BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Dear Friends,

The Annual Gift Day will be held on Thursday, September 22nd. The Vicar will be in Church to receive gifts from 10.30 a.m. (following Holy Communion at 10 a.m.) to Noon, from 2.30 to 4 p.m., and from 5.30 to 7 p.m.

The present repairs to the Tower will cost nearly £600 and, in addition, other repairs to the fabric of the Church have to be undertaken. In view of these facts we appeal for a generous response.

If you cannot bring your Gift Envelope to Church on Gift Day, please send it to any member of the Parochial Church Council, or bring or send it to Church on Sunday, September 25th (Harvest Thanksgiving).

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Chapman, Vicar

G. A. King G. A. Jones Churchwardens

C. A. Binyon, Treasurer P.C.C. J. Major, Secretary P.C.C.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th

8 a.m., Holy Communion.

11 a.m., Matins.

11.45 a.m., Holy Communion.

6.45 p.m., Evensong. Preacher: Rev. C. M. Stickings, Vicar of Bretforton.

N.B. Gifts of Flowers, Fruit, Vegetables, etc., should be sent to Church as early as possible on Saturday morning (September 24th). Those willing to help with the work of decoration are asked to assemble at 10 a.m.

WAR MEMORIAL

The Unveiling and Dedication of the Memorial to the men who laid down their lives in the 1939-1945 World War will take place on Sunday, September 18th, at 3 p.m. Seats will be reserved for the relatives of the fallen, and they are asked to be in their places not later than 2.45 p.m. Members of the British Legion will parade, and it is hoped that representatives of neighbouring branches will attend.

(N.B. In view of the above Service, the Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be administered on Sunday, September 11th, at 3.30 p.m.)

NOTES AND NOTICES

P.C.C.—Next Meeting, Monday, October 3rd, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

SANCTUARY GUILD.—Next Meeting, Thursday, September 15th (instead of September 8th) in the Parish Room, following Service in Church at 3 p.m. All Members are urged to attend.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The Garden Meeting, held at Seward House on Thursday evening, August 4th, was a most enjoyable event, and we are very grateful to the Misses Sladden for their kind hospitality. The more energetic members not only enjoyed themselves at Bowls, Obstacle Races and similar activities, but also entertained the more sedate members! Refreshments were served in the Dining Room by the members of the Committee. Contributions for Women's Welfare Work in the Diocese amounted to £1 16s. We were very pleased to have the Vicar with us, and his organisation of the games and races was much appreciated.

The first Meeting of the Autumn Session will be held on TUESDAY, October 11th, at 2.30 p.m., at Seward House. Please note the change of day, and do your best to attend. We shall be glad to welcome prospective new Members, and also any Members who were in any way prevented from attendance during the past session. And what of those members who have not attended a Meeting since I came to Badsey?

A.M.C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—On Sunday, August 21st, Mr. R. Savory was presented with a copy of "The Bible as Literature." The presentation was "in deep appreciation of his devoted work as Teacher and Organist."

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—The first Meeting of the Autumn and Winter Session will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday, October 11th, at 7 p.m. The Speaker will be Major S. B. Carter, M.B.E. Will all interested please make a note of the date? Further particulars next month.

SERVERS ON DUTY

Sept. 4th.—8 a.m., J. Hatcher.

Sept. 11th.—8 a.m., D. Barrand.

Sept. 18th.—8 a.m., D. Knight.

Sept. 25th.—8 a.m., L. Mitchell.

Sept. 25th.—11.40 a.m., D. Edwards.-

Oct. 2nd.—8 a.m., B. Jennings.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Sept. 4th: 8 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, Sept. 11th: 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, Sept. 18th: 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake, 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell and R. Knight.

Sunday, Sept. 25th: 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.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Sunday, July 24th, £3 25. 7d.; July 31st, £2 55. 5d.; Aug. 7th, £2 14s. 10d.; Aug. 14th, £2 16s. 5d.; Aug. 21st (Evening), £1 19s. 6d. Total £12 18s. 9d.

OTHER RECEIPTS: Church Box 13s.; Envelopes for July: Church Expenses £4 55. 9d., Church Overseas 17s. 5d. Total £5 3s. 2d. (No. 2, 2s.; No. 4, 7s.; No. 5, 2s. 6d.; No. 6, 18s.; No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 10, 3s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 13, 35.; No. 14, £1; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 9s.; No. 22, 25. 2d.; No. 23, £1).

"HOME HELPS."—Mrs. Cole (Aldington) has been officially registered as a "Home Help" in Badsey and Aldington. Applications for her services should be made in the first instance to the District Nurse.

PARISH REGISTERS BAPTISMS

Aug. 21st.—Marilyn Diane Williams.

Aug. 21st.—June Norah Knight.

Aug. 21st.—Patricia Ann Taylor.

Aug. 21st.—Christopher Peter Turner.

BURIAL

Aug. 20th.—Annie Elizabeth Dunn, aged 80 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES HARVEST THANKSGIVING SERVICES SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2nd

g a.m., Holy Communion (with Hymns). 5.30 p.m., Evensong. Preacher: Rev. E. F. Waddy, Vicar of The Littletons.

SUNDAY SCHOOL .- The Scholars had a very happy Outing to Dudley Zoo on August 16th. We are very grateful to those who subscribed so generously towards the cost, and to the Teachers and other Helpers who organised the Outing.

The Scholars brought a splendid number of gifts to the Flower and Gift Service on Sunday, July 24th. Mr. Sheppard kindly conveyed the gifts to the Evesham Hospital, and a letter of thanks has been received from the Matron. We hope this Service will become an annual affair.

P.C.C.—Next Meeting, Wednesday, September 14th, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m. Subjects for discussion include: (1) Repairs to the Church; (2) Proposed Memorial to Mr. B. R. Swift.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP .- The first Meeting of the Autumn and Winter Session will be held in the Parish Room on Wednesday, October 5th, at 7 p.m. Details will be published later. All interested are asked to make a note of the date.

Collections for Church Expenses (July 24th-August 21st inclusive) £8 18s. 5d. Collection for Sunday School Fund (July 24th) 13s.

The Preacher at Evensong on Sunday, September 25th, will be Mr. Cecil A. Eldridge (Droitwich), whose visits to Wickhamford are always appreciated. He writes, "I shall be happy to visit Wickhamford again and renew acquaintances." The Church in this Diocese, as in every other Diocese, owes a tremendous debt to the loyal and devoted service of Readers. Without this help it would be impossible to maintain the Services in many parishes.

We acknowledge, with grateful thanks, the gift of a Credence Cloth, to be placed on the Sanctuary Window Sill during the Celebration of Holy Communion. This has been made and embroidered by Mrs. Bell, aged eighty, who gave loyal help to Featherstone Church while I was Vicar there.

W.B.C.

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5th EVESHAM (1st BADSEY BOY SCOUTS)

The Fête on Saturday, August 13th, was favoured with beautiful weather. The support from the Village was disappointing, but the financial result was very gratifying (see Summary of Receipts). Stalls and Sideshows were organised as follows: Darts, Mr. W. Arnold; Bowling, Messrs. Hatch, Hurman, F. Stewart and A. Perkins; Bran Tub, Mrs. Hurman; Darts Stall, J. Haines and G. Corbett; Ice Cream, M. Stewart and K. Mitchell; Minerals, E. Salter; Fancy Stall, Mrs. Sandford and Mrs. Littlewood; Hoopla, R. Sandford and D. Rouse; Treasure Hunt, C. Chamberlain and R. Sandford; Teas, Mrs. Hurman, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Perkins and Mrs. C. Rouse. The Gate was in the charge of Messrs. Hurman, Jelfs and Temperton. In the evening, Mr. H. Stewart conducted a very brisk Auction Sale.

Full accounts of the Fête appeared in the local newspapers. We would express our thanks to Mrs. S. B. Carter for so kindly coming to open the Fête, and for her inspiring words, to Mr. C. J. Bird, Mr. B. Jones, and all who helped to make the Fête a success.

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS.—Auction Sale, £17 os. 6d.; Teas, £4 7s. 8d.; Gate, £3 13s. 3d.; Ice Cream, £2 9s. 11d.; Bran Tub, £1 9s. 6d.; Hoopla, £1 8s. 11d.; Minerals, £1 15s. 6d.; Darts (2), £2 5s. 9d.; Rocking Horse, 5s. 6d.; per Mr. C. J. Bird, £2 14s.; Treasure Hunt, £1; Competitions, £10 1s.; Gents' Bowling, £9 4s.; Ladies Bowling, £4 8s. 4d. Total £62 3s. 10d.

B. F. P. Blake.

CONFIRMATION

In view of the Confirmation Service in Badsey Church next Spring, the following article (from the Parish Magazine of Holy Trinity Church, South Crosland, Huddersfield) is worthy of careful attention:—

CONFIRMATION IN THE BIBLE

In the Bible we read of two Confirmation services:—

- (a) Now when the Apostles which were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: who
- (1) when they were come down,
- (2) prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Ghost: for as yet he was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus.
- (3) Then laid they their hands on them, and they received the Holy Ghost.

 Acts 8, 14-17.
- (b) And when they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues and prophesied. And they were in all about twelve men. Acts 19, 5-7.

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CONFIRMATION IN THE PRAYER BOOK

The gift of tongues and prophecy does not usually accompany Confirmation nowadays. Yet the Confirmation Service in the Prayer Book is essentially the same.

- (1) The Bishop comes down, like one of the Apostles.
- (2) He prays that the baptized candidates may be strengthened with the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.
- (3) Then all of them in order kneeling before the Bishop, he shall lay his hand upon the head of every one severally, saying,

Defend, O Lord, this thy Child [or this thy Servant] with Thy heavenly grace, that he may continue Thine for ever; and daily increase in Thy Holy Spirit more and more, until he come unto Thy everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

As at Pentecost (Acts 2, 1-4), there is something we can see and something we can hear. We see the

laying on of hands. We hear the Bishop's words. As at Pentecost, there is too, the unseen Gift of Holy Spirit, i.e., the Power of God Himself at work in our hearts. This Gift of Holy Spirit, bestowed upon the Apostles and by them upon the first Bishops of the Church, the Apostles and Bishops have from the very first sought to share with all baptized people.

At the second Confirmation Service recorded in the Bible (see above, Acts 19), the Confirmation indeed, followed at once upon the Baptism as the completion of it. Our Baptism is uncompleted till we have been also confirmed. In Heb. 6, 1-2, we read of "the teaching of baptism and of laying on of hands" as among "the first principles of Christ." And the two are coupled together. We are not meant to undertake the obligations of Baptism (viz.: 1. To hate wrong; 2. To believe the Faith; 3. To do right), without being confirmed and made strong by Holy Spirit at Confirmation.

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