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Owing to Easter Day coming so early this year—viz., on March 30, a portion of the Lenten Season falls within this month, Ash Wednesday being on February 12. Lent is ordered by the Church to be observed as a time of special fasting and penitence, and it is fit and proper that all loyal Church people should make some change in their mode of living during this time. Some difference should certainly be made in the matter of eating and drinking, and it is right and proper to abstain, as much as possible, from amusements and pleasure seeking. More opportunities should be made for self-examination, prayer and bible reading, and we should endeavour to come more often to the services in God's House on week days as well as Sundays. It is a very good rule to increase the number of our attendances at the Holy Communion, and to endeavour to make a more careful preparation before we come. The services on Ash Wednesday will be as follows at Badsey:—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Mattins and Litany; 4.15 p.m., Children's Service; 7 p.m., Evensong and Communion Service. On Thursday, February 13, and on other Thursdays, there will be a special Lenten Service at Wickhamford at 7 p.m. We sincerely hope the parishioners will earnestly endeavour to attend the services, and to make this solemn season a real time of drawing near to God, and so bring a great blessing upon their lives and homes.

An interesting concert was given in the Old School on Tuesday, January 7, at 7.30 p.m., by members of the newly-formed singing class, and other friends. It is a pleasure to be able to record, that great interest has been taken in this class by the members, and the attendance at the practices has been very good. We think it has supplied a real want in the Parish, and has been the means of employing spare hours during the winter months, both pleasantly and profitably. We think we may say that the members gave a very creditable rendering of the various items on the programme, and their singing has certainly evoked very favourable criticism from many quarters. We were fortunate enough to secure the help of Mrs. Walmsley Stanley and the Rev. J. H. Beibitz, as well as several of our parishioners. The following was the programme: Part I.—Pianoforte duet, the Misses McDonald; carol, the Choir; recitation, Mr. A. Sladden; song, Mrs. Walmsley Stanley; glee, "O who will o'er the Downs," the Choir; pianoforte solo, Miss Idiens; violin solo, Mr. Warner; reading, Rev. J. H. Beibitz; "God save the King." Part II.—Pianoforte solo, Miss M. Cull; carol, "The first Noel," the Choir; song, Mrs. Walmsley Stanley; reading, Mr. J. Sladden; glee, "The Cuckoo sings in the Poplar Tree," the Choir; violin solo, Mr. Warner; part song, "God bless the Prince of Wales," the Choir; reading, Rev. J. H. Beibitz; glee, "Ye Mariners of England," the Choir. The proceeds of the concert, amounting to £2 3s. 3d. were given to the fund for the New Clock in Badsey Church. Mr. E. Warner has acted as hon. secretary to the Singing Class, and he was ably assisted by many willing helpers in making arrangements for the concert, to all of whom we offer our best thanks.

Badsey was very gay on Wednesday, January 29th, the occasion of the marriage of Miss Cynthia Savory, the daughter of our late churchwarden, Mr. A. H. Savory, with Mr. Charles S. Martin. Mr. Savory has been so long and so intimately connected with our parishes, and he and his family have always done so much for the good of the people, that the marriage of his daughter was naturally an occasion for much rejoicing. The wedding service was performed with due solemnity by the father of the bridegroom, and all the arrangements were admirably carried out. The parishioners unmistakably shewed their good feelings on the auspicious event, and hearty good wishes were on all sides expressed for the bride and bridegroom. We desire to add our earnest hope that God's blessing may rest upon them in their married life, and that all joy and happiness may be theirs.

COMING ENTERTAINMENTS.

It is proposed to give two entertainments early in February before Lent. The first will consist of a Musical Programme, followed by a Dance, and will be held in the Old School on Tuesday, February 4th, at 7.30 p.m. A committee to make the necessary arrangements has been elected, and tickets of admission, price one shilling each, can be obtained from them.

The second entertainment will be held on Monday, February 10th, in the Old School, at 7.30 p.m. It will be a concert given by the members of the Singing Class, assisted by other friends. Miss Gwladys Watson, and the Rev. H. B. S. Fowler, vicar of Elmley Castle, have promised to sing. The prices of admission will be 1s., 6d., and 3d. The proceeds of both these entertainments will be given to the fund for the New Clock. We hope that those, who desire the new clock, will see that we are making a great effort to raise the necessary money, and we trust that they will support us by subscribing to the fund. Donations, however small, may be paid in to Lloyd's Bank at Evesham, or may be sent to the Vicar, who will acknowledge all amounts received. So far the fund has made very little progress.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES (January)

	BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Jan. 5, Sick and Needy	0	7 7		
" 12, Church Expenses	0	15 10	0	6 5
" 19, Sick and Needy			0	7 9
" 26, Church Expenses	0	11 6	0	3 0
Totals	£1	14 11	0	17 2

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BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

January 15, Albert Edward Jinks.
 " " Georgina Mildred Jinks.
 " 19, Eva Helen Collett (privately).
 " " Ernest William Evans.

MARRIAGE.

January 29, Charles Selwyn Martin and Cynthia Mildred Savory.

BURIAL.

January 11, Tom James William Farman, aged 16 years.