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# Badsey Parish Magazine.

## CONFIRMATION.

Our Confirmation Day has come and gone, and there are now forty more young Christians in our midst upon whom rests the grave responsibility of upholding the claims and dignity of this great sacramental ordinance.

It is one of the anomalies of present-day Christianity that there are to be found people, professing to regulate their religion by the New Testament, who are content to dispense with a means of grace so thoroughly Apostolic \* as the Laying on of Hands, and one, moreover, so clearly defined in the Epistle to the Hebrews as one of the 'principles of the doctrine of Christ,' † that is to say, one of those features of the Christian religion which no conditions would ever justify men in abandoning. And why is it that we are to-day confronted with this strange inconsistency? We shall probably not be far wrong in seeking for its cause in the faults and failings of those who, having been confirmed, would seem to have 'received the grace of God in vain.' There can be little doubt that thousands upon thousands have lost faith in the grace of Confirmation, through the failure of many who receive that grace to live up to the solemn vow which the Church, as the guardian of the Mysteries of Christ, rightly requires of all who come to be confirmed.

May all those who have just 'witnessed a good confession before many witnesses' be true to their Confirmation vow! Much will depend upon themselves, but—much will also depend upon the prayers, the encouragement, and, above all, upon the example of their elders. Many and mighty are the temptations which beset the path of the young Christian, but perhaps the most powerful of all is to be found in the bad example set by not a few of those who ought to be entitled to respect. It is truly sad to think that some of those who hope to make their first Communion on Easter Day have relations or intimate friends who, although they were confirmed years ago, have long been strangers to the Lord's Table, if not to the Lord's House. Will none of these consider what a terrible wrong they are inflicting on those young souls who are just entering on life, and make a fresh start at Easter? For

\*Acts viii., 14—19; xix. 5, 6.

†Heb. vi., 1, 2.

whatever reason, and for however long a time the loving call of Christ has been despised and rejected, there is still time to prepare for receiving the Blessed Sacrament at Easter; and, if the Queen of Festivals were to be marked, not only by the admission of the newly-confirmed to Holy Communion, but also by the return of some of those who have long neglected the invitation of their Lord, our Confirmation Day would leave behind it a double blessing, and Easter Day would bring a fuller measure of Easter joy, which is to 'know Christ and the power of His Resurrection.'

The following are the names of our own young people who received Confirmation:—Alfred William Ballard, Albert Joseph Brewer, Arthur Henry Chamberlain, George Frederick Cox, Cecil Harry Crane, John Cull, Walter Henry Dore, Edgar Thomas Ellison, John Enstone, William Enstone, John Hartwell, Walter Cyril Iddiens, William Herbert Jelfs, Richard Walter Keen, William George Keen, George Moulbery, Robert Pethard, Ernest George Taylor, John Taylor, Richard Smith Warmington, Rosa Annie Collett, Eliza Crane, Maude Naomi Cull, Alice Beatrice Evans, Catherine Mary Freeman, Ethel Minnie Hartwell, Mary Jane Harris, Eltha Mary Hardiman, Emily Jane Hardiman, Charlotte Elizabeth Hartwell, Amy Jane Hopkins, Rose Ellen Huxley, Annie Louisa Jelfs, Beatrice Keyte, Elizabeth Annie Keyte, Edith Mary Keen, Frances Annie Marshall, Beatrice Emily Moulbery, Florence Mabel Pethard, and Elizabeth Willis.

There were also five candidates from The Littletons and seven from Cleeve Prior. The external accompaniments of the service were all that could be desired. The morning was brilliantly fine, the singing of the hymns was most hearty, and the village bells sent forth a merry peal both before and after the service. A full attendance of singing-men and ringers gave evidence of real interest in the services of the Church, and the Vicar wishes especially to thank Mr. McDonald for kindly arranging the secular work of the school so as to allow of the choristers fulfilling their religious duties without forfeiting an attendance.



## A PLEASANT EVENING.

The Vicar gave his annual supper to church-workers, at the Vicarage, on Wednesday, March 2nd, when about thirty-six, including churchwardens, clerk, sidesmen, singing-men, ringers and chimers, responded to his invitation. After supper speeches were made and songs were sung, the most successful effort of all being that of Mr. J. Perkins, with his 'One O,' which quite 'brought down the house.' So pleasantly did the time slip by that the night really still seemed young when the party broke up at a few minutes to twelve.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

On Sunday, March 19th, after the usual Children's Service, the Teachers and Scholars assembled in the Old School for the Annual Distribution of Prizes. The Vicar addressed a few words to the children and then distributed the prizes in the following order:—

*Teachers' Prize* (given by the Vicar), Miss Hands.

*Girls.* Class I.—Winnie Keen, Edith Keen. Special Prize (given by Miss E. N. Sladden), Catharine Enstone.

Class II.—Mary Jelfs, Maud Moisey.

*Boys.* Class I.—Cecil Crane, George Marshall.

Class II.—Harry Crisp, Francis Jelfs.

Class III.—Cecil Keen, William Barnard.

*Infants.*—Eva Stanford, Maggie Perkins, Dorothy Agg, Edmund Jelfs, George Nightingale, Cecil Agg, Willie Moisey, Edward Evans, Martin Agg.

## HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

Divine Service will be as follows:—

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY  
IN HOLY WEEK.

BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
8, Holy Communion.	11, Morning Prayer and
8, Evening Prayer and	Reading.
Reading.	

## GOOD FRIDAY.

8, Altar Prayers.	9.30, Morning Prayer, Litany
11, Morning Prayer, Litany	and Altar Prayers.
and Altar Prayers.	4, Evening Prayer and Ser-
7, Evening Prayer and	mon.
Sermon.	

## EASTER EVEN.

8, Altar Prayers and	11, Morning Prayer and
Reading.	Reading.
Evening Prayer.	

## EASTER DAY.

6, Holy Communion.	9.30, Morning Prayer,
7.30, Holy Communion.	Litany. and Holy
11, Morning Prayer and	Communion.
Litany.	3, Evening Prayer and
11.45, Holy Communion.	Sermon.
6.30, Evening Prayer and	
Sermon.	

## GENERAL NOTICES.

The Clock Committee acknowledge with thanks a donation of 5s. from Mr. Leveratt. This should have been acknowledged last month.

Last year's appeal for 'spring-cleaners' was so heartily responded to that the Vicar and Churchwardens of Badsey are emboldened to call for helpers once more. Will those who are willing to assist kindly attend at the Church as early as possible on Thursday and Friday, April 13th and 14th? It is suggested that Thursday be devoted to the roof, walls and pillars, and Friday to chairs and floor.

The Parish Library will close for the Summer on Monday, April 17th. All subscribers are requested to return their books to the Vicarage on or before that date.

There will be a meeting of members of the Singing Class at the Vicarage on Thursday, April 13th, at 8 p.m., to decide what is to be done with the balance remaining in the hands of the Treasurer.

## THE REGISTERS.

### BADSEY.—BAPTISM.

March 19th, John Jelfs.

### BADSEY.—MARRIAGE.

March 1st, George Higgins Hardiman to Emily Jane Heritage.

### BADSEY.—BURIAL.

March 8th, Sarah Moulbery, aged 40 years.

### WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISM.

March 19th, Mary Jane Harris (conditional baptism)

## OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.			WICKHAMFORD.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
March 5th.—Sick and Needy	0	6	0			
„ „ Church Expenses	0	6	0	0	2	7
„ 8th.—Sick and Needy	0	4	8			
„ 12th.—Sick and Needy	0	1	8			
„ „ Church Expenses	0	12	0			
„ 15th.—Sick and Needy	0	4	0			
„ 19th.—Sick and Needy				0	3	0
„ „ Church Expenses	0	7	3½	0	3	8
„ 22nd.—Sick and Needy	0	2	9			
„ 26th.—Sick and Needy	0	2	8½			
„ „ Church Expenses	0	15	10½	0	4	0
	£3	2	11½	0	13	3