

# RECORDS OF EARLY ENGLISH DRAMA

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### **St Laurence parish, Reading, Berkshire Liturgical Celebrations for Easter\* Edited by Alexandra F. Johnston**

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\* Easter Celebrations at Reading St Laurence: The complete Records of Berkshire have now been published on REED Online. It is REED policy not to publish records of liturgical ceremony. However, since it seems apparent that St Laurence had a complex series of mimetic and non mimetic activities from Palm Sunday until the Tuesday after Easter (see the [Performance Traditions](#) part of the Introduction to Berkshire Online) I have provided here the regular payments for the liturgical ceremonies from Palm Sunday to Easter as a supplement to the dramatic records in Berkshire Online for those interested in seeing the relationship between liturgy and drama in a large and important parish church.

**1498-9**

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO: D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 3 (*25 March 1498 to 24 March 1499*) (*Expenses*)

In Primis payed for the wakyng of the sepulchre	vij d
Item payed for a li of encens	xij d
Item payed for colys	l d
...	

Note: The price for the sepulchre indicates that it must have been made of wood. The ceremony at the sepulchre was part of the resurrection play first specified in the accounts for 1505-6 along with the item for nails for the sepulchre (BRO D/P 97 5/2 p 29). The occasional expence in other years for nails for the sepulchre probably represents the replacement of a perishable part of the stage machinery. As years go on the nails to the sepulchre are less clearly attached to the Easter-tide ceremony and are not noted.

There are no accounts entered for 1498-9 or 1499-1500.

## 1501-2

### *St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO: D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 7 (25 March 1501 to 24 March 1502) (Expenses)

In primis payd for wacchyng of the sepulcre	viiij d
Item for l li. of Sens azenst Ester	viiij d
Item for colys & nayles to the sepulcre	ij d

...

## 1502-3

### *St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO: D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 11 (25 March 1502 to 24 March 1503) (Expenses)

...	
In primis payed for wachyng of the Sepulcre	viiij d
Item payed for nayles to the Sepulchre	l d
Item for colys	ij d
...	
Item payed for a li of encens	viiij d
...	

## 1503-4

### *St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO: D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 14 (25 March 1503 to 24 March 1504) (Receipts)

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Item receyued at Alhalow tyde of the gadering of the parissh	xiiij s

...

Note: The word 'Gathering' is written in a nineteenth century hand against the entry for the All Hallows gathering.

pp 16-17 (Expenses)

In primis payed for the nayles to the Sepulchre	l d
Item payed for colys on Ester evyn	ij d
Item payed for l li. of frankensence	viiij d
Item payed for wacchyng of þe sepulcre	viiij d

...

## 1504-5

### *St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO: D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 21 (25 March 1504 to 24 March 1505) (Expenses)

In primis payed for naylis to the sepulchre	ob.
Item for Colys on ester even to be halowyd	ij d
Item for I li. of ffrankensence the same tyme	vij d
Item for wacchyng of the sepulcre	vij d

...

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...

Item payed to the Clerkes for syngyng of the passion in palme sonday in Ale	I d
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...

## 1505-6

### *St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO: D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 25 (25 March 1505 to 24 March 1506)

In primis payed for nayles for the sepulchre	I d ob.
Item payed for colys to be halowed on esterevyn	ij d
Item payed for a li. of ffrankensens	xj d
Item payed for wacchyng of the sepulcre	vij d

...

## 1506-7

### *St Laurence's Churchwardens's Accounts* [BRO: D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 29 (25 March 1506 to 24 March 1507) (Expenses)

Item paied to the Sexton for thred for the sepulchre	I d
Item for Colys to be halowed on Estur Evyn	ij d
Item paied for a li. off frankensenc	xij d
Item paied for wacching of the sepulcre	iiij d

...

## 1507-8

### *St Laurence's Churchwardens's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 34 (25 March 1507 to 24 March 1508) (Expenses)

...

Item payed for I li. frankensens on Estur eve

xij d

...

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...

Item payed to the same William for waccyng of the sepulcre

iiij d

...

Note: 'The same William' is William Poo, under-sexton. That year he was allowed by the vicar to sell nettles from the churchyard and keep the profits (BRO D/P 97 5/2 p 35) and was paid 14 d for cleaning the churchyard at Easter. He also rang the bells for the Corpus Christi procession that year.

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...

Item payed for making clere of the same gutter & beryng forth of therth fro the seid graves ' & ' [for] in bred & Ale to the synging of the passion on palme 'sonday ' 1

iiij d

...

Note: The singing of the passion on Palm Sunday could be the simple recitation of the Easter story but it could also have more elaborate mimetic implications. See Eamon Duffy *The Stripping of the Altars* (New Haven, 1993) 23. From this year, there is a regular amount usually for wine for the clerks who sang the passion. Because the accounts were made up on Good Friday until 1516, this payment usually comes at the end of the expenses rather than at the beginning with the rest of the Easter-tide expenses and represents the payment for Palm Sunday in the second year of the double year while all the other expences are for the first year. After 1516-7 all the Easter events recorded are for the same year -- the second year of the double year.

## 1508-9

### *St Laurence's Churchwardens's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 74 (25 March 1508 to 24 March 1509) (Expenses)

In primis payed ffor the wacheyng off the Sepulkyr

viiij d

Item ffor I li of ynsence

xij d

Item payed ffor Colys on Estyr evyn to be halewed

ij d

Item payed ffor iiij baner pollis

v s iiij d

...

Item payed ffor CC lyveres & C pynnys ayenst may daye

xj d

...

Note: Seventeen folios (34 pages) of inventories of church goods intervene between one part of this account and the next (pp 41-73). The inventories are full and detailed and were taken in the years 1517 and 1523-4. Some misbinding has confused the lists. The inventories emphasize the wealth of the parish during the early years of the sixteenth century. They include listings of such things as relics (a piece of the True Cross and a bone of St Laurence) and liturgical silver and plate as well as vestments, altar cloths, service books (many with the incipits noted) and pricksong books. The only entries relevant to mimetic activities are the vestments for the Good Friday event (see the entries for 1523-4)

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...

Item payed ffor a quart of Bastard ffor þe Synggers of the passhyon  
on palme sondaye

iiij d

## 1509-10

### *St Laurence's Churchwardens's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 79 (25 March 1509 to 24 March 1510) (Expenses)

... In primis payed to William lesshame ffor Wascheyng of the gere  
vppon good ffrydaye

ij s iiij d

Item payed ffor Nayles to mend the sepulchre

ob.

...

Item ffor a li. of sence agenst Estyr

xij d

Item ffor Wacheyng of þe Sepulcre

vij d

...

Note: William Lassham had served as churchwarden 1507-9

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...

Item payed for a quarter of weyn for the syngers on palme sondaye  
that songe þe paschesyon

iiij d

...

## 1510-11

### *St Laurence's Churchwardens's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 85 (25 March 1510 to 24 March 1511) (Expenses)

...

Item payd for watchyng of the Sepulcre

vij d

Item payd for a li. of Sence

x d

Item payd for takkes for the Sepulcre . ij boushels of coles & for ale

iiij d

Item payd for an awbe for A Chylde

xij d

Item paid for tapys <sup>r</sup>for <sup>r</sup> Childernes amys I d

...

Item paid for Caryage of bourdes from the chirche on ester Monday I d

...

Note: This is the first year that the small nails or tacks for the sepulchre that seem to have something to do with the Easter dramatic events is conflated with another regular entry for coals. The liturgical ceremony of sepulchre watching was also part of the Easter events and coals appear quite regularly. It is possible that they were for a brazier to keep the watchers warm.

## 1511-12

### *St Laurence's Churchwardens's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 89 (25 March 1511 to 24 March 1512) (Expenses)

Item payed for ij<sup>o</sup> busshelles of colys . drynke . & nayles to the sepulcre iiij d

Item payed for wachchyng of the sepulcre viij d

Item payed for a li. of frankensens xij d

...

Item payed to Water Barton to the new Sepulchre iiij li xiiij s x d

...

Note: Walter Barton was one of the most important men in early sixteenth century Reading. He was a mercer but also a lawyer admitted to the Middle Temple 5 February 1515 (Martin, 'The People of Reading', 91). He served as a royal servant and was an associate of Thomas Vachell. Although conservative in religion he was trusted by Vachell and Thomas Cromwell and served the town well in the uneasy period around the dissolution. His piety is attested by this gift of the elaborate Easter sepulchre that became the centre of the Easter ceremonies. Kerry remarks (*St Laurence* 42) 'it must have been an object of unusual magnificence.' It was only one of many gifts to the fabric of the church. He was part of the group of parishioners that ensured that the valuable silver gilt chalice left to the church by Margaret Hyde, widow of Nicholas Hyde (see below note to 1513-4), did not fall into the hands of the Commissioners. They drew up an order specifying that the chalice was to be kept in the possession of the mayor if he was a member of the parish. If the mayor was not a member of St Laurence's then the most recent mayor who was was to have possession (Kerry, *St Laurence*, 119). His will (Kerry, *St Laurence*, 179-184) probated 16 May, 1538 bequeaths his soul 'to Almighty God, and to the suffrage of his blisshed mother our lady saint Mary, and to the suffrages of al the holy company of hevyn' and wills that 1,000 masses be said for his soul 'at my burying and at my monethes mynde and before'. He left £6 13 s 4 d to the 'mayntenaunce of the Masse of Jesus' in St Laurence's and £3 6 s 8 d to the Mass of Our Lady. He is buried in the church. His monument remains to be seen today (Pevsner, *Berkshire*, 200). His nephew William Berington was one of the jurors who convicted Abbot Hugh.

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[*Summa totalis omnibus expensis*]

Item for a quarte of malmsey to the clerkes on palme sonday iiij d

Item payed for ij li glew to the sepulcre x d

...

## 1512-13

### *St Laurence's Churchwardens's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 93 (25 March 1512 to 24 March 1513) (Expenses)

...

In primis payed for the nayles to the ffont & to the Sepulcre	[ij d] ij d
Item payed for ij busshelles of colys on ester eve to make the halowed fyer	ij d
Item payed for wachyng of the Sepulcre	viiij d

...

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...

Item payed for wyne to the clarkes on palme sunday	iiij d
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...

## 1513-14

### *St Laurence's Churchwardens's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 97 (25 March 1513 to 24 March 1514) (Expenses)

...

In Primis payd ffor nayles to the Sepulcre & to the ffont	ij d
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...

Item payd to Nicholas hyde for ij busshelles off Colys to make the halowyd fyre on Ester yeve	ii d
Item payd for watchyng off the Sepulcre	viiij d
Item payd for a li off Encence	xij d

...

Note: Nicholas Hyde had been churchwarden in 1498-9 and became warden of the Jesus altar in this year (Kerry, *St Lawrence*, 32). He served one term as mayor in 1522-3 (Guilding, i, xl) and that same year was the town's member of parliament (*History of Parliament: the Commons 1509-1558*, ii, 430). He died in 1527-8 and is buried in the church (Kerry, *St Lawrence*, 188). His wife Margaret whose valuable chalice was so important to the parish (see note to Walter Barton 1511-12 above) died five years later in 1532-3 and is also buried in the church.

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...

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...

Item payd for a quart of basterd for the Clarkes on palme sunday	iiij d
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...

## 1514-15

### *St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 101 (25 March 1514 to 24 March 1515) (Expenses)

...

Item payd for li of frankencence x d

...

Item paid for watchyng of the sepulcre viij d

Item payd for ij bushells of Colis & for ale iiij d

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...

Item payde for a quart of basterd for the clarkes on palme Sunday iij d & ale ob.

...

## 1515-16

### *St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 105 (25 March 1515 to 24 March 1516) (Expenses)

...

Item payd for Coles & Ale iiij d

Item payd for takkes & Racke nayles ij d

Item payd for grete nayles I d

Item payd for franckencens I li x d

Item payd for watchyng of the Sepulcre viij d

...

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...

Item payd for a quarte of bastard for the Clarkes iiij d

...

## 1516

### *St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 111 (25 March 1516 to 29 September, 1516) (Expenses)

...

Payd for ij bushells of colis ij d

Payd for a li of frankencens xij d

Payd for watchyng of the sepulcre viij d



Paid for drynk at the same tyme

ij d

...

Note: This year the accounting year changes from 25 March-24 March to 29 September to 28 September. This account is for six months from 25 March to 28 September 1516. The antiquarian who wrote the years in the margin by each heading (Kerry?) missed this detail and has caused some confusion among researchers who have used the book.

## 1516-17

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 115 (29 September to 28 September) (Expenses)

...

Item paid for a quarte of bastarde for the clarkes vppon palme sonday

iiij d

...

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...

Item paid for watchyng of the Sepulcre

viiij d

Item paid for colis

ij d

...

## 1517-18

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 121 (29 September to 28 September) (Expenses)

...

Item for a li of ffrankencence

x d

...

Item for nayles & coles

ij d

...

Item for watchyng of the sepulcre

viiij d

...

## 1518-19

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 127 (29 September to 28 September) (Expenses)

...

Item for a li of frankencence

xij d

...

Item for colis  
Item for watchyng of the sepulere  
...

ij d ob  
vij d

Textual Note: 'sepulere ': for sepulcre

## 1519-20

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 129 (29 September to 28 September) (Expenses)

...  
Item paid for watchyng of the Sepulcre  
Item paid for Colis  
...

vij d  
I d

## 1520-1

There are no specific expenses for the sepulchre this year.

## 1521-2

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 142 (29 September to 28 September) (Expenses)

...  
Item payd for I li of ffrankencens  
...  
Item payd for a *bushell* of Colis & takkys  
...  
Item payd for watchyng of the sepulcre  
...

xij d  
I d ob  
vij d

## 1522-3

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 149 (29 September to 28 September) (Expenses)

...  
Item payd to lohn paynter for makeyng of geyr for the play  
Item payd for watchyng the sepulcre  
...

iiij s iiij d  
vij d

Note: See note on the Peynters above (note to 1506-7 p 29). The payments for the building of costumes comes in the list of expenses for Easter suggesting the play in question was the parish Easter play.

*(Inventory)*

...

+ Item a Red Chysable *with* a narrow Cross & all thapparelles for good ffryday

...

+ Item a Cotte for Mary Magdeleyn of Cloth of gold

Note: The items for Good Friday appear in the inventory for this year (see above note to 1508-9) in a list of vestments. The two "+" marks in the left margin indicate that the two entries go together. The fact that only these "costumes" were considered valuable enough to list in the inventory possibly indicates the greater importance put upon the annual Easter event than upon the more ephemeral dramatic events that appear in the annual accounts. Both these items also appear in the 1503 inventory (BRO D/P 97 5/2 pp 53-4).

## 1523-7

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

Note: There are no specific sepulchre watch expenses this year or for the years 1524-5, 1525-6 or 1526-7.

## 1524-5

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

P 157 (29 Sept 1527 to 28 Sept 1528) (*Expenses*)

...

Item for drynk in the roode lost vppon palme sonday j d

## 1527-8

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 169 (29 Sept 1527 to 28 Sept 1528) (*Expenses*)

...

Item for watchyng the sepulchre vij d

...

Item for j li of frankinsens xiiij d

## 1528-9

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 173 (29 Sept 1528 to 28 Sept 1529) (*Common Expenses*)

...

Item for watchyng the sepulcre vij d

...  
Item for a quarte of malmesey apon palme Sunday iij d  
...

### 1529-30

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 177 (29 Sept 1529 to 28 Sept 1530) (Common Expenses)

...  
Item for watchyng the sepulcre viij d  
Item for j li of ffrankensens xij d  
...  
Item for a quart of bastard apon palme soday iij d  
...

### 1530-1

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 180 (29 Sept 1530 to 28 Sept 1531) (Common Expenses)

...  
Item for watching the sepulcre viij d  
Item for ffrankensence xij d  
...  
Item for a quart of basterd [for] vpon palme soday iij d  
...

### 1531-2

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 184 (29 Sept 1531 to 28 Sept 1532) (Common Expenses)

...  
payd for watchyng the sepulcre viij d  
payd for j li ffrankensence xij d  
...  
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...  
payd for a quart of Basterd vppon palme soday iij d  
...

### 1532-3

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 189 (29 Sept 1532 to 28 Sept 1533) (Expenses)

...

payd for watchyng the Sepulcre this yere vij d  
payd for j li & a half of [sycces] ffrankensense xvij d

...

Item for a quart of basterd apon palme sonday iij d

...

Item for ij<sup>o</sup> bosshell of colles for fyre on easter eve ij d

...

### 1533-4

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 193 (29 Sept 1533 to 28 Sept 1534) (Common Expenses)

...

payd for watchyng the sepulcre vij d  
payd for a pownd of ffrankensense xij d

...

payd for a quarte of basterd 'for' the passion apon palme sonday iij d  
payd for ij<sup>o</sup> busshells of colles for fyre on easter Eve ij d

...

### 1534-5

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 197 (29 Sept 1534 to 28 Sept 1535) (Common Expenses)

...

...

payd for watchyng to sepulcre this yere vij d  
payd for j li [qu] & dimidium of ffrankensense ij s

...

payd for a quarte of Basterd for syngyng the passion apon palme sonday iiij d  
payd for ij@so bushells of Cooles for ffyre on easter Eve ij d

...

## 1535-6

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 201 (29 Sept 1535 to 28 Sept 1536) (Common Exspenses)

...  
payd for watchyng the sepulcre this yere vij d  
payd for j<sup>r</sup>li<sup>1</sup> of ffrankensense xvj d  
...  
payd for a quarte of basterd for the passion on palme sonday iij d  
payd for ij<sup>o</sup> bushells cooles for fyre on easter eve ij d

## 1536-7

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 206 (29 Sept 1536 to 28 Sept 1537) (Expenses)

...  
payd for watchyng the sepulcre this yere vij d  
payd for a pound & a quartur of ffrankensense xvij d  
...  
payd for a quarte of basterd apon palme sonday for the passion iij d  
payd for ij<sup>o</sup> busshells of Cooles for ffyre on easter eve ij d  
...

## 1537-8

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 210 (29 Sept 1537 to 28 Sept 1538) (Expenses)

...  
payd for watching to sepulcre & for Coles for ffyre on easter eve x d  
payd for ij<sup>o</sup> of ffrankensense ij s vij d  
...  
payd for a quarte of Basterd apon palme sonday iij d  
...

## 1538-9

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 213 (29 Sept 1538 to 28 Sept 1539) (Expenses)

...  
payd for watchyng the sepulcre & for coles on easter eve x d

payd for j<sup>r</sup>li<sup>r</sup> ffrankensense xvj d  
...  
payd for a quarte of basterd apon palme sonday iiij d  
...

## 1539-40

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 217 (29 Sept 1539 to 28 Sept 1540) (*Expenses*)

...  
payd for ffrankensense this yere & the last yere ij s viij d  
payd for watchyng the sepulcre & for Coles x d  
...  
payd for a quarte of malmesey apon palme sonday for Singers iiij d  
...

## 1540-1

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 222 (29 Sept 1540 to 28 Sept 1541) (*Expenses*)

...  
payd for watchyng the sepulcre & ij bushells Cooles of easter eve &  
pentecost eve x d  
...  
payd for a quarte of Malmesey for the Clerkes vppon palme sonday liij d  
...  
payd to loreman for playng the prophett on palme sonday ij d  
...

Note: 'loreman' is probably 'Loryman' the under-sextant who appears in later records

## 1541-2

***St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts*** [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 226 col a (29 Sept 1541 to 28 Sept 1542) (*Expenses*)

...  
payd for watchyng the sepulcre & for ij<sup>o</sup> bushells Colles for fyre  
on easter eve xj d  
...  
Payd for bred ale & beare apon palme sonday for syngyng the passion iiij d

...  
paid to loreman for playyng the prophet on palme sonday & for wafers then iij d  
...

### 1542-3

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 230 (29 Sept 1542 to 28 Sept 1543) (Expenses)

...  
paid for ffrankencence ij s  
paid for watchyng of the Sepulcre & for Cole xj d  
...  
paid for A quarte of Basterd on palme Sunday iiij d

Note: This account is fragmentary at the end and the 1543-4 account is fragmentary at the beginning.

### 1543-4

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 233 (29 Sept 1543 to 28 Sept 1544) (Expenses)

...  
paid for wachyng of the sepulcre x d  
paid for Coles ij d  
paid for A quarte of wyne on palme Sunday iiij d  
...

### 1544-5

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)  
p 238 (29 Sept 1544 to 28 Sept 1545) (Expenses)

...  
paid for wyne for the Clerkes on palme Sunday vj d  
paid to hym that plaied the prophett that day iiij d  
...  
paid for Sylk poyntes for the Sepulcre ij d  
paid for a busshell of Coles I d  
paid for wachyng the sepulcre viij d  
...



paid for Syngyng bread on palme Sunday

I d

...

## 1545-6

*St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 242 (29 Sept 1545 to 28 Sept 1546) (Expenses)

...

p 242 (Expenses)

...

paid to loryman for playng the prophete on palme Sunday

viiij d

paid for wyne gyven to the Clerkes on palme Sunday

vj d

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paid for syngyngbrede on palme Sunday

ij d

paid for a li & a quarter of ffrankence at ij<sup>o</sup> tymes

xv d

paid for Coles

I d

paid for watchyng of the Sepulcre

viiij d

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## 1546-7

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p 248 (29 Sept 1546 to 28 Sept 1547) (Exxpenses)

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paid to hym that plaid the prophet on palme Sunday

viiij d

paid for wyne & brede on palme Sunday

vj d

paid for Syngyng brede & pynnes

ij d

paid for drynck for them that bere the Canapie

ij d

paid for ij busselles of Coles

ij d

paid for tack nailes for the sepulcre

I d

paid for drynk for them that watched the sepulcre

ij d

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## 1549-50

### *St Laurence's Churchwarden's Accounts* [BRO:D/P 97 5/2](#)

p 261 (29 Sept 1549 to 28 Sept 1550) (Expenses)

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paid for a quarte of wyne on palme Sunday at Redyng the passion                      iij d

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Note: The altars were taken down this year although there is the interesting attempt to keep something from the old liturgy as the passion story is read rather than sung on Palm Sunday. In 1550-1 they sell vestments. There are no more expenses for a sepulchre watch.

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