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11 a.m., Matins (except third Sunday).

6.45 p.m., Evensong.

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Clerk and Sexton: Mr. E. Mitchell, 68 Synehurst.

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9 a.m., Holy Communion (first Sunday).

11 a.m., Matins (third Sunday).

11.40 a.m., Holy Communion (third Sunday).

5.30 p.m., Evensong.

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Churchwardens: Mr. E. Cooke.

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THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

In order that this issue of the Parish Magazine may be in your hands at the beginning of the month, this letter has to be written a week before Christmas. The Parish Christmas Card, recently circulated, has conveyed to you my good wishes for this season as well as giving you a list of the Christmas Services. As I write, the international situation is still very serious, and there is a most urgent call to all Christian people to pray for the establishment of a true and lasting peace among the nations, and that all who bear the heavy responsibility of government and leadership may be guided aright at this time of crisis.

Compared with such questions, our own local affairs seem very trivial, but so much has happened during the past year in our parochial life that I feel I ought to say a word or so about them. As regards Badsey, the splendid response to the £1,000 Appeal Fund has enabled us (1) to complete the work on the Tower (at a cost of over £500), (2) to repair and rehang the Bells, and (3) to commence work on the extension to the Churchyard. We shall soon have to face another heavy expense, i.e., to repair the ravages of the wood beetle in the Church. What we have so far accomplished, however, leads us to hope that it will be possible to proceed with this very urgent work, and so take a further step towards our main objective of putting our Church into a first rate condition of repair.

At Wickhamford, the repairs to the Tower and the Windows have been executed. Our next task will be the repairs to the Roof, and this, I fear, will prove to be a very heavy task.

These matters have, of necessity, taken up much of our time and attention lately. It should never be forgotten, however, that the work of the Church is primarily spiritual, and that such things as I have mentioned are but means to an end—the increased efficiency of the work of the Church.

It is quite impossible to draw up a spiritual "profit and loss account" at the end of a year. God alone is the Judge of what has been done by and through the Church. All that we can do is to note where progress seems to have been made, and to acknowledge humbly how much has been left undone. The season of Lent calls us to deal with these questions. In view

of the early date of Easter this year, this solemn season will soon be on us—Wed., Feb. 7th, is Ash Wednesday. It ought to have a special significance for us as we prepare for the Diocesan Mission in October.

I pray that God's blessing may rest upon you all in the New Year and upon all our work and worship in His Name.

As I write, the words on a New Year Card are before me—"In the New Year, let us Sunday by Sunday serve the Lord with gladness and come before His Presence with a song of thanksgiving; for He is gracious, His mercy is everlasting; His truth endureth from generation to generation."

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

MISSIONARY BOXES (Total £7 7s. 6d.) have been gratefully received from Mrs. Holley, Angela Chapman, Rosalind Major, Mr. C. A. Binyon, Mrs. L. Sparrow, Misses Sladden, Mrs. Stanford, Mrs. Reed, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Mrs. Savory, Mrs. Ballard, John Hatcher, Miss Ella Jones, Rosemary Jones, Mr. and Mrs. G. Crisp.

P.C.C.—Next Meeting, Monday, Jan. 15th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m. The draft Annual Accounts will be presented, and arrangements made for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. It is hoped that all Members will attend.

MOTHERS' UNION.—Meetings this month will be on Tuesdays, Jan 9th and 23rd, at Seward House at 2.30 p.m. On Jan. 23rd Miss Holmes will give the first of three addresses on "A Christian's Personal Relationships." I hope that all our Members will make a special effort to attend. As explained last month, these talks are meant to be part of our preparation for the Diocesan Mission in October.

The United Service for Badsey, Wickhamford, and Bretforton branches will be held at Bretforton this year—on Wed., March 7th. It will be remembered that after the impressive Service at Badsey last year it was agreed that we should make it an annual affair.

A.M.C.

PRAYER AND STUDY GROUP.—Next Meeting, Mon., Jan. 8th, at Seward House at 7 p.m. Subject "Prayer" (Study 5 of "The Teaching of Jesus").

GUILD OF RINGERS.—The Annual Meeting was held in the Parish Room on Dec. 7th. The following officers were appointed: Ringing Master, Mr. A. J. Taylor; Deputy Ringing Master, Mr. G. A. King; Secretary and Treasurer, Mr. G. Temperton; Tower Keeper, Mr. E. Mitchell. It was agreed that Practices should be held on Thursday Evenings at 6.30 p.m.

BADSEY MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. — Our interim meeting on Nov. 28th took the form of a Quiz, when our good friends, the members of the Wickhamford Fellowship, sent a team to join battle with us. After a close struggle, Badsey were fortunate to run out with one point to the good. We were challenged to a return match at Wickhamford in the New Year, and it is hoped that a goodly number will be able to get to that contest to give encouragement to both sides. "Twenty Questions" followed the Quiz and the various teams acquitted themselves quite well.

We were indebted to Commander Woodward on Dec. 12th for visiting us and giving a most interesting and homely talk on his visit to Canada, the land of his birth. This was enhanced by a very beautiful coloured film, taken by himself, and showing some of the finest scenery it is possible to imagine. An apology is due to the Commander for giving him a few anxious moments during the film, until it was discovered that another "bob" was required in the meter!

Don't forget that Major Carter will be with us on January 9th—at 7 p.m. in the Parish Room.

All good wishes to our Members for 1951.

M.G.S.

SANCTUARY GUILD.—Next Meeting, Thursday, Jan. 11th, in the Parish Room at 3 p.m. The Meeting will take the form of a "Social Afternoon" (Beetle Drive, etc., followed by Tea). The charge is 1s., and the proceeds will be given to King George's Fund for Sailors. Gifts for Tea will be welcomed.

A.M.C.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—The New Year Party will be held on Sat., Jan. 13th. The Junior Scholars will meet at the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m. for games, and will then proceed to the Old School for Tea at 4.15 p.m. Tea for the Senior Scholars will be at 5.30 p.m.

in the Old School. Mr. Henry King has very kindly promised to give a Film Show after Tea.

Gifts in money or in kind for the Tea will be gratefully received.

W.B.C.

I want to express my sincere thanks to the Magazine Distributors for their faithful work during the past year.

The Collection in Badsey this year for the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children amounted to £8 13s. od. Mrs. Idiens is most grateful to those who again subscribed so generously.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Nov. 26th (Church Expenses) £3 9s. 1d.; Dec. 3rd (Church Overseas) £4 13s. od.; Dec. 10th (Church Expenses) £5 7s. 8d.; Dec. 17th (Industrial Christian Fellowship) £4 17s. 4d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

November Envelopes. Church Expenses £2 os. 5d., Church Overseas 4s. 3d. Total £2 4s. 8d. (No. 4, 7s.; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 13, 4s.; No. 14, 10s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 3s.; No. 22, 1s. 8d.).

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Jan. 7th. — 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, Jan. 14th. — 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, Jan. 21st. — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and E. Velvick.

Sunday, Jan. 28th. — 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, Feb. 4th.— As Sunday, Jan. 7th.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Jan 7th		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	D. Barrand	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	D. Edwards	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Jan. 14th		
8 a.m.	D. Barrand	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	D. Edwards
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	B. Jennings
Sunday, Jan. 21st		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
6.45 p.m.	D. Barrand	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Jan. 28th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	D. Edwards	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	D. Barrand
Sunday, Feb. 4th		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	D. Barrand	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	B. Jennings

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

We could hardly have had worse weather for the "Bring and Buy" Sale on Dec. 13th, and, without doubt, the attendance was affected. In spite of this, however, it was a most enjoyable and successful effort. The result (£45) far exceeded all our expectations, and I extend most grateful thanks to all who sent gifts, to the Stall-holders, and to those who served Tea. It is difficult to individualise, but I think all will wish me to pay special tribute to the splendid Stall provided by Mrs. Batty and Mrs. Sandys-Lumsdaine, and to acknowledge the part played by Mrs. Dean in the work of preparation for the Sale.

W.B.C.

MOTHERS' UNION.—In view of the Children's New Year Party there will be no Meeting on Wed., Jan. 3rd. On the other Wednesdays Tea will be provided as follows: Mrs. Walters (Jan. 10th), Mrs. Sturt (Jan. 17th), Mrs. T. H. Knight (Jan. 24th), Mrs. Phillips (Jan. 31st), Mrs. Boston (Feb. 7th).

Mrs. Dean is organising a Party to go to the Pantomime at Cheltenham on Mon., Jan. 15th.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—Those who braved the wintry weather on Dec. 6th were amply rewarded, for it was unanimously agreed that the Rev. E. I.

Carroll's talk on Korea was one of the "best ever." His vivid description of the country and its people was of very great interest and value. We realised the difference between listening to one who had actually lived in the country and one who had merely "mugged up" his information out of a book. The rapid flow of questions which followed the talk showed how much interest had been aroused, and "closing time" came all too soon.

On Wed., Jan. 3rd, Mr. W. H. Batty (Wickhamford Manor) will speak on "The Story of Tea." This promises to be another most profitable and enjoyable evening, and we hope that all men who are interested will come along—to the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m.

P.C.C.—Next Meeting, Wed., Jan. 10th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m. All Members are asked to attend.

We offer our congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Daffurn, who celebrated their Silver Wedding on Dec. 12th.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Nov. 25th. Nicola Rattray Taylor.
Dec. 2nd. Pamela Jane Ross; Gillian Mary Ross;
Carol Hughes; Tim Hughes.

Church Collections (Nov. 26th to Dec. 17th incl.).

Church Expenses £6 16s. 11d., Industrial Christian Fellowship £1 17s. 6d.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.—Prizes have been awarded to Betty Hancock, Margaret Willis, Margaret Figgett, Ann Newbury, Jean Spragg, Derek Mitchell, Josephine Wolfe, Jill Southern, Brenda Willis, Michael Sutton, Dorothy Willis, David Willis, Leslie Mitchell, Joan Roberts, Marion Roberts.

I wish to express my deep gratitude to Miss Cox, Miss Barbara Willis, and Miss Betty Hancock for their most loyal and devoted work during the past year. Nor must we forget Mr. Sturt's help on the Third Sunday in each month, and Mr. T. H. Knight's ever willing service as Organist.

W.B.C.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION). — The monthly Branch Meeting was held at the Bell Inn on Nov. 28th. There was a fair attendance of members to hear Mrs. Dowty (County Secretary) give a most interesting talk on "Legion Affairs."

It was very pleasing to hear that Badsey had broken all previous records for Poppy Day Collections.

Arrangements were made for a Party, to be held on January 23rd.

Mrs. E. Cleaver was the winner of the monthly parcel.

M. Cook.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The December Meeting which was well attended in spite of wretched weather was presided over by Mrs. Carter. An interesting report on a most successful year's work was given by Mrs. Taylor (Secretary). Mrs. Carter thanked all who had worked so well for the Institute, also all the members for their co-operation. A ballot then took place for the 1951 Committee, resulting in the election of the following members: Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Harvey, Miss Jones, Mrs. Longmore, Mrs. Marshall, Mrs. Pratley, Miss V. Sadler, Mrs. Savage, Mrs. Savory, Mrs. Shelley, Mrs. Taylor,

and Mrs. Tullett. Mrs. Carter (President), Mrs. Taylor (Secretary), Mrs. Shelley (Treasurer) and Mrs. Marshall (Press Correspondent) were all re-elected. Mr. Harvey and Mr. Peet very kindly acted as tellers and were warmly thanked by Mrs. Carter. A Beetle Drive followed, Mrs. Chapman acting as M.C., and prizes were won by Mrs. Rouse and Mrs. Jelfs. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Tullett and her helpers. The meeting closed with the National Anthem, Mrs. Sadler being at the piano.

C.M.

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