

BADSEY & ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

THURSDAY, MAY 6th (Ascension Day).—7 a.m. and 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.30 a.m., Children's Service; 7 p.m., Evensong. Collections for S.P.C.K.

SUNDAY, MAY 9th (Sunday after Ascension Day).—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins; 6.45 p.m., Evensong.

SUNDAY, MAY 16th (Whit-Sunday).—7 a.m. and 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Holy Communion (with Hymns); 6.45 p.m., Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum. Collections for Sunday School.

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd (Trinity Sunday).—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins; 11.45 a.m., Holy Communion; 6.45 p.m., Evensong.

SUNDAY, MAY 30th (Trinity I.).—Services as on Sunday, May 9th.

N.B. — Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a.m., except on Whit-Sunday, when Scholars will attend the 11 a.m. service.

HYMNS

May 9. 11 a.m., 7, 150.
6.45 p.m., 299, 147, 224, 304.
May 16. 11 a.m., 154, 155, 315, 281, 672.
6.45 p.m., 207, 154, 157, 215.
May 23. 11 a.m., 160, 320.
6.45 p.m., 163, 161, 169, 30.
May 30. 11 a.m., 5, 520.
6.45 p.m., 12, 280, 210, 21.

MOTHERS' UNION

There was a good attendance at the last meeting of the Session on Wednesday, April 21st, when Miss Holmes gave a most thoughtful address on "The Problem of Suffering." The question of a Summer Outing was left for the Committee to settle. We are glad to know that Mrs. Reed continues to make satisfactory progress. The Bring and Buy Stall and Tea realised 12s. 5d.

A.M.C.

SANCTUARY GUILD

The Sanctuary Guild met on April 8th, when Tea was served by the Fourth Sunday Group. Arrangements were made for an Outing to Cheddar on Thursday, July 8th. It was suggested that meetings during the summer should be held in the evenings. The May meeting will be held at the Vicarage on Thursday, May 13th, at 7 p.m.

A.M.C.

We are most grateful to Mr. and Mrs. Reeves (Aldington) for the gift of a folding Invalid Chair. This is now stored at the Vicarage for use in the parish.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS.

Church Expenses: April 4th, £3 os. 1d.; April 11th, £3 18s. 1d.; April 18th, £2 10s. 0d.; April 25th, £3 5s. 6d. Total, £12 13s. 8d.

Other Receipts: Church Box, 9s.; Rent of Church Land, £1 15s. 0d.; Envelopes (No. 4, 11s. 6d.; 6, 7s.; 7, 4s.; 8, 2s. 8d.; 13, 5s.; 14, 8s.; 16, 2s. 6d.; 17, 9s. 10d.; 18, 4s.; 19, 3s. 6d.; 21, 4s.; 22, 1s. 11d.): Total: £3 3s. 11d.

PARISH REGISTERS.

Baptisms

April 11. John Seymour Marshall.
April 25. Jennifer Lilian Jones.

DATES TO BE NOTED

Thursday, June 24. Annual Gift Day.
Saturday, September 4. Annual Garden Fete.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHURCH SERVICES

THURSDAY, MAY 6th (Ascension Day).—9 a.m., Holy Communion.

SUNDAY, MAY 9th (Sunday after Ascension Day).—5.30 p.m., Evensong.

SUNDAY, MAY 16th (Whit-Sunday).—9.30 a.m., Holy Communion (with Hymns); 5.30 p.m., Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum. Collections for Sunday School.

SUNDAY, MAY 23rd (Trinity Sunday).—5.30 p.m., Evensong.

SUNDAY, MAY 30th (Trinity I.).—5.30 p.m., Evensong.

HYMNS

May 9. 5.30 p.m., 147, 150, 220, 304.
May 16. 9.30 a.m., 154, 155, 672, 322, 324.
5.30 p.m., 207, Anthem, 154, 604.
May 23. 5.30 p.m., 160, 161, 163, 30.
May 30. 5.30 p.m., 22, 210, 290, 545.

PARISH REGISTERS.

Baptisms

April 11. Judy Violet Southern.
April 25. Clive Anthony Roberts.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Church Expenses, £11 5s. 8d.; *Sick and Needy*, 6s. 3d.; *Church Box*, 12s. 9d.

FIFTY YEARS AGO

The Parish Magazine for May, 1898, contained the following notices:—

"Thursday, May 19th, is Ascension Day, which all Church people should make a point of observing with due and proper solemnity. There will be two celebrations of Holy Communion on Ascension Day at 5 a.m. and 8 a.m., Matins will be said at 10 a.m., and there will be Evensong and Sermon at 7.30 p.m."

The Communicants on Easter Day numbered 132. At the Badsey Vestry Meeting on April 5th, Mr. A. Sparrow and Mr. H. Keen were again elected as Churchwardens. The Churchwardens' accounts were "most satisfactory," a "large deficit" having been converted to a balance in hand of 9s. 1½d.

At the Wickhamford Vestry Meeting on April 7th, Mr. G. Pethard was again elected Churchwarden. The Accounts showed a deficit of £3, but the report continues: "a great deal of money has been raised during the year, and a great many improvements made in the Church. The parishioners have been very self-denying on behalf of the Church."

THE LAMBETH CONFERENCE

In last month's issue of the Magazine, reference was made to the fact that all Bishops of the Anglican Church have been summoned, by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to a Conference at Lambeth Palace in

July. We pass on to consider some of the factors which make such a Conference urgently necessary. Among these factors are:—

(1) *The Legacy of War.* — Some of the Lambeth Bishops represent churches which passed through terrible years: China, Burma, Malaya, the East Indian dioceses—all were overrun by the enemy. Churches were destroyed, congregations scattered, money and equipment lost. British missionaries and leaders had to be withdrawn or were thrown into prison—some were put to death—and in certain parts of the East a determined attempt was made to stamp out Christianity.

How could the young churches survive all this? The Bishops are here to tell us how wonderfully Christians behaved. Many died for their faith like the martyrs of old and where they died, the Church is not weaker but stronger than before. In spite of its losses and its poverty the Church in the Far East is ready to go forward.

Other Churches were affected by the war in other ways. Scores of thousands of simple Africans, Maoris and Indian Christians served in the armed forces, facing a new and bewildering life, but the sincerity of their Christian life opened the eyes of many Europeans to understand for the first time what missionary work has done.

(2) *The Changing Life of the Nations.*—In Europe we know what changes mean—in other continents change is many times more rapid, with the growth of modern civilisation compressed into the space of a few years, and the Church is stretched to the limit, trying to keep pace. Think of India, its whole national structure changed almost overnight. In China, there is to-day a fierce struggle going on between Communism and the rival way of life; in Japan the Church is trying to win for Christ a shattered and defeated country. Africa is on the march, hungry for education, scientific skill and industry, moving away from the old settled ways of life—into what?

In these and other lands the Church has its chance to-day—a chance which may not long be open.

(3) *The Strengthening of Opposition.* — It is no longer the ancient pre-Christian faiths of the East which produce the Church's principal foes: Islam, quiet for centuries, is now strongly hostile in countries like Egypt, and Persia. Enmity to-day comes from new faiths—Communism and Scientific Materialism are contending with religion for the souls of men.

In view of the above factors, the title of this year's Lambeth Conference is "GOD IN HIS WORLD

AND IN HIS CHURCH," and the subjects for discussion include:—

The Christian Doctrine of Man.

The Church and the Modern World.

The Unity of The Church.

We earnestly commend the Conference to the prayers of Churchpeople.

Five of the Bishops from Overseas will be visiting this Diocese during the week-end Saturday, June 12th, to Monday, June 14th, and will be in Evesham in the evening of Saturday, June 12th. It is proposed to organise a Procession of Witness and a United Service in All Saints' Church. Further details will be given next month.

MISSIONARY BOXES

In view of the urgent need for increased support for the work of the Church Overseas, the Missionary Sub-Committee of the Parochial Church Council earnestly appeal for more people to take out a Missionary Box. Copies of the pamphlet "Why take a Missionary Box?" are in the Church. Will those willing to take a Box, please apply to the Vicar or Mrs. J. Major?

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS.

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION)

A branch meeting was held on Tuesday, April 27th, at the Assembly Room, Bell Inn. We were very pleased to welcome Miss Smedley-Crooke (Chairman of the Worcestershire County Committee). She spoke to the members about the arrangements for the County Fair, which is being held at the Guildhall, Worcester, on June 26th, and hoped all members would do their best to help. Afterwards, she gave a very interesting talk on "Being Presented at Court," and showed the members various articles of dress which she had worn on this important occasion. The talk was much enjoyed by all, and a very hearty vote of thanks was accorded to Miss Smedley-Crooke, on the proposition of Mrs. R. Rouse.

A discussion took place regarding the Summer Outing (a visit to Windsor has been suggested), but it was decided to leave further arrangements until the next branch meeting. Refreshments were served and badges were distributed to the members.

We are sorry to hear that Mrs. A. Salter, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. F. Perkins and Mrs. G. Crane are ill, and wish them all a speedy recovery.

Next branch meeting: Tuesday, May 25th, at 8 p.m.
R. M. BARNARD.

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BADSEY FLOWER SHOW

The above Show will be held on Saturday, July 24th. Schedules are now being distributed. Queries regarding these, or applications for copies for friends in other villages who are likely to exhibit in the Open Classes, should be addressed to me.

B. F. P. BLAKE,
Hon. Secretary.

BADSEY REMEMBRANCE HALL COMMITTEE.

We have arranged a Fete and Sports on the Recreation Ground on Saturday, July 3rd. We have engaged the Bretforton Prize Silver Band, a talented Punch and Judy Entertainer, and are arranging a Dancing Display, Children's and Adults' Sports and Competitions, Produce Stall, Ladies' and Gents' Bowling, and many other attractions. We are also arranging a Children's Fancy-Dress Parade and Competition.

H. HATCHER.

5th EVESHAM (1st BADSEY) BOY SCOUTS

The Scouts in the Village are going from strength to strength. Members are steadily increasing and ours is now the foremost troop in this part of the county. Since the last report in the Magazine, the Group has organised a Patrol Leaders' Training Course, which was honoured by a visit from the County Commissioner and the County Secretary. The new District Commissioner (Mr. R. H. New) took the Scout Promise for the first time at this gathering.

During Easter, the troop camped locally in order to be able to attend their own church. Three Patrol Leaders (J. Haines, M. Salter and N. Harris) passed their First-Class Hike. The following week-end, the Scoutmaster and a Scout cycled down to Bournemouth, camping with the Bournemouth Scouts on their local camping ground.

The Group attended two St. George's Day parades—at Badsey in the morning and at Evesham in the afternoon. At the former, the new Cub Colours were carried by P/L. D. Rouse, with Sixer A. Bennett and Sixer C. Evans as escorts. The Scout Colours were carried by S/P/L. C. Perkins, with P/L J. Haines and P/L. N. Harris as escorts. P/L. M. Salter read the Founder's Last Message at the Evesham service, P/S. D. Knight read the Second Lesson.

I have recently been appointed District Scoutmaster by County Headquarters.

Meeting nights during the summer months are as follows: Cubs—Tuesdays, 6.30—8 p.m.; Scouts—Fridays, 7—9 p.m. Other parades as detailed.

The annual Scouts' Fete will be held on Saturday, May 22nd, at the Vicarage (by kind permission of the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman). It will be opened at 3 p.m. Offers of help, produce for sale, or subscriptions will be gratefully received. We are making a special effort this year in order to carry out external repairs and improvements at the Old School.

B. F. P. BLAKE.

NURSING ASSOCIATION

The Annual General Meeting will be held in the Badsey Council School on Tuesday, May 11th, at 6.30 p.m.

I. M. BRADY,
Hon. Secretary.

HISTORY OF BADSEY

(Continued)

The mention of provision for the Poor must be an introduction to the Accounts of the Overseers of the Poor, whose duty was to relieve destitution. According to the account that was given to the Vestry on April 16th, 1661, there was difficulty in raising

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sufficient money for this purpose, so three levies were made and two lists were drawn up of parishioners who had not paid. Of the first levy there were eight who had not paid, and of the second levy no less than nineteen. The last on the list is Christ Church tythes $\frac{3}{4}$. Of the third levy, it is stated "received as yet nothing." This may be due to the restoration of the monarchy which probably caused great changes. It is only fair to say this complaint does not occur again. The amount required at this time was generally about five pounds for the year.

The old folk in need generally had tenpence or one shilling a week. One widow in 1675 was given an extra sixpence on Easter Day. In order to show what was done for children left orphans and destitute I will take one family. The father seems to have died about 1683, leaving a widow and four small boys. She was granted 1s. a week, but in 1685 this was increased to 1s. 6d. In 1688, when the eldest boy was 11, the mother died, and a foster-father was found, who was given 4s. 6d. a week. In 1692 there are some interesting particulars about the children's clothes as follows:—

	s.	d.
for mending boys shoes and for stokings	5	3
for shirts for them	5	0
for three pairs of shoes for them	5	6
for 50 weeks dyet for them at $\frac{4}{2}$ the week	10	8
for cloathes for them	14	0
for skins for breeches for them	3	10
for trimming for the cloathes	1	8
for making them	4	6
for one pair of breeches	1	4
for sending John (2nd boy) to ye salt water	4	2

In addition there is a detailed "bill of what money hath beene laid out for the children—

Imp. for linning cloth and thread	5	8
for woollen cloth 9 yards $\frac{1}{2}$ at 2s. the yard	19	0
for canvas	1	6
for buttons	1	4
for thread		6
for tape		4
for four hatts	5	0
for four pairs of stokens	3	6
for four pair of shoes	5	6
Workmanship for Antho	1	9
for John	1	6
for Thomas	1	4
for Edward	1	4
Expenses in buying the things		6

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The workmanship come to 5 11

li s. d.

In all ... 2 8 9

There is also a certificate from the foster-father:—
A true account of what goods came to me, Anthony Smith with Milands boys.

Imp. one bed, bed steed and corde 1 paire of blankets
1 paire of sheets 3 bolsters.

On the receipt side of the overseers account we find
"Wages for the Boy" li s. d.

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This was probably Anthony, who was fifteen and whose wages were taken for his keep. One wonders whether he was allowed any pocket money.

C.A.B.

(To be continued)

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