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## RECORDS OF THE PAST.

During the past month the Church has celebrated the great festivals of our Blessed Lord's Ascension into heaven, and the descent of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. We were glad that the importance of Ascension Day was marked by the merry ringing of the bells at 4.30 a.m., and we thank the ringers very much for their willing help. The Holy Communion was celebrated at 5 a.m., when there were 17 communicants, and again at 8 a.m. (8 communicants). Matins was said at 10 a.m., and there was a children's service at 4.30 p.m., when a large number of children and teachers attended of their own free will. At 7.30 evensong was sung, fully choral.

On Whitsun Day there was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and the number of communicants was forty-nine. The ringers rang a joyous peal before and after the 11.15 a.m. service, and the Aldington Brass Band very kindly attended and played the hymns, which were sung in procession by the children on their way to church. The service at 6.30 p.m. was very bright and hearty, and the choir sang in a very creditable manner the anthem, "The Glory of the Lord," by Spinney. Our best thanks are due to the Organist and Choir for their services, which are so willingly given to the service of Almighty God. The services at Wickhamford were Holy Communion at 9.45 a.m. (seven communicants) and evensong and sermon at 3 p.m.

A great gloom has been cast over the past month by the sad event of Mr. Gladstone's death. People of all shades of opinion have mourned over his decease, and feel that our country has lost a great and illustrious son. The fortitude with which he bore his sufferings, and the truly Christian way in which he prepared for death evoke feelings only of admiration, and afford a noble example of what the end of an earnest Christian life ought to be. The Vicar preached at the evening service of Sunday the 22nd on the lessons to be learnt from his life, and after the service the Dead March was played. On the day of his funeral the ringers rang a muffled peal on the bells. The prayer of all Christian people should be, May he rest in peace.

Our readers will be glad to know that the Bell Fund has been progressing satisfactorily, and when we have received a little more money we shall be able to pay the whole debt for the work already done. The following sums have been paid into the Bank since those which were acknowledged in our March number: Christ Church, Oxford £5, Mr. W. A. Barrett (card) 7s. 6d., Mrs. J. Marshall (card) £2 6s. 3d., (per Mr. E. Wilson, Mr. A. Wheatley 2s. 6d., Mr. G. Halford 2s. 6d., Mrs. Wingfield 4s., Miss E. S. Wilson 2s. 6d., Mr. J. T.

Wingfield 2s. 6d., Mrs. E. A. Wingfield 1s., Mr. G. Nightingale 2s. 6d.), Miss Bell (card) 8s., Mrs. Savory (card) £3 1s., Mr. I. Averill (Broadway) £1, Mr. G. Hunt (Evesham), £1 1s., The Bishop of Worcester £2 2s., Mrs. Wood (card) 13s. 6d., Miss M. Jones (card) 10s. 3d., A Friend 2s. 6d., Miss M. Mustoe (card) 10s. 1d. It is proposed to hold a Sale of Work in the parish shortly for the Bell Fund. Particulars of this will be given a little later on.

We desire to call the attention of our readers to the fact that a Flower Show for the united Parishes will be held on Wednesday, July 27th, from 2 p.m. to 9 p.m. A circular has been issued and information can be obtained from the members of the Committee.

## WICKHAMFORD.

A statement of the Churchwarden's Accounts for the year, Easter, 1897-8. may be of interest to some of our readers. The payments, including building up opening in the tower and new wooden door in chancel, etc., etc., amounted to £7 11s. 1½d. There was also an outstanding bill of £1 14s. 6d. for new stove for chancel, making the liabilities £9 5s. 7½d. The collections in Church amounted to £4 3s. 9½d., and the following donations had been received: Mr. Mustoe 10s., Mr. G. Pethard 7s., Mr. E. J. Pethard 2s., Mr. Pope 4s., Mr. Carter 2s., Mr. Mason 4s., the Vicar 4s., Mr. Cull 2s., Mrs. Phipps 1s. 6d., making in all £6 0s. 3½d. Thus, when the accounts were passed at the Vestry Meeting, there was a deficit of £3 5s. 4d. Since the Vestry Meeting the following sums have been received towards paying this deficit, viz.: Mr. Bowley £1, Miss Pethard £1, Mr. C. Byrd 3s., Mrs. Phipps 1s. 6d., Collections in Church May 1st 2s. 8d., May 15th 3s. 10d., May 22nd, 4s. 8d.; total £2 15s. 8d. Only 9s. 8d. is now required to pay off this debt of £3 5s. 4d. on the churchwarden's accounts.

These accounts do not include the cost of new American organ, new carpet, and other improvements, which are being paid for out of other monies received, of which an account will be given later on.

We desire to point out that S. John the Baptist (June 24) is the Festival of the Patron Saint of Wickhamford. We hope to have special services in honour of this day, viz.: Evensong and Sermon on June 24th at 7.30 p.m., and on the following Sunday (June 26th), Holy Communion at 9.45 a.m., and Evening Service at 3 p.m. with a sermon and special music. We shall be glad if the parishioners will decorate the Church on this occasion, and come to the special practices for the music which will be arranged.



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BADSEY.

BAPTISM.

May 16, Mary Elizabeth Moulbery (privately).

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

		BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
May	1, Sick and Needy	0 8 2	0 2 8
"	1, Church Expenses	0 12 11	0 3 10
"	8, Church Expenses	1 1 10½	0 4 8
"	15, Church Expenses	0 11 3	0 2 9
"	22, Church Expenses		
"	29, Sick and Needy		
Total		£2 14 2½	0 13 11

Calendar for June.

1	W	<i>Ember Day.</i>
2	Th	
3	F	<i>Ember Day.</i>
4	S	<i>Ember Day.</i>
5	☉	<i>Trinity Sunday.</i> (H.C. at 8 a.m. and after Mattins).
6	M	
7	T	
8	W	
9	Th	
10	F	
11	S	St. Barnabas, Ap. and M. (H.C. at 8 a.m.)
12	☉	<i>First Sunday after Trinity.</i> (H.C. 8 a.m.)
13	M	
14	T	(Band of Hope Meeting at 6.30 p.m.)
15	W	
16	Th	
17	F	St. Alban, Martyr, A.D. 303.
18	S	
19	☉	<i>Second Sunday after Trinity.</i> (H.C. at Badsey, at 8 a.m. ; H.C. at Wickhamford at 11 a.m., Choral), Queen's Accession, 1837.
20	M	
21	T	
22	W	
23	Th	Vigil.
24	F	Nativity of S. John Baptist. (H.C. at Badsey, at 8 a.m. ; Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford, at 7.30 p.m.)
25	S	
26	☉	<i>Third Sunday after Trinity.</i> (H.C. at 8 a.m.)
27	M	
28	T	(Band of Hope at 6.30 p.m.) Vigil.
29	W	S. Peter, Ap and M. (H.C. at 8 a.m.)
30	Th	