

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday, April 3rd (PASSION SUNDAY). 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins; 6.45 p.m., Evensong.

Thursday, April 7th. 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 4.15 p.m., Children's Service (Juniors); 6 p.m., Children's Service (Seniors); 7.30 p.m., Evensong. Preacher, Rev. G. C. Binyon.

Sunday, April 10th (PALM SUNDAY). 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Holy Communion (with Hymns), Blessing and Distribution of Palms. 6.45 p.m., Evensong, and Distribution of Palms.

Monday, April 11th, Tuesday, April 12th, Wednesday, April 13th. 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 7.30 p.m., Evensong and Devotional Reading.

Thursday, April 14th (MAUNDY THURSDAY). 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 7.30 p.m., Service of Preparation for Easter Communion.

Friday, April 15th (GOOD FRIDAY).

10 a.m., Children's Service.

2-3 p.m., "The Watch at The Cross," conducted by Rev. H. F. Atkins, Rector of Church Lench.

7 p.m., Programme of Passion Music by Mr. J. Gilbert Mills.

7.30 p.m., "The Calvary Road" (A Dramatisation of the events of the first Good Friday).

Sunday, April 17th (EASTER DAY).

7 a.m., Holy Communion.

8 a.m., Holy Communion.

11 a.m., Holy Communion (with Hymns).

3.30 p.m., Holy Baptism.

6.45 p.m., Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum.

Sunday, April 24th (LOW SUNDAY). 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Matins; 11.40 a.m., Holy Communion; 6.45 p.m., Evensong.

HYMNS AND PSALMS FOR THE MONTH

Sunday, April 3rd. 11 a.m., 96 (Tune 50), 112. Psalm 121.

6.45 p.m., 13, 96 (Tune 50), 106, 107. Psalm 16.

Sunday, April 10th. 11 a.m., 98, 99, 315, 332, 172.

6.45 p.m., 98, 108, 647 (Tune 12). Psalm 130.

Sunday, April 17th. 11 a.m., 134, 125, 135, 131, 555 (Tune 298).

6.45 p.m., 134, 135, 136, 140. Psalm 114.

Sunday, April 24th. 11 a.m., 135, 758. Psalm 112.

6.45 p.m., 125, 499, 232, 30. Psalm 113.

Among the Services for Holy Week and Easter I would commend very specially to your notice (1) The Services on Palm Sunday; (2) The Service of Preparation for Easter Communion; (3) "The Watch at The Cross" on Good Friday; (4) The arrangements for Good Friday evening. At 7 p.m. Mr. J. Gilbert Mills will play Passion Music, and this will be followed by a dramatised version of the events of the first Good Friday with solos by Mrs. A. Reed and Mr. L. Bott; (5) The times of the celebrations of Holy Communion on Easter Day. I ask you to pray that God's blessing may rest upon our Services. W.B.C.

NOTES AND NOTICES

Sanctuary Guild. Next Meeting, Thursday, April 7th (instead of April 14th) in the Parish Room, after Service in Church at 7.30 p.m. All Members are urged to make a special effort to attend. Subjects for discussion include Easter Decorations, Church Fete, etc.

Sunday School. On Monday, February 28th, the Sunday School Teachers, past and present, were the guests of the Misses Sladden at Seward House. A very delightful evening was spent, and we are most grateful to our hostesses for their great kindness. Mention should also be made of those who helped with the preparation and serving of refreshments, and of Mr. M. Savory who was, as always, a most efficient M.C.

Mothers' Union. The closing Meeting of the session will be held on Wednesday, April 6th, at Seward House at 2.30 p.m. It is hoped all Members will attend.

The Diocesan Festival Service will be held in the Cathedral on Wednesday, June 1st at 3 p.m.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday, April 4th, in the Parish Room, at 7.30 p.m.

Men's Fellowship. Another interim Meeting was held on February 22nd, when various subjects for discussion were introduced by members in a most commendable manner. This produced the other fellow's point of view which resulted in a very pleasant evening.

The last monthly talk for this season was given by Mr. Nisbett on March 8th to a full house. "Falconry" was a subject of which the great majority, if not all, possessed no knowledge and the able and lucid way in which it was treated was a great finish to this season's programme.

The unanimous thanks of all members were tendered to the Vicar for introducing this social activity to Badsey, thereby fostering the spirit of camaraderie which is an essential part of a full life. Appreciation was also expressed to Mrs. Chapman and her daughter for attending to the refreshments throughout.

Major S. B. Carter has consented to open next season's activities on October 11th and the usual welcome is extended to all.

M.G.S. (Secretary).

[Editor's Note.—A great deal of the credit for the success of the first session of the Fellowship is due to the Secretary. He has been tireless in his efforts to promote a really "live" Society, and his enthusiasm and efficiency have meant a great deal to us all.]

SERVERS ON DUTY

Sunday, April 3rd.	8.0.—D. Barrand.
Sunday, April 10th.	8.0.—L. Mitchell.
	11.0.—B. Jennings and D. Edwards.
Sunday, April 17th.	7.0.—B. Blake.
	8.0.—J. Hatcher.
	11.0.—R. G. Jackson (Featherstone Parish Church).
Sunday, April 24th.	8.0.—D. Knight.
Sunday, May 1st.	8.0.—D. Barrand.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

February 27th, £3 os. 6d.; March 6th, £2 11s. 5d.; March 13th, £3 2s. 8d.; March 20th (Evening) £2 1s. 6d.; Weekdays in Lent, £3 3s. 8d. Total £13 19s. 9d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Use of Organ, 6s.; Church Box, 3s. 10d.; Donation (Anonymous) 10s.; Covenants, £4; Envelopes (February), Church Expenses, £3 9s. 0d.; Church Overseas, 13s. 6d. Total £4 2s. 6d. (No. 4, 11s.; No. 6, 15s.; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 2s. 6d.; No. 13, 4s.; No. 14, 18s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 8s. 3d.; No. 18, 6s.; No. 22, 3s. 9d.). Churchyard Fund Subscriptions (to 21st March) £48 8s. 3d. (Mrs. Bomford, £1; Miss C. E. Byrd, 10s.; Mrs. Hooke 10s.; Mrs. Gaukrodger, 10s.; per Mrs. A. L. Byrd, £4 16s. 0d.; per Mr. M. G. Savory, £14 3s. 6d.; per Mrs. W. H. Reed, £4 12s. 0d.; per Mrs. Pethard, £2 12s. 0d.; per Mrs. Edwards, £7 4s. 3d.; per Mrs. A. W. Ballard, £8 7s. 6d.; per Mrs. L. H. Sparrow, £4 3s. 0d.)

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISM

March 20th.—Margaret Elizabeth Emms.

MARRIAGE

March 5th.—Philip Wyndham Vokins, Evesham, and Vera Maud Hall, Badsey.

BURIALS

March 9th.—Ada Mary Ellison, aged 60 years.
March 10th.—Rupert Ivor Hewlett, aged 49 years.

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WICKHAMFORD NOTES

LENT, HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Sunday, April 3rd (PASSION SUNDAY). 9 a.m., Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m., Evensong.
Sunday, April 10th (PALM SUNDAY). 2.30 p.m., "This Holy Week" (A Service for Children); 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Distribution of Palms.
Friday, April 15th (GOOD FRIDAY). 5.30 p.m., "A Hymn Service of The Passion."
Sunday, April 17th (EASTER DAY). 9.30 a.m., Holy Communion (with Hymns). 5.30 p.m., Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum.
Sunday, April 24th (LOW SUNDAY). 5.30 p.m., Evensong.

HYMNS AND PSALMS FOR THE MONTH

Sunday, April 3rd, 96, 200, 263, 107. Psalm 16.
Sunday, April 10th, 98, 99, 647 (Tune 12). Psalms 133 and 134.
Friday, April 15th, 111, 106, 183, 332, 108.
Sunday, April 17th, 9.30 a.m., 134, 135, 140, 322, 131.
5.30 p.m., 134, Anthem, 135, 140. Psalm 126.
Sunday, April 24th, 125, 136, 504, 30. Psalm 113.
I hope that as many as possible will come to the "Hymn Service of The Passion" on Good Friday, when the Lessons will be read by Mr. Sturt, Mr. Parry, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Newbury. I have arranged this Service at the usual time of Sunday Evensong (viz., 5.30 p.m.) to enable anyone who wishes to go on to the Good Friday Evening Service at Badsey to do so. Please note that Holy Communion on Easter Day is at 9.30 a.m. (not 9 a.m.). I ask you to pray for God's blessing on our Services. W.B.C.

Collections for Church Expenses (February 27th, March 6th, 13th, 20th) £9 9s. 9d.

Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Pearce, Mr. Sturt, Mr. Willis, and Mr. Gordon Willis for relaying the Church Path.

Men's Fellowship. At the closing Meeting of the session, on Wednesday, March 2nd, Mr. K. G. Johnson gave a very thoughtful talk on "Problems of Punishment." The interest created by the talk was shown in the animated discussion which followed. The Meetings throughout the session have been most enjoyable and profitable, and the success of the venture holds out great hopes for the future. We owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Sturt for his excellent work as Secretary, and to Messrs. Pearce and Newbury for the provision of refreshments. Meetings will re-start on the first Wednesday in October.

VESTRY MEETING AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

At the Vestry Meeting on March 16th, Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. G. Agg was unanimously re-elected People's Warden. The Churchwardens were thanked for their services during the past year.
At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting Mrs. Cooke (Secretary, P.C.C.) presented the revised Electoral Roll containing 190 names (an increase of four). Mrs. Cooke also reported on the work of the P.C.C. during the past year, and referred to the new Boundary Wall—the gift of Mr. Lees-Milne and Mr. Cooke. Mr. Lees-Milne (Treasurer) in present-

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ing the Financial Statement, reported that collections for Church Expenses amounted to over £115 (as compared with £85 in 1947). The payments for ordinary Church Expenses amounted to £81 17s. 4d., but the balance had been almost absorbed by certain exceptional expenses. However, the financial position remained sound. The total of collections for Special Objects was £53 16s. 1d.

The following elections took place:—

Ruridecanal Conference: Mrs. Pearce (vice Mrs. Sheppard, resigned).

Parochial Church Council: Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Hancock, Mrs. Walters, Mrs. Hodges, Miss Cox, Miss Lawley, Mr. Pearce, Mr. Sheppard, Mr. Parry, Mr. Sturt, Mr. Willis, Mr. Newbury, Mr. F. Southern, Mr. E. Hall, Mr. T. H. Knight, Mr. Daffurn.

Sidesmen: Re-elected en bloc.

In his report on the Fabric, Goods, and Ornaments, Mr. Lees-Milne read extracts from a report on a recent inspection of the Church by Mr. E. A. Roiser (Cheltenham, Architect to Hereford Cathedral). Mr. Roiser emphasised the serious damage done by Wood Worm, and made recommendations as to necessary repairs. It was agreed that the P.C.C. should study the Architect's report in detail at the next Meeting, which was arranged for Wednesday, April 6th, at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room.

The Vicar thanked all Church workers for their loyal help during the past year. It was evident, he stated, that a large sum would have to be raised for the repairs specified by Mr. Roiser, but he had no doubt that Wickhamford Churchpeople would rise to the occasion.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion (Women's Section).

A Branch Meeting was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, 22nd February. Mrs. W. Keen presided over a good attendance of members. After refreshments had been served, members welcomed Mr. G. S. D. Aldrich and Mr. C. Alcock from Evesham. Mr. Alcock gave a very interesting account of his visit to the Annual Conference in London. On behalf of all members, Mrs. L. Sparrow proposed a hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Aldrich and Mr. Alcock.

M. K. Cleaver.

Badsey Remembrance Hall Committee.

We are holding our Annual Fete on Saturday, 2nd July, on the Recreation Ground. We are endeavouring to improve on last year's programme, and have hired a Marquee in which to hold the Punch and Judy Show, Dancing Display, and Conjuring and Ventriloquial Show in the evening. The usual Children's Sports, Fancy Dress Parade for competitors up to school leaving age, Bowling, Stalls, and Auction Sale will be included, and refreshments will be available.

A meeting of the Committee with Mr. Stubbs (the County Organiser for Village Halls) was held recently, and was most helpful. A number of "forms" have been completed, and we are hoping for the best.

H. L. Hatcher.

Women's Institute.

At the monthly meeting Mrs. L. Shelley reported on the recent whist drive, and it was agreed that £2 from the proceeds should be handed to the Village

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Hall War Memorial Fund. Mrs. T. Knight, the Institute's oldest member, presented the prizes to the winners of the annual bulb show. They were: Mrs. M. Savory, first prize and silver cup for the best exhibit in the show; Miss Ella Jones, 2; and Mrs. S. B. Carter, 3. Mrs. W. Sparrow, junr., won the prize for daffodils. Mrs. A. Sears will present a silver cup to the competitor with the highest aggregate number of points in the show. A programme of entertainment included items by Mrs. W. Sadler and Mrs. F. Salter, Miss Marjorie Hartwell, Miss Dawn Haines, Mrs. M. Harvey, and a sketch, "Mrs. Hamblet records her vote" by Mrs. M. Savory, Mrs. M. Jennings and Miss V. Sadler. Mrs. A. Sears was thanked for arranging an enjoyable programme.

N. E. Keen

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Vestry Meeting and A.P.C.M.

At the Vestry Meeting on March 21st, Mr. G. A. King was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. G. A. Jones was unanimously re-elected as People's Warden. Both Wardens were thanked for their services during the past year.

At the A.P.C.M. Miss Sladden presented the revised Electoral Roll containing 371 names (a decrease of 6). Two most interesting 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. In the latter,

Mr. King referred to the recent inspection of the Church by Mr. E. A. Roiser and to the recommendations made. It was estimated that the repairs to the Tower, etc. would cost about £700. The P.C.C. were to discuss the Architect's Report, and decide the order in which the repairs should be carried out. The Financial Statement for 1948, presented by Mr. Binyon, showed Receipts amounting to £584 and payments to £396. The accumulated Balance of £323 3s. 8d. had been dealt with as follows: Transfer to Fabric Fund, £220 6s. 7d., Balance carried forward, £102 17s. 1d. Mr. Binyon estimated that a sum of £100 would be needed from the Church Fete and Gift Day this year to cover current expenses, irrespective of what was needed for the repair of the Church.

The following elections took place:—

Ruridecanal Conference: Mr. G. A. King (vice Mrs. Major, resigned).

P.C.C.: Mesdames Reed, Crane, Byrd, Edwards, Misses Sladden, E. Sladden, Allard, Messrs. M. Savory, Harvey, G. Crisp, R. Knight, J. Major, A. L. Byrd, B. Blake.

Sidesmen: Mr. D. Agg (Life Member), Messrs. Case, R. Hartwell, W. Hardiman, M. Savory, B. Blake, G. Jones, J. Major, P. Sparrow, Cleaver, R. Knight, A. L. Byrd, D. Brazier, Worthington, Peet.

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

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