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With the beginning of this month we enter upon Holy Week, the most solemn season of the whole year, for in this week we follow the footsteps of our Blessed Lord, as he trode the way of sorrows up to Calvary. It will be well for all earnest church people to spend as much time as possible in prayer, meditation, and devotion on these solemn days, in order to show their love for their Lord Who died for them. Especially is it to be desired that Good Friday should be well observed. Too often, alas, is this sacred day desecrated by turning it into a day of pleasure and amusement. It is inconceivable that those who believe in the Atonement can disregard the day on which that Atonement was offered. "By Thine Agony and bloody Sweat; by Thy Cross and Passion; by Thy precious Death and Burial. Good Lord, deliver us." If well spent Holy Week and Good Friday will bring the real joy of Easter. Our prayer is that all in this parish will realise that joy. We most earnestly trust that the newly-confirmed and all communicants will receive the Holy Communion on Easter Day. Are there not many in this parish who have given up coming to this blessed service and who might make a fresh start this Easter? Hear what the Church says in a rubric at the end of the communion service: "And note, that every parishioner shall communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one."

RECORDS OF THE PAST.

(1) *Band of Hope.* A meeting of children and others was held in the Old School on March 9th, to establish a Juvenile Branch of the Church of England Temperance Society. Meetings have been also held on March 16th, 23rd, and 30th. The Vicar presided on each occasion, and was assisted by Mr. Thomas Hall. The object of the society is to encourage the members in the habit of abstaining from intoxicating drinks. No child is allowed to join the society without its parents' consent. A very good start has been made, 52 children having already joined, and we appeal to the parents to do all in their power to encourage the children to keep their pledge.

(2) The confirmation passed off very happily on Friday, March 18th. The Bishop gave a very clear and earnest address, and we hope the candidates will take very seriously to heart his solemn words about holy communion. He told them that they must not come only once, but make it a rule to come often and regularly at a fixed time. The candidates were all out of our own parishes, 32 males and 26 females, total 58. The numbers would have been 60 but 2 males were prevented by illness from being confirmed. The Bishop expressed himself very pleased with the orderliness of the arrangements, and the reverent behaviour of those who were confirmed.

(3) A meeting of the parochial electors was held in the Old School on March 14th for the purpose of electing nine parish councillors and other business. Mr. Sladden presided, and the meeting was very amicable and orderly. The following were elected:—Messrs. William Collett, Arthur Edward Jones, Henry Keen, John Keen, William Keen, Charles Knight, Joseph Knight, Henry Stewart, and Leonard White.

(4) The Vicar gave a lecture in the Old School on March 21st, which was illustrated by numerous views shewn by the oxy-hydrogen limelight. Mr. J. G. Wood very kindly managed the lantern. The subject of the lecture was "The Planting of Christianity in Britain." The audience was small, and the receipts did not pay the expenses for two cylinders of gas from Birmingham, hire of piano, and carriage of slides lent by a friend in Oxford. There was a deficit of three shillings and sixpence, which was paid by the Vicar.

(5) The attendance at the evening service on Thursday evenings in Wickhamford Church has been very good, and encourages us to hold such a service always in Lent and Advent, and perhaps oftener. On Thursday, the 10th, there was a special collection for new lamps, which amounted to 9s. 6d.

LIST OF SERVICES.

Sunday next before Easter (April 3)

- 11 a.m. Mattins & Holy Communion.
- 3.0 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (at Wickhamford)
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong, Sermon (Preacher, Rev. F. S. Taylor, vicar of Littleton)

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| Monday | } | Each day. 8 a.m., Holy Communion (if any communicants). |
| Tuesday | | |
| Wednesday | | |
| Thursday | | |
| Thursday before Easter | | |

GOOD FRIDAY (April 8th).

- 11 a.m. Mattins, Litany, and Ante-Communion.
- 1.30 to 3 p.m. Special Service, consisting of addresses upon the sayings of our Lord from the Cross, and Hymns.
- 4 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (at Wickhamford).
- 6.30 Evensong and Sermon.

EASTER DAY (April 10th).

- 7 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 8 a.m. Holy Communion (choral).
- 9.45 Holy Communion (at Wickhamford).
- 11.15 Mattins and Holy Communion.
- 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon (at Wickhamford).
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

School Examination.—The Diocesan Inspector (Canon Houghton) visited our Schools on March 14th, and expressed himself very satisfied with the good tone and general efficiency of the Schools.

REPORT.

Mixed Department—Due allowance being made for interruptions caused by sickness, which obliged the School to be closed for a fortnight, the result of the examination as well as the tone and order of the School are very creditable to Mr. McDonald and his staff. The master has maintained the higher standard of the original syllabus by presenting standards ii. and iii. in the middle division, and standard iv. with standards v. vi. and vii. in the upper division. Of the 42 thus presented in the

upper division 24 were only in standard iv., and most of these (notably Rosa Ewins) wrote excellent answers on paper. The oral answers also in this and the other divisions displayed the readiness and intelligence which are the fruits of good teaching and training. Highly commended; standard vii., May Cull and Joseph Knight; standard vi., Mary Addis; standard iv., Rosa Ewins, and many others more or less good.

Infants—Mrs. Mason is to be congratulated upon her successful efforts to give simple explanations of the Lord's Prayer and other parts of the lessons prepared to her little scholars, who answered intelligently. This useful nursery department quite deserves its place in Class I.

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BADSEY.

BAPTISM.

March 20th, Ada Winnifred Knight.

WICKHAMFORD.

BAPTISMS.

March 3rd, Dorothy Mary Grove (privately).

March 8th, Albert Hexley (privately).

BURIAL.

March 26th, Dorothy Mary Grove, aged 1 month.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
March 6, Sick and Infirm	0 8 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
" 10, New Lamps	0 9 6
" 13, Church Expenses	0 16 8 $\frac{1}{2}$
" 20, Church Expenses	0 3 8
" 27, Church Expenses	0 17 8
Total	<u>2 3 1</u>	<u>0 15 6</u>

Calendar for April.

1	F	
2	S	
3	S	<i>Sunday before Easter.</i> (H.C. after Mattins). Each day. 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Mattins; 7.30 p.m., Evensong with Address, except Tuesday, 7.30 p.m., when Evensong is at Wickhamford.
4	M	<i>Monday before Easter</i>
5	T	<i>Tuesday before Easter</i>
6	W	<i>Wednesday before Easter</i>
7	Th	<i>Thursday before Easter</i>
8	F	GOOD FRIDAY. (1.30 to 3 p.m. special service).
9	S	<i>Easter Even,</i>
10	S	EASTER DAY. (H.C. at Badsey 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and after Mattins. H.C. at Wickhamford at 9.45 a.m.)
11	M	<i>Monday in Easter Week.</i>
12	T	<i>Tuesday in Easter Week.</i> (Vestry Meeting at 7 p.m.)
13	W	(Meeting of Band of Hope 6.30 p.m.)
14	Th	(Vestry Meeting at Wickhamford at 7 p.m.)
15	F	
16	S	
17	S	<i>1st Sunday after Easter.</i> (H.C. 8 a.m., and at Wickhamford 11 a.m. Choral.)
18	M	
19	T	Alphege, Abp. of Canterbury, A.D. 1012.
20	W	
21	Th	
22	F	
23	S	S. George the Martyr, A.D. 303, Patron Saint of England.
24	S	<i>2nd Sunday after Easter.</i> (H.C. at 8 a.m.)
25	M	S. Mark, Evangelist and Martyr. (H.C. at 8 a.m.)
26	T	
27	W	
28	Th	
29	F	
30	S	