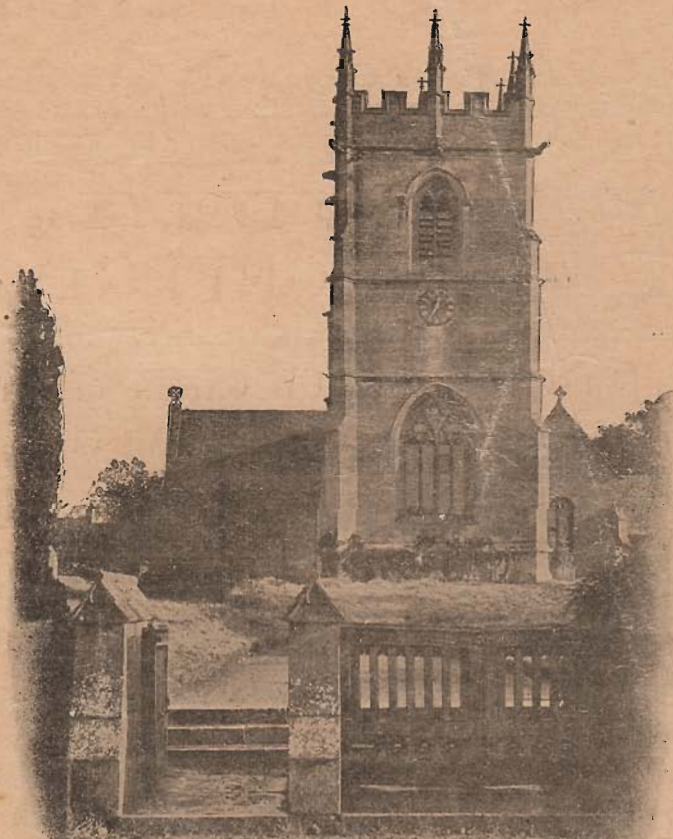


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BADSEY HARVEST FESTIVAL.

The Harvest Festival was kept at Badsey on Sunday, September 28th. There were good congregations at 7 and 8, whilst at evensong, at which an excellent sermon was preached by the Rev. George Wilson, M.A., of All Saints and S. Laurence, Evesham, the church was filled to overflowing.

The decorations this year were exceptionally good, those responsible for the work being Mrs. Hands, Miss E. Sladden, Mrs. E. Collett, Mrs. Taylor, Mrs. C. Keyte, Messrs. A. Sparrow, C. A. Binyon and G. Moisey, Nellie Marshall and Nellie Grove. Offerings of flowers, fruit, vegetables and honey were received from Mrs. T. Marshall, Mr. J. Keen, Mrs. Russell, Mrs. Kelland, Mrs. Ashwin, Mrs. H. Byrd, Miss E. Sladden, Mrs. Cave, the Misses McDonald, Messrs. W. Sparrow, J. E. Knight, H. Cave, W. Stanford, W. Hartwell, G. E. Jones, E. Collett, H. Wheatley, A. Dore, H. Mitchell, G. Moisey, A. Sparrow, W. Bennett, Junr., L. Sparrow, W. Wilkins, A. C. Sparrow, E. Ballard, J. Dones, J. Keen, H. Keen, A. E. Jones, G. Jones, J. Marshall, E. Knight and Major Alcock. The offerings in kind were disposed of as in previous years, and hampers of fruit and vegetables, packed ready for sending to the Ch. Ch. Mission, were given by Messrs. Geoffrey Jones, A. E. Jones, A. Ballard, W. Stanford, A. Dore, A. Mustoe, E. Mustoe, E. Ballard, W. Knight, W. Bennett, T. Bennett, and Messrs. Johns and Sons. Mr. A. E. Jones, as usual, kindly provided empties etc. for packing the things sent from the Church. The collections for the Cottage Hospital amounted to £4 9s. 7d.

CONFIRMATION.

As announced in our last number, there will be a Confirmation at Badsey on Wednesday, March 11th. 1914. The service will be at 2.30. Intending candidates are requested to give in their

names at the Vicarage before November 1st. The Vicar will then call two meetings (one for boys and another for girls) at which the hours of the different classes will be arranged. According to the Bishop's rule no candidate under 13 years of age on March 11 may be presented without his lordship's special permission.

SOME OLD BADSEY WILLS.

CONTRIBUTED BY E. A. B. BARNARD, F.S.A.

III.

The spelling of the Will under present consideration is somewhat involved, and so, for the benefit of the general reader, I give in modern form the various items of local interest appearing therein. The Will is that of:—

Smythe, John, Badsey, Feast of St. Egwin (1) Abbot, 1535. (Cal. Worc. Wills, Vol. I. p. 7, f. 35.)

Body to be buried in the Chancel of Saint James's Church.

To the High Altar of the Mother Church of Evesham—vj s. viiij d.

To the bell in the new tower (2)—iiij s. iiiij d.

And to the two clerks a groat apiece.

To the Ordinary for a Trental (3) of Masses—x s.

To every church within the jurisdiction of Saint Egwin's Diocese (4)—viiij d.

To every Vicar or Curate of the same iiiij d. apiece to say Mass and Dirige (5) for my soul and all Christian souls.

To Bengeworth Church—xijd.

To gilding of the Rood Loft (6) of Badsey—vjd.

To Sir William Marshall (7)—iiij s. iiiij d.

Sir Thomas Jamys (8) "my ghostly father" (9).

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NOTES ON THE WILL.

- (1) The seven solemn feasts of Evesham Abbey were Christmas, Easter, Pentecost, the Assumption, All Saints' Day, the Deposition of St. Egwin (Dec. 30), and that of his Translation (Sep. 10). Probably the Feast of the Deposition is here intended.
- (2) The existing Bell Tower at Evesham, which Abbot Clement Lichfield was then building, Leland (Itinerary, Vol. iv., p. 72) writing just after the Dissolution, says that Abbot Clement had placed there "a great bell . . . and a goodly clock." (See also Tower and Bells of Evesham," Chap. III.)
- (3) Thirty Masses.
- (4) By a Decree of December 11, 1248, the Bishop of Worcester ceased to have any jurisdiction over the churches of the Vale (except Abbot's Morton), and they remained under the jurisdiction of the Abbot of Evesham until the Dissolution. The Ordinary did not recover his natural rights over the Vale of Evesham until the anomaly was removed by an Order in Council, February, 1851.
- (5) Matins of the Dead, called also Dirige from its first antiphon "Dirige Domine Deus meus in conspectu tuo viam meam."
- (6) The loft or screen upon which the rood of crucifix was placed. (See "Badsey Churchwardens' Accounts," p. 13.)
- (7) I cannot recall any other local reference to him. There were Marshalls at South Littleton at this time.
- (8) See Parish Magazine, May, 1913.
- (9) His confessor.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Agg's many friends will be pleased to hear that Mrs. Agg and her family reached Toronto in safety on September 4th after a fairly good voyage across the Atlantic. Mr. Agg has taken a house in a locality which his children may find dull unless they have a taste for geometry and vulgar fractions. His address is 640 $\frac{1}{2}$, Euclid Avenue.

The Parish Library will re-open on Monday, October 6th, and will be open every Monday until further notice from **5** to **5.30**.

The Rev. W. Davis-Winstone, Assistant Missioner for the diocese, will conduct an Afternoon of Prayer at Offenham Parish Church on Wednesday, October 15th. The service will commence at 3 o'clock, and will last about an hour and a half.

On Sunday evening, October 26th, the Rev. W. Crouch, B.A., will preach at Badsey on the Church's work in the diocese of Leombo.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

- Sept. 21. Hubert George Willis.
" Joseph Henry Haines.
" Annie Emmeline Jelfs.
" Clarice Olive Warmington.

BADSEY—MARRIAGE.

- Sept. 3. James Sadler and Frances Annie Marshall.

BADSEY—BURIALS.

- Sept. 22. Eliza Knight, aged 86 years.
" Richard Hall, aged 84 years.

WICKHAMFORD—MARRIAGE.

- Sept. 18. Leonard John Walford and Evelyn Constance Baylis.

WICKHAMFORD—BURIAL.

- Sept. 17. James Willoughby, aged 70 years.