

## BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES

### Lent Services

SUNDAYS: 8 a.m., H.C.; 11 a.m., Matins (except 3rd Sunday); 11.45 a.m., H.C. (4th Sunday only); 6.45 p.m., Evensong. Preacher: The Vicar.

WEDNESDAYS: 10 a.m., H.C.; 4.15 p.m., Children's Service (Juniors); 7 p.m., Lent Service. Preacher: The Vicar.

THURSDAYS: 6.30 p.m., Children's Service (Seniors).

SUNDAY, MARCH 7th: 3 p.m., "Mothering Sunday" Service.

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

31st January, 1948.

My Dear Friends,

Mrs. Chapman and I wish to express our deep appreciation of the most friendly welcome you have given us and of your numerous acts of kindness. We are already feeling "at home" among you.

I draw your attention to the list of Lent Services printed above, and ask you to make a full use of the devotional opportunities provided. The call to a right use of this solemn season is very insistent in days like these. I shall have further opportunities of referring in church to these Services.

The Service of Institution and Induction on January 9th passed off without a hitch. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Marshall and the Choir, the Churchwardens and Sidesmen, the ladies who beautified the Church, and Mr. and Mrs. Brazier for so kindly allowing the visiting Clergy to robe in their house.

My appeal with regard to the Sunday School has not been without effect, and this has brought encouragement to our faithful band of teachers. More, however, remains to be done, and I ask all who can to help in this matter. Please let it be known that the Sunday School meets in Church *every* Sunday at 10 a.m.

The Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, February 23rd, at 7.30 p.m. All members of the Electoral Roll should regard it as a duty to attend. Reports on the work of the Parochial Church Council during the

past year, and of the condition of the Fabric and Ornaments of the Church will be presented, in addition to the Treasurer's Financial Statement. The Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year will be elected, and representatives to the Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conferences appointed. The Meeting will be preceded at 7.15 p.m. by the Vestry Meeting for the nomination and election of Churchwardens.

A copy of the new Scale of Fees, approved by the Parochial Church Council, is in the Church Porch. In future the fee for the Publication of Banns will be 7/-, Marriage after Banns 15/-, Marriage after Licence 30/-, Tolling Bell at time of death, 5/-.

The Choir Boys had a very jolly party in the Parish Room on Thursday, January 29th. Grateful thanks are due to all who sent gifts and to all who helped in any way.

We regret to record the deaths of Mr. T. Perkins and Mrs. Willmore, and extend our sympathy to the members of their families.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

### NOTES AND NOTICES.

SANCTUARY GUILD. — The Sanctuary Guild spent a most delightful evening at the Royal Oak Assembly Room on Thursday, January 22nd, at the kind invitation of Mrs. Harwood. A beetle drive caused much amusement, and after refreshments Miss M. E. Sladden presented to Mrs. Harwood a parting gift, regretting her departure, thanking her for her constant and willing help, and wishing her God speed in the future. The gift took the form of a beautifully illustrated book, "Shakespeare's Country," and a powder compact. Mrs. Harwood was greatly touched by the gift. Miss Sladden then asked Mrs. Chapman to become the Leader of the Guild. Arrangements were made for the next meeting on Tuesday, February 10th (beginning with a service in church at 3 p.m.), and after games and dancing a happy evening closed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

A.M.C.

MOTHERS' UNION. — The Annual Tea and Social was held on Wednesday, January 21st. There was a very good attendance and the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman joined us for tea. The evening's programme included games and dancing, and was much enjoyed.

Meetings this month will be held at Seward House on Wednesdays, February 4th and 18th at 2.30 p.m.

M.E.R.



**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.** — I have decided not to attempt to form a Men's Fellowship immediately, as it would only be able to hold one or possibly two meetings this session. I hope to call a meeting in the early autumn with a view to making arrangements for the autumn and winter. I feel that such a fellowship would be appreciated by the men of the parish and might prove of great value.

W.B.C.

**PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL.** — At a meeting held on 26th January, Mr. Edgar Mitchell was appointed Clerk and Sexton, and the appointment of Mrs. Marshall as Organist was confirmed. The Ecclesiastical Commissioners' Scale of Fees was adopted for use in this parish, and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting was fixed for Monday, February 23rd, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m. This meeting will be preceded by the Vestry Meeting at 7.15 p.m.

M.E.S.

#### PARISH REGISTERS

##### BAPTISMS

Jan. 15th.—Leslie James Bennett.

Jan. 18th.—Robert William Dore; June Malin; Michael John Hardiman.

##### MARRIAGE

Jan. 24th.—Denis Raymond Grinnell and Nancy Joan Merriman, both of this parish.

##### BURIALS

Nov. 17th.—Emma Collett, aged 75 years.

Jan. 8th.—Agnes Clara Hall, aged 59 years.

Jan. 24th.—Tom Perkins, aged 67 years.

#### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

**CHURCH EXPENSES:** January 4th, £1 9s. 8d.; January 11th, £2 11s. 7d.; January 18th (evening only), £1 18s. 2d.; January 25th, £3 0s. 6d. Total, £8 19s. 11d.

**OTHER RECEIPTS:** *Church Box*, £1 5s. 4d.; *Donation* (per Miss Sladden), 10/-; *Covenants*, £12; *Envelopes*, £2 10s. 2d. (No. 4, 2/-; 6, 12/-; 7, 3/-; 8, 2/8; 11, 5/6; 13, 4/-; 14, 4/-; 16, 2/-; 17, 6/-; 18, 6/-; 19, 1/-; 21, 2/-); *Bishop's Discretionary Fund* (Collection at Institution), £4 3s. 8d.

#### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

##### Lent Services

**SUNDAYS:** H.C., 9 a.m. (First Sunday) and 11 a.m. (Third Sunday); Evensong 5.30 p.m. Preacher, The Vicar.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 7th.** — 5.30 p.m., "Mothering Sunday" Service.

#### THE VICAR'S LETTER

31st January, 1948.

My Dear Friends,

Mrs. Chapman and I are most grateful for the kindly way in which you have welcomed us. We have not been able to visit many of you yet, but are hoping to do so in the near future.

I should like to congratulate Mr. Knight and the members of the Choir on their rendering of the Service at my Induction, and on recent Sunday evenings.

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The Social on Wednesday, January 21st, was a very happy occasion, and thanks are due to all who helped in any way.

I visited the Sunday School on Sunday, January 25th, and was much impressed by what I saw. The teachers are doing splendid work, and deserve all the help and encouragement we can give them. Mrs. Chapman attended the meeting of the Mothers' Union on Wednesday, January 28th, and was filled with admiration at the way in which this, too, has been carried on. We shall be very glad to welcome other mothers at the weekly meetings. These are held in the Parish Hall on Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m.

At their meeting on Wednesday, January 28th, the members of the Parochial Church Council decided (1) that the Annual Parochial Church Meeting should be held in the Parish Hall on Thursday, February 26th, at 7 p.m. (2) That the Ecclesiastical Commissioners' Scale of Fees be adopted for use in the Parish. On these two matters please refer to "Badsey Notes."

The members of the Choir wish to express grateful thanks for the generous response to the Carol Singing.

The sum of £15 12s. 6d. was realised, part of which has been expended in the provision of new Prayer Books for Church and Sunday School. In some parishes in which I have ministered, I have had to remind absent-minded people that such Prayer Books are marked "not to be taken away." I am sure it is unnecessary to do so in Wickhamford.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

#### CHURCH COLLECTIONS

*Church Expenses* (January 4th-25th incl.), £7 12s. 6d.; *Sick and Needy*, 5/6, *Church Box*, 8/3; *Bishop's Discretionary Fund* (Collection at Induction), £2 15s.

#### REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH LEGION (Women's Section). — The Annual Party was held at The Bell Inn on Tuesday, January 27th, when 70 members sat down to an excellent supper, prepared by the members of the Committee. The Chairman (Mrs. Harvey) welcomed the Vicar and Mrs. Chap-

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man as guests. After supper the members joined in games and dancing, arranged by Mr. Allam, assisted by the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman, who certainly helped to make the party go with a swing. The presentation of a bowl of spring flowers was made to Mrs. Warmington, in recognition of her services to the branch. A collection realised £3, which is to be donated to one of the British Legion's Children's Homes. The party broke up at 11 p.m., everyone agreeing that it had been a most enjoyable evening.

Next Branch Meeting, Tuesday, February 24th, at 7.30 p.m.

R. M. BARNARD.

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.** — On Tuesday, January 13th, the New Year Party was held. Our new Vicar's wife (Mrs. Chapman) was introduced to the members by Mrs. Carter. The Choir sang carols, and Miss Salisbury and her girls entertained us. The proceedings concluded with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

K. M. TAYLOR.

**1st BADSEY BROWNIE PACK.** — Thanks to the co-operation of all mothers concerned, the Brownies had a lovely tea party on Friday, January 30th, in the Parish

Room. Grateful thanks are also due to Mrs. Butler, who provided ices which rounded off a pleasant evening. It is hoped to organise a whist drive shortly in support of funds.

J. ROUSE, *Brown Owl*.

**5th EVESHAM (1st BADSEY) BOY SCOUTS AND WOLF CUBS.** — During the past month the Scouts and Cubs have seen many changes. (1) The arrival of the new Vicar and his family, to whom we all extend a warm welcome. (2) Two week-ends without a Scoutmaster, who was attending a course of lectures and demonstrations at Worcester. (3) The introduction of a Court of Honour in whose hands the running of the troop now rests. (4) The return of the Scout Section of the Sunday School to the Church. These changes have meant much re-organisation, and have led to the formation of two patrols of Senior Scouts for the over-15-year-olds. An increasing enthusiasm is coursing through the arteries of Scouting, as we pass the first monthly milestone in 1948.

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