

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The improvement in the observance of Ascension Day noticeable last year was fully maintained this year, both the Celebrations and Evensong being well attended. We were glad to hear the bells at 6 a.m. and the Badsey School Service was again most successful, thanks to the ready co-operation of Mr. Harvey and his staff. It was quite thrilling to hear "Hail the day that sees Him rise" sung by a church full of children.

With regard to Whit-Sunday the number of communicants was slightly more than last year (when it was double that of 1947). This, on the face of it, was gratifying, but one could not help feeling that the percentage of absentees on this great Festival was still too high. It must be remembered that the numbers this year included those recently confirmed—this accounting for the increase.

The weather was ideal for the Fête on June 18th, and the financial result (£161 to date) far exceeded our expectations. I do not think any of us thought we should approach so close to the bumper receipts of previous years. So splendid a result shews how generously the effort was supported, and what hard work was put in by our people. We extend grateful thanks to:—

Miss Ashwin, who kindly opened the Fête.

All who sent gifts for the Stalls, etc.

The Stall-holders (members of the 1st, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Sunday Groups of the Sanctuary Guild, and members of the Mothers' Union).

The Tea Room helpers (members of the 2nd Sunday Group).

The organisers of the Side-Shows (bowling for the pig, bowling for the goose, treasure hunt, bran tub, guessing competitions, "dropping the penny," rocking horses).

Mr. C. J. Bird and Mr. H. Smith for the loan of "electrical gadgets."

Mr. B. Jones for "Music on the Lawn."

The vendors of Ice Cream and Lemonade (in this connection mention must be made of the kindness of Mrs. Salter and Mr. Ockwell).

The gatekeepers, and those responsible for the carting and the erection and removal of Stalls.

Mr. Blake and members of the Scouts and Scouts Parents' Committee for help in a number of ways, including a lot of hard work in the Vicarage Garden (in this they were joined by some of the members of the Youth Fellowship, Mr. W. Merriman and Mr. E. Mitchell).

Mr. H. Stewart and his assistants at the Auction Sale.

Mr. G. A. King and Mr. C. Stewart who were always ready to "turn a hand" to whatever was necessary.

Mr. Llewellyn Jones for the loan of his motor lawn mower.

Mr. J. Holding, Mr. P. Case and Mrs. W. Sparrow for donations.

A detailed financial statement will appear next month.

I conclude this letter with an appeal. We are hoping to take the members of the Choir to London on a Saturday in August—if the cost isn't prohibitive! We have received a generous grant from the P.C.C., but still need a little more. There will be a plate in Church on the first three Sundays in August for this purpose. The members of the Choir have given very loyal service during the past year, and I think this has been generally appreciated, especially by those who realise how handicapped we are through lack of a Choirmaster. Please put a gift on the plate, or send it to the Choir Secretary (Mr. G. Crisp). One kind contribution has already been received—from Mrs. H. Keen. (N.B. This is quite a *personal* appeal and is made without the official consent of the P.C.C.! I do not want it to be regarded as "another appeal" from the Church).

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

NOTES AND NOTICES

BADSEY FLOWER SHOW.—The Vicar invites all Exhibitors and Helpers to attend Evensong at Badsey Church on the day following the Show, Sunday, July 24th (Eve of S. James' Day). — (Extract from Flower Show Schedule).

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Andrews (née Marjorie Hartwell), who were married at Badsey Church on Saturday, June 4th.

P.C.C.—Next Meeting, Monday, July 25th (instead of Monday, August 1st), in the Parish Room at 8 p.m.

SANCTUARY GUILD AND MOTHERS' UNION.—No Meetings in July or August.

Annual Outing.—Thursday, July 7th, to Windsor. Bus leaves Badsey Pike 8.30 a.m., Wheatsheaf Inn 8.35 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Mr. R. Savory's resignation has been received with much regret. We hope it is only temporary and that some day we shall have him back again. His loyal and devoted service as Teacher and Organist has been of the utmost value to the Sunday School, and we shall miss him very much. He has our best wishes for the future. W.B.C.

CONFIRMATION.—The Bishop has arranged for a Confirmation to be held in our own Church on Wednesday, April 5th, 1950. In order to prevent misunderstanding, I would draw attention to the condition I laid down last year *i.e.* that all those who wish to be confirmed must qualify for attending Confirmation Classes by attending Church regularly during the year before they wish to be confirmed. W.B.C.

"HOME HELPS"

"Home Helps" are needed in Badsey, Aldington, and Wickhamford. Those who are willing to consider taking up this work can obtain particulars (rates of payment, etc.) from Mrs. Brady, Bretforton Rd., Badsey, and Mrs. S. B. Carter, J.P., Wickhamford.

SERVERS ON DUTY

Sunday, July 3rd, 8 a.m.—D. Knight.
Sunday, July 10th, 8 a.m.—L. Mitchell.
Sunday, July 17th, 8 a.m.—B. Jennings.
Sunday, July 24th, 8 a.m.—D. Edwards.
Sunday, July 31st, 8 a.m.—J. Hatcher.
Sunday, Aug. 7th, 8 a.m.—D. Barrand.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, July 3rd. 8.0 a.m., Mr. M. Savory; 11 a.m., Messrs. G. Jones and D. Brazier; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. F. Cleaver and W. Hardiman.
Sunday, July 10th. 8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Agg and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. Major and P. Case.
Sunday, July 17th. 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell and R. Knight.
Sunday, July 24th. 8 a.m., Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m., Messrs. P. H. Sparrow and A. L. Byrd; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. M. Savory and A. Worthington.
Sunday, July 31st. 8 a.m., Mr. W. Hardiman; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Peet and J. Major; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. A. L. Byrd and B. F. P. Blake.
Sunday, August 7th. As Sunday, July 3rd.

PARISH REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

June 19th.—Archibald John McNab.
June 19th.—Barry Charles Hemming.
June 19th.—Lewis Douglas Littlewood.
June 19th.—Susan Elizabeth Walker.

MARRIAGE

June 4th.—Cyril Leslie Andrews, Offenham, and Marjorie Bessie Hartwell, Badsey.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

May 22nd, £3 1s. 11d.; May 29th, £2 14s. 8d.; June 12th, £3 1s. 9d.; June 19th, £2 3s. 11d.—Total £11 2s. 3d.

OTHER RECEIPTS.—S.P.C.K. (Ascension Day), £2 0s. 2d.; Sunday School Fund (Whit-Sunday), £6 9s.; Church Box, 11s. 4d.; Use of Organ, 6s.; Inland Revenue (re Covenants), £15 10s. 6d.; Envelopes (May), £4 2s. 1d. Church Expenses, £3 8s. 8d.; Church Overseas 13s. 5d.: (No. 4, 9s.; No. 5, 10s.; No. 6, 12s.; No. 7, 8s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 3s. 6d.; No. 13, 7s.; No. 14, 10s.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 7s. 9d.; No. 22, 2s. 1d.; Anon 3d.).

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The Church was very beautifully decorated for Whit-Sunday, and grateful thanks are due to those responsible. The Services were well attended throughout the day, and the "Pageant of Even-song," performed by the Sunday School Scholars in the afternoon, received warm commendation. The scholars are to be congratulated on this further project, and we hope to accede to the wish expressed by several people that there should be more such presentations. I should like to express my gratitude to Miss Cox and Mr. T. H. Knight for their invaluable help. We were all disappointed that Miss Lawley was not well enough to attend. We have missed her very much in the Sunday School and in the Choir during recent weeks, and most sincerely wish her a speedy recovery.

The members of the Choir were favoured with beautiful weather for their Outing to Windsor on June 14th, and all agreed it had been a most happy occasion. Mrs. Collett, assisted by Mr. E. Hall, made the arrangements, and, needless to say, everything went smoothly. It is a great help to me personally to be able to leave things in such capable hands.

The Members of the Mothers' Union also had beautiful weather for their Outing to Oxford and Abingdon on June 21st. In this case thanks are due to Mrs. Phillips for making the arrangements. One feature of a most enjoyable excursion was the singing on the homeward journey. A good deal of the credit for this, however, must be given to the few husbands who were allowed on the trip!

Please note the following arrangements for July:— Sunday, July 17th, Collections for Diocesan Quota; Sunday, July 24th, 2.30 p.m. Flower Service. All interested in the Sunday School are heartily invited.

The Collections for Church Expenses from May 22nd to June 19th inclusive amounted to £8 4s. 3d. The Collections for the Sunday School Fund on Whit-Sunday amounted to £5 14s. 10d.

The Parochial Church Council has decided to proceed immediately with those repairs to the Church which may be described as "urgent" e.g. the spraying of the woodwork, etc. The cost will be approximately £107. This will seriously deplete the Fabric Fund, and it is evident that in the near future we shall have to organise a special effort to carry out the whole of the repairs needed.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

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May 29th.—Philip Charles Southern.
June 12th.—Caroline Georgina Morris.
June 12th.—Christopher Derrick Sutton.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—Mrs. Carter (President) took the chair at the June Meeting. Mrs. Chapman gave a report on the Worcester Music Festival, and stated that she considered the members of our Choir had acquitted themselves very well. At the conclusion of routine business, Mrs. Winnington gave a demonstration on "Floral Decorations."

an all white. One very beautiful result was achieved with nothing more than leaves, a basket, and two empty tins.

We saw a truly remarkable display, especially in

At the conclusion of the demonstration, Mrs. W. Sparrow, Junr., proposed a very hearty vote of thanks to Mrs. Winnington.

Then followed a sale of gifts in aid of sick funds. One sale proved to be "Three Housewives." The highest bid was 2s. 3d., much to members' amusement.

Mrs. Shelley was the winner of the monthly parcel.

Miss Jones was appointed Sick Visitor for the month.

The evening concluded with a display of members' oldest possessions. Some really wonderful exhibits were on view. Several proved to be over three hundred years old.

N. E. KEEN.

BRITISH LEGION (MEN'S SECTION). — A very enjoyable day was spent at the Royal Tournament, Olympia, on Saturday, June 18th. Between thirty and forty members and friends from the Men's and Women's Section took advantage of this excursion which had been arranged by the Worcestershire Branch, and altogether nearly 800 Legionaires with their wives and friends made the trip. The train left Littleton and Badsey Station at 10.40 a.m. and arrived at Kensington Olympia at 1.30 p.m. A packed lunch had been provided on the train so the Legion party took their seats straight away. The programme, which was varied, commenced at 2.30 p.m. and lasted nearly three hours. We saw a display by well trained R.A.F. police dogs, bridge building, parachute descents, gymnastics, tug-of-war and many other items all excellently performed. The party, at the conclusion of the display, made their way to Lyons Corner House, Coventry Street, for dinner which had been arranged for 6 p.m. After dinner the party split up, some went sight-seeing and the remainder to a show. The return train left Paddington at 11.10 p.m. and we arrived back at Littleton and Badsey at 1.35 a.m., all very tired, but agreed that it had been a very good day.

On Sunday evening, June 19th, the Standard Bearer, supported by some members of the Men's Section, visited Bretforton and took part in the Dedication and Unveiling of the Memorial to those who gave their lives in the 1939-45 War.

Mr. De la Bere officiated at the Unveiling Ceremony. With six standard bearers in attendance and over 100 on parade, headed by the Bretforton Silver Band, the Service was very impressive.

P. H. SPARROW.

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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON SHOW

AN APPEAL

Once again we are getting near the date of our Show, and I should like to make an earnest appeal to all, for their support.

The Committee this year are being very generous. The prizemoney in quite a lot of classes has been raised. We have also spent a large sum in new tables, which will be painted later. So please bring along your exhibits to swell the number of entries and support us in every way you can. Badsey Flower Show has been looked upon as one of the best in the district, so do let us keep up that very high standard. I should like to thank all those who have helped us in the past, in various ways, which I can assure you are very much appreciated.

J. E. KNIGHT,

On behalf of the Committee.

[Editor's Note — Please turn to "Notes and Notices."]

THINGS I NOTICED AT THE BADSEY CHURCH FETE

The Churchwarden's snappy Panama. Is it true a child asked her mother, "Is that Michael Wilding?"

The Headmaster's striking notice near the Bowling for the Goose. Little did we realise we had such a poetic and artistic genius amongst us.

The left arm leg spinners of the Postmistress. They only just failed to secure the goose.

Charlie, George and "Den" raking in the shekels at bowling for the pig. What salesmanship!

The Stall-holder who sent a child for her tea, and was shocked to find she had only been charged for a child's tea!

The lady who said, "Vicar, your dog has trodden on my cactus."

The "Mayor of Badsey" in deep converse with the "Mayor of Wickhamford."

A V(ery) I(mportant) P(erson) who slipped on the edge of the lawn, and laddered her stocking.

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