

## Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

NOVEMBER, 1950

### DIOCESAN MISSION (OCT., 1951)

The First Stage of the Mission—A Year of Preparation, from Oct., 1950, to Oct., 1951 — was inaugurated by a Diocesan Service in the Cathedral on Saturday, Oct. 7th. Nearly 3,000 people, representative of all the parishes in the Diocese, were present. The Service ended with a corporate Act of Dedication led by the Bishop of Worcester. This Act of Dedication included the recital by the congregation of the Mission Prayer—"O God, bless the Bishop of Worcester's Mission to my soul and to the souls of many more, and use us in Thy service, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen."

It was most encouraging to have the Badsey Parish Room filled with members of the Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild of Badsey and Wickhamford on Tuesday, Oct. 10th, to hear what our own Missioner had to say with regard to the work of preparation. Canon Gray's address was listened to with rapt attention and all were deeply impressed by the utter sincerity and deep spirituality of his words. He emphasised the need for earnest and expectant prayer, and for a more devout performance of the primary Christian duties. He urged us to strive to interest those in our immediate circle in the Mission and to keep before our minds the primary object of the Mission, i.e., to "convert" the two parishes to God and to the Christian way of life. We must show those "on the fringe" that we were really in earnest. In this connection regular attendance at public worship in God's House on God's Day was of paramount importance. By this we made a public confession of our faith, and showed we were "not ashamed to confess the faith of Christ Crucified." If people outside saw that we were only casual about this, how could we expect them to be anything but casual? The state of the world to-day, the fact that the Church everywhere was faced with hostility and indifference, revealed the need for such efforts as the Mission. The Mission was not an "isolated stunt." It needed to be carefully prepared for and zealously followed up.

Canon Gray also spoke to a Joint Meeting of the Badsey and Wickhamford Parochial Church Councils on Wed., Oct. 11th. Again his address was listened

to with the closest attention, and the discussion which followed was of great help in clearing up difficulties and enabling us to gain a clearer view of what was really needed during this year of preparation. I think we all felt how fortunate we are to have secured so experienced a Missioner as Canon Gray and that his preliminary visit left us much to ponder over and to pray about.

A good many people have taken copies of the Mission Prayer Manual and I hope they will be used regularly in public and private prayer.

At the moment of writing, the Meeting to discuss the formation of a Group for Prayer and Study is still in the future. I hope very much that such a Group will be formed.

W.B.C.

### BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

#### Sunday, Nov. 5th (Sunday in Octave of All Saints).

The Names of the faithful departed to be commemorated should be given to the Vicar not later than Friday, Nov. 3rd.

#### Sunday, Nov. 12th (Remembrance Sunday). The

Services will be as follows:—

8 a.m.—Holy Communion.

11 a.m.—Matins. The members of the British Legion will parade. The members of the Congregation are asked to be in their places not later than 10.50 a.m.

6.45 p.m.—Evensong.

The Collections throughout the day will be for Earl Haig's Fund (Poppy Day Appeal).

I earnestly plead for a worthy observance of this day. The Church ought to be filled both morning and evening.

W.B.C.

HARVEST THANKSGIVING. We are again indebted to "the faithful few" for their splendid work in decorating the Church. All the Services were well attended, it being satisfactory to note that there were over 100 Communicants. We were very glad to have the Rev. J. G. Jeffreys with us at Evensong. Thanks are due to the Choir for their work throughout the day, to those who sent gifts of Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables, and to Mr. Cockerton and Mr. P. H. Sparrow for conveying these gifts to Evesham Hospital.

**GIFT DAY.** The sum of £53 9s. 2d. (Envelopes £38 9s. 7d., Collections on Sept. 24th, £14 19s. 7d.) was realised. Though this figure is below the record of last year, it must be considered very satisfactory, in view of the response to the £1,000 Appeal during the past few months. Grateful thanks to those who contributed so generously.

Among the contributions towards the £1,000 Appeal this month is a very generous one from the members of the Badsey Friends Meeting House. We very much appreciate this practical proof of the fellowship which exists between us.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday, Nov. 6th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m.

**SANCTUARY GUILD.** Next Meeting, Thursday, Nov. 9th, in the Parish Room, following Service in Church at 3 p.m. Tea will be provided by the Members of the 3rd Sunday Group. Thanks are due to a Member for a further gift of Window Vases.

**MOTHERS' UNION.** A very good proportion of our Members attended the Meeting on Oct. 10th and I believe Canon Gray's address will be long remembered. He left us in no doubt as to the ways in which we can help forward the work of preparation for the Diocesan Mission, and I hope there will be equally good attendances at future Meetings so that we can really set about doing what he laid down as our duty. Meetings this month will be on Tuesdays, Nov. 14th and 28th.

A word of praise should be given to the members of the Tea Committee and five of the Members of the 2nd Sunday Group of the Sanctuary Guild for the way in which they carried out the arrangements for Tea at the Meeting.

Mrs. G. Knight and Mrs. R. Hartwell have been appointed to present the "People's Offering" at the Service in the Cathedral on Oct. 27th.

A.M.C.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.** The coming season got off to a good start on the 10th October when Mr. C. H. Gardiner gave a talk on "Country Humour" to a large and appreciative gathering. His usual homely approach to his subject was only surpassed by his seemingly inexhaustible supply of humorous anecdotes concerning people he has met during his many years in the Vale.

The spontaneous amusement throughout the evening was direct evidence that his talk was thoroughly enjoyed.

Yarns by many members, including our guest, Canon Gray, also increased the hilarity.

It was gratifying to see several new faces and we trust that they will become "regulars."

We are sure of an interesting talk on Tuesday, November 14th, when Mr. C. H. Tutton will speak on "Our Railways."

M.G.S.

## SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday, Nov. 5th.**—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, Nov. 12th.**—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, Nov. 19th.**—8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and E. Velvick.

**Sunday, Nov. 26th.**—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, Dec. 3rd.**—As Sunday, Nov. 5th.

## SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

**Sunday, Nov. 5th**

	Server	Crucifer
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	D. Barrand	D. Edwards
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell

**Sunday, Nov. 12th**

8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Edwards	D. Barrand

**Sunday, Nov. 19th**

8 a.m.	D. Edwards	—
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings

**Sunday, Nov. 26th**

8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	D. Barrand	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	D. Edwards	D. Barrand

**Sunday, Dec. 3rd**

8 a.m.	D. Barrand	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Barrand	D. Edwards

## COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Sept. 17th, £3 19s. 7d.; Oct. 1st, £5 3s. 5d.; Oct. 8th, £5 7s. 8d.; Oct. 15th (Evening), £2 18s. 0d.  
Total £17 8s. 8d.

## OTHER RECEIPTS

**Gift Day** (including Collections on Sept. 24th), £53 9s. 2d.; **Use of Organ**, 6s.; **Rent of Church Land**, £1 15s. 0d.; **Church Box**, 7s.; **September Envelopes**, Church Expenses £4 10s. 5d., Church Overseas 7s. 6d. Total £4 17s. 11d. (No. 4, 7s.; No. 5, 2s.; No. 6, 12s.; No. 7, 5s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 2s.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 14, 12s. 6d.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 6s. 5d.; No. 24, £2).

**£1,000 Appeal Fund Donations:**—Mrs. Savory (M.U. and Sanctuary Guild Bell), Mrs. M. A. Barnard, Mothers' Union, Members of the Friends Meeting House (per Mr. W. Stewart), Mr. C. H. Gardiner (Men's Fellowship Bell), Mr. R. Bell (Men's Fellowship Bell).

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## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Oct. 15th.—Selwyn Samuel Gresty; Bruce Pipcin; Gail Irene Jelfs.

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## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### GIFT DAY AND HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Grateful thanks are due to (1) those who came through the pouring rain on Sat., Sept. 30th, to decorate the Church so beautifully, (2) those who sent gifts of Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables, (3) Mr. R. Pearce for conveying these gifts to Avonside Hospital. All the Services on Sunday, Oct. 1st, were very well attended and a special word of praise must be given to the Choir for the rendering of the Anthem. This had entailed a good deal of hard work, under the direction of Mrs. Chapman.

The result of Gift Day exceeded all our expectations and acknowledgment must be made of the most generous response of "the friends of Wickhamford Church." The total Receipts were £64 14s. 7d. (Envelopes £57 2s. 3d., Church Collections on Oct. 1st, £7 12s. 4d.). If we can make Gift Day an annual event it will help greatly towards the solution of our financial problems. I should like to acknowledge the help accorded by Miss Pamela Ingles in the distribution and collection of envelopes in the Bowers Hill area.

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P.C.C. Next Meeting, Wed., Nov. 8th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m. The members of the Social Committee have arranged a Social Evening in the Parish Room on Wed., Nov. 1st, at 7 p.m. These monthly gatherings were most successful last year, and we hope to arrange another series of them during the coming months.

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**MOTHERS' UNION.** Our Branch was very well represented at the Joint Meeting at Badsey on Oct. 10th and Canon Gray's address made a deep impression. Our Branch is now meeting weekly in the Parish Room on Wednesdays at 2.30 p.m. and we have been glad to welcome two or three new members. The following are asked to be responsible for the Tea:—Nov. 1st, Mrs. G. Halford; Nov. 8th, Mrs. Newbury; Nov. 15th, Mrs. Hancock; Nov. 22nd, Mrs. Dean; Nov. 29th, Mrs. Roberts; Dec. 6th, Mrs. Hodges.

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**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.** There was a good attendance at the first Meeting of the session on Oct. 4th, and the Rector of Hinton's talk on "Herbs" was most interesting and informative. His dry humour added to the enjoyment of the talk and an animated

discussion showed the interest that had been aroused. We are glad to say he has promised to pay a return visit in the near future to speak on "Trees."

Please note that the November Meeting will be held on the **THIRD WEDNESDAY** (Nov. 15th) instead of the first Wednesday. We shall be glad to welcome Mr. D. G. S. Russell (Broadway) who will speak on his recent visit to France. It has been found that "travel talks" are among the most popular items in our programme. (N.B. Those who set apart the first Wednesday in each month for their "night out" will be very welcome at the Social which has been arranged for the first Wednesday in November!).

We shall return to our usual evening in December, when the Rev. E. I. Carroll will speak on "Korea." He spent several years in that country, and his talk will be of great topical interest.

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The new Seating has now been installed in the Choir Gallery and there is unanimous agreement as to the improvement effected. This constitutes a further memorial to the late Mr. B. R. Swift, and the balance in the Memorial Fund has been used for this purpose.

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**Collections for Church Expenses** (Sept. 17th, 24th, Oct. 8th, 15th), £9 17s. 0d.

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**Remembrance Sunday** (Nov. 12th). The Services will be as follows:—

9.45 a.m.—Service of Remembrance. Collection for Earl Haig's Fund (Poppy Day Appeal).

5.30 p.m.—Evensong.

It is hoped that our people will make every effort to attend both these Services.

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## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION).** The first Branch Meeting of the season was held at the Assembly Room, Bell Inn, on Tuesday, Sept. 26th. Mrs. W. Keen was in the chair and there was a fair attendance of members. After the adoption of the minutes, the Chairman gave a brief account of her visit to the Annual Conference in London in May. She also stated that there had been two successful Group Meetings—one at Badsey on June 13th and the other at Honeybourne on Sept. 10th. A few members (including the Standard Bearer, Mrs. I. Knight) attended a County Rally at Worcester on Sept. 9th.

After refreshments, the members were entertained by a group of children from Bretforton, under the capable direction of Mrs. Rimell.

Mrs. W. Keen was the winner of the Monthly Competition.

R. M. BARNARD

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. Mrs. Carter presided over the October Meeting which was attended by a large number of members and several visitors.

"One of the best ever Group Meetings" was the description given by Mrs. A. Haines of the Meeting held recently at Offenham. An interesting set of films was then shown by Mr. A. E. Marsh (Evesham). Of special interest was one of the July Rally, held at Madresfield Court, and the appearance of Mrs. Carter and Miss E. Jones on the screen evoked much applause.

Mrs. John Keen thanked Mr. Marsh for such an excellent and entertaining show, and Mr. Marsh said that he would be delighted to come again. Refreshments followed, served by Mrs. C. Stewart and her helpers. The social half-hour consisted of items of Music rendered by a Percussion Band formed by the Committee. These items were received with laughter as well as applause.

At the conclusion of the meeting Mrs. Carter presented Miss N. Smith with a small gift as a token of appreciation for her help as accompanist and for training such difficult pupils! C.M.

We regret to announce that Mrs. Cole is unable to continue her valuable work as "Home Help" in Badsey and Aldington. Will anyone willing to undertake this work please communicate immediately with Mrs. Brady, Bretforton Road.

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