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## Will of Humphrey Bower, Vicar of Churchill, 1583

In the name of god amen In the yeare of oure lord god a 1583  
and the fist of marche I Humphrey Bower clearke late  
vicar of Churchill in the countie of Oxford beinge feble  
and sicke in bodie but whole in minde and of perfect  
reme[m]brance doe make this my last will and testame[n]t  
in manner and forme followinge first I bequeathe my  
soule to allmightie god my maker and redemer and  
my Bodie to be buried in the chauncell or churchyearde  
of Churchill It[em] I geve unto the mother church ij<sup>d</sup>  
It[em] I geve and bequeathe to Raphe Webster all my  
Working aier apparell that is to saie a coate a dublet  
a shirt a pair of hoses a paire of shoes and a capp  
It[em] I geve unto Jone Carter my blewe gowne  
It[em] I geve unto An[n]e Carter xij<sup>d</sup> It[em] I geve unto  
Edward Carter one blacke gowne and my olde  
letheren dublet. It[em] I bequeathe unto everie one off my  
god children ij<sup>d</sup> a peece It[em] I geve unto Elisabethe  
Budd and Kateren Waters ether of them ij<sup>d</sup> and to  
Old mother hope ijd It[em] I geve unto Raphe Webster  
his wife and everie one of her children[n] ij<sup>d</sup> a peece It[e]m  
I will that ij dozen of bread be geven amongst the poore  
at the daie of my buriall It[em] I geve unto everie scholler  
that is at my buriall a pennie It[em] I geve unto everie  
one in the almes house of nourto[n] beinge aged, a penie  
The rest of all my goodes not geven And bequeathed  
I geve and bequeathe unto Edward webster whom  
I doe make my whole executor to see this my last  
will performed Last of all I doe desire and make

Robart Tappin and wyll[ia]m Lucas my overseers

Those p[er]sons under written

beinge witnesses

R[ichard] Langley

Robart Tappin &

Wylli[a]m Lucas

*Probate granted 4<sup>th</sup> day of April 1583*

**Transcribed by The Churchill and Sarsden Probate Group 2017**