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not convenient. They are as follows: For older men, in the Parish Room on Wednesdays, at 8.15 p.m.; for married women, in the Church on Fridays, at 2.30 p.m.; for young men, in the Parish Room on Tuesdays, at 7.30 p.m.; and for young women, in the Church on Wednesdays, at 3 p.m.

An entertainment, to be followed by dancing, has been arranged to take place in Mr. Sladden's barn (by his kind permission), on Thursday, February 3, at 7.30 p.m. Tickets, One Shilling each, may be obtained from the Members of the Committee. The proceeds will be given towards the debt on the re-hanging of the bells. Refreshments will be supplied at a reasonable cost. Any gifts of provisions, etc., will be very thankfully received.

An entertainment in aid of the Bell Fund, consisting of Dramatic Sketches, Duologues, Music, etc., kindly arranged by Mrs. Savory and Mrs. Wilding, will be given in the Old School, Badsey, on Thursday, February 17th. There will be two performances at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m. Prices of admission will be, at 3 p.m., 2s., 1s., and 6d.; at 7.30 p.m., 1s., and 6d. The programme will include the following pieces:—"The Science of Advertisement," in which the parts will be taken by Miss Garrard, Miss M. H. Garrard, Miss Suthers, and Mr. E. Garrard; "The Backward Child," by Miss Garrard and Miss Suthers. In the 2nd part the piece, "Dearest Mamma," will be given by Mr. and Mrs. Wilding, Miss C. M. Savory, Miss Haynes, Mr. Smith, Mr. Davis, and Mr. Dams. Afternoon tea will be supplied at a moderate charge.

The following sums have been paid into the Bank to the Bell Fund since January 1st:—Anon, per Mrs. Sladden, 5s.; Master and Miss D. J. Savory (card), £1 6s. 6d.; Entertainment at Aldington, £1 6s. 9d.; Entertainment at Evesham, £1 3s. 7d.; Parochial Tea, £4 16s. 3d.; Messrs. Averill, 5s.; Mr. J. Pethard (Bengeworth), 5s.; Mr. J. Marshall, 2s. 6d.; Rev. C. G. Gepp (part of subs.), £5; Miss Violet Gepp (card), 13s. 4d.; Mr. Dipper, £1; Mr. J. H. Leigh, £1 1s.; Bengeworth Ringers, £1. This list does not include sums paid in last year, but a complete list of subscriptions will be published later on.

Reprinted from the "Evesham Journal" January 29.

PARISH CHURCH.—On Monday, January 24, the bells of this ancient parish church, which have lately been rehung in a massive iron frame, were solemnly re-dedicated by the Right Rev. the Lord Bishop of Coventry. The clergy assisting in the ceremony were the Vicar of the parish (Rev. W. H. Price), the Rev. C. O. Bartlett (vicar of Willersey), the Rev. J. H. Beibitz (vice-principal of St. Aidan's Theological College), the Rev. J. D. Knipe (vicar of Cleeve Prior), the Rev. F. S. Taylor (vicar of Littleton), and the Rev. H. Wilkinson (vicar of Crophorne). The

clergy and choir, having robed in the Vicarage, walked in procession to the church, headed by the Aldington Brass Band, singing hymn 391, "Onward, Christian Soldiers." On their arrival in the church, hymn 215 was sung, during which the Bishop took his place within the sanctuary. A shortened form of evensong was sung by the Vicar, and immediately afterwards the Bishop proceeded to the tower, and taking the bell ropes in his hand, offered prayer for the blessing of Almighty God on the material instruments now re-dedicated to His service. After this solemn act a peal was rung on the bells by the ringers, under the leadership of Mr. W. Keen. Another hymn having been sung, the Bishop preached a most impressive sermon, taking as his text I. Thessalonians, i., 8, "From you sounded out the word of the Lord, not only in Achaia and Macedonia, but also in every place your faith to godward is spread abroad." His Lordship dwelt especially on the significance of the bells of a church as reminding the faithful of their religious duties, and concluded by impressing upon his hearers the vital importance of intercessory prayer on behalf of those who ministered to them in holy things. The sermon was followed by hymn 303 ("When morning gilds the skies"), during which a collection was made on behalf of the bell fund, which amounted to £4 10s. A deficit of about £60 still remains to be paid. After the Bishop had given the Benediction, the clergy and choir returned to the Vicarage singing hymn 308. There was a large congregation of parishioners and visitors from the neighbourhood. At 7.30 p.m. evensong was sung, and the sermon was preached by the Vicar on "The Vision of Jacob at Bethel." ("This is none other than the House of God, and this is the gate of heaven.") Well-deserved congratulations must be offered to the Churchwardens, the Bell Committee, and to the parishioners and subscribers on the zeal and self-sacrifice which they have so signally displayed in the accomplishment of this much-needed restoration in their beautiful parish church. Great praise is also due to the Organist and the members of the choir for the reverence and heartiness with which the services were rendered. And last, but assuredly not least, we must congratulate the ringers and chimers on the splendid skill in manipulating the bells. We have also to thank the members of the St. Peter's, Bengeworth, Society of Change Ringers, for very kindly coming over and ringing 720 of Minor—viz., Plain Bob, Oxford Bob, and Canterbury Pleasure. The ringers stood as follows: G. Williams 1st, H. Salisbury 2nd, G. Checketts 3rd, W. G. Arkell 4th, F. Johnson 5th, F. Cook (conductor) tenor; also 720 with A. H. Sharp 5th. It was intended to start 5,040, but owing to the second service taking place it was impossible to carry this out. The members of this society very liberally contributed £1 to the fund for the re-hanging of the bells.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES IN JANUARY.

		BADSEY.		WICKHAM-	
		£ s. d.		FORD.	
		£ s. d.		£ s. d.	
Jan.	2 Church Expenses	11	2		
"	9 Sunday Schools	1	9 5½		
"	16 Church Expenses			3	7½
"	23 Church Expenses	1	0 11	2	6
"	24 Bell Fund	4	11 6		
		£ 7 13 0½		6 1½	

Mr. Dipper has sent 5/- to the churchwardens for Church expenses. We are very much obliged to him.

We are glad to be able to record that all the copies (150) of the first number of the Magazine were easily disposed of, and that more could have been sold if they had been printed. This is very gratifying, and encourages us to print 175 copies this month. We hope that Parishioners will continue to patronise this Magazine.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—We can say without fear of contradiction that the Schools are in a very flourishing condition. There are 162 children on the books, and the attendance is very good. We are very thankful for this. School is held every Sunday at 10 a.m. and 2.30 p.m., and we would ask the Parents to do all in their power to encourage the children to be regular. The prizes were given in Church on Sunday, January 16, at 3 p.m., when 105 children received rewards, and thoroughly deserved them. The prizes cost £3 os. 7d., and there are other expenses connected with the Schools which have to be met, such as cleaning, firing, etc. We have a good body of willing and enthusiastic teachers, to whom we offer our best thanks for their self-denying labours. They are doing a really good work, which they will never regret. It is very gratifying to be able to say that a Sunday School has been started at Wickhamford in the Church, and we are greatly indebted to Mrs. Warner and Mr. Joseph Agg and others, for kindly taking charge of this work. A Penny Bank has been started in connection with the Sunday Schools, which has been so far a great success. Mrs. Mason has been good enough to undertake to manage this at Badsey, and Mrs. Warner at Wickhamford.

SUNDAY SCHOOL FUND.

Receipts.

	£	s.	d.
Collections in Church	1	9	5½
Subscriptions per Mrs. Sladden—			
Mrs. Poole	0	2	0
Mrs. Wood	0	2	6
Mrs. Sladden	0	5	0
Mrs. W. Keen	0	0	6
Mrs. Mustoe	0	1	0
Mrs. Savory	0	5	0
The Vicar	0	5	0
	2	10	5½
Balance due to Treasurer	1	7	1½
	£3	17	7

Payments.

	£	s.	d.
Mr. Baylis, for Prizes	3	0	7
Mrs. Wilson, cleaning school and lighting fires, April to December	0	15	0
Printing	0	2	0
	£3	17	7

N.B.—The Bill for coke is not yet paid.

Mrs. Sladden has kindly consented to act as Treasurer to this Fund, and will be glad to receive any subscriptions towards the deficit in the accounts.

It is now, we expect, an open secret that the Parishioners of our combined Parishes wish to show their appreciation of the services of the late Clerk and Organist (Mr. W. Mustoe), by presenting to him some token of their goodwill. The presentation will be made in the Old School on Monday, February 7th, at 8 p.m., and we hope all the subscribers will be able to attend.

We would remind our readers that the solemn season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday, on the 23rd of this month. The forty days of Lent are appointed by the Church as days of Fasting, and all loyal Churchpeople should lay down some strict rule of self-denial during this period. It would be well for us to make some difference in our mode of living—to make some sacrifice in our food, to abstain from all entertainments and pleasures, to avoid all luxuries, and to spend more time in prayer and reading the Bible. Above all we should make a rule to attend the services of the Church more regularly, and to be present at the Holy Communion as often as possible. That which we save by giving up luxuries should be devoted to the service of Almighty God. The services on Ash Wednesday will be as follows:—Holy Communion at 8 a.m., Mattins at 10 a.m., and Evensong (to be followed by the Communion Service) at 7.30 p.m. The other arrangements for Lent will be announced later on.

CONFIRMATION.—The Bishop of the Diocese has announced that he will administer the holy rite of Confirmation in Badsey Church, on Friday, March 18, at 3.30 p.m. There are already a large number of candidates in course of preparation, including married men and women. No one then ought to hold back from fear of appearing singular or of being ridiculed. We would earnestly exhort all persons above the age of 14 years, who have not been confirmed, to send in their names at once. It is a great opportunity which should not be missed. It may be with some, now or never. Confirmation is an Apostolic ordinance, called in the Bible "The Laying on of Hands," whereby the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit are in their fulness bestowed upon the Soul which rightly approaches this Sacrament. Read over Acts viii. 1—18, xix. 1—8, and Hebrews vi. 1 and 2. Those who have not been confirmed should consider most seriously the rubric in the Prayer Book at the end of the Confirmation Service as follows: "And there shall none be admitted to the Holy Communion until such time as he be confirmed, or be ready and desirous to be confirmed." Sometimes the Parish Priest is asked to ignore this rubric, but he has no authority to do so. His duty is to carry out, not to dispense with the rules of the Church. Four classes will be held every week, and others can be arranged if these times are

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BADSEY.

BAPTISMS.

January 16, George William Nightingale.

" " Cecil George Agg.

" 23, Dorothy Kathleen Fyffe.

MARRIAGE.

" 19, John Roberts and Jane Malin.

BURIAL.

January 12, Prudence Cotterill, of Aldington,
aged 82 years.

WICKHAMFORD.

BAPTISM.

" 28, Lilian Bailey (privately.)

Calendar for February.

1	T	Vigil. Fast.
2	W	<i>Purification of Mary, the Blessed Virgin.</i> H.C. after Mattins.
3	Th	Blasius, Bishop and Martyr, A.D. 316. [Entertainment at 7.30 p.m.]
4	F	Fast
5	S	Agatha, Virgin and Martyr, A.D. 251.
6	S	<i>Septuagesima.</i> H.C. 8 a.m.
7	M	Presentation to Mr. Mustoe, at Old School at 8 p.m.
8	T	
9	W	
10	Th	
11	F	Fast.
12	S	
13	T	<i>Sexagesima.</i> H.C. 8 a.m.
14	M	Valentine, Bishop and Martyr, A.D. 270.
15	T	
16	W	
17	Th	Entertainment in Old School, at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m.
18	F	Fast.
19	S	
20	S	<i>Quinquagesima.</i> H.C. Badsey 8 a.m., H.C. Wickhamford 11 a.m., choral.
21	M	
22	T	
23	W	<i>Ash Wednesday.</i> H.C. 8 a.m.
24	Th	<i>S. Matthias, Apostle and Martyr.</i> H.C. 8 a.m.
25	F	
26	S	
27	S	<i>First Sunday in Lent.</i> H.C. 8 a.m., choral.
28	M	

N.B.—H.C. stands for Holy Communion in the above.

THE MOON.

6th, Full Moon, 6h. 24m. aft.
14th, Last Quarter, 0h. 35m. morn.

20th, New Moon, 7h. 41m. aft.
28th, First Quarter, 11h. 13m. morn.