

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

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THE BISHOP OF WORCESTER'S MISSION SUNDAY, OCT. 14th to SUNDAY, OCT. 28th

Missioner for Badsey and Wickhamford: Canon J. Gray, Rector of Barwick-in-Elmet, Leeds, Yorkshire.

A Message from The Bishop

Hartlebury Castle,
Kidderminster.

My Friends,

Nearly a year ago I wrote a letter to the parishes of this Diocese, telling you all about our forthcoming Mission from October 14th—28th next. As we are drawing near to the time of the Mission I am writing a second letter, not merely as a reminder, but rather to explain what we are trying to do.

The world seems very disturbed and most people live under the strain and stress of modern conditions. In addition, there hangs over us the threat of another war. If our belief is simply that there is nothing beyond this life we naturally try to make the best of a bad job. But when Christ came He spoke to us of a life beyond the grave, of a Heavenly Father Who loves us and cares for our welfare, of the meaning of prayer and the help and joy we can find as we relate our lives to God.

The Mission is planned to explain how ordinary folk like you and me can find God personally as our Father. You see it is like this. When Christ came He brought to mankind a message from God. He showed how much God wanted to help us and He gave an open invitation to us all to come to God because He, understanding our need, could make something new of our lives.

Those of us who have sought to follow Christ and His way of life have found in Him a personal Friend, and this experience has made all the difference in our lives, in our homes, and in our work.

The Mission will seek to explain this more fully. When you think of your own need of God remember there is a way of peace that God offers us.

Because of this we plan the Mission in your parish. Will you come to the Services? Will you come and hear an explanation of man's need and God as the answer?

We all have a lot to learn ourselves and it is not our wish merely to preach to other people. But rather we want to share with you what we have discovered for ourselves about God and His love, about Christ and His sacrifice for us, about the forgiveness of sins, the peace and joy God gives, the new way through Christ into a new life, that is life eternal and abundant.

If we leave God out, and try to live as though God did not exist, our problems increase, but if we bring God into our lives we at once find how real He is, how ready to hear our cry, how willing to come to our aid.

I pray God to bless you and your home and work, and may I add how much I hope that we may share together in this message of the Mission.

Your Friend and Bishop,

WILLIAM WORCESTER.

A Letter from The Missioner will be distributed throughout the parish early in September. The List of Services during the Mission will be circulated towards the end of September.

The Mission Prayer (to be said daily)

"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."

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

CHURCH FETE — 23rd JUNE, 1951

Receipts

	£	s.	d.
Ist Sunday Group Stall	50	0	0
3rd Sunday Group Stall	35	7	4
4th & 5th Sunday Group Stall	25	6	6
M.U. Stall (inc. per Mrs. Crane £7 10s.)	24	0	4
Book Stall	7	5	2
Tea Room (2nd Sunday Group)	7	16	6
Auction Sale	22	12	9
Sale of Programmes and Gate Money	9	11	6
Bowling for Pig	13	6	0
Bowling for Goose	6	8	0
Race Horses	3	11	5
Plate Throwing	2	4	0
Treasure Hunt	1	12	0
Sale of Lemonade	1	10	0
Bran Tub	1	5	0
Sale of Buttonholes	1	2	0
Per Mr. M. G. Savory	1	0	6
Post Office	15	6	
Dropping the Coin	12	9	
Gross Receipts	215	7	3
Expenses — Printing, Prizes, Hire of Crockery, etc.	2	7	3
Net Profit	£213	0	0

(N.B. Several Donations are included in the totals of the various Stalls).

GIFT DAY

The annual Gift Day will be held on Sunday, Sept. 30th (Harvest Thanksgiving). A circular letter, giving details, will be sent out later.

MOTHERS' UNION AND SANCTUARY GUILD

The annual Outing on July 11th was a very happy occasion. Lunch was taken at Shrewsbury, where visits were made to certain of the many interesting places. Thence to Ludlow with its Castle and splendid Church. Many of us felt that its claim to be "the most beautiful Country Town in England" was not as far-fetched as might appear. The homeward journey over the Bromyard Downs, bathed in sunshine, was a fitting conclusion to a most enjoyable day. Thanks are due to (1) Mrs. Savory, who again planned the route for us, (2) Mrs. A. Reed, who made all the arrangements so efficiently, (3) The two "guides" who helped us very much by their knowledge of Shrewsbury and district.

Hearty thanks are due to those Members who worked so hard at the cleaning of the Church on July 10th. We are also very grateful to Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. Thacker, Mr. Binyon, Mrs. Pethard, Mrs. Greening, Mr. King and Mr. Mitchell for help in various ways.

In Memoriam. The death of Mr. George Phillips is a great loss to our village. His sincerity and integrity had won for him wide esteem, and many will always remember him as a most kindly and generous friend. His courage and patience during his illness made a deep impression on all who visited him. We offer our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Alfred Phillips and Mrs. Evans in their bereavement, following so soon after the death of Mr. Andrew Phillips.

W.B.C.

THE CHURCHYARD

The Consecration of the Churchyard Extension on Sunday, July 22nd, was indeed a memorable event. Very few of us will readily forget the Bishop's address which concluded a most impressive Service. The Evening Service with its note of thanksgiving for the completion of the work was also one to be long remembered. We hope to print an extract from the Rev. John C. Sladden's striking sermon next month. This note would be incomplete without reference to (1) the splendid work of the Choir at both Services, (2) the beautiful decoration of the Church, for which we have to thank Mrs. Idiens and Mrs. Chapman, (3) the gifts of Flowers from Mr. Arthur Keen, Mrs. G. A. King and Mrs. W. G. Harwood, (4) the kindness of the lady members of the P.C.C. in providing Tea.

W.B.C.

On Sunday Evening, July 22nd, two Churchwardens' Staves were dedicated. One is the gift of Mr. Binyon, the other of Mrs. J. J. Pethard, in memory of her husband, whose devoted work as Churchwarden is still gratefully remembered. A Verger's Wand (or "Virge")—the gift of Mr. G. Austen Jones—was also dedicated.

Choir Outing. The Members of the Choir had a perfect summer day for their Outing to Southsea on July 21st, and it was unanimously agreed that it was one of "the best ever." Grateful thanks are due to Mr. Henry King for the admirable arrangements.

Thanks once again to (1) Mr. H. Robinson for so generously providing the gravel for the Churchyard paths, (2) Mr. G. H. Stewart for his indefatigable (and, at length, successful) search for capping stones and to Mr. C. Stewart who joined in the search, (3) Mr. M. G. Savory for kindly promising to make a plan of the Churchyard Extension, and (4) Mr. G. A. King for help in ways too numerous to mention!

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

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

Sunday, Aug. 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, Sept. 2nd. — As Sunday, Aug. 5th.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Aug. 5th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
Sunday, Aug. 12th		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
Sunday, Aug. 19th		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Aug. 26th		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
Sunday, Sept. 2nd		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

June 24th, £4 19s. 4d.; July 1st, £3 2s. 5d.; July 8th, £5 8s. 1d.; July 15th (Evening) £1 16s. 0d.
Total £15 5s. 10d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

June Envelopes: Church Expenses £2 18s. 8d., Church Overseas 8s. 4d. **Total £3 7s. 0d.** (No. 4, 5s.; No. 6, 16s.; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 9, 2s. 6d.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 2s.; No. 13, 1s.; No. 14, 2s. 6d.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 5s. 6d.; No. 22, 4s. 6d.; No. 23, 10s.); **Church Box, 4s. 9d.; Use of Organ, 12s.**

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

July 1st. Penelope Anne Betteridge.

Marriages

June 30th. Joseph Gordon Robbins, Hampton, and Joan Collett, Badsey.

Burials

July 6th. George Phillips, aged 66 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Diocesan Mission. — Please refer to the notes elsewhere in this issue.

In Memoriam. The news of the death of Mr. Tigwell, after so short an illness, came as a great shock to us all. We extend our deep sympathy to Mrs. Tigwell and her family. He was widely respected and we shall all agree with the concluding words of the account, in the "Evesham Journal," of his funeral—"Wickhamford people will remember the many good deeds he did quietly and unobtrusively in the village."

W.B.C.

Flower Show. The Wickhamford Flower Show will be held in The Manor Surrounds (by kind permission of Mr. V. Daffurn) on Saturday, August 18th. It will be opened at 3 p.m. by D. G. S. Russell, Esq. The proceeds are, as usual, for the Memorial Hall Fund. In a foreword to the Schedule, the Chairman of the Memorial Hall Committee (Mr. E. W. Sturt) states "It has been decided to convert the present Parish Room into a suitable Hall, and this involves considerable expense. After conversion, the Hall will need new furnishing and amenities, and we hope to obtain these as speedily as possible. Will you help by subscribing generously?"

The Churchyard. Grateful thanks are due to Mr. J. E. Parry and his helpers for the very hard work they put in during the illness of Mr. Herrington. We wish the latter a speedy and complete recovery.

Collections for Church Expenses (June 24th to July 15th incl.) £10 7s. 4d.

Choir Outing. 9 a.m. on July 4th—a N.W. wind and threats of rain! Before we reached Oxford, however, the sun was shining. In Oxford we dispersed, and members followed their own inclinations. After Lunch we left for Blenheim Palace, where, for half a crown, we saw what wonders human brains and hands can construct. The beauty of the columns, the ceilings and the doors impressed us all. Women had had a share as well as men, as was seen from the Damask, the Tapestries, and the Furniture. The room in which Mr. Winston Churchill was born seemed very ordinary in comparison! Then, of course, there is The Water Terrace Garden, The Great Avenue of Elms (3,000 yards long) and The Column of Victory (134 feet). So one might go on and on about its wonders. If you have not visited this place, you ought to! We passed on to Burford for Tea, and visited the fine ancient Church, which has a list of Vicars going back 750 years. Surely this is one of the most splendid of the great Churches of Oxfordshire. Some of us heard of the "Cow and Pound" Bequest, and it made us wish that someone had left a good fat bullock to Wickhamford to give us a taste of the roast beef of Old England!

Home through Stow-on-the-Wold, the Slaughters and the Swells—some of the finest Cotswold country. We thank Mrs. Collett for the splendid way in which she organised the Outing, and were glad to have Mr. and Mrs. Pearce with us again. What else could we say at the close but "Thank you, God, for a lovely day."

TED HALL

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

Women's Institute. Mrs. Carter presided over the July Meeting which was most interesting. A Cookery Demonstration, given by Miss Bury, of the M.E.B., was much enjoyed and was explained so clearly that we all knew how it should be done even if we couldn't do it! A competition arranged by Mrs. Ingram was held for the six dishes which had been cooked. Some of us only had a smell, but others were able to take home Fish Gateau, Cheese Whirls, Savoury Fillings and so on. Mrs. Harris thanked Miss Bury for the Demonstration. The highest points for a summer salad were awarded to Mrs. Pratley. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Shelley and her helpers. As a link between the two countries Mrs. Harvey has sent a description of Badsey W.I. activities to Mrs. Jean Rouse in Tasmania. Several members tried drinking fizzy "pop" through a straw, and Mrs. Brookes received a prize for emptying her bottle first, with Mrs. Moran a close second. A very happy meeting closed with the National Anthem.

C.M.

British Legion (Men's Section). Since the last report appeared we have lost two of our older members, both members of the Committee, and we extend to the relatives of Mr. George Phillips and Mr. Len Tigwell our deepest sympathy in their sad bereavement. The Branch has made arrangements to visit Shrewsbury Flower Show for the Annual Outing this year. We have chosen the first day, Wednesday, 15th August, and there are still a few seats available. The fare is 8s. 6d. and it is agreed that it shall be a mixed party.

Further plans for our proposed Branch Headquarters have been submitted and we should have some definite news regarding these within the next month.

Mr. G. A. King has informed the Branch that a friend of his is making two flower holders, one for each side of the memorial, and that these will be despatched as soon as they are completed. If found suitable they will be erected immediately they are received. The Legion "Big Hundred" of asparagus realised £16 10s. The effort this year received better support, but the chairman remarked that there were still many names missing from the list of those who gave buds.

P.H.S.

5th Evesham 1st Badsey Boy Scouts. After a rather drastic "Purge" to ensure a little more quality at the expense of quantity, numbers are again rapidly increasing, and the need for a successful Fete this year is greater than ever. An enthusiastic committee has arranged a very full programme with all the usual attractions, e.g., Bowling for a Pig, Bowling for a Tea Service, etc. Programmes are on sale in the village. Please come along and support your own Scout Troop. Gifts for the Auction Table will be greatly appreciated.

Mrs. A. C. Sears will open the Fete at 3.0 p.m. and the Auction Sale, with Mr. G. H. Stewart in charge, will be at 6.0 p.m. Our grateful thanks are due to the Vicar and Mrs. Chapman, without whose usual good will and help the Fete could not take place.

We are proud to be sending one of our King's Scouts, Maurice Salter, to Austria this month as one of the representatives of Worcestershire.

B. F. P. BLAKE, D.S.M.

THE BISHOP OF WORCESTER'S MISSION

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14th, to SUNDAY,
OCTOBER 28th

Please book these dates and keep the first week of the Mission, and Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, at any rate, free from all other engagements.

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