

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish  
Magazine**

**SEPTEMBER 1951**

**THE BISHOP OF WORCESTER'S MISSION  
SUNDAY, OCT. 14th to SUNDAY, OCT. 28th, 1951**

Missioner: Rev. Canon J. Gray, Rector of Barwick-in-Elmet, Leeds, Yorkshire.

**The Message of The Mission:—"God's Certainties in an Uncertain World."**

The Missioner will preach at the following Services:—

- Sun., Oct. 14th.**—11 a.m., Subject: "God or Collapse."  
6.45 p.m., Subject: "Christ or Chaos?"
- Mon., Oct. 15th.**—7 p.m., Subject: "Follow Me and I will make you . . ."
- Wed., Oct. 17th.**—7 p.m., Subject: "Ye shall be endued with power from on high."
- Sat., Oct. 20th.**—7 p.m., Subject: "One thing thou lackest."
- Sun., Oct. 21st.**—11 a.m., Subject: "Upon this rock I will build . . ."  
6.45 p.m., Subject: "Jesus came and stood in the midst."

- N.B. (1) *Tuesday, Oct. 23rd.* Mass Meeting in Evesham Town Hall. *Thursday, Oct. 25th* Religious "Brains Trust" in Evesham Town Hall.
- (2) A letter from the Missioner and a full list of Services will be distributed later.

**"THE LORD GOD PLANTED A GARDEN EASTWARD IN EDEN" (Gen. 2. 8)**

We might put it like this. God created a garden eastward of Badsey Church from the very moment, many years ago, when a plot of land was first bought on behalf of the Church and designated to become a part of the churchyard. God created the garden then, but the garden has taken a very long time to materialize, to become actual and visible. During this long period of more than fifty years there have been many vicissitudes. Difficulties of unexpected kinds have been met and faced. Apathy and lack of interest have had to be overcome. At times it has almost seemed in the sight of men, even to those who most ardently believed in the plan, that nothing would come of it. Those people who did believe in it have had to exercise great patience and faith in co-operation with God's purposes. During all those years the plot of ground has been for the most part little less than a wilderness. There has been until very recently little sign of progress towards the desired goal; one tree, planted in faith and hope, has stood as a sign of things to come.

In the patience of God, His purpose for Badsey Churchyard has taken more than half a century to work out.

His purpose for the salvation of mankind is taking thousands of years to work out. And in the meantime, much of what we see about us in this world is "wilderness," a wilderness of sin and suffering, full of fears and dangers; that is, except to the eye of

faith which sees through into another dimension of reality.

"The Lord God planted a garden eastward in Eden." We find the garden of Eden, the garden of God, not only at the beginning of the Bible but at the end; in the book of Revelation as well as in the book of Genesis, and many times between. The original plan of Creation has to wait until the end of the world for its fulfilment. This is the patience of God, in the face of the sin of men. And the patience of faithful men in the long years between is shown by their clinging to the belief that God would fulfil His purpose in the long run. Very early on, there was the hope of the Promised Land. It was to be "a land flowing with milk and honey"—the gift of God to His people, "a garden of God," so to speak. But when Israel occupied Canaan they found it only less barren than the desert round about. And they had hardly secured their hold over the whole country than their land began to be whittled away from them by their enemies, until there was left only a small territory round about Jerusalem. But faithful souls did not allow this to disturb their faith. They kept patience with God. If the garden of God was not to be co-extensive with the whole land, then they would pin their hopes upon Jerusalem. Even when, for a while, Jerusalem was in ruins and her people exiled, they believed that God in His good time would eventually plant His "garden" in and around the Holy City, and His people would walk there in company with Him ("and they shall be called Trees of Righteousness, the Plantings of the Lord"). What a Faith, in "times of unparalleled adversity"—for that is how Israel's lot has been described by students of history! And when adversities yet increased, so that it became quite impossible to conceive of God's purpose being fulfilled in the earthly Jerusalem, still the faithful did not waver. They pictured instead a *heavenly* Jerusalem and a *heavenly* "garden of the Lord."

That is the Old Testament faith. That was man's patient response to God's patient love, even before God had carried His purpose a decisive step forward in Jesus Christ. How much *easier* should faith be to us, how much *greater* and *surer* our faith should be, seeing that we have Jesus Christ too! In Christ, God "has visited and redeemed His people." And to as many as receive Him, He gives His companionship, so that we can live even now in the heavenly garden of God, in the realm of the New Jerusalem and of the World to Come, whither He has gone before, and where the divine purpose will eventually be fulfilled.

Someone has recently said "What we need in these difficult days is people who can live without a future." What with Communism and the Atom Bomb, we live in times when "anything can happen," so far as *this* world-order is concerned. The Christian *can* "live without a future," because he is already keeping company with Christ. He has a foretaste of the delights of the "garden of God." He has a trysting-place with Jesus in the Holy Communion. He hears the words of Jesus through the Scriptures and in Prayer. Jesus Christ is Himself the Sun of Righteousness, the Tree of Life, the Fountain of Living Waters, enlightening and nourishing and refreshing those who company with Him through this hazardous and uncertain world, giving them confidence and hope and patience, in the sure knowledge that in God's good time the full glory of the heavenly Garden shall be revealed.

(An extract from a Sermon preached by the Rev. John C. Sladden, M.A., in Badsey Church on Sunday evening, July 22nd, 1951.)

## BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

### GIFT DAY AND HARVEST THANKSGIVING (SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 30th)

Dear Friends,

The Annual Gift Day will be held on Sunday, September 30th (Harvest Thanksgiving).

As stated in the Parish Magazine for June, we have spent over £1,500 on the repairs to the Church and a further £300 on the extension of the Churchyard. This has entailed a severe strain on our financial resources, and the building up of our depleted Fabric Fund is our immediate task. This is necessary if we are to complete the layout of the Churchyard and preserve our Church in its present condition.

Will you please place your gift in the enclosed envelope, and offer it to God, in thanksgiving for His many blessings, at one of the Services on September 30th. The Services will be as follows:—

- 8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
- 11 a.m.—Matins.
- 11.45 a.m.—Holy Communion.
- 6.45 p.m.—Evensong.

Yours sincerely,  
 W. B. Chapman, Vicar  
 G. A. King } Churchwardens  
 G. A. Jones }  
 C. A. Binyon, Treasurer, P.C.C.  
 J. Major, Secretary, P.C.C.

P.S.—If you are unable to bring your gift to Church on September 30th, please send it to one of the above mentioned on or before that date.

**The Choir.** We offer our heartiest congratulations to the Choirmaster (Mr. H. W. King), the Organist (Mrs. Marshall) and the Members of the Choir on the outstanding success of Choir Sunday. The singing at the Morning and Evening Services fully merited the warm commendation it has received. To carry through such a programme of Music as was presented at the "Festival of Britain" Service was a proof of the recognised ability of our Choir Members and of their readiness to respond to our Choirmaster's enthusiasm by assiduous practice. We do indeed owe much to them.

**P.C.C.** Next Meeting, Monday, September 17th, in the Parish Room at 7.30 p.m. As the main item on the agenda is the Diocesan Mission in October, it is hoped that there will be a full attendance of Members.

At the July Meeting the resignation of Mrs. W. H. Reed, on account of ill-health, was received with much regret. It was unanimously agreed to place on record an appreciation of her devoted work on the Council, as in several other departments of Church work. Mrs. Turrell was co-opted as a member of the Council. Among the subjects discussed was the possibility of flood-lighting the Church Tower at the time of the Diocesan Mission. The matter was left in the hands of Messrs. G. A. King and M. G. Savory.

**Mothers' Union.** Meetings will re-start on Tuesday, October 9th. As this is only five days before the opening of the Diocesan Mission, it is hoped that all members will note the date, and make a very special effort to attend. Members of the Sanctuary Guild are also invited to the Meeting.

**Men's Fellowship.** A new session begins on Tuesday, October 9th, when we shall welcome Mr. Henry King as our Speaker. All Members are asked to note the date, and to begin to look round to see what others they can bring with them to the Meeting!

**Bell Ringers.** The next Quarterly Meeting of the Southern Branch of the Worcestershire and District Change Ringers' Association will be held at Badsey on Saturday, September 29th. The Bells will be available from 3 p.m. The Quarterly Service will be held at 4.30 p.m., followed by Tea in the Parish Room.

Congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Hemming (née Adah Joyce Willett) who were married at Badsey Church on August 4th.

Grateful thanks are due to the kind friend, who wishes to remain anonymous, who generously defrayed the cost of cleaning the Churchyard Wall at "the front entrance" to the Church.

### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday, Sept. 2nd.</b>		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
<b>Sunday, Sept. 9th.</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Bott	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
<b>Sunday, Sept. 16th.</b>		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday, Sept. 23rd.</b>		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
<b>Sunday, Sept. 30th.</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday, Oct. 7th.</b>		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 a.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings

### SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday, Sept. 2nd.** — 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, Sept. 9th.** — 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, Sept. 16th.** — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and E. Major.

**Sunday, Sept. 23rd.** — 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. 30th.**—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, Oct. 7th.**—As Sept. 2nd.

#### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

July 22nd, £9 4s. 6d.; July 29th, £6 3s. 6d.; Aug. 5th, £5 5s. 9d.; Aug. 12th, £3 19s. 10d.—Total £24 13s. 7d.

#### OTHER RECEIPTS

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

#### PARISH REGISTERS

##### Baptisms

Aug. 5th.—David James Baker.

##### Marriages

Aug. 4th.—Geoffrey David Hemming, Hampton, and Adah Joyce Willett, Badsey.

#### EVESHAM AND DISTRICT CHURCH CHOIRS FESTIVAL

The Festival will be held in All Saints' Church, Evesham, on Wednesday, September 12th, at 7.30 p.m., under the direction of Mr. R. J. Smith, A.R.C.O. (Organist, and Master of the Choir, All Saints' Church). Mr. Herbert Sharp (St. Laurence's Church, Evesham) will be the Organist. The Service will be conducted by the Vicar of Evesham (Rev. Canon T. Charles Jones, R.D.) and the Preacher will be the Rev. A. H. Lewis, Vicar of Cleeve Prior. Sixteen Choirs have expressed their intention to participate.

#### WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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The Missioner will preach at the following Services:—

**Sun., Oct. 14th.**—9.30 a.m., Subject: "Without Me ye can do nothing."

5.30 p.m., Subject: "I have set before thee an open door."

**Tues., Oct. 16th.**—7 p.m., Subject: "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost."

**Thurs. Oct. 18th.**—7 p.m., Subject: "We will serve the Lord."

**Sun. Oct. 21st.**—9.30 a.m., Subject: "I will give thee assured peace."

5.30 p.m., Subject: "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

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#### VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

As I am expecting to be away, on a visit to Yorkshire, from August 20th to August 25th, the matter for this month's Magazine has to be sent to the Printer early. I am writing this with the Sunday School Outing to Worcester still in the future.

Please note that Evensong on Sunday, September 9th, will be at 6 p.m. instead of 5.30 p.m. This is to suit the convenience of the Lay Reader who is kindly coming to conduct the Service. Apart from this slight alteration, the Services during the month will be as usual.

The Harvest Thanksgiving Services will be held on Sunday, October 7th—a week before the Diocesan Mission opens. The Friday preceding the Harvest Thanksgiving (*i.e.* Friday, Oct. 5th) has been fixed as "Gift Day." I shall be in Church from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on that day to receive gifts. Copies of a circular letter, giving details of the Gift Day and the Harvest Thanksgiving Services, will be distributed towards the end of this month.

I draw your attention to the list of Services during the Diocesan Mission, and again ask you to pray earnestly for God's blessing on our plans.

I would again express my gratitude to those who have helped in keeping the Churchyard tidy.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

**Collections for Church Expenses** (July 22nd to August 12th incl.) £10 8s. 11d.

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##### Baptisms

August 5th.—William Nigel Timothy Astley.

#### REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Women's Institute.** At the invitation of Mrs. Arthur Sears, the August Meeting was held in her garden and was most enjoyable. Mrs. Carter presented Mrs. Sears with a spray of carnations as a slight mark of appreciation from the Members. Darts, bagatelle, nine pins, plates in the bucket and ringing the bottles passed the time very pleasantly. Refreshments were served by Miss V. Sadler and her helpers. A visit to Bournville and a visit to a Birmingham Theatre were discussed, and Mrs. Carter agreed to make enquiries. A heavy storm prevented races taking place, the only one that was held being won by Mrs. Rouse. Mrs. Sadler played for dancing, and three cheers were given for Mrs. Sears at the end of the meeting.

**5th Evesham (1st Badsey) Boy Scouts.** It was most disappointing that wet weather on August 11th made it impossible to hold the annual Fete in the Vicarage Garden. We are grateful to Mr. Harvey for his help in transferring the Fete to the School. We congratulate the members of the Scouts Parents' Committee and friends who did a splendid job of work and thank all who helped towards a successful effort.

We are especially indebted to Mrs. A. C. Sears (whose speech was a model for all openers of Fetes!) for so kindly opening the Fete, and for returning after Tea to present to Mr. G. H. Stewart—who was in great form at the Auction Sale—the Scouts' "Thanks Badge" for his most generous help in many ways to the Scouts. We were all disappointed that our Scoutmaster, on account of illness, was unable to be present. Fuller details of the Fete will be given next month.

W.B.C.

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OCTOBER 28th

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