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Vicar:
Rev. W. B. Chapman, B.D.

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Badsey 343

Church of St. James, Badsey

SUNDAY SERVICES:

8 a.m., Holy Communion (also at 11.40 a.m. on the fourth Sunday).

11 a.m., Matins (except third Sunday).

6.45 p.m., Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES. According to Notice.

Churchwardens: Mr. G. A. King.

Tel. Badsey 301

Mr. G. A. Jones.

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Secretary, P.C.C.: Miss M. E. Sladden.

Tel. Badsey 363

Treasurer, P.C.C.: Mr. C. A. Binyon.

Tel. Badsey 343

Church of St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

SUNDAY SERVICES:

9 a.m., Holy Communion (first Sunday).

11 a.m., Matins (third Sunday).

11.40 a.m., Holy Communion (third Sunday).

5.30 p.m., Evensong.

WEEKDAY SERVICES. According to Notice.

Churchwardens: Mr. G. C. Lees Milne.

Tel. Badsey 215

Mr. G. Agg.

Secretary, P.C.C.: Mrs. E. Cooke.

Tel. Badsey 237

Treasurer, P.C.C.: Mr. G. C. Lees Milne.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

The Carol Service on December 19th was, I believe, very much appreciated. In last month's issue I expressed our indebtedness to Mr. Henry King for training the Choir for this Service, and the value of such training was evident in the singing of the Carols. The readers of the Lessons are to be highly commended, especially when it is remembered that for the younger members of the Choir this was somewhat of an ordeal! The Church looked very lovely for Christmas, and we are grateful to all who helped with the work of decoration. The Midnight Service was most reverent and impressive, and the Services on Christmas morning very well attended. The number of Communicants during the Festival (190) was easily a record. Looking back on Christmas, 1948, I think we may well "thank God and take courage."

We are sorry to lose Mr. and Mrs. Floyd, who have rendered very faithful service in various directions, but we wish them every happiness in their new home at Norton. We know they will retain their interest in Badsey Church, and we hope to see them frequently in the future.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Harrison and of the late Miss Pansy Hutchings.

It will soon be twelve months since I came into residence in Badsey. The past year has been an eventful and strenuous time. Many problems have had to be faced—of some of them I was quite unaware when I accepted the living. Thanks to your loyal support and co-operation we have found solutions to some of them, and I believe we can deal with the others. Much kindness has been shown to me and to the members of my family, for which we are deeply grateful.

May God bless you all in 1949.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

NOTES AND NOTICES

MOTHERS' UNION.—The New Year Party will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 4th, in the Assembly Room, Bell Inn, at 4.30 p.m. The next Branch Meeting will be on Wednesday, Jan. 19th, at Seward House at 2.30 p.m. Speaker: The Vicar.

SANCTUARY GUILD.—There will be no Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 13th. The New Year Party will be held on Monday, Jan. 17th, in the Assembly Room, Wheatsheaf Inn, at 6 p.m. Names of those wishing to attend should be given to Mrs. Chapman not later than Monday, Jan. 10th, in order that catering arrangements can be made.

P.C.C. — Next Meeting, Monday, Feb. 7th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m. The audited Annual Accounts will be presented, and arrangements made for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—The good attendance at our last meeting seemed to prove that this new venture is a worth while effort, and it is hoped that there are others who will avail themselves of the opportunity of spending a sociable and instructive evening at future gatherings.

On Dec. 14th, Mr. A. P. Heathfield read a paper entitled "A Dish of Brains," which not only provoked a very lively discussion, but provided food for much serious thought.

We are looking forward to what should be a most interesting talk by Mr. E. W. Sturt, on Tuesday, Jan. 11th, on "Law and the Common Man." Our visitor has wide experience on this subject, and no doubt will inform us on many points which it is our duty as citizens to know.

We are to be favoured, on Feb. 8th, by a visit from Mr. C. E. Miller, M.A., Headmaster of Prince Henry's Grammar School. He will give an account of his recent visit to Germany, and his impressions of that country at the present time.

If you are interested, don't wait for a personal invitation. Look in at 7 p.m. and you will be welcomed by many friends.

M.G.S.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The experiment of holding the Prize Distribution after the Scholars' Carol Service on Sunday, Dec. 26th, was fully justified. We were very glad to have with us a good number of adults, but we had hoped to see more of the parents. The Churchwardens (Messrs. G. A. King and G. A. Jones) spoke with such fluency and distributed the Prizes with such efficiency as to suggest that they attended similar functions every week! The Scholars and Teachers must surely be stimulated by their words.

The New Year Party will be held on Saturday, Jan. 15th, in the Old School—Juniors 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m., Seniors 5.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. We shall be grateful for donations and gifts of food.

There will be a Teachers' Meeting at The Vicarage on Friday, Jan. 7th, at 8 p.m.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.—The Scouts had their revenge in the return Table Tennis Match, winning by 16 games to 8. Scores (Youth Fellowship names first): D. Edwards beat C. Andrew 2—1; G. Jones beat C. Perkins 2—1; D. Brazier beat L. Grinnell 2—1; B. Jennings lost to K. Mitchell 1—2; M. Salter lost to J. Bennett 1—2; D. Barrand lost to R. Sandford 0—3; N. Harris lost to J. Andrew 0—3; T. Sparrow lost to A. Vale 0—3.

Both teams have won one match; a "decider" is being arranged.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES.

CHURCH OVERSEAS

It is gratifying to note that contributions from this parish during 1948 amounted to £27 2s. 10d., compared with £13 9s. 1d. in 1947. This sum has been allocated as follows: S.P.G. £23 18s. 5d., Lebombo Mission £1 2s. 3d., S.P.C.K. £2 2s. 2d. Contributions were received from: Sunday School £3, S. Luke's Day Envelopes (Medical Missions) £5 6s. 1d.; Boxes £7 15s. 4d.; Envelopes £5 11s. 3d., Church Collections (Ascension Day and Harvest Thanksgiving) £5 10s. 2d. Total £27 2s. 10d.

In addition to those acknowledged last month, Boxes have been received from Mrs. Harvey and David Rouse.

WAR MEMORIAL TABLET

The design for the Tablet has been approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee, and a Faculty has been applied for. It is disappointing, however, to report that at the moment only about half the estimated cost of the Tablet has been covered by subscriptions. Will intending subscribers please send their gifts as soon as possible to Mr. J. E. Knight or Mr. P. H. Sparrow.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Dec. 19th.—Roger John Remington Powell; Gillian Norma Grove; David Glyndwr Pritchard
Dec. 26th.—David George Caunter.

Burials

Dec. 21st.—Maud Naomi Harrison, aged 59 years.
Dec. 23rd.—Edith Pansy Hutchings, aged 25 years.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

CHURCH COLLECTIONS: Dec. 5th, £2 9s. 6d.; Dec. 12th, £3 5s. 5d.; Dec. 19th, £3 5s.; Dec. 26th, £3 10s.; Total £12 9s. 11d.

OTHER RECEIPTS: Church of England Children's Society, Collections (Dec. 24th-25th) £7 7s. 11d., Box (Mr. C. A. Binyon) 14s. 9d., Total £8 2s. 8d. Envelopes for Church Expenses £3 10s. 8d. Envelopes for Church Overseas 13s. 6d. (No. 3, 5s.; No. 4, 5s.; No. 6, 14s.; No. 7, 3s.; No. 8, 2s. 8d.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 4s. 9d.; No. 13, 6s.; No. 14, 24s.; No. 16, 1s. 6d.; No. 17, 6s. 9d.; No. 18, 6s.; No. 19, 1s. 6d.). Church Box £1 3s. 1d.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My Dear Friends,

At a Meeting of the members of the Mothers' Union on December 15th, Mrs. Heather, on behalf of the members, presented a Prayer Book to Mrs. Pearce "as a token of affection, and gratitude for her devoted service to the branch." We all recognise how much we owe to Mrs. Pearce in this connection.

The Sunday School Scholars had a delightful Service of Preparation for Christmas on Sunday morning, Dec. 19th. At the conclusion of the Service, Mr. Pearce and Mr. Sturt—both good friends to the Sunday School—distributed the annual Awards. Mr. Sturt in a short but telling address paid a tribute to the faithful work of our teachers—Miss Cox, Miss Lawley, and Miss Avis Colley.

The members of the Choir are to be congratulated on the Carol Service on Sunday, Dec. 19th. Such a Service entailed a great amount of preparation, but we hope the general expression of appreciation has made the members feel how well worth while it all was. I hope this Service will become an annual event.

As in former years, the members of the Choir have toured the Village carol singing, and have met with a very generous response.

We are grateful to those who decorated the Church so beautifully for the Christmas Festival. The Service on Christmas morning was full of joy and inspiration, and the number of communicants well up to standard.

Commander Woodward's talk to the Men's Fellowship on Dec. 1st was most interesting and instructive, and was enhanced by the exhibition of two excellent coloured films. On Wed., Jan. 5th, we shall welcome a visit from Mr. C. A. Binyon, who will take as his subject, "Reminiscences of a J.P." No words of mine are needed to emphasise the interest of such a talk, and we hope we shall have a "full house."

As I have stated in my Badsey and Aldington letter, it is now nearly twelve months since I came to this district. Wickhamford has come to mean a great deal

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to me and to the members of my family. I should like to say how very deeply we have appreciated the many kindnesses you have shown us, and the way you have welcomed us into your homes.

May God's blessing rest upon you in the New Year.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS. — Church Expenses (Dec. 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th), £10 9s. 7d.; Church of England Children's Society (Dec. 25th), £3 12s. 8d.

Mrs. Savory (on behalf of the Canning Club) presented Mrs. Sadler with a Fruit Set, and Mrs. A. W. Sparrow (on behalf of W.I. Members) presented Mrs. Whitford with a Pot Plant. A programme of competitions and games followed. Prizes were won by Mrs. Pratley, Mrs. T. Perkins, Mrs. E. Mitchell, Mrs. F. Sandford, Mrs. R. Rouse, Mrs. F. Haines, Mrs. A. Reed, Mrs. E. Wheatley, and Mrs. R. Hartwell. In addition, Dance Prizes were won by Mrs. Jennings, Mrs. Floyd, Mrs. A. L. Byrd, and Mrs. A. W. Sparrow. Ices were provided by the President, and coffee and cakes were served later in the evening. A very pleasant evening concluded with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

N. E. KEEN.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The 21st Birthday Party was held on Wednesday, Dec. 8th. Ninety Members were present, including Mrs. S. B. Carter (President), Mrs. Byrd (President of Bretforton W.I.), and Mrs. Berry (a former Treasurer, who now lives at Malvern). Apologies were received from Mrs. Caldecott (President of Offenham W.I.), and Mrs. E. Carter (former President). After an excellent meat tea the President invited Miss Jones, as the first Secretary and Treasurer, to cut the Birthday Cake, which had been made by Mrs. Whitford. Through the generosity of two members, who wish to remain anonymous, various toasts were drunk.

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION). — A Branch Meeting was held at the Headquarters, The Bell Inn, on Tuesday, 21st December. Mrs. W. Keen presided over a good attendance of members. After the adoption of the minutes, members were told of the arrangements made for a visit to the pantomime at Coventry Hippodrome on Thursday, 13th January, 1949. It was also announced that the Annual Party would be held at the Royal Oak Assembly Room on 25th January. The competition for the monthly parcel was won by Mrs. F. Barnard. Miss L. Hartwell won the competition for the eggs (given by Miss C. Barnard) but she kindly suggested that two more entries should

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be chosen and Mrs. F. Barnard and Mrs. Dungworth shared the prize. Refreshments were then served by members of the committee. The President (Mrs. W. B. Chapman) presented Mrs. Warmington with a handsome clock from the members as a token of their appreciation of all the work she had so willingly done for the Women's Section of the British Legion. The Christmas competition then took place, the winners being I. E. Homans, Colin Harwood, Terry Brotherton, Miss P. Keen, Mrs. C. Haines, Mrs. T. Keen, Mrs. W. D. Sparrow, Mrs. Plimmer, Mrs. Waldren, Miss B. Collins, Mr. D. Harwood, Mrs. Simmonds, C. G. Beechey, John Clarke, W. Hartwell, Mr. D. Jelfs, Mr. V. Barnes.

K. CLEAVER.

A BISHOP'S LAST MESSAGE

The Bishop of Salisbury (Dr. G. C. L. Lunt) before he died on December 17th, wrote a new year message in which he said that only by trying to give satisfaction could people find satisfaction.

His letter, published in the "Sarum Messenger," read: "I wish each one of you a happy New Year, but if 1949 is to be a happy year for you it will be so because of something inside you yourself."

"Our daily papers make anything but joyful reading. The revelations of the Lynskey Tribunal have made fairly sordid reading, the appalling increase of crime, the widespread break-up of home and family life, the sluggish and unworthy response to the appeal for recruits for the Territorial Army; these and kindred symptoms make one wonder whether our people today are really those folk who, in the darkest days of 1940-1, were the admiration of the free peoples of the world and the despair of Hitler and his gang."

"A change seems to have come over us, and not for the better."

The Bishop continues: "It is only as we seek to do our bit in home, office, farm or factory, as our contribution towards making our country richer, better and sounder, that we shall find that bit worth doing, and shall discover a secret source of happiness and satisfaction which will make 1949 a happy year for us."

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