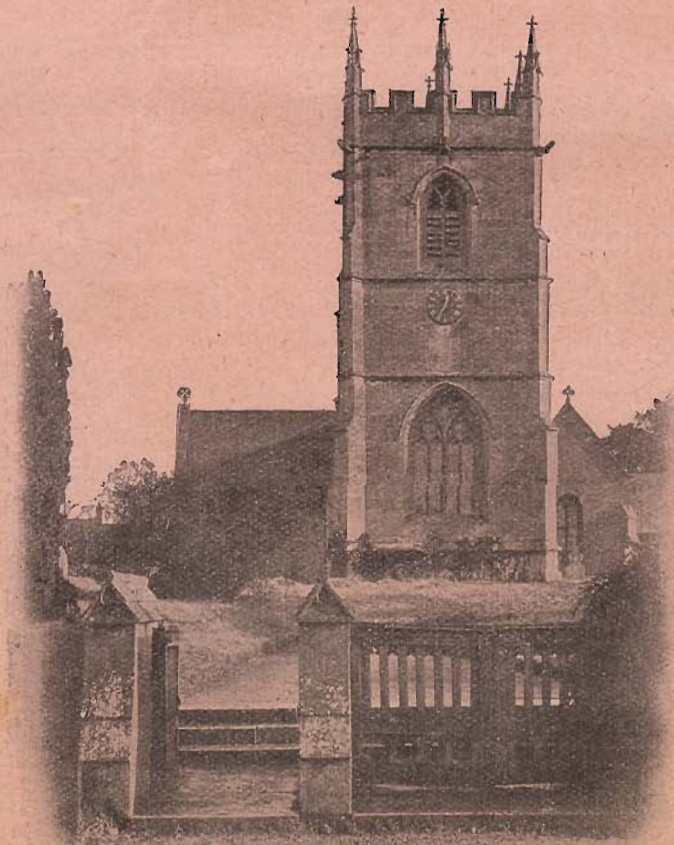


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THE WAR.

It is with much regret that we learn of the death in action of Cpl. R. C. Lewis, who was assistant master of Badsey Council School. He first came to Badsey in March, 1914, and though but a short time here, he had formed a very real affection for the place and school, and when on leave he always made a point of visiting Badsey. In January, 1915, he left his life's work and all that a man holds dear in response to Lord Kitchener's appeal for volunteers for the defence and honour of our country. He enlisted in the—Batt. of the Gloucester Regiment and saw active service in France, and then Italy. On the 25th April, 1918, while the battalion was holding part of the Italian front Cpl. Lewis met his death by a shell. Much sympathy is felt for his parents who lose the elder of their two children. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, 15th May, in the Parish Church when many of his old scholars were present, as well as Managers and staff of the school.—F.E.A.

R.I.P.

News has at last been received from Pte. E. Cull who is a prisoner of war in Germany. Like our other Badsey men in Germany he sends most cheery messages, making light of the trials and hardships incident to the lot of the captive. The only word approaching a grumble is to be found in Pte. W. Keen's observation—"I have never had such a lazy month in my life."

The report from France to the effect that Pte. W. F. Nightingale had been wounded was incorrect. A post card has been received from him stating that he is a prisoner in Germany, un wounded and well.

We are very sorry to learn that Sergt. W. Moore, D.C.M., who was reported wounded and a prisoner, has now been posted as missing from some date "between Mar. 23rd and 28." We trust that reassuring news of him may soon be received. His brother Pte. A. E. Moore, who sustained a head wound in France, is on light duty in England but still feeling the effects of his injuries.

Pte. J. Barnard and Gunner F. Barnard are both with their units again. The former was hit three times before being sent to the base.

Pte. T. Knight is in hospital in France suffering from influenza and an injured ankle.

Cpl. J. Taylor, who has been badly gassed, is in hospital at Nottingham and doing well.

Pte. W. Moisey has been wounded in the eye and is in hospital in France

Very hearty congratulations to Pte. G. Crisp on winning the Military Medal "for bravery in the field between the dates of Mar. 13th and 21st." Pte. Crisp was one of the earliest and youngest recruits from Badsey and one of the heroes of the landing from the *Clyde*, the fame of which will live as long as the name of England lives, and his many friends will rejoice in this official recognition of his valour and patriotism.

NOTES AND NEWS.

Badsey Church has had a thorough cleaning at the hands of the following voluntary workers:—Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. C. Keyte Mrs. Morris Mrs. W. Keen, Mrs. Bearcroft and Miss C. Byrd.

There will be Corporate Communion for members of the G.F.S. at Wickhamford on Sunday, June 16th, at 8-45 a.m., and at Badsey, on Sunday, June 23rd, at 8 a.m.

Annual subscriptions to the Badsey Churchyard Fund to the amount of £4 10s. have already been promised by seven subscribers. At least three times this amount will be required to ensure regular attention to the turf, etc., and it is confidently hoped that this sum may be soon subscribed. It will be more creditable to the parish if this is provided by a large number of small subscriptions than by a small number of large ones. When the money in hand justifies the making of a definite

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permanent arrangement a meeting of subscribers will be called. Subscriptions should be paid to Mr. G. E. Jones or Mr. W. Stanford,

The Lenten Boxes for Waifs and Strays yielded the following amounts which have been duly forwarded to Preb. Rudolf.

Badsey:—Boys 8s. 2½d.; Girls 8s. 0½d. × 2d.;
Infants 2s. 10½d.

Wickhamford:—11s. 4¼d.

The 8 o'clock celebration on June 24th (Nat. of S. John Baptist) will be at Wickhamford.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

Apr. 7.—Beyrl Madge Hall.

„ 14.—Dorothy Hall.

„ 21.—William Clarence Salter.

May 19.—Edward Alfred Tidmarsh.

BADSEY—MARRIAGE.

May 23.—Leonard Joseph Mills and Mabel Roberts.

WICKHAMFORD—BAPTISM

Apr. 7.—George Albert Green.

WICKHAMFORD—MARRIAGE.

Apr. 13.—Charles Henrr Parker and Elsie Daisy Pitman.

OFFERINGS FOR APRIL & MAY.

		Badsey.		Wickhamford	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Mar	29			1	0 0
„	„			1	1 2½
April	2		1 3		
„	7		2 0	3	5
„	„	1 0	6¼	6	5½
„	11		1 3		
„	14		5 4		
„	„		16 8¾	7	11
„	18		1 3		
„	21	1 1	3		1 0
„	„		11 5	5	4
„	25		5 5½		
„	28		4 8		
„	„	1 0	11	12	7½
May	1		1 3		
„	2		1 3		
„	5		2 6	4	0
„	„	1 2	6	5	11
„	9	1 0	7	19	6
„	12	3 2	0	3 14	4½
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„	„		11 11¼		
„	21		2 3		
„	23		1 3		
„	26		2 0		
„	„	1 5	3	6	6½
„	30		1 3		
		£14	9 2½	£10	6 3½

The above returns for the Coventry Bishopric Fund include 22/- brought to the Vicarage after service. Since sending up the money the Vicar has received further contributions amounting to 4/6 which are being held over in the hope that more may be forthcoming. Wickhamford subscriptions should be paid to Mrs. Drysdale.