

BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

Palm Sunday (March 21st).

- 8 a.m. Holy Communion.
10 a.m. Children's Service. Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses.
6.45 p.m. Evensong. Distribution of Palm Crosses.

Wednesday (March 24th).

- 7 p.m. Service of Preparation for Easter Communion.

Maundy Thursday (March 25th).

- 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Good Friday (March 26th).

- 10 a.m. Children's Service.
2 to 3 p.m. "The Watch at The Cross."
7.30 p.m. A Hymn Service of The Passion.

Easter Day (March 28th).

- 7 a.m. Holy Communion.
8 a.m. Holy Communion.
11 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral).
6.45 p.m. Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum.

THE VICAR'S LETTER.

My Dear Friends,

Space is limited this month, but there are two matters on which I feel I must write. Firstly, I want to say how encouraged I have been by the attendances at the Lent Services on Wednesday mornings and evenings. In addition, over 100 children have been attending the special services on Wednesday afternoons.

Secondly, I commend the list of Services for Holy Week and Easter to your prayerful consideration. I earnestly hope that all who possibly can will come to the "Watch at the Cross" on Good Friday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. To those who have to work on this day as on other days, I commend the "Hymn Service of the Passion" at 7.30 p.m. To many people Good Friday will be just another Bank Holiday, with no thought of Him who gave His life for us all. Christian people will surely heed the question: "Could ye not watch with Me one hour?" Only those who have indeed "watched with Him" can really enter into the joy and wonder of Easter.

Please note that there are three Celebrations of Holy Communion on Easter day—at 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 11 a.m. On Low Sunday (April 4th) at 6.45 p.m. we shall welcome our neighbour, the Vicar of Bretforton. He has given most ready and willing help to this parish on many occasions, and has already shewn great kindness to me personally.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Henry Johns and the late Mrs. Perkins.

Your sincere Friend and Vicar,
W. B. CHAPMAN.

VESTRY MEETING AND A.P.C.M.

These Meetings on February 23rd were very well attended. At the Vestry Meeting the Vicar paid a warm tribute to the work of Messrs. G. A. King and G. A. Jones as Churchwardens and as Sequestrators. He again nominated Mr. King as Minister's Warden

and Mr. Jones was unanimously re-elected as Parishioners' Warden.

At the A.P.C.M. Miss Sladden presented the revised Electoral Roll containing 377 names (an increase of 7). Two excellent reports followed: (1) by Miss Sladden on the work of the P.C.C. during the past year; (2) by Mr. King on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments of the Church. Mr. King stressed the needs for various repairs to the Fabric. In a survey of the financial situation, Mr. C. A. Binyon stated that though the finances were in a satisfactory position, there would be heavy expenditure during the coming year. He estimated that at least £100 would have to be raised by special efforts, and this amount did not take into consideration the repairs mentioned by Mr. King. In the course of discussion, the Vicar was asked to bring to the notice of Churchpeople the need for more subscribers to the Envelope System. Several members present kindly volunteered to canvas donations for the upkeep of the Churchyard. The following elections took place:

To the Diocesan Conference: Mrs. Savory.

To the Ruri-Decanal Conference: Mesdames Ballard, Major, Sparrow, Mr. C. A. Binyon.

To the Parochial Church Council: Mesdames Cole, Byrd, Reed, Crane, Floyd, Misses E. Sladden, Allard, Messrs. J. Major, M. Savory, R. Knight, G. Crisp, Harvey, Cleaver.

Sidesmen: Messrs. D. Agg, A. J. Brazier, J. Major, M. Savory, P. Sparrow, W. Hardiman, F. Cleaver, Floyd, R. Knight, Williams, Byrd, Blake, G. Moisey.

The Gift Day was fixed for Thursday, June 24th, and the Church Fête for Saturday, September 4th.

The Vicar thanked the officials and members of the various parochial organisations for their work during the past year.

MOTHERS' UNION.

Meetings this month will be held on Wednesdays March 3rd and 17th, at 2.30 at Seward House, by kind permission of Miss Sladden. It is with great pleasure that we welcome Mrs. Chapman as our new Enrolling Member. We owe a deep debt of gratitude to Mrs. Reed for the splendid service she has given our branch during the last seventeen years, and we hope that members will show their appreciation by continuing to attend in such good numbers. The Bring and Buy Stall at the meetings still proves most successful. The Baptismal Shell which we have presented to the Church was handed round at the meeting on February 18th and was greatly admired.

THE SANCTUARY GUILD.

The Service and Meeting on Tuesday, February 10th, was very well attended. The Second Sunday Group provided tea and cakes, and various items of business were arranged. Meetings in future will be held on the second Thursday, and at the next meeting on March 11th, tea will be served by the Third Sunday Group, and arrangements will be made for the Spring Cleaning of the Church.

We are grateful to Mrs. Idiens for renovating the dark blue Altar Frontal, and making a pulpit fall to match, and to Mrs. G. A. King for her work in restoring the beautiful white Frontal embroidered by Mrs. Hunt in 1885.

A.M.C.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

Church Expenses: February 1st, £3 4s. 9d.; February 8th, £3 7s. 5d.; February 15th, £2 3s. 3d.; February 22nd, £2 4s. 2d.; February 29th, £2 17s. Total, £13 16s. 7d.

Other Receipts: Church Box, 13s. 10d.; Covenants, £5; Boys' Club balance, 16s. 8d.; Sladden Bequest, £3; Lent Services, £3 7s. 6d.; Envelopes, £3 14s. 6d.; (No. 1, 10s.; No. 4, 10s.; No. 6, 15s.; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 3s.; No. 11, 4s. 9d.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 8s. 9d.; No. 18, 5s.; No. 19, 1s. 6d.; No. 21, 5s.).

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER.

Palm Sunday (March 21st).

11 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral), Blessing and Distribution of Palm Crosses.
5.30 p.m. Evensong. Distribution of Palm Crosses.

Good Friday (March 26th).

11 a.m. Children's Service.
6.15 p.m. A Hymn Service of The Passion.

Easter Day (March 28th).

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral).
5.30 p.m. Evensong, Sermon and Te Deum.

Vestry Meeting and A.P.C.M. These meetings on February 26th were very well attended. At the Vestry Meeting the Vicar spoke in appreciative terms of the work of the Churchwardens during the past year. He again nominated Mr. Lees-Milne as Minister's Warden, and Mr. G. Agg was unanimously re-elected as Parishioners' Warden.

At the A.P.C.M. meeting, Mrs. E. Cooke presented the revised Electoral Roll containing 186 names. The Vicar thanked Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. Hancock for their work in revising the Roll. Most interesting reports were given by Mrs. Cooke (on the work of the P.C.C. during the past year), and Mr.

Lees-Milne (on the Fabric, Goods and Ornaments). Mr. Lees-Milne read the Financial Statement, which showed a very satisfactory balance in hand. Mrs. Cooke was elected Lay Representative to the Diocesan Conference, and Mesdames Hill, Collett and Sheppard to the Ruri-Decanal Conference. A Parochial Church Council of 20 members was elected (a list of these and of the ex-officio members will be printed in next month's issue). Eight sidesmen were elected and duties assigned as follows:—

First Sunday: Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Parry. Second Sunday: Mr. Willis and Mr. Newbury. Third Sunday: Mr. Sturt and Mr. Pearce. Fourth Sunday: Mr. Daffurn and Mr. Southern.

The Vicar thanked all Church workers for their splendid work during the past year, and commended the list of Holy Week and Easter Services to the prayerful consideration of all Churchpeople. He stated that the new Fair Linen Cloth would be dedicated on Easter morning.

Grateful thanks were expressed to Mr. Caswell for kindly repairing the Church door.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Church expenses (February 1st to 29th incl.), £10 os. 1d.; **Sick and Needy**, 8s.

PARISH REGISTERS.

Baptism, February 22nd, Jennifer Newbury.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS.

British Legion (Women's Section). A Branch Meeting was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, February 24th, when Mrs. Harvey presided over a good attendance. It was agreed that the Standard should be dedicated at Badsey Parish Church at the Evening Service on Sunday, March 7th. Mrs. I. Knight was chosen as Standard Bearer, and Mrs. N. Cook and Mrs. Ockwell as Escorts. Mrs. Harvey asked for support for the County Fête, which is to be held at Spetchley Park on June 26th. It was agreed to provide a Fruit, Vegetables and Eggs Stall.

The Secretary stated that Badges were now available. She also read a letter from the Men's Section congratulating the Women's Section on the splendid result of Poppy Day (just over £100 was realised).

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It was resolved to have a Bring and Buy Stall, in aid of Legion Funds, at the next Branch Meeting.

Refreshments were then served by the members of the Committee. After refreshments the members were entertained by the Dramatic Section of the Bretforton Women's Institute, who presented a very enjoyable Sketch. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

Next Branch Meeting, Tuesday, March 23rd, at 7.30 p.m.

R. M. BARNARD.

Infant Welfare Centre. The Centre is now held in the Social Room of the Wheatsheaf Inn on the first Wednesday in the month. There continues to be a very good attendance.

Orange juice, Cod liver oil, Capsules, National dried milk, and Virol are now obtainable. Cod liver oil and Capsules are free of charge, but coupons are still necessary.

DO please return empty bottles. They are urgently needed.

E. H. IDIENS.

British Legion (Men's Section). At the Branch Meeting on 16th February, the Chairman (Mr. J. Major) offered a welcome to the Rev. W. B. Chapman.

The opinion was expressed that Meetings should be held more frequently, and suggestions regarding

dart matches, etc., with other branches were discussed.

A discussion also took place with regard to the Annual Outing. July was voted the most convenient month and Saturday the most convenient day. A trip to London or alternatively a trip to Oxford and an excursion up the river were two suggestions. The Secretary was asked to make enquiries.

War Memorials in Badsey and Wickhamford Churches to commemorate those who fell in the 1939-45 war were also subjects for discussion. It would be a great help if relatives or friends of those to be commemorated would give to the Secretary the following details: Rank, full name, address, squadron, regiment, etc.

It is hoped there will be a full attendance of members at the dedication of the Standard of the Women's Section. It has been proposed that the Standards of both sections should be laid up in Badsey Church.

The next Committee Meeting will be held on Monday, March 15th, at 8 p.m.

P. SPARROW.

1st Badsey Brownie Pack. The Whist Drive on February 20th realised £9 os. 6d., including £6 from the competition for the Grocery Parcel. The parcel was made up by the Brownies, each contributing a small article, and was won by Mr. W. Hartwell.

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Special mention should be made of Jose Wheatley (Imps), who sold a whole book of tickets. Prizes for whist were won by Mrs. Geden, Mrs. R. Rouse, Mrs. F. Wheatley, Mrs. W. Bennett, Mrs. Sandford, and Mrs. Willett. Consolation prizes went to Mr. C. Hall and Mrs. E. Perkins.

I am very grateful to all who helped us so splendidly in many ways. Last, but by no means least, I should like to mention Mr. B. Blake, who not only acted as M.C. but who also put the Scouts' Room, complete with tables, playing cards, and score cards, at our disposal.

JEAN ROUSE (Brown Owl).

Women's Institute. The President, Mrs. S. B. Carter, opened the February Meeting by asking the members to stand for a minute's silence in sympathy with the relatives of the late Mrs. Kinsey and Mr. T. Perkins. Mrs. Reed gave a report of the Carol Festival held at Worcester. Miss Whewell and her assistant, of the S.W.S. Power Company, gave a demonstration on Pastry Making. Mrs. P. Hall proposed a vote of thanks to the demonstrators. A competition for a plate of biscuits was won by Mrs. W. Sparrow and Mrs. Savory. The evening concluded with the singing of "Jerusalem."

N. E. KEEN.

Wickhamford Memorial Hall Fund. The Annual Meeting was held in the Parish Room on February 5th. The Chairman reported that during the past year the Committee had raised £216 for the fund. The members of the Committee were elected, and the Treasurer presented an audited Balance Sheet showing a balance in hand of £1,376.

Mrs. Batty has very kindly given consent for the Flower Show to be held at Wickhamford Manor on Saturday, August 28th.

We thank the members of the Badsey Platoon of the Home Guard for their donation of £38 2s. 6d. to the fund.

A. C. WELLAND.

Nursing Association. In view of the fact that the County Council is taking over District Nursing Associations as from 5th July, 1948 (when the new Health Service operates), we have been asked to collect the necessary Subscriptions for the Association for the quarter commencing 1st April as soon as possible after that date. At a Committee Meeting, held on February 24th, it was decided that the Subscriptions should be 1s. 6d. and 2s. 6d. respectively.

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