

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish
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BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

LENT SERVICES

SUNDAYS. Services as usual. Course of Sermons at Evensong on "Personal Religion."

WEDNESDAYS. 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

THURSDAYS (commencing Feb. 15th) 4 p.m. Children's Service; 7 p.m. Lent Service. Course of Addresses on "Some of our Lord's Parables."

N.B. ASH WEDNESDAY (Feb. 7th) 10 a.m. Holy Communion; 4 p.m. Children's Service; 7 p.m. Lent Service.

SUNDAY, MAR. 4th 3 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

N.B. I earnestly hope that all Church people will make a special effort to observe the season of Lent, and so make it a time of spiritual preparation, in view of the Diocesan Mission in October. The fuel shortage and the need to conserve supplies to ensure that the Church shall be heated at the week-ends, makes it necessary for Evensong on Ash Wednesday and the Lent Services on Thursday Evenings to be held in the Parish Room.

W.B.C.

NOTES AND NOTICES

ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING. — This Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, March 5th, at 7.15 p.m. It will be preceded at 7 p.m. by the Vestry Meeting for the nomination and election of Churchwardens. All members of the Electoral Roll should regard it as a duty to attend. Reports on the work of the Parochial Church Council during the past year and of the condition of the Fabric and Ornaments of the Church will be presented, in addition to the annual Financial Statement. The Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year will be elected, and representatives to the Diocesan and Ruridecanal Conference appointed.

W.B.C.

PRAYER AND STUDY GROUP.—Next Meeting, Monday, Feb. 5th, at Seward House at 7 p.m. Subject "The Cross" (Study 6 of "The Teaching of Jesus").

MOTHERS' UNION.—Will Members please note that the Meetings this month—on Tuesdays, Feb. 13th and 27th—will be held in the Parish Room instead of at Seward House. Miss Holmes will continue her course of addresses on "A Christian's Personal Relationships." Will they also note:—

- (1) Corporate Communion and Admission of New Members, Ash Wednesday (Feb. 7th) at 10 a.m.
- (2) "Mothering Sunday" Service—Sunday, Mar. 4th, at 3 p.m.
- (3) United Service at Bretforton—Wednesday, Mar. 7th.

SANCTUARY GUILD.—Next Meeting, Thursday, Feb. 8th, at 3 p.m. The Service, which precedes the Meeting, will be held in the Parish Room instead of in Church.

The "Social Afternoon" on Jan. 11th was most enjoyable. Mrs. Grove was the winner of the Beetle Drive, the Consolation Prize being awarded to Mrs. Harker. After an excellent Tea, the popular "Twenty Questions" gave members the opportunity of showing their mental alertness. £1 16s. od. was realised for King George's Fund for Sailors.

Corporate Communion—Ash Wednesday (Feb. 7th) at 10 a.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL. — The New Year Party on Sat., Jan. 13th, passed off very happily. The success of it was due to the generous gifts of many friends, and the hard work put in by parents and teachers who prepared the Teas for the Juniors and Seniors. We are also most grateful to (1) Mr. Robinson for the provision of Milk, (2) Mrs. Johns and Mr. L. Mustoe for Apples, (3) The Badsey Mummies for entertaining us after Tea, and (4) Mr. Henry King who, with the assistance of Mr. L. Bott, delighted a 'large and enthusiastic' audience with a display of Films.

P.C.C.—At the January Meeting it was agreed that the Church Fête should be held on Sat., June 23rd, and the Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day on Sunday, Sept. 30th. The estimate (£310) of Messrs. Furse Ltd. for the repair and spraying of Roof Timbers damaged by wood beetle was accepted. It is hoped to proceed with this work in the Spring. The following letter from Miss E. N. Sladden was read by the Vicar:—

"The land at the east end of the Churchyard, standing in my name, has now been legally handed over to the P.C.C. I enclose a cheque for £120 towards the cost of the extension of the Churchyard. This amount is the balance left over from the letting of some of the cottages after the original cost of buying the land had been paid off. It is a great happiness to all the members of our family to see the scheme, visualised by my father years ago, being undertaken. There will be no fees of any kind for the P.C.C. to pay, as I have paid all that is necessary, and Mr. K. G. Johnson has very kindly given his legal services.

"It was my father's expressed wish that the Oak Tree should remain a permanent addition to the extended Churchyard. My brother Cyril, when a child, picked up an acorn and planted it in a bottle of water; it took root and was put out into his own little patch of garden where he tended it for a few years. My father then suggested that it should be transferred to its present position, where, if it flourished, it would grow into a sizeable tree by the time there was any chance of extending the churchyard to the roadway east of the church — a project about which he was very keen. The transfer of the young tree was carried out on December 15th, 1902, the date of the 25th anniversary of my parents' wedding; they were both present, and my mother planted the little tree. It came perilously near to dying, on one or two occasions, but has fortunately survived and is now well established. Although its story is of special family interest, I think it might also be of interest to future generations to know when and why it was planted in the new part of the churchyard."

The Vicar expressed the gratitude of the members of the P.C.C. to Miss Sladden.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—We were very fortunate in securing Major S. B. Carter to speak at the Meeting on Jan. 9th. His talk on "Rural France" was a delightful combination of a description of the various rural occupations and industries, coupled with an analysis of the outlook on national and international problems by an agricultural community. In his usual fascinating manner he forcibly impressed upon us that the contemplation of these problems from a merely parochial angle is detrimental to any country. We should remember that there are many serious matters to claim our attention besides (as he expressed it) "the price of sprouts." The principles he put before us showed the way to the development of democratic citizenship. Thank you, Major Carter!

We hope there will be a good gathering on Tuesday, Feb. 13th, to hear Mr. J. Rayson give his talk on "Highways and By-Ways."

M.G.S.

CHRISTMAS.—We are very grateful once again to our faithful band of decorators. They have the satisfaction of knowing that their work received unanimous commendation. The beauty of the Church was further enhanced by the Christmas Crib, very kindly loaned by Miss N. Smith. Christmas Eve (Sunday, Dec 24th) was a memorable day in several respects. After Matins the Sunday School Prizes were distributed by Miss E. N. Sladden, to whose long and devoted service the Sunday School owes so much. The Carol Service in the Evening was followed by the Dedication of the Bells by the Archdeacon of Norwich. We were very glad to have the Archdeacon with us for the Festival, and I was most grateful for his help. Then came the Midnight Eucharist with a record number of Communicants. In all 213 made their Communion during the Festival. It would be very ungracious not to add a word of gratitude to the members of the Choir for their help at all these Services. The Recital of Christmas Music by Mr. J. Gilbert Mills and Mr. Henry King provided a most appropriate conclusion to the Festival, and I would assure them both of our deep appreciation.

The Christmas Mummers had a most successful tour. In addition to several engagements in Badsey they gave performances at Wickhamford Manor, Cleeve Prior, and the Lygon Arms, Broadway—at all these they were most kindly received. The collections for the Appeal Fund amounted to £15. It is now allowable to reveal the identity of the performers:—Messrs. A. L. Byrd (Producer), G. Austen Jones, P. Jones, J. Major, R. Taylor, B. Jennings, D. Barand and B. F. P. Blake.

We accord grateful thanks to them and to the members of the Youth Fellowship who, by their Carol Singing, raised £6 9s. od. for King George's Fund for Sailors and the Appeal Fund.

W.B.C.

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

Dec. 26th.—Francis Eustace Meadows, Badsey, and Betty Davies, Bidford-on-Avon.

Burials

Dec. 21st.—Sarah Ann Agg, aged 78 years.

Dec. 28th.—Mildred Morris, aged 75 years.

Jan. 1st.—Edwin Bell, aged 69 years.

Jan. 6th.—Mary Heath, aged 94 years.

Jan. 8th.—Clara Emily Byrd, aged 78 years.

Jan. 15th.—Beatrice Ellen Tomkins, aged 70 years.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of those who have passed from us during the past month.

CHURCH COLLECTIONS

Dec. 24th (Church Expenses) £7 4s. 7d.; Dec. 25th (Church of England Children's Society) £8 10s. 10d.; Dec. 31st (Church Expenses) £3 18s. 5d.; Jan. 7th (Church Expenses) £4 19s. 7d.; Jan. 14th (Church Expenses) £5 3s. 9d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

December Envelopes:—Church Expenses £4 10s. 4d., Church Overseas £1 0s. 6d. Total £5 10s. 10d. (No. 4, 10s.; No 6, £2 3s. 6d.; No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 9, 5s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 3s.; No. 13, 4s.; No. 14, 10s.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 7s. 10d.; No. 22, 2s. 6d.; No. 24, 7s. 6d.). **Church Box** 6s. 8d.; **Use of Organ** 12s.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

All of us agreed that the decoration of the Church for Christmas was well up to the "Wickhamford Standard," and we all know what that is! We owe a great deal to those who make our Church so beautiful for all Festivals. The Carol Service on Christmas Eve was well attended, and there was a record number of Communicants on Christmas Morning.

The Children's New Year Party passed off very happily—thanks to the hard work put in by Miss Cox, Mrs. Walters, Miss B. Willis, Miss B. Hancock, Miss Lawley, and Mr. C. H. Willis. Thanks to a donation from Mrs. Phillips we were able to make a distribution of Oranges to the children. We all appreciate the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. John Drysdale in continuing to provide this Party.

I hope to be able to announce next month the date of the dedication of the memorial to the late Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Wed., Mar. 14th, at 7.15 p.m. (For Agenda see notice of Badsey A.P.C.M.).

Lent begins on Wed., Feb. 7th. As in previous years we shall concentrate on the usual Sunday Services. In view of the Diocesan Mission, I hope all our people will try to follow the course of Sermons on "Personal Religion" at Evensong. There will be a celebration of Holy Communion on Ash Wednesday at 9 a.m. and the usual Special Service on "Mothering Sunday" (Mar. 4th).

The weather conditions on the occasion of the Men's Fellowship Meeting in January were even worse than in December. But those who ventured forth agreed that the effort was very well worth while. Mr. Batty's talk on "Tea" was most informative and led to a great variety of questions. Mr. Batty dealt with them with the unruffled calm of one who "knew all the answers." The usual time for closing had long passed before the bombardment ceased, and the Chairman was able to get in a word and call upon Mr. Sheppard to voice our gratitude to the Speaker! Major Cobb will be the Speaker on Wed., Feb. 7th, and we hope there will be a full attendance of Members.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN

MOTHERS' UNION.—Teas will be provided as follows:—Mrs. Boston (Feb. 7th), Mrs. Wooded (Feb. 14th), Mrs. Figgitt (Feb. 21st), Mrs. Pearce (Feb. 28th). Will Members please note the announcement in the Badsey notes regarding the United Service at Bretforton on Wed., Mar. 7th?

Thanks are due to Mrs. Dean for so ably organising the Pantomime Party on Jan. 15th.

Church Collections:—Church Expenses (Dec. 17th to 14th Jan. incl.) £10 3s. 8d.; **Industrial Christian Fellowship** (Dec. 17th) £1 17s. 6d.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—The January Meeting was "Party Night" and a good company of members attended.

With Mrs. Carter presiding, business was disposed of in a short time and then the fun began.

Mrs. Chapman, assisted by Members of the W.I. Choir, had arranged the evening's entertainment with a varied programme to suit all tastes.

"Linden Lea," sung by the choir, was the first item, followed by a little bit of Shadowgraph. We hope the patient has recovered! Four short sketches were then performed by several members of the choir. Badsey Mummers entertained the company for a short time and were given a good reception. Their

frying pan was most useful in collecting £2 3s. 8d. Refreshments were prepared and served by the Committee and much enjoyed. Mottoes written by Mrs. Sears were handed round and read out by members.

The second half of the entertainment consisted of games and dancing, Mrs. Sadler acting as accompanist. The team games caused a lot of laughter and the end of the party came all too soon.

C.M.

BADSEY COUNTY PRIMARY SCHOOL. — The Staff and Head Master wish to thank all those parents who helped to make the children's Christmas tea-party possible by their gifts, and also the Canteen Assistants for the help they gave.

Particular thanks are due to the following:—

- (1). A & L. J. Lawrance (per Mr. Hartwell) for fancy cakes and bread.
- (2). Mr. and Mrs. Ockwell for ice-cream.
- (3). Mr. and Mrs. Salter for ice-cream.

When it is remembered that 230 attended the parties, and that nearly 500 fancy cakes and a plentiful supply of ice-cream were given, it is realised that these gifts were indeed generous. They were much appreciated by all the children, on whose behalf these thanks are expressed.

M. H. HARVEY

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