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These churchwardens' accounts are dated 1 January 1554. The date is as the Julian calendar when the year began on 25 March. To our way of looking at it now, the date would therefore have been 1 January 1555./

Mary Tudor came to the throne on 19 July 1553. She was a staunch Roman Catholic and immediately set about reinstating the Roman Catholic faith in England, following the break with Rome during the reign of her father, Henry VIII, and the resolute Protestantism of her brother, Edward VI. These accounts show how the churchwardens at Smarden were returning their parish church to the Roman Catholic ideology./

The Accompte of Thom[a]s norton Churche/
warden of the parishe of Smarden made in the presence/
of the parishe the first day of January Anno d[omi]ni 1554/
Receipts/

First the said Accomptannt doth knowledge himself)/	
to have Rec[eive]d of Stephen norton at the discharge of the)	xlij vj/
said Stephen when the said Thom[a]s toke his charge)/	
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of John pell by an oblig[ation]	vij/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of George Ellis by a bill	xx/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of Thom[a]s sharpe theld[e]r For bricks	iiij/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of John pell the wevar For certain bricks	ij/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of Will[ia]m sherin upon his bill	vj viij/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of John hunt upon his bill	xij iiij/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of Will[ia]m skott upon his bill	vj viij/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of Edward boycott upon his bill	x/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of John Edward upon his bill	vj viij/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of John Ang Upon his bill	x/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d For bell metall	xiiij/
It[e]m Rec[eive]d of Edward pell and For the gret Logg in/	

the churche melte		viiij/
S[u]m of all the Receipts	xiiij/	
Whereof the said Accomptannt ought to be Allowed these charges Folowinge had and paid in the tyme of his beinge churchwarden)/	
Payments/		
First paid to the sexten For his q[uar]t[er] wage		iiij/
It[e]m paid For one masse booke		xx/
It[e]m paid For one manuell		v/
It[e]m paid for A portees For the winter half yere		iiij/
It[e]m paid to James Swifte For bringinge home the said booke)/	vj/
It[e]m paid to Rob[er]t pells wif for mending the vestm[en]t		iiij/
It[e]m paid For makinge and gildinge of the crosse		xij/
It[e]m paid For iiij menes charge at Asshefforthe at the quenes visitation)/	xxij/
It[e]m paid to the sexten his q[uar]t[er] ended at lady day		iiij/
[end first page]/		
[second page]/		
It[e]m paid For whit incle		ij/
It[e]m paid For a corpores kerchee		xvj/
It[e]m paid For mendinge the crismatorie		vj/
It[e]m paid For making the pascall		iiij/
It[e]m paid my expenc[e]s at the service visitac[i]on at Asshefforth		xv/
It[e]m paid For makinge the bill of p[re]sentment		iiij/
It[e]m paid For making the Aulter	iiij/	
It[e]m paid For a load of Sand		viiij/
It[e]m paid For carreinge the Aulter stone & setting it up		xviiij/
It[e]m paid to Thom[as] Swift For mending a surples		j/
It[e]m paid to Thom[as] cotton for a portous for the summer tyme		xij/
It[e]m paid to Dawbies widdow For mending a surples		ij/
It[e]m paid to A glasiar For mendinge the windowes	vij	iiij/
It[e]m paid For his meat & Drinck		xxiiij/
It[e]m paid the charge at the visitation at Cranbrok	ij/	x/
It[e]m paid For A holywater stocke of Latin		iiij/
It[e]m paid the sexten wage for half yere ending at Mich[ae]l[mas]		viji/
It[e]m paid For a paxe		xij/
It[e]m paid to John gold For a vestm[en]t	x/	
It[e]m paid For a holy water sticke		iiij/
It[e]m paid to Stephen norton For brick & carreinge of it	viiij	viiij/
It[e]m paid to Stephen norton For v bushells of [illegible]		xx/
It[e]m paid For takinge the brick into the churche		j ob
It[e]m paid For takinge downe the bell	ij/	viiij/
It[e]m paid For carreinge the bell to canterbury & whome Again	xiiij	iiij/
It[e]m paid For making an obligac[i]on		x/
It[e]m paid For new castinge the bell	iiij	vj
It[e]m For certenne mettall to the castinge of the bell		xvij
It[e]m paid For stockinge of the bell		xvj/
It[e]m paid For hanginge up the bell	iiij/	x/
It[e]m paid to the Smith For Iron work & his labor		xij/
It[e]m paid to Swift to Fitt a roape & a shimer		ij/

It[e]m given to the Ringars to say the bell iiiij/
It[e]m paid to Rog[e]r Mathew For Recordinge this Accompe xij/
S[u]m of all charges paid)/
by the said accomtannt) ix xiiij ix ob/
turne over/

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