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S. James, Badsey,

With ALDINGTON,

AND

S. John Baptist,

WICKHAMFORD.

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The chief subject of interest in our parishes during the past month has been the return of Mr. John Roberts, from the War in South Africa. He left home in November, in 1899, and had been engaged in active service till he left South Africa. He had seen a great deal of fighting, and had gone through a good many hardships. He was present at that memorable success of British arms at Paardeberg, which brought about the submission of General Cronje, and wiped out the disgrace of Majuba. We are quite sure we are only expressing the feelings of his fellow parishioners when we say we are extremely glad to have him home again, safe and well. It is a matter of great thankfulness that he was never wounded, and was never in hospital for a single day. We heartily thank Almighty God for his safe deliverance, and pray that he may long be spared to enjoy a life of great happiness and usefulness in his old parish.

He returned home on Saturday, June 8, and received a very hearty welcome from his old friends. The Aldington Band met him at the entrance to the village, and escorted him in triumph to his home. The ringers very kindly rang a merry peal in his honour, and on all sides great pleasure was expressed at his safe return.

A general desire was expressed to present him with some token of the good will which was felt towards him by the parishioners. A subscription was started, and with the proceeds a handsome marble clock was purchased. A public meeting was held in the Old School on June 24, at which the Vicar presided, and Mr. Sladden in very well chosen words presented the clock in the name of the parishioners. The clock bore the following inscription:—"Presented to Private John Roberts, 2nd Shropshire Light Infantry, by the parishioners of Badsey, Aldington, and other friends, in recognition of his gallant services for his country, in the South African War, 1899-1901." Mr. A. H. Savory also spoke on behalf of Aldington, and expressed the high esteem in which Mr. Roberts was held, and his pleasure in seeing him back safe and sound.

As we are referring to the war we should mention that a committee meeting of our local War Fund has been recently held, and it was decided to pay over the balance in hand of £3 5s. 2d. to the Evesham Branch of the Soldiers and Sailors' Families Association. A cheque for this amount has been sent to Mrs. Geoffrey New, the Treasurer, and our local fund is now closed.

THE CENSUS.

The returns of the Census, taken on Sunday, March 31, of this year, are now well known. It may, however, be useful to place on record the facts connected with our parishes in a permanent form, for reference in years to come. It will be seen that

Badsey has increased by 201, Wickhamford by 34, whereas Aldington has decreased by 17. We are indebted to the "Evesham Journal" for the following facts, which enable us to compare the population of 1901 with former years:—

	BADSEY.	ALDINGTON	WICKHAMFORD.
1841	395	102	123
1851	390	131	129
1861	405	141	124
1871	487	147	135
1881	442	135	123
1891	574	173	137
1901	775	156	171

COMING EVENTS.

(1). Thursday, July 25th, is the Festival of the Patron Saint of Badsey—S. James Apostle and Martyr. It is a day on which we should offer up Special Thanksgiving to Almighty God for the blessings of the Church in this place. We have a beautiful and well-restored Church in Badsey, and we are sure the parishioners are proud of it. Let us take this opportunity of showing our appreciation of it.

(2). On Wednesday, July 31st, the Annual Flower Show will be held. We hope it will be a fine day, and we wish it all the success which it deserves.

(3). We would remind our readers that the Bazaar in aid of the fund for the restoration of Wickhamford Church will be held on Wednesday, August 21st. We know that a great many kind friends are working hard for it, and we thank them most heartily. We hope all those interested in Wickhamford will give us all the help they can.

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BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

June 16th,	Mark Brotheridge (privately)
" "	Elsie Beatrice Barnard.
" "	Joseph Francis Lloyd.
" "	Frederick Arthur Drinkwater.
" "	Edith Grace Gisborne
" "	Beatrice Ellen Jelfs.

RECEIVED INTO THE CHURCH.

June 5th, Arthur Henry Logan McDonald.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

	BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
June 2, Sick and Needy	.. 0 9 1½	
" 9, Church Expenses	.. 0 13 5½	0 7 9½
" 16, Church Expenses	..	0 8 6
" 24, Church Expenses	.. 16 2½	
" " Wickford Church		
" " Restoration Fund	..	10 7
Totals	£1 18 9½	£1 6 10½