

During the evening, the sincere thanks of the members were expressed to Mrs. Chapman and her daughter for their kindness in attending to our wants in the "refreshment department." They were each presented with a little gift in appreciation of their work behind the scenes.

The Vicar wishes to thank all who have supported the Fellowship by regular attendance throughout the session, and confidently trusts that we shall go from strength to strength in the future.

M.G.S.

[Editor's Note. The Vicar also wishes, on behalf of all the members, to express deep appreciation of Mr. Savory's work as Secretary. A great deal depends on the work of the Secretary of a Men's Fellowship, and at Badsey, as well as at Wickhamford, we are very fortunate.]

Sunday School. In extending our good wishes to Miss Hazel Longmore on the occasion of her marriage, we cannot but add that we are very sorry to lose her as a Sunday School Teacher. She has tendered most loyal and devoted service in this connection. On Sunday, March 18th, she was presented with a parting gift, as a token of our gratitude.

Grateful Thanks to (1) Mrs. Edwards for the gift of a dozen Glass Vases, in memory of her sister (Lucy Green). (2) Mrs. Idiens for Flower Holders for the Pulpit, (3) 'Anon' for a further supply of Flower Holders for the Windows, (4) Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. L. Sparrow, and Mrs. Turrell for Vases.

Good Friday. Over 100 Children attended the 10 a.m. Service, the Lessons being read by Mr. Blake and Colin Longmore. In spite of drenching rain, a very good number came to "The Watch at The Cross" from 2 p.m. to 3 p.m., and we were greatly helped by the Rector of Hinton's addresses. The attendance at the Lantern Service was not as good as we had hoped, but we believe it brought home to all present some of the lessons of this solemn day. We are indeed grateful to Major Ede England for so kindly lending his Lantern, and for acting as Lanternist.

Easter Day. In view of the scarcity of Flowers, our willing band of decorators did splendidly, and their work received warm commendation. The number of Communicants (228) was only slightly below the rather exceptional figure of last year (partly due to the fact that those recently confirmed were making their first Communion). The Church was very full for Evensong — a truly inspiring Service. Tribute should be paid to the splendid work of the Choir throughout the day. I should like to thank the members of the Congregation for the most generous Easter Offering.

W.B.C.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, April 1st. — 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, April 8th. — 8 a.m. Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Agg and J. M. Chapman; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. Major, P. Case and M. Barnard.

Sunday, April 15th.—8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and E. Velvick.

Sunday, April 22nd. — 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, April 29th.—8 a.m., Mr. T. W. Hardiman; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Peet and J. Major; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. B. F. P. Blake, A. L. Byrd and E. Velvick.

Sunday, May 6th.—As Sunday, April 1st.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, April 1st		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	B. Jennings
Sunday, April 8th		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
Sunday, April 15th		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	K. Mitchell
Sunday, April 22nd		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	R. Harvey
Sunday, April 29th		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	B. Jennings
Sunday, May 6th		
8 a.m.	D. Bott	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Feb. 25th, £4 18s. 9d.; Mar. 4th, £8 4s. 6d.; Mar. 11th, £5 11s. 7d.; Mar. 18th (Evening) £3 5s. 7d.; Lent Services (to Mar. 15th incl.) £3 15s. 5d. Total £25 15s. 10d.

Other Receipts (to Mar. 24th incl.) Diocesan Mission Expenses (Holy Week) £4; Church Box, £1 5s. 3d.; Use of Organ, £1 10s. 0d.; Covenants, £7; Donation, 3s.; February Envelopes, Church Expenses, £2 11s. 8d.; Church Overseas, 7s.; Total £2 18s. 8d. (No. 4, 5s.; No. 6, 16s.; No. 7, 4s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 13, 1s.; No. 14, 15s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 5s. 8d.; No. 22, 2s.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriage

Mar. 24th.—David John Evans, Elmley Castle, and Cynthia Beryl Stewart, Badsey.

Burials

Feb. 27th.—Caroline Jelfs, aged 83 years.
Mar. 10th.—Beatrice Violet Marshall, aged 60 years.
Mar. 15th.—Alice Amelia Sladden, aged 63 years.
Mar. 22nd.—Alexander Dyke, aged 75 years.
Mar. 24th.—Andrew Phillips, aged 84 years.

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

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

We had a very well-attended "Mothering Sunday" Service. The lessons were read by Margaret Figgitt and Mrs. Dean, and the hymn "Praise my soul the King of Heaven" was sung by the members of the Mothers' Union.

The Lantern Service on Maundy Thursday was quite well attended, but I thought it might have been better supported by our people. Those who came agreed as to its helpful nature. I am very grateful to Mrs. Chapman, Mr. J. M. Chapman, and Mr. J. E. Parry for all they did to make it possible to hold such a Service. I wonder how many people realise just how much needed to be done!

The number of Communicants on Easter Day was maintained at the satisfactory level of the past three years. As we expected, the Church was crowded for Evensong, and the Service was made memorable by the dedication of the new Altar. We all feel that this is a fitting memorial to the late Mr. G. C. Lees-Milne. The Service was deeply impressive, and the singing of the Choir merited the warm praise of our many visitors. I wish to thank you all for the very generous Easter Offering.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN

Ascension Day (Thursday, May 3rd) 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

Men's Fellowship. Major S. B. Carter's talk on "Holland" and the discussion which followed provided a splendid finish to a very successful season. I cannot but acknowledge our debt to Mr. Sturt for all he has done as Secretary, and to Mr. Willis and his helpers for the serving of Refreshments at the Meetings. We look forward to the Meetings re-starting in October.

W.B.C.

Collections for Church Expenses (Feb. 25th to Mar. 22nd incl.) £12 6s. 1d.

We extend our deepest sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. Frederick Taylor, who was buried in Wickhamford Churchyard on March 17th. He was 65 years of age.

Vestry Meeting and A.P.C.M. At the Vestry Meeting on March 14th, Mr. E. Cooke was again nominated as Vicar's Warden, and Mr. E. W. Sturt was unanimously re-elected as People's Warden. Both Wardens were thanked for their services during the past year.

At the Annual Parochial Meeting, Mrs. Cooke (Secretary P.C.C.) presented the revised Electoral Roll, containing 188 Names. Mrs. Cooke gave a most interesting Report on the work of the Parochial Church Council during the past year, and Reports on the Fabric, Goods, and Ornaments of the Church were presented by the Vicar and Mr. J. E. Parry.

Mr. E. Cooke presented the Financial Statement showing General Fund Receipts £131 and Payments £106, the Balance in hand being increased from £18 to £43. Special efforts for the Fabric Fund realised £129, but as no less than £232 has been expended on Repairs, the Balance in hand is reduced to £92. Mr.

T. C. Sheaf was thanked for his services as Auditor, and was unanimously re-elected.

The following Elections took place:—

Diocesan Conference: Mrs. E. Cooke.

Ruridecanal Conference: Mrs. Collett, Mrs. Hancock, Miss Cox.

Parochial Church Council: The Churchwardens, Diocesan Conference Representative, Ruridecanal Conference Representatives (ex-officio), Mrs. Mason, Mr. G. Agg, Mr. W. Pearce, Mrs. W. Pearce (Hon. Life Members), Messrs. Sheppard, Willis, E. Hall, T. H. Knight, Parry, Sheaf, E. Roberts, Mesdames Phillips, Walters, Hodges, Dean, Batty, Sandys-Lumsdaine, Miss Lawley.

Sidesmen: Messrs. Sheppard, Parry, Willis, Newbury, E. Roberts, Poulter, F. Southern, H. Idiens.

The Vicar thanked all Church Workers for their loyal and devoted help during the past year. He stated that the financial position was satisfactory, and that certain necessary repairs had been carried out. The greatest problem of all, i.e., the repair of the roof, still remained and must be the first concern of the newly elected Parochial Church Council.

Mr. Sturt expressed the thanks of the members of the congregation to the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman for their work during the past twelve months.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION). — The monthly Branch Meeting was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, 27th February.

After refreshments had been served, a Beetle Drive was held. This proved to be very enjoyable. Mrs. Longmore won the first prize, while Mrs. Hurman was awarded the consolation prize.

Mrs. Arnold was the winner of the monthly Competition.

The meeting concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

NURSING ASSOCIATION. — The affairs of the Nursing Association have been wound up and a final Statement of Accounts is appended:—

RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
To Cash at Bank April 1st, 1950	41	13	1
To Proceeds of Whist Drive and Dance, Nov. 8th, 1950	13	8	0
	£55	1	1

PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
By Badsey Parish Council (for Bus Shelter)	20	0	0
By Wickhamford Parish Council (for Bus Shelter)	10	0	0
By Badsey Infant Welfare Centre	5	0	0
By British Empire Cancer Campaign	19	13	7
By Sundry Expenses	7	6	
	£55	1	1

Mrs. Brady (who rendered such invaluable service as Secretary of the Nursing Association) writes: "A full time 'Home Help' is urgently needed, for work in the district and also to help out in Evesham when required. The pay is good and there are paid holidays. I shall be glad to give further information to anyone interested."

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. — The March Meeting was presided over by Mrs. Carter. Arrangements for the Group Meeting at Ashton-under-Hill were discussed. It was announced that Mrs. Tullett would attend the Annual Meeting at the Albert Hall as delegate for Badsey and Offenham.

Mrs. Marshall gave a report on the A.G.M., recently held at Worcester. Every member enjoyed an interesting talk given by Mrs. Tucker (Dumbleton) on "The Royal Ladies of England." She made us wish we

had studied our History better! Mrs. A. W. Sparrow expressed our thanks to her.

Eggs, decorated, dressed and of all colours, were entered in the Competition and must have been most difficult to judge. Mrs. Tullett was the winner. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Butler and her helpers. As a result of the Egg Collection, about a hundred eggs will be sent to King's Road Hospital. Mrs. Sadler accompanied the singing of "Jerusalem" and the National Anthem.

C.M.

F. THACKER

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