

17 The Church Plate

Introduction

Like most other churches Purley lost its ancient plate around the time of the Civil War and Commonwealth. Over the years it has gradually accumulated a modest collection again. The descriptions that follow are mainly from 'Church Plate in Berkshire' by

Chalice (1733)

The large bell shaped bowl of the chalice rests upon a thick hollow stem divided by a moulded band and spreads to a moulded circular foot. The bowl bears the sacred monogram with cross and nails within a glory. The inscription on the opposite side of the bowl reads:

THE GIFT OF FRANCIS HAWES ESQ: TO THE PARISH OF PURLEY IN BERKS
1733.

There is also a shield bearing arms: sabel a chevron between three leopards argent. It is of silver and bears the mark :EV a crescent above and an annulet below with a circle; London 1733-34. Believed made by Ed. Vincent.

Height of Chalice 8.5 in
Diameter of bowl 4 in
Depth of bowl 4.5 in
Weight 12 oz 1 dwt 17 gr



The 1733
Chalice
[M20188]

Paten (1733)

The paten has a raised moulded rim and an incurved closed in foot. The upper surface bears the same arms as the chalice and on the under surface is engraved the sacred monogram and a similar inscription to that on the chalice. It is of silver and bears the same marks as the chalice.

Diameter of paten 5 in
Height 1.125 in
Weight 5 oz 18 dwt



*The 1733 paten
[M20188]*

Paten (1918)

This is a beautiful silver paten of French workmanship; the upper surface is gilded but quite plain with a raised broad rim. On the under surface of the depressed centre is a very handsome embossed representation of the Last Supper surrounded by a beaded border. On the exterior of the embossed work is stamped the name MONTAGNE. The inscription on the under surface of the rim is

'PEACE NOV. 11TH. 1918'

Diameter of paten 6.25 in
Width of rim 1.25 in
Weight 5 oz 7 dwt 17 gr

It was presented to the church by Miss Myra Downing Fullerton to mark the end of the Great War.



*The 1918 paten
[M20190]*

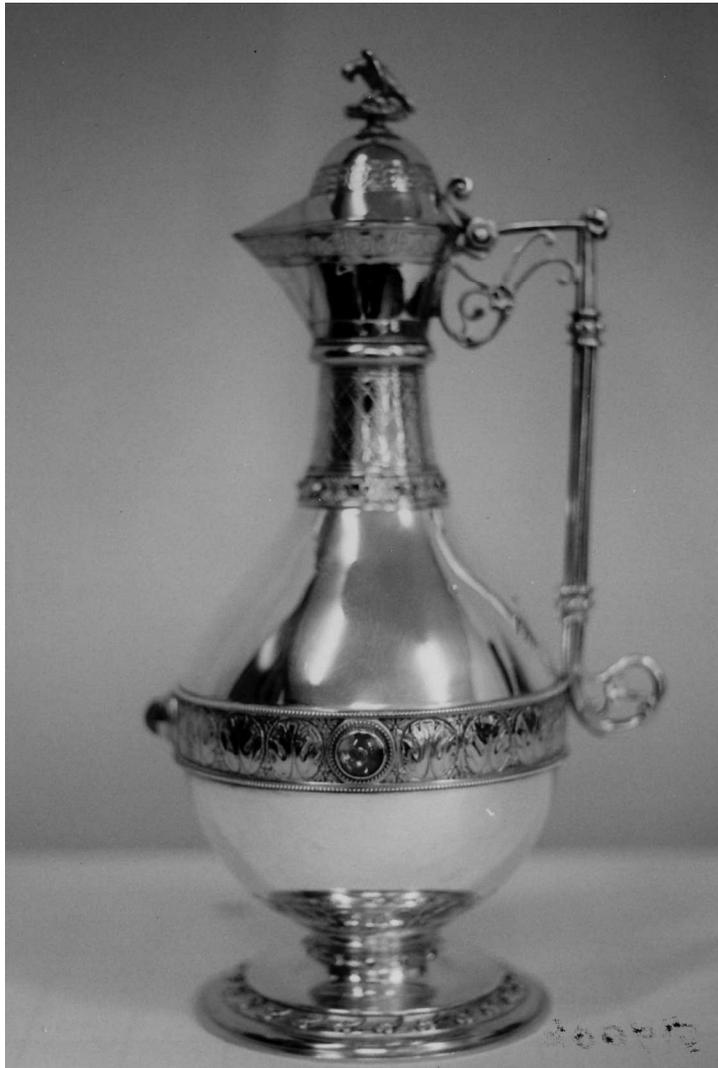
Flagon (1871)

This ewer shaped flagon has a domed lid covering the pointed spout and is surmounted by a pelican in piety. The scroll handle is of an ornamental design and there is a gilden engraved band around the neck; below this is a second band set with pearls and sapphires. A gilden foliated band set with two large amethysts and other stones encircles the drum; at the lower end of the drum are various stones and the circular base is embossed with ivy leaves. The inscription beneath the base in Lombardic characters reads:

'FOR THE SERVICE OF ALMIGHTY GOD RICHARD PALMER RECTOR 1871'.

The flagon is silver with no makers marks and hallmarked London 1871-2

Height of flagon 10.75 in
Diameter of top 1.875 in
Diameter of base 4 in
Weight 18 oz 5 dwt



*The 1871 flagon
[M20001]*

Alms Dish (1688)

The flat centre rises concavely to a broad flat rim with a wire mould at the edge of the under surface. The upper surface bears the arms of Twysden of Peckham 'Per saltire argent and gules a saltire between four cross crosslets all counterchanged.' The inscription on the under surface reads

'THE GIFT OF FRANCES TWYSDEN SPINSTER DAUGR OF SR WILLIAM TWYSDEN BART OF EAST PECKHAM IN KENT TO THE PARISH CHURCH OF PURLEY IN BERKS 1735'

It is silver and marked:- 'IR a crown above and shield below within a circle London 1688-9' Believed made by John Ruslen.

Diameter of alms dish 10.75 in

Width of rim 1.625 in

Weight 17 oz 10 dwt

Chalice (1976)

Obtained by subscription of parishioners for £144.22



*The 1976 chalice
[M20003]*

Sick Communion Set

A Chalice, pyx, paten and bottle presented by Christopher Wilcox

Chalice (1987)

This Chalice was specially commissioned from the Aldermaston Pottery for the open air service held in Broad Street Oxford shortly after the enthronement of Richard Harries as Bishop of Oxford. About 50 only were made and after the service they were sold for £25.00 each. One was purchased by John Chapman and presented to Purley Church. It has been used mainly as a ciborium however.



*The
Aldermaston
chalice
[M20002]*

Pyx (1950)

This is a small silver box to hold communion wafers before consecration. This was given in memory of Evelyn Palgrave. Evelyn spent much of her early life in the Houses of Parliament as her father, Sir Reginald Palgrave, was clerk of the House of Commons from 1886 to 1902 and they lived in the speaker's flat. Her uncle Francis Turner Palgrave was the editor of *The Golden Treasury*. Evelyn was related to the Listers, lived in Lane Cottage and very active in Purley affairs.

The pyx has ten compartments for holding wafers and is enscribed on the base 'TO THE GLORY OF GOD AND IN MEMORY OF EVELYN AGNES PALGRAVE 14 JULY 1950'



The pyx [M20191]