

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish
Magazine**

MAY, 1951

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

ASCENSION DAY (Thursday, May 3rd)
7 a.m. and 10.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

WHITSUNDAY (Sunday, May 13th)
7 a.m. Holy Communion
8 a.m. Holy Communion
11 a.m. Holy Communion (Choral)
6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Collections for Sunday School Fund.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23rd, THE CHURCH FETE

SUNDAY, JULY 22nd, 3 p.m. Consecration of the extension of the Churchyard by the Lord Bishop of Worcester. Preacher at Evensong—Rev. John C. Sladden, M.A.

NOTES AND NOTICES

We wish to thank all those who sent messages and gifts on the occasion of our Silver Wedding Anniversary, and also the Ringers for ringing a peal.

It was a joy to have so many joining with us at Holy Communion on Saturday, April 7th, when the Vicar of Bretforton, who has shown us so many kindnesses, came over to be the celebrant.

W. B. and A. M. CHAPMAN

MOTHERS' UNION AND SANCTUARY GUILD.
—A very happy "Social Afternoon" was held on Tuesday, April 10th, when over fifty Members met, at the invitation of the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman, in the Parish Room. Mrs. L. Sparrow, on behalf of the members, presented Mrs. Chapman with a Flower Vase and Wall Vase together with a cheque.

Mrs. Pratley was the winner of the Beetle Drive, the Consolation Prize being awarded to Miss V. Sadler.

There will be another Joint Meeting on Tuesday, May 8th, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m., to discuss arrangements for (1) The Church Fête, (2) The Annual Outing.

With regard to the Fête the following have been fixed:—

1st and 3rd Sunday Groups—Stall.
4th and 5th Sunday Groups—Stall.
Mothers' Union—Stall.
2nd Sunday Group—Tea Room.

CHURCH FETE.—As already announced, the Fête will be held in the Vicarage Garden on Saturday, June 23rd. It will be on the same lines as in previous years, and full details will be published next month.

CHURCHYARD. — As stated elsewhere in this issue, the Bishop has kindly consented to come to Badsey to consecrate the extension to the Churchyard on Sunday, July 22nd, at 3 p.m. (i.e. the Sunday before St. James' Day). At Evensong, the Preacher will be the Rev. John C. Sladden. In view of the fact that the land for the extension has been given by the members of the Sladden family, it is most appropriate that, on the day of the consecration, a member of that family should occupy the pulpit. Work on the Lych-gate is proceeding and it is already evident that this will be a very beautiful addition. It is the gift of Mrs. B. A. Sears, in memory of her husband, and to her most grateful thanks are due.

W.B.C.

The work of repairing and spraying the roof timbers of the Church has begun. While it is in progress the Wednesday Morning Service will be suspended. The Sunday Services will be held as usual. The celebrations of Holy Communion on Ascension Day will be held as arranged, but there will be no Evensong on that day. Some members of the congregation may find the smell of the spraying mixture a little pungent but, like everything else, "it will pass"!

W.B.C.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, May 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, May 13th. — 7 a.m., Churchwardens; 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, May 20th. — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and E. Velvick.

Sunday, May 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, June 3rd. — As Sunday, May 6th.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, May 6th		
8 a.m.	D. Bott	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
Sunday, May 13th		
7 a.m.	B. F. P. Blake	—
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
Sunday, May 20th		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
Sunday, May 27th		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
Sunday, June 3rd		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

April 1st, £5 3s. 2d.; April 8th, £4 19s. 0d.; April 15th, £5 14s. 0d.; April 22nd, £2 19s. 10d. Total £18 16s. 0d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

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

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

April 15th.—Ann Meadows; David Graham Millin.

Marriages

March 31st.—Bernard Anthony Smith, Broadway, and Joy Helen Chamberlain, Badsey.

April 4th.—John Edward Austin, Harvington, and Muriel Robinson, Badsey.

April 7th.—Sidney Frank Halford, Wickhamford, and Irene Lilian Butler, Badsey.

Burial

April 16th.—Richard Huxley, aged 59 years.

April 21st.—James Henry Dawkins, aged 81 years.

In commemoration of their Silver Wedding, the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman have presented an Altar Cushion to the Church.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

We wish to thank all who sent messages and gifts on the occasion of our Silver Wedding. We were very happy to entertain the members of the Mothers' Union and the Sunday Teachers to tea on Wednesday, April 11th.

W. B. and A. M. CHAPMAN.

ASCENSION DAY (Thursday, May 3rd). 9 a.m. Holy Communion.

SUNDAY, MAY 6th, No 9 a.m. Celebration. 5.30 p.m., Evensong.

WHITSUNDAY (Sunday, May 13th)

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns)

5.30 p.m. Evensong and Sermon.

Collections for Sunday School Fund

MOTHERS' UNION.—Annual Outing to Windsor on Tuesday, June 19th. Names must be given in to the Vicar and fares paid not later than Friday, June 8th.

JUMBLE SALE.—A Jumble Sale will be held in the Parish Room on Friday, June 1st, at 7 p.m. Mr. J. E. Sheppard has again kindly consented to organise this annual effort. Articles for Sale may be sent to him, or to Miss A. L. Cox or Mrs. Dean, or arrangements can be made to fetch them if notice is given. Please help to make the Sale a success. Last year we had a splendid selection of goods for sale.

Collections for Church Expenses (April 1st to 22nd incl.) £11 5s. 5d.

Hearty thanks to Mr. E. G. Hall for the gift of a new mat for the Church Porch.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

April 1st.—Yvonne Georgina Smith; Yvonne Anne Brotherton.

April 22nd.—Anne Mary Sutton.

STOP PRESS. — The Mothers' Union Diocesan Festival Service in the Cathedral has been put forward to Wednesday, June 6th (instead of Wednesday, July 4th). Names of Members of Badsey and Wickhamford Branches who wish to attend should be given to Mrs. Chapman not later than Wednesday, May 30th.

PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCILS

The Church of England possesses a fully democratic form of government. It has not always been so; the complaint used to be made that the laity had little or no share in the government of their Church. But in 1919 Parliament passed the Church of England Assembly (Powers) Act, commonly known as the Enabling Act. This recognized the Church Assembly, one of whose first acts was the passing of the Representation of the Laity Measure. Parochial Church Councils were set up, and it was enacted that in every parish there should be a Church Electoral Roll containing the names of all who were entitled to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. The persons qualified to have their names entered upon the Roll of a parish 'shall be lay members of the Church of England, of either sex, of eighteen years of age and upwards, who (a) are baptized and declare that they are members of the Church of England and that they do not belong to any religious body which is not in communion with the Church of England; and (b) are resident in the parish, or (whether or not so resident) have habitually attended public worship in the parish during a period of six months prior to enrolment; and (c) have signed the form of application for enrolment.'

It is to be regretted that many Church people who would be qualified to vote have never taken the trouble to place their names on the Electoral Roll. Possibly some of them do not understand the importance of the Roll, whilst others are afraid that their enrolment might commit them to financial support of the Church or to responsibilities which they wish to avoid. Democratic government in Church or State cannot function properly unless the vast majority of members or citizens accept their responsibilities and exercise their right to vote. In a parish every one whose name is on the Electoral Roll has the right to attend and to vote at the Annual Parochial Meeting, when a new Parochial Church Council is elected. No one may serve on the Parochial Church Council or occupy any office in the Church unless their name is on the Electoral Roll. **Only those who are communicants and twenty-one years of age and upwards are eligible for election to the Parochial Church Council.**

The Measure which constituted Parochial Church Councils states "It shall be the primary duty of the Council in every parish to co-operate with the Incumbent in the initiation, conduct, and development of Church work, both within the parish and outside." It is thus evident that the Parochial Church Council is an important body and possesses real authority. It is responsible, among other things, for the finances of the parish.

In addition to those elected at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting, the Parochial Church Council consists of the incumbent, the assistant curate, the

churchwardens, and any lay members of the Ruridecanal Conference, the Diocesan Conference, or the Church Assembly who are on the Roll of the parish. The Council may also co-opt members, not exceeding one-fifth of the number of elected representatives. There must be not less than four meetings in each year; if only four, they must be held quarterly. More is owed to the Parochial Church Council than is usually realized, except by those who know the nature of its work and the demands it makes on all who seriously undertake the obligations of membership. Membership of a Church Council is another of those pieces of unspectacular service which a good Churchman and woman can render to the Church. By working together, with the incumbent, for the sake of the Church at large and the Church in the parish, and all for the glory of God and the extension of His kingdom, they become in a real sense workers together with Him.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION). — The monthly Branch Meeting was held at Headquarters on Tuesday, 27th March. Unfortunately there was a very poor attendance.

Mrs. Keen, the Chairman, gave details of the Group Meeting to be held at Offenham on April 4th, and of the Dedication of the Standard at Worcester on April 7th.

After refreshments had been served, there followed a Bring and Buy Sale. A game, Roll Call, followed, and proved very exciting, each member doing their piece or paying the fine of 3d. This brought the meeting to its close.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. — Mrs. Carter presided over a crowded meeting on April 11th. She gave an interesting report on the Group Meeting held at Ashton-under-Hill. The next Group Meeting will be at Badsey in October.

Mr. C. E. Miller, of Evesham, gave a talk on visits he has made to Germany during the last few years. All the members were interested in this subject and several asked Mr. Miller questions on various aspects of life in Germany. He was thanked by Mrs. F. Salter on behalf of the members. A competition for the best supper tray for an invalid was judged by Sister Holbrook, who awarded the highest points to Mrs. Pratley.

Refreshments were served by Mrs. Tullett and her helpers.

Musical consequences were arranged by Mrs. and Miss Sadler. Everyone enjoyed this and applauded Mrs. Sadler for taking so much trouble to make it so interesting. The meeting closed with the singing of the National Anthem, accompanied by Mrs. Sadler at the piano.

The W.I. Choir held their Annual Party on April 16th at the Vicarage. Each member provided something in the eating line and the result was a really marvellous spread. Coffee was provided by Mrs. Chapman. Songs and games were much enjoyed, the only disappointment being the absence of Mrs. Carter through illness. As a token of appreciation for Mrs. Chapman's help and kindness to the Choir she was presented with a birthday gift.

C.M.

POSTSCRIPT

The Rev. J. W. Storey, Rector of Staplegrove (Taunton) Parish Church, writes in his magazine:

"There are three bones in the body of a church. First there are the 'wishbones,' the people who are for ever wishing things were different, either sighing for the 'good old days' or wishing for some new advance, and always discontented."

"Worse still are the 'Jawbones,' whose name sufficiently indicates their form of exercise!"

"And there are the 'backbones,' the steadfast, loyal people who don't indulge in futile wishing or useless 'jawing,' but work steadily to maintain and extend God's Kingdom."

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