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AND

*S. John Baptist,*

WICKHAMFORD.

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## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

The solemn season of Holy Week was observed with due solemnity in our parishes, and on the whole the attendance of the parishioners at the services was better than in former years, particularly at the special service on Good Friday from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m., and at the Evening Service at 6.30 p.m. We hope that as years go by the parishioners will see the duty and value of giving up more time from their ordinary work on Good Friday, and of coming more to God's House. A Good Friday well spent is a very valuable land mark in our lives.

The services on Easter Day were bright and hearty, and were well attended, but we are sorry to have to record that there were fewer communicants this year than last; the number in the two churches was 104. We are afraid the explanation of this is that some of those who have been confirmed in the last few years did not come to communion on Easter Day. We earnestly appeal to all those who did not make their Easter Communion to come at the earliest opportunity. There were four celebrations of the Holy Communion on Easter Day at Badsey, at 7 a.m. and 8 a.m. (when the service was choral), and at 12 noon; and at Wickhamford at 9.45 a.m. One very gratifying feature was that the proportion of the communicants who came to the early celebrations was larger this year.

The musical portion of the Communion at 8 a.m. was very reverently rendered by a full choir, and the singing of the anthem, "Now is Christ risen from the dead," and the Easter Carols at the evening service reflected great credit on the organist and choir. The collections throughout the day were given to the Churchwardens to clear off the deficiency in the church accounts for the past year, and amounted to £2 13s. 6d. at Badsey, and 6s. 6½d. at Wickhamford. We are sorry to say that a somewhat large deficit still remains in the accounts at Badsey in spite of the good collections of Easter Day. Can any of the parishioners help us by special donations to clear off this deficit? The Churches were very nicely decorated, and thanks to many kind friends there was an abundance of beautiful flowers.

The decorations at Badsey were arranged by Mrs. Price, Mrs. H. Keen, Mr. J. and the Misses Sladden, Miss H. Ashwin, and Miss R. Sparrow. Some beautiful cut flowers were provided by those who did the decorations, and by Mr. Arthur Jones and Mr. Binyon, and a large quantity of flowers in pots were sent by Mr. J. Marshall, Mr. H. Keen, Mr. J. Agg, and Mr. Sparrow. During the day merry peals were rung on the bells by the ringers, which emphasized the joys of Easter.

The Church at Wickhamford was decorated by Mrs. and Miss Idiens, Misses Pethard, Mrs. W. and Miss Hartwell, who kindly provided flowers, as also did Mr. J. Agg and Mr. James.

## BADSEY BELFRY FUND.

A meeting of the Committee was held at the Vicarage on Thursday, March 13th, at 8.15 p.m., when all the members of the Committee were present. Mr. J. Sladden was elected treasurer of the Fund in the place of Mr. Savory, and Mr. C. A. Binyon was added to the Committee. Mr. Sladden mentioned what steps were being taken and would be taken to raise the funds for the two new bells, which he hoped to see placed in the tower as "a memorial of the reign of Queen Victoria." The Vicar gave an account of the money in hand towards the new clock, and proposed that a meeting should be called of those who desired to subscribe to the fund for the new clock, and that a committee should be elected at this meeting for the purpose of raising further funds and of providing a new clock for the Church Tower. This was unanimously agreed to, and a meeting will be called a little later on. A balance-sheet of the receipts and payments of the concerts and dance given by the Singing Class has been handed to the Vicar by Mr. E. Warner, the Hon. Sec., and there is a net balance of £6 10s. 10d., which has been paid into Lloyds Bank for the Clock Fund. The complete balance-sheet will be presented at the Easter Vestry.

## CONFIRMATION.

The sacred rite of Confirmation will be administered by the Bishop of Worcester in All Saints' Church, Evesham, on Monday, April 7th, at 2.30 p.m. We hope to present at this Confirmation from our parishes 13 males and 7 females. We invite those who are interested in the candidates to attend the service.

## COPIES OF THE REGISTERS.—(MARCH.)

### BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

March 16th, Alice Lilian Annie Cox.  
 .. .. Edwin Barnard.  
 Received into the Church.  
 .. .. Wilfrid Edgar Cox (privately baptised on December 21, 1901).

### BURIAL.

March 11th, Edgar George Jelfs, aged 7 months.

### WICKHAMFORD—BAPTISMS.

March 16th, Norah Margaret Mary Grove.  
 .. 23rd, Henry Richard Smith.

## MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES (March.)

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Mar. 2, Sick and Needy	0	7	3			
" 9, Church Expenses	0	16	10	0	3	5
" 16, Sick and Needy				0	6	4
" 23, Church Expenses	0	13	0	0	5	0
" 30, Church Expenses	2	13	6	0	6	6½
Totals	£4	10	7	1	1	3½