

**SA1097536**

## Antique Minton Cabinet Porcelain Armorial Plates, c.1860.

Price

**GBP 1,500**

| USD \$2,031 | EUR 1,755

**Item Reference: SA1097536****Date of manufacture: 1860**

## Description

A rare and antique pair of armorial plates with floral décor on a blue ground, created by Minton. These cabinet plates are attractively decorated in a color known as "Minton Blue," a fresh azure blue that Minton was renowned for. The plates' body is hand-painted with floral and gold patterns, featuring finely gilt rococo panels and hand-painted flowers. At the center is a coat of arms with the worn inscription "My Hope is in God" in Latin. This coat of arms belongs to Christ's College, part of the University of Cambridge, and includes traditional symbols associated with the institution. The shield features a black eagle with outstretched wings and a silver house, symbolizing the college's founder, Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of King Henry VII. The crown and mitre above the shield signify the college's ecclesiastical and royal connections, while the band encircling the shield bears a Latin motto. It is likely that this set of plates was specially made to order for the college in limited editions, which adds to its historical value and collector interest. These plates were rarely used for their intended purpose and served more as decoration, which is evident from their c...

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