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S. John Baptist,

WICKHAMFORD.

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With December we enter upon the solemn season of Advent, which leads up to the joyful time of Christmas—the Festival of our Blessed Lord's Incarnation. We hope our readers will feel it a solemn obligation on their consciences to keep this season in a fitting way, and to use the opportunities which will be given them in our Churches to draw nearer to God by prayer, repentance, and preparation for our Lord's second coming. Above all would we urge most earnestly upon those who have been confirmed the duty and privilege of receiving the Holy Communion on Christmas Day. The services in Christmas will be as follows:—

- 7 a.m., Holy Communion at Badsey.
- 8 a.m., Holy Communion at Badsey.
- 9.45 a.m., Holy Communion at Wickhamford.
- 11.15 a.m., Mattins and Sermon at Badsey.
- 12 noon, Holy Communion at Badsey.
- 3 p.m., Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford.
- 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Carols at Badsey.

Most earnestly do we wish all our Parishioners a very Happy and Blessed Christmas.

Mr. Savory has requested us to insert the following in our Parish Magazine:—"Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Savory and Miss Savory, having had no public opportunity of thanking a large number of the subscribers to the presentation that was made to them on their leaving Aldington, wish to express their hearty appreciation of the honour done to them, and their most grateful thanks.—Heatherside, Burley, Ringwood, Hampshire, November, 1901."

SALE OF WORK.

Owing to want of space we were unable in our last number to state, that a sale of work on behalf of the fund for the restoration of Wickhamford Church was held in the Old School on October 22. The articles left over from the Bazaar held in August were offered for sale, and the sum of £ 4 7s. 8d. was taken. As there were no expenses, the whole of this sum was paid into Lloyds' Bank for the fund. We are very much obliged for the kind help given us at this sale by Mrs. Idiens, Mrs. Henry Keen, Mrs. C. Keyte, and Mrs. Warner.

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

It is proposed to have a nice party (with a Christmas tree) shortly after Christmas for the children, who have been attending the Sunday Schools regularly. Mrs. Sladden has kindly undertaken to be responsible for the arrangements, and any money towards the expenses, or gifts for the Christmas tree, will be gladly received by her.

BADSEY FIFTH BELL.

The inscription on this bell is very short. It has an ornamental border and the letters M.B.F. Between the M and the B, and also on the opposite side of the bell, occurs the same monogram found on the tenor. It is I.H.S., which may be taken to mean either the first three letters of Jesus in the Greek, or Jesus hominum salvator, the Latin for Jesus the Saviour of men. On our bells the H is surmounted by a cross and the whole is enclosed in a square. This furnishes a clue to the meaning of M.B.F., for at Pebworth an identical monogram is found, and the letters are formed in exactly the same way on the smaller bells there, one of which is inscribed Micahel Bushell Mad Me 1707. So that undoubtedly M.B.F. means Michael Bushell founder. Mr. H. B. Walters, of the British Museum, corroborates this, and has given me much additional information about bells by these founders, Clark and Bushell.

C. A. BINYON.

(To be continued.)

SINGING CLASS.

A very good start has been made with the singing class, and a good number of parishioners are attending the practices. It is hoped to give two concerts in January, in aid of the fund for the new clock, details of which will be announced later. It does not yet appear generally known that a fund for the clock has been opened at Lloyds Bank in Evesham, and that subscriptions will be received, either at the Bank or by the Vicar.

COPIES OF THE REGISTERS.—(NOVEMBER.)

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

November 17th,	Edgar Arthur Salter.
" "	Rose Marion Crisp.
" "	Garnet Victor Westbury.

WICKHAMFORD.—BURIAL.

November 12th,	Rebecca Staite, aged 56 years.
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MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES (November)

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Nov. 3, Sick and Needy	0	8	9½			
" 10, Church Expenses	0	12	9½	0	5	0
" 17, Sick and Needy				0	4	10½
" 24, Church Expenses	0	12	10	0	5	0
Totals	£1	14	5	0	14	10½