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With the beginning of April we enter upon the most solemn period of the Christian Year. The first week of the month is rightly called Holy Week, for it brings before us all the solemn events connected with Our Lord's Passion, and helps us to realise all He did for us men and our Salvation. Services (for which see Calendar) have been arranged at various times during the week, so as to suit the convenience of the Parishioners, who may not be able to come to Church all at the same time. We earnestly hope that our readers will make a special effort to keep this week as a holy season, in memory of our Blessed Lord's Cross and Passion. Particularly would we implore our Parishioners to make Good Friday in reality a holy day. We do not choose the day on which some dear member of our families died, as a day for pleasure and amusement, rather we make it an occasion for solemn thought, and we call to mind how dear that one was to us while living amongst us. How can we ignore then the day on which our greatest Friend, our Lord Jesus Christ, died, or turn aside from the services of His Holy House! He lovingly invites us to come and meditate upon the sufferings which He endured for us, and will we refuse to listen to His words! Let us all make a solemn resolution to keep Good Friday better than we have done in former years, and let us try to be in His House as much as possible.

The Services on Good Friday will be:

- 11 a.m. Mattins, Litany, and Ante-Communion.
- 1-30 p.m. to 3 p.m. Special service with addresses on our Lord's Seven Sayings from the Cross.
- 4 p.m. Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford.
- 6.30 p.m. Evensong at Badsey.

A due and solemn observance of Good Friday is the most fitting preparation for a happy Easter. Indeed we cannot realise the full joy of the Resurrection, unless we have tried to enter into the events of our Lord's Passion and Death which made Easter possible. And there is one duty inseparably connected with Easter Day, which we would most earnestly urge upon our readers. Every one, who has been confirmed, should feel it a solemn obligation binding upon the conscience, to receive the Communion on Easter Day. Hear what the Prayer Book says on this point, and note, "that every Parishioner shall Communicate at the least three times in the year, of which Easter to be one." Let us then show ourselves loyal members of the Church, and obey her rule. The Services will be as follows:

ON EASTER DAY.

- 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. Holy Communion at Badsey.
- 9-45 a.m. Holy Communion at Wickhamford.
- 11-15 a.m. Mattins and Sermon, followed by Holy Communion at Badsey.
- 3 p.m. Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford.
- 6-30 p.m. Evensong, Sermon, and Carols at Badsey.

A MUSICAL AND DRAMATIC ENTERTAINMENT.

has been kindly arranged by Mrs. Savory, and will take place in the Old School, on Wednesday, April 17th. There will be two performances, one in the afternoon at 5 o'clock, and another in the evening at 7-30 p.m. The programme will consist of dialogues acted in character, costume songs, recitations, songs, part songs, violin solos, etc. The following ladies and gentlemen have promised to

assist, Mrs. A. H. Savory, Miss Garrard, Miss Suthers, Miss Banister, the Misses Savory, Rev. J. H. Waugh, Mr. Howard Savory, Mr. J. R. Corder, and others. From the excellent programme, which is already arranged, the entertainments may be expected to be enjoyable. Many people in Badsey and the neighbourhood will remember Mr. J. Corder as a reciter of great ability, and will not lose this opportunity of hearing him again. The prices for admission will be: for the afternoon performance, reserved seats 2/6, unreserved 1/-; for the evening performance, reserved seats 1/-, unreserved 6d., and a few seats at 3d. Tea will be provided in the afternoon at 6d. each. The proceeds will be divided between the Badsey Church Expenses Fund and the Aldington Brass Band, a portion being devoted in the case of the latter to defraying part of the cost of new instruments lately purchased. Tickets for the reserved seats can now be obtained from Mrs. Savory, Mrs. H. Keen, and Mrs. Warner. We advise our readers to make an early application to ensure getting good seats,

ELECTION OF PARISH COUNCILLORS.

A meeting of the electors was held in the Old School on March 4th, presided over by the Chairman (Mr. J. Sladden). The following were elected Parish Councillors:—Messrs. C. A. Binyon, W. Collett, A. Evans, A. E. Jones, H. Keen, J. Keen, W. Keen, Joseph Knight, and H. Stewart.

CONFIRMATION.

The sacred rite of Confirmation was administered in Badsey Church on Tuesday, March 12th, at 11.30 a.m. In the absence of the Bishop of the Diocese, the service was performed by Bishop Ingham, formerly of Sierra Leone, who gave very interesting and instructive addresses before and after the laying on of hands. There were 34 candidates in all from our parishes—viz., 18 males and 16 females. The Vicar of Offenham also brought 8 males from his parish.

During the past months some very useful work has been done for Badsey Church by Mrs. Sladden and a willing band of helpers. All the hassocks in the Church have been re-covered, and the handsome communicant kneelers, etc., which had become very much worn at the edges, have been carefully repaired. Mrs. Sladden was assisted in this work by Mr. and Mrs. A. Sparrow, Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. J. Keen, Mrs. W. Keen, Mrs. C. Keyte, Mrs. J. Keyte, and the Misses A. Mustoe, E. Sears, and K. Walker. We offer them our best thanks.

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March 3.—Flora Marian Smith.

MONIES COLLECTED IN CHURCH.

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