confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch. Bouchere *v.* Hawtot; day for presenting libel; Bouchere did not come; Hawtot appeared; official dismissed him with costs.

510 6 Nov. 1407. Chapter held in St. Martin's ch. by Sirbourn [*sic*]. Barbour [*recte* Bouchere] *v.* Hawtot; plaintiff appointed Lorde his proctor; defendant did not come; suspended. Perjury action between John Sydenham, plaintiff, and Joan, John Gatecombe's wife, defendant; plaintiff appointed Lorde his proctor; defendant did not come; suspended. Warde, represented by Willesden *v.* Bakere; day for putting positions and articles and bringing evidence the first time; plaintiff represented by John Bakere; no articles put or witnesses produced; by mutual consent, next court day assigned to put articles and bring evidence the second time.

511 3 Oct. 1407. Testamentary action in cath. before Shirbourne between Alice Frye, senior, and Alice Frye, junior, of Little Knoyle, plaintiffs, and Isabel, widow of John Frye, and John Dykeman and Nicholas Bray, Frye's executors, defendants; plaintiffs represented by Richard Willesden, [f.27]

defendants appeared personally; plaintiffs asked for will to be exhibited and to have a copy; commissary assigned next day in cath. for this.

512 same day. Testamentary action in cath. before Shirbourne between Agnes Pope, Alice Cokwyll, and Robert Frye, plaintiffs, and Isabel, John Frye's widow, John Dykeman and Nicholas Bray, his executors, defendants; parties appeared personally; plaintiffs said that defendants owed them each 20s. bequeathed by Frye; defendants admitted it; ordered, with their consent, to pay next 25 March on pain of greater excom.; swore on gospels to pay.

513 same day. Isabel, widow of John Frye of Salisbury, appeared before Shirbourne in cath.; freely admitted that she had 100s. left by John to Agnes, their daughter who died shortly after him; swore to pay it to executors next 25 March together with 6s. 8d. from residue of his goods in her possession; agreed with them that they should distribute it for his soul; at her petition, commissary formally ordered payment [f.27v.] within 8 days of 25 March on pain of greater excom.; she swore to account to commissary for residue in her possession and to distribute part for husband's soul at judge's discretion.

514 [f.28] 25 Feb. 1408. Dean inst. Ralph Waterman, priest, to Erburghfelde (Erburghfeld) chap., pat. [*as in 437*], on resig. of John Lambourn, priest, last R. Official to induct.

515 21 Feb. 1408, indiction 1 in 2nd year of Gregory XII. John Hyle, chapl., was professed before high altar of St. John's Priory by Wilton and made prior by dean [*as in 427.*] Present: M. John Tyssebury,¹ Nicholas Godewyn, chapl., John Gradele, Peter atte Forde, donzels, and many others.²

516 [f.28v.] 28 May 1408. In his house, dean inst. Walter Simond, chapl., to rectory of free chapel of Pudel Tonere, pat. Walter Intebergh, donzel. Official to induct. Later Simond sworn on gospels to resign when pope was known to have granted M. Henry Chichele, bishop of St. Davids, a dispensation to retain benefices held before consecration, binding himself thereto in sum of £40 payable to dean.³ Witnesses: Nicholas Godewynne, John Foliet, chapls.

517 20 June 1408. In his house, dean inst. Henry Rothell (Rochell), chapl., to perpetual chantry in Mere ch. founded by Sir John Berkeley, knight, and his ancesters, pat. Sir John; Rothell sworn to serve in ch.; official to induct.

518 same day. Dean similarly inst. Robert Carpenterere to same chantry as above; official to induct.

¹ BRUO. iii. 1925-6.

² Small animal face in l.-hand margin with (?) *cap.* below.

³ Dispensation granted 5 June 1408 but Simond retained the living: BRUO. i. 411; 609.

519 [f.29] 16 Sept. 1408. In his house, dean inst. John Herte (Hert), priest, to Lyme vic., pat. M. John [Collys], P., in person of Nicholas Godewynne, priest, by exchange with William Baron for Canyngton vic., diocese of Bath and Wells, pat. Joan Chedelden, prioress of Canyngton. He inst. Baron in person of John Spicer under a commission from M. Richard Bruton, chancellor of Wells, vicar-general of Nicholas [Bubwith]. Both swore to make continual residence [*as in 415*]. Official to induct Hert.

520 22 Sept. 1408. In great chamber of his house, dean inst. John Wademan, chapl., to chantry in Heytesbury Lady chapel, pat. Lady Joan Hungerforde; Wademan sworn to serve in ch.; official to induct; later dean asserted that he was pat. and collated Wademan.

521 [f.29v.] 12 Dec. 1408. In his house, dean inst. Thomas Herchenene to Chippenham vic., pat. Farle priory, under commission of Robert [Hallum] bishop of Salisbury, by exchange with Alexander Champion for Burbache vic., pat. M. Adam Mottroum, P.; he inst. Champion; both swore to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; archdeacon of Wiltshire, or his official, to induct Herchenene; dean's official to induct Champion. (*Note this legal action*).¹

522 21- Dec. 1408. John Bukkalhurst (Bukalhurste), Vc., before dean in chapter-house for fornication with . . . [*blank*] nun of Ambresbury; denied it; assigned 24 Dec. to purge in dean's chapel; purged with 6 hands; abjured on pain of 20s.

523 same day. Laurence Melkesham, Vc., cited [*as in 522 with same outcome*].

524 [f.30.] 21 Jan. 1408. Will of Walter Sage, chapl. in cath. He commits soul to God and body to be buried before west door of cath. He leaves to every canon at his exequies, 6d.; to every Vc. and chapl. wearing the habit present, 4d.; to every chorister there, 2d.; to both sacrists, 3d.; to each altarist, 1d.; to sacrists' 2 servants jointly, 4d.; to cath. fabric, 6s. 8d.; to fabric of St. John's ch. and St. Mary's ch., Devis', 13s. 4d. each and to each of their lights, 6d.; to Rowde ch. fabric, 13s. 4d. and to each light there, 6d.; to William, abbot of Stanlegh, 13s. 4d. and to each monk and brother, 12d.; to prior of Bradenstoke, 3s. 4d. and to each canon, 12d. and Thomas Calne, Thomas Rowde, and Walter Prutell, canons, shall each also have 13s. 4d. and 2 silver spoons; to Neweman (?) one of the vicars-choral (*de vic'*) and Thomas Michell, 3s. 4d. each; to Dominicans and Franciscans of Salisbury, 13s. 4d. each; to Carmelites of Marlebourgh, 20s.; to Sir John Bernis, 3s. 4d. and a red medley gown; to William, priest at Relics altar, a furred gown and tunic; to Walter Bakere, his better bed, 2 pairs of blankets, 2 pairs of sheets, his best canvas (*canabium*), a 'matras', a cloak (*armilausam*), all his other utensils at

¹ Written in a different hand.

Rowde, and 20s. in keeping of John Glovere of Rowde; to friar John Walcote, 40d.; to Richard Cotelere of Devyses, 13s. 4d. Residue to executors to distribute for soul and those of parents, benefactors, and faithful departed. Executors: William Dene, Richard Holhurste, fellow vicars-choral, who shall each have 13s. 4d.

525 1 April 1408. Probate of **524** before dean; admin. granted to executors, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

526 21 Dec. 1408. Robert . . . [blank] Vc., cited [*as in 522 with same outcome*].

527 [f.30v.] 28 July 1407. Will of John Gons, Vc., written by him. He commits soul to Almighty God, his Creator, and body to be buried before west door of cath. Executors shall give 8s. of silver to Edward, morrow priest, to distribute where appointed. Testator gives to Richard Holhurst, chapl., and John Saundres and his heirs, for ever, reversion of all lands, tenements, rents, reversions, and services with their appurtenances, which Richard Luyde and Joan, his wife, testator's mother, hold during Joan's life in Westbury parish. On Joan's death they shall sell them and distribute proceeds for his soul. Executors shall distribute residue for his soul. Executors: Richard Holhurst, chapl., John Saundres. Sealed with his seal.

528 10 Aug. 1407. Probate of **527** before dean; admin. granted to executors, being first sworn.

529 4 April 1409. William Bakere, dean's servant, and Christine Knolman before official in cath. for fornication; both confessed; both to be beaten thrice through ch.; he abjured on pain of 4 beatings through cath. in front of procession carrying a 1 lb. candle; she abjured on pain of 3 beatings through market and ch.

530 [f.31] 11 April 1409. Will of Richard Anturbus, Vc. He commits soul to God, Blessed Mary, and all saints, and body to be buried before north door of cath. before St. Mary's statue. He leaves to cath. fabric, 3s. 4d.; to Trinity light, Holy Ghost light, St. Thomas's fraternity light, and high altar, 2s. each; to each canon at his exequies, 8d.; to each Vc. and chapl. present, 6d.; to each sacrist, 3d.; to each chorister and each of sacrists' servants, 2d.; to succentor, 6s. 8d.; to subdean, 3s. 4d.; to Richard Holhurst, Roger Neton, Richard Jacob, Walter Dene, John Bakalhurst, John Harnham, Peter Benham, Walter Rycheman, John Bosham, Bartholomew Fry, 2s. 6d. each; to Hugh Rede, 20d.; to Edward, morrow chapl., John Michell, John Bernes, Sir John Brutford, William Prest, his colleague, and Sir Nicholas Gyffarde, 2s. 6d. each; to each altarist, 2d.; to choristers, 3s. 4d. to say *De Profundis*¹

¹ Psalm 130.

around his grave immediately after *Ave Regina*¹ for 30 days after his death for his soul and souls of faithful departed; to Joan Ryngwode, nun of Ambresbury, a book of Our Lord's miracles; to Alice, his sister, 5m., 2 of his better 'maser'[s], and 6 silver spoons; to John, her son, a baselard decorated (harneysed) with silver, and 20s.; to Joan, his sister, 26s. 8d., a coverlet, and tester; to Maud, his sister, 20s., a coverlet, a tester, and 6 silver spoons; to Dink',² his kinsman, 20s. and all his English books except one above; to friar William Walcote,³ 6s. 8d.; to Thomas Stowr, 6s. 8d. and a bright blue furred gown with bright blue hood; to Walter Richeman, a chest and a desk (dest'). Executors: Richard Holhurst, Vc., Roger Anturbus, dependant, William Anturbus, cook. He leaves to Holhurst a silver cup (*peciam*) with an embossed (pownsed) lid; to Roger Anturbus, a silver 'bolle' with lid; to William Anturbus, 20s. Executors to distribute residue for his soul in Masses, amongst neediest poor, and in other charitable works. Sealed with his seal. He leaves to Trinity Hospital, Salisbury, 3s 4d.; to St. Giles's Hospital by Wilton,⁴ 2s.

531 [f.31v.] 4 May 1409. Probate of **530** before dean; admin. granted to executors, being first sworn; accounted on 17 May before dean's official; dismissed.

532 7 Feb. 1409. In his house, dean admitted John Burnham to Roule rectory, York diocese, pat. the king this turn, in person of William Steward, chapl., under a commission from Henry [Bowel, arch] bishop, by exchange with John Walkyngton for Wantyng vic., pat. [*as in 461*]. He inst. Walkyngton in person of John Stottefeld, who swore to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]. Official to induct.

533 [f.32] 3 May 1409. Garesden, Malmesbury. In abbot of Malmesbury's manor, dean inst. John Wynforde to Abbotistoke (Abbotestoke) rectory, pat. Shirbourne abbey, in person of William Panter, under a commission from M. Adam Mottroum, vicar-general of Robert [Hallam], by exchange with M. John Symoundesbourgh (Symondesbourgh) for preb. of Tuderyngton *etc.*, pat. the dean. He inst. M. John in person of John Sende.

534 18 June 1409. Dean granted preb. of Tuderyngton *etc.*, on resig. of Symoundesbourgh to Nicholas Godewyn (*Godwyn*) and inst. and invested him. Official to induct.

535 [f.32v.] 22 June 1409. In chapter-house, dean inst. and invested John Chitterne into Willesdon preb. in St. Paul's, pat. Richard [Clifford], bishop of London, in person of John Milbourne, literate, under Clifford's commis-

¹ Antiphon of Our Lady sung after Compline.

² Name contracted in middle and at the end.

³ BRUC. 610.

⁴ V.C.H. Wilts. iii. 362-4.

sion, by exchange with Thomas Wysbeche for Tuderyngton preb. He inst. and invested Wysbeche. Official to induct.

536 14 July 1409. In his house, dean inst. John White to Lee rectory, Rochester diocese, pat. Sir Robert Stury, knight, under a commission from Robert [Young], bishop of Rochester, by exchange with Nicholas Sawyere for [f.33] Yatmynstre vic., pat. M. Thomas Polton, archdeacon of Taunton, canon of Wells, and P. of Grymston: Thomas More, dean of St. Paul's, and John Kyngton, canon of Lincoln, his attorneys for presenting suitable persons to his livings, presenting. He inst. Sawyere who swore to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]. Official to induct.

537 21 Aug. 1409. Christine . . . [*blank*] caught in room of John Harnham (*Harnham*), Vc., who fornicated with her; she abjured on pain of 6 beatings through ch.; to be beaten 4 times through market and ch.; to abjure suspect places in close on pain of 8 beatings through market and ch.

538 31 Aug. 1409. William Bakere, dean's servant, before official in cath. for fornication with Christine Knolman; confessed; disciplined; to stand in dean's chapel bareheaded and barefoot holding a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. candle from beginning of Mass until after offertory and then offer it to chapl.

539 same day. Pety Jon, (*dean's servant*), for fornication with Joan, a prostitute (*communi muliere*); confessed; punished like Bakere.

540 same day. Roger Puryton (*Puriton, dean's servant*), cited [*as in 539*]; confessed; punished like Bakere but with a 1 lb. candle.

541 same day. John Hurlebat, (*dean's servant*), cited [*as in 539*]; confessed; punished like Bakere but with a $\frac{1}{4}$ lb. candle.

542 same day. John Bernys, (*dean's servant*), cited [*as in 539*]; confessed; punished like Hurlebat.

543 [f.33v.] same day. Thomas de Stabulo for fornication with one Alice; confessed; punished like Hurlebat but with a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. candle.

544 same day. John Portland for opening dean's gates at night and going into city; confessed; punished like Hurlebat.

545 25 Sept. 1409. John Harnham, Vc., before dean in chapter-house for fornication with one Christine; confessed; disciplined; to stand in choir at services as last of choristers in penitential manner; warned on pain of 20s. not to frequent city nor eat in his house but in common hall with his fellows, who may testify to his conduct.

546 18 Dec. 1409. William Panter, (*dean's servant*), before official in cath. for fornication with Joan Bydden; confessed; disciplined; to stand in dean's chapel bareheaded with one bare foot from beginning of Mass until after offertory and then offer a 1 lb. candle to priest; to abjure on pain of 6s. 8d.¹

547 26 Sept. 1409. Dean inst. and invested John Chitterne with preb. of Tuderyngton *etc.* on resig. of Nicholas Godewyn. Official to induct John or his proctor.

548 [f.34] 14 Oct. 1409. Symoundesbourgh ch. Dean inst. John Newton, chapl., to Great Okebourne vic., pat. [*as in 461*], by exchange with John Lyly for Northscarle, Lincoln diocese, pat. Brother Walter Grendon, prior of St. John of Jerusalem in England; Newton swore to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; dean inst. Lyly under a commission from Philip [Repingdon], bishop of Lincoln; official to induct Newton.²

549 23 Dec. 1409. Dean inst. [f.34v.] John Midderhull to la Rugge vic., Lincoln diocese, under a commission from William [Heyworth],³ abbot of St. Albans, by exchange with Robert Marchall for Durneforde vic., pat. Simon Membury, P. He inst. Marchall; both swore to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; official to induct. (*Note*).

550 12 Feb. 1410. Dean commissioned Robert [Brounyng], abbot of Shirbourne, to expedite exchange between Nicholas Sawyere, V. of Yatmynstre, pat. [*as in 536*], and John Gardinere, R. of Thorneforde, Shirbourne jurisdiction, and to inst. John to Yatmynstre, reserving for himself John's ind. On 19 Feb. official ordered to induct.⁴

551 [f.35] 18 Dec. 1409. Hugh Parsay before official in cath. for adultery with Christine Lavendere of Harnham; denied it; purged with sufficient compurgators.

552 20 Dec. 1409. John Whitcok (*Whytcok*), Vc., before dean in chapter-house for drawing his knife (*cultellum*) against John Tyssebury in Lady Chapel; confessed; to say penitential psalms with 15 psalms and litany following,⁵ kneeling on altar step in chapel from end of Gospel till end of Mass.

553 2 June 1410. Shirborne Castle. Bishop Robert [Hallum's] sealed letter to sheriff of Wiltshire, for release of Marion [*recte* Margery] Coterell and

¹ First 2 lines of entry squeezed in later by same hand.

² First 3 lines of entry struck through and begun again. Later contraction in rt.-hand margin.

³ V.C.H. *Herts.* iv. 415.

⁴ Commission in another hand below marginal heading.

⁵ Psalms 120-134. Together with the litany and various prayers they follow the penitential psalms in the Prymer.

Juliana Ferman of Hungerforde, in his custody by virtue of a royal letter sent at bishop's request after they had remained under greater excom. more than 40 days. Bishop had absolved them.¹

554 [f.35v.] 21 April 1410. Dean inst. M. John Welborn (*Welbourne*), D.C.L., in person of William Palmere, to free chapel of St. Nicholas Whyteknyghtes (*Whytekygh*), pat. Thomas Overay, on resig. of William Godswayne, last warden or R. Official to induct.

555 7 June 1410. Dean inst. John Brekles, chapl., to Whyteknyghtes in person of Robert Vannere, literate, by exchange with Welborne for preb. of Sydelsham and Bysshopeston in Chichester cath., pat. bishop of Chichester. He inst. Welborne in person of John Wyldbore, donzel, under bishop Robert [Rede's] commission.

556 [f.36] 25 July 1410. Will of Thomas Wysebeche, priest.² He commits soul to Almighty God, his Creator, and body to be buried before St. Laurence's altar in cath. He leaves to cath. fabric, 20s.; to fabric of St. Paul's, London, 6s. 8d.; to Mynchunhampton ch. fabric, 13s. 4d. and to its neediest parishioners, 13s. 4d.; to ch. fabric of Chagegelegh and Tyshurst, Sussex, 13s. 4d. equally divided; to Sonnyng ch. fabric, 10s.; for 1000 Masses said with all speed after his death, £4 3s. 4d.; to each canon at his exequies, 12d., and at his 30th day, 6d.; to subdean, succentor, each Vc., and cantarist present, 6d., and at his 30th day, 3d.; to sacrists for ringing at his exequies, 2s.; to each chorister, altarist, and sacrists' servants, 2d., and at his 30th day, 1d. He leaves £10 8s. to vicars-choral to say Mass by turns for his soul, those of his parents and the faithful departed for 4 years at St. Laurence's altar, each saying Mass for a week starting on Sun. with Mass of Holy Ghost, then requiem Mass on Mon. and Mass of Assumption on day on which feast falls that year, receiving 12d. for a whole week. He leaves to clerk of St. Laurence's altar for wax, bread, wine, and for his labour, 6s. 8d. a year for 4 years; to M. William Spaldewyk, a low-standing silver and silver-gilt cup (*peciam*) with an embossed (pounced) lid; to John Goweine, 2 silver cruets, silver-gilt outside; to Henry Harburgh, a round silver salt without a lid, silver-gilt outside; to Cecily [Fovent] abbess of Shaftesbury, a 'square' silver salt with lid; to William Cauntelowe, his groom, Stephen Mannyng, brother of Edyngdon, and Thomas, his sister's son, 40s. each; to Henry, his cook, 13s. 4d.; to John Stoure, his servant, 6s. 8d.; to Henry Frende, his serving boy, 3s. 4d.; [f.36v.] to Sir John Golde and Thomas Hows, 10s. each; to Richard Spark, chorister, 6s. 8d.; to his sisters, Isabel and Mariota, 5m. equally divided; to Berewyk St. John ch., a set of red cloth of gold vestments for one priest, worked with golden mullets, and 13s. 4d., for neediest parishioners; to Thomas, V. of Wodeforde, 3s. 4d. and to Thomas, his priest,

¹ See 247 and n.

² Prebendary of Netherbury in Terra: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 75.

12d.; to Stephen Blancomb, priest, 10s.; to Sir William Pakkere, 6s. 8d.; to each executor, 26s. 8d. Residue to executors to distribute for his soul as seems best in good conscience. Executors: John Gowyn, esquire, John Rygges, Richard Holhurst, his priests. He leaves to Nicholas Caperon, clerk, 40s. or a jewel (*iocale*) worth 40s. Sealed with his seal.

557 22 Aug. 1410. Probate of **556** before dean; admin. granted to executors, who being first sworn, accounted on 29 Aug.; dismissed.

558 1 Sept. 1410. Dean commissioned official to inst. and induct William Godswayne, priest, or his proctor, to Whiteknyghtes (*Erle Whyteknyght*) chapel, pat. Thomas Overey, citizen of London, on resig. of John Brekles. [f.37] Official inst. him in person of Thomas Herri, literate, and ordered V. of Sonnyng, R. of Erle St. Bartholomew, and chapl. of Roscumbe to induct.

559 27 Aug. 1410. In his house, dean inst. John Newton, chapl., to All Saints' rectory, Gloucester, Worcester diocese, pat. priory of Lanthon by Gloucester under a commission from Thomas [Peverel], bishop of Worcester, by exchange with Thomas Wotton for Great Okebourne vic., pat. [*as in 461*]. He inst. Wotton who swore to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]. Official to induct.

560 [f.37v.] 10 Oct. 1410. Dean inst. M. Thomas Turk (*Turke*), chapl., to Byre vic., pat. Richard Kyngeston, P.; Turk sworn to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; official to induct.

561 28 Oct. 1410. Will of John Belle, V. of Byre, proved before official; admin. granted to Richard Lucas; power reserved to commit admin. to Katherine, co-executrix.

562 29 June 1410. In his house, dean inst. John Pulton, chapl., to Hyworth vic., pat. M. Ralph Lovell, P., on resig. of Richard Havyngdon; Pulton sworn to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; dean reserved life pension of £20 p.a. from vic. for Havyngdon.

563 [f.38] same day, indiction 3 in 1st year of John XXIII. Dean's decree made in his chapel with consent of John Pulton and all concerned, awarding Richard Havyngdon, on resig. of Hyworth vic., owing to age, infirmity, and blindness, a life pension of £20 p.a. payable quarterly from vic. to spare him from poverty in consideration of his long and diligent ministry and benefits which he had procured and would procure for the church from the duke. Pulton swore on gospels to pay pension, and his successors, in Havyngdon's lifetime, must do same. [f.38v.] Present: M. John Stone, B.C.L.,¹ Nicholas

¹ BRUO. (Supplement 1), 683.

Godewynne, R. of Collyngbourne Abbatis, Robert Masyn, chapl., and others specially summoned. Attested and written by Thomas Rylee, clerk dean's scribe, who sealed it with dean's seal.

564 7 Nov. 1410. Heytredebury. In his manor, dean inst. William Bulkere, chapl., to Farendon vic., pat. [*as in 396*], on death of Richard Lenton; Bulkere swore to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; official to induct.

565 16 Jan. 1411. Dean received 19d. from vacancy of Farendon vic.: 16s. 6d. was paid to 2 chapls. who served vic. and its chapels for 9 weeks; 2s. 6d. remains for dean.

566 [f.39] 18 Jan. 1411.¹ *Byre*. Will of Katherine Lucas made when dying. She commits soul to God, Blessed Mary, and all saints, and body to be buried in ch. of St. Mary and St. John Baptist, Byre Regis. She leaves to cath. fabric 6d.; to Byre ch, 20[d.]; to Franciscans of Dorchester, 2s. 6d.; to Richard, her husband and his assignees, all her hereditary lands and tenements in city and county of York for ever. Residue to husband, her executor, Witnesses: Richard Bromhulle, clerk, Richard Skylour, William Gardinere, and many others.

567 24 May 1411. Probate of **566** before dean; admin. granted to executor, being first sworn. Sealed with dean's seal.

568 18 May 1411. In his house, dean inst. M. Nicholas Steur to Maperton ch. or chapel, presented by Sir Humphrey Stafford, knight, during minority of John Morgan, on resig. of Thomas Benet. Official to induct.

569 20 Aug. 1411. John Tyssebury, Vc., before dean in Treasury for adultery with Margaret, John Iremongere of Salisbury's wife; denied it; abjured on pain of 40s.

570 [f.39v.] 16 Dec. 1410. Salisbury. Will of Walter Rycheman (*Rycheman*), Vc. He commits soul to God, Blessed Mary, and all saints, and body to be buried in cath. graveyard. He leaves to cath. fabric, 3s. 4d.; to fabric of Little Petherick ch., Cornwall, 6s. 8d.; to Isolda Hogge, kinswoman, 40s.; to M. Adam Mottrum, precentor, 40s.; to John Rycheman, his brother, 100s.; to John Mottrum, 6s. 8d.; to each canon, the succentor, the subdean, each Vc. and cantarist at his obit, 4d.; to each chorister, 2d.; to each sacrist, 3d.; to 2 serving boys of sacrists, 8d.; to beadle (bedelle) and janitor, 12d.; to succentor, 20s.; to John Bremle and Gerard, 20d. each; to John Constable, Walter Hervy, William Coke, and Edward Croull, 12d. each; to each chapl., deacon, and subdeacon in Arundelia College, 12d. and to all other clerks, acolytes, and choristers there,² 6d. each, and to V., 12d.; to Thomas Dene,

¹ The MS. gives 1411 but this seems to be a mistake for 1410, Old Style.

² *V.C.H. Sussex*, ii. 108-9.

chapl. of almshouse,¹ 12d. On day of his obit 40s. shall be distributed to poor in bread. Residue to executors to distribute in Masses and other charitable works for his soul. Executors: Robert Peris, succentor, John Ros, chapl., Richard Holhurst, Vc.

571 21 June 1411. Probate of **570** before dean; admin. granted to executors, being first sworn.

572 [f.40] 21 Aug. 1410. Dean inst. and invested M. John Gredele, clerk, with preb. of Tuderyngton *etc.*, pat. the dean, on death of Thomas Wysbeche. Official to induct.

573 13 July 1411. John Everarde, Vc., before dean in chapter-house for fornication with Joan Kulys; confessed; disciplined; to go bare-headed in choir for next week.

574 same day. Same man purged of fornication with Margaret Frowe before dean in chapter-house with 4 compurgators.

575 same day. Hugh, sacrist's servant, before dean in chapter-house for fornication with Joan Clerkes; confessed; disciplined; to say 3 psalters for faithful departed.²

576 same day. John Gay did not do penance for fornication with Margaret Frowe.

577 same day. Robert Whytcok (*Whitcok*), Vc., before dean in chapter-house for adultery with Joan, John Skote's wife; purged. Compurgators: Richard Jacob, Richard Holhurst, Walter Warewyk, Robert Everarde, Hugh Rede, William Hende, Laurence Grome.

578 same day. William Laurence [Vc.], before dean in chapter-house for fornication with Margaret Frowe; confessed; disciplined; to go bareheaded in choir at all services until 1 Aug.

579 [f.40v.] 26 Aug. 1411. Walter Warde before dean in Treasury for fornication with . . . [*blank*]; confessed; disciplined; to go [bareheaded] in choir at all services for next 8 days and abjure on pain of 20s.

580 same day. John Sangere before dean in Treasury for fornication again with Cecily Bertram; confessed; abjured suspect places on pain of deprivation.

¹ Holy Trinity Maison Dieu: *Ibid.* ii. 97-8.

² Probably either psalms 119 and 139, which made up the *Commendation of all Christian Souls*, or psalms and canticles contained in services of *Placebo* and *Dirige* are meant.

581 same day. William Hanekok before dean in Treasury for fornication again with Isabel . . . [*blank*]; confessed; abjured on pain of 40s.

582 same day. Peter Macy before dean in Treasury for fornication with Sarah, wife of bishop's cook; confessed; disciplined; to say a nocturn¹ each Fri. until Mich. on pain of 20s.

583 26 July 1410. Chapter held in St. Thomas's ch. by M. Nicholas Lorde, dean's commissary, dean having jurisdiction in city and suburbs while subdeanery was vacant.² Commissary fixed next court day for 30 July in St. Edmund's ch. John Hert, weaver, for fornication with Joan, John Brytforde's daughter; she confessed; to be beaten thrice through ch. and to abjure on pain of 3 beatings through ch. and market. John Farle for adultery with Edith Vyne; he purged; she did not come; suspended. Richard Stokebrygg for fornication with Joan, Thomas Derham's servant; denied it; to purge with 4 hands at next court. Margaret Norton for fornication with William Tuyle; did not come; suspended. Nicholas Mason, chapl., for fornication with Joan, Richard Juwell's tenant; both cited; neither came; both suspended. John Cornesere for fornication with Isabel, John Ferrour's servant; both cited; neither came; both suspended. John Doget, weaver, for adultery with Alice Petyjon; he purged. John Stok, 'barbour', for adultery with Denise Whitely; both cited; neither came; both suspended. [f.41] Defamation action between Emma Mone, plaintiff, and Agnes Chedyngdon, defendant, previously suspended; defendant submitted; to be beaten thrice through ch.; dismissed because parties settled. Perjury action between Richard London, plaintiff, and William Dounke and Richard Wolnell, defendants; pending in hope of peace. Defamation action between John Durant, plaintiff, and Edith Smyth, defendant; parties appeared personally; by mutual consent, assigned next court day to present libel. John Kymeryche and William Goldyng sworn to observe feast-days on pain of 40s. Edith Smyth appeared; warned not to abuse apparitor and servants of the officiality on pain of excom. John Dunpol appointed John Dunham his proctor.

584 28 July 1410. Dean handed over the following to John Clere, subdean, before Nicholas Godewynne, Thomas Vrying, notary public, M. William Somerhull, and Thomas Rylee, notary public: subdean's seal; register of Ralph Quarendon,³ containing 24 gatherings with 'and Margery le Nedeler' on 2nd page and will of Agnes, William Mowre's wife on last page; another register; register of Edmund Orkerell⁴ with will of Magota Bereforde on 2nd page; a paper bound book; register of William Somerhull⁵ with John Lankastre's probate on 2nd page; a paper gathering of wills without houses; a calendar of wills with wills in back.

¹ Psalter was divided into 7 nocturns.

² Subdeanery became vacant 22 June 1410: Le Neve, *Fasti*. 6.

³ Subdean, 1330-? and 1341-58: Le Neve, *Fasti*, 5, 6.

⁴ Subdean, 1396-1400: *Ibid.* p. 6.

⁵ Subdean, 1407-10: *Ibid.* p. 6.

585 [f.41v.] 9 Jan. 1411. John Trethewy before dean in chapter-house for fornication with Margaret Frowe; confessed; disciplined; to carry a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. candle in cath. in front of procession wearing his surplice.

586 same day and place. Same man for adultery with Joan, John Crabbe-lane's wife; confessed; abjured on pain of 20s.

587 same day. Robert, clerk of St. Laurence's [altar], before dean in chapter-house for fornication with John Knyght's servant; confessed; disciplined; to carry a $\frac{1}{2}$ lb. candle in cath. in front of procession and offer it at high altar.

588 same day. John Pekok before dean in chapter-house for fornication with Margaret Frowe; confessed; [punished as in 587].

589 same day. Robert Tracy before dean in chapter-house for fornication with Margaret Frowe and for inciting (*proneba*) [parties in 585]; confessed; [punished as in 587 but wearing surplice].

590 13 Sept. 1411. Dean inst. and invested John Chitterne, priest, with preb. of Tuderyngton *etc.*, pat. the dean, on resig. of John Gradele. Official to induct.

591 15 Sept. 1411. Dean inst. and invested John Frank (*Franke*), priest, with preb. of Tuderyngton *etc.* on resig. of Chitterne. Official to induct.

592 [f.42] 18 Nov. 1411. Dean installed and inducted as subdean John Hullyng,¹ chapl., presented by bishop Robert [Hallum] by exchange with John Clere for Lymyngton ch., diocese of Bath and Wells, after he swore to make continuous residence and to fulfil personally work of penitentiary and to observe cath. customs and statutes.

593 5 April 1412. Dean inst. William Barton, clerk, to Whiteknyghtes chapel, pat. [as in 554] by exchange with William Godeswayne for Holde ch., Winchester diocese. Official to induct. (*Note.*)

594 30 Dec. 1412. Dean inst. Nicholas Hulle, chapl., to Calne vic., pat. George Louthorp, P., on death of Valentine Pumpe; Hulle sworn to make continuous residence [as in 415]; official to induct.

595 [f.42v.] 5 Aug. 1412. Dean inst. William Selke, chapl., to chantry of St. Mary and St. Juthware at St. Mary's altar, Bemynstre, presented by Robert Grey, founder; Selke sworn to serve according to foundation; official and V. of Netherbury to induct.

¹ Le Neve, *Fasti*. 6.

596 22 Nov. 1413. Will of Richard Bothn' made in danger of death. He commits soul to God, Blessed Mary, and all the saints, and body to be buried in cath. graveyard. He leaves to cath. fabric, 6d.; to fabric of St. Mary's ch. Wynnislow, 3s. 4d.; to father, his silver belt; to brother, Thomas, a sword and 'bukeler'. Executors: John Bukelhurst, John Bromley, William Benet-lond. Debts to be paid; residue to be sold and given to poor.

597 13 Dec. 1413. Probate of **596** before dean; admin. granted to executors, who being first sworn, accounted on 23 Dec.; dismissed.

598 [f.43] 31 Dec. 1413. Will of John Tyssebury, Vc. He commits soul to God, Blessed Mary, and all saints, and body to be buried where God wills. He leaves to cath. fabric, 12d.; to Wermynstre ch. fabric, 12d. and boys' manual; to mother, a bright blue furred jupe, a 'matras', and 6s. 8d.; to brother, Thomas, a bright blue bed with a hanging (*tapeto*), a pair of blankets, and a pair of sheets; to his sister, Margaret, a white bed with a hanging, a pair of blankets, and a pair of sheets; to Sir William Sautre, a green hood and 6s. 8d.; to Sir William Ingram, a bright blue hood and a psalter; to Sir Walter Warde, 12d. to pray for his soul. His portas shall be sold especially for Masses but also for alms and charitable works for his soul and that of Sir John Comptun. Executors: Sir William Sautre, Sir William Ingram. Residue to executors to distribute for his soul. Witnesses: his brother Thomas and others.

599 12 March 1414. Probate of **598** before dean; admin. granted to executors, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

600 22 Jan. 1414. Will of John Constabil, precentor's servant. He commits soul to God and body to be buried in cath. graveyard. He leaves to cath. fabric, 12d. Four 4 lb. candles are to burn round his grave [*recte* body] at his exequies and Mass. He leaves 2 torches worth 5s. as lights for 2 poorest altars; to each canon at his exequies and Mass, 4d.; to each Vc. and each priest saying Mass daily in cath., 3d.; to parish priest for his labour, 20d. and a trental; to each chorister and sacrist, 2d.; to sacrists' servants, 4d.; to each altarist, 2d. [f.43v.] His body shall be carried to ch. by 4 altarists, each receiving 4d. He leaves to each Franciscan and Dominican in Salisbury, 3d.; to the poor unable to go from house to house, 6s. 8d.; to his parents, a noble each; to his brother and sister, 40d. each; to his brother-in-law, 20d.; to Agnes Trappers and Clarice, kinswomen, 2s.; to mother's sister, 12d.; to Kyrie, kinswoman, 12d.; to William Mottrum and John Bromley, a noble each; to Sir John Bokelest, Sir John Comyn, Sir John Fordille, 40d. each; to Gerard Fulhum and Henry Cok, 20d. each; to Thomas Portere, 8d.; to Richard, the kitchen boy, and Gryffythe, 12d. each with a shirt and breeches (*braccis*); to John Mottrum, William Kokker, Henry Fytoun, Edmund Mottrum, Robert Pedley, and Nicholas, 4d. each, and 2d. to the other boys; to John Glasiere, kitchen boy, 4d. and a hood. Residue to be distributed to priests to say Masses for his soul, to his poor kinsmen, and other poor men. Executors: William Mottrum, John Bromley. Supervisor: his father.

601 11 April 1414. Probate of **600** before dean; admin. granted to executors, being first sworn.

602 [f.44] 30 April 1414. In his house, dean inst. John Lange, chapl., to Little Okebourne vic., pat. [*as in 461*]; sworn to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; official to induct.

603 7 July 1414. Salisbury. Will of Thomas Chaumbour (*Chambour*), cutler, of Salisbury (*living within the church gate.*) He commits soul to God, his Creator, and body to be buried before west door of cath. He leaves to cath. fabric, 3s. 4d.; to St. Thomas's fabric, 12d.; to 6 chapls. from St. Thomas's ch. at his exequies, 6d. each, and 4d. to deacon; to Robert Pymere, 10s. and to his wife Alice, 3s. 4d. Residue, after payment of debts, to Robert Pymere, his executor, to distribute for his soul.

604 27 Oct. 1414. Probate of **603** before dean; admin. granted to executor, who being first sworn, accounted; dismissed.

605 27 Dec. 1414. Official inducted M. John Combe *or* Taylour, to Remmesbury vic. by virtue of letters from M. Geoffrey Crukadan, I.Cn.L., I.C.L., vicar-general of Robert [Hallum].

606 [f.44v.] 1 Dec. 1414. Dean inst. Robert Goshauke, chapl., to Little Okebourne vic., pat. Thomas [Langley], bishop of Durham, and John, son and brother of kings of England, duke of Bedford, constable of England, on resig. of John Lange; Goshauke sworn to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; official to induct.

607 2 Feb. 1415. Dean inst. Thomas Shaplegh, chapl., to Lyme vic., pat. [*as in 519*], by exchange with John Hurte (Hurt) for Saltcombe vic., Exeter diocese, pat. dean and chapter of Exeter. He inst. Hurte to Saltcombe under a commission from bishop Edmund [Stafford]; both sworn to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; official to induct Shaplegh.

608 30 Jan. 1415. Dean inst. Thomas Morton, clerk to Whytknyghtes chapel, pat. [*as in 554*], in person of Geoffrey Rixton, literate, on resig. of William Barton. Morton's ind. ordered.

609 [f.45] 21 March 1415. Dean inst. John Sudbury, clerk, in person of Walter Oke, clerk, to Tonerpudell chapel, pat. [*as in 516*], by exchange with Walter Symond for Rothing (Rothyng) Abbesse, London, pat. Berkyng abbey. He inst. Symond in person of John Stodey under a commission from Richard [Clifford], bishop of London. Official to induct Sudbury.

610 [f.45v.] 29 Dec. 1414. Will of Richard Jacob, Vc. He commits soul to God, Blessed Mary, and all saints, and body to be buried in cath. graveyard, east of Lady Chapel. He leaves to cath. fabric, 13s. 4d.; to Trinity and Holy

Ghost lights there, 12d. each; to each canon, the subdean, the succentor, and each Vc. at his obit on day of his burial, 8d.; to each cantarist present, 4d.; to each sacrist, 3d.; to each chorister, altarist, and sacrists' servant, 2d. Executors to provide five 10 lb. candles to burn round his body at his funeral. He leaves to choristers, 4s. 2d. to say a *De Profundis* for his soul and all faithful departed round his grave when going home after Vespers for 30 days after his burial; to master of choristers, 12d. to supervise them; to Richard Holhurst, if he acts as executor, his ledger (liger) for life which he shall bequeath where it shall gain most merit for their souls; to vicars of the upper grade on north side by his stall, his gradual, for ever; to each acting-executor, 6s. 8d. Residue to executors to distribute for his soul in Masses and charitable works. Executors: Richard Holhurst, Laurence Grome, vicars-choral. Sealed with his seal.

611 10 April 1416. Probate of **610** before dean's official; admin. granted to executors being first sworn.

612 [f.46] 10 Nov. 1415. Dean inst. and invested M. Gilbert Stone¹ with preb. of Tuderyngton *etc.*, pat. the dean, by exchange with John Frank for Wylmecote preb. in collegiate ch. or chap. of Tamworth, Coventry and Lichfield diocese. Official to induct.

613 6 June 1416. In his house, dean inst. and invested William Haytoun (*Hayton*), clerk, with Swalclvyve preb. in Heytresdesbury, pat. the dean, on consecration of John Wakeryng as bishop of Norwich. Official to induct.

614 29 May 1416. Will of John More. He commits soul to Almighty God and body to be buried on west side of cath. He leaves to cath. fabric, 12d. and for his grave, 10s.; to his master, the Treasurer, 2 horses, a horse collar, and bridle; to John Morys, chapl., 3s. 4d.; to Marmaduke More, his brother, a scarlet furred gown and a gold signet provided that he bequeaths signet to his heir, to pass down from heir to heir, while it lasts; to Katherine, his brother's wife, his best belt decorated (harnesiāt) with silver; to George Westby, 3s. 4d.; to Joan, George's wife, and Robert Cone, a coverlet, bed-hanging, 2 blankets, 2 sheets, and a 'qwylte' each; to Sir John Pedewell, a silver cup; [f.46v.] to Robert, morrow chapl., a silver spoon; to Thomas Gilberd, a drinking horn decorated (harnesiāt) with silver; to Agnes, Thomas's wife, a gold ring; to Nicholas Lyghe, a long pair of 'jeet' beads; to John Tredewy, a 'nedelwork' purse (*bursam*); to each of Treasurer's grooms, 3s. 4d., and to each of his serving boys, 20d.; to Walter Hampton, his second best belt decorated with silver. Robert Gammell, chapl., shall be enfeoffed with all his lands and tenements in Cam . . . [*unfinished*] and re-enfeoff testator's neice, Agnes, and her legitimate heirs. If Agnes or her heirs die, property shall go to George Westby and his heirs for ever. Residue to his executors to distribute for his soul. Executors: George Louthorp, Treasurer, George Westby, Sir John Pedewell.

¹ BRUO. iii. 1787-8.

615 18 June 1417. Probate of **614** before dean's official; admin. granted to Westbury and Pedewell, being first sworn; power reserved to commit admin. to Louthorp. Sealed with office seal.

616 26 Feb. 1417. In his house, dean inst. William Carles, chapl., to Farendon vic., pat. [*as in 396*], on resig. of William Bulkere; Carles sworn to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; official to induct.

617 [f.47] 15 May 1417. Dean inst. Thomas Tatynton, chapl., to Shaldebourn vic., presented by Thomas [Langley], bishop of Durham, and John, son and brother of kings of England, duke of Bedford, earl of Richmund and Kendale, constable of England [*etc.*], on resig. of William Waryn; Tatynton sworn to make continuous residence [*as in 415*]; official to induct.

618 14 May 1417. Dean inst. and invested Humphrey Rodeley, clerk, to Hulledeverell preb. in Heytredebury, pat. the dean, on resig. of M. Henry Harebourgh (*Harbourgh*). M. John Shirbourne, dean's official, to induct.

619 16 April 1417. In his house, dean inst. M. John Holmegg to Erbourghfeld chapel, pat. Margaret, widow of John Hertynghdon, daughter and heiress of Robert Bullok, lord of Erbourghfeld, by exchange with Ralph Waterman for Estmene vic., Winchester diocese. Dean reserved ancient pension owed to him and his successors.

620 [f.47v.] 31 Oct. 1417. Dean granted admin. of goods of Robert Tache, dying intestate, to William Hende and William Hanecok, vicars-choral. They came before him on 10 Dec. and accounted to office; dismissed.¹

¹ f.48 has a 17th cent. summary of the contents of the second part of the whole register followed by an index on f.48v. Dean Sydenham's register begins on f.49.

GLOSSARY

- alb*: white garment reaching feet and having narrow sleeves. *See* vestments.
- almuce*: furred mantle with a hood worn over the surplice by cathedral and collegiate clergy. Canons of Salisbury wore almuces of grey fur lined with miniver.
- altar cloths*: two linen cloths needed when Mass was said to cover top of altar and hang down at each end.
- amice*: oblong piece of white linen worn so as to lie around neck and shoulders. *See* vestments.
- antiphonary*: book containing antiphons sung at beginning and end of psalms together with invitatories, hymns, responsories, versicles, collects, and chapters used at canonical hours.
- apparels*: one narrow piece of fabric stitched to top edge of amice; four or six pieces stitched onto alb at breast and shoulder blades, at cuffs, and above hem at front and back.
- asperges*: anthem sung at sprinkling of altars, clergy, and people with holy water before Mass.
- aver*: beast of burden, either ox or horse.
- baudekin*: very rich fabric made originally in Bagdad with warp of gold thread and weft of silk.
- beryl*: crystal or possibly transparent precious stone.
- bluet*: woollen cloth of bluish colour.
- borde alexander*: striped silk fabric made originally at Alexandria.
- breviary*: book containing antiphonary, lesson book, and all other service books needed for canonical hours.
- burse*: cloth case to hold corporal.
- bustian*: cotton fabric of foreign manufacture.
- canopy*: suspended above high altar with pyx hung beneath; often conical and made of fabric stretched on metal or wooden hoops.
- carde*: coarse silk used generally for linings.
- celure*: ornamented roof panels above an altar.
- censer*: *See* thurible.
- chalice*: cup used to contain wine at Mass.
- chasuble*: large conical sleeveless garment worn by priest at Mass falling in folds to knee and open at sides. *See* vestments.
- chrismatory*: vessel holding cruets containing holy oil, chrism, and oil for the sick.
- church scot*: payment made to clergy at Martinmas (11 Nov.) by every householder.
- cloth of Lucca*: form of cloth of gold probably made with copper-gilt wire.
- common of the Saints*: readings and prayers at Mass which were common to festivals of various classes of saints.

- cope*: long cloak made of a semi-circular piece of fabric fastened at breast; worn by clergy in processions and in choir.
- corporal*: linen cloth to spread on altar at Mass upon which rest chalice and host.
- dossal*: cloth hanging at back of an altar.
- Easter sepulchre*: permanent or temporary structure where Reserved Sacrament was enclosed with the cross from Good Friday until Easter to symbolize burial and resurrection of Christ.
- exequies*: funeral rites, especially Vespers and Matins of the Dead.
- frontal*: covering for front of an altar reaching to floor.
- frontlet*: narrow piece of fabric stitched to edge of an altar cloth hanging a few inches in front of altar.
- fustian*: coarse twilled cotton cloth.
- gradual*: book containing choir music for Mass.
- griffin*: fabulous animal with head and wings of an eagle and body of a lion.
- gyling-house*: place where brewed ale cooled and fermented.
- hearse*: triangular candlestick for 24 candles placed before altar at *Tenebrae* according to Sarum use. *See* *Tenebrae*.
- herbage*: right to graze cattle on land.
- heriot*: best beast or chattel given to feudal lord on death of tenant.
- history*: series of lessons from Scripture.
- holy loaf*: loaf provided each Sunday by parishioners in turn which was blessed and distributed to congregation at end of Mass.
- host*: communion wafer.
- imperial cloth of gold*: cloth of gold with figures woven in gold.
- jupe*: garment worn by both sexes probably similar to cote-hardie but loosely fitting.
- latten*: copper and zinc alloy.
- lead*: large pot or cauldron often used in brewing.
- ledger*: large breviary.
- Lenten veil*: curtain hung in front of altar from first Sunday in Lent until reading of Passion narrative on Wednesday in Holy Week.
- lesson book*: containing readings for Matins for the year from Bible and writings of Saints.
- maniple*: narrow strip of fabric about 2 feet long worn over left arm by priest, deacon, and subdeacon at Mass. *See* *vestments*.
- manual*: book containing rites for sacraments and sacramentals.
- martyrology*: book containing short lives of saints.
- mazer*: drinking cup originally made of wood, richly decorated and often mounted with silver or gold.
- medley*: cloth of mingled colours.
- missal*: book containing all that was needed for Mass.
- monstrance*: vessel to carry Reserved Sacrament in procession.
- mortuary payments*: second best animal or chattel given to incumbent on parishioner's death.
- notary public*: one authorized to draw up and attest legal documents.
- obit*: service for the dead: probably Vespers and Matins of the Dead and

- requiem Mass.*
- ordinal*: book containing rules for ordering of services.
- paten*: shallow circular dish to hold host at Mass.
- pax, paxbrede*: tablet with projecting handle behind, kissed by priest and congregation at Mass as a substitute for kiss of peace.
- penitential psalms*: psalms 6, 32, 38, 51, 102, 130, 143.
- perrie*: jewelry.
- Peter's pence*: payment levied on certain householders to provide sum owed annually to Rome by each diocese.
- Placebo and Dirige*: Vespers and Matins in Office of the Dead.
- portas*: See breviary.
- portion*: a share in revenues from tithes.
- prefaces*: variant forms, according to liturgical season, of that part of Mass immediately preceding *Sanctus*.
- processional*: book containing music for responsories and anthems sung in procession before Mass on Sundays and festivals.
- prymer*: book for lay people containing English translations of parts of breviary and manual.
- psalter of St. Mary*: recitation of 150 *Ave Marias*, 15 *Pater Nosters* and a Creed. (Shorter version in *O.E.D. sub anno 1425*).
- pyx*: vessel containing Reserved Sacrament.
- reredos*: painted or carved work at back of altar.
- responsory*: anthem said or sung after a lesson at canonical hours.
- riddel curtains*: curtains hung at ends of an altar on projecting rods.
- rochet*: like surplice but without sleeves; worn mainly by parish clerks.
- rood*: crucifix flanked by figures of St. Mary and St. John erected at chancel arch.
- russet*: coarse, homespun woollen cloth of reddish-brown or grey colour.
- sacramentals*: symbols used to increase religious devotion, e.g. holy loaf, holy water.
- sacraments*: Baptism; Confession; Confirmation; Mass; Matrimony; Ordination; Unction.
- samite*: rich silk fabric probably interwoven with silver or gold thread.
- scarlet*: rich cloth often but not always coloured red.
- sendal*: thin, rich, silken fabric akin to taffeta.
- sollar*: upper room in house or church tower.
- stole*: narrow strip of fabric worn round neck and reaching knees; worn by priest and deacon at Mass. See vestments.
- strickle*: straight piece of wood to strike off surplus grain level with rim of the measure.
- superaltar*: small consecrated altar stone used to say Mass on unconsecrated altar.
- tartarin*: expensive rich cloth of gold or silk probably imported from China.
- Tenebrae*: Matins and Lauds on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in Holy Week held about dusk. Candles in hearse extinguished one by one as 14 antiphons and 9 responsories sung, the remaining candle being hidden and service completed in darkness.

tester: bed canopy.

thurible: vessel in which incense is burned.

tithe of agistment: paid for feeding cattle on pasture paying no other tithes.

trental: 30 requiem Masses.

trental of St. Gregory: trental consisting of Masses for Nativity, Epiphany, Resurrection, and Ascension of Our Lord, Pentecost, Trinity Sunday and Nativity, Annunciation, Purification, and Assumption of St. Mary, repeated thrice during their octaves.

troper: book containing sequences for High Mass sung before Gospel on festivals and some Sundays.

tunicle: tunic-like vestment reaching to knees with split sides and narrow sleeves; worn by subdeacon at High Mass. Inventories also use word to describe dalmatic which was almost identical and worn by deacon at High Mass. *See* vestments.

vestments: ordinary set had amice, alb, stole, maniple, and chasuble; High Mass set had tunicle, dalmatic, chasuble, 3 albs, amices, maniples, 2 stoles and sometimes one or more copes.

whitch: chest.

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