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HARVEST FESTIVALS.

The Harvest Festival was kept at Wickhamford on Sunday, October 8th, the services being Holy Communion at 8 and Evening Prayer at 6.30. The Vicar preached at the evening service, when the Church was filled to overflowing. The Church had been most tastefully and effectively decorated; indeed, we doubt if the efforts of those responsible for this work were ever quite so successful before, which is all the more creditable when allowance is made for the lateness of the season and the consequent scarcity of flowers. The decorators included Mrs. G. Agg, Mrs. and Miss Hartwell, the Misses Idiens, Miss Pethard, Misses M. and F. Pethard, Miss Taplin, Mrs. Taylor and Master J. Taylor. Offerings of flowers, fruit and vegetables were received from Mrs. D. Agg, Mrs. G. Agg, Mr. W. Agg, Mrs. Buckley Bent, Mrs. Brodie, Mr. Hooper-Ingledeu, Mr. Idiens, Mrs. Mason, Mrs. Pethard, Mrs. E. Pethard, Mrs. J. Smith, Mrs. Walters and Mr. Winnett, whilst Mr. Cull sent a large loaf. The vegetables were all sent to the Christ Church Mission, Poplar, and the collections, amounting to £2 11s. 11d., were given to the Evesham Cottage Hospital.

Sunday, Oct 15th, was observed at Badsey as the Harvest Festival. The services were Holy Communion at 6 and 7.30 (choral), Morning Prayer and Litany at 11, Holy Communion at 11.45, and Evening Prayer with sermon at 6.30. The Vicar officiated at all the services, with the exception of the mid-day celebration, when the celebrant was Dr. Wilson, headmaster of Solihull Grammar School. Dr. Wilson, who is always a welcome visitor to Badsey, also gave us an excellent sermon in the evening. There were 71 communicants, and, in spite of the fact that the rain had been coming down steadily for an hour or two when the bells rang out for Evening Prayer, there was a full congregation for this service. The anthem was Barnby's "O Lord, how manifold"; it was well rendered by the choir, the verse part being taken by Mrs. Hands, Miss McDonald, Mr. George Jones, and Mr. L. Sparrow. No doubt many made a special effort to attend one or other of the services as the parish was celebrating not only its harvest festival but also the twentieth anniversary of the re-opening of the parish church after restoration and enlargement. Flowers for decorating had been provided in abundance and the church looked most beautiful. The decorators included Miss Byrd, Mr. P. Byrd, Mr. Binyon, Mrs. Hands, Miss Hands, Miss Haynes, Mr. and Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. J. Keyte, Mr. J. Marshall, Miss E. Sladden, Miss Sparrow, Mr. Sparrow, and Mrs. Watson. Offerings of flowers, fruit, and vegetables were received from Mrs. Ashwin, Mr. J. Agg, Mr. H. Byrd, Mrs. W. Bennett, Mr. E. Ballard, Mr. Binyon, Mr. G. Collett, Mrs. Crisp, Mrs. Chambers, Mrs. Griffin, Mrs. Hands, Mrs. J. Hartwell, Mr. Hooper Ingledeu, Mr. and Mrs. H. Keen, Mrs. R.

Keen, Mrs. J. Keen, Mrs. J. Keyte. Messrs. Johns & Sons, Mr. J. Marshall, Mr. T. Marshall, Mr. G. Moisey, Mr. H. Kelland, Mrs. G. Nightingale, Mr. W. Pethard, Mr. J. Perkins, Mr. R. Roberts, Mr. Sparrow, Mr. L. Sparrow, Miss E. Sladden, Mrs. H. Smith, Mrs. R. Taylor (Wickhamford), Mrs. Watson, Mrs. Warner, and the Vicar, Mr. Cull again providing a large loaf. Some of the fruit and vegetables were distributed in the village, and the remainder went to the Christ Church Mission, Poplar. Mr. A. E. Jones kindly added some ready-packed vegetables to the consignment for the mission. The collections, amounting to £6 13s. 8d., were given to the Evesham Cottage Hospital.

NELSON CENTENARY.

This commemoration was duly observed at both our Churches on Sunday, October 22nd, by the use of special prayers and a special form of thanksgiving, whilst at Badsey the National Anthem was also sung most heartily at the close of the Evening Service. The Vicar preached at Badsey in the morning, and at Wickhamford in the afternoon, on "Trafalgar: a victory rich in consequences"; and in the evening, at Badsey, on "Lessons from the life and death of Nelson." The collections, amounting at Badsey to £1 8s. 5d., and at Wickhamford to 4s. 7d., were given to the Missions to Seamen.

NOTES AND NEWS.

The Treasurer of the Clock Fund inadvertently omitted to acknowledge last month the sum of 9s. 6d. received from Mr. Binyon. This amount represents the profits accruing from the sale of photographs taken by Mr. Binyon.

Parishioners have doubtless noticed the improved appearance of the interior of the church porch, owing to the accession of a most artistic oak frame to the large notice board. This frame is the work of Mr. Wathen, who has generously presented it to the Church, and the Vicar and Churchwardens take this opportunity of publicly thanking him for his very welcome gift.

At the first meeting of the Sewing Class, held at the Vicarage on Wednesday, October 25th, it was agreed to devote the balance in hand, as well as the earnings of the present session, to the purchase of a green altar cloth, to complete the sequence of colours.

Depositors in the Coal Club are reminded that those who have not ordered coal will receive their money on Monday, November 6th, when deposits may also be made for the new year.

The Parish Library will re-open on Monday, November 6th, and will be open every Monday during the winter (unless otherwise announced), from 6 to 6.30 p.m. Fifteen new volumes have replaced a larger number of old ones.

The Preacher on Sunday evening, October 29th, was the Rev. H. Alban Williams, Rector of

Sheering, Essex, and formerly Precentor of Christ Church, Oxford. The visit of Mr. Williams was of more than ordinary interest, as he came over and inspected the benefices of Badsey and Wickhamford when Mr. Gepp was leaving, and all but decided to accept the livings. As the Dean and Chapter (the Governing Body) of Christ Church can only present either a student or chaplain of the House to livings in their gift, when Mr. Williams decided to decline nomination, the patronage for one turn lapsed from the College to the Dean and Canons, who nominated Mr. Price, in recognition of his long term of service as curate of St. Mary Magdalen, Oxford, another Ch. Ch. living.

On Sunday, November 5th, the evening preacher will be the Rev. Father Davies, missionary priest in the Diocese of Lebombo, Delagoa Bay, East Africa. The Vicar assigned a portion of last year's missionary collections to the use of the Bishop of Lebombo, and he proposes to do the same this year, so that Badsey has an actual interest in Father Davies and his work.

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

Sept. 17.—Clarence Henry Willis.
 " " Gladys Annie Barnard.
 " " Iris Maisie Brearley.
 Oct. 15.—Doris Smith.

WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISM.

Sept. 24.—Joseph Richard Smith.

WICKHAMFORD.—MARRIAGE.

Sept. 23.—Fitz Colin Jelfs to Amy Fletcher.

WICKHAMFORD.—BURIAL.

Oct. 17.—William James Jones, aged 6 months.

OFFERINGS FOR SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER.

| | BADSEY. | | | WICKHAMFORD. | | |
|-----------------------------------|---------|----|----|--------------|----|-----|
| | £ | s. | d. | £ | s. | d. |
| Sept. 3—Sick and Needy ... | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 |
| Church Expenses ... | 0 | 14 | 7 | 0 | 5 | 5½ |
| " 10—Sick and Needy ... | 0 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| Church Expenses ... | 0 | 19 | 0½ | 0 | 4 | 9 |
| " 17—Sick and Needy ... | 0 | 2 | 9 | 0 | 4 | 0 |
| Church Expenses ... | 0 | 10 | 5 | 0 | 2 | 2½ |
| " 24—Sick and Needy ... | 0 | 0 | 10 | | | |
| Church Expenses ... | 0 | 14 | 1½ | 0 | 7 | 6 |
| Oct. 1—Sick and Needy ... | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| Church Expenses ... | 0 | 16 | 11 | 0 | 6 | 1½ |
| " 8—Sick and Needy ... | 0 | 1 | 3 | | | |
| Church Expenses ... | 0 | 6 | 0½ | | | |
| Evesham Cottage Hospital | | | | 2 | 11 | 11 |
| " 15—Evesham Cottage Hospital ... | 6 | 13 | 8 | | | |
| Church Expenses ... | | | | 0 | 4 | 10½ |
| " 22—Sick and Needy ... | 0 | 1 | 1½ | | | |
| Mission to Seamen | 1 | 8 | 5 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| " 29—Sick and Needy ... | 0 | 2 | 8 | | | |
| Church Expenses ... | 0 | 17 | 8½ | 0 | 3 | 8 |
| | £13 | 18 | 6½ | £5 | 2 | 4 |

CHOIR EXCURSION.

On Saturday, October 7th, the members of the Badsey Choir went to Stratford-on-Avon for their annual outing. The Vicar offered one prize to the boy sending in the best description of the day's proceedings, and another to the senior member producing the best account in verse. There was no competition for the junior prize, the smaller boys being apparently afraid of competing with the elder ones, and the elder ones

evidently dreading a beating at the hands of one of the little ones. There were two entries for the senior prize, which has been awarded to Mr. Joseph Foster Agg, Parish Clerk and Organist, for the following verses of more than ordinary merit.

The Choristers of Badsey for their annual outing went To Shakespear's Town and Birthplace, on pleasure there intent; Last season funds were larger and took us to the sea, But our happy day at Stratford will long remembered be.

The journey, though a short one, was run upon the rail, (10.50 was the station time the party left the Vale), And though it was accomplished without a great mishap, One enterprising juvenile got treated to a hat.

The old town teems with interest, and our programme soon began, The Birthplace and Museum coming first upon the plan; What hallowed memories seem to cling around that humble home, Wherein the mighty genius first the light of day was shown!

Within the Birthplace naught was shown which did not interest a'1, And, like the ancient monarch, we saw written on the wall Some mystic signs, and well-known names too numerous to be numbered, And a chair of large dimensions, in which Falstaff might have slumbered.

The Museum also is replete with priceless treasures rare, With books and pictures all arranged there with the greatest care, And all we saw was worthy, and received true admiration, And will no doubt receive the same from many a generation.

Our party then proceeded on their journey through the town, And crossed the bridge erected by a Knight of some renown, We found our wants provided with a dinner of the best, Not in a crowded restaurant, but in a sweet *Swan's Nest*.

The Avon rippling near us, and the weather being so grand, Our Vicar then suggested that we should leave the land; The motor launch was boarded and we started for a sail, The lovely views and scenery were not far behind the Vale.

We landed on the Bancroft, and then pursued our way And passed *New Place* where stood an *older* once upon a day; We saw the Guild and Grammar School, admiring as we passed A house where flowers and creepers lovely seemed to smile and bask.

Then a timbered individual saluted us with pleasure, Which turned to disappointment when he found we'd brought no leather;

But, with so large a family, the Vicar quite forgot— I hope he may remember him when visiting the Mop.

Our steps were now directed towards that ancient shrine, So stately and so noble, so graceful and sublime; Not in the realm of England nor underneath the sky, A spot more fitting could be found wherein the Bard should lie.

No wonder that the place is loved, no wonder that 'tis known Across the seas, in other climes where Shakespear's fame has flown; So beautiful, so peaceful, is it not right that he Safe in the Master's keeping within His courts should be?

Now once again the scene was changed, and Stratford, ever winning, True athletic form displayed, and showed from the beginning That Haadsworth must their Rugby team improve in scrums and kicking, If, when next they visit Stratford, they would leave without a licking.

The Singers of S. James's now proceeded on in quest Of good things that were waiting within a *white bird's nest*. And all agreed the tea sustained the dinner's reputation, Regretting that their next advance must be towards the station

The Choristers of Badsey their hearty thanks now tender To all good friends and patrons who their labours did remember, And, if their *breeches* and *crotchet* are not always of the best, They never in their efforts seem to get too long a *rest*.

The Vicar acknowledges with thanks the following subscriptions:—Mrs. H. Byrd, 5/-; "A Churchman," 4/-; Mrs. J. Keen, 1/-; Mr. Leveratt, 2/6; Mr. McDonald, 2/6; Mr. Mustoe, 5/-; Mrs. Orchard, 5/-; Mr. Pendlebury, 2/-; Mr. W. Pethard, 2/6; Mr. Watson, 5/- The expenses of the excursion amounted to £5 11s. 3d., and the total amount received in subscriptions, etc., was £4 18s. There is thus a deficit of 13/3, so that it is not yet too late for those who had forgotten the claims of the choir to rectify the oversight.