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WICKHAMFORD CHURCH, NEAR EVESHAM,  
WORCESTERSHIRE.

This Church is in a very bad state of repair. Sir Arthur Blomfield, A.R.A., has carefully examined the Church, and has kindly given a report from which we make the following extracts. Speaking of the history of the Church he says "The building shows features of various dates, but the main walls (without the South Porch) probably represent the original plan of the 12th century church, which does not appear to have been otherwise added to, although it has been much pulled about and altered." He points out that the Church is greatly in need of restoration and that the roof must be attended to without delay. He says "at present it is far from wind or water tight and should be dealt with at once. How much renewal or repair of timber will be necessary cannot be determined until it is stripped and thoroughly examined. It will then have to be covered with boarding, felt, and battens, and the present stone slates may be re-used. The half-bay of oak panelled ceiling formerly covering the Rood loft must be carefully preserved and repaired." Sir Arthur Blomfield proposes to carry out the restoration of the Church upon very careful and conservative lines, and does not suggest any alteration in the arrangement of the pews, reading desk, pulpit, etc. He proposes to preserve the fine oak carving of the pews and the royal arms just as they are. Some very important and much needed work on the outside of the Church must be done. On this head he says "The roof of the tower rests on a shallow stone gutter without proper or sufficient outlets, so that in wet weather the rain pours down the inside of the Tower walls into the Church, forming large pools of water on the floor. This defect should be dealt with without loss of time." He also calls attention to a very important piece of work round the base of the Church. His words are "The most important thing outside is the lowering of the ground and the formation of an open brick or cement channel round the Church below the level of the floor, with proper falls, and drains carried to the nearest watercourse, and the provision of proper guttering to the roofs and rain water pipes." All who know the Church will see the wisdom of Sir Arthur's words, for at present the soil of the Churchyard is above the level of the Church, and particularly round the Chancel, where the rain accumulates at the base of the Chancel door and either runs into the Chancel or sinks into the foundations of the walls. This is obviously very dangerous to the fabric of the Church and should certainly, as Sir Arthur Blomfield suggests, be seen to without delay. Another point he draws special attention to and that is the state of the windows. "The glazing" he says, "throughout the Church is in a bad condition and requires thorough overhauling and repair. The saddle bars and casements should be attended to at the same time." He also makes a valuable suggestion about the treatment of the Chancel, but as probably we shall not have money to deal with that now, we need

not refer to it in detail at present. Perhaps at some future time we may be able to carry out his suggestion, but for the present the Chancel will not be touched inside, except to do a few very necessary repairs. We have given these particulars so that our readers may feel confidence that really very important and necessary restoration is to be done, so as to preserve the fabric of this very interesting Church, which our pious ancestors have left in our charge, and which we feel it our bounden duty to hand on to the next generation in a thoroughly good condition as to the fabric. Sir Arthur has not yet given us any definite idea of the cost of the restoration of the Church, but we may be sure a large sum of money will be required. We appeal therefore to all those who are interested in the preservation of the ancient Churches of our land to send a liberal donation to the fund for the restoration of Wickhamford Church. It is impossible to raise sufficient money from local sources, and unless substantial help is given to us from outside, the work cannot be carried out. Any donations will be thankfully received by the Rev. W. H. Price, Vicar of Wickhamford, at Badsey Vicarage, Evesham, or may be paid into Lloyd's Bank, Evesham, for this purpose.—A Bazaar is to be held at Badsey Vicarage on Wednesday, July 26th, in aid of the funds for the restoration, and any contributions of work for sale will be gratefully received at the Vicarage—We desire to add that a large number of the parishioners at Badsey, Aldington, and Wickhamford have been working very hard for this Bazaar. The names are too numerous to print here, but we should like to offer them our very best thanks, and to make them feel that their work, so willingly given for the Church, is very much appreciated. The sum of £2 has been kindly given by Mrs. Leigh, of Hill Crest, Evesham, towards the funds since our last list of subscribers was published.

THE BAZAAR.

We have referred to the Bazaar above. It was originally intended to hold it earlier, but, unfortunately, we were obliged to postpone it for various reasons. It is now definitely fixed for WEDNESDAY, JULY 26TH, to be opened at 2 p.m. We have been promised some help from outside. Mrs. Arthur Lord, of Worcester, will be responsible entirely for one stall, and Miss Price, of Oxford, for another. Many of our own Parishioners have kindly promised to help us. A complete programme will be issued shortly, as we have no space for it here. A Drawing-room Concert at the Vicarage in the afternoon is being arranged by Mrs. Savory, and some well-known performers, as well as some strangers, will take part in it. A large assortment of china, fancy articles, toys, sweets, plain clothes, and other useful articles will be on sale. There will also be a Jumble Stall. Refreshments will be provided at a reasonable charge. Short entertainments will be given by some of the children of the Parishes. The charge for admission to the grounds will be 6d. each.

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BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

- June 11. Maggie Adeline March.  
 „ 18. Kathleen Annie Brewer.  
 „ 18. Leonard Charles Simmonds.  
 „ 23. Dorothy Mary Agg (privately).

BURIALS.

- June 12. Charlotte Hartwell, aged 74 years.  
 „ 27. Thomas Malin, aged 59 years.

WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISMS.

- June 25. Priscilla Marjorie Pethard.  
 „ 25. Sidney Frank Gisborne.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
June 4 Sick and Needy	0	10 2		
„ 11 Church Expenses	0	13 11½	.....	
„ 18 Sick and Needy			.....	0 3 10
„ 25 Church Expenses	1	2 3	.....	0 4 8½
Total	£2	6 4½	.....	10 8 6½

Calendar for July.

1	S	
2	A	5th Sunday after Trinity. Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. (H.C. after Mattins.)
3	M	
4	T	Translation of S. Martin, Bp. and Confessor, A.D. 473. (Vestry Meeting at Wickhamford 8 p.m.)
5	W	
6	Th	
7	F	Fast.
8	S	
9	A	6th Sunday after Trinity (H.C. 8 a.m.)
10	M	
11	T	
12	W	
13	Th	
14	F	Fast.
15	S	St. Swithin, Bp. Winchester, translated A.D., 971.
16	A	7th Sunday after Trinity. (Badsey, H.C. at 8 a.m.; Wickhamford, Mattins at 10.30. a.m. followed by H.C., choral.)
17	M	
18	T	(Band of Hope 6 p.m.)
19	W	
20	Th	Margaret, Virgin and Martyr at Antioch, A.D. 278.
21	F	Fast.
22	S	St. Mary Magdalene.
23	A	8th Sunday after Trinity. (H.C. at 8 a.m.)
24	M	
25	T	S. James, Ap. and Martyr. Festival of Patron Saint. (H.C. 5 a.m.)
26	W	S. Anne. (Wickhamford Bazaar 2 p.m.)
27	Th	
28	F	Fast.
29	S	
30	A	9th Sunday after Trinity. (H.C. 8 a.m.)
31	M	

Daily Services at Badsey as usual.

N.B.—Wednesday and Friday Evenings at 7.30 p.m.