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AND

*S. John Baptist,*

WICKHAMFORD.

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EYESHAM:

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With April we enter upon the most solemn season of the Church's year, when we commemorate the sufferings of our Blessed Lord, culminating in His agonising Death on Good Friday. The first week of April is called Passion Week, the second, in which Good Friday comes, is called Holy Week. We would urge our Parishioners most earnestly to keep this period holy, and above all not to turn Good Friday into a holiday and time of amusement. It is very sad to see how many people in this country forget all about the events of this solemn Day, and only go out to enjoy themselves. We hope very much our People will not do this, but will try to be as much in God's House as possible, to meditate upon the awful events of the Cross. It is a common practice with us to hang up mourning cards in our houses, to commemorate the day, on which some beloved member of our Family died, and we should consider it quite wicked to make that a day of enjoyment and pleasure seeking. How can we then ignore the day on which our greatest Friend, our Lord Jesus Christ, died, and turn aside from the worship of His Holy House, when He lovingly invites us? Is it nothing to you, He says, all ye that pass by? behold and see, if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow. We remember with great pain that the attendance in our Churches has not been very good on former Good Fridays, and we do sincerely trust that it will be better this year. There will be many opportunities of prayer and devotion, and we earnestly hope that the Parishioners will come to as many of the services as possible. The services will be as follows in Holy Week:—

*Sunday next before Easter* Holy Communion 8 a.m., and the other services as on Sunday.

Monday before Easter } Services each day at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 7.30 p.m., except Thursday  
 Tuesday before Easter }  
 Wednesday before Easter } when the 7.30 p.m. service will be held at  
 Thursday before Easter } Wickhamford.

*Good Friday* (April 13th).

11 a.m., Matins, Litany, and Ante Communion.

1.30—3 p.m., Special Service, consisting of addresses upon the seven sayings of our Lord from the Cross, with hymns, prayers and periods of silence for private meditation. The addresses will be given by the Rev. C. W. A. Preston, Vicar of Offenham.

4 p.m., Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford.

6.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon at Badsey.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 4, Sick and Needy	...	0	9	9	.....	
„ 11, Church Expenses	...	0	13	2	.....	
„ 18, Church Expenses	...				5	7
„ 25, Church Expenses	...	15	6	½	.....	2
Totals	...	£1	18	5	½	£0
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EASTER.

How are we going to keep the Glorious Feast of our Blessed Lord's Resurrection? Well this depends upon how we have kept Lent and Holy Week. We cannot enjoy a really happy Easter, unless we have prepared for it by a faithful carrying out of our duty during the solemn season which precedes it. If we have really mourned with our Lord in His sorrow and agony, then we can rejoice with Him in His glorious victory over Death, but not unless. We would earnestly press upon all those, who have been confirmed, the importance of coming to the Holy Communion on Easter Day, and would beg of them to allow no obstacle to prevent them. Hear what the Church says in the rubric 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." Obedience to our Church's rule is surely an obligation on the conscience of us all, which we cannot easily set aside. The Services will be as follows:—

Easter Day (April 15th).

7 a.m., Holy Communion at Badsey.

8 a.m., Holy Communion at Badsey.

10 a.m., Holy Communion at Wickhamford.

11.15 a.m., Mattins & Holy Communion at Badsey

3 p.m., Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford.

6.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon at Badsey.

Parishioners will, we are sure, be glad to know that Mr. John Roberts was alive and in good health when he last wrote. In a letter to his wife, dated February 23rd, he says "I have had it rather hard this last ten days marching and fighting. I have been under fire since Sunday morning until yesterday. We were fighting on Sunday from 9 o'clock in the morning, until dark at night. It was very warm work I can tell you, the bullets were flying round us like hail all day, how I escaped is a wonder. Our regiment lost 8 killed and 41 wounded, and the other regiments lost more than us. I shall have lots to tell you when I come back. We were all wet through last night and had to walk about all night to get dry, our clothes had to dry on our backs. Those are times that make you think about home." Mr. Roberts was fighting with one of the 3 distinguished regiments, which brought about the final surrender of Cronje. We are sure his fellow parishioners are very proud of Mr. Roberts, and are very thankful he has been so far spared. Let us all give him a very hearty reception when he returns home. We should add that Mr Roberts sent home to his wife the Queen's box of chocolate. This is a great treasure which will be very greatly prized by her.

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BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

Mar. 18.	Nora Alfreda Haines.
„	Jane Knight.
„	May Knight.
	Received into the Church.
Mar. 18.	Arthur Edward Moore (privately baptised).

## Calendar for April.

1	<b>G</b>	<i>5th Sunday in Lent.</i> [H.C. after Mattins.]  Richard, Bp., A.D., 1253. S. Ambrose, Bp., A.D., 397.
2	M	
3	T	
4	W	
5	Th	
6	F	
7	S	
8	<b>G</b>	<i>6th Sunday in Lent.</i> [H.C. at 8 a.m.] Monday. Tuesday. } Before Easter. Wednesday. } Thursday. } <i>GOOD FRIDAY.</i> Easter Even. Vigil.
9	M	
10	T	
11	W	
12	Th	
13	F	
14	S	
15	<b>G</b>	<i>EASTER DAY.</i> [H.C. at Badsey, 7 a.m., 8 a.m. and 12 noon ; Wickhamford at 10 a.m.] <i>Monday in Easter Week.</i> <i>Tuesday in Easter Week.</i> [Vestry Meeting in Old School, at 7.30 p.m.] [Vestry Meeting at Wickhamford, at 7.30 p.m.] Fast.
16	M	
17	T	
18	W	
19	Th	
20	F	
21	S	
22	<b>G</b>	<i>1st Sunday after Easter.</i> [H.C. at Badsey, 8 a.m. ; at Wickhamford, Mattins 10. 30 a.m., followed by H.C. [Choral.] St. George the Martyr, A.D., 303, Patron Saint of [England.]  <i>S. Mark, Evangelist and Martyr.</i>  Fast.
23	M	
24	T	
25	W	
26	Th	
27	F	
28	S	
29	<b>G</b>	<i>2nd Sunday after Easter.</i> [H.C. at 8 a.m.]
30	M	

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