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The Festival of our Blessed Lord's glorious Resurrection was celebrated with due solemnity in our Churches. The Holy Communion (the chief service of the Church) was celebrated four times—at Badsey at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 12 noon; and at Wickhamford at 9.45 a.m. We were very pleased to see a good number of communicants, which is always the best test of the Church's work in a parish. At Badsey there were 104 communicants—rather fewer than last year, though a great improvement on former years—and at Wickhamford 14, the largest number we can find on record in this parish. The music throughout the day was very bright and hearty, and we take this opportunity of heartily thanking the organist, the choir men and boys, and last, but not least, the ladies, for their valuable assistance. At the evening service that beautiful solo from Handel's Messiah, "I know that my Redeemer liveth," was sung with great feeling by Mrs. Savory, which added much to the devotional character of the service; and the choir sang the anthem, "The Lord is my Strength," by V. Novello. The Churches were both beautifully decorated with flowers. Mrs. Sladden very kindly undertook the responsibility of the decorations at Badsey, and she was very ably assisted by Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. John Keyte, Mrs. Wood, Miss Sladden, Miss Johns, and Miss Bennett. Some beautiful flowers were sent by Mrs. Savory, Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. Wood, Mr. Arthur Jones, and Mr. Joseph Marshall. The decorations at Wickhamford were carried out by Mrs. and Miss Pethard, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. Hacklett, Miss Sherwood, Miss Pope, and Miss Gisborne. Mrs. Mason also sent flowers.

The Easter Vestry Meeting was held in the old School, on Wednesday, April 5th, at 7.30 p.m. The Vicar presided. The first business was to receive and pass the Churchwardens Accounts. The Vicar stated that he had carefully examined every item in the accounts, and was satisfied that they were perfectly correct. The total receipts amounted to £31 os. 4½d., and the expenditure to £31 7s. 9d., thus leaving a deficit in the accounts of 7s. 4½d., whereas at the beginning of the year, there had been a balance in hand of 9s. 1½d. It was pointed out that the expenditure had been heavier during the past year, owing to the fact that some very necessary painting had been done to the spouts, etc., of the Church, also new snow ladders had been inserted between the roofs of the Church. These and other necessary repairs amounted to £4 which explained the excess in the expenditure. On the motion of Mr. Sladden, seconded by Mr. W. Mustoe, the accounts were unanimously adopted. A very hearty vote of thanks was passed to the Churchwardens, Messrs. A. Sparrow and H. Keen, for their excellent work on behalf of the Church. They had both carried out their duties in a most zealous and indefatigable manner. The Vicar then announced that Mr. Sparrow had asked to be relieved of his duties as Churchwarden, and nominated Mr. A. H. Savory as his Churchwarden, Mr. Savory very kindly accepted the office. Mr. Sladden was then proposed and seconded as People's Warden, but asked to be excused for this year, and Mr. Henry Keen was unanimously elected Warden. Votes of thanks were also accorded, (1) to Mrs. H. Keen for supply-

ing flowers and arranging the altar vases, (2) to Mrs. Sladden for acting as Treasurer to the Sunday School Funds, (3) to Mrs. Savory for undertaking the duties of Treasurer to the Organist's Stipend Fund and (4) to Miss Sladden for cleaning and trimming the Church lamps. Mr. A. H. Savory and Mr. Sladden were elected Lay Representatives to the Diocesan Conference.

The Vestry Meeting for Wickhamford was held at Mr. Pope's Farm on Thursday, April 6th, at 7 p.m. The Vicar presided. The accounts for the past year were presented, and shewed a very great improvement upon last year. At the Vestry Meeting in 1898, the Church was in debt £3 5s. 4d. This debt has been cleared off by collections in Church, amounting to 14s. 9d., and by the following donations;—Mr. A. Bowley, £1; Miss Pethard, £1; Mr. C. Byrd, 3s.; Mrs. Phipps, 1s. 6d.; Mrs. Mason, 1s.; Mrs. Green, 1s.; Mr. J. Cull, 2s.; the Vicar, 2s. 1d. The current expenses for the year amounted to £3 18s., and the total receipts to £3 15s. 1½d., thus leaving a deficit of 2s. 10½d. There was also the sum of 19s. 6d. due for the insurance of the Church, making the liabilities in all £1 2s. 4½d. The receipts for the year's expenses were made up as follows:—Collections in Church, £2 os. 1½d.; donations—Mr. Sladden 5s., Mr. F. P. Webb 5s., Miss Pethard 10s., Mr. G. Pethard 5s., the Vicar 5s., Mr. Pope 2s., Mr. E. J. Pethard 2s., Mr. W. Hartwell 1s. It is very satisfactory to know that there is only a debt of £1 2s. 4½d. upon the current expenses of the Church.

Mr. George Pethard was unanimously elected Churchwarden for the coming year.

It is with the greatest satisfaction we record the theatricals which were given in Mr. Sladden's Barn, on Thursday, April 13th, in aid of the Funds for the Restoration of Wickhamford Church. They were an unqualified success, and reflected the greatest credit upon all those who worked so hard to get up the Entertainment. No words can adequately express our gratitude to Mrs. Savory, Mrs. Wilding, Mr and Mrs. Sladden and their family for all the trouble they took in the matter. We were very fortunate in getting some valuable help from outside, and we give our best thanks also to Mrs. Gilpin, Mr. H. St. J. Wilding and Mr. Ellis Garrard. The playing of Miss Winifred Roberts and Miss M. Lombardini was very much appreciated, and we must not omit to thank Captain Nettleship for his excellent songs. There were very large audiences at both of the performances, and the very substantial sum of £14 4s. 6d. was netted for Wickhamford Church Fund. Tea was provided at the afternoon performance, and all the necessary provisions were given for which we are very grateful to the donors. It is also a great pleasure to record the fact that Mr. George Pethard very kindly put up the stage free of charge. In conclusion we would give our best thanks to the very many friends who helped in various ways to make the Theatricals such a success.

It may interest our readers to know that Sir Arthur Blomfield has very kindly promised to advise us in the restoration of the Church. We shall probably need a large sum of money, and shall be very grateful for any donations, however small, or for articles for the Bazaar in July.

ENTRIES IN THE REGISTER.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

- April 9, Frederick James Keen.
 „ 9, Gwendolen Vaughan Price.
 „ 15, Farmer Norris Porter (privately).

BURIALS.

- April 1, Charles Angus Hartwell, aged 7 months.
 „ 25, Farmer Norris Porter, aged 12 months.

WICKHAMFORD.—BURIALS.

- April 7, Elizabeth Howes, aged 76 years.
 „ 17, Hannah Finch, aged 84 years.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
April 2 Sick and Needy	0 15 6	0 4 6
„ Church Expenses	1 14 10	0 3 4
„ 9 Church Expenses	18 2	
„ 16 Sick and Needy		0 1 7
„ 23 Church Expenses	1 1 8½	0 2 8
Total	£4 10 2½	£0 12 1

Calendar for May.

1	M	<i>S. S. Philip and James, Apostles and Martyrs.</i>
2	T	
3	W	Invention of the Cross.
4	Th	
5	F	Fast.
6	S	S. John, Evangelist ante Port. Lat.
7	A	<i>5th Sunday after Easter</i> (H.C. after Mattins.)
8	M	Rogation Day.
9	T	Rogation Day. } Evensong and Address 7.30 p.m.
10	W	Rogation Day. }
11	Th	ASCENSION DAY (H.C. 5 a.m.)
12	F	Fast.
13	S	
14	A	<i>Sunday after Ascension</i> (H.C. 8 a.m.)
15	M	
16	T	
17	W	
18	Th	
19	F	Fast. Dunstan, Abp. Canterbury
20	S	Vigil.
21	A	WHITSUN-DAY (H.C. at Badsey, 7 and 8 a.m. choral; at Wickhamford 10.30 a.m. Mattins, followed by H.C., choral.)
22	M	<i>Monday in Whitsun Week.</i>
23	T	<i>Tuesday in Whitsun Week.</i>
24	W	Ember Day. Fast.
25	Th	
26	F	Ember Day. Fast. S. Augustine, Abp. of Canterbury A.D. 597.
27	S	Ember Day. Fast. Ven. Bede P.
28	A	<i>Trinity Sunday.</i> (H.C. 8 a.m.)
29	M	
30	T	
31	W	

Daily Services at Badsey as usual.

N.B.—Wednesday, Evensong and Sermon at 7.30 p.m. Friday, Evensong 7 p.m., Choir Practice, 7.30 p.m.