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This month falls wholly within Lent, and we trust the parishioners will endeavour to observe this season in a solemn and befitting manner, especially Holy week and Good Friday. It is very sad to see this most solemn day made in many places an occasion for a holiday and enjoyment. There will be many opportunities given in our Churches for meditation and devotion, of which due notice will be given, and we trust our readers will make good use of these opportunities.

The following are the preachers on the Sunday evenings at 6.30 p.m., viz—March 5th, Rev. C. W. A. Preston, Vicar of Offenham; March 12th, Rev. A. C. Duncan, Assistant Priest of Evesham; March 19th, the Vicar; March 26th, Rev. Walmsley Stanley, Vicar of Bengeworth. The services on Good Friday will be as follows: 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 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

We are asked to make known the fact that Nurse Hamilton is now living in Badsey, and is ready to undertake all nursing cases provided they are not infectious.

A parish meeting will be held in the old school on Monday, March 6th, at 7 p.m., to elect parish councillors for the coming year.

We are glad to be able to say that Mrs. Savory has kindly undertaken to act as Treasurer to the Organist's Stipend Fund, and will receive any donations for that purpose. The amount collected last year was only £2 4s. 6d. including collections in church.

FLOWER SHOW.

At a meeting of the committee held on Thursday, February 23rd, the accounts were audited and passed. The total receipts for the year from all sources amounted to £36 1s. 9d., the expenditure was £33 18s. 3d., leaving a balance in the treasurer's hands in favour of the Society of £2 3s. 6d. It was determined to call a public meeting of the inhabitants of the three parishes at an early date, when it is hoped that all those interested in the Flower Show will attend to elect officers and to discuss future arrangements.

A dramatic entertainment in aid of the fund for repairing Wickhamford Church has very kindly been arranged by Mrs. Savory and Mrs. Wilding (of Evesham), for Wednesday, April 12th. There will be two plays given, viz.: "One of you must Marry," and "Sunset," by Jerome K. Jerome. Two performances will be given in Mr. Sladden's Barn (by his kind permission), at 3 p.m., and 7.30 p.m. Prices for admission: Afternoon, 2s., 1s., and 6d.; Evening: 1s. 6d., 1s., and 6d. A Bazaar also on behalf of Wickhamford Church is being arranged for early in July.

BADSEY CHURCH.

The following notes on the history of the Church, as given in the report of the architect (T. G. Jackson, Esq.) at the time of the restoration, are worthy of being put on record. The report is dated January 1st, 1884, and says as follows:—It may be interesting if I preface my report on the present condition of your Church by some account of its history as told by itself. Like most of our English country churches, which have escaped injudicious restoration, Badsey Church, though very small, offers examples of almost every style of our native architecture. The enriched Norman door in the north wall of the nave, now blocked up, is the sole architectural feature that has survived of the church which stood here in the 12th century, but it is not impossible that the fabric of many of the walls may date from the same period, though later windows and doors have been inserted in them. The Church of that date was probably, as usual, a small building, consisting of merely a nave and chancel, communicating by a low round arch, and entered by a door on the South exactly opposite that still remaining on the North side of the Nave. The south door has however been replaced by a later one, and no chancel arch at all now exists. Probably towards the end of the 13th century the north transept was thrown out, the architectural features of which, though rudely executed, are interesting. It is possible that the South door of the nave also belongs to this date and one of the side windows in the Chancel and the adjoining door, but they are so simple that it is difficult to assign them to this rather than to the succeeding century. To the 14th century belong the East window of the Chancel, and two, if not three, of the side windows. The very interesting font belongs to the end of this or the beginning of the next century. To the 15th century belongs the fine Tower, and its arch opening into the Church, a work altogether conceived in a more magnificent spirit than that of the earlier builders. It is possible that the oak roofs of the whole church belong also to this century, but until their plaster ceilings are removed it is difficult to speak positively. To later times still belong the fine, though lamentably defaced monument in the North Chancel wall, probably dating from about 1600-1620 and some panneling now worked up into pews of the last century. At this time the Church seems to have been repaired, and the upper part of the East gable perhaps rebuilt, as the date 1653 cut on it implies, the old 13th century gable cross being carefully reset. The church retains another very fine cross dating from the 14th century on the gable of the north transept which has the peculiarity of being set to face east and west. I will not venture to say it was so set by the original builders. There is a handsome Communion Table bearing the date 1730, which is probably that of the repewing of the Church in something like its present form. The modern pulpit contains some panels much mutilated of the 15th or 16th century. There is a modern porch of no character which has replaced an older one. The Church is built of lias rubble which has stood but badly, as is usually the case with this material, and has consequently been rough cast over. The dressings are of Broadway stone, a fine yellow oolite with which the whole of the Tower is faced.

ENTRY IN THE REGISTER.

BADSEY.—MARRIAGE.

February 2. Augustine Dore and Mary Bell.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

		BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Feb.	5 Church Expenses	0	7 0		
"	12 Church Expenses	0	13 4		
"	19 Sick and Needy				3 6
"	26 Church Expenses	0	18 7		3 3
	Total	£1	18 11		6 9

Calendar for March.

1	W	David Abp. of Menevia A.D. 554.
2	Th	Chad. Bp. of Lichfield A.D. 673. (Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford.)
3	F	
4	S	
5	A	
6	M	Perpetua Martyr A.D. 203 (Band of Hope 6 p.m.) (Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford 7.30 p.m.)
7	T	
8	W	
9	Th	
10	F	
11	S	
12	A	4th Sunday in Lent, Gregory the Great Bp. A.D. 604. (H.C. 8 a.m.)
13	M	(Meeting for men only 7.30 p.m.)
14	T	(Evensong and Sermon Wickhamford at 7.30 p.m.)
15	W	
16	Th	
17	F	
18	S	
19	A	5th Sunday in Lent (8 a.m. H.C. at Badsey; at Wickhamford, Mattins at 10.30 followed by H.C. Choral.)
20	M	Benedict Abbot A.D. 543 (Band of Hope 6 p.m.) (Evensong and Sermon, Wickhamford 7.30 p.m.)
21	T	
22	W	
23	Th	
24	F	
25	S	Annunciation of B.V.M.
26	A	Sunday next before Easter (H.C. 8 a.m.)
27	M	Monday before Easter.
28	T	Tuesday before Easter.
29	W	Wednesday before Easter.
30	T	Thursday before Easter.
31	F	Good Friday (1.30 to 3 p.m. special service.)

NOTE.—The Forty Days of Lent are appointed by the Church as Days of Fasting.

Daily Services at Badsey as usual.

N.B.—Wednesday evening 7.30 p.m. and Friday Evening at 7 p.m.