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With the month of December we enter upon the solemn season of Advent, which leads up to the joyous time of Christmas. With all the responsibility of a new century upon us, it is fitting that we should use this time well. It has been suggested that Advent, this year, should be a time of special self-examination, in order that we may enter upon the new century with new hopes, new desires, new resolutions; may God help us all to draw nearer to Him at this time!

It is difficult, at the time of writing, to state exactly what will be the arrangements for Christmas in our parishes. The work at Wickhamford is not yet completed, and it is very doubtful if the Church will be ready for Christmas. The work has been going on very satisfactorily, but the workmen have been very much hindered by the constant rain, and we fear we shall not be able to hold service in the Church on Christmas Day. However, we shall certainly do so if it is at all possible. At all events, the services will be in Badsey Church on Christmas Day as follows:—

- 7 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 8 a.m., Holy Communion.
- 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon.
- 12 noon, Holy Communion.
- 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Carols.

We would remind our readers that Christmas Day is a day of solemn obligation, on which all loyal church people, who have been confirmed, should receive the Holy Communion. We are afraid that the parishioners have not yet learnt the value of this blessed service, or we should not have so few communicants.

Kilburn Orphanage.—Gifts of fruit and vegetables are always thankfully received by this and other charitable institutions in our large towns. A consignment forwarded by Mrs. Sladden, and contributed by Mrs. Bell, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Sears, and Messrs. A. Jones, H. Keen, W. Keen, J. Keyte, junr., W. Mustoe, and J. Poole, elicited a warm letter of thanks, of which the following is an extract:—

“The seven sacks of vegetables have safely reached us, and we thank you very much for the contents; they will indeed be most useful to us, with our very large family to provide for. Will you kindly thank all who have united in helping us in this way.”

#### MISSIONS.

At this time our thoughts are being especially turned to the Missions of the Church. St. Andrew's Day, or some day in that week, is set apart for special intercession for Missions. This has been done in our Parish, and we propose to carry on the thought of Missions on Sunday, December 2nd. There will be Collections in Badsey Church on that Sunday for the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, and reference will be made in the Sermon, and Special Prayers will be offered up on behalf of the Society at the Evening Service. This Society is now celebrating its Bi-Centenary, i.e. the 200th year of its existence. It has done a good work during this long period in

sending the message of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to the heathen, as well as providing the means of Grace for the settlers and traders in our vast colonies, and is a Society thoroughly worthy of our support. We trust our readers will make a great effort to give some substantial help in this Bi-centenary year. It is particularly requested that all missionary boxes be sent in to the Vicarage on or before Sunday, December 16th.

#### CONCERT AT BADSEY.

A very enjoyable Concert was given in the Old School, on Monday, November 26th, at 7.30 p.m., and there was a very large audience. This was the second of a series of Concerts, which it is hoped will be arranged during the winter months. The various items were very creditably rendered by the members of the Parish Church Choir assisted by other Parishioners and some of the School Children. The Concert was opened by a Pianoforte Duet by the Misses Sharp, and a Solo on the Piano was played in the second part by Miss M. Cull. Mr. E. Warner played a Violin Solo, and Songs were given by Miss Bell, Mr. T. H. Knight, and Mr. L. Sparrow. Messrs. G. Jones and A. Dore sang a Duet entitled “Larboard Watch,” as did also Messrs. J. Agg and E. Ballard the Duet “Army and Navy.” The Glees “Once I loved a maiden fair” and “All among the Barley” were rendered by a full choir, and the Song “Grace Darling” was sung by the trebles only. A Hunting Song and a Negro Song were given by the Choir Boys, and the Vicar read a piece about two Frenchmen. Two very popular items on the programme were songs given by the School Children, which evoked very great applause. They had been very carefully trained by Mr. and Miss MacDonald, and reflected the greatest credit upon their teachers. Our best thanks are due to all those who helped us with the programme and provided such a pleasant evening's amusement. A vote of thanks was proposed to the performers by Mr. A. H. Savory and seconded by Mr. H. Keen, and was enthusiastically carried. The platform had been prettily decorated with flowers kindly lent by Mr. C. A. Binyon.

#### BAPTISMS.—BADSEY.

- Nov. 18.—Daisy May Addis.
- „ 18.—Jessie May Crane.

#### MARRIAGE.

- Nov. 8th.—John Waldron Bird and Albena Newbury

#### MONIES COLLECTED IN BADSEY CHURCH.

|  | £   | s. | d. |
|--|-----|----|----|
| Nov. 4th.—Sick and Needy .. ..                   | 0   | 6  | 5  |
| „ 11th.—Church Expenses .. ..                    | 0   | 16 | 0  |
| „ 18th.—Worcester Church Extension Society .. .. | 1   | 0  | 0  |
| „ 25th.—Church Expenses .. ..                    | 0   | 16 | 4½ |
| Total .. ..                                      | £ 2 | 18 | 9½ |

## Calendar for December.

|    |          |  |
|----|----------|--|
| 1  | S        |  |
| 2  | <b>G</b> | <i>1st Sunday in Advent.</i> [H.C. after Mattins.]<br>[Band of Hope at 5.30 p.m.]<br>[Young Men's Class at 7 p.m. and every Monday.]             |
| 3  | M        |  |
| 4  | T        |  |
| 5  | W        |  |
| 6  | Th       | Nicholas, Bp. of Myra A.D., 342.<br>Fast. [Girls' Class at 5 p.m. and every Friday.]   |
| 7  | F        |  |
| 8  | S        |  |
| 9  | <b>G</b> | <i>2nd Sunday in Advent.</i> [H.C. 8 a.m.]   |
| 10 | M        |  |
| 11 | T        |  |
| 12 | W        |  |
| 13 | Th       | Lucy, Virg. and Martyr, A.D., 304.<br>Fast.  |
| 14 | F        |  |
| 15 | S        |  |
| 16 | <b>G</b> | <i>3rd Sunday in Advent.</i> O Sapientia! [H.C. 8 a.m.]  |
| 17 | M        |  |
| 18 | T        |  |
| 19 | W        | Ember Day. Fast.<br>Vigil. Fast.<br><i>S. Thomas, Ap. and Martyr.</i> Ember Day. Fast.<br>Ember Day. Fast.                                       |
| 20 | Th       |  |
| 21 | F        |  |
| 22 | S        |  |
| 23 | <b>G</b> | <i>4th Sunday in Advent.</i> [H.C. 8 a.m.]   |
| 24 | M        |  |
| 25 | T        |  |
| 26 | W        | <b>CHRISTMAS DAY.</b><br>H.C. 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 12 noon.<br><i>S. Stephen.</i><br><i>S. John, Ap. and Evang.</i><br><i>Holy Innocents Day.</i> |
| 27 | Th       |  |
| 28 | F        |  |
| 29 | S        |  |
| 30 | <b>G</b> | <i>1st Sunday after Christmas.</i> [H.C. 8 a.m.]<br>Bp. Sylvester, A.D., 335.  |
| 31 | M        |  |

N.B.—Daily Services as usual.

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