

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES.

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday (March 2nd): 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m., Mothers' Union Service.

Sundays: Services as usual (see outside of Cover).

Thursdays: 10 a.m., Holy Communion (except March 3rd and 24th);
4.15 p.m., Children's Service (Juniors);
6 p.m., Children's Service (Seniors);
7.30 p.m., Lent Service.

Sunday, March 27th: 3 p.m., "Mothering Sunday" Service.

(N.B.—The list of Holy Week and Easter Services will be published next month.)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on *Monday, March 21st*, at 7.15 p.m. It will be preceded at 7 p.m. by the Joint Meeting for the election of Churchwardens. All members of the Electoral Roll should regard it as a duty to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. 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 annual Financial Statement. The Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year will be elected, and representatives to the Ruridecanal Conference appointed.

W.B.C.

CHURCH FETE AND GIFT DAY

After the Church Fête last September there was a general expression of opinion that the Fête ought to be held earlier in the year. At the February Meeting of the Parochial Church Council the matter was fully discussed and it was decided to hold the Fête on *Saturday, June 18th*, in view of the fact that two Fêtes had already been arranged for July. It is hoped that this earlier date will meet with approval, and that all who love and value Badsey Church will support this annual effort. The "Budget" which will be presented at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting will reveal how much will depend on the financial result of the Fête.

It was also decided that the annual Gift Day should be held on *Thursday, September 22nd*. It will thus be linked up with the Harvest Thanksgiving on Sunday, September 25th.

W.B.C.

NOTES AND NOTICES

Mothers' Union.—Will Members please note the following arrangements:—

Wednesday, March 2nd (Ash Wednesday): 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m., Service in Church, followed by Meeting at Seward House.

Wednesday, March 16th: 2.30 p.m., Meeting at Seward House. It is hoped that *all* members will attend, in order that preparations can be made for the "Mothering Sunday" Service on Sunday, March 27th.

Friday, March 25th (The Annunciation): 10 a.m., Holy Communion.

Sunday, March 27th: 3 p.m., "Mothering Sunday" Service. The Members will sing "Breathe on me, Breath of God," and the lessons will be read by a Mothers' Union Member and a Sunday School Scholar.

N.B.—Members are asked to make it as widely known as possible that this Service is *NOT* for "Women and Children only"!

Men's Fellowship.—At the monthly Meeting on January 11th, members were asked if they would care to attend an interim Meeting on January 25th for the purpose of discussing a few subjects among themselves. The response fully justified this experiment, with the result that a very enjoyable session brought to light varying opinions in a most friendly atmosphere.

On February 8th there was a record attendance, with more new faces, to welcome Mr. C. E. Miller, M.A., who gave his personal account and opinions of the work the Control Commission is doing in Germany, with emphasis on Education. This was all the more interesting, coming from the "Man on the spot," and the many and varied questions which followed proved that the interest of the audience was considerable.

The final Meeting for this season will be on March 8th at 7 p.m., when Mr. Nisbett's subject will be "Falconry."

M.G.S.

Sanctuary Guild.—At the Meeting on February 10th it was decided that the March and April Meetings should be held in the evening, i.e., immediately after the Lent Services on Thursdays, March 10th and April 7th (instead of April 14th). Refreshments on March 10th will be provided by the Third Sunday Group.

Choir.—The Annual Dinner for the adult Members and the Ringers, held at The Royal Oak on January 27th, was a very happy and successful function. It was fully reported in the local newspaper, and it only remains for us to express our gratitude to Mr. and Mrs. L. Mustoe for their efforts on our behalf.

The Choir Boys were entertained to Tea in the Parish Room on February 10th. Grateful thanks are due to Miss Wixey and Mr. Laurence for their most generous help, and also to the following for gifts of food and for help in the preparation of the Tea—Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Turrell, Mrs. P. Hall, Miss Hall, Miss Smith, Miss Angela Chapman, and Mr. G. Crisp.

Churchyard Fund.—The collection of annual subscriptions is now being made. The following have very kindly volunteered to act as Collectors: Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Mrs. Crane, Mrs. A. L. Byrd, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. R. Knight, Miss Sadler, Mrs. Pethard, Miss Allard, Mr. Savory.

THE ENGLISH PRAYER BOOK 1549—1949

Throughout the Church of England the Prayer Book is rightly regarded as a very great treasure. The first English Prayer Book was ordered to come into general use not later than Whitsunday (June 9th), 1549, i.e., exactly 400 years ago. Sunday, June 19th, has been appointed as a day when Services of Thanksgiving for the Prayer Book are to be held throughout the Church of England. Special Forms of Service for use on this day are being prepared.

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

Jan. 30th. Patricia Ovard.
Feb. 20th. Glyn Llewellyn Cyril Lewis.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Jan. 30th, £3 7s. 5d.; Feb. 6th, £2 19s. 8d.; Feb. 13th, £3 8s. 7d. Total, £9 15s. 8d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Church Overseas (Feb. 20th, Evening), £2 6s. 7d.; Envelopes (Jan.): Church Expenses, £3 os. 4d.; Church Overseas, 10s. 10d. Total, £3 11s. 2d. (No. 4, 11s.; No. 6, 12s.; No. 7, 6s.; No. 8, 7s. 8d.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 5s.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 16, 3s.; No. 17, 7s.; No. 18, 6s.; No. 22, 3s. 6d.).

SERVERS ON DUTY

March 6th. 8.0, B. Jennings.
March 13th. 8.0, D. Edwards.
March 20th. 8.0, J. Hatcher.
March 27th. 8.0, D. Knight.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES.

LENT SERVICES

Ash Wednesday (March 2nd): 9 a.m., Holy Communion.

Sundays: 9 a.m., Holy Communion (Sundays, March 6th and April 3rd).

11 a.m., Matins and Holy Communion (Sunday, March 20th).

5.30 p.m., Evensong (Sunday, March 27th. "Mothering Sunday" Service).

(N.B.—The list of Holy Week and Easter Services will be published next month.)

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

This Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on *Wednesday, March 16th, at 7.15 p.m.* It will be preceded at 7 p.m. by the Joint Meeting for the election of Churchwardens. (For the Agenda, etc., please refer to Badsey and Aldington Notes.)

Men's Fellowship.—The fascinating talk by Mr. R. Wilson on "Dialects" at the February Meeting will be long remembered by the members, who were unanimously of the opinion that the high standard of previous Meetings had been more than maintained. The concluding Meeting of the session will be held in the Parish Room on Wednesday, March 2nd, at 7 p.m., when Mr. K. G. Johnson will speak on "Problems of Punishment."

Mothers' Union.—Meetings continue to be well attended. Will all members please note the plans for this month:—

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Wednesday, March 2nd (Ash Wednesday): 9 a.m., Holy Communion; 2.30 p.m., Meeting in the Parish Room.

Wednesdays, March 9th, 16th, 23rd: Meetings as usual.

Sunday, March 27th: 5.30 p.m., "Mothering Sunday" Service. The members of the Mothers' Union will sing "Jesu, good above all other." The first Lesson will be read by a Sunday School Scholar, and the second by a member of the Mothers' Union.

Sunday School.—We are very glad to welcome Miss Barbara Willis as a Teacher. In December she was the recipient of a Special Award for "good work as a Scholar for several years." It is very encouraging when those who have passed through the various classes of the Sunday School come forward, in due time, as Teachers.

Sanctuary Guild.—A meeting of Members will be held towards the end of March, at the Vicarage. The date and time will be announced later.

A.M.C.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES
(Jan. 30th, Feb. 6th, Feb. 13th, Feb. 20th):
£7 19s. 0d.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

5th EVESHAM (1st BADSEY) BOY SCOUTS

On January 20th and 21st, the Scouts produced a Variety Show. The following was the Programme:—

Piano Solo — June Bennett;

Monologues — Dawn Haines;

Piano-Accordion Solos — Mr. W. Capaldi (accompanied by "Johnny");

Vocal Solos — Mr. G. Temperton;

Sketch, "The King's Rations" — by the following Cubs: B. Hurman, A. Rose, A. Sears, C. Evans, J. Jelfs, M. Stewart, H. Wheatley, R. Salter, G. Young, R. Jones, A. Bennett, M. Young, G. Evans, and T. Knight;

Sketch, "Bedtime Story" — by the following Scouts: J. Bennett, D. Brown, A. Vale, J. Haines, K. Mitchell, B. Grinnell and G. Corbett;

Potted Pantomime, "Dick Whittington" by the following Scouts: M. Salter, K. Mitchell, J. Bennett, A. Vale, D. Knight, R. Hall, E. Salter, B. Grinnell, R. Sandford, R. Martin, J. Andrew, G. Corbett and J. Haines.

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The Cubs' sketch was produced by Mrs. Hurman and Mr. G. Jones. The Show was compered by the Scoutmaster (Mr. B. Blake).

Large audiences were present on both nights, and the Show reflected great credit on all concerned. Refreshments were served by members of the Parents' Committee.

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION)

The Annual Party was held on Tuesday, January 25th, at the Royal Oak Assembly Room, when about 70 members enjoyed Supper, prepared by Mr. and Mrs. L. Mustoe. The Entertainment consisted of Monologues and Songs, and a Sketch presented by the Bretforton Players added to the enjoyment. Games and dancing to the music of Mr. S. Allen's amplifier continued until 11.30 p.m., when the singing of the National Anthem brought the Party to a close.

M. K. CLEAVER.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE

At the February Meeting the President (Mrs. S. B. Carter) announced that the following Members had been appointed Vice-Presidents:—Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Pratley, Mrs. Savory, and Miss Ella Jones. Mrs. Carter also announced that the Speaker for the evening (Mrs. Nightingale) was unable to attend owing to a bereavement. Mrs. Savory then took over the duties of Chairman. Mrs. A. Sears was appointed Chairman of a Sub-Committee to be responsible for Members' Night. Ten Members volunteered to attend the Group Meeting at Cleeve Prior on Thursday, March 10th. Mrs. Carter gave a talk on "Meals in other Countries" (Denmark, Czechoslovakia, Sweden and France). Many mouths "watered" at the mention of the lavish fare provided! She was thanked on the proposition of Mrs. W. Sadler. The social half-hour was taken up with Olde Tyme Dancing. Mrs. W. Sears was the winner of the parcel. A most enjoyable evening closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

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