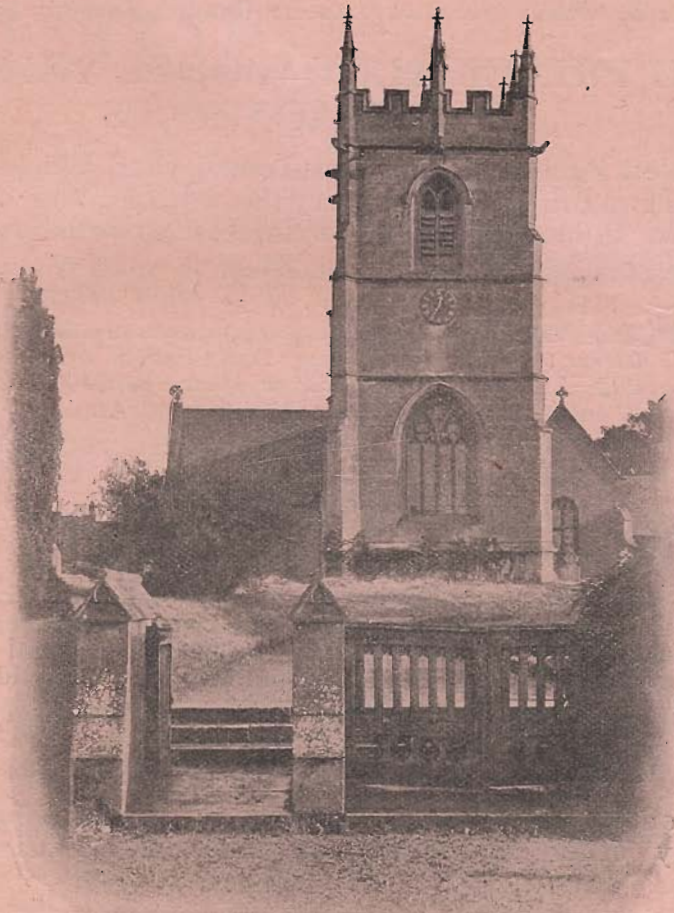


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HARVEST FESTIVAL.

In spite of the alleged scarcity of flowers the decorators at both Badsey and Wickhamford succeeded as well as ever in their work; indeed the opinion has been expressed that the results of their labours were better, if anything, than in previous years. There was a serious falling off in the offerings in kind at Wickhamford, which was to some extent compensated for by the largest collection on record for the Cottage Hospital. At Badsey, however, after the usual distribution in the village, there was quite a respectable supply of fruit and vegetables left over for Christ Church Mission, Poplar, where a few things from Wickhamford were also sent. There was just an average number of communicants (80) at Badsey, but at Wickhamford there were more than usual, possibly owing to the change in the hour of service. The preachers were the Vicar, at Badsey, and the Rev. H. Wilkinson, Vicar of Cropthorne, at Wickhamford. A report of the festival would be incomplete without a word of praise to the Wickhamford Choir for their rendering of the music at the Choral Celebration.

The decorators at Badsey were Mrs. Allsebrook, Mrs. Hands, Mrs. H. Keen, Miss E. Sladden, Miss Holmes, Miss E. Jones, May Ballard, Mr. H. Keen, Mr. Binyon, Mr. G. Moisey, Mr. Sparrow, G. Crisp, and C. Sparrow; at Wickhamford Mrs. G. Agg, Miss F. Pethard, and Mrs. Hartwell were responsible for the work.

Offerings in kind were received at Badsey from Mr. A. F. Alcock, Miss E. Jones, Mr. Horsfield, Mr. E. Collett, Mr. Wilkins, Mrs. T. Marshall, Elsie Keen, Mr. E. Knight, Mr. A. E. Jones, Mr. J. E. Knight, G. Crisp, Mrs. Ashwin, Mr. Geoffrey Jones, Miss E. Kelland, Master J. Jones, Mrs. H. Byrd, Mr. H. Kelland (who gave a pig which was sold and the purchase money added to the collections), Mrs. J. Keen, Mr. G. Moisey, Mr. E. Ballard, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Lees-Milne, Miss McDonald, Mr. J. Marshall, Messrs. Johns & Sons, Mr. A. C. Sparrow, Mr. E. Collett, Mr. H. L. Sparrow, Mrs. Evans and Nellie Marshall. Similar offerings were received at Wickhamford from Mr. Lees-Milne, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. J. Colley, Mrs.

Heritage, Mrs. R. Heritage, Mrs. W. Smith, Mrs. Mason, Mr. J. Staite, Mr. J. Moisey, Mr. G. Agg, Mr. W. Jones, and Miss Pethard.

THE BISHOP ON BROTHERHOODS.

The Bishop of Worcester, in declining to speak at a "Brotherhood" meeting at Ledbury, wrote as follows—

"I am extremely anxious for unity among all Christian people and have worked all my professional life steadily for it; but I am convinced that unity will not come by what are called unsectarian methods. I do not even think they are honest. If a Baptist is a convinced Baptist he ought to believe that the teaching of the Church is wrong. If he does not believe this I do not know why he should cut himself off from the Church of his fathers. I on the other hand believe that the sects are leading men away from the sacramental teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ. I cannot, therefore, see that we are advancing the cause of truth by such methods as the Brotherhood; but I do believe that we shall come to unity by all men being simply earnest in their convictions, and yet respecting those who differ from them. In this way God will in the end lead us into unity.

There is, however, a real hindrance to unity arising from the distrust of Nonconformist sincerity, which rightly or wrongly is engendered by the efforts of Nonconformist leaders to cripple the Church by disendowment,

I know that in many quarters the Nonconformists are growing ashamed of this policy, but so long as the policy is adopted the hindrance remains."

AFTERNOON OF PRAYER.

By desire of the Bishop, the Rev. W. Davis-Winstone, Assistant Diocesan Missioner, will conduct an Afternoon of Prayer in Badsey Church on Wednesday, November 15th.

The service, which will begin at 3 o'clock, will last in all about two hours and will be divided into three sections, separated from each other by a short pause. The first section will consist of

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thanksgivings and prayers for the Church at large, together with a short Lesson and Hymns; the second section will be for the Diocese, and the third section for the special needs of our own Deanery and its individual parishes.

Although it is hoped that all who are able to do so will attend and remain for the whole service, an opportunity will be afforded of entering or leaving the Church during the singing of the hymns.

A box will be placed at the door to receive contributions towards the expense of printing, etc.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Rector and Churchwardens of Sheering, Essex, have very kindly given a Prayer-Book for use in the reading-desk at Wickhamford.

The preacher at Badsey on Sunday evening, November 5th, will be the Rev. H. Gibbins, Principal of Saint Christopher's College, Namahasha, in the Diocese of Lebombo.

The Sewing Class will meet at the Vicarage on Mondays from 2.30 to 4.30, commencing Monday, November 6th.

Missionary Boxes should be returned to the Vicarage on or before **Saturday, November 25th.**

On Sunday morning, November 26th, there will be a Church Parade of the Evesham Company of the Church Lads' Brigade, under Captain Nicklin, at Badsey.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

Oct. 3.—Alfred Tasker Allchurch.
 „ 15.—Dorothy Alice May Corbett.

WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISM.

Oct 22.—Theodore George Henry Moisey.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	Badsey.		Wickhamford.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
October 1—Sick and Needy ...	1	0		
„ 1—Church Expenses ...	10	0½		
„ 1—Cottage Hospital ...			3	0 0½
„ 8—Sick and Needy ...	18	9		
„ 8—Church Expenses ...	3	17 9	3	6
„ 15—Sick and Needy ...	2	2	3	0
„ 15—Church Expenses ...	12	0½	5	4½
„ 18—Sick and Needy ...	1	3		
„ 22—Sick and Needy ...	1	10		
„ 22—Church Expenses ...	18	8	4	9½
„ 29—Sick and Needy ...	1	3		
„ 29—Church Expenses ...	13	4½	2	10
	£7	18 1½	£3	19 6½

