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With ALDINGTON,

AND

*S. John Baptist,*

WICKHAMFORD.

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EVESHAM :

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Almost the whole of March comes within the Lenten period, as Easter falls on March 30. A fit and proper observance of Lent is the best means of securing for ourselves a really happy Easter, and we hope our parishioners are endeavouring to do this. Particularly would we earnestly plead for a better observance of Holy Week and Good Friday. It is most sad to see, how many people seem to ignore the week in which our blessed Lord died, and even the very day on which He hung upon the Cross, to bear the burden of our sins. Let us really take this matter solemnly to heart, and remember the words in the lamentations of Jeremiah, "Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto My sorrow?" The services will be as follows:—

#### GOOD FRIDAY—At Badsey.

8 a.m., Litany and Meditation.  
 11 a.m., Mattins and Ante-Communion.  
 12.30 p.m. to 3 p.m., Special Service with Addresses upon our Lord's sayings from the Cross.  
 6.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

At Wickhamford.

4 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

#### EASTER DAY.

7 a.m. and 8 a.m. (Choral), Holy Communion.  
 9.45 a.m., Holy Communion at Wickhamford.  
 11.15 a.m., Mattins and Sermon.  
 12 noon, Holy Communion.  
 3 p.m., Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford.  
 6.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

#### BADSEY BELLS.

The fourth bell's inscription is:—

ROB PIGEON THO BYRD THO DVDLY  
 CHVRCHWARDENS.

It was usual to put the names of churchwardens on one bell of a peal at this time. The fact of three names appearing is interesting, as it shows that Aldington had a separate warden. This bell is the only one of the six which has not the sacred monogram, but the letters are the same as the smaller ones used in the tenor inscription. The three lightest bells have only the monogram enclosed in the square as on the Fifth. From the inscriptions it is evident that the bells were all cast by the same founders and in the same year, A.D. 1706. Very little is known about these founders, Clarke and Bushell. Their foundry was most probably at Evesham. Their bells are confined to this district, and as far as I know Badsey is the only peal of six cast by them. In most cases they re-casted old bells. Clark's inscriptions were either churchwardens' names or else in Latin. Badsey treble bell is 30 inches in diameter, and the tenor 45 inches, considerably larger than in most peals of six.

C. A. BINYON.

The two entertainments, which were announced in our last number, proved very successful. The first was held on February 4, and the arrangements were admirably carried out by a strong Committee, with Mr. E. Warner as Hon. Secretary, and Messrs. G. Bell and John Knight as M.C.'s. The sum of £3 5s. was received after paying expenses, and this has been given to the fund for the new clock in Badsey Church. The concert on February 10 was also much enjoyed by those who were present, and the members of the Singing Class acquitted themselves most creditably. The following was the programme:—Pianoforte duet, the Misses McDonald; glee, "All among the barley"; song, "The Irish lullaby," Miss G. L. Watson; reading, Mrs. Adkins; songs, "The powder monkey," "The death of the three blue bottles," and "The Wagon," Rev. H. B. S. Fowler; violin solo, Mr. E. Warner; song, "Within a mile of Edinbro Town," Miss G. L. Watson; glee, "The Carnovale"; "God save the King." Part 2.—Pianoforte solo, Miss M. Cull; song, "The Postillion," Rev. H. B. S. Fowler; reading, Mrs. Adkins; song, "Villanella," Miss G. L. Watson; glee, "May-day"; song, "Dumb, dumb, dumb," The Vicar; violin solo, Mr. E. Warner; glee, "Ye Mariners of England," "Rule Britannia." The sum of £2 2s. 6d. was received from the concert and, after paying some expenses for music, the balance will be handed over to the Clock Fund. We are glad to say this fund is now making better progress. There is now about £16 in hand, and we are glad to hear from Mr. E. Wilson, that he has received promises of donations to the amount of about £14. When these sums have been paid over, the fund will have made a really good start.

We have been requested to insert the following:—Mrs. Charles S. Martin wishes to thank the members of the Aldington Clubs for the extremely pretty silver sugar basin and tongs, which they so kindly gave her on the occasion of her marriage. She will ever value them as tokens of their good wishes towards her, and in affectionate remembrance of many years spent amongst them.

#### CHURCH FINANCES.

We are sorry to say that the Churchwardens' accounts are greatly in arrears, and unless they receive considerable help we fear there will be a large deficit at the Easter Vestry. Will not those Church People who, from one cause or another, do not come to Church regularly, assist in the matter? A suggestion has been made that parents, when they are not able to come to Church, should send something by their children. We are glad to act on this suggestion, and we propose to invite the children to put something in the bag on the second Sunday in every month. Surely all good Church People must realise their obligations to keep up the services of God's House, and it is certainly an excellent thing to encourage children to give something to God.

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THE NEW BISHOP OF WORCESTER.

It is with the greatest satisfaction that we are now able to record that Dr. Charles Gore, formerly Fellow of Trinity College, Oxford, and Canon of Westminster, is our Bishop. He was consecrated by the Archbishop of Canterbury in the Chapel of Lambeth Palace on Sunday, February 23, and he was enthroned in the Cathedral Church of Worcester, on February 25. It was the Vicar's privilege to be present at the latter ceremony, and the interest and enthusiasm shewn on the occasion was most gratifying. The huge Cathedral was filled from end to end with Clergy and Laity, anxious to show their goodwill towards their Bishop, and to give him a most hearty reception. The Bishop gave two most earnest and soul-moving addresses, and his words will not be easily forgotten. He is a learned scholar and an eloquent preacher, and his enthusiasm in social questions and in all good works is well known. We are quite sure that the more he becomes known in the Diocese the more he will be appreciated and beloved. We pray that God will give him health and strength, and that his work for the Church may be abundantly blessed, in the building up the faithful and winning souls for Christ.

CONFIRMATION.

We have received notice from the Bishop Elect of the Diocese that the sacred rite of Confirmation will be administered in the week after Easter. We are anxious to prepare any persons who may present themselves, and the classes will shortly commence. We trust that names will be given in at once. We propose to hold classes specially for adults, and we earnestly invite any grown up persons who have not been confirmed not to miss this opportunity.

COPIES OF THE REGISTERS.—(FEBRUARY.)

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

February 9th, Thomas Evelyn Price.  
 " 13th, Edith Knight.  
 " 16th, Francis Harry Collett.  
 " " Rose Hannah Elizabeth Nightingale.  
 " 20th, Maud Elsie Stewart (privately).  
 " 27th, Edith Crane (privately).

MARRIAGES.

February 6th, Lewis Sam Charles Vincent and Annie Eliza Porter.  
 February 13th, Thomas James Bearcroft and Ellen Knight.

BURIAL.

February 26th, Elsie Beatrice Barnard, aged 11 months.

WICKHAMFORD—BURIAL.

February 26th, Frederick Charles Andrews, aged 8 months.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES (February.)

		BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Feb. 2,	Sick and Needy	0	6 3		
" 9,	Church Expenses	0	11 4½	0	1 11
" 16,	Sick and Needy			0	6 5½
" 23,	Church Expenses	0	11 9	0	2 10½
Totals		£1	9 4½	0	11 3

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