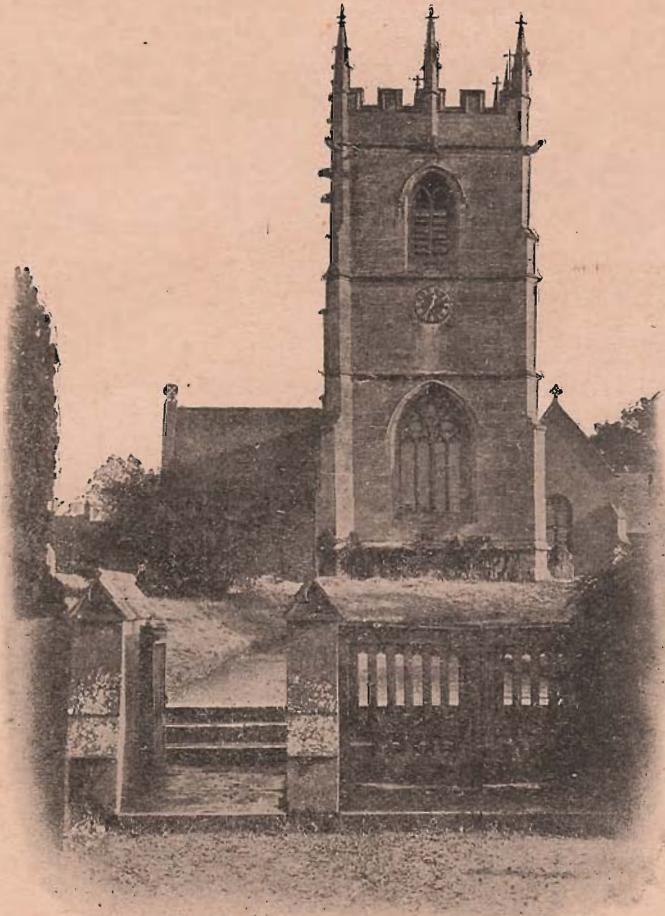


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EASTER.

The outstanding feature of our Easter Festival was the exceptionally large number of communicants, although it must be admitted that, all things considered, there should have been many more. There were in all 260, of whom 249 made their communion on Easter Day—213 at Badsey and 36 at Wickhamford. The musical portion of the services at both churches on Easter Day was pleasingly rendered and the churches had, as usual, been beautifully decorated. The following are the names of those who helped in the work of decoration either by service or offerings or in both ways:—Badsey: Mrs. Allsebrook, Mrs. Hands, the Misses Sladden, Miss Holmes, Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. Newbury, Mrs. E. Collett, Miss Sharpe, the Misses Enstone, M. March, F. Jones W. Moisey, Mrs. Ashwin, Mrs. Geoff. Jones, Mr. J. Marshall, Mrs. T. Byrd, jun., Mr. Sparrow, Mr. Mustoe, Fr. Lopes, Mrs. Wheatley, W. Wheatley, H. Wheatley, Elsie Keen, C. Sparrow, F. Moisey. Wickhamford: Mrs. Drysdale, Mr. Lees-Milne, Mrs. Taylor, Miss Jackson, Mrs. C. Agg, Mrs. E. Pethard, Miss Pethard, Mrs. E. Pethard, Miss M. Pethard, and Mrs. Hartwell.

THE "SPRING CLEAN."

Both our churches were again scrupulously clean for Easter. The work at Badsey, which is of a formidable character, was carried out by the following loyal helpers:—Mrs. C. Keyte, Mrs. J. Keen, Mrs. Stanford, Mrs. Green, Mrs. Ankers, Mrs. T. Hall, and Messrs. E. Ballard, G. W. Emms, C. Knight, and G. Moisey. Mrs. Sladden and Mrs. Mustoe provided soap, etc., Mrs. Crisp boiled the water, Mrs. T. Marshall provided lunch for the workers, and Mrs. Sladden tea.

The names of the faithful few who turned up to assist in tidying the churchyard were Messrs. A. Sparrow, G. E. Jones, J. E. Knight, J. Keen, R. Pethard, C. A. Binyon, and G. Moisey, and Cecil Sparrow.

The work at Wickhamford was done by Mrs. Hartwell.

EASTER VESTRIES.

The Badsey Easter Vestry was held in the Parish Room, Badsey Vicarage, on Tuesday, April 14th, at 8 p.m., the Vicar presiding. The Churchwardens' Accounts showed receipts amounting to

£48 Os. 5d., an expenditure of £48 7s., and a balance of 6s. 7d. due to the Churchwardens. There were outstanding liabilities of about £6. In the course of the usual discussion of the Accounts Mr. Binyon explained to the meeting that the expenditure in respect of bells and bell-ropes (£5 7s. 9d.) included the cost of new ropes and also of repairs to the old ones. The latter were now practically equal to new so that, with two sets of ropes, it would be a long time before such expense was incurred again. Mr. Binyon also mentioned that parishioners were sometimes heard to complain that so much of the money collected in church went out of the parish. Mr. Binyon did not appear to sympathise with the complainants, and the Vicar pointed out that of the £77 13s. 7d. collected in Badsey Church during the past year only £6 13s. 1d. had been devoted to what could be strictly regarded as extra-parochial objects. What went, e.g., to the Cottage Hospital was repaid with interest.

The Accounts were unanimously approved.

The Vicar mentioned that the churchwardens proposed to pay the organist and clerk (as soon as there was enough cash in hand) a bonus of £2 each in respect of the year last past, and hoped to be able to do the same in respect of the ensuing year. On the motion of Mr. J. E. Knight, seconded by Mr. Emms, the meeting expressed its unanimous approval of the churchwardens' intentions.

The Vicar stated that the year's collections for special purposes were as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy	13	15	2
Sunday School	2	11	6½
Cottage Hospital	4	9	7
Hostel of S. Luke	4	3	
Bishop's Church Extension Fund ...	1	0	0
Diocesan Societies	1	0	0
Foreign Missions	1	16	11
Poor Clergy Relief Corporation ...	19	5½	
Waifs and Strays	19	5½	
Knightwick Sanatorium	19	5½	
Missions to Jews	13	0	
Vicar's Easter Offerings in lieu of			
Dues	4	7	1
Total	£32	5	11

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The Vicar presented the following balance-sheet of the Sick and Needy Fund. —

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	3 2 10½	Disbursed ...	15 19 2
Church Collections	13 15 2	Balance in hand	18 10½
	£16 18 0½		£16 18 0½

The Vicar again elected Mr. J. Sladden to be his warden, and Mr. G. E. Jones was unanimously elected parishioners' warden. General regret was expressed that Mr. A. Sparrow could not see him way to offering himself for re-election.

Messrs. A. Sparrow, C. A. Binyon, E. Knight, W. Mustoe, G. W. Emms, E. Crisp, P. Brailsford, and J. S. Douglas were unanimously elected sidesmen.

A vote of thanks to "all voluntary church-workers" was proposed by Mr. Binyon, seconded by Mr. Crisp, and passed unanimously.

The Wickhamford Easter Vestry was held in the Parish Room on Wednesday, April 15th, at 8.30 p.m. The Vicar presided.

The Churchwardens' Accounts showed receipts amounting to £18 12s. 9d., an expenditure of £15 5s. 2d., and a balance in hand of £3 7s. 7d. The Accounts were approved.

Mr. Swift called attention to the steady increase in the collections for Church Expenses which for the last three years had been as follows: —

	£	s.	d.
1911-12	11	6	4
1912-13	13	7	11½
1913-14	17	4	10½

The Vicar stated that the year's collections for special purposes had been as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Sick and Needy	5	0	4½
Sunday School	2	1	5
Cottage Hospital	4	5	0
Bishop's Church Extension Fund ...	1	16	11
Diocesan Societies	1	17	5
Foreign Missions	16	10	½
Poor Clergy Relief Corporation ...	1	5	11½
Waifs and Strays	1	5	11½
Missions to Jews	18	8	
Vicar's Easter Offerings in lieu of Dues	2	2	7
Total	£21	11	2

The Vicar presented the following balance-sheet of the Sick and Needy Fund:—

Receipts.		Expenditure.	
£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Balance brought forward	2 2 2½	Disbursed ...	6 1 5
Church Collections	5 0 4½	Balance in hand	1 1 2
	£7 2 7		£7 2 7

The Vicar pointed out that the total amount collected in Wickhamford Church during the year was £38 16s. 0½d.

The Vicar again elected Mr. B. R. Swift to be his warden and Mr. R. Taylor was once more unanimously elected parishioners' warden.

Messrs. G. Agg and H. L. Richards were unanimously re-elected sidesmen.

ASCENSION DAY SERVICES.

BADSEY.

- 5 and 8.—Holy Communion.
- 11.—Mattins and Catechising.
- 6.30.—Evensong.

WICKHAMFORD.

- 9.30.—Mattins and Catechising.
- 10.—Holy Communion.

NOTE.—On Whit-Sunday the services at both churches will be the same as on Easter Day.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Badsey Church has received a valuable addition to its "ornaments" in the shape of a handsome white and gold frontal, veil, burse and stole, the gift of Fr. Lopes. The frontal was used for the first time on Easter Day.

The appearance of Wickhamford Churchyard has been considerably improved by the re-graveling of the path. The cost of the gravel was defrayed out of the church funds and the labour was kindly provided by Mr. Lees-Milne. The Churchwardens are indebted to Mr. Mason for kindly carting away many months' accumulation of rubbish.

The Sunday School Lenten Collections for Waifs and Strays yielded the following amounts:—Badsey—Upper School 6s. 4d., Infants 2s. 6d.; Wickhamford 2s. 5d.

The Vicar expects to leave home on May 18 for a few weeks' holiday, and the Rev. G. S. Reakes, B.A., assistant-curate of S. Paul's, Deptford, has the Bishop's permission to officiate during his absence. Mr. Reakes will reside at the Vicarage.