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The Archbishops of Canterbury and York have authorised the publication of the following statement:

*A Short Guide to the
Duties of Church Membership*

All baptized and confirmed members of the Church must play their full part in its life and witness. That you may fulfil this duty, we call upon you:

- To follow the example of Christ in home and daily life, and to bear personal witness to Him.
- To be regular in private prayer day by day.
- To read the Bible carefully.
- To come to Church every Sunday.
- To receive the Holy Communion faithfully and regularly.
- To give personal service to Church, neighbours, and community.
- To give money for the work of parish and diocese and for the work of the Church at home and overseas.

GEOFFREY CANTUAR:
CYRIL EBOR:

THE DIOCESAN MISSION

As is generally known, a Mission is to be held throughout the Diocese of Worcester in October, 1951. The main stages of the Mission are:—

- (1) A year of preparation in every parish, beginning October, 1950.
- (2) The preaching of the Message of the Mission in every parish by expert Missioners from outside the Diocese. This will last for one week and will be followed by:—
- (3) A week of Acts of Witness, Mass Meetings, etc.

In Badsey and Wickhamford the preaching of the Message of the Mission will be from Oct. 10th to Oct. 17th, and the Missioner will be the Rev. Canon J. Gray, Rector of Barwick-in-Elmet (near) Leeds. In most parishes the date of this second stage of the Mission will be from Oct. 14th to Oct. 21st, but we have altered our date to suit the convenience of the Missioner. I am very glad indeed to secure Canon Gray, who was my predecessor at Featherstone. He has had wide experience as a Missioner, and I cannot think of anyone more suitable for our needs. He is a most eloquent and persuasive Preacher, a man of deep spirituality and great sincerity. I hope he will be able to pay us a visit during the autumn of this year in order that he may become acquainted with Badsey and Wickhamford, and help us to formulate our plans. I shall, of course, be making further references to this great venture. Meanwhile I ask you to pray for God's blessing on the Mission, and on him who will conduct it.

W.B.C.

SERMONS

A sermon on 'Sermons' might, with advantage, be preached in every church. An appropriate text would be: 'Take heed what ye hear.' What we hear depends much upon ourselves. One listens in a critical frame of mind and expects, and perhaps hopes, to find flaws in the speaker's argument; he finds them. Another hearer has come to seek help from the speaker. He, too, finds what he wants. Others are more concerned with the length of the sermon than with what is in it.

The sermon is a responsibility which the congregation shares in some degree with the preacher. Some sermons fail because of the preacher, and some because of the hearers. 'Efficiency in the pulpit,' wrote Bishop Hensley Henson, 'is conditioned to an extent which it is difficult to exaggerate by appreciation in the pew.' One of the greatest preachers said: 'You can't expect fire in the pulpit when there are icebergs in the pews.' A church which is nearly empty makes empty the preacher's heart, and takes the joy out of the most earnest message. Anxious as every preacher ought to be to give of his best to the faithful few, he is an exceptional man who is not sensitive to the atmosphere created by a large audience.

The preacher's difficulties are threefold. He is addressing a silent and undemonstrative audience. Whereas the platform speaker may be cheered or heckled the preacher finds it difficult, if not impossible, to gauge the reaction of his hearers. An interruption from the body of the hall often gives the experienced speaker a splendid opportunity to make an apt retort. In any case it shows the speaker what some of his audience are thinking. The preacher receives no such guidance.

Another difficulty (some preachers would account it the greatest) is the varied nature of the average congregation. It may easily contain persons whose ages range from eight to eighty years, as well as men and women of very different mental calibre. It will also contain people of varied religious experiences, some of whom require feeding with the milk of the word, whilst others need strong meat.

A third great difficulty is that the preacher is expected to give a worthwhile message in about a quarter of an hour. Of course, there are occasions when this is an ample allowance of time, but there are important matters which cannot be satisfactorily dealt with in much longer time than fifteen minutes. If the preacher could be sure that the same congregation would be present on the following two or three Sundays it would be comparatively easy to divide the sermon into as many parts. Under modern conditions each sermon has to be complete in itself, and this is probably the reason why courses of sermons are not now so frequent as once they were. The demand for short sermons means that most of them may be more properly described as "brief homilies." They are often good, as far as they go. But do they go far enough? It is quite impossible to give adequate teaching on the main doctrines of the Christian Faith in a few moments on odd occasions. Hence the widespread ignorance of religious truth and of the meaning of Church membership.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

P.C.C.—Next Meeting, Tuesday, June 13th, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m. The main item on the Agenda will be final preparations for the Church Fête. It is hoped that all members will be present.

M.U.—Thirty-five Members of the Badsey and Wickhamford Branches attended the Diocesan Festival in the Cathedral on May 10th, and their Banners were among the hundred Banners in the Procession. After the Service the members stopped at Pershore for Tea.

Members are asked to join with the Members of the Sanctuary Guild at the Meeting in the Parish Room on Thursday, June 8th, at 7 p.m. in order that arrangements for the Church Fête and the Annual Outing may be discussed.

SANCTUARY GUILD.—Next Meeting, Thursday, June 8th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m. (see M.U. Notes).

IN MEMORIAM.—Julia Amelia Moisey was laid to rest on April 24th, within the shadow of the Church she served so faithfully. In offering our sympathy to the members of her family in their loss, we would assure them that her devoted service is remembered with deep gratitude.

We also offer our sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. George Brewer.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, June 4th: 8 a.m., Mr. M. Savory; 11 a.m., Messrs. G. Jones and D. Peet; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. F. Cleaver, T. W. Hardiman and Churchwardens.

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

Sunday, June 18th: 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and Churchwardens.

Sunday, June 25th: 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, A. Worthington and M. Savory.

Sunday, July 2nd: As Sunday, June 4th.

N.B.—It would be a great help if Sidesmen would endeavour to be on duty a quarter of an hour before the start of the Service to distribute books and, if necessary, shew visitors to their seats. They are also asked to assist in the counting of the Collection after the Service.

G. A. KING }
G. A. JONES } Churchwardens

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
June 4th, 8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	D. Barrand	D. Edwards
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
June 11th, 8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Barrand	D. Edwards
June 18th, 8 a.m.	D. Barrand	—
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
June 25th, 8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Edwards	D. Barrand
July 2nd, 8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	D. Barrand	D. Edwards
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Apr. 23rd, £3 8s. 5d.; Apr. 30th, £3 17s. 9d.; May 7th, £4 13s. 4d.; May 14th, £4 16s. 10d. Total £16 16s. 4d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Church Box 7s. 4d.; **Covenants** £15 10s. 6d. (Repayment of Income Tax); **Use of Organ** 6s.; **April Envelopes**—Church Expenses £4 4s. 0d., Church Overseas 11s. 2d., **Total £4 15s. 2d.** (No. 3, 5s.; No. 4, 10s. 6d.; No. 5, 6s. 6d.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 3s.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 8s. 6d.; No. 22, 2s. 2d.; No. 23, 15s. 6d.; No. 24, 2s. 6d.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

Apr. 22nd.—William Thomas Toney, Sheldon (Birmingham), and Linda Maureen Syril, Badsey.

Burials

Apr. 24th.—Julia Amelia Moisey, aged 76 years.

Apr. 28th.—George Brewer, aged 53 years.

THE CHURCH FETE

The Fête will be held in the Vicarage Garden on Sat. June 24th, from 2.30 p.m. to 7.30 p.m. Mrs. G. H. Stewart has kindly consented to perform the Opening Ceremony. The Fête will be on the same lines as in former years, and Programmes will shortly be on sale. Members of the Mothers' Union and the Sanctuary Guild will again be responsible for the various Stalls, the 2nd Sunday Group Members being in charge of the Tea Room. Mr. B. Jones has kindly promised to provide "Music on the Lawn," and there will be the usual Side-shows, e.g. "Bowling for a Pig," "Bowling for a Goose," Treasure Hunt, Bran Tub, "Electrical Wonders" (through the kindness of Mr. Hector Smith and Mr. Cyril Bird), etc. There will be a Gift Stall Sale at 6 p.m.

Gifts for the various Stalls will be gratefully received at the Vicarage.

NB.—If wet (perish the thought!) the Fête will be held in Badsey School.

THE £1,000 APPEAL

The position on May 20th was

Gifts Received	£569 12s. 6d.
Promises	£136 6s. 6d.
Total	£705 19s. 0d.

Contributions during the past month include the sum of £8 10s., the proceeds of the Collecting Box at "The Royal Oak." Grateful thanks are due to Mr. and Mrs. L. Mustoe, their helpers, and all contributors for this generous help. We also acknowledge with thanks donations from Mr. J. Holding and Mr. J. D. Holding, Badsey Women's Institute, Mr. M. Jennings (Men's Fellowship Bell), Miss Angela Chapman, Mr. F. E. Corbett (Men's Fellowship Bell), Mrs. Savory (M.U. and Sanctuary Guild Bell).

A note in the Fête Programme asks those who have not yet contributed to the Appeal Fund to send their contributions to the Vicarage on or before the day of the Fête (Sat., June 24th). It is hoped that as a result of the Fête the Fund will be largely augmented.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

MEMORIAL.—The Memorial to the late Mr. B. R. Swift was dedicated at Evensong on April 23rd. We are very grateful to Major S. B. Carter for organising the Memorial Fund. A sum of money still remains to provide new seating for the Choir — a further Memorial to one who served Wickhamford Church most faithfully.

JUMBLE SALE.—This special effort on May 12th was most successful, the sum of £21 being realised. We offer our hearty congratulations and sincere thanks to the Organiser (Mr. J. E. Sheppard) and his "Staff" (Mrs. Dean, Miss A. L. Cox, and Miss Barbara Willis). We would also thank all who sent articles for sale, and those who worked so hard as Stall-Holders, or helped in other ways. We hope that all concerned felt that the result was a fitting reward for all they did so willingly.

MOTHERS' UNION OUTING.—Please note that the date of the Outing to the Wye Valley has been changed to Thursday, June 22nd. Will all who wish to go please given in their names at once to The Vicar or to Mrs. Phillips.

Collections for Church Expenses (Apr. 23rd, Apr. 30th, May 7th, May 14th) £7 12s. 9d.

REPAIRS.—The Members of the Standing Committee of the Parochial Church Council have again been concerned with the question of repairs to the Church. Enquiries are being made, and it is hoped to make an announcement shortly.

R.I.P.—We extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. James Moisey, who was buried in the Churchyard on May 16th.

Grateful thanks to:—

- (1) Mr. Herrington—for his continued care of the Churchyard.
- (2) Mrs. Waters—for taking on the work of cleaning the Church.
- (3) Mrs. Figgitt and Mrs. Spragg—for their work as Church Cleaners.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION). — The last Branch Meeting of the session was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, Apr. 25th. Mrs. W. Keen was in the Chair, and there was a very good attendance of members. The County Fair (to be held at Worcester on July 1st) was discussed, and it was decided to provide a miscellaneous Stall (Cakes, Fruit, Jams, Eggs, etc.). Mrs. Whitford very kindly promised to make an Iced Cake, the members being asked to supply ingredients.

The Evesham Group Meeting (to be held at Badsey on June 13th) was also discussed. It was decided to invite ten members from each of the branches in the Group, and to provide a Speaker, an Entertainment, and Refreshments.

Mrs. W. Keen was elected as delegate to the Annual Conference in London on May 24th and 25th.

Mrs. Chapman (President) mentioned that temporary vases had been procured for the War Memorials in Church, and asked for a rota of members to provide fresh flowers for them.

The Speaker for the evening was our popular County Chairman (Miss Smedley-Crooke). She gave a very interesting talk on the work of the Central Committee in London, and emphasised the need for all Branches to help financially.

Refreshments were then served by members of the Committee.

The Monthly Competition was won by Mrs. Hurman.

R. M. BARNARD

NURSING ASSOCIATION. — A unanimous decision to disband the Nursing Association was made at the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, May 9th. A full account of the Meeting, together with details of the disposal of the balance in hand, appeared in the local press. Next month we hope to publish a short history of the Association since its inception. Mrs. Brady has kindly promised to continue to act as Secretary for the "Home Help" Service.

W.B.C.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. — A large number of members attended the May Meeting when the resolutions and amendments for the A.G.M. were discussed. As a rule this is very dull, but Mrs. Robinson, V.C.O., explained it in such an interesting way that everyone quite enjoyed the discussion. Mrs. Eeuwens, of Offenham, was present as she will represent Badsey at the A.G.M. A book token was given to Mrs. J. Keen as a slight mark of appreciation for her services as Press Correspondent, Mrs. Carter expressing regret at her resignation on account of ill health.

Mrs. A. Reed and her helpers served refreshments.

A Music Recital followed which was enjoyed by all the members. The following Artistes took part:— Mr. Peet (Piano), Mrs. T. H. Collett (Vocalist), Mrs. Cleaver (Violin). Mrs. Sadler and Mr. Peet were the accompanists.

The hope was expressed that another Recital would take place at a later date.

Mrs. J. Wheatley was the winner of the monthly parcel.

Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Butler and Mrs. Rose have visited patients at King's Road Hospital.

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