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With the last day of this month we enter upon the solemn season of Lent, when the Church calls us to humble repentance and contrition for our past sins, and encourages us to steadfastly purpose to lead a new life. It is not necessary to announce any special arrangements for Lent this month, except to exhort our readers to duly observe Ash Wednesday. The Services will be as follows:—Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Mattins and Litany, 10 a.m.; Evensong and Communion Service, 7 p.m.

The Chimers desire to thank all those who very kindly subscribed to the Christmas Fund on their behalf. The sum of £2 10s. was collected in all, and this was divided between them in proportion to the number of times each had attended to chime during the year. We are glad the Parishioners thus showed the appreciation of the services of the Chimers. The duty of calling the people to Church by the bells is an important one; it involves regularity and self-sacrifice, and those Chimers who attend regular are worthy of having their services recognised. Personally, we should like to take this opportunity of thanking the chimers for their valuable assistance, and we would also add our thanks to the ringers, the organist, and all the members of the Choir for their services, which they so willingly give to the Church.

Another Parishioner has been called to rejoin his regiment, viz., Mr. David Hartwell. At present he is stationed with an artillery battery at Weymouth, and we do not yet know if he will be sent to the front for active service. Before he left Badsey the Parishioners shewed their feeling of goodwill toward him, by presenting him with a gift similar to that sent out to Mr. John Roberts in Africa. The Vicar was authorised by the Committee of the Parochial War Fund to make the presentation, and the gift was paid for out of the funds in hand. We wish him God-speed and a safe return home.

Our readers will be glad to know that letters have been received from Mr. John Roberts. When he last wrote he was safe and in good health. He was then stationed with his regiment, the 2nd Shropshire Light Infantry, on the Orange River, guarding the line of

communications, and had had no fighting.

LECTURES FOR WOMEN.

A course of Six Lectures for women only, on "*First Aid*," will be given in the Parish Room at the Vicarage by Miss Sykes. These Lectures will be in continuation of the course on "Nursing" given by Miss Sykes last year. The first lecture will be given on Tuesday, February 20th, at 6.30 p.m., and the other lectures on the five following Tuesdays at the same hour.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

A new departure in the way of rewarding the children in the Schools is made this year. It is proposed to give a tea and entertainment to all the children who have attended at all regularly during the past year, and only to give a very few prizes to the children who have gained the highest marks. The tea for the Infants will be held in the Old School, on Wednesday, February 7, at 4.30 p.m., and for the older children on the following day, Thursday, at 4.30 p.m. After the tea on each evening the Vicar hopes to give a Magic Lantern entertainment. It is very difficult to get funds to carry on the Sunday Schools, and we hardly know where we are going to find the money to pay for these teas. Several of the teachers have very kindly offered to give a donation to the funds. Surely there are many people in the Parish who would be glad to give a small sum towards providing a bright and happy evening for the children. Mrs. Sladden has very kindly undertaken to be Treasurer for the Sunday Schools, and we should be very grateful if some of our readers would give her a donation in money, or would send a gift in kind—such as cake, bread, butter, tea, sugar, etc. It is really very difficult to carry on the Sunday Schools in this Parish, and unless we can get more help for the funds, and more teachers, it will be impossible to keep the School efficient. We have a number of very kind and willing teachers and we are very grateful to them for all the trouble they take, but we want more, especially in the afternoon. Will anyone volunteer as a teacher?

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Jan. 7, Sick and Needy	0	8	11
.. 14, Church Expenses	0	10	8
.. 21, Church Expenses	2	7½
.. 28, Church Expenses	0	11	6½	1	9
Totals	£1	11	1½	£0	4 4½

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BADSEY—BAPTISMS.	
Jan. 21.	Eva May Bell.
.. 29.	Arthur Edward Moore (privately)
WICKHAMFORD—BURIAL.	
JAN. 4.	Albert Andrews, aged 57 years.

Calendar for February.

1	Th	Vigil.
2	F	<i>Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary.</i>
3	S	Blasius, Bp. and Martyr, A.D. 316.
4	G	<i>5th Sunday after Epiphany.</i> [H.C. after Mattins.]
5	M	Agatha, Sicilian Virgin and Martyr, A.D. 251.
6	T	[Band of Hope at 5.30 p.m.]
7	W	[Sunday School Party, Infants, 4.30 p.m.]
8	Th	[Sunday School Party, elder children, 4.30 p.m.]
9	F	Fast.
10	S	
11	G	<i>Septuagesima.</i> [H.C. 8 a.m.]
12	M	
13	T	
14	W	Valentine Bp. and Martyr, A.D. 270.
15	Th	
16	F	Fast.
17	S	
18	G	<i>Sexagesima.</i> [Badsey, H.C. 8 a.m.; Wickhamford Mattins 10.30 a.m., followed by H.C. Choral.]
19	M	
20	T	[Band of Hope, 5.30 p.m.]
21	W	
22	T	
23	F	Fast. Vigil.
24	S	<i>S Matthias, Apostle and Martyr.</i>
25	G	<i>Quinquagesima.</i> [H.C. 8 a.m.]
26	M	
27	T	
28	W	<i>Ash Wednesday.</i> [H.C. 8 a.m.]

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