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EVESHAM :

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Harvest Thanksgiving Services were held in Badsey Church on Sunday, September 30. There was a choral celebration of the Holy Communion at 8 a.m., and about 26 persons communicated. It is very desirable to have music at the Communion Service—sometimes at all events, if it is not possible to have it always—for it helps the congregation to realise what is the fact, that the Communion is the chief service of the Church, a great act of Praise and Thanksgiving in which music should form an important part. Morning Prayer was said at 11 a.m., when the Vicar preached. There was full Choral Evensong at 6.30 p.m. The Psalms and Canticles were sung to Anglican chants, and the Anthem, "The eyes of all wait upon Thee" (by Caleb Simper), was creditably rendered by a large choir. The usual Harvest Hymns were sung with great heartiness, and there was a crowded congregation. The sermon was preached by the Rev. J. M. Walker (Vicar of Evesham.) The collections throughout the day amounted to £33s., and were equally divided between the Evesham Cottage Hospital and Church Expenses. The Church was very suitably decorated for the occasion by Mrs. Price, the Misses and Master Sladden, the Misses Gepp, Miss McDonald, Miss H. Bell, Mr. Binyon, and Mr. Fiennes Clinton. A large quantity of flowers, fruit, vegetables, corn, etc., had been sent to the Church by so many kind friends, that it is impossible to mention them all. Mr. Joseph Marshall, with his usual kindness, sent a beautiful lot of pot flowers. To all these, and those who decorated the Church, we offer our sincere thanks. On this occasion new surplices were provided for the choir boys. The cost of the linen is to be provided out of Church Funds, and the following ladies were very kindly responsible for the cutting out and making of them—viz., Mrs. Adams, Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. J. Keyte, Mrs. Price, Mrs. and Miss Savory, Mrs. Sladden, Mrs. Wood, and Miss K. Walker. We thank them very much for all the trouble they took in the matter. The old surplices had become very worn and ragged, and were a great eyesore in the Church. We are very thankful that at last we have a new set.

#### WICKHAMFORD CHURCH.

It has now been definitely arranged that the work of restoration shall be begun this month. There have been many delays, which we greatly regret, but which could not be avoided. An estimate of the cost of the proposed work was given in 1899, but owing to the death of the Architect (Sir Arthur Blomfield), and of the Builder (Mr. Collins, of Tewkesbury), and other causes, the original estimate fell through, and a new one had to be drawn up. This has at length been done, and the work will be carried out by the firm of Collins and Godfrey, under the superintendence of Mr. J. C. Blomfield, son of Sir Arthur. A meeting of the Committee was held on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, when it was decided to undertake at once work estimated to cost, together with the Architect's fees, about £340. This sum only includes part of the work which is considered very urgent for the preservation of the fabric of the Church, and we

hope, if we can see our way to obtain the necessary funds, to undertake other work in connection with the Tower. It seems at first sight a large sum, but it is necessary to put in the best work and the best materials in restoring a Church, and it is cheaper in the long run to do a little, and to do it really well. Wickhamford is a most interesting and beautiful Church of its kind. It has been left us as a sacred legacy by our ancestors, and it is our solemn duty to hand it down to our descendants in as good a state of preservation as possible. At present we have about £200 in the Bank and promised, and therefore there remains a large sum to be raised to carry out even the first instalment of the work. We appeal very urgently to those, who are in a position to help, to do what they can to assist us in getting the necessary money. A letter has been received by the Vicar from the Bishop of the Diocese, giving permission to close the Church during the restoration, and his Lordship very kindly enclosed a cheque for £5 towards the funds. It is proposed to have a small RUMMAGE SALE, in the Old School, Badsey, on Tuesday, October 16, from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tea will be provided, and we shall be very grateful for any gifts of bread, butter, cake, sugar, milk, etc., for the tea. Will any kind friends volunteer to come and help on this occasion, or send a small gift in kind? Any articles of clothing will also be very thankfully received. We must now make a very vigorous effort to avoid being in debt when the work is done. It is a great responsibility to attempt to raise so much money, but we set out upon the enterprise in faith, and feel sure that all those interested in preserving our grand old Churches will rally round us and do all they can to help.

#### HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES

Will be held at Wickhamford on Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. The Holy Communion will be celebrated at 8 a.m., and there will be full Choral Evensong at 3 p.m., when the preacher will be the Rev. W. M. Edwardes, of Evesham. The collection will be for the Diocesan Church Extension Society, which has promised a liberal grant towards the restoration Funds.

#### BAND OF HOPE.

The Meetings of this Society will be re-commenced this month, and will be held on Tuesdays, October 9<sup>th</sup>, and 23<sup>rd</sup>, in the Parish Room, at 5.30 p.m. We invite all those who are interested in Temperance Work to come to these meetings.

#### COPIES OF THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY—BAPTISMS: Sep. 5<sup>th</sup>, Dorothy Bennett (privately, 16<sup>th</sup>, Martin Agg.

BURIAL: September 8<sup>th</sup>, Dorothy Bennett, aged 4 days.

#### WICKHAMFORD.—MARRIAGE.

September 12<sup>th</sup>, William Smith and Elizabeth Pope.

#### MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

		BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Sept.	2, Sick and Needy ...	0	10 11	.....	.....
"	9, Church Expenses ...	17	8½	.....	.....
"	16, Church Expenses ...	.....	.....	10	2
"	23, Church Expenses ...	14	8½	.....	6 9½
"	30, Evesham Cottage } Hospital and Church } Expenses in equal }	3	3 0	.....	.....
	parts	.....	.....	.....	.....
	Totals ... ..	£5	6 4	.....	£ 16 11½

## Calendar for October.

1	M	Remigius Bp. of Rheims, A.D., 533.
2	T	
3	W	
4	Th	
5	F	Fast.
6	S	Faith Virgin Martyr, 290.
7	<b>6</b>	17th Sunday after Trinity [H.C. at Wickhamford, at 8 a.m., and at Badsey after Mattins.]
8	M	
9	T	S. Denys Bp. Martyr A.D. 273, [Band of Hope 5.30 p.m.]
10	W	
11	Th	
12	F	Fast.
13	S	Translation of King Edward the Confessor, A.D., 1163.
14	<b>6</b>	18th Sunday after Trinity [H.C. at 8 a.m.]
15	M	[Meeting for young men at 7 p.m.]
16	T	[Sale of Work at 3 p.m.]
17	W	Etheldreda Virgin Queen Abess, A.D., 679.
18	Th	S. Luke Evangelist.
19	F	Fast.
20	S	
21	<b>6</b>	19th Sunday after Trinity. [H.C. at 8 a.m.]
22	M	[Meeting for young men at 7 p.m.]
23	T	[Band of Hope, 5.30 p.m.]
24	W	
25	Th	Crispin Martyr, A.D., 288.
26	F	Fast.
27	S	
28	<b>6</b>	20th Sunday after Trinity. [H.C. at 8 a.m.]; S.S. Simon and Jude, App. and Mm.
29	M	[Meeting for Young Men at 7 p.m.]
30	T	
31	W	Vigil of All Saints.

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