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No record of the month of February will be complete, without reference to the stirring events connected with the Funeral of our late revered Queen. She died as she lived—beloved by all—and the memory of the day of her funeral, February 2nd, will never fade from the minds of her sorrowing people. The world was hushed in a solemn silence. All shops and places of business were closed, and the whole country from end to end was moved only by the one thought of thanking God for the blessings of her reign, and of bearing witness to the purity and holiness of her life. It was not given to us here to witness the moving spectacle of the funeral procession in the Solent, in London, and at Windsor; but in our own way we hope we observed the day with due and fitting solemnity. A Memorial Service was held in Badsey Church at 12 noon, when the 2nd form of service drawn up by the Archbishop of Canterbury was used. We were very glad that so many of the Parishioners, including the Members of the Parish Council and other officials of the Parishes attended. It was an ennobling sight to see so many meeting together in God's House as Brethren, all moved by a common sorrow at the loss which our country had sustained, all bound by the same feeling of thankfulness to God for the blessings of her reign, all inspired to follow the example of her noble and sympathetic life. Before and after the service the Ringers rang a muffled peal, which formed a fitting prelude and conclusion to a very solemn occasion, which will never be effaced from our memories.

#### WICKHAMFORD CHURCH.

It is a great satisfaction to be able to record that the Church is once again able to be used for Divine Service, after having been closed for restoration since last October. An account of what had been done appeared in last month's magazine, so it is not necessary to repeat it here. The Architect (C. J. Blomfield, Esq.), has visited the Church, and has expressed himself satisfied with the work done, with the exception of the heating apparatus, which does not work properly yet. The Builder has, however, promised to remedy this shortly. The stone work of the upper part of the Tower needs pointing very badly, and it ought to be attended to as soon as possible, but there are no funds available for the purpose. We are still in debt about £100 for the work already done, and we naturally hesitate to face an additional outlay until we have the promise of further help. Perhaps some kind friends who read these lines may be able to help us in the matter. The glazing of some of the windows is in a very bad state, and it would be a very good thing to have this seen to as soon as possible.

The Church was re-opened for service on Sunday, February 3rd, when there was a large congregation, but the formal re-opening did not take place till Tuesday, February 19th, when the Bishop of Coventry kindly came and conducted the service. On this day the Holy Communion was celebrated at 8 a.m. At 3 p.m., the special service of re-opening was held, which was conducted by the Bishop, assisted by the Rural Dean (Rev. F. A. Morgan) and the Vicar. There was a large congregation of

Parishioners and Visitors, who kindly came to take interest in the work which had been done. The Bishop preached an interesting sermon from the text—1 Chronicles, xxix, 18. The Choir was augmented by members of the Badsey Choir and some Ladies, to all of whom we are greatly indebted for their kind help. In the absence of the Organist, through serious illness in his family, the service was accompanied by the Rev. C. O. Bartlett (Vicar of Willersey). Evensong was sung at 7 p.m., when the Choir was again augmented by the same kind friends, and the sermon was preached by the Rev. F. A. Morgan (Rural Dean.) The collections throughout the day—which amounted to £5 8s. 4d.—were for the Restoration Fund.

The comfort of the Church has been greatly increased, and its appearance improved by several additions—viz., a handsome antique Persian rug for the Sanctuary (the gift of Miss Pethard), new lamps, a new curtain placed under the tower to form a quasi vestry, new velvet hangings round the pulpit, new hassocks, etc., etc.

Our best thanks are due to the Officers of the Church, Mr. G. Pethard and Mr. J. Idiens and their Families, and many others, for the very valuable help they have given in connection with the restoration and re-opening of the Church. We are also very grateful to the many friends outside the Parish, who have done so much for the Church by means of Subscriptions, help at Bazaars, Entertainments, and in many other ways. Without all this kind help the restoration could never have been carried out.

#### CONFIRMATION.

The Bishop of Worcester has promised to hold a Confirmation in Badsey Church, on Tuesday, March 12th, at 11-30 a.m. We are afraid this is rather an inconvenient hour for our Parish, especially as this is a busy time of the year. But we earnestly appeal to the Parents or others for whom the Candidates are working, to make arrangements for them to be free at this time. We have a large number of Candidates, and it would be a thousand pities if any of them were prevented from being confirmed owing to being required on that morning.

#### COPIES OF THE REGISTERS.

##### BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

February 17, Henry Arnold Barnard.

##### MARRIAGE.

February 27, Thomas George Page Greatrix and Mary Louisa Howells.

##### BURIALS.

February 18, Norman Joseph Agg, aged 28 days.

#### MONIES COLLECTED IN CHURCH.

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