

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

#### Palm Sunday (April 2nd)

8. 0 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11. 0 a.m.—Sung Eucharist, Blessing and Distribution of Palms.  
6.45 p.m.—Evensong, and Distribution of Palms.

Monday, April 3rd; Tuesday, April 4th;  
Wednesday, April 5th; Thursday, April 6th

10. 0 a.m.—Holy Communion.

#### Wednesday, April 5th

- 7.30 p.m.—The Rite of Confirmation will be administered by the Lord Bishop of the Diocese.

#### Good Friday (April 7th)

10. 0 a.m.—Children's Service.  
2-3 p.m.—"The Watch at the Cross."  
7.30 p.m.—"One of the Twelve" (A Passion Play by J. Edward Brown).

#### Easter Day (Sunday, April 9th)

7. 0 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
8. 0 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
11. 0 a.m.—Sung Eucharist.  
6.45 p.m.—Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum.

#### Low Sunday (April 16th)

8. 0 a.m.—Holy Communion.  
6.45 p.m.—Evensong.

#### Sunday, April 23rd (S. George M.)

Preacher at 11 a.m. The Vicar of Childswickham.

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I ask you to study carefully the list of Services for Holy Week and Easter, and to resolve to make every effort to attend "The Watch at The Cross" on Good Friday from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and the Passion Play in the evening. Very many people will regard this solemn day merely as a "Bank Holiday," and the call to Christians to observe the day aright is very urgent. Please note the times of the Celebrations on Easter Day.

We are most grateful to the members of the Choir of St. Lawrence's Church, Evesham, for their kind promise to render Stainer's "Crucifixion" on Thursday, Mar. 30th. The Church ought to be filled to capacity on this occasion.

Thanks to very generous help (£115) from Christ Church, Oxford, and a grant (£80) from the Diocese of Worcester, I am glad to say that the long standing question of external repairs to the Vicarage has now been settled. I should like to express my deep gratitude to Mr. A. J. Brazier for all his help in this matter. Through all the difficulties, counter plans, etc., he has preserved his patience and good temper!

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

### NOTES AND NOTICES

VESTRY MEETING AND A.P.C.M. — At the Vestry Meeting on March 3rd, 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. Mr. J. Major (Secretary, P.C.C.) presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 374 names. Thanks were expressed to Miss M. E. Sladden for carrying through the work of revision. Two most interesting reports followed (1) by Mr. J. Major on the work of the P.C.C. during the past year, (2) by Mr. G. A. King on the Fabric, Goods, and Ornaments of the Church. The Financial Statement, presented by Mr. C. A. Binyon (Treasurer P.C.C.) showed Receipts amounting to £570 4s. 9d., and Payments to £367 11s. 7d.—a balance of Receipts over Payments of £202 13s. 2d. To this was to be added £102 17s. 1d. (Balance in hand, 31st Dec., 1948) leaving an available Balance of £305 10s. 3d. Of this £245 had been transferred to the Fabric Fund (for the Repairs to the Tower), and the sum of £60 10s. 3d. carried forward.

Mr. Binyon reported that £424 (For the Repair of the Bells £277, for the Extension of the Churchyard and the completion of Repairs to the Church £147) had so far been received for the £1,000 Appeal Fund.

The following elections took place:—

**Ruridecanal Conference:** Mrs. Ballard, Mrs. L. H. Sparrow, Mr. C. A. Binyon, Mr. G. A. King.

**P.C.C.:** Mesdames W. H. Reed, A. Reed, A. L. Byrd, Edwards, Misses M. E. Sladden, Allard, E. Sladden, Messrs. J. Major, A. G. Crisp, D. Peet, M. Harvey, B. F. P. Blake, M. Savory and A. L. Byrd.

[N.B.—The Churchwardens, Diocesan Conference Representatives (Mr. Binyon and Mrs. Savory), and the Ruridecanal Conference Representatives are ex-officio members of the P.C.C.]

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

Mr. D. A. Jelfs was re-appointed Auditor, and was thanked for his services during the past year.

The Vicar thanked the officials and members of the various organisations for continued loyal support and generous help. He reminded all present that the Church Fete would be held on Sat., June 24th, and the Gift Day on Thursday, Sept. 21st.

**SANCTUARY GUILD.**—Next Meeting, Thursday, April 13th, in the Parish Room, following Service in Church at 3 p.m. Will ALL Members try and attend. Subjects for discussion include (1) The Fete, (2) Summer Outing.

A.M.C.

**MOTHERS' UNION.**—Two important occasions are still in the future as I write—(1) The "Mothering Sunday" Service, (2) The visit of Mrs. Bailey (Diocesan President). There will be no Meeting on the Tuesday in Easter Week (Apr. 11th). The next Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday, April 18th, at 7 p.m. We are holding it on the **third** Tuesday in order to avoid clashing with the Meeting of the Women's Section of the British Legion on the fourth Tuesday. We shall then discuss (1) The Fete, (2) The Summer Outing, and I hope we shall have a full attendance of Members.

The Diocesan Festival Service will be held in the Cathedral on Wed., May 10th. All those who wish to attend are asked to give in their names at the Meeting on April 18th.

We have so far paid to the Treasurer of the P.C.C. the sum of £45 towards the cost of the "Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild Bell." Receipts during the past month include £2 13s. 8d. from the Sanctuary Guild Box. Donations are gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. Savory, Mrs. Parnell, Mrs. W. D. Sparrow, Mrs. J. Dore, Mrs. G. Knight, Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. Dungworth, Mrs. A. C. Sparrow, Mrs. Albert Keen, Mrs. R. Hartwell, Mrs. S. J. Wheatley, Mrs. Edwards, Mrs. W. Keen, Mrs. C. Haines, Mrs. Mustoe, and Mrs. Chapman.

A.M.C.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.**—The last meeting for this season was held on March 14th when Inspector Young (Evesham) gave an interesting talk on "The History of the Police Force." One of the points on which he laid stress was the need of co-operation between the general public and police officials, as by this means valuable assistance could be given toward the protection of person and property. In many cases, help and information obtained from civilians were the only means of bringing an offender to justice, or of an injured person obtaining compensation. Although the Police are our paid servants we should help whenever possible.

It is hoped that all members have had an enjoyable time at our meetings and that next October will find them eager to support our Guest Speakers during our third season.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. Chapman and her daughter for always having the tea ready at just the right moment. And, by the way, dirty cups and saucers don't wash themselves up either!

M.G.S.

[Editor's Note.—Once again a great deal of the credit for the success of the Meetings has been due to the zeal and efficiency of the Secretary. We are indeed fortunate to have such a one responsible for the arrangements.

So far the sum of £30 13s. 6d. has been subscribed towards the cost of the "Men's Fellowship Bell." In addition to the donations acknowledged in "The Appeal" Note last month, donations have been received from Messrs. S. Brewer, C. Haines, E. Velvick, H. Smith, E. Emms, J. E. Knight, B. L. Ockwell, R. Taylor, R. P. Spiers, and "Members of the Wickhamford Men's Fellowship."]

**CHOIR.**—The annual Choir Supper was held at The Royal Oak on Feb. 20th and was, as always, a very happy occasion. On the following Saturday Mr. Henry King very kindly entertained the Boys to tea—and what a sumptuous repast it was!

#### SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday, Apr. 2nd:** 8 a.m., Mr. M. Savory; 11 a.m., Messrs. G. Jones and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. F. Cleaver and T. W. Hardiman.

**Sunday, Apr. 9th:** 8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Agg and M. Savory; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. Major and P. Case.

**Sunday, Apr. 16th:** 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell and R. Knight.

**Sunday, Apr. 23rd:** 8 a.m., Mr. J. Major; 11 a.m., Messrs. P. H. Sparrow and A. L. Byrd; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. A. W. Sparrow and A. Worthington.

**Sunday, Apr. 30th:** 8 a.m., Mr. T. W. Hardiman; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Peet and J. Major; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. B. F. P. Blake and A. L. Byrd.

**Sunday, May 7th:** As Sunday, Apr. 2nd.

#### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Apr. 2nd,	8 a.m. D. Knight	—
	11 a.m. B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
	6.45 p.m. D. Edwards	D. Barrand
Apr. 9th,	7 a.m. B. F. P. Blake	—
	8 a.m. L. Mitchell	—
	11 a.m. D. Edwards	D. Barrand
	6.45 p.m. K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
Apr. 16th,	8 a.m. D. Edwards	—
	6.45 p.m. D. Barrand	K. Mitchell
Apr. 23rd,	8 a.m. B. Jennings	—
	11 a.m. D. Edwards	D. Barrand
	6.45 p.m. K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
Apr. 30th,	8 a.m. J. Hatcher	—
	11 a.m. B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
	6.45 p.m. D. Barrand	D. Edwards
May 7th,	8 a.m. D. Barrand	—
May 11th,	11 a.m. K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
	6.45 p.m. D. Edwards	D. Barrand

#### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Feb. 26th, £5 1s. 5d.; Mar. 5th, £4 4s. 3d.; Mar. 12th, £3 15s. 7d.; Lent Services (to Mar. 9th), £2 12s. 9d. Total £15 14s. 0d.

#### OTHER RECEIPTS

**February Envelopes:** Church Expenses £2 8s. 5d. Church Overseas 10s. 3d., **Total £2 18s. 8d.** (No. 4, 6s.; No. 5, 2s.; No. 6, 12s.; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 9s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 13, 4s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 7s. 6d.; No. 22, 1s. 8d.; No. 23, 2s. 6d.) **Church Box** 7s. 9d.; **Covenants** £5.

#### PARISH REGISTERS

##### Marriage

Feb. 22nd.—Clarence Leonard Heritage, Evesham, and Annie Elizabeth Byrd, Aldington.

##### Burial

Mar. 15th.—Thomas Clarke, Birmingham, aged 80 years.

## THE APPEAL

Steady progress continues to be made. So far £490 14s. 10d. has been received, and in addition there are promises amounting to £164 6s. 6d. The members of the British Legion have kindly offered to be responsible for the repair of a bell. This means that all the bells are now allocated to individuals or societies, but, please note, not all are paid for! It is necessary to stress this in view of a current rumour that nothing more is needed for the Bells! Further donations are needed for the following: Memorial to Canon Allsebrook, Memorial to Mr. G. Moisey, Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild, and Men's Fellowship. Since the last issue of the Magazine, donations have been received from Misses Sladden, Mrs. Ash, Mr. D. J. C. Edwards, Badsey Rangers F.C., Mr. E. Jones, Mrs. March, Mrs. and Miss Allard, Mr. G. E. Churchill, Mrs. A. W. Ballard, Miss E. B. Hartwell, Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Worthington, Balance of Bier Fund £32 (per Mr. G. A. Jones—allocated to Churchyard Extension), Mrs. E. Emms, Miss Agg.

Evensong (viz. 5.30 p.m.) to enable those who wish to attend the Passion Play in Badsey Church at 7.30 p.m. to do so.

Please note that Holy Communion on Easter Day is at 9.30 a.m. (not 9 a.m.).

The Parochial Church Council will meet in the Parish Room on Wed., April 12th, at 7.30 p.m.

Members of the Mothers' Union who wish to attend the Diocesan Festival Service in the Cathedral on Wed., May 10th, are asked to give in their names to Mrs. Pearce not later than Wed., April 19th. The Summer Outing will be to the Wye Valley on Tuesday, June 20th.

Mr. Sturt's talk on "Fire Fighting and Fire Prevention" at the Meeting of the Men's Fellowship on March 1st was most useful and instructive, and an animated discussion followed. Everyone agreed that the Session just concluded has been very successful, and that future prospects are most promising.

It is proposed to hold a Jumble Sale, in aid of the Sunday School Fund, in the near future. Please bear this in mind when you are in the midst of Spring Cleaning! We will gladly fetch whatever you can spare.

The Collections for Church Expenses from Feb. 26th to Mar. 12th (incl.) amounted to £6 18s. 0d.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

#### Palm Sunday (April 2nd)

9. 0 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 (April 7th)

5.30 p.m.—"A Hymn Service of the Passion."

#### Easter Day (Sunday, April 9th)

9.30 a.m.—Holy Communion (with Hymns).

5.30 p.m.—Evensong, Sermon, and Te Deum.

#### Low Sunday (April 16th)

11. 0 a.m.—Matins.

11.40 a.m.—Holy Communion.

5.30 p.m.—Evensong.

## THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

I hope that as many as possible will come to the "Hymn Service of The Passion" on Good Friday and so help towards a worthy observance of this solemn day. The Lessons will be read by Messrs. Newbury, Willis, Sturt, Parry, and Field. I have arranged the Service at the usual time of Sunday

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptism

Mar. 11th.—Betty Brotherton.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION). — The monthly Branch meeting was held at the Bell Inn Assembly Room on Tuesday, 28th February. Mrs. W. Keen presided over a fair attendance of members. Owing to the absence, through illness, of Mrs. Cleaver (Secretary) her duties were taken over by Mrs. F. Barnard.

After the Exhortation, Mrs. Keen welcomed visitors from the Bretforton Branch. Then came the adoption of the Minutes, after which Mrs. Keen read a letter from the Men's Section asking for the help of the Women's Section in raising sufficient money to re-hang one of the Church Bells (£60—£70 would be needed). The members agreed to co-operate with the Men's Section, and a Joint Committee was suggested.

The question of helping at the County Fair to be held on June 1st was then debated. It was agreed to try and arrange a Fruit and Vegetable Stall.

Members were informed that a Bring and Buy Stall would be held at the next Branch Meeting on March 28th.

After refreshments had been served, Mrs. M. Savory arranged a Beetle Drive which was thoroughly enjoyed.

The winner of the prize (given by Mrs. Harvey) was Mrs. Edwards. Mrs. Savory won a competition prize (given by Mrs. W. Keen) and Mrs. T. Keen won the monthly parcel.

M. K. CLEAVER (Hon. Sec.)

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. — The March Meeting provided something to suit all tastes, with films for the picture-goer, flowers for the flower lover, and singing for the musically minded. Mrs. Carter presided, and asked for a delegate to attend the Conference at Worcester. It was decided that Mrs. Savory should go, with Mrs. Harvey as visitor. Numerous entries were received for the Bulb Show. These were judged by Mr. A. Boers (Offenham), who awarded the Sydenham Cup to Mrs. Shelley for the best exhibit; Mrs. Savory won the B. A. Sears Cup for the highest number of points. Mrs. Sears presented the prizes to the winners.

Three interesting and entertaining films were shown by Mr. Bayliss, of the Central Office of Information. Refreshments were then served by Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Pratley, and helpers.

An interesting Meeting closed with songs rendered by the choir under their conductor, Mrs. Chapman, with Mrs. Sadler at the piano. The songs included two test pieces sung by the choir at the recent Music Festival held at Worcester.

C.M.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE CHOIR.—The members took part in the Music Festival in Worcester on March 4th and the adjudicator, Mr. Ronald Biggs, reported as follows: "The Lark in the Morn" (two parts) was rather hurried, but had a good intonation. The tone was not at all forced, though a trifle breath-

less, probably due to nervousness at singing first. The words were good. "The Green Meadow" (Unison):—The choir sang well together and with a good intonation, though the words could trip more lightly. Very competently learned.

This choir has good balance, and a good tone. They acquitted themselves well, and were very well trained.

A.M.C.

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