

Silver Service

There is a huge solid silver tray estimated at £2,000 in the Charterhouse **two day 2nd & 3rd December auction.**

“Weighing in at over 10 lbs you have to feel sorry for the domestic staff who would have carried this tray full up with cucumber sandwiches in the summer, mince pies at Christmas, coffee in the morning, tea in the afternoon or an aperitif in the early evening,” commented Richard Bromell. “Adding on all that weight and with the butler standing bolt upright it must have been quite back breaking.”

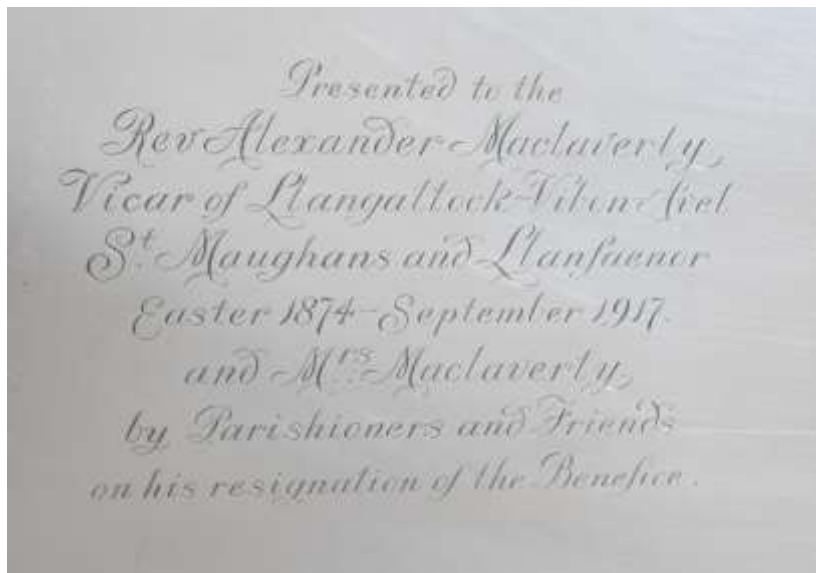
The silver tray is hallmarked for London 1895. At 73 cm wide it has a gadroon, shell and acanthus leaf border with a presentation inscription to the Rev Alexander Maclaverty. He was vicar at Llangattock-Vibon-Avel, St Maughans and Llanfaenor in Monmouthshire for 43 years and the tray was presented to him by his parishioners and friends in 1917.



Fitted in its own oak box it has had little use of the past years. Lining the box is an old Telegraph newspaper dating back to 1953.



Richard Bromell with the huge solid silver tray



The silver tray is being sold in the Charterhouse December triple auction. First up, on 2nd December starting at 10am, there are coins, militaria and stamps. This is followed by the silver tray in an auction of lots perfect for Christmas presents with silver, silver plate, jewellery, fashion accessories, Rolex, other watches, wine, port and whisky also on the 2nd starting at 3pm.

After this, on Friday 3rd December, there are more lots going under the auctioneers gavel with clocks, antiques and interiors.

Viewing for the auctions is on **Monday 29th – Thursday 2nd 9am-5pm**. Live internet bidding and catalogues are available to download on **www.charterhouse-auction.com**

Charterhouse are now accepting further entries for their January auctions with decorative arts, mid-century modern, pictures and books and their next specialist auctions of classic and vintage cars and motorcycles, both in March, at the prestigious Haynes International Motor Museum.

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