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ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS.

With December we enter upon the solemn season of Advent. It is intended by the Church to bring before our minds the great and blessed truth of our Lord's Incarnation which we commemorate at Christmas, and to remind us of the reality of His second Advent, when He shall come again to judge both the quick and the dead. During Advent we should prepare our hearts for the Christmas Festival, and the way to do this is, by devoting more time to bible reading, prayer, meditation and church going. And in particular we would urge most earnestly all those, who have been confirmed, to come to the Holy Communion on Christmas Day. In order to come worthily we need very careful preparation. S. Paul writing to the Corinthians (I Cor. xi. 28) tells us how this can be done. "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup," and in the same chapter (verse 26) he shews the object of it, as a preparation for the second coming. "For as often as ye eat this bread and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He come." There will be many opportunities for devotion and worship in our churches during Advent and Christmas, and we sincerely trust the parishioners will make good use of them. The services on Christmas Day will be as follows:—

- 7 a.m., Holy Communion at Badsey.
- 8 a.m., Holy Communion (Choral) at Badsey.
- 9.45 a.m., Holy Communion at Wickhamford.
- 11.15 a.m., Morning Prayer and Sermon, followed by Holy Communion, at Badsey.
- 3 p.m., Evensong and Sermon at Wickhamford.
- 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Carols at Badsey.

THE MEMORIAL WINDOW.

The dedication of the east window in Badsey Church in memory of the late Rev. T. H. Hunt, vicar of these parishes from 1852 to 1887, took place on Tuesday, November 4th, at 3 p.m., and was in every respect an occasion which will be remembered with feelings of great happiness by those who were present. The dedication ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. H. Vines, rector of Fiskerton, Lincoln, and an old friend of Mr. Hunt. The window has been greatly admired by all who have seen it, and it will be a lasting and most fitting memorial in the Church of him, who did so much good for the people of these parishes. There were present at the Dedication Service Captain Cecil Hunt, Captain Charles and Mrs. Hunt, and Miss Evelyn Hunt, and the parishioners showed, by the very warm welcome they gave them, how greatly they revered Mr. Hunt's memory, and how sincerely they appreciated his good work here. In the evening a conversazione was held in the Old School, to enable the parishioners to meet the members of Mrs. Hunt's family who were able to be present. It was a most enthusiastic and pleasant gathering, and we are quite sure the visitors were very much gratified by the

hearty reception which they received from their old friends. It was, as they themselves said, an occasion which would live for ever in their memories. A very interesting programme of music was given, in which Miss Hunt, Captain Hunt, Miss Price, the Misses McDonald, Miss Cull, Mr. Warner, and the members of the Badsey Singing Class took part. Mr. Sladden proposed a very hearty vote of welcome to Captain and Miss Hunt, and a most enjoyable evening was concluded with dancing. A word of hearty thanks should be added to the Organist and Choir for taking so much trouble to make the music at the service bright and hearty; also to the ringers for welcoming the visitors with merry peals, and last, but not least, to those who devoted so much care to decorating the Schoolroom for the conversazione.

CLOCK AND BELLS.

There is nothing further at present to record with reference to the Clock and new Bells. We hope that the respective firms will complete their work according to their promise—viz., that the bells should be fixed and ready for use by Christmas, and the clock early in January. In addition to the sums already acknowledged in the Magazine for the Clock Fund, the following sums have also been received—viz., Christ Church, Oxford, £5; Mr. Hubert Smith (per Mr. J. Agg), 5s.; balance from Conversazione on November 4th, after paying expenses, £1 14s. 1d.

MISSIONARY BOXES.

We shall be glad if those, who have Missionary Boxes, would kindly send them to the Vicarage, on or before Thursday, December 18th, in order that the amounts may be counted and sent up to the S.P.G. We hope very much that more of the parishioners will take boxes next year. A box will be very gladly sent to any one who expresses a desire to have one.

MONIES COLLECTED IN THE CHURCHES.

		BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Nov.	2nd, Sick and Needy	8 9½	
"	4th, Church Expenses	1 16 4½	
"	9th, Church Expenses	14 4½	4 10
"	16th, Church Expenses		5 0
"	23rd, Church Expenses	13 2½	4 9
"	30th, Society for the Propagation of the Gospel	17 0½	6 4
Totals		£4 9 9½	£1 0 11

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BADSEY—BAPTISMS.

November 16th, Edward John Roberts.
 " " Lillian Annie Roberts.