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We have now entered upon the solemn season of Advent which the Church bids us observe as a time (1) of preparation for the joyous festival of our Blessed Lord's Incarnation, and (2) of contemplation upon the awful reality of His coming to Judgment. It would be a good thing if all our people would try to make a special effort to observe Advent by (1) devoting more time to prayer and meditation (2) a more frequent attendance at Church, and (3) a more regular and reverent reception of the Holy Communion. These solemn times are a serious call to us all to greater earnestness in the spiritual life. Will we listen to the call? Who can tell if we shall be permitted to spend another Advent on this earth!

Christmas Day this year falls on a Sunday. The services will be as follows:

- 7 a.m., Holy Communion at Badsey.
- 8 a.m., Holy Communion (with music) at Badsey.
- 9.45 a.m., Holy Communion at Wickhamford.
- 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon at Badsey.
- 12 noon, Holy Communion (plain) at Badsey.
- 3 p.m., Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford.
- 6.30 p.m., Evensong and Carols at Badsey.

We earnestly entreat all those who have been confirmed to make a point of receiving the Blessed Sacrament on Christmas Day. The Vicar proposes to give some simple instruction after the evening service on Sundays, December 4, 11, and 18, to enable intending communicants to prepare themselves.

It is proposed to hold a meeting for men only at the Vicarage Parish Room on Monday, December 12th, at 7.30 p.m. The object is to gather the men together to have a friendly discussion on some subject of common interest. The Vicar will open the meeting with a short paper on "Some points of interest in the history of our parish." He invites discussion after the paper. If this meeting is successful it is proposed to have such meetings for men only regularly.

We hope to start a series of sewing classes for young girls. The first meeting will be held at the Vicarage on Thursday, December 8th, at 5 p.m.

RECORDS OF THE PAST.

An attempt was made this year to encourage a more reverent observance of All Saints Day. An opportunity was given to those who desired to receive the Holy Communion by having a celebration at 6.30 a.m. There were eleven communicants. Mattins was said at 10 a.m., and there was Evensong and a sermon at 7.30 p.m.

Our thoughts have been especially drawn to the importance of foreign missions during the past month. The Rev. L. L. Sullivan, from Rangoon, preached at 6.30 p.m., on November 20th, and the Vicar made special reference to the subject in both the sermons on November 27th. The collections were as follows: November 20th (children) 7/6; November 27th £1 7s. 10d. The public meeting in Evesham on November 23 was a very interesting one, but very disappointing from the point of view of the number of people present. This was probably due partly to the inclemency of the weather. Sir Richard Temple and the Rev. W. Deans Cowan delivered excellent addresses. A service of intercession was held in Badsey Church on November 30, at 7.30 p.m. We should be very glad if more of the parishioners would take collecting boxes for the coming year. A meeting will be held at the Vicarage on Tuesday, December 13th, at 7.30 p.m., to receive the boxes for the past year, and to give out others for next year.

Two meetings of the Band of Hope were held during the past month, when the attendance of the children was good. We thank Mr. Thomas Hall for his kind help on these occasions.

The Vicar gave a magic lantern lecture on November 28, and described the scenery of Switzerland around Lake Lucerne and the St. Gotthard railway. Mr. J. G. Wood very kindly managed the lantern, and the lecture was very pleasantly interspersed with music by Mrs. and Miss Sladden and Mrs. Wood. We are not able at present to say what the balance is for Wickhamford Church as all the money has not yet been received, and the bills are not yet paid. Mr. Savory has very kindly given a donation of £2 2s. to the Repair Fund of Wickhamford Church, for which we offer our best thanks.

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BADSEY.

BAPTISM.

Nov. 9 Henry Bennett (privately).
 „ 18 Edward Evans.
 „ 18 Alice Beatrice Evans.
 „ 20 Lucy Mary Roberts.
 „ 20 Ethel Crane.
 „ 20 Thomas Henry Marshall.
 „ 20 Edith Mary Taylor Cotterell.

BURIAL.

Nov. 14. Henry Bennett, aged 3 days.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nov. 6 Sick and Needy ...	0 9 3	
„ 13 Church Expenses ...	0 13 11½	
„ 20 Sick and Needy ...		0 4 2
„ 20 S.P.G. (children) ...	0 7 6	
„ 27 Church Expenses ...		3 0
„ 27 S.P.G. ...	1 7 0	
Total ...	£2 17 8½	0 7 2

Calendar for December.

1	Th	(Service at Wickhamford 7.30 p.m.)
2	F	Fast
3	S	
4	B	2nd Sunday in Advent (H.C. at 12 noon).
5	M	(Meeting for Young Men 7.30.)
6	T	Nicholas, Bp. of Myra A.D. 342. (Band of Hope 5.30 p.m.)
7	W	(Mothers Meeting at 2.15 p.m., and every Wednesday.)
8	Th	(Meeting for Girls 5 p.m. Service at Wickhamford 7.30 p.m.)
9	F	Fast
10	S	
11	B	3rd Sunday in Advent. (H.C. 8 a.m.)
12	M	Meeting, Men only, 7.30 p.m.
13	T	Lucy, Virgin and Martyr, A.D. 304. (Missionary Meeting at 7.30 p.m.)
14	W	Ember Day.
15	Th	(Service at Wickhamford 7.30 p.m.)
16	F	Fast. Ember Day.
17	S	Ember Day.
18	B	4th Sunday in Advent. (Badsey, H.C. 8 a.m.; Wickhamford Mattins 10.15. H.C. (choral), 11 a.m.)
19	M	
20	T	Band of Hope 5.30 p.m. Vigil.
21	W	St. Thomas, Apostle and Martyr. (H.C. 8 a.m.)
22	Th	(Service at Wickhamford 7.30 p.m.)
23	F	Fast.
24	S	Vigil of Christmas.
25	B	Christmas Day. (H.C. at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and noon. Wickhamford H.C. 9.45 a.m.)
26	M	St. Stephen, the First Martyr.
27	T	St. John, Apostle and Evangelist.
28	W	The Holy Innocents.
29	Th	
30	F	Fast.
31	S	Sylvester, Bishop, A.D. 335.

Daily Services at Badsey as usual.

THE MOON.

6th, Last Quarter, 10h. 6m. mra. | 20th, First Quarter, 3h. 22m. mra.
 13th, New Moon, 11h. 43m. mra. | 27th, Full Moon, 11h. 39m. aft.