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EASTER.

Everything contributed to make Easter a bright and happy day. The ringers welcomed the day with a merry peal, the services were bright and hearty, the congregations were good, and the number of communicants (112 at Badsey and 18 at Wickhamford, total 130), was in excess of the average. This last point is remarkable when we consider that there has not been a confirmation here since 1901. The churches had been decorated by the usual band of workers, their efforts being most successful. The organist and members of the Badsey choir are to be congratulated on the excellence of the music on Easter Day. Elvey's Anthem, "Christ is risen from the dead," though seemingly simple, is not of the order that generally commends itself to village choirs, but the rendering of it was really excellent.

EASTER VESTRIES.

The Badsey Easter Vestry was held at the Vicarage on Tuesday in Easter week, the Vicar presiding. The Churchwardens' Accounts, which were duly passed, showed receipts amounting to £20 13s., and a total expenditure of £21 3s. 7½d. Mr. Sladden explained that, although a deficit appeared on paper, the Churchwardens were really solvent, as several sums had been received since the accounts were made up. The Vicar stated that the year's collections for objects other than Church expenses were as follows: Sick and Needy £6 16s. 0¼d., Medical Charities £2 15s. 2d., Foreign Missions £1 5s. 6d., Sunday School £1 18s., Diocesan Societies 12s. 8d., Birmingham Bishopric £5 1s., Vicar's Easter Offerings £2 11s. 7d., making a total of £20 19s. 11¼d. The following elections were made: Churchwardens, Messrs. J. Sladden and H. Keen; Sidesmen, Messrs. A. Sparrow and C. A. Binyon; Lay Delegates to Ruri-Decanal and Diocesan Conferences, Messrs. C. A. Binyon and J. Sladden. After some discussion on the subject of burial fees and the salaries of the clerk, sexton and organist, the meeting was adjourned to a date to be fixed by the Vicar and Churchwardens.

The Wickhamford Easter Vestry was held at Wickhamford Manor on Wednesday, April 6th, the Vicar presiding. The churchwarden's accounts, which showed receipts amounting to £3 16s. 3d. and an expenditure of £6 19s. 2d., thus leaving a balance of £3 2s. 11d. due to the churchwarden, were duly passed. The Vicar stated that the year's collections for objects other than church expenses were as follows:—Sick and Needy £3 1s. 4½d., Cottage Hospital £1 7s. 3d., Foreign Missions 7s. 9d., Diocesan Societies 5s. 8d., Birmingham Bishopric £1 10s., Vicar's Easter Offerings 11s. 7d., total £7 3s. 7½d. The following elections were made: Churchwarden, Mr. J. Idiens; Sidesmen, Mr. G. Pethard and Mr. F. Hooper-Ingledew; Lay Delegates to Ruri-decanal and Diocesan Conferences, Mr. F. Hooper-Ingledew. As it appeared that the small amount of the contributions for church expenses was due

to uncertainty in the minds of parishioners as to the days on which collections were made, it was decided to prevent misunderstanding in the future by making a collection at every Sunday service.

THE VICAR'S LECTURE.

The Vicar's Lecture on April 7th drew quite a large audience, as is evident from the fact that, although the charges for admission were only 6d. and 3d., the receipts amounted to £1 6s. The expenses were, hire of room 4s., hire of slides 7s. 7d., acetylene gas 2s., total 13s. 7d., thus leaving the sum of 12s. 5d. to be placed to the credit of the Clock Fund.

EDUCATIONAL.

We ventured to call attention, a short time ago, to the excellent work that is being done at Badsey School. We now learn that the Misses Butler, Cull, and Enstone, all of whom served their apprenticeship at Badsey, have succeeded in passing the King's Scholarship Examination, and Miss Butler has been appointed Assistant Mistress of S. George's Girls' School, Worthing, where she has just entered upon her new duties.

CHORISTERS' EXCURSION.

It is proposed to take the Badsey choristers for a trip to Oxford some day during the summer. The Churchwardens have promised 30s. out of the funds at their disposal, and any parishioners who wish to recognise the labours of our choristers by helping to defray the cost of the outing, are requested to send their subscriptions to the Vicar or one of the Churchwardens.

"THE FEVER."

In consequence of the outbreak of scarlet fever the Sunday school will be closed, and the Clothing and Coal Club and Penny Bank will be discontinued until further notice. We venture to express a hope that, for the sake of all, those who have been in contact with fever cases will abstain, so far as possible, from associating with others, and children from infected houses should on no account be allowed to run free and engage in games with other children of the village.

SALE OF WORK.

The articles made by the Vicarage Working Party will be offered for sale at the Old School on Tuesday, May 31st, when there will also be a rummage sale. Tea will be provided at a moderate charge. The proceeds will be given to the Clock Fund.

AN OLD RINGER.

Badsey has lost an old inhabitant in the death of Mr. George Addis. Mr. Addis was not a native of Badsey, having come here from Crophorne fifty-four years ago. From the time of his settling here until the last year or two, i.e., for at least half-a-century, he was a member of the Band of Ringers, and for a considerable portion of that period he was Foreman of the band. He was buried in the churchyard close to his son on Monday, April 11th, and a muffled peal was rung on the bells immediately after the funeral. R.I.P.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISM.

April 17th.—William Douglas Sparrow.
 " " Elizabeth Hannah Barnard.
 " " Nellie Ethel Lidsey.

BADSEY.—BURIAL.

April 11th.—George Addis, aged 83 years.

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
April 3rd. — Vicar's Easter Offerings ...	2	11	7	0	11	7
10th.—Sick and Needy	0	2	7	0	1	3
Church Expenses	0	11	7	0	3	1½
17th.—Sick and Needy	0	4	0	0	4	8½
Church Expenses	0	11	3	0	5	8½
24th.—Sick and Needy	0	1	5			
Church Expenses	0	13	2			
25th.—Sick and Needy	0	1	1			
	£4	16	8	1	6	4½

THE SERVICES.

Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, May 9th, 10th, and 11th, are Rogation Days, *i.e.*, days set apart for asking God's blessing on the fruits of the earth. On each of these days there will be Morning Prayer and Litany at Wickhamford at 10, and Evening Prayer and Litany at Badsey at 7.

The Services for Ascension Day and Whitsuntide will be as follows:—

ASCENSION DAY.

BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
5 Holy Communion.	8 Holy Communion.
11 Morning Prayer.	10 Morning Prayer.
11.45 Holy Communion.	6 Evening Prayer.
7 Evening Prayer.	

WHIT SUNDAY.

7.30 Holy Communion.	9.30 Morning Prayer.
11 Morning Prayer.	10.15 Holy Communion.
11.45 Holy Communion.	
6.30 Evening Prayer and Sermon	3 Evening Prayer and Sermon.

MONDAY and TUESDAY in WHITSUN-WEEK.

8 Holy Communion.	10 Morning Prayer.
7 Evening Prayer.	

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