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Julyan Prescotte his wife, Thomas Prescotte and Olyver Prescotte his sons. Elisabeth Sealer, Robert Sealer, Lambert Wythin, Dainxe Anthony Norborne, Richard Fyneas, Thomas Warwke, Robert Weltdey/ John Page.

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Note use of Kentish form, using d instead of th in words such as moder and broder.

The short form xten used for the word Christian.

As part of the dissolution of the monastries The Priory Church of St Mary the Virgin and St Martin of the New Work (Newark) was surrendered in 1535 by John Lambert the prior and others. Amongst those was Anthony Norborne mentioned in this will. This meant that all Edward Prescotes requests for masses etc. would only be in effect for four years.

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In the name of God Amen/ the laste day of Marche in the yere of our/ lorde god mcccc xxxi I Edward Prescote/ of the p[*a*]rysh of Saynt Martyn of Guston/ [w]hole of mynde and of good remembrannce/ make my testament and laste Wyll in manner/ and forme foloyng First I bequeth my soull/ unto allmyghty god his blessed moder our/ lady saynt Mary the vyrgyn and to all/ the sayntes my body to be buried in the/ churchyarde of guston besydes my chyldern/ behynde the hygh aultar of the same church/ It[e]m I bequeth to the hygh aultar of the/ same church for my tythys and oblacyons/ neglygently forgotten ijs, It[e]m I Bequeth/ toward the bying of a cope for the same/ church aft{er} the decesse of Julyan my wyf iiij {li} / wythin iiij yerys after her decesse/ to be bought It[e]m I bequeth a cow toward/ the mayntaynyng of one taper of wax of/ iiij li to burn p[er]petually before the/ sacrament at the hygh aultar of the seyd/ church It[e]m I bequeth a cow toward the/ mayntaynyng of one taper of wax of iiij li/ to burn before the sepulture of our lord/ in the same church every

Easter p[er]petually/ and also to the mayntaynyng of the/  
pascall p[er]petually ev[r]y Easter in the seyde church equally  
the profyts of the seyde cow/ to be deuyded by the  
dyscrecyon of the/ curat and the wardeynes of the seyde church/  
church/ for the tyme bying It[e]m I bequeth one/ ewe toward  
the mayntaynyng of a taper/ of wax to burn before the sayde  
image of of Saynt Martyn Patron of the same/ church  
p[er]petually It[e]m I bequeth/

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v ewys to the maynteynyng of v tapers of the/ holy masse lyght  
in the same church p[er]petually to/ bren It[e]m I bequeth ij  
ewys to the mayntaynyng/ of ij tapers to bren p[er]petually  
before the Image/ of our blessyd lady in the seyde church It[e]m  
I/ bequeth iij ewys toward the mayntaynyng/ of iij tapers of wax  
to bren p[er]petually before/ the iij Images of Saynt Nycholas  
and Saynt/ Roke that is ev[er]y of them one ewe in the same/  
church It[e]m I bequeth one ewe toward the/ mayntaynyng of  
the bed[e]roll in the seyde church p[er]petually and I wyll that the  
seyde kene and ewys shall remayne in the keynyng/ of my seyde  
wyf the keynyng and p[er]formyng/ of the seyde lyghts in man[er]  
and forme as is/ before rehersyd as long as she ? wyll kepe/  
them and yf the wardeynes of the seyde church/ of Guston after  
that my seyde wife shalhave/ delyvered the seyde kene and  
ewyes and/ [p[er]forme the seyde intent of my seyde testament]  
/ to them for the entent as is afore rehersyd/ and at any tyme  
wyll not p[er]forme the seyde/ intent in the seyde church of  
Guston then I/ wyll that the church wardeynes of Beuxfelde  
[accordyngly It[e]m I also wyll] by/ the auctoryte of thys my  
p[re]sent testament/ and laste wyll shall take the the seyde  
kene/ and ewys and p[er]forme the same intent/ of my seyde  
testament in the parysh church/ of Beuxfelde accordyngly  
It[e]m I wyll/ that my executors shall delyver to/ Elysabeth  
[my wyf] Sealer xxvj in money/ viij ewys and viij lambes  
wythin iij monthes/ after my decesse Item I wyll that my/  
seyde executors shall delyver to Robert/ Sealer v m[ar]ks in  
money and v q[ua]rters of/ barley when the terme of hys yerys  
S[er]ving of/ appoynted shallbe fynysshyd It[e]m I bequeth/  
to ev[r]y of my godchylde[n] lyvynge one ewe/ It[e]m I bequeth to  
Thom[as] my son my best/ carte wyth th[e] apparell thereto  
belongyng/ and the v horsys to be delyvered to hym/ at such  
tyme as my seyde wyf shall thynk/ best It[e]m I bequeth to ev[r]y  
broder monk/ of the pryory of Dover beyng preste iij xij/ and  
to every novys xij to syng dyrge/

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and massys for me at my obyt day monthysday/ and  
yerysmynde It[e]m I bequeth to Dainxe/ Anthony Horbonne  
monk of the seyde pryory x d/ to syng a tryntall of masses/ for  
my soull and all xten/ soulys at such tymes covenyent as  
he shallbe at/ leysor It[e]m I bequeth to my lorde pryor to  
the/ rep[ar]acyon of the seyde monastery ~~{v} s~~ viij d It[e]m I  
bequeth to ev{r}y broder of the Masendyue of Dover/ beyng  
pr{e}ste iij s iij d and to ev{er}y novyce of the same/ place  
xij d to syng dyrge and masses the day of/ my obyt my  
monthysday and xij monthesday in the/ same place for my  
soull and all xten soulys It[e]m I/ wyll that my executors shall  
doo to be celebrated/ in the seyde church of Guston at myne  
obyt day x/ masses wyth solempne placebo and dyrge and at/  
my monthe x masses in leke mind and at my xij/  
monthesmynde x masses in leke mind and at ev{er}y/ of the  
seyde tymes of myne obyt day monthysday/ and xij  
monthysday a quarter of whete to be/ baked in bred and delt  
to poore folkes and drynk/ therto at the dyscrecyon of my  
seyde executors/ and of all the Residue of my goods  
moveable/ above my detts and legacy dyscharged I wyll/ that  
my son Thom{a}s shallhave the one half when/ he shall com  
to thage of xx{th} yerys and the other/ half of my seyde  
moveable goods I wyll that my/ seyde wyf and my son Olyver  
shallhave/ equally betwene them and my seyde wyf to/ have  
the gyding of the seyde Olyvers parte/ tyll he shall com to thage  
of xx yerys p[ro]vyded/ alwayes that yf my wyfe fortune  
to mary/ before he com to the seyde age then I wyll that/ the  
seyde Olyvers p[ar]te shallbe delyv[er]ed to Rychard/ Fyneas of  
Dover to thuse and p[ro]fyte of the seyde/ Olyver and I make  
and ordeyng executors/ of this my testament my seyde wyf  
Julyan/ and the seyde Richard Fyneas and oversear/ of  
that same I make Thom[a]s Woreuke of the/ castell of  
Dover and I wyll that the seyde/ Rychard Fyneas shallhave for  
hys labor xix li ij s/ and the seyde Thom{a}s Woreuke xx li iij s  
for hys labor/ It[e]m I bequeth to Syr Thom{a}s <space>  
vycar/ of ~~{Bex}~~ Beuxfelde x ij s to syng a tryntall of/ masses  
in the seyde church of Beuxfelde at such/ tyme as he shallbe at  
convenyent leys[or]/

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This is the Laste Will/ of the seyde Edward Prescotte made the  
day and yere above seyde Fyrst I wyll that my /son Thom{a}s  
shalhave all my landes and ten[emen]ts/ lyeng in the seyde  
p{ar}ysshys of Guston and/ Beauxfelde to hym and to hys  
heyres for/ ev{er} and of the same Thom{a}s fortune to  
decesse/ wythout heyres of hys body then I wyll/ that all my  
seyde landes and ten[emen]ts shall remayne to my son Olyver  
and to hys heyres/ for ever and of hys fortune the seyde Olyver/  
to decesse wythout heyres of hys body then/ I wyll that all the  
seyde landes and ten[ement]ts/ shall be sould be myne  
executors or by theyr/ executors to the best valor that may be  
and/ the money therof commyng to be employed/ in  
ornaments or other dedys of charyte/ in the seyde churchys  
of Guston and Beuxfelde/ by the dyscrecyon of my seyde  
executors or/ by theyr executors or assyngnes p[ro]vyded/  
allwayes that my seyde wyfe Julyan shalhave/ the p[er]fycte and

gydyng of all my seyde lands/ and ten[emen]ts unto the tyme  
that my seyde sonnys/ or eyther of them shallcom to the seyde  
age/ of xx yeris these p[er]sones beyng wytnes/ p[re]sent at  
the makyng and declaryng of/ thys p[re]sent testament and  
wyll Dainxe/ Anthony Norborne Curat of the seyde church/ of  
guston Robert Weltdey of Dover John/ Page of the seyde  
pryory of Guston and other/ Sexto November p[ro]bat

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