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Easter was celebrated with bright and joyful services in our Churches. There were four celebrations of the Holy Communion, at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 12 noon at Badsey, and at 10 a.m. at Wickhamford. The service at 8 a.m. was choral, the communion music being sung to the setting of Woodward in E flat. There were about 100 communicants at Badsey including sick persons, who received the communion in their homes, and a few in addition to this number at Wickhamford. We are sorry to say the number of communicants does not increase at Wickhamford. We earnestly wish there were more. The music throughout the day was hearty and well sustained, and we take this opportunity of thanking all the members of the choir, men, boys, and girls, as well as the organist, for the willing help which they give us. We hope we may say that the singing has improved, at all events much greater interest has been taken in the music by the members of the choir during the past winter, and for this we are thankful. At the evening service some new carols, appropriate to Easter, from the collection of the Rev. R. R. Chope, were sung. Both the churches had been appropriately adorned in honour of the Festival of our Blessed Lord's glorious Resurrection, and the cheering effect of the beautiful spring flowers helped us to realise the truth of the living Christ. The decorations at Badsey were carried out by Mrs. Price, Mrs. Wood, Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. John Keyte, Mrs. Warner, Miss McDonald, Miss H. Bell, the Misses Wood and Master Sladden. Mr. J. Marshall, with his usual kindness, lent some lovely pot flowers, and cut flowers were sent by many kind friends. At Wickhamford the church was decorated by Mrs. and Miss Pethard, Mrs. Hartwell, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Hacklett and Miss Sherwood, who very kindly sent flowers, as also did Mrs. J. Mason.

The Vestry Meeting for Badsey was held in the Old School, on Wednesday, April 18th, at 7.30 p.m. It was not a very large gathering, but those who were present showed a kindly and sympathetic interest in the affairs of the church. Mr. A. H. Savory, churchwarden, presented a statement of accounts for the past year. The receipts amounted to £23 8s. 4½d. and the expenditure to £23 18s. 9d., leaving a deficit of 10s. 4½d. It had been feared that the deficit would be much larger, but, thanks to the liberal response of the parishioners to the Vicar's appeal on Easter Day, the sum of £2 14s. 8d. was raised, leaving only the small deficit of 10s. 4½d. which was wiped out by the collections on the following Sunday. We are thus able to start the financial year free of debt, and the Vicar desires to offer his best thanks to all those who helped to bring about this happy state of affairs. A very hearty vote

of thanks was passed to the churchwardens, Mr. A. H. Savory and Mr. Henry Keen, and also to Mr. Sparrow, who had acted as sidesman, for their hearty co-operation and sympathetic and willing help in church matters during the year. The Vicar again nominated Mr. Savory as his churchwarden, and he very kindly accepted the office. Mr. H. Keen was again unanimously elected People's Warden. It was very gratifying to hear Mr. Savory bear public witness to the fact, that the Vicar and Churchwardens had never disagreed upon any point during the year.

The Vestry Meeting was held at Wickhamford on Thursday, April 9th, at 7.30 p.m. The Churchwarden, Mr. G. Pethard, presented the accounts for the past year. A debt which existed at the last Vestry—viz., £1 2s. 4½d., had been paid off. The current expenses for the year amounted to £6 6s. 1d., and the receipts, after paying the debt, to £3 6s. 7d., leaving a deficit in the accounts of £2 19s. 6d. The following donations were received at the Vestry Meeting:—Mr. J. Idiens, 10s.; Mr. G. Pethard, 10s.; Miss Pethard, 10s.; the Vicar, 10s.; Mr. D. Agg, 1s.; Mr. J. Mason, 1s.; Mr. W. Hartwell, 1s.; leaving only a debt of 16s. 6d. in the accounts. The Vicar expressed his deep gratitude to the Churchwarden and all those who gave their help in Church matters at Wickhamford. Mr. G. Pethard was again elected Churchwarden, and Mr. J. Idiens, whom we are very glad to welcome as a parishioner at Wickhamford, was elected as Sidesman.

Our readers will be wondering when the work of Wickhamford is going to be begun. A committee meeting has been recently held, and we hope the work will be commenced as soon as possible. We have had some great sorrows in connection with the proposed restoration. The distinguished architect, Sir Arthur Blomfield, died very suddenly which was a most serious loss both to his country and the Church at Wickhamford. He had taken a very great personal interest in this little Church, and was very anxious to see this restoration carried out. We were most grateful for his valuable aid and advice in the matter, and deeply regret his decease. Shortly afterwards the Builder, Mr. Collins of Tewkesbury, died, which is also a great loss in all Church restoration as he always did his work so conscientiously and thoroughly. His good work still remains in the restoration of Badsey Church. All monies received for Wickhamford Church have been placed in Lloyds Bank, and a little interest is accumulating. We are still in need of a large sum of money to carry out the work of restoration, and we shall be thankful for many donations however small. The Worcester Diocesan Church Building Society have promised a grant of £31 towards the work.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
April 1, Sick and Needy	...	0	9	8	
„ 8, Church Expenses	...	0	14	7	
„ 15, Church Expenses	...	2	14	8	6 4
„ 22, Church Expenses	...	10	2	½	3 0½
Totals	...	£4	9	1½	£0 9 4½

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BADSEY—BAPTISM.	
April 17.	Isabella Sheaf.
MARRIAGE.	
„ 18.	Joseph Thomas Johns and Sarah Louisa Mustoe.
BURIAL	
„ 19.	Harold George Jelfs, aged 17 years.

Calendar for May.

1	T	<i>S. S. Philip and James, Apostles and Martyrs.</i> [H.C. at 8 a.m.] Invention of the Cross, A.D., 326. Fast.
2	W	
3	Th	
4	F	
5	S	
6	G	<i>3rd Sunday after Easter.</i> [H.C. after Mattins] Fast.
7	M	
8	T	
9	W	
10	Th	
11	F	<i>4th Sunday after Easter.</i> [H.C. at 8 a.m.] Fast. Dunstan, Abp., Canterbury, A.D., 988.
12	S	
13	G	
14	M	
15	T	
16	W	<i>5th Sunday after Easter.</i> [Mattins at Wickhamford [10. 30 a.m., followed by H.C. Choral.] Rogation Day. Rogation Day. Rogation Day. <i>ASCENSION DAY.</i> [H.C. at 8 a.m.] Fast. Augustine, 1st Abp. Canterbury, A.D., 604.
17	Th	
18	F	
19	S	
20	G	
21	M	
22	T	
23	W	
24	Th	<i>Sunday after Ascension.</i> [H.C. at 8 a.m.] Venerable Bede, A.D., 735.
25	F	
26	S	
27	G	
28	M	
29	T	
30	W	
31	T	

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