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CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop administered the Rite of Confirmation at Badsey on Friday, March 13. The service was at 2.30 and candidates were presented from Badsey, Wickhamford, The Littletons, Cleeve Prior, Cropthorne, Charlton and Sedgberrow. There were about 100 candidates in all and an exceptionally large general congregation which overflowed into the tower and porch. After the service the Bishop complimented the choir on their unaccompanied singing of "Veni Creator" and also spoke approvingly of the evident care bestowed on the church; he thought, however, the appearance of the churchyard might be improved.

The following are the names of the candidates from our own parishes:—

BADSEY.

C. G. Agg, M. Agg, W. Addis, A. E. Barnard, W. G. Barnard, F. J. Barnard, J. Barnard, G. Brewer, S. W. Byrd, W. E. Cleveley, E. G. Cull, A. G. Crisp, F. Dore, A. J. R. Done, E. Evans, J. G. R. Hill, E. T. Hartwell, E. J. Jelfs, J. K. Jones, F. E. Jones, C. Jeffries, A. O. Knight, A. C. Keen, A. G. Keen, C. W. March, W. G. Moisey, T. H. Marshall, G. W. Nightingale, A. O'Neil (Manor House), J. Poole (Manor House), J. Perkins, J. T. Perkins, C. W. Roberts, B. Wilkins, K. Wiggins, T. J. Wilson, D. M. Addis, K. A. Brewer, E. M. Ballard, F. E. Chamberlain, L. M. Chamberlain, M. Cleveley, N. Crisp, E. L. Cull, R. E. Hartwell, W. M. Hill, E. M. Jones, E. M. Jeffries, A. Knight, J. Knight, M. A. March, E. L. Roberts, E. Stephens, E. H. Stanford, R. A. Sparrow, L. F. A. Stewart.

WICKHAMFORD.

C. E. Carr, F. Cox, J. Colley, F. Turner; (Mrs.) F. C. Moisey, P. M. Pethard, M. E. Thornton.

The newly-confirmed are being prepared for Holy Communion, and will (D.V.) make their first communion on Easter Day. An earnest invitation is also extended to all parents who are, or ought to be, communicants—that is, all such as have themselves been confirmed—to receive the Blessed Sacrament at Easter; and those who have long been "negligent to come to the Holy Communion" are urged to come not just once and no more, but to come regularly both for their own sake and for the sake of their children, remembering the influence of example. It is hard

to make a fresh start when good habits have, through long neglect, ceased to be habits at all, but the present occasion offers to parents an opportunity such as may not occur again, and also provides what ought to be a powerful incentive "by God's grace to return to a better mind."

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SERVICES.

BADSEY.

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday before Easter:—

10 Mattins (except on Wednesday).

5.30 Evensong with Reading.

On Thursday there will also be Holy Communion at 8.

GOOD FRIDAY:—

8 Altar Prayers.

11 Mattins, Litany and Altar Prayers.

6.30 Evensong with Sermon.

Easter Even:—

10 Mattins and Altar Prayers.

6.30 Evensong.

EASTER DAY:—

6.30, 8 and mid-day, Holy Communion.

11 Mattins and Litany.

6.30 Evensong with Sermon.

Easter Monday:—

10 Mattins.

10.15 Holy Communion (if any intending communicants present).

8 Evensong.

Easter Tuesday:—

8 Holy Communion.

10 Mattins.

6.30 Evensong.

WICKHAMFORD.

Wednesday before Easter:—

10 Mattins, Litany and Altar Prayers.

GOOD FRIDAY:—

9.30 Mattins, Litany and Altar Prayers.

3 Evensong with Sermon.

EASTER DAY:—

9.30 Mattins.

10 Holy Communion.

The services at both churches on Low Sunday (April 19) will be the same as usual on the 3rd Sunday of the month.

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NOTES AND NEWS.

The Rev. J. L. Lopes has presented to Badsey Church a handsome violet frontal, burse, veil and stole and also a blue silk frontlet with silver fringe.

The foundation-stone of the chapel to be built at Badsey Manor House was laid on March 21 (S. Benedict's Day) by the Rev. P. H. Bown, principal of S. Stephen's House, Oxford.

The meeting in connection with the Warwickshire Bishopric Scheme, which was held in Evesham on March 24 and was fully reported in the local papers, was quite a success. Mr. Sladden presided, and the Bishop, who elected to indulge in a "talk" rather than a "speech," spoke charmingly, earnestly and convincingly of the need for dividing the present diocese of Worcester.

The offerings at both churches on Good Friday will be divided between the Sunday School and the Bishop in Jerusalem's Fund.

The Badsey Easter Vestry will be held at the Vicarage on Tuesday, April 14, at 8 p.m. At Wickhamford the Easter Vestry will be held at the Parish Room on Wednesday, April 15, at 8 30 p.m.

The local company of Territorials will attend Divine Service at Badsey on Sunday, April 26, at 11 a.m.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

- Mar. 15.—Esmé Mary Sparrow.
 „ „ Dorothy Wheatley.

BADSEY—BURIALS.

- Mar. 13.—Frank Leslie Keen, aged 1 year and 10 months.
 „ 14.—Anne Tovey Jones, aged 76 years.
 „ 19.—Eliza Bates, aged 69 years.

WICKHAMFORD—BAPTISM.

- Mar. 1.—Edith Anne Jelfs.

WICKHAMFORD—BURIAL.

- Mar. 7.—Samuel Halford, aged 67 years.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		Badsey.		Wickhamford	
Mar.	1.—Sick and Needy ...	2	0	5	5½
„	„—Church Expenses ...	1	0 7½	8	5½
„	2.—Sick and Needy ...	2	4		
„	8.—Sick and Needy ...	5	4½		
„	„—Church Expenses ...	18	1½	9	0
„	13.—Sick and Needy ...	2	10½		
„	15.—Sick and Needy ...	9	7	5	0
„	„—Church Expenses ...	11	10	12	8½
„	22.—Sick and Needy ...	4	9½		
„	„—Church Expenses ...	18	5¾	11	0
„	25.—Sick and Needy ...	1	11		
„	29.—Sick and Needy ...	4	4		
„	„—Church Expenses ...	17	8½	7	0½
		£5 19 11¾		£2 18 8	

