

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES.

**Remembrance Sunday (November 7th).** The Services will be as follows:—

- 8 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11 a.m. Matins. The members of the British Legion will parade.  
6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Collections throughout the day for Earl Haig's Fund (Poppy Day Appeal).

**Organ Recital.** Mr. J. Gilbert Mills will give an Organ Recital on Thursday, November 11th, at 7.30 p.m. Soloist: Mr. Henry King. Collection for the War Memorial Fund.

**Sunday, November 21st.** First Communion of the newly Confirmed at 8 a.m.

**Sunday, November 28th (Advent Sunday).** Collections throughout the day for the work of the Church Overseas.

**Sunday School.** Teachers' Meeting at the Vicarage on Tuesday, November 23rd, at 8 p.m.

**Sanctuary Guild.** Service in Church on Thursday, November 11th, at 3 p.m., followed by Meeting in the Parish Room.

**Men's Fellowship.** There was only a moderate attendance at the preliminary Meeting in the Parish Room on October 12th, but the proposal to form a Men's Fellowship received unanimous support. An interesting series of talks has been arranged for the winter months, and it is hoped that many, including the younger men in the village, will join with us in these social gatherings. For the time being, they will be held in the Parish Room on the second Tuesday in the month at 7 p.m. So bring along your smokes (if you can get any!) and give the venture a trial.

Tuesday, November 9th. Speaker: Mr. P. G. Feek (Persnore). Subject: "The History of Clocks and Watches."

Tuesday, December 14th. Speaker: Mr. A. P. Heathfield (Evesham). M.G.S.

**Youth Fellowship.** At a Meeting held in the Parish Room on October 25th, it was decided to try and revive the Youth Fellowship. Mr. Geoffrey Jones was appointed Secretary, and Miss S. Barnard Treasurer. Meetings will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesdays and Fridays from 7 to 9.30 p.m. New Members

will be warmly welcomed. The entrance fee is 1/-, and the subscription 3d. per night. It is hoped to provide a good selection of games and to arrange an attractive programme of events. Membership is confined to members of the congregation who are over 15 years of age. We hope all interested will come along and help to make the venture a success.

**P.C.C.** Next Meeting, Monday, December 6th, in The Parish Room at 7 p.m.

**Guild of Ringers.** The Annual Meeting of the St. James' Guild of Ringers was held on Saturday, October 30th, when the following officers for the year were elected: President—The Vicar; Ringing Master—Mr. G. A. King; Deputy Ringing Master—Mr. A. Reed; Treasurer and Secretary—Mr. G. Temperton; Tower Keeper—Mr. E. Mitchell. The Treasurer's report was read, showing a balance in hand of £5 8s. 6d. New members elected to the Guild were D. Bott, K. Mitchell and L. Mitchell. After discussion, it was decided that the most suitable night for practice was Wednesday. The Rules of the Guild were read. It was found necessary to revise two of them. It was agreed that the fee for ringing at weddings should remain at £2 10s. 0d. After the meeting several touches of Grandsire Triples were rung.  
R.R.S.

**Mothers' Union.** Meetings this month will be held at Seward House on Wednesdays, November 3rd and 17th, at 2.30 p.m. At the opening Meeting of the session on October 20th, Miss Sladden gave a most interesting account of the recent Ordination at Lichfield Cathedral, when her nephew (Mr. J. C. Sladden) was made Deacon.

Congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Reeves (Aldington) who celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary on October 30th. Badsey Church Bells were rung in their honour.

The death of Mr. Geoffrey Jones has removed yet another well-known figure from our midst. He had attained the age of 84 years and was widely esteemed. We extend our sympathy to the members of his family.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Mrs. Bertram Jones, who for several weeks past has been engaged in repairing the Church hassocks. Her score at the moment is nearly 40—a most useful piece of work.

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

Oct. 17th. Anthony James Charles Silvester; Norma Evans.

#### Marriage

Oct. 23rd. Eric Jelfs and Jane Isabel Lillian Woods, both of Badsey.

#### Burial

Oct. 20th. Geoffrey Jones, aged 84 years.



## CHURCH COLLECTIONS

**Church Expenses:** Oct. 3rd, £2 9s.; Oct. 10th, £2 15s. 9d.; Oct. 17th, £2 0s. 1d.; Oct. 24th, £3 10s. 5d.; Oct. 31st, £2 17s. 9d. Total, £13 13s.

**Other Receipts:** Church Box, 7s. 10d.; Rent of Church Land, £1 15s.; Use of Organ, 6s.; Envelopes for Church Expenses, £3 9s. 9d.; Envelopes for Church Overseas, 14s. 3d. (No. 4, 9s.; No. 6, 15s.; No. 7, 6s.; No. 8, 3s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 14, 18s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 5s. 6d.; No. 18, 8s.; No. 19, 1s. 6d.; No. 21, 5s.; No. 22, 2s.). "Thankoffering for Health" Envelopes, £5 6s. 1d.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES.

**Remembrance Sunday (November 7th).** The Services will be as follows:—

9.45 a.m. Service of Remembrance. The members of the British Legion will parade.  
5.30 p.m. Evensong.

**Mothers' Union.** The Service of Re-dedication and Re-affirmation was held in Church on Wednesday, October 20th, and was a most impressive occasion. Five new Members were admitted. We are indebted to Mr. T. H. Knight for officiating at the Organ. Will Members please note that Meetings are held every Wednesday in the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m.

**Men's Fellowship.** Meetings are held every first Wednesday in the month, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room. Mr. C. H. Gardiner has very kindly promised to speak at the Meeting on November 3rd, and Commdr. A. G. Woodward (Beckford) on December 1st. We extend a very cordial invitation to all who are interested. To echo the words of a similar organisation at Cleeve Prior: "A warm room and a friendly circle. Come and bring a pal!"

E.W.S.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (Oct. 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st), £10 18s. 2d.; "Thankoffering for Health" Envelopes, £2 5s. 9d.; Church Box, 7s. 10d.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Women's Institute.** At the October Meeting 73 Members were present, with the President (Mrs. S. B. Carter) in the Chair. Mrs. Shelley was appointed Sick Visitor for the month. Mrs. Savory reported on the Canning Club, and stated that the Club would close on October 21st. Up to date, 877 cans had been used. Bulbs were distributed for the March Bulb Show, and it was announced there would be two Open Classes—one for Daffodils and one for Tulips—members to provide their own Bulbs. Ten members were chosen to attend the Group Meeting at Bretforton on October 26th, and five elected to attend the County Meeting at Worcester on November 5th. Mrs. Mulholland spoke on National Savings, and appealed for a new Savings Secretary. Mrs. Sheard (Offenham) gave a most interesting talk on life in Nigeria. She was thanked by Mrs. A. Sears. The evening's entertainment included a Piano Duet by Mrs. W. Sadler and Mrs. F. Salter, Songs by Eric Salter, Jennifer Salter and Robina Wheatley, and Monologues by Greta Floyd. A pleasant evening concluded with the singing of "Jerusalem."

N. E. KEEN.

**British Legion (Women's Section).** The Annual General Meeting was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, October 26th, when Mrs. Chapman presided over a very good attendance. In her address the Chairman stressed the importance of the observance of Remembrance Day. After the adoption of the Minutes, the Secretary read her report on the year's work. She stated that all Meetings had been well attended, membership had increased, and several donations had been given to the various British Legion charities. Mrs. Major (Treasurer) presented the Statement of Accounts, showing a balance in hand of £50. This was considered very satisfactory.

Mrs. Harvey urged Members to attend the Remembrance Day Service on Sunday, November 7th, and also asked for helpers in the selling of Poppies for the Earl Haig Fund. Mrs. W. Keen, who was appointed delegate to the Worcester Conference, gave an excellent report on the Conference.

Officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President—Mrs. W. B. Chapman; Chairman—Mrs. W. Keen; Vice-Chairman—Mrs. M. Harvey;

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Secretary—Mrs. K. Cleaver; Treasurer—Mrs. J. Major; Standard-Bearer—Mrs. I. Knight. The following were elected to serve on the Committee: Miss Lottie Hartwell, Mrs. F. Barnard, Mrs. N. Cook, Mrs. Andrew, Mrs. Ockwell, Mrs. F. Perkins, Mrs. E. Cleaver and Mrs. Savory.

Mrs. Savory proposed and Mrs. Harvey seconded that a donation of £10 10s. od. be given to the War Memorial Fund.

It was decided to have a Bring and Buy Stall (in aid of Earl Haig Fund) at the next Branch Meeting on Tuesday, November 23rd.

R. M. BARNARD.

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Extracts from

**"A MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOPS ASSEMBLED  
AT LAMBETH"**

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The social order is all the time being made by the thoughts men think, the loyalties they honour, and the deeds they do or leave undone. If the Church is to be to the world as salt, which preserves civilization from corruption and keeps life wholesome, there must be something distinctive about us Christians—in the way we do our daily work, in the homes we

make, and in the standards by which we live. We must take our full part as citizens. Yet, in so doing, we must not forget that we are citizens of a heavenly Kingdom and inheritors of an eternal destiny. While we seek to serve our earthly cities, our allegiance always is to Christ the King; and to hold by that is our highest contribution to the good of those among whom we dwell. For freedom and justice in the world depend on there being enough men and women who say, "We must obey God rather than men."

What is wrong with the world is that it has forsaken or never known the true God and is defying His moral law. We long for peace, but there can be no peace which is not founded on justice, and there can be no justice unless men acknowledge the authority of God. Science is putting into the hands of men new and incalculable power. But this power is turned to disaster and destruction when men forget that it is given by God, to be used for the fulfilment of His purpose. Once we ignore the first and great commandment, we do not long obey the second, and sooner or later ruin follows. "Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and Him only shalt thou serve." Man must worship. Only by so doing can he preserve his true nature and standing as a child of God. The ancient word still speaks to all of us: "Take heed that ye forget not the Lord your God."

Thus the supreme task of the Church to-day is to win the nations of Christendom back to the know-

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ledge of God revealed in Jesus Christ as Judge and Saviour, and to take the good news to those who have not yet heard it. We call on all our people to engage in this campaign and to put themselves into training for it. Every man, woman, and child has his part to take. God, in His mercy, has given to us in our Conference a clearer vision of His will and purpose for His Church and of its mission in the world. To these we bid you dedicate yourselves.

There is no place in the Church for those who will not try to honour the obligations of their membership. We thankfully recognise how many do so honour them, how great is the zeal of many of our younger people, and how much is owed to the witness of faithful congregations and to churchwardens and other office-bearers. But all must take their full share. We must show that we put God first by regular worship on the Lord's Day. We must put our minds to the understanding of our religion, so that we may meet men's doubts and questions with a reasoned faith. We must bring the teaching and example of Christ into our everyday lives. We must do our duty in paying for the Church's work. The Church in the diocese and parish is the key to the

whole situation. The local congregaton is the place where men must find the life of the Great Church, which is God's instrument for the world's salvation. See to it, then, that your congregation is a true community in Christ, that it may influence the common life of its whole neighbourhood.

And since Christ's cause in the world can never be fully served by a divided Church, we also lay upon you the duty to take every opportunity of co-operating with Christians of other Churches, and to work and pray for the Reunion of Christendom.

Finally, we invite all men and women to join with us, under Christ's banner, in the war against the evils which wreck man's life and against the false creeds which debase it. In that war there can be no neutrality. To those who stand aloof Christ says "He that is not with Me is against Me."

So we commend you to God's love. May He supply all your need, according to the riches of His grace.  
Signed on behalf of the Conference,

GEOFFREY CANTUAR.  
President.

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