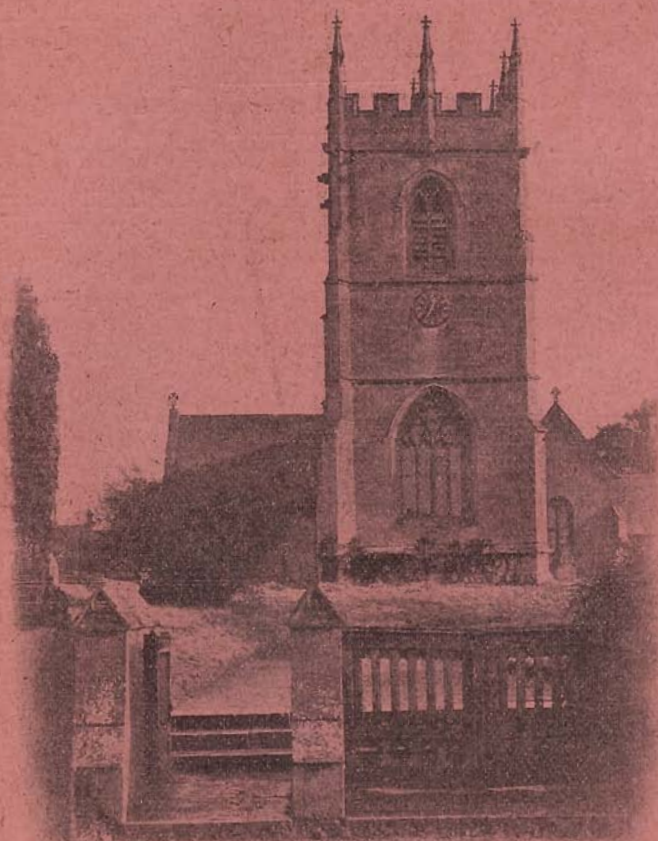


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WICKHAMFORD PARISH ROOM AND WORKING MEN'S CLUB.

Notwithstanding the unfavourable state of the weather on Tuesday, February 12th, the opening of the new room at Wickhamford proved an unqualified success. Some 40 or 50 children sat down to tea, and at the concert which followed Mr., Mrs. and Miss Lord were accorded a most enthusiastic reception. As an account of these proceedings appeared in both local papers (that in the *Journal* being particularly full) we shall not encroach upon our valuable space by repeating what is probably familiar to all. We must mention, however, that, so bountiful was the provision made for the children, the tea committee were enabled to entertain all the women of the parish on the following Thursday, Mr. Carter being largely responsible for the success of the undertaking. A Lenten tea party is not a usual occurrence in these parishes, but the present exception to our excellent rule is fully justified by the First Lesson at Morning Prayer on Ash Wednesday.

At a meeting held in the new Parish Room on Thursday evening, February 14th, it was agreed to form a Working Men's Club in accordance with the terms of the Trust Deed. It was unanimously agreed to ask Mr. A. E. Lord to be President of the Club, and a number of Vice-Presidents, whose names will be given next month, were nominated. The following were elected members of the Committee:—Messrs. G. Agg, G. Colley, W. Foster, Fred. Halford, Frank Halford, A. Heritage, R. Heritage, C. Mason, J. Newman, E. Pethard, J. Pethard, H. L. Richards, and L. White. Mr. Richards was elected Hon. Secretary, and the Vicar Hon. Treasurer. Rules have been drawn up by this Committee and approved by the Trustees, who have agreed to let the building to the Club at an annual rent of 4s., the Club paying all rates.

The Club met for the first time on Monday, February 18th and 36 members have already been enrolled. Many newspapers and magazines are being provided by friends, and Mr. Lord, in accepting the presidency of the Club, sent the Secretary £1, promising to subscribe the same amount annually. Badsey will have to look to its laurels.

The trustees of the property (who must be members of the Church of England) are:—Rev. W. C. Allsebrook and Messrs. G. A. Agg, F. I. Hooper-Ingledeu, A. E. Lord, R. S. Lord, G. C. Lees-Milne, J. Mason, junior, J. Newman, J. de R. Openshaw, G. Pethard, H. L. Richards, and R. Taylor.

The Trust-Deed reserves to the Vicar of Wickhamford the use of the building and furniture on Wednesday in each week for any purpose he may think proper, and on Sundays between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. as a Church of England Sunday School. With these exceptions the building is to be used for no religious purpose, and for no political purposes whatsoever. When the Trustees are reduced by death or resignation to two the Vicar and Churchwardens are to elect new Trustees. In the event of the building ceasing to be used for the purposes of the Trust, the property is to be sold and the money applied for the benefit of the parish in such manner as the Vicar and Churchwardens shall in their absolute discretion think proper.

ELIJAH'S MANTLE.

It must be a source of extreme satisfaction to Mr. Birrell to know that his mantle has fallen on worthy shoulders. That Mr. McKenna is determined to follow the best traditions of his predecessor in putting "bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter,"

is to be seen in the insolence of his proposal to compel Churchmen and other denominationalists to pay for Nonconformist teaching in Council Schools, and, at the same time, defray the whole cost of religious teaching in their own schools. The Bishops of the Church of England have hitherto counselled submission, but to urge submission under the conditions threatened would be to put a serious tax upon the obedience of the faithful. The Roman Catholics are already considering the formation of a Catholic Passive Resistance League, and tyranny and persecution compel us to wish them all success.

NOTES AND NEWS,

The offerings on Good Friday, both at Badsey and Wickhamford, will again be given the 'Jerusalem and the East Mission.' This Mission, at the head of which is the Bishop in Jerusalem, of course provides Church privileges for Englishmen resident in the East, but its main purpose is the Christianizing of Jews in Bible Lands.

The Ringers and Chimers desire to thank those who contributed to their respective Christmas Funds. The Ringers' Fund amounted to £3 15s. 9d which was divided equally among members of the band, and the Chimers' Fund, amounting to £3 18s. 6d., was apportioned according to the number of attendances. Carol singing brought the Badsey choristers, 13/6.

£8 2s. 9d. is the amount required from Badsey Churchpeople before Easter if they are to start the financial year with a clean slate. The collections in Church amount to several pounds more than at this stage last year, but, unfortunately, expenses show a still more imposing increase. 6d. each per Sunday from 80 people, or 1s. each per Sunday from 40 people for the next four weeks will suffice to liquidate the debt.

The Wickhamford Sunday School will assemble in the Parish Room on March 3rd, at 11.15 a.m.

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER DAY.

The hours of Service will be as follows:—

BADSEY.	WICKHAMFORD.
GOOD FRIDAY—8, Altar Prayers.	9.30, Morning Prayer, Litany, and Altar Prayers.
11, Morning Prayer, Litany, and Altar Prayers.	3, Evening Prayer and Sermon.
6.30, Evening Prayer and Sermon.	

EASTER DAY—

6.30, Holy Communion.	
7.30, Holy Communion (Choral)	9.30, Morning Prayer and Litany.
11, Morning Prayer and Litany.	10, Holy Communion.
11.45, Holy Communion.	3, Evening Prayer and Sermon.
6.30, Evening Prayer and Sermon.	

OFFERINGS FOR THE MONTH.

	BADSEY.		WICKHAMFORD.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Feb. 2.—Sick and Needy ...	0	0 10	...	
„ 3.—Sick and Needy ...	0	1 0	...	0 1 3
„ 3.—Church Expenses...	0	13 3½	...	0 5 8½
„ 10.—Sick and Needy ...	0	3 0	...	
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„ 13.—Sick and Needy...	0	1 10	...	
„ 17.—Sick and Needy ...	0	2 4½	...	0 1 0
„ „—Church Expenses...	0	12 10	...	0 7 0½
„ 24.—Sick and Needy ...	0	2 11	...	
„ „—Church Expenses...	0	18 9	...	0 3 3
	£3	12 9½		£1 1 7

THE REGISTERS.

BADSEY.—BAPTISMS.

Jan. 20.—Frederick John Jelfs.
 Feb. 17.—Arthur Ballard.
 „ „—Susan Gladys Robbins.
 „ „—Nellie May Warren.
 „ „—Julia Louisa Moisey.

BADSEY.—BURIAL.

Feb. 23.—John William Willis. aged 5 months.

WICKHAMFORD.—BAPTISM.

Jan. 27.—Herbert Cyril Harris.
 Feb. 13.—Daisy Elizabeth Smith.