

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish
Magazine**

OCTOBER, 1951

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

Missioner for Badsey and Wickhamford:—

REV. CANON J. GRAY

Rector of Barwick-in-Elmet, Leeds, Yorkshire

The Message of the Mission:

**"GOD'S CERTAINTIES IN AN UNCERTAIN
WORLD"**

LIST OF SERVICES—BADSEY PARISH CHURCH

Sunday, Oct. 14th—

- 8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11. 0 a.m. Matins. Preacher: The Missioner.
Subject, "God or Collapse."
- 6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: The Mis-
sioner. Subject, "Christ or Chaos."
- (6.20 p.m. Congregational Hymn Singing)

Monday, Oct. 15th—

- 10. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 7. 0 p.m. Mission Service. Subject, "Follow
Me, and I will make you"

Tuesday, Oct. 16th—

- 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

Wednesday, Oct. 17th—

- 10. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 7. 0 p.m. Mission Service. Subject, "Ye shall
be endued with power from on high."

Thursday, Oct. 18th—

- 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.

Friday, Oct. 19th—

- 10. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 7. 0 p.m. Service of Prayer and Meditation,
conducted by The Vicar.

Saturday, Oct. 20th—

- 7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 7. 0 p.m. Mission Service. Subject, "One
thing thou lackest."

Sunday, Oct. 21st—

- 8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11. 0 a.m. Matins, Preacher: The Missioner.
Subject, "Upon this rock I will build"
- 6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: The Missioner.
Subject, "Jesus came and stood in the
midst."
- (6.20 p.m. Congregational Hymn Singing)

Sunday, Oct. 28th—

- 8. 0 a.m. Holy Communion.
- 11. 0 a.m. Matins, followed by Holy Communion.
- 6.45 p.m. Service of Thanksgiving and Dedi-
cation.

**LETTER FROM THE MISSIONER
(CANON J. GRAY)**

My dear Friends,

Does this picture of human life given by an atheist thrill or inspire you?

"The world rolls on for ever like a mill,
It grinds out death and life and good and ill,
It has no purpose, heart or mind or will,
It grinds out man some slow years of bitter
breath,

Then grinds him back unto eternal death."
I think it was Professor Joad who said a few years ago: "Probably the only recipe to enable our civilization to escape destruction is some **revival of religion.**"

The Bishop's Mission comes to every parish in his Diocese with a call to revival: "O God, revive Thy Church—and begin with me." The opportunity is now yours, as a parish, as a congregation, as individuals, to join in this effort under God, to seek a revival of religion, and to realise, in your own midst, in church and home, at hearth and altar, at work and at play, in every activity of life, the Presence and Power of God.

Then you may find that, however hard, perplexing and uncertain may be the world we live in, you can say with courage and confidence,

"Never for us the lowered banner,
Never for us the lost endeavour."

We look forward to your coming in full force and with complete regularity to the Services of the Mission at Badsey and Wickhamford between October 14th and October 21st, and there in sacred fellowship we may all hope to

"Make but trial of His love,"

and to learn that

"Experience will decide
How blest are they and only they
Who in His Truth confide."

Reject the dull and gloomy picture of the atheist and, during the week's Mission, look at the Vision of God given us by our Lord Jesus Christ, and ponder the picture of a world redeemed, regenerated and restored by His Life, Death and Resurrection.

Come then to this Mission and bring your friends.

Pray that God's message may be proclaimed fearlessly and faithfully and heard and heeded humbly and hopefully.

Pray that God may bless this Mission to all the people everywhere and to your own souls.

"O God, convert this parish to our Lord Jesus Christ—and begin with me."

Your friend and servant in Christ Jesus,

J. GRAY,
Missioner.

THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The Diocesan Mission has been the constant theme of my preaching during the past twelve months. As the term of preparation draws to a close, and we enter upon this great adventure, I ask you most earnestly to do two things:

- (1) Resolve to be regular at the Mission Services.
- (2) Pray day by day the Mission Prayer—"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."

Will those who wish for a private talk with the Missioner please let him (or me) know as soon as possible? He is most anxious to help in this connection. Please remember him in your prayers.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

NOTES AND NOTICES

MOTHERS' UNION. The first Meeting of the autumn and winter session will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 9th, in the Parish Room at 2.30 pm. As stated in the Magazine last month, this is only five days before the opening of the Mission, and it is hoped that ALL Members will make a very special effort to attend. Members of the Sanctuary Guild are also invited to this Meeting.

The second Meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 23rd, when we shall discuss the important question of the "follow-up" of the Mission. A.M.C.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. Once again, a very cordial invitation is extended to all Members to attend our Meetings in the coming session, and also to any who would care to give the Fellowship a trial. Please come along and make your attendance a regular habit.

On Tuesday, Oct. 9th, at 7 p.m. Mr. Henry King has kindly consented to give us the "low down" on how Organs work. You don't need to be musical to appreciate what is sure to be an interesting and instructive talk. M.G.S.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Oct. 7th. — 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, Oct. 14th. — 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, Oct. 21st. — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 11 a.m., Churchwardens; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and E. Velvick.

Sunday, Oct. 28th. — 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, Nov. 4th. — As Sunday, Oct. 7th.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Oct. 7th		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
Sunday, Oct. 14th		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Oct. 21st		
8 a.m.	D. Bott	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
Sunday, Oct. 28th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Nov. 4th		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
Sunday, Nov. 11th		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Aug. 19th, £2 5s. 2d.; Aug. 26th, £2 13s. 11d.; Sept. 2nd, £4 6s. 10d.; Sept. 9th, £3 18s. 4d.; Sept. 16th, £3 14s. 10d. Total, £16 19s. 1d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

August Envelopes—Church Expenses £3 11s. 5d., Church Overseas 8s. 4d. **Total £3 19s. 9d.** (No. 4, 3s.; No. 6, 16s.; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 9, 2s. 6d.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 9s. 6d.; No. 14, 5s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 5s.; No. 22, 1s. 9d.; No. 23, 5s.; No. 24, 10s.); **Church Box 13s. 6d.; Use of Organ 18s.**

PARISH REGISTERS

Marriages

Aug. 18th. Cyril Howard Thomson, Evesham, and Marion Peggy Doreen Heritage, Badsey.
Sept. 1st. Kenneth Michael Grindle, Evesham, and Elsie Mary Jelfs, Badsey.

Burials

Sept. 14th. Norah Esther Tyler Keen, aged 45 years.

Sunday, Nov. 4th (Sunday in Octave of All Saints).

The Names of the faithful departed to be commemorated should be given to the Vicar not later than Friday, Nov. 2nd.

Sunday, Nov. 11th (Remembrance Sunday). Services as in previous years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

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Sunday, Oct. 14th—

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Preacher: The Missioner. Subject, "Without Me ye can do nothing."

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

Tuesday, Oct. 16th—

7.0 p.m. Mission Service. Subject, "They were all filled with the Holy Ghost."

Wednesday, Oct. 17th—

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion.

Thursday, Oct. 18th—

7. 0 p.m. Mission Service. Subject, "We will serve the Lord."

Saturday, Oct. 20th—

7. 0 p.m. Service of Prayer and Meditation, conducted by The Vicar.

Sunday, Oct. 21st—

9.30 a.m. Holy Communion. Preacher: The Missioner. Subject, "I will give thee assured peace."

5.30 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: The Missioner. Subject, "I know that my Redeemer liveth."

Sunday, Oct. 28th—

5.30 p.m. Service of Thanksgiving and Dedication.

Letters from The Missioner and The Vicar—Please refer to Badsey and Aldington Notes.

GIFT DAY (OCT. 5th) and HARVEST THANKSGIVING (OCT. 7th)

Copies of the following letter have been distributed throughout the Parish:—

Dear Friends,

The members of the Parochial Church Council have decided to hold a Gift Day again this year—on Friday, October 5th, when the Vicar will be in Church from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. to receive gifts.

If you cannot bring your Gift Envelope then, will you send it to any member of the P.C.C., or bring it to Church on Sunday, October 7th (Harvest Thanksgiving). The Services will be: 9.30 Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

The ready response to Gift Day last year enabled us to carry out the necessary repairs to the Windows and the Bell Chamber, and the work of repairing the Roof has now been put in hand. It is impossible at the moment to give an estimate of the cost, but it will be very considerable.

We have received a munificent gift of £100 from Mr. John Drysdale towards this expense, and we believe the many friends of Wickhamford Church will again respond generously to our appeal.

Yours sincerely,

W. B. Chapman, Vicar

E. Cooke

E. W. Sturt

Eva Cooke, Secretary P.C.C.

CHRISTMAS FAIR

A Christmas Fair will be held at Wickhamford Manor (by kind permission of Mrs. Batty and Mrs. Sandys-Lumsdaine, the organisers of the Fair) on Wednesday, Dec. 5th. The proceeds will be for the repairs to the roof of our beloved Church, and we want to make the Fair a huge success. Every man, woman and child in the Parish can help by (1) Giv-

ing or making something for the Stalls, (2) Coming along on the day to buy their Christmas Gifts.

More details will be published in a later issue of the Parish Magazine. Do begin to plan your gifts now—handiwork, produce, cakes, etc., will be most welcome.

E.C.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sept. 9th. Irene Jane Thomas.

Marriages

Sept. 1st. Thomas Hayden, Islington, N.1, and Eileen Doris Colley, Wickhamford.

Collections for Church Expenses (Aug. 19th to Sept. 16th incl.) £11 os. 8d.

MOTHERS' UNION. The date of the re-starting of Meetings will be announced as soon as it is known when the reconstructed Parish Room will be ready for use.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP. It will not be possible to hold a Meeting in October, but it is hoped that the Parish Room will be ready for the first week in November. An announcement will be made later.

Sunday, Nov. 4th (Sunday in Octave of All Saints).

The Names of the faithful departed to be commemorated should be given to the Vicar not later than Friday, Nov. 2nd.

Sunday, Nov. 11th (Remembrance Sunday).

The attendance at the 9.30 a.m. Remembrance Service in past years has been very disappointing. Last year the response of the general public was much better, but there was only a tiny proportion of the Wickhamford Members of the British Legion present. In the hope of a better attendance it is proposed to hold the Service this year in the evening. I hope to arrange for it to be at 6.30 p.m. instead of the usual time for Evensong, e.g. 5.30 p.m. Further details will be published next month.

W.B.C.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE. The death of Mrs. J. Keen, though not unexpected, was received with much regret. She was a most valuable member of the Women's Institute, and whether it was as Press Correspondent, Sick Visitor, or in any other capacity she did her work with the greatest efficiency. In her last illness she showed great fortitude. The attendance of Members at the Funeral was a striking tribute to her. The singing was led by the Members of the W.I. choir, with Mrs. Marshall at the Organ.

Reports of the September and October Meetings will appear next month.