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Bramley, Hampshire

1521-1542

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1522-23

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p.5 (14 Apr 1522 - 29 Mar 1523) (Receipts)

...

Item receuyd of the Churche Ale de Claro

xvj s

...

1523-24

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 7 (30 Mar 1523 - 20 Mar 1524) (Receipts)

...

Item receuyd for the Churche Ale de claro

xxxiiij s iiij d

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Note: The manuscript gives the date this account was rendered as Palm Sunday 14 Henry VIII, but the regnal year must be incorrect, as previous account was rendered on Palm Sunday of 14 Henry VIII and the following one on Palm Sunday of 16 Henry VIII. 20 May 1524 was Palm Sunday of 15 Henry VIII.

1524-25

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p.9 (21 Mar 1524 - 9 Apr 1525) (Receipts)

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Item for the Church Ale

xxvj s viij d

...

1526-27

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 10 (26 Mar 1526 - 14 Apr 1527) (Receipts)

...

Item of church Ale money

xxx s iiij d

...

1527-28

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 11 (15 Apr 1527 - 5 Apr 1528) (Receipts)

...

Item for the Church ale de claro

xl s ij d

...

1528-29

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 12 (6 Apr 1528 - 21 Mar 1529) (Receipts)

...

Item for Church ale money

xxv s

...

1529-30

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p.13 (22 Mar 1529 - 10 Apr 1530)

...

Item receyued at Witsontyde for ye church ale de claro

xij s iiij d

...

1530-31

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p.14 (11 Apr 1530 - 2 Apr 1531) (Receipts)

...

Item for the Churche ale de claro

xlj s

...

1531-32

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 15 (3 Apr 1531 - 24 Mar 1532) (Receipts)

Anno domini 1530 et anno Regis henrici octavi xxij[j] in festo ramis palmarum computatis vt patet in precedentibus omnibus allocatis allocandis remanent in pixide ecclesie in pecunejs--[v s j d][vii]

et eodem die electi fuereunt in gardianos Thomas Acres et Iohannes [Re...]

Redyng qui receperunt in pixide

iiij s viij d

Item receued of paschall money

v s j d

Item receued of Edmond

xij d

summa x s ix d

Item receued of the kyng Ale on Whytesonday at sopper

xx s vij d

Item on munday at dynner

ij s

Item the seid munday at Supper

x s vij d

Item receued the seid tuysday of the parishe of pamber

iiij s

Item receued the seid tuysday of the parishe of Stratfeld say

ix s

Item receued the seid tuysday at supper

x s vj d

Item receued the Wennesday at dynner

xviiij d

Item receued for Calfe & Shepe Skynnes

xxj d

Item receued at Supper on trinite Sondag

xij s vj d

Item receued for tappying money

vij s vj d

Item receued ex donis parochianorum

xviiij d

Summa ^r receued^ de Churche ^r [ale de claro]^--iiij li

[vj s viij d] viij s ij d]

Summa receptis ^r de omnibus t.j^a [xvij s] churche ale quj^a alijs

receptis^r iiij li [vj s viij d] [xvij s v d] xviiij s xj d

Notes: The dating of this account is complex, as 22 Henry VIII did not begin until 22 April 1530, whereas Palm Sunday fell on 10 April in 1530, so that Palm Sunday 22 Henry VIII was actually in 1531. The date 1530 is obviously the error, for the payments which follow these receipts are dated Palm Sunday 22 Henry VIII to Palm Sunday 23

Henry VIII. Furthermore, the set of accounts which follow these, on p. 17, are identified as being for 22-23 Henry VIII and are in fact another set of accounts for the same year as those on pp. 15-16. The churchwardens are the same, as are all the amounts which occur in both accounts, such as those for paschal money, for Edmond's rent, and for the amount of the profits from the church ale. In fact, it appears that the account begun on p. 15 may originally have begun as the regular account for the year, but instead became an account detailing the receipts and expenses of the church ale, while the final account for the year is that given on p. 17, which lists only the profits of the ale without details, as do most of the other years' accounts in this book. The Whitsun ale must then have taken place at Whitsuntide 1531. 'eod'--no abbrev. mark. [Re...]-ink blotches forced scribe to start name over.

p. 16 (Payments)

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Item paied towards the Kyng Ale to Alys Carter for vj bushelles whete	vj s iiij d
Item paied to Mr Vycar for iij bushelles of whete	iiij s
Item paied to <i>Richard</i> Tyrry for a quarter of malt	v s
Item paied for viij banelles of bere	xiiij s viij d
Item paied to Iohn Redyng for ij Calfes	vj s viij d
Item paied to <i>Richard</i> Tyrry for i Calfes	ij s viij d
Item paied to <i>William</i> littilwuk for ij wethures	v s v d
Item paied to huge White for a baren yew & iij lambes	vij s
Item paied for gees & pyg with hare	xvij d
Item paied to huge Carteres Wife for chekyns	vj d
Item paied to Anne Acres for butter & egges	vj d
Item paied for Woode	xxj d
Item paied to the mynstrell	xx d
Item paied for Rushis & makyng clene the barn	iiij d
Item paied for spyces <blank>	
Item paied to Syman Redyng & his wyfe ^ & his moder ^r	xij d
[Item paied to Thomas Watson for last payment for ye Roode lofte	xvj d]
Summa lviiij s ij d ⁊ paymentes pro church Ale []	

Notes: l. 7--'i Calfes' for 'i Calf'; 'pyg': possible 'e's abbreviation mark after the 'g'. (John Foster Williams, *The Early Churchwardens' Accounts of Hampshire* (Winchester, 1913) suggests 'probably pigeons' (p. 20), but that seems less likely). Syman Redyng's 'moder'--hard to tell whether an abbreviation mark in the interlineation.

p. 17

The Accompt of Thomas Acres & Iohen Redyng Churchemen of Bramley fro the Sondag of palme in the xxii^{ti} yere vnto the seid Sondag in the xxiiij^{ty} yere of the reigne of kyng henry the viijth for oon hole yere

In <i>primis</i> receuyd in the Churche boxe	iiij s viij d
Item receuyd of paschall money	v s j d
Item receuyd of of Edmond for rent of the Crosse howse	xij d
Item receuyd of the Churche [clerely] Ale de claro	xxx s
Item receuyd of the geyft of lone ffeythfull	xij s
Item receuyd of holy loff money	ij s

Item receuyd of dowellyng money	vij s vij d ob
Item receuyd of Mawde palmer for rent of the Crose howse for half yere	vij d
Item receuyd of Iohn Maryner for the hire of a kow for ij yeres Summa liij s ob	xij s vij d

The paymentes made by the seid Churchemen for the seid Church	
Item paied for wexe & makyng of the Church light	v s
Item paied to Thomas Watson the last pay for Selyng	vj s vij d
Item paied for costes at the <i>spirituall</i> court	vij d
Item paied to the bellfounder above the bellmoney	iiij s x d
Item paied ffor tymber & makyng of the church yate	xij d
Item paied ffor retrussyng of the belles	xvij d ob
Item paied for whytlethur	xx d
Item paied ffor glasyng the Roode Wyndow	xiiij d
Item paied for ij bell roopys	xx d
Item paied to Symon Redyng for keypyng the Sextre Summa xxv s ob	xij d
Remaynyng clerly [xxxvii] xxx s [vij d] ob	

[recept xxliij s ob we paied xxv s x d ob & so haue we xxvij s iij d xxvij s] xxiiij s ob

1532-33

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p. 18 (24 Mar 1532 - 6 Apr 1533) (Receipts)

Item resavid for pascall money	v s
Item receuyd of Mawde palmer for the rent of the Crosse howse deu at the Annunciacion of our lady [last] Anno xxiiij Regni henrici viij ^{ui}	iiij d
Item receuyd for the Church Ale on Whyte sonday at sopper	xxj s j d ob
Item on Whitemonday at dyner	iiij s
Item the seid monday at supper	ix s iiij d
Item the tuysday at dyner	iiij s iiij d
Item the seid tuysday at supper	x s x d
Item the wennysday at dyner	iiij s
Item receuyd on trinite sonday	xix s j d
Item recevid for Corne gethered	iiij s iiij d
Item recevid for skynnes & felles	iiij s iiij d
Item receuyd [.] in expences of the parrishe of Silchester	v s
Item receuyd in expences of the parrishe of hartley	iiij s iiij d
Item receuyd in Tappying money	xiiij s ij d

°Church ale iiij li xix s iij d Summa [tota^rlis^r] vj li xiiij s ij d°

Item recevyd by the seid wardens of lohn hasker for a belstroke	iiij d
Item of William hanyton for Ryngyng for the sol of Symon prior	iiij d
Item of Mavde palmer for the crosse howse	xij d
Summa ij s [Summa totalis] recevyd	vj li svj s jj d

Item recevyd for dowellyng money	vj s viij d
Item recevyd for holylofffe money	ij s
Item recevyd of lohn maryner for the hyre of a kow	xvj d
Item recevyd of Mavde palmer for rent	iiij d

Churche ale de
xxxiiij s v d [xx d vj d] vij li [....s .d] vj s

Notes: The bottom line is only partly visible, due to damage at bottom of the page, especially in the bottom left corner. The word that is almost completely obscured there is likely 'claro'

p. 19 (Payments)

Inprimis paied for Wexe & makyng of the Church light	xiiij s vj d
Item paid for ij torchys	ix s iiij d
Item paid for frankynsens	j d
Item paid to the smyth for makyng of the Claper & Keys & Nayles for the littilbell	iiij d
Item paid for costes at the <i>spirituall</i> Court	vij d
Item at ye busshops <i>visitacion</i> [& costes]	vij d
Item for Nayls	iiij d
Item to strovde for an C bovrde [for ye crosse howse]	xx d
Item for savyngge of one planke	iiij d
Item paid for 'xxvj s viij d' half a quarter of whete	viiij s
Item to Alis Carter for iij bushelles of whete	v s iiij d
Item for iij calves	viiij s
Item for for ij ewes	v s iiij d
Item for iij lames	iiij s viij d
Item for j wethur	ij s viij d
Item for j bushell of malt	x d
Item for viij barrelles of bere	xvj s
Item for chekyns	vj d
Item for brede	iiij d
Item for a dosyn of brede	xij d
Item for spyces	viiij d
Item for butter	v d
Item to Mawde for Rushis	iiij d
Item for butter egges & otemele	ij d
Item for chese	ij d
Item for Salt	j d

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Notes: Next to the first entry for bread, in the left margin are several short diagonal lines. All the entries following that one are marked in the left margin with a cross.

p. 20

Item paied by the seid wardens for wodde	x d
Item paied for the carege of wodde of the yeft of Mr pexsall	ij d
Item paied to henwod & <i>Richard Tyrry</i> for gatheryng of Corn	xiiij d
Item to Kelsey & Iohn Emeryk for getheryng of Corn & to strodes son & Andrew purdewes son for carrege	ij s ix d
Item for w<blank> henwades supper when he gethered malt	ij d
Item to Iohn Kelsey & Emerike for ther labores	iiij d
Item to Symon Redyng for his labur	xij d
Item to Iohn Redyng & henwood for tallyng of wood	vij d
Item to hew pryor for fewellyng	iiij d
Item to the mynstrell	ij s

°In expences de church ale ij li iiij s x d°

Item paied by the seid wardens for mendyng of bell clapperes	xij s iiij d
Item for ij bell ropes	ij s ij d
Item for half a hyde of whitlether	xvj d
Item to the Alablaster man in ernystes on a bargen	iiij d
Item for frankyngsens	ij d
Item to Thomas Syngler for mendyng the gutter ouer the Roode	ij s viij d
Item to Iohn Smyth for yron wyrke for the greate bell	ij s iiij d
Item to Iames pemberton & Iohn Saunder for pesyng the seid bell	xij s iiij d
°Item paied to Symon Redyng for the sextre	xij d
Item to mavde henwood for washeyng the Church gere	vij d°

Summa recevyd viij li vj s vj d [& remayneth in ye box

Summa paymentes vj li ij s ij d xxij s ij d

xxij s viij d viij d

xx xix s viij d

°And so remayneth in the church box--xix s viij d°

Notes: Deterioration of bottom of page obscures other figures that are partly visible; they appear to be totals and/or amounts carried forward.

1533-34

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p. 21 (6 April 1533-28 March 1534) (Receipts)

...

Item receuyd of the Churche ale de claro

xiiij s ij d

...

1534-35

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 23 (29 Mar 1534 - 21 Mar 1535) (Receipts)

...

Item receuyd by the seid lohn of the Churche ale money

iiij s viij

...

Item receuyd by Richard Tyrry of the Churche [^]ale[^] money the seid yere

xxxiiij s iiij d

...

Note: The 'seid lohn' is John Strode, one of the churchwardens this year. Strode's and Tyrry's receipts are entered separately this year. Strode wound up owing the parish for several years for receipts not turned over to the following churchwardens.

1535-36

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 25 (22 Mar 1535 - 9 Apr 1536) (Receipts)

...

Item Receuyd for the Churche Ale de claro

xlviij s

...

1536-37

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 28 (10 Apr 1536 - 25 Mar 1537) (Receipts)

...

Item recevid of whytson hayle de claro

xviiij s xj d

...

1537-38

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 31 (26 Mar 1537 - 14 Apr 1538)

...

Item receipt of Whitsonhayll cler

xxxvj s

...

1538-39

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 33 (15 Apr 1538 - 20 Mar 1539) (Receipts)

...

Item recevid of ye wytson hayle de claro

lvij s

...

1539-40

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 35 (21 Mar 1539 - 21 Mar 1540) (Receipts)

...

Item receipt of whytson ayle de claro

xl s ix d

1540-41

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 37 (22 Mar 1540 - 10 Apr 1541) (Receipts)

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Item recevid of the witsonayle [ch] cler

li s & x d

...

1541-42

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 40 (11 Apr 1541 - 2 Apr 1542) (Receipts)

...

Item recevid by them of the Whitson ayle clere

iiij li ij d

...

1542-43

Churchwardens' Accounts [HRO: 63M70/PW1](#)

p. 42 (3 Apr 1542 - 18 March 1543) (Receipts)

...

Item recevid of Whitson hayle clere

xxxvij s xj d

...

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Churchwardens' Accounts

Winchester; Hampshire Record Office; 63M70/PW1. 1523-1769. English and Latin. Paper. 0 + 303 + 0. 19th century ink pagination. 327 x 220mm. Good condition, except pages frayed at edges, a few torn. Original cover of parchment, badly damaged, made of several pieces stitched together, including fragments of a fifteenth-century word book in Latin and English, and a fifteenth-century account roll. Case of cream-colored vellum-covered boards made to enclose the book in 1909 by the archdeacon of Winchester. No title on parchment cover; title stamped in gold on red-leather rectangle on front of case: 'BRAMLEY | CHURCHWARDEN'S ACCOUNTS | 1523-1769'. Pagination done in 1873 by Rev. C. Eddy, vicar of Bramley, who has attached some loose papers and explanatory notes at appropriate points in the book. The church ale was an annual event at Bramley. Receipts from the ale, or "at Whitsuntide" appear in every year with itemized receipts from the first year covered by this account until 1590. After six years of unitemized receipts, the 1597 accounts record no ale, but those rendered in 1598 mention "other charges about their Whitsontyde ale" (p. 129). In 1599 the language changes to "Whitsontyde feaste" (p. 130) until 1605. In 1606 the accounts become summary, but receipts from the "Whitsuntide gaines" persist up to 1614 (p. 139). The accounts rendered in 1615 do not mention Whitsuntide receipts, and instead include a memorandum of 29 October 1614, which states that at a meeting of the parishioners, it was decided to introduce a rate of a half penny an acre (pp. 140-41). The memorandum is signed by the churchwardens and the vicar, Thomas Shereman. The proceeds from the rate in 1617 amounted to 3li. 7s. 4d. (p. 142). I initially speculated that this rate was to replace the Whitsun ale as the parish's main source of revenue, and perhaps it was intended to at the time. (And why? because vicar, or some elements among the parishioners wanted the ale eliminated? Accounts are quiet on that point.) In 1626 the "gaineinges at Whitsunday" show up again, and at very much the amount seen before 1615--about 4li. (p. 173). The accounts then again give less detail until 1635 and 1636, when they do not mention Whitsuntide.