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We have now entered upon the solemn season of Lent, with all its holy associations and opportunities for deepening the spiritual life. We trust that ere this all good church people have laid down some strict rule of self-denial for themselves. May God give us grace to keep our good resolutions! There will be many extra services which we trust the Parishioners will make use of. The daily services at Badsey will be as follows:—Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.; on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays at 8 a.m. and 5.30 p.m., except on Thursdays, when the evening service (with sermon) will be at Wickhamford at 7.30 p.m. We earnestly invite the parishioners of Wickhamford to attend these services in their church on Thursdays at 7.30 p.m. The Vicar hopes to preach a course of sermons at these services, and also to give a course of instruction at Badsey on Wednesday evenings, at 7.30 p.m., on "the Communion Service," in preparation for the Easter Communion. The confirmation will be held in Badsey Church on March 18th, at 3.30 p.m. There are a large number of candidates in course of preparation. Four classes are being held every week, and others can be arranged if these are not convenient. We would invite all the Faithful to pray earnestly for the out-pouring of the Holy Spirit upon those who are going to be confirmed. Wednesday, March 2nd, Friday the 4th, and Saturday the 5th, are Ember Days, that is, days of special prayer and fasting on behalf of those who are about to be ordained either as Priests or Deacons in the Church of God on the following Sunday. The word ember is supposed to be a corruption of two Latin words "Quattuor tempora," meaning the four seasons, because ordinations for Priests and Deacons are held four times in the year. There is a special prayer provided in the Prayer Book amongst the Prayers and Thanksgivings after the Litany with this rubric, "In the Ember Weeks, to be said every day for those that are to be admitted into Holy Orders."

There was a very pleasant gathering in the Old School on February 7th, when a handsome marble clock was presented to Mr. W. Mustoe. It bore the following inscription, "Presented to Mr. W. Mustoe in recognition of his services as clerk and hon. organist in the parishes of Badsey and Wickhamford from 1892—1898." The work of collecting the funds was undertaken by Mrs. Sladden, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Warner, Miss Savory, Miss M. Jones, Miss E. Jones, and Mr. John Mason (Wickhamford).

The two entertainments which have taken place during the past month on behalf of the Bell Fund were in every way most successful. For the entertainment on February 3rd (held in Mr. Sladden's barn by his kind permission) all the provisions for the supper were most kindly and generously given by

parishioners and others, which added £3 5s. 4d. to the funds. All the arrangements were ably carried out by Mrs. and Miss Savory, Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. Warner, Miss Bell, Miss Horsman, Miss M. Jones, Miss L. Knight, Mrs. Sparrow, Mr. H. Keen, Mr. W. Keen, Mr. J. Agg, to all of whom we are greatly indebted for all the trouble they took. Mr. G. Bell was a good M.C. The programme arranged on February 17th was very interesting, and greatly amused the audience. A substantial sum was added to the Bell Fund.

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS OF ENTERTAINMENT
IN MR. SLADDEN'S BARN FEBRUARY 3rd.

<i>Receipts.</i>		£	s.	d.
Per Miss M. Jones	.. .. .	0	12	0
" Miss Bell	.. .. .	0	19	0
" Mrs. W. Keen	.. .. .	0	5	0
" Miss Horsman	.. .. .	0	16	0
" Mrs. Warner	.. .. .	0	15	0
" Mrs. H. Keen	.. .. .	0	6	0
" Mr. W. Keen	.. .. .	1	14	0
" Mrs. Cull	.. .. .	0	2	0
		£5	9	0
By Sale of Refreshments—per Mrs. Savory (nett)	.. .. .	3	5	4
		£8	14	4
<i>Expenditure.</i>		£	s.	d.
Musician 10s., Tuning Piano 5s.	.. .. .	0	15	0
Two advertisements in <i>Journal</i>	.. .. .	0	5	0
		£1	0	0
Balance for Bell Fund	.. .. .	7	14	4
		£8	14	4

The entertainment in the Old School on February 17th produced the sum of £7 for the Bell Fund after paying expenses. The following sums have also been paid into the Bank for the Bell Fund since our last number, viz.:—Per Mr. Sparrow, Mr. James Brewer £5, Anon 1/-, Mr. F. P. Webb 10/6, Mr. A. H. Savory (subscription) £5, Miss A. M. Savory £1 1/-, Mrs. Savory (Park Hall) £2 2/-, Mr. McDonald 10/-, Mrs. H. Keen (card) £1 3/-, Mr. G. Attwood (Birmingham) 10/-, Rev. Dr. Chafy 5/-.

It is requested that all collecting cards be sent in as soon as possible either to Mr. Savory, or Mr. Sladden or the Vicar.

It is proposed to establish a Band of Hope for children in connection with the Church of England Temperance Society. A meeting of children and adults interested in this subject will be held in the Old School on Wednesday, March 9th, at 6 p.m. to consider the advisability of forming such a society. All children 8 years old and over are invited to attend.

The following facts about our bells are worthy of being put on record. There are six bells, and only the 4th and Tenor have inscriptions upon them. The inscription on the 4th is as follows:—

X ROB : PIGEON X THO : BYRD X
THO : DUDLY X CHURCH X WARDENS X

On searching the old documents belonging to the parish I find that Rob. Pigeon and Tho. Byrd were Churchwardens together in the years 1706-1708. Tho. Dudly was doubtless churchwarden for Aldington, as it was customary at that time to have a separate Warden for Aldington. In this year 1707 a good deal of money was spent on the bells, as appears from the church accounts. The inscription on the Tenor Bell is in Latin and is as follows : I. H. S. MVTAVIT : VIGILANS : IN : SEX : NOS : CVRA : ROBERTI : HILL : IBI : VIC : GVL : CLARK : EFFICIT : ANO : ARTE : SUA : Translation, "Jesus Saviour of mankind. The watchful care of Robert Hill "vicar of that place changed us (i.e., the bells) into "six, Wm. Clark did the work by his own skill in the "year" [not mentioned]. It is interesting to notice that Robert Hill first appears as Vicar of Badsey in the year 1705. He died in 1730. Robert Hill was Vicar at the time when Rob. Pigeon and Tho. Byrd were churchwardens, whose names appear on the 4th Bell. It seems most likely then, that up to the year 1707 there were only three bells, and that about that time three more were added when Robert Hill was Vicar.

The Vicar and Churchwardens feel very reluctantly compelled to have collections in Badsey Church for church expenses on the 2nd, as well as the 4th Sunday in the month. They are very sorry to put additional burdens on the congregations, but the truth is that the income does not anything like

cover expenses. The only funds available for the expenses are the collections on the 4th Sunday which amount to about £1 per month (i.e. £12 in the year), and £2 per year from the Church land, making a total of about £14 in all. Now it must be obvious to every person that £14 is a very small income to pay all the expenses connected with the Church, such as the Clerk's and Caretaker's salaries, coke, oil, washing surplices, repairs to building, furniture etc., to say nothing of the insurance which is a heavy item, and many other expenses. Under these circumstances it is hoped that the parishioners will be willing to put the finances of the Church in a satisfactory condition, by contributing according to their means to the collections on the 2nd Sunday as well as the 4th. To see the Church kept in good order, and the services heartily and reverently conducted, must be the pride of all the worshippers, and the Vicar and Churchwardens are convinced that they are not appealing in vain to the parishioners to enable them to carry out this object. By the proposed plan all will be able to do a little, instead of the burden falling entirely upon a few.

The Vicar proposes to give a lecture on Church History in the Old Schoolroom on Monday, March 21st, at 8 p.m., subject, "The planting of Christianity in Britain." The lecture will be illustrated by views shewn by limelight in the oxy-hydrogen lantern. A selection of sacred music will be given at intervals. The prices of admission will be 6d. and 3d., and a few seats (1s each) will be reserved. The proceeds, after paying expenses for the gas, etc., will be given to the Sunday School Fund, which still shows a large deficit. Bibles for the Sunday School are greatly needed.

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BADSEY.

BURIAL.

February 1st, Horace Charles Crisp, aged 2 years.

WICKHAMFORD.

BURIAL.

February 1st, Lilian Bailey, aged 2 weeks.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Feb. 6, Church Expenses	1 2 8½	.....
.. 20, Church Expenses	.....	0 2 9½
.. 27, Church Expenses	0 17 5	0 4 2
Total	<u>2 0 1½</u>	<u>0 6 11½</u>

Calendar for March.

1	T	David, Archbishop of Menevia.
2	W	Ember Day. Chad, Bishop of Lichfield.
3	Th	(Special Service at Wickhamford at 7.30 p.m.)
4	F	Ember Day.
5	S	Ember Day.
6	S	<i>2nd Sunday in Lent.</i> (H.C. after Mattins). Perpetua, Martyr, A.D. 203.
7	M	
8	T	
9	W	
10	Th	
11	F	(Band of Hope meeting 6 p.m.) (Special Service at Wickhamford at 7.30 p.m.)
12	S	Gregory, the Great, Bp., A.D. 604.
13	S	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent.</i> (H.C. 8 a.m.)
14	M	
15	T	
16	W	
17	Th	
18	F	(Special Service at Wickhamford at 7.30 p.m.) (Confirmation at Badsey at 3.30 p.m.)
19	S	
20	S	<i>4th Sunday in Lent.</i> (H.C. at Badsey 8 a.m., H.C. at Wickhamford 11 a.m., choral.) Benedict, Abbot, A.D. 543. (Lecture on Church History 8 p.m.)
21	M	
22	T	
23	W	
24	Th	
25	F	Vigil. (Service at Wickhamford at 7.30 p.m.) <i>Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i> (H.C. at 8 a.m.)
26	S	
27	S	<i>5th Sunday in Lent.</i> (H.C. at 8 a.m., choral.)
28	M	
29	T	
30	W	
31	Th		(Service at Wickhamford at 7.30 p.m.)

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

DAILY SERVICES.

AT BADSEY.

Monday	} 10 a.m. and 7.30 p.m.	Tuesday	} 8 a.m. and 5.30 p.m. 8 a.m.
Wednesday		Saturday	
Friday		Thursday	

AT WICKHAMFORD: Thursdays, 7.30 p.m.