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On Ash Wednesday we entered upon the 40 days of Lent, which are appointed by the Church as a solemn time of fasting and prayer. It is a special opportunity for self-examination, repentance, and deepening the spiritual life, and we hope that all our readers will use it. Let us try to devote more time in our homes to prayer and bible reading, to come to God's House as often as we can, and above all to be regular in our attendance at the highest service of the Church—the Holy Communion. The Communion will be celebrated every Sunday, so there will be no excuse for our not coming. There will be Daily Prayers in Badsey Church, and a special service on Wednesday Evenings at 7 p.m. with an address. We invite the parishioners to come. A service will also be held for children on Friday afternoons in the Church at 4.15 p.m. We hope parents will encourage their children to come to this service, and so teach them to observe Lent. Special sermons will be preached as follows:—On Wednesday, March 7th, at 7 p.m., by the Rev. C. W. A. Preston, Vicar of Offenham; on Sunday, March 18th, at 6.30 p.m., by the Rev. Walmsley Stanley, Vicar of Bengeworth; and on Sunday, March 25th, at 6.30 p.m., by the Rev. F. S. Taylor, Vicar of Littleton.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The parties in connection with the Sunday Schools were held during the past month. The younger children were entertained at Tea on February 7th, and the elder children on the following day. After the tea on each day a magic lantern entertainment was given by the Vicar. We are very much obliged to those who helped us to provide the teas by giving money, and gifts in kind—such as cake, bread, tea, sugar, etc. Without their kindness the teas could not have been given, and we thank them very much. We are also very grateful to those who very kindly came and worked so hard in getting the teas ready. Only a very few prizes were given away to those who gained the highest marks, but certificates were awarded to all the children who had attended regularly during the past year.

BADSEY, ALDINGTON, AND WICKHAMFORD FLOWER SHOW.

At a general meeting held January 31st, the accounts for the past year were submitted and approved. The Society is in a very satisfactory position, the amount in the Treasurer's hands being £7 8s. 9d. after payment of all liabilities. Messrs. W. W. Blake and G. E. Jones were elected joint honorary Secretaries, and Mr. Sladden was re-elected Treasurer, a strong Committee was also appointed. Mr. W. Stanford received a vote of thanks for his past services as honorary Secretary. The date fixed for the Show this year is Wednesday August 1st, and it is probable that the Badsey Lodge of the Cirencester Working Man's Conservative Benefit Society will hold its annual festival on the same day, as the arrangement proved very successful last year. Additional attractions will be added to the Show this time, an open class for residents within a radius of ten miles, with liberal prizes, should attract many Exhibitors, a Bicycle Gymkhana will be arranged, and illuminations and fireworks will be provided in the evening.

We would call attention to the fact that Lectures for Women only will be given by Miss Sykes in the Parish Room at the Vicarage, on Tuesdays, March 6th, 13th, 20th, and 27th, at 6.30 p.m. There is no charge for admission.

It does not seem to be generally known that the Clothing and Coal Clubs are being continued this year. Payments are received from the Badsey and Wickhamford people at the Vicarage on Mondays at 12 noon. Mrs. and Miss Savory are kindly managing the Clubs at Aldington as heretofore.

As we go to press the joyful news arrives of the unconditional surrender of General Cronje's army in South Africa, a fact for which all loyal Englishmen must be deeply grateful. Let us thank Almighty God for thus blessing our cause and giving success to our arms, and let us pray to Him that this terrible war may soon be brought to a speedy end without further bloodshed. In the midst of our joy we must not forget to sympathise with the wounded and their families, and for those, who have given their lives so nobly and bravely on behalf of their Queen and country, let us pray that they may rest in peace.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Feb. 4, Sick and Needy	0	7 4½
„ 11, Church Expenses	0	11 9½
„ 18, Church Expenses	3 0
„ 25, Church Expenses	0	14 9½	1 3
Totals	£1	13 11½	£0	4 3

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BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

Feb. 18. Alger Edward Gisborne.

Calendar for March.

1	Th	David, Abp. of Menevia, A.D. 544; Chad. Bp. of Lichfield, A.D. 673.
2	F	
3	S	
4	G	<i>1st Sunday in Lent.</i> [H.C. after Mattins] [Young Men's Class, 7 p.m., and every Monday.] [Lecture for women only at 6.30 p.m., and every Tues- Perpetua, Martyr, A.D. 203. Ember Day. [day.] [Girls' Class 4.30 p.m., and every Thursday.] Ember Day. Ember Day.
5	M	
6	T	
7	W	
8	Th	
9	F	
10	S	
11	G	
12	M	
13	T	
14	W	
15	Th	
16	F	
17	S	
18	G	<i>3rd Sunday in Lent.</i> [Badsey, H.C. 8 a.m.; Wickham- ford, Mattins 10.30 a.m., followed by H.C. Choral.] Benedict, Abbot, A.D. 543.
19	M	
20	T	
21	W	
22	Th	
23	F	
24	S	
25	G	
26	M	
27	T	
28	W	
29	Th	
30	F	
31	S	

NOTE.—The forty days of Lent are appointed by the Church as Days of Fasting (see the introduction to the Prayer Book.) Daily services at Badsey.

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