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Vicar:

Rev. W. B. Chapman, B.D.

Tel. 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.

Tel. Badsey 333

Secretary, P.C.C.: Mr. J. Major.

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. Agg.

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

Tel. Badsey 237

Treasurer, P.C.C.: Mr. E. Cooke.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

THE VICAR'S LETTER

17th Dec., 1949

My dear Friends,

Last month I said that the answer to the question "When shall we hear the Church Bells again?" was "It all depends on how parishioners respond to the Appeal." The same answer must be given to another question which has been asked, "When are you going to make a start on the extension to the Churchyard?" As a matter of fact a start **has** been made, thanks to Mr. H. Stewart. The members of the Parochial Church Council were unanimous in accepting his most generous offer to provide labour to make a start with clearing the ground. Already many loads of rubbish have been removed, and a vast improvement effected. Thank you, Mr. Stewart, for helping us to shew that we really mean business!

The Appeal Letter will be circulated about the middle of this month. Prompt replies from those who are willing to help will be much appreciated and will enable us to formulate plans. Already I have received an offer of £5 if, at least, 40 others will promise the same amount. Knowing the source, I appreciate what is a very generous offer and we ought to have no difficulty in finding the required number. Within the last day or so two have come forward. Will any one make an offer regarding £10 or £20 "units"?

This letter is written a week before Christmas and therefore reference to the Christmas Services must be left to the next issue.

Confirmation Classes will be held as follows:—
Girls—Mondays at 6.30 p.m. in Church (commencing Monday, Jan. 9th). Boys—Thursday at 6.30 p.m. in Church (commencing Thursday, Jan. 12th).

We are very grateful to Mr. George Nightingale for the willing and efficient help he has given during the illness of our Sexton (Mr. Edgar Mitchell).

I also want to express gratitude to our Magazine Distributors for their very faithful work during the past twelve months.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. B. S. Cockerton and the late Mr. T. W. Hartwell.

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

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

NOTES AND NOTICES

P.C.C.—Next Meeting, Monday, Jan. 23rd, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m. The draft Annual Accounts will be presented and arrangements made for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The New Year Party will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 3rd, in the Assembly Room of the Bell Inn at 4.30 p.m. Branch Meetings will be held at Seward House on Tuesdays, Jan. 10th and 24th, at 2.30 p.m. We were glad to welcome Mrs. Champion at the Meeting on Dec. 13th and her address on "The Message of Christmas" was very much appreciated.

SANCTUARY GUILD.—There will be no Meeting on Thursday, Jan. 12th. The New Year Party will be held on Wed., Jan. 18th, in the Assembly Room of the Wheatsheaf Inn at 6 p.m. Names of those wishing to attend should be given to Mrs. Chapman not later than Wed., Jan. 11th, in order that catering arrangements may be made.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—Most members had been wondering what subject Mr. M. G. Savory's talk on "What's yours?" would deal with. We were soon enlightened. The sub-title might very well have been "A History of Beer and a description of the process of Brewing." The talks showed that the speaker had gone to an immense amount of trouble, and was thoroughly master of a highly technical but, withal, most interesting subject. Time proved too short for him to complete his exhaustive survey involving, we are sure, a great deal of research and it was unanimously agreed to ask him to continue his talk on Tuesday, Jan. 24th. We hope then to allow time for questions. At the Meeting prior to this—on Tuesday, Jan. 10th—Major Ede England will lecture on "Bull Fighting" (illustrated with lantern slides). Let us have a "full house" on both occasions!

W.B.C.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Jan. 1st: 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, Jan. 8th: 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, Jan. 15th: 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell and R. Knight.

Sunday, Jan. 22nd: 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, Jan. 29th: 8 a.m., Mr. W. Hardiman; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Peet and J. Major; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. B. F. P. Blake and A. L. Byrd.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Jan. 1st	8 a.m. D. Barrand	—
	11 a.m. B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
	6.45 p.m. D. Edwards	D. Barrand
Jan. 8th	8 a.m. D. Knight	—
	11 a.m. D. Edwards	B. Jennings
	6.45 p.m. D. Barrand	K. Mitchell
Jan. 15th	8 a.m. L. Mitchell	—
	6.45 p.m. D. Edwards	B. Jennings
Jan. 22nd	8 a.m. D. Edwards	—
	11 a.m. B. Jennings	D. Barrand
	6.45 p.m. D. Barrand	K. Mitchell
Jan. 29th	8 a.m. B. Jennings	—
	11 a.m. K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
	6.45 p.m. D. Edwards	D. Barrand
Feb. 5th	8 a.m. J. Hatcher	—
	11 a.m. D. Edwards	K. Mitchell
	6.45 p.m. B. Jennings	D. Barrand

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Dec. 4th, £3 2s. 10d.; Dec. 11th, £3 2s. 6d. Total £6 5s. 4d.

OTHER RECEIPTS: Church Overseas Fund (Nov. 27th), £4 3s. 11d.; Church Box, 7s. 4d.; Use of Organ, 6s.; November Envelopes: Church Expenses, £2 15s. 3d.; Church Overseas, 7s. 6d. Total £3 2s. 9d. (No. 2, 2s.; No. 4, 2s. 6d.; No. 5, 4s. 6d.; No. 6, 12s.; No. 7, 3s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 3s.; No. 13, 4s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 3s. 3d.; No. 22, 2s. 6d.; No. 23, £1).

Missionary Boxes (Total £8 14s. 1d.) gratefully received from Mrs. Holley, Angela Chapman, Rosalind Major, Mr. C. A. Binyon, Mrs. L. Sparrow, Derek Barrand, Misses Sladden, Mrs. Stanford, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Mrs. Savory, Misses Hall and Smith, Mrs. Ballard, Miss Clark, John Hatcher, David Rouse, Mrs. G. Crisp.

Donations for Appeal Fund gratefully received from Mrs. Batty and Mrs. Sandys-Lumdaine, Messrs. E. Ballard, S. Brewer and D. Binyon.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Dec. 18th.—Austin Cedric Jelfs, Richard Stephen and Valerie Margaret Hancock.

Burials

Nov. 30th.—Rose Ellen Cockerton, aged 65 years.
Dec. 6th.—Thomas William Hartwell, aged 75 years.
Dec. 7th.—Edith A. Keyte, aged 75 years.

DIOCESAN MISSION 1951

Representatives on the Deanery Action Group have been appointed as follows:—

Badsey.—Mr. G. Austen Jones.

Wickhamford.—Mrs. T. H. Collett.

N.S.P.C.C.

The Collection in Badsey in 1949 amounted to £8 14s. 6d. Mrs. Idiens is most grateful to those who again subscribed so generously.

CHURCH OVERSEAS

Parochial Contributions this year have reached the record figure of £32 18s. 8d. (Church Collections £12 2s. 1d.; "Thankoffering for Health" Envelopes, £3 8s. 9d.; Freewill Offering Envelopes, £6 11s. 9d.; Missionary Boxes, £8 14s. 1d.; P.C.C. Grant, £2 2s. 0d.). This amount has been allocated as follows: S.P.G., £28 18s. 6d.; S.P.C.K., £2 0s. 2d.; Lebombo Mission, £2.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

THE VICAR'S LETTER

17th Dec., 1949

My dear Friends,

The Memorial Service on Sat., Dec. 3rd, was a most impressive and moving tribute to the late Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne. Although we knew the very serious nature of his illness, the end came more suddenly than we anticipated. We are all conscious of the grievous loss to our Village and to the Church. Both had become very dear to him and time will prove the value of his work. His success in beautifying Wickhamford was widely recognised, and we who rejoice in its beauty must ever be mindful of what is owed to him. The Church, too, owes much to his generous interest. His last gift was the restoration of the Choir Gallery to its ancient position, and those who knew his desire to see this accomplished could not but be moved by the fact that the first time the restored Gallery was used was at the Memorial Service.

In my address I referred also to his support of all good causes and his many acts of kindness to individuals—these latter known only to the persons concerned.

To me personally he showed very great kindness and was ever ready to give advice and help concerning the many matters I referred to him. I had great faith in his judgment and he never grudged time or trouble in dealing with my problems. Those who ministered to him during the last few weeks will always remember his courage in the midst of great pain and the way in which he retained his interest in the Village and the Church. To the end he showed himself "a very gallant gentleman." May he rest in peace.

Mrs. Lees-Milne and the members of her family are assured of our deepest sympathy in their loss.

The task that lies before us is to go forward with the work of restoring and beautifying our Church. We had looked forward to having the help of his

knowledge and experience in all this. To be deprived of it is a great handicap, but if we can conserve the spirit of fellowship and willing service which was manifested in the carrying out of the arrangements for the Memorial Service a great deal can be done. I am most grateful to those who cleaned and decorated the Church, to the Sidesmen, to Mrs. Dean (for the transport of chairs), and to the Members of the Choir for their splendid help on this occasion.

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

Your friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

MOTHERS' UNION. — Meetings continue to be held every Wednesday in the Parish Room. All Members are asked to make a note of the following visiting Speakers:—

Wed., Jan. 25th.—Mrs. Champion (Presiding Member, Evesham Deanery).

Wed., Feb. 8th.—Miss Holmes (Diocesan Speaker).

Wed., Mar. 15th.—Mrs. Bailey (Diocesan President).

WAR MEMORIAL TABLET.—The sum of £14 13s. od. was subscribed and the cost of the Tablet was £8 15s. od. The balance has been paid into the Church Repair Fund.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held on Wed., Feb. 8th.

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MONTHLY SOCIAL.—In spite of the wet weather the Social on Dec. 14th was well attended. Mr. Willis was M.C. for Whist, the prizewinners being Mrs. Sherman and Mrs. Garvey. After refreshments had been served, Mrs. Chapman (assisted by "the victims"—Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Hancock, Mr. Willis and Mr. Sturt) caused much amusement with "Have a Go." Mr. Willis (assisted by Mr. Sheppard) was again a most persuasive Auctioneer, and Games followed by the singing of Carols completed the evening. It is estimated that a profit of £19—£20 will be realised. Grateful thanks are due to all who helped and especially to those who gave such generous gifts for the Competitions. Nor must we forget our Accompanist (Mrs. Warren). There will be no Social in January, the next being arranged for Wed., Feb. 15th.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. — In spite of stormy weather there was a very good attendance at the Meeting on Dec. 7th when Mr. R. J. P. Madge gave a most lucid explanation of the "Town and Country Planning Act." The questions which followed testified to the interest aroused and all felt it had been a most profitable evening. We hope there will be as good an attendance on Wed., Jan. 4th, when Mr. C. F. Carter (Midand Bank Ltd., Evesham) will speak on "Some aspects of our Banking System." On Wed., Feb. 1st, Mr. F. S. Larkin (Headmaster of Blackminster School) will take as his subject "The aims and work of a Secondary Modern School."

E.W.S.

Collections for Church Expenses (Nov. 27th, Dec. 4th, Dec. 11th), £7 19s. 7d. Received for Church Repair Fund—Mr. J. Whitehouse, £1 1s.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—At the close of the Morning Service on Sunday, Dec. 18th, Mrs. Phillips—always a good friend to the Sunday School—distributed Awards to Betty Johnson (Special Prize), Betty Hancock, Angela Smith, Kenneth Mitchell, Ann Newbury, Margaret Willis, Derek Mitchell, Josephine Wolfe, Michael Sutton, Brenda Willis, David Willis, Dorothy Willis, Leslie Mitchell and Valerie Warri-
low.

I wish to express my deep gratitude to Miss Cox and Miss Barbara Willis for their faithful service as Teachers. During past months we have missed the help of Miss Lawley. We are glad to welcome her home again and sincerely hope she will enjoy improved health.

W.B.C.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION).—A Branch Meeting was held on Tuesday, 22nd Nov., in the Bell Inn Assembly Room. Mrs. I. Knight and Mrs. N. Cook were elected as representatives to the Quarterly Meeting in the Shire Hall, Worcester.

Mrs. L. Sparrow who was elected as delegate to the County Conference at Worcester on October 29th gave a very interesting account of her visit.

All members were keenly interested in the Cookery Demonstration of Christmas Fare given by Miss Fritch of the Midlands Electricity Board. At the conclusion of her demonstration, Miss Fritch kindly offered the Christmas log, mince-horns, cheese biscuits and sausage rolls which she had made and it was decided to sell these in aid of funds. Mrs. W. Keen, Mrs. R. Caswell, Mrs. W. Sparrow, Mrs. D. Bonehill and Mrs. Hewlett were winners of competitions.

The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

M. K. CLEAVER.

5th EVESHAM (1st BADSEY) BOY SCOUTS.—The Group has progressed very satisfactorily during the past year. Visits have been paid to Eastnor, London, and The Lake District, in addition to Bredon and various places in the Cotswolds. The G.S.M. Prize for the best Cub of the year has been won by Senior Sixer Trevor Knight, closely followed by Sixer Malcolm Stewart and Seconder Ronald Salter. The Prize for the best Scout has been won by Troop Leader Maurice Salter, followed by Patrol Leaders R. Sandford, D. Knight and A. Knight. Congratulations to T/L M. Salter and P/L R. Sandford on passing the First Class Badge Test (and Green Cords), also to Sixers T. Knight and B. Hurman for passing the "Leaping Wolf" Badge Test. An innovation has been the addition of a P.T. Class with Mr. W. Arnold as Instructor. The Scouts are doing well under the leadership of Mr. G. Temper-ton, as are the Cubs in my charge. The Cub Pack has sent off two Boxes of Books and "Eats" to a Pack in the East End of London as a Christmas "Good Turn." I wish all interested in the Movement—especially my hard-working Parents Committee—a happy and prosperous New Year.

B. F. P. BLAKE