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FOR THE PARISHES OF

S. James, Badsey,

With ALDINGTON,

AND

S. John Baptist,

WICKHAMFORD.

EVESHAM :

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On the 2nd of this month we celebrate the Festival of our Blessed Lord's Glorious Resurrection. We hope all parishioners, who have been confirmed, will remember the Church's rule as given 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. The celebrations will be as follows:—

Badsey .. 7 a.m., plain.
8 a.m., Choral.
12 noon, plain.

Wickhamford 9.45 a.m.

The annual Vestry meeting for Badsey and Aldington will be held in the Old School on Wednesday April 5th, at 7.30 p.m. The following is the business to be transacted. (1). To present the churchwardens accounts for the past year. (2). To elect Churchwardens for the coming year.

The Vestry meeting at Wickhamford will be held on Thursday April 6th, at 7 p.m.

A small but amicable meeting of Parochial Electors was held in the Old School on Monday, March 6th, at 7 p.m., when the following were elected Parish Councillors, without any opposition; Messrs. W. Collett, A. E. Jones, Henry Keen, John Keen, William Keen, Charles Knight, Joseph Knight, H. Stewart, and L. White. Mr. J. Sladden presided as chairman of the meeting.

The Vicar desires to take this opportunity of offering his best thanks to very many of the Parishioners for their kind enquiries and valued sympathy, when his wife was so dangerously ill.

WICKHAMFORD CHURCH.

The time has now come when we must seriously consider the question of putting Wickhamford Church in a proper state of repair. The Church is unbearably cold and draughty in winter, owing to the roof not being boarded in on the inside, the walls inside are disgracefully dirty and dilapidated, the upper part of the tower outside needs considerable restoration, and the ceiling under the tower inside has all fallen away. This means that a large sum of money will soon be required. Money was raised and much work was done in Mr. Gepp's time in the church and churchyard. The following extract from a printed letter from Mr. Gepp will speak for itself:—"In 1893 the roof of the nave was completely restored externally, the porch was thoroughly repaired, the churchyard was enlarged and surrounded with a substantial iron

fence, and repairs were done to the chancel. New iron spouting was also provided where necessary. In 1894 the tower was temporarily repaired. In 1895 the damage done by the memorable gale of March 24 was made good; and in 1896 the whole of the inside of the roof was plastered with good hair mortar. Much remains to be done, the tower being especially in need of repair. Still, I am thankful that I was enabled to carry the work so far, and to leave my successor unfettered by any debt upon the Church." This work involved an expenditure of £118. It will be seen that in the letter quoted, Mr. Gepp says that much remains to be done. It is this work which we now propose to undertake, and we shall be very grateful for any donations, however small, towards the expenses. An account has been opened at Lloyds Bank in Evesham, where subscriptions will be received. A Bazaar will be held early in July in aid of the fund. We take this opportunity of thanking those who have attended the mothers' meeting and girls' class for very kindly working for the Bazaar. We shall be very thankful for any further contributions of work, &c. There are, we feel sure, many persons outside Wickhamford parish, who are interested in this very ancient and picturesque Church. We earnestly entreat them to help us to put it in a proper state of repair.

Mrs. Savory, Mrs. Wilding, and Mr. Sladden have very kindly arranged a dramatic entertainment for Thursday, April 13th, in Mr. Sladden's Barn, and two performances will be given at 3 p.m. and 7.30 p.m., on behalf of the Wickhamford Church Fund. The following are the items:—

A COMEDY entitled, "ONE OF YOU MUST MARRY."

Jacob	} brothers	Mr. Sladden;
William		Mr. Ellis Garrard;
Gertrude,	their Aunt,	Mrs. A. H. Savory;
Louisa,	her Niece,	Mrs. Wilding;

A FARCE entitled, "SUNSET" by Jerome K. Jerome:

Lois	} step sisters	Mrs. Thornton;
Joan		Mrs. Wilding;
Drucilla,	their Aunt,	Mrs. Gilpin;
Mr. Rivers,	their father,	Mr. Wilding;
Azariah Stodd,	a farmer,	Mr. Sladden;
Mr. L. Leigh,	engaged to Lois,	Mr. Ellis Garrard.

Some high class vocal and instrumental music will be performed between the plays.

Afternoon tea will be provided at four o'clock, 6d. each person.

PRICES AND HOURS OF PERFORMANCES.

Afternoon at 3 p.m. punctually. Tickets 2s (reserved) 1s. and 6d.
Evening at 7.30 " " " " 1s. 6d. " " 1s. and 6d.
Reserved tickets can now be obtained from Mrs. Savory.

We hope our readers will not think these charges too high, but the fees for performing the plays are so large we are compelled to put the prices of admission high.

ENTRIES IN THE REGISTER.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

March 4. William Thomas Crane (privately).
 „ 19. Charles Harwood.

BURIAL.

March 27. William Thomas Crane, aged 3 weeks.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Mar. 5 Church Expenses ...	0 11 7½	
„ 12 Church Expenses ...	16 6	
„ 19 Sick and Needy ...		3 0
„ S. P. G. (Children) ...	1 9	
„ 26 Church Expenses ...	17 3½	2 9
Total ...	£ 2 7 2	5 9

Calendar for April.

1	S	Easter Even. Vigil.
2	A	EASTER DAY (H.C. at Badsey, 7 a.m. 8 a.m. and 12 noon; at Wickhamford, at 9.45 a.m.)
3	M	<i>Monday in Easter Week.</i> Richard, Bishop.
4	T	<i>Tuesday in Easter Week.</i> St. Ambrose, Bishop
5	W	(Vestry meeting in Old School, 7.30 p.m.)
6	Th	(Vestry meeting in Wickhamford, 7.p.m.)
7	F	
8	S	
9	A	<i>1st Sunday after Easter</i> (H.C. 8. a.m.)
10	M	
11	T	(Band of Hope Meeting 6 p.m.)
12	W	
13	Th	(Dramatic Entertainment at 3. p.m. and 7.30 p.m.)
14	F	
15	S	
16	A	<i>2nd Sunday after Easter</i> (H.C. at Badsey, 8 a.m; at Wickhamford, Mattins at 10.30., followed by H.C., choral
17	M	
18	T	
19	W	Alphege Abp. Canterbury A.D. 1012
20	Th	
21	F	
22	S	
23	A	<i>3rd Sunday after Easter.</i> St. George the Martyr, A.D. 303 (H.C. 8 a.m.)
24	M	
25	T	<i>St. Mark Evangelist and Martyr</i> (H.C. 8 a.m.)
26	W	
27	T	
28	F	
29	S	
30	A	<i>4th Sunday after Easter</i> (H.C. 8 a.m.)