

# CHURCHWARDENS' ACCOUNTS OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH, BLETCHINGLY, SURREY, 1546-1552.

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<u>Underlined letters</u>	In abbreviated words the missing letters are underlined
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[ ]	Square brackets enclose editorial interpolations
“j”	The “j” is used for the long “i”
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Item payd to Walter grome paynter for payntyng the hole body of the Churche/ and for all maner of colors to the same/ with his mens waiges	xvii <sup>li'</sup> v <sup>s</sup> j <sup>d</sup>
Item to William Iohns <sup>r</sup> for payntyng the queere/ the Roode loft/ the kinges Armes/ and the owt yle ioyning to the quere/ and for the colors & stufte therunto apperteyning	vij <sup>li'</sup> xv <sup>s</sup> ij <sup>d</sup>
Item to Iohn' Lambe bricklayer for paving and haunsyng the place for the comunyon to be mynistred	Ls
Item for iiiij M <sup>l</sup> bricke to the same	xxs
Item for ij lodes of lyme to the same	xs
Item for A table for the comunyon to be ministred vppon ioyned vpon A frame	viijs
Item for iiij longe formes to the same	xs
Item for iiiij seattes with Dowble Deskes for the singing men to sitt in/ and to lay their bookes on	xxs
Item for ij vpper particions in the quere & chaunsell	xijs
Item for quarters and tymber to the same	vjs
Item for nayles occupied theraboutes in ye same churche	vjs viijd
Item for removing the seattes/ and setting the pulpitt/ and mendyng of Diuerse thinges	xs
Item for lathe nayles and heare	vs
Item for pluckyng the alters/ plastering the walles/ and mending of diuerse places	vijs
Item for C of fyve peny nayle	vd
Item for nayles of thomas Whatman	iiiijd
Item to labourers for pōolyng Downe the Roode	xiiiijd
Item to William Whatman for a lode of lyme	vjs
Item thexpensys of Iohn' Dawber & christofer chapman Churche Wardens/ Iohn' turnor & thomas Lambe syde men/ being at the visita <sup>cion</sup> at Ewell	ijs
Item to Iohn' Mathewe for ij days worke	xd
Item for beryng of stufte out of ye churche	xxd
Item for xj lode of sande	xxijd
Item to Whatman for A bell clapper	xxd

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Bletchingly is a small town in southeast Surrey, about twenty miles south of London, then in the diocese of Winchester, which was held at this time by the beleaguered Bishop Stephen Gardiner. The accounts include various expenses for the repair and upkeep of the church, and are generally fair copies of those in another manuscript in the Folger collection (L.b. 84). This particular page, however, includes fourteen additional items (starting at the top) not in the draft copy and probably derived from a now-lost schedule. These items reflect substantial and expensive changes made to conform to recent reformist injunctions. They are the sorts of changes likely to be dictated by visitation articles—a diocesan checklist (often printed and—in the course of the English Reformation—often revised) of topics of administrative or dogmatic concern to which pastors and churchwardens were to conform.

The series of slashes and dots in the lower right-hand corner indicates the total sum of money disbursed on this page. The particular abacus-like system used here is known as the “auditors' use.” Starting from the left, the dot in the column represents a score of pounds; the upper dot in the next column £10 and each of the other four dots, £1; in the next column, the shillings column, there are no dots; in the next and last column on the right, the pence column, the upper dot represents 6d and each of the other four dots 1d. The total, £34 - 0s - 10d, is thus the same as that given in Roman numerals on the line above.

For more information, consult Eamon Duffy, “The Impact of Reform: Parishes,” in *The Stripping of the Altars: Traditional Religion in England, c. 1400. c. 1500* (London: Yale University Press, 1992); and Walter Frere with W. P. M. Kennedy, *Visitation Articles and Injunctions of the Period of the Reformation*, vol. 2 (London: Longmans, Green & Co., 1910). For information on the accounting system, see Charles Johnson and Hilary Jenkinson, *English Court Hand A.D. 1066 to 1500* (New York: Frederick Ungar Publishing Co., 1967).