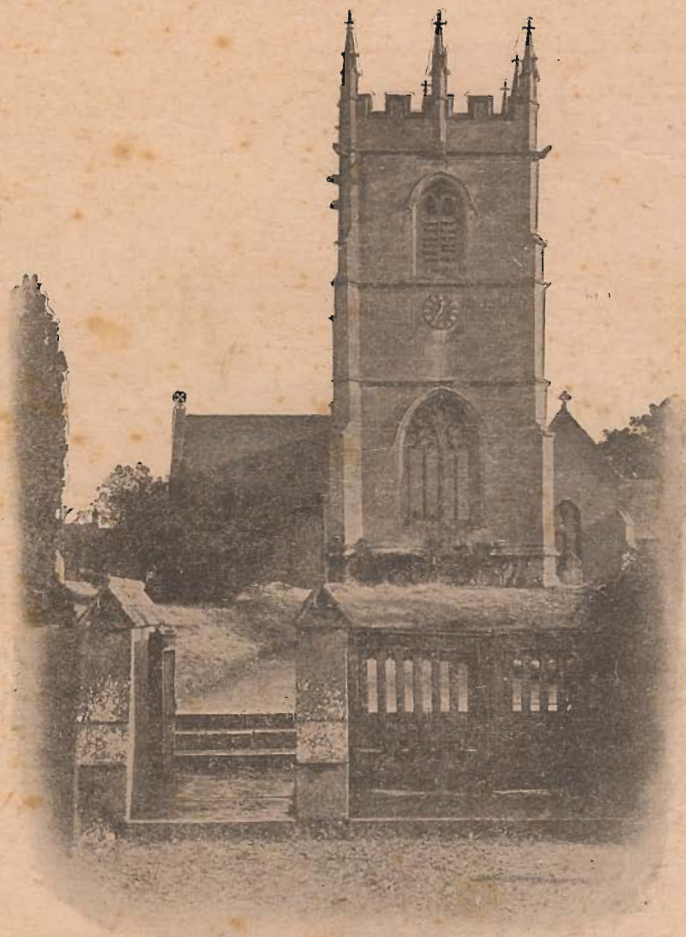


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THE WAR.

Although much has been published in the newspapers about the landing in the Gallipoli Peninsula and the subsequent fighting there, the following extract from a letter from Pte. Cecil H. Crane will be of interest.

Writing to his wife under date May 6, Pte. Crane says:—"I haven't written for a fortnight as we have been fighting day and night and only got relieved out of the firing-line yesterday. We have had some terrible fighting here, especially the last four days. The first was bad as we had to land under a heavy fire and then drive them back with the bayonet. The fourth day was the worst (April 29). How I shall remember that day! We were fighting from morning till night and lost a lot of men. . . . G. Crisp, A. Caldicott and S. Byrd were wounded, but Jeff' and I and most of the other Evesham chaps got through it all right. You will be glad to hear, if you haven't seen it in the papers when you get this, that the Worcesters were singled out for special praise; so you see we soon made our name, tho' at what a cost! And we who are left can only thank God for bringing us through such a day, as we were outnumbered by 10 to 1. How they cut us down you can only guess and we were forced to retire at the finish with about half as many men as we went out with; but we have got through the worst, I think, as we have got a lot of reinforcements come now, so I think we shall soon push them back. - We have got the Gurkhas here now and they are terrors with their knives. I have got a Turkish bugle which I am trying to keep to bring back. I forgot to mention that in the big fight we threw our packs away and of course our writing-paper with them so you might send me some if you can. You needn't send any tobacco as I have got over 2 lbs. now as they serve us out some and I get Jeff's as well. Remember me to all and tell them I hope to be with you all again soon."

A p.c. from Pte. Crane, dated May 13 stated that he was then in hospital but going on well.

Pte. C. Jeffries, in a letter to his sister dated May 4, tells much the same tale of the fighting in the Gallipoli Peninsula. He writes: "We have just been relieved out of the trenches after a spell of 48 hours. We have been awake all night and day for the last three days, and now I am going to have a sleep as we have to get a nap when we can. . . . I wish this was all over; it is awful. This morning the Turks started to retire along a ridge in hundreds and our machine guns and artillery just got the range and we could see them falling by dozens."

Pte. G. Crisp, who had the first finger of his left hand shot away on the occasion above referred to, writes to his mother (May 16) from the Military Hospital, S. George's Barracks, Malta: "I am getting on as well as can be expected and my finger will soon be better. This is a fine place where I am now—an ideal place for the wounded. The people here have treated us well, giving us plenty of cigarettes, etc. It is a treat to be here in peace after the terrible time we had during the landing. One of the first to get killed was Brig.-Gen. Napier of the 88th Brigade. He was killed the minute he stepped from the boat on to the beach. Most of our battalion got on shore safely but we lost a good many during the advance. . . . I have received no letters since the one which I received at Lemnos. When you reply to this just tell me if Jeffries has sent any letters. I never saw him after Wednesday morning. The forcing of the Straits will not take long, but their concealed batteries caused us and the navy a lot of trouble."

The above three correspondents are all Old Choristers of Badsey.

Pte. A. W. Idiens, of the 2nd Canadian Contingent and sometime Organist of Wickhamford, received a shrapnel wound in the arm in the recent fighting round Ypres and is now in the R.N.O. Hospital, Gt. Portland St.

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO WAR FUNDS.

BADSEY.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged - - -	13	18	7 ³ / ₄
National Relief Fund (P.O. Box) -	0	2	9
Y.M.C.A. War Emergency Fund			
Church Box - - - - -	0	2	11
Mr. Salter's Box - - - - -	0	1	3
	£14	5	6 ³ / ₄

WICKHAMFORD.

	£	s.	d.
Previously acknowledged - - -	33	1	4 ¹ / ₂
Serbian Relief Fund (Miss Empey's Box) - - - - -	5	4	0
	£38	5	4 ¹ / ₂

G.F.S.

There will be a Corporate Communion for Badsey members at Badsey Church on June 13th, at 8 a.m., and one for Wickhamford members at Wickhamford Church on June 20th, at 8.45 a.m. It is earnestly hoped that all members who are able to do so will attend and make their communion.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Mrs. Hands has forwarded £1 12s. 6d. to the Bishop of Worcester's Church Extension Fund, of which amount £1 1s. 0d. was collected in Badsey and 11s. 6d. in Wickhamford. It was not possible to send up the money at the proper time as there were several outstanding subscriptions.

The Sunday School Lenten Savings, which were duly remitted to the Waifs and Strays Society, amounted to 10s. 6d. The Badsey Seniors contributed 4s. 9d., Badsey Infants 3s. 2d. and Wickhamford S.S. 2s. 7d.

As many of our readers are aware, the Rev. J. L. Lopes has been received into the Church of Rome.

The 9 o'clock Celebration on the First Sunday of the Month, for which Mr. Lopes was responsible, will be discontinued.

Mr. A. E. Vinden, of Herne Hill, has very kindly sent (through Mr. T. H. Knight) 2 guineas for the Badsey Organ Fund and, for the use of the choir, 18 copies of each of the following anthems: "Thou wilt keep him" (Williams), "Come, Holy Ghost" (Attwood), "Hear me when I call" (King Hall), "Lord, for Thy tender mercies' sake" (Farrant), "O Lord, my God" (Malan) and "Incline Thine ear" (Himmel). Some of these anthems already have a place in our Choir Library, but such libraries are singularly subject to wastage and we frequently find ourselves short of copies; we are, therefore, very grateful to Mr. Vinden for his most welcome gift.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

May 16. Charles William Knight.
 " Hilda May Hartwell.
 " Elsie Geden.

WICKHAMFORD—BAPTISM.

May 4. Aubrey Irvin Frederick Wilcox.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

		Badsey.			Wickhamford.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
May	1. Sick and Needy ...	1	4				
"	2. Sick and Needy ...	1	0		4	6	
	Church Expenses ...	19	5		9	3	
"	6. Church Expenses ...	1	9				
"	9. Sick and Needy ...	4	0 ¹ / ₂				
	Church Expenses ...	18	3		6	2 ¹ / ₂	
"	13. Sick and Needy ...	5	1		5	0	
"	16. Sick and Needy ...	3	1 ¹ / ₂		4	4 ¹ / ₂	
	Church Expenses ...	12	3 ¹ / ₂		10	0	
"	20. Church Expenses ...	2	4 ¹ / ₂				
"	23. Sunday School ...	2	1	2	1	2	10
"	24-26. Sick and Needy ...	1	11				
"	27. Church Expenses ...	1	4				
"	30. Sick and Needy ...	3	6 ¹ / ₂				
	Church Expenses ...	18	8 ¹ / ₂		8	1 ¹ / ₂	
		£6	15	4	£3	10	3 ¹ / ₂