

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

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MODERN CHURCH FINANCE

Many complaints are heard about the increase in the quota, both from the parishes to the diocese and from the dioceses to the Central Board of Finance at Westminster. But is there any business, household or society whose running expenses have not increased considerably in recent years? The Church's budget should be able to pass the most careful scrutiny, but it must not be forgotten that as the work expands it inevitably costs more.

The plain fact is that the Church of England has for long been living on the generosity of its past benefactors, and that very few churches have been fully maintained by the offerings of their parishioners. Of every pound received by an incumbent in one diocese, an average of 16s. 10d. comes from past endowments, 2s. 6d. from present contributions, and 8d. from fees. Recent legislation, beginning with the Tithe Act in 1936, has had the effect of appreciably reducing the Church's income. This, coupled with the general fall in rates of interest, and the much higher cost of living, has brought about a difficult, if not critical, situation.

Compared with those of other Churches (e.g. the Church in Wales) members of the Church of England do not contribute their due share towards its upkeep. Official figures show that although many people attend church at such festivals as Christmas and Easter they give little support at other times. If Easter communicants only are reckoned, an extra shilling a week from each of them would provide a further £5½ million a year.

It is unsatisfactory that the upkeep of the Church should largely depend upon a comparatively few regular church-goers. Many reformers would like to see the Sunday collection in its present form abolished. It encourages spasmodic and unsystematic giving, and allows large numbers of people to be satisfied with the giving of a chance coin, many of them only on the infrequent occasions when they attend Church. Nor should the Church's finances have to depend so much upon the weather and other uncertain factors. A fourth-rate athletic club would not be content to rely upon the passing round of the hat or a collection bag each week. Members pay a fixed subscription to their club irrespective of the

number of times they visit it during the year. It would be thought unreasonable if a club had to make plans to pay its staff, and carry on its activities without knowing what it would receive from its members. Why should the Church have to humiliate itself by frequent begging appeals to those who claim its benefits? It is said of some of the clergy that they are 'always making appeals for money.' If so, whose is the blame? No one dislikes these appeals more than the clergy themselves. Instead of being left free to get on with their real work, for which they were ordained, many of the clergy spend much of their time and energy in devising schemes for raising money. The pity is that so many parishes are content to go on in the bad old way of Church finance. Love of their Church and appreciation of its work should make unnecessary all pleading for the support of its professing members. Until the day comes when members of the Church regard it as an obligation to make a regular weekly, monthly, or annual offering to their Church, its finances will continue to give anxiety. Far too long the financial burden, which should be shared by all, has been borne by the few.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

GIFT DAY AND HARVEST THANKSGIVING

The Annual Gift Day will be on Thursday, Sept. 21st. A circular letter, giving details, will be sent out early in September. The following Sunday (Sept. 24th) will be the Harvest Thanksgiving, when it is hoped the preacher at Evensong will be the Rev. J. G. Jeffreys. Please make a note of these dates.

W.B.C.

THE £1,000 APPEAL

The position on July 18th was

Gifts Received	...	...	£741	15s.	3d.
Promises	...	...	£134	6s.	6d.
Total	...	...	£876	1s.	9d.

The above includes £100 from the Fête Receipts. The Standing Committee will recommend to the Parochial Church Council, at the Meeting on July 31st, that a further payment be made from the Fête Receipts to raise the amount of Gifts and Promises to £900. They have been moved to do this in view of a most generous anonymous offer of £50 if a further £50 is raised before the end of the year. The members of the Mothers' Union and Sanctuary

Guild (who have already raised more than the cost of their bell) have promised to be responsible for £10 of this last £50. Who will follow their example and help us to reach our target this year?

Donations are gratefully acknowledged from Mrs. Savory (M.U. and Sanctuary Guild Bell), Mr. and Mrs. S. J. Wheatley, Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Parry, Mrs. Paton, Mr. A. J. Brazier, Mr. T. F. Jelfs.

CHURCH FETE — 24th JUNE, 1950

Receipts:—

	£	s.	d.
1st and 3rd Sunday Group Stall	57	0	0
Mothers' Union Stall	38	14	5
4th and 5th Sunday Group Stall	27	11	6
Tea Room (2nd Sunday Group)	6	0	0
Book Stall	1	17	3
Auction Sale	19	5	0
Sale of Programmes and Gate Money ...	9	8	6
Bowling for Pig	13	8	0
Bowling for Goose	4	9	6
Electrical Gadgets	4	12	1
Hidden Treasure	1	11	0
Bran Tub	1	10	6
Dropping the Coin		10	6
Sale of Ice Cream	1	7	5
Sale of Lemonade	1	1	4
Sale of Buttonholes		16	6
Sundries		3	2

£189 6 8

Expenses:—Prizes, Printing, Hire of
Crockery, etc. 9 5 2

Net Profit ... £180 1 6

(N.B. Several Donations are included in the totals of the various Stalls).

SANCTUARY GUILD AND MOTHERS' UNION

No Meetings in August.

The Summer Outing on July 13th was a great success. The first stop was at Stoneleigh Abbey, and this lovely house, with its many treasures, was much admired. Warwick was the next place to be visited. Here, after lunch at "The Porridge Pot," some viewed the Castle, others Leychester Hospital, and the beautiful Parish Church. Those who went to the Church had the opportunity of hearing the Organ, and the Organist most kindly acceded to their request for Walford Davies' "Solemn Melody." Tea was taken at the Pump Room Café, Leamington,

where the Orchestra acceded to several more requests from the visitors from Badsey! And so to Coventry for the "First House" at The Hippodrome, and we were proud to have a member of the party bravely accepting the invitation to go on to the stage for "Twenty Questions." We returned home in very good time, our only regret being that it was Early Closing Day in Warwick and Leamington—and the Sales were on!

A.M.C.

[Editor's Note. Several Husbands were very relieved that it WAS Early Closing Day!]

CHOIR.—Grateful thanks are due to Mrs. Sheldon, Mr. P. J. Larner and Mr. H. W. King for the Musical Recital on Sunday, July 2nd. The hope was expressed that there would be another Recital very shortly.

Sunday, August 13th, will be "Choir Sunday," and the members of the Choir are putting in a good deal of hard work in preparation for it. It is hoped that all who appreciate the work of our Choir will attend both Morning and Evening Services.

It was unfortunate that the members had such a rainy day for their Outing to Bristol Zoo and Weston-super-Mare. However, they managed to gain a good deal of enjoyment from their varied activities and there was no grouching! Mr. King very kindly made all the arrangements.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Aug. 6th.—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 J. T. Batchelor.

Sunday, Aug. 13th.—8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Mr. D. Agg and Churchwarden; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. Major, P. Case and Churchwarden.

Sunday, Aug. 20th.—8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and E. Velvick.

Sunday, Aug. 27th.—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, Sept. 3rd.—As Sunday, Aug. 6th.

[N.B. Those who are unable to take their duty are asked to inform the Churchwardens as soon as possible.]

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sun., Aug. 6th		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
11 a.m.	D. Barrand	D. Edwards
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
Sun., Aug. 13th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Edwards	D. Barrand
Sun., Aug. 20th		
8 a.m.	D. Edwards	—
6.45 p.m.	D. Barrand	D. Edwards
Sun., Aug. 27th		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	D. Edwards	D. Barrand
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
Sun., Sept. 3rd		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Barrand	D. Edwards

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

June 25th, £5 13s. 4d.; July 2nd, £3 16s. 1d.;
July 9th, £4 19s.; July 16th (Evening), £4 8s. 7d.—
Total £18 17s.

Other Receipts

Sale of Bell Ropes, £1 5s. 0d.; **Interest on Bonds**,
£3 4s. 6d.; **June Envelopes** — Church Expenses, £2
9s. 1d.; Church Overseas, 10s. 4d.—Total £2 19s. 5d.
(No. 3, 2s.; No. 4, 7s. 6d.; No. 5, 2s.; No. 6, 16s.;
No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 8s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 4s.; No.
13, 1s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 5s. 10d.; No. 22, 2s. 1d.)

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

CHOIR OUTING.—Only one incident marred an otherwise very happy occasion—the break down of the Steamer on the journey to Abingdon. However, it takes more than this to damp the spirits of the members of our Choir, and the delay was borne patiently. They were even unperturbed by the suggestion by our “resident comedian” that the boat had been torpedoed! A good tea at Abingdon and the pleasure of the return journey compensated for the unexpected hitch, and a very cheerful company, on arriving home, expressed thanks to Mrs. Collett for all she had done to make it yet another successful Outing.

SUNDAY SCHOOL OUTING.—Date, Wednesday, August 16th. Place, Sutton Park (near Birmingham).

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES.—
(June 25th to July 16th inclusive) £8 6s. 6d.

HYMNS AND PSALMS FOR THE MONTH

Aug. 6th.—461, 217, 176, 477. Ps. 46.
Aug. 13th.—38, 193, 540, 274. Ps. 36.
Aug. 20th.—37, 703, 517, 706. Ps. 61.
Aug. 27th.—163, 520, 270, 705. Ps. 143.

Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on Sunday, October 1st.

It is hoped that the Rev. J. G. Jeffreys will preach at Evensong on Sunday, September 24th.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptism

July 23rd.—Pamela Dawn Sturt.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—At the July meeting final arrangements for the Madresfield Rally were discussed. Mrs. Carter then introduced Mrs. Eeuwens (Offenham), who gave a report on the A.G.M. recently held at the Albert Hall. A number of members thought that this report would be very dull and so stayed at home. The members who attended enjoyed listening to Mrs. Eeuwens so much that several said they could have listened to her for hours! Mrs. Carter thanked Mrs. Eeuwens for acting as delegate for Badsey, and for coming to give such an interesting account of the meeting.

Mrs. Marshall described a day in London, when she and Mrs. Reed (representing the W.I. Choir) attended the National Singing Festival at the Albert Hall.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Savory and her helpers. Mrs. R. Bell won the monthly competition and a happy meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem.

C.M.

5th EVESHAM (1st BADSEY) BOY SCOUTS.

Fete in The Vicarage Garden on Sat., Aug. 5th.
Opened at 3 p.m. by Miss Mary Amphlett (Scouts
Sec. and Organiser for Worcestershire). Bowling for
Pig, Bowling for Tea Service, Treasure Hunt, Bran
Tub, Produce Stall, Ankle Competition, Fancy Dress
Competition (Children). Refreshments. Admission 6d.
Please give us your support!

WICKHAMFORD FLOWER SHOW. — Our
annual Flower Show will be held on Saturday, 12th
August, and again I earnestly ask for the whole-
hearted support of the village, for this most deserv-
ing object. Each year our entries grow more, and this
year I do hope everybody will find something in
their garden, however small, to make this year's
Show, a real bumper one. With nice surroundings,

good side shows and soft music, let this be your half
day out. Saturday, 12th August—note the date.

Thank you,

A. C. WELLAND.

Secretary to the Committee.

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