

Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish Magazine

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THE DIOCESAN MISSION

My dear Friends,

The first week of the Mission has just finished. It is quite impossible, of course, to assess results. As the days go by we must give prayerful consideration to our plans for the future, in view of what took place while the Missioner was with us. His spirituality and utter sincerity made a deep and, we believe, a lasting impression on all who came to the Mission Services. Our debt to him is indeed very great.

Though the numbers attending the Mission Services were smaller than we had hoped, there is no doubt that many of our people found it a time of spiritual blessing and were conscious of its challenge. This is true, I am convinced, of those who had tried to make use of the period of preparation, and who made sacrifices in order to be regular throughout the week. They will not readily forget the "atmosphere" which prevailed. Even if all our hopes were not realised, there were many things for which we may "thank God and take courage."

W. B. CHAPMAN.

My dear Friends,

After the week of the Mission and the warmth of your welcome I feel I can now call you friends. I shall long remember, nay, I feel I shall never forget, your kindness to me—both personally and in the activities of the week. Please accept a very sincere "Thank you."

As for the Mission itself, everywhere I saw evidences that a very thorough preparation had been made during the preceding months. Every effort had been made to let all the people know of the Mission. You did your part well. Results and numbers are not in our hands, God keeps these in His own.

But one thing cannot be gainsaid, i.e. both at Badsey and Wickhamford, the sincerity with which you joined in the prayers and the attention with which you listened to the message of the Mission, showed how much you meant it.

To have had this experience together is something that has brought us nearer to one another, and it is a drawing closer together that ought not to be lost.

Week by week from now on you can deepen and strengthen that spiritual friendship and holy fellowship in your Churches at Badsey and Wickhamford. May God "so assist you by His grace that you may continue in that holy fellowship and do all such works as He has prepared for you to walk in."

An old French proverb says: "To suffer—passes; To **have suffered**—never passes."

Apply this thought to our Week's Mission.

To see the vision, to dream the dream, to feel the Presence, to experience the Power, to know a Pentecost, passes, but to **have known** these things, never passes. We are none of us ever quite the same afterwards.

The glory of the Mount of Transfiguration is followed by the grimness of the valley below. After seeing the Risen Lord, the disciples "went away unto their own homes."

The "atmosphere" of a Mission is followed by the grey days, the steady plod, sometimes the hard trudge, in the common round and the trivial task.

In the days ahead may we all do what we can to keep the pledge and promise of our Memorial Card, and then in our inmost hearts we shall become aware that to **have known** this week will never pass.

On the final day of the Mission, Sunday, Oct. 21st, the Epistle read for the day (Trinity XXII) contains these words, "being confident of this very thing, that he who hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ."

He will perform it if we let Him, for remember that as free souls we can refuse Him.

You will therefore let Him perform the good work begun in you by praying and planning how best to follow up the Mission:

"Lord what will Thou have me to do"

"Here am I; send me."

Be prepared, be willing, be expectant, and it will be shown you what you must do.

May God bless, guide and keep you in all your work for Him.

Yours sincerely,

J. GRAY.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

Thursday, Nov. 1st (All Saints) 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, Nov. 4th (Sunday in Octave of All Saints) 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Holy Communion (Sung); 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

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) 8 a.m. Holy Communion.

11 a.m. Matins. Preacher: Rev. Wilson Baker. The members of the British Legion will parade. The members of the Congregation are asked to be in their places not later than 10.50 a.m.

6.45 p.m. Evensong. Preacher: Mr. C. R. P. Raymer.

The Collections throughout the day will be for Earl Haig's Fund (Poppy Day Appeal).

Sunday, Nov. 13th, 6.45 p.m. Evensong, followed by Programme of Music.

Sunday, Nov. 25th. Services as usual.

ST. ANDREW'S-TIDE

Friday, Nov. 30th (S. Andrew A. & M.) 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

Sunday, Dec. 2nd (Advent Sunday). Collections for the Church Overseas. Holders of Missionary Boxes are asked to bring them to Church on this day.

Intercessions at all Services for the work of the Church Overseas.

The Chairman of The Church Assembly Overseas Council writes:—

"At no time was there greater need for the intercession of Church people on behalf of the work of the Church Overseas than there is at present.

"Many of our brethren are facing dangers and unprecedented difficulties in witnessing to the Faith. They need our fellowship, they need our prayers. It will encourage them to know they have both.

"Cannot we make St. Andrew's-tide this year what it should be—a time of earnest and sustained prayer on behalf of the Church for our brethren overseas?"

Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day. All the Services were well attended, the number of Communicants being 106. Grateful thanks are due to (1) All who sent gifts of Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables, (2) the faithful workers who decorated the Church so beautifully, (3) the Choir for their splendid work throughout the day, (4) Mr. Cockerton and Mr. P. H. Sparrow for conveying the gifts to Evesham Hospital.

The Gift Day Envelopes together with the Collections in Church brought in £65 15s. 7d.—a slight increase on the record figure in 1949. This is most gratifying in view of what has been raised during the past two years.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Monday, Nov. 12th, in The Parish Room at 7 p.m.

Mothers' Union. Meetings this month will be held on Tuesdays, Nov. 13th and 27th in the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m. The Meetings on Oct. 9th and 23rd were well attended, and it is hoped we shall keep up to this standard. Will Members please note:—

Friday, Nov. 23rd at 3 p.m. in the Cathedral. Presentation of "The People's Offerings" for Moral Welfare Work in the Diocese.

Tuesday, Dec. 11th. Branch Meeting. Address by Rev. N. E. Shepherd (British and Foreign Bible Society).

Corporate Communion: Thursday, Nov. 1st (All Saints) and Friday, Nov. 30th (St. Andrew A. & M.). A.M.C.

Men's Fellowship. We made an excellent start to the new session on Oct. 9th, when Mr. Henry King gave us a most interesting talk on "Organs." He packed an immense amount of information into a short space of time, but it was all so lucidly explained that even those of us who are not musical experts could not help being most attentive! The interest aroused was reflected in the keen discussion which followed. Mr. Savory expressed our thanks to Mr. King.

Several of our "regulars" were absent, due, we believe, to claims of work. We hope they will be with us on Tuesday, Nov. 13th, at 7 p.m., when Mr. R. C. Fowler (Postmaster, Evesham) will tell us something of the many departments of the Post Office. This promises to be another very instructive talk. W.B.C.

Following on the Consecration of the Churchyard, the Dedication of the Lych Gate (in memory of Arthur Sears) and the Churchyard Lights (in memory of Beatrice Violet Marshall) will take place after Evensong on Sunday, Nov. 4th.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late Mrs. Crump (buried at Stanton Churchyard on Sept. 22nd), the late Mr. J. Stanley (buried at Bretforton Churchyard on Sept. 25th), and the late Mr. F. Sears (buried at Badsey Churchyard on Oct. 19th).

The news of the death of Miss Bessie Kelland was received with deep regret by her friends in Badsey. Whilst resident here she was most regular in her Church attendance, and she took a great interest in all the activities of the Church.

The Offerings for "Mission Expenses" amounted to £12 12s. 6d. Payments have been made as follows: Printing £5 8s. 9d., Canon Gray's Travelling Expenses, etc. £4 3s. 4d, Grant to Diocesan Fund (for Central Expenses) £3 os. 5d.

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Nov. 4th. — 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, Nov. 11th. — 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, Nov. 18th. — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and E. Velvick.

Sunday, Nov. 25th. — 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, Dec. 2nd. — As Sunday, Nov. 4th.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

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| 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 |
| Sunday, Nov. 18th | | |
| 8 a.m. | K. Mitchell | — |
| 6.45 p.m. | K. Mitchell | B. Jennings |
| Sunday, Nov. 25th | | |
| 8 a.m. | B. Jennings | — |
| 11 a.m. | R. Harvey | D. Bott |
| 6.45 p.m. | B. Jennings | K. Mitchell |
| Sunday, Dec. 2nd | | |
| 8 a.m. | D. Bott | — |
| 11 a.m. | K. Mitchell | B. Jennings |
| 6.45 p.m. | D. Bott | R. Harvey |
| Sunday, Dec. 9th | | |
| 8 a.m. | L. Mitchell | — |
| 11 a.m. | R. Harvey | D. Bott |
| 6.45 p.m. | B. Jennings | K. Mitchell |

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Sept. 23rd, £5 2s. 8d.; Oct. 7th, £3 8s. 1d.; Oct. 14th (part) £4; Oct. 21st (part) £4. **Total £16 10s. 9d.**

OTHER RECEIPTS

Diocesan Mission Expenses (Oct. 14th to Oct. 21st incl.) £12 12s. 6d.; "**Gift Day**" £65 15s. 7d. (Envelopes £54 8s. 6d., Church Collections £11 7s. 1d.); **Church Box** 16s. 9d.; **Sir J. Sladden Bequest** £6 15s. 0d.; **Rent of Church Land** £1 15s. 0d.; **September Envelopes:** Church Expenses £4 11s. 4d., Church Overseas 11s. 5d. **Total** £5 2s. 9d. (No. 4, 5s.; No. 6, £1 4s. 0d.; No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 5s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 8s.; No. 13, 2s.; No. 14, 17s. 6d.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 7s. 7d.; No. 22, 2s. 2d.; No. 23, 15s.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Sept. 23rd. Christine Edna Porter.
Oct. 21st. Valerie Mary Jones; Peter Henry Taylor.

Burials

Oct. 19th. Frederick Sears, aged 70 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Sunday, Nov. 4th (Sunday in Octave of All Saints)
9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong.

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) 6.30 p.m. Evensong and Act of Remembrance. Collection for Earl Haig's Fund (Poppy Day Appeal).
(N.B. Please note time of service).

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Plans are going ahead for the Christmas Fair, to be held at Wickhamford Manor on Wed., Dec. 5th. All kinds of lovely things are promised—so do not forget **your** contribution! There will be games of Darts and "Shove ha'penny" for which exciting prizes will be given. We hope to have Miss Georgie Henschal—of Radio fame—to open the Fair. It is up to us all to make this effort a big success.

E.C.

PARISH ROOM AND MEMORIAL HALL

The Committee beg to announce that the Re-Opening Ceremony will be performed by Mr. R. C. Lees-Milne on Friday, November 16th at 7 p.m.

A hearty invitation is extended to all parishioners and subscribers.

E. W. STURT, Chairman.

Mothers' Union. Will Members please note that Meetings re-start on Wed., Nov. 21st.

Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day. The Services on Sunday, Oct. 7th, were well attended, and our thanks are due to (1) those who helped with the work of the decoration of the Church, (2) those who sent gifts of Flowers, Fruit and Vegetables, (3) Mr. J. M. Chapman for conveying the gifts to Avonside Hospital.

Gift Day Receipts amounted to £43 3s. 10d. (Envelopes £35 15s. 0d., Church Collections £7 8s. 10d.). This amount is considerably less than that of last year, but most of us expected, I think, a decrease,

in view of the fact that last year's Gift Day was a special effort to raise a definite sum for the repairs to the Tower and the Windows. We thank all who responded so generously again this year.

Church Collections (Sept. 23rd to Oct. 21st incl.):
Church Expenses £11 12s. 10d.; Gift Day Receipts £7 8s. 10d.; Mission Expenses £3 12s. 0d.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion, Women's Section. The monthly Branch Meeting was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, 25th September. There was a fair attendance.

After the adoption of the Minutes a discussion took place regarding a Social Fund. It was unanimously agreed that such a Fund be started.

Names were then asked for, and a Ballot taken as to members to go to the Group Meeting to be held at Littleton.

Several members agreed to go to the Conference at Worcester on 20th Oct., Mrs. J. Barnard being elected as Delegate.

Members were reminded that at the Oct. Meeting the election of a new Committee and Officers would be held.

After Refreshments had been served, the monthly Competition took place, the same being won by Mrs. Ockwell. Another Competition was won by Mrs. Grinnell.

The singing of the National Anthem brought the meeting to a close.

M.C.

British Legion (Men's Section). Members and Ex-Servicemen please note: (1) Annual Meeting at the Royal Oak, Badsey, on Tuesday, November 6th, at 7.30 p.m. (2) Remembrance Services, Sunday, November 11th: **Badsey**, Assemble at The Poplars Garage, High Street, at 10.30 a.m. **Evesham**, Assemble High Street at 2.15 p.m. **Wickhamford**, Assemble at the Church at 6.15 p.m. (3) Annual Dinner at The Royal Oak, Badsey, on Saturday, November 17th, at 7.30 p.m.

P.H.S.

Women's Institute. The chief item of interest at the September Meeting was the talk given by the County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. J. J. Murray). Three films on the same subject helped to drive home the points made by Dr. Murray, who had a very appreciative audience.

The October Meeting was one which is looked forward to for months, i.e. "Members' Night." Business concluded, Mrs. Carter vacated the chair for the rest of the evening. Mrs. A. L. Byrd was a most capable chairman on behalf of the members, and introduced the artistes as to the manner born. Geoff. Benbow played "I'll Walk Beside You" on his trumpet, and Miss Shirley Cleaver's songs were very much enjoyed. The monologues of Mrs. I. Knight helped us all to have a good laugh, while Ron Salter's rendering of "Afton Waters" was all that it should be.

Ellen Churchill is an old favourite at the W.I., and her dancing and monologues were delightful. Mr. Bill Arnold very kindly came to help with his songs. Games concluded a meeting which we wished came more often. Mrs. Salter, as usual, was a great help at the piano.

C.M.