

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

LENT SERVICES

Sundays.—Services as usual. Course of Sermons on "Some Great Questions" at Evensong.

Wednesdays 7 p.m.—Lent Service. Course of Addresses on "Symbols of the Holy Spirit."

Thursdays 10 a.m.—Holy Communion; 4 p.m., Children's Service.

Sunday, March 19th. 3 p.m.—"Mothering Sunday" Service.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday (Sun., Apr. 2nd).—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Sung Eucharist, Blessing and Distribution of Palms; 6.45 p.m., Evensong and Distribution of Palms.

Mon., Apr. 3rd, Tues., Apr. 4th, Wed., Apr. 5th, Thur., Apr. 6th.—10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Wed., Apr. 5th.—7.30 p.m., The Rite of Confirmation will be administered by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

Good Friday (Apr. 7th).—10 a.m., Children's Service; 2 to 3 p.m., "The Watch at The Cross"; 7.30 p.m., "One of The Twelve" (A Passion Play by J. Edward Brown).

Easter Day (Sun., Apr. 9th).—7 and 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Sung Eucharist; 6.45 p.m., Evensong, Sermon and Te Deum.

NOTES AND NOTICES

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING. —

This Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Friday, March 3rd, at 7.15 p.m. It will be preceded at 7 p.m. by the Vestry Meeting for the nomination and election of Churchwardens. All members of the Electoral Roll should regard it as a duty to attend. 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.

MOTHERS' UNION.—Members are asked to note the arrangements for March:—

Tues., Mar. 14th. 2.30 p.m. Meeting at Seward House.

Sun., Mar. 19th. 3 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

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Tues., Mar. 28th. 2.30 p.m. Service in Church, followed by address by Mrs. Bailey (Diocesan President)—see Wickhamford M.U. Notes.

Wednesdays, 7 p.m. Lent Service.

A further £14 has been paid to the Treasurer of the P.C.C. towards the cost of what was formerly the "Mothers' Union Bell," but now is the "Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild Bell," since the members of the Sanctuary Guild have agreed to join with us. This amount includes £6 1s. od. from the Old Fashioned Dance (see Sanctuary Guild Notes), and £2 11s. 3d. from a Competition organised by Miss Robina Wheatley.

Seventeen Members have promised individual donations of £1, in response to a generous offer of £10 by another Member. A list of these will be published later.

A.M.C.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—We are very grateful to Rev. R. W. N. Harris, of Hampton, for paying us a visit on Feb. 14th. He gave an extremely interesting talk on "Life in the West Indies" to a large audience, in fact one of the best attendances we have had. Fresh faces were noticed and it is hoped they will become "regulars." Fellowship Night has certainly been accepted as a permanent feature in our social programme.

After the talk and its subsequent heavy crop of questions, which were ably answered, a proposal was put forward that the opportunity be given to the Fellowship to subscribe to the appeal for the reconditioning of the Church bells. The response warranted our embarking on this project and it was decided to be responsible for one bell. Promises of donations were received on the spot from a number of members and grateful thanks are due to them. There is every confidence that our target will be reached and that further donations will be forthcoming.

On March 14th Inspector Young of Evesham will be talking on "The History and Progress of the Police Force."

M.G.S.

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP.—Membership has now increased to twenty. The members of the Table Tennis Section have played two matches with Blackminster Y.C. Both have been lost, but our members are showing improved form and hope to be on the winning side shortly.

G.J.

SANCTUARY GUILD—The Old Fashioned Dance on Feb. 10th, organised by some of the Members, was a most enjoyable event. We could have wished for a larger attendance, but the very satisfactory sum of £6 1s. od. was realised. We are very grateful to those who were responsible for this effort, to the members of the Band (Mrs. Sadler, Mrs. Salter and Mrs. Bonehill), and to those who sent gifts of refreshments.

Next Meeting, Thursday, Mar. 9th, in the Parish Room, following Service in Church at 3 p.m. Members are also asked to attend the Lent Services on Wednesday Evenings at 7 p.m.

Thanks are due to the anonymous donor of a set of Pottery Vases for use in the Window Sills of the Church.

A.M.C.

P.C.C.—Next Meeting in the Parish Room on Monday, March 27th, at 7.30 p.m.

FOR SALE.—A number of ½ in. Ropes (Average Length 40 ft.). Suitable for Lorry Lines. Apply to The Churchwardens.

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriage

Feb. 7th.—Albert William New, Beckford, and Audrey Evelyn Harrison, Badsey.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Mar. 5th: 8 a.m., Mr. M. Savory; 11 a.m., Messrs. G. Jones and D. Agg; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. F. Cleaver and W. Hardiman.

Sunday, Mar. 12th: 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, Mar. 19th: 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell and R. Knight.

Sunday, Mar. 26th: 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.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Mar. 5th	8 a.m. D. Edwards	
	11 a.m. D. Barrand	B. Jennings
	6.45 p.m. D. Edwards	K. Mitchell
Mar. 12th	8 a.m. B. Jennings	
	11 a.m. D. Edwards	D. Barrand
	6.45 p.m. K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
Mar. 19th	8 a.m. J. Hatcher	
	6.45 p.m. D. Barrand	D. Edwards
Mar. 26th	8 a.m. D. Barrand	
	11 a.m. K. Mitchell	D. Edwards
	6.45 p.m. B. Jennings	D. Barrand
Apr. 2nd	8 a.m. D. Knight	
	11 a.m. B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
	6.45 p.m. D. Edwards	D. Barrand

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES
Jan. 29th, £2 16s. 9d.; Feb. 5th, £2 12s. 1d.; Feb. 12th, £3 12s. 7d.; Feb. 19th (Evening), £2 10s. 0d.
—Total £11 11s. 5d.

OTHER RECEIPTS: Church Box 9s. 8d.; Bond Interest £2 5s. 0d.; January Envelopes. Church Expenses £4 6s. 2d., Church Overseas 11s. 11d., Total £4 18s. 1d. (No. 3, 4s.; No. 4, 10s.; No. 5, 4s.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 6s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 5s.; No. 13, 6s.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 5s. 4d.; No. 22, 3s. 9d.; No. 23, £1 2s. 6d.).

THE APPEAL

Good progress continues to be made, and the order for the repair of the Bells has been given. May I again appeal for gifts or promises to be made as soon as possible in order that the order for work on the Churchyard may be given. The members of the Men's Fellowship have promised to be responsible for the cost of one Bell. We acknowledge with grateful thanks the receipt of another gift of £100—from Mrs. Conway (Chew Stoke, near Bristol)—and also donations from Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Sparrow, Mr. and Mrs. K. G. Johnson, Mr. Hector Smith, Mr. and Mrs. G. Austen Jones, Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Byrd, Mr. F. D. Marshall, Miss Marris (Painswick), Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. C. Collett, Mr. P. Case, Mrs. W. C. Major, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Churchill, Mr. and Mrs. L. Reeves, Mothers' Union (2nd Instalment) £14, Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Hardiman, Mrs. J. J. Pethard, Mr. and Mrs. J. Dore, Mr. W. Bell, Mr. W. Stewart, Mr. C. H. Willis, Mr. and Mrs. M. Brady, Mr. W. Wheatley, Mr. A. Laurence. Total Receipts (to 19th Feb.) £395 0s. 10d. (N.B. A donation left at The Vicarage had no name written on the slip. I should be grateful if the donor would let me have her name for acknowledgment in the next issue).

W.B.C.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

LENT SERVICES

Sun., Mar. 5th (Lent II).—9 a.m., Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m., Evensong.

Sun., Mar. 12th (Lent III).—5.30 p.m., Evensong.

Sun., Mar. 19th (Lent IV).—11 a.m., Matins; 11.40 a.m., Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m., "Mothering Sunday" Service.

Sun., Mar. 26th (Passion Sunday).—5.30 p.m., Evensong.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

Palm Sunday (Sun., April 2nd).—9 a.m., Holy Communion and Distribution of Palms; 2.30 p.m., "This Holy Week" (A Service for Children); 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Distribution of Palms.

Good Friday (Apr. 7th).—5.30 p.m., "A Hymn Service of The Passion."

Easter Day (Sun., April 9th).—9.30 a.m., Holy Communion (with Hymns); 5.30 p.m., Evensong; Sermon, and Te Deum.

NOTES AND NOTICES

VESTRY MEETING AND A.P.C.M. — At the Vestry Meeting on Feb. 8th, the Vicar referred to the great loss sustained by the parish through the death of Mr. Lees-Milne. He also stated that Mr. G. Agg, on account of the state of his health, did not desire to be re-elected as People's Warden. He paid a warm tribute to Mr. Agg's long and faithful service, and it was unanimously decided to place on record a deep appreciation of Mr. Agg's devoted work for the Church. The Vicar nominated Mr. E. Cooke as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. E. W. Sturt was unanimously elected People's Warden.

At the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, Mrs. E. Cooke (Secretary P.C.C.) presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 185 names, and gave a comprehensive report on the work of the P.C.C. during the past year. The Vicar presented the report on the Fabric and Ornaments of the Church, and Mr. E. Cooke presented the Financial Statement. He pointed out that the financial position was satisfactory, but in view of the cost of repairs still to be executed, the P.C.C. would be compelled to watch the position very carefully, and consider what special efforts would have to be made.

The following Elections then took place.

Ruridecanal Conference.—Mrs. Pearce, Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Hill.

P.C.C. — Messrs. W. Pearce, Sheppard, Willis, Newbury, E. Hall, T. H. Knight, Parry, Mesdames Phillips, Hancock, Walters, Hodges, Dean, Batty, Sandys-Lumsdaine, Miss Cox, Miss Lawley.

[N.B. The Churchwardens, The Diocesan Conference Representative (Mrs. E. Cooke), and the Ruridecanal Conference Representatives are ex-officio members of the P.C.C.]

Sidesmen.—Messrs. W. Pearce, Sheppard, Parry, Willis, Newbury, F. Southern, and H. Idiens.

The Vicar thanked all Church Workers for their loyal and devoted help during the past year.

At a meeting of the P.C.C., held after the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the following were appointed:—

Vice-Chairman.—Mr. Parry.

Secretary.—Mrs. E. Cooke.

Treasurer.—Mr. E. Cooke.

Standing Committee.—The Churchwardens, The Vice-Chairman, Secretary, and Treasurer of the P.C.C., Mr. Sheppard.

The next Meeting of the P.C.C. will be held on Wed., April 12th. The subjects for discussion will include the Memorials to the late Mr. Lees-Milne and the late Mr. Swift.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—The weather was again unfavourable on Feb. 1st, but those who braved the elements were rewarded by a most able and informative talk by Mr. F. S. Larkin on "The aims and work of a Secondary Modern School." The questions and discussion which followed showed what interest had been aroused, and it was with great reluctance that I had to "apply the closure" at 9 p.m. The hope was expressed that Mr. Larkin would pay a speedy return visit.

At the closing Meeting of the Session—on Wed., March 1st—Mr. Sturt will speak on "Fire Prevention and Fire Fighting."

I should like to express our gratitude to Mr. Sturt whose work as Secretary has had so much to do with the success of the venture, and to Messrs. W. Pearce, Willis, and Newbury for their help with the refreshments.

W.B.C.

CLERK.—I have asked Mr. Willis to act as Clerk, and he will attend Weddings and Funerals in that capacity. Please note that Forms for the Notice of Banns and the Notice of Baptisms can now be obtained from him.

W.B.C.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The Joint Meeting with the Badsey Branch on Feb. 8th was most successful, and the address by Miss Holmes was much appreciated. There has been a change in the arrangements for Mrs. Bailey's visit—instead of speaking at Wickhamford on Wed., March 15th, she will speak to our Branch and the Badsey Branch in Badsey Church on Tues., March 28th, following a Special Service at 2.30 p.m. It has been customary to hold a Deanery Service at All Saints' Church, Evesham, on or about Lady Day, but since no such Service is to be held this year, the Service mentioned above will enable Mothers' Union members in Badsey and Wickhamford to observe the Feast of The Annunciation.

Mrs. Hodges has been chosen to read the Lesson at the "Mothering Sunday" Service on Sun., March 19th.

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

Jan. 28th.—Wilfred Walter Sunley, Broadway, and Audrey May Camden, Wickhamford.

Feb. 18th.—Dennis Allchurch, Evesham, and Doris Sylvia Summers, Wickhamford.

SOCIAL.—Another very successful Social was held on Wed., Feb. 15th. Mr. Willis was M.C. for Whist, the prizewinners being Mrs. R. Hartwell and Mr. P. Harrison. After refreshments had been served, the popular "Twenty Questions" and games, organised by Mrs. Chapman, provided a most enjoyable programme. Mr. Willis and Mr. Sheppard again exhibited their skill as Auctioneers, and a net profit of £7 15s. 10d. was realised. This means that the sum of over £43 has been raised by our four Socials during past months. We would again thank all who helped in any way.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES
(Jan. 29th, Feb. 5th, 12th, 19th) £7 15s. 8d.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

W.I.—The monthly meeting was held on Feb. 8th at the Wheatsheaf Assembly Room with Mrs. M. G. Savory (Vice-President) in the chair, owing to the absence of the President, Mrs. S. B. Carter, through illness. The meeting began with the singing of "Jerusalem," with Mrs. Sadler at the piano. After the business part of the meeting, the Chairman introduced Mrs. Nightingale (Evesham) as the Speaker. Members listened with rapt attention to a most interesting talk on "A Holiday in Austria."

Mrs. Tullet proposed a vote of thanks to Mrs. Nightingale for her very enjoyable and humorous address. This was heartily applauded by all the members. Refreshments followed, served by Mrs. Harvey and her helpers, bringing to a close a very happy meeting.

C.M.

BRITISH LEGION (MEN'S SECTION).—A Committee Meeting was held at The Royal Oak on Feb. 6th, Mr. A. J. Brazier presiding. At the outset the Chairman referred to the loss the Branch had sustained through the death of Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne (President) and tributes were paid to his services to the Branch. It was unanimously resolved that Mr. G. S. D. Aldrich (Mayor of Evesham) be elected as the new President, and expressions of appreciation were passed of his services to the Branch over a number of years. The Chairman referred to the proposed memorial to Mr. Lees-Milne in Wickhamford Church and it was agreed to donate £5 5s. to the cost of this. A discussion ensued on the appeal put forward by the Badsey P.C.C. for the rehanging of the bells in St. James's Church, Badsey, and it was decided to ask the Women's Section to co-operate with a view to the Branch being responsible for the cost of rehanging one bell. The Chairman put forward a suggestion regarding the revival of the annual dinner, and it was unanimously agreed to hold a Branch dinner at the Royal Oak Assembly Room,

Badsey, on Tuesday, March 21, and a sub-committee was appointed to arrange the necessary details. The next committee meeting will be held at the Sandys Arms, Wickhamford, on Tuesday, March 7, at 7.30 p.m.

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