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With ALDINGTON,

AND

*S. John Baptist,*

WICKHAMFORD.

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EVESHAM:

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The present month contains many days of special importance in the Church's year. May 1st is the Festival of S. S. Philip and James, as well as being the third Sunday after Easter. Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 16th, 17th, and 18th, are the Rogation Days, that is special days of prayer and fasting, in preparation for the great Festival of the Ascension of our Lord into Heaven. These days are also ordered to be observed as days of special prayer on behalf of the crops of the earth. There will be a service of intercession on each of these days at 7.30 p.m. Thursday, May 19th, is Ascension Day, which all church people should make a point of observing with due and proper solemnity. Unfortunately this day is generally very much neglected because it falls on a week day, but if we remember that our Lord completed His work of salvation for men in the world on this day, and returned to Heaven as our Great High Priest, and ever lives to make intercession at the right hand of God for us, we shall certainly not neglect it. There will be two celebrations of the Holy Communion on Ascension Day at 5 a.m. and 8 a.m., Mattins will be said at 10 a.m., and there will be Evensong and Sermon at 7.30 p.m. We trust that those, who cannot come to the services later in the day owing to their necessary work, will make an effort to be present at this celebration of Holy Communion at 5 a.m.

May 29th is the Festival of Whitsun Day or Pentecost, which commemorates the fulfilment of our Lord's promise to send the Holy Ghost to be with the Church for ever in His abiding and all sanctifying Presence. The Holy Communion will be celebrated on Whitsun Day at Badsey at 8 a.m. (choral), and at Wickhamford at 9.45 a.m. We hope all the newly-confirmed will receive the communion on this day. It is most important to be regular at this blessed service at least once a month, and Whitsun Day is a most appropriate time to come to the communion.

#### RECORDS OF THE PAST.

The Easter Festival was celebrated in this parish with much heartiness, and we have much cause for great thankfulness. It was a great happiness to see so large a number of communicants—132 in all—and we trust that this happy state of things will

continue and improve. The Churches were very prettily decorated with lovely flowers, and we are most grateful to those who sent the flowers and worked so hard to make our Churches worthy of God's honour. We thank them most heartily. We must not forget the choir and the organist; they took a great deal of trouble to make the services bright and hearty, and their help given so willingly and without any kind of remuneration was very greatly appreciated, and we offer them our best thanks.

The vestry meeting was held for Badsey on Tuesday, April 5th. There was not a large attendance, but everything passed off most harmoniously and happily. The Churchwardens' accounts were most satisfactory. The last year's accounts shewed a large deficit, and this year there was a balance in hand of 9s. 13d. Mr. A. Sparrow and Mr. H. Keen were again elected Churchwardens, and a hearty vote of thanks was passed to them for their energetic and willing labours for the Church. Mrs. H. Keen's kindness in supplying flowers for the altar throughout the year has been much appreciated, and the Vicar proposed that the grateful thanks of the Vestry should be conveyed to her.

The vestry meeting for Wickhamford was held on Thursday, April 7th. Mr. G. Pethard, who has acted most energetically during the past year, was again elected Churchwarden. Unfortunately there is rather a large deficit in the accounts (about £3), which we trust will soon be cleared off. However we cannot be downhearted about Wickhamford, as a great deal of money has been raised during the year, and a great many improvements have been made in the Church. The parishioners have been very self-denying on behalf of the Church, and we are sure they will take the same interest in the Church in the future as they have taken in the past.

Mrs. A. H. Savory, who has acted most energetically as Treasurer, presented an account of the Bell Fund. The sum of £200 has now been collected, but there still remains a portion of Messrs Taylor & Co.'s bill to be paid. Several sums have recently been received, which will be duly acknowledged in our next number.

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BADSEY.

BAPTISMS.

April 17th, Helen Mary Bell.  
 " William George Barnard.  
 " Frederick John Jinks.  
 " John Perkins.  
 " Lily Florence Annie Stewart.  
 " Gladys Moore.

BURIAL.

April 14th, John Knight, aged 77 years.

WICKHAMFORD.

BAPTISMS.

March 29th, Richard Hardiman Huxley (privately).  
 April 4th, Frederick Diston (privately).

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
April 3, Church Expenses ...	0	14 3	.....	.....
" 10, Sick and Needy ...	0	15 8½	.....	.....
" 10, Church Expenses ...	1	16 0½	.....	0 9 5
" 17, Sick and Needy ...	.....	.....	.....	0 3 1
" 17, S.P.G. (Children) ...	0	6 8	.....	.....
" 24, Church Expenses ...	0	17 8	.....	.....
Total ...	£4	10 4	.....	0 12 6

Calendar for May.

1	S	3rd Sunday after Easter. S.S. Philip and James App and M.M. (H.C. after Mattins).
2	M	
3	T	Invention of the Cross.
4	W	(Band of Hope 6.30 p.m.)
5	Th	
6	F	S. John Evan-ante Port Lat.
7	S	
8	S	4th Sunday after Easter. (H.C. at 8 a.m.).
9	M	
10	T	
11	W	
12	Th	
13	F	
14	S	
15	S	5th Sunday after Easter (H.C. 8 a.m., Badsey ;
16	M	Rogation Day } [11 a.m. (Choral), Wickhamford].
17	T	Rogation Day } Special Service each day at 7.30 p.m
18	W	Rogation Day }
19	Th	Ascension Day (H.C. at 5 a.m. and 8 a.m.)
20	F	
21	S	
22	S	Sunday after Ascension (H.C. 8 a.m.)
23	M	
24	T	
25	W	
26	Th	Augustine 1st Abp. of Canterbury, A.D. 597.
27	F	Venerable Bede P., A.D. 735.
28	S	
29	S	Whitsun Day (H.C. at Badsey, 8 a.m. (Choral) at Wickhamford, 9.45 a.m.)
30	M	Monday in Whitsun Week.
31	T	Tuesday in Whitsun Week.