

DECEMBER, 1951

THE DIOCESAN MISSION

(1) The Message of The Mission—A Reminder.

“ God’s Certainties in an Uncertain World ”

1. The CERTAINTY OF GOD.
He IS . . . and gives meaning to life.
2. The CERTAINTY OF THE BIBLE.
God SPEAKS . . . and gives guidance to life.
3. The CERTAINTY OF CHRIST.
Jesus SAVES . . . and gives Hope to life.
4. The CERTAINTY OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.
God IS SPIRIT . . . and gives Power to life.
5. The CERTAINTY OF FAITH.
God is LOVE . . . and asks sacrifice from life.
6. The CERTAINTY OF THE CHURCH.
WORSHIP TOGETHER . . . gives Com-
panionship to life.
7. The CERTAINTY OF LIFE AFTER DEATH.
The RISEN CHRIST . . . gives fulfilment to
life.

(2) The Bible Reading Fellowship.

During the course of the Mission, Canon Gray laid emphasis on the value of this Fellowship and a Branch is now being formed as part of the “ Follow Up ” of the Mission. The Fellowship issues quarterly Leaflets giving short passages—with notes—from the Bible for daily reading. The spiritual message of the Bible is brought out and difficult passages explained in a simple and straightforward manner. There are four series of quarterly Leaflets:—

A; B for Adults; Y for Youths; 2/- a year.

C for Children; 1/6 a year.

Specimen Leaflets may be seen on the B.R.F. table in Badsey Church, and application forms for membership and further information can be obtained from Mr. A. L. Byrd, who has kindly offered to act as Secretary.

It is asked that completed forms, with subscriptions, be handed to the Secretary not later than Sunday, Dec. 16th, in order that a start can be made in the New Year with the first quarterly leaflets.

About 20 members of the congregation have already applied for forms, and we hope that many others will follow suit.

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

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

Sunday, Dec. 23rd. 8 a.m. Holy Communion; 11 a.m. Matins, followed by Sunday School Prize-Giving (No 11.40 a.m. Celebration). 6.45 p.m. “ A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols.”

Christmas Eve. 11.30 p.m. First Communion of Christmas.

Christmas Day. 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Holy Communion.

The Offerings on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day will be given, as in previous years, to the Church of England Children’s Society.

Mothers’ Union. Next Meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 11th, in The Parish Room at 2.30 p.m. Speaker: Rev. N. E. Shepherd (British and Foreign Bible Society). It is hoped all members will make a special effort to attend.

Mrs. R. Hartwell and Mrs. Albert Keen have been appointed to present the Branch’s contribution to the “ People’s Offering ” at the special Service in the Cathedral.

Copies of “ The Mothers’ Union Service Book ” (Revised Edition) are being distributed to the Members, and it is hoped that they will make use of these in their private Prayers.

At the Meeting on Nov. 13th Mrs. A. L. Byrd explained the aims and objects of the Bible Reading Fellowship and we are glad to know that several members expressed their wish to join.

Mrs. Bowstead Wilson has kindly promised to speak on Feb. 12th, on Moral Welfare Work in the Diocese.

A.M.C.

Men’s Fellowship. There was an exceedingly good attendance on Nov. 13th when Mr. R. C. Fowler, Postmaster of Evesham, gave us a most interesting talk on “ The Post Office from the Inside.” After tracing the service from its inception, we were informed of some of the many activities which make up the present day organisation of which this country should be justly proud. If any of us are in doubt regarding the facilities offered to the general public, an enquiry at the Head Office in Evesham will be welcomed and in all probability will result in obtaining information to our benefit and enable us to safeguard our own interests in matters which may be vital.

Mr. Fowler also showed a Sound Film of the Trans-African Air Mail which included some very fine “ shots ” of the scenery in that vast country. The whole evening was a great success.

The Vicar is most gratified at the sustained interest all members are showing by their regular attendance at our meetings and they can be assured that every endeavour will be made to foster that interest in the future. It is good to see that a number of young fellows in their ‘ teens ’ have thrown in their lot with us. Well done!

On Dec. 11th we are fortunate in having a visit from Dr. Sturley of the B.B.C., who will talk on some of the aspects of that organisation. His enquiry regarding the use of a power plug would suggest some interesting possibilities.

M.G.S.

The Choir. We are much indebted to Mr. Peter Waddington and Mr. Philip Mills for the striking and impressive Recital on Sunday, Nov. 18th, and to Mr. Henry King for securing such talented artistes. The members of the Choir are now rehearsing for the "Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols" on Sunday, Dec. 23rd.

Our thanks are due to Mrs. G. H. Stewart for the gift of curtains for the Chancel and Vestry Doors.

Sunday School. Mr. C. A. Binyon has kindly consented to present the Awards at the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday, Dec. 23rd.

The New Year Party will be held on Saturday, Jan. 12th, in the Old School. We shall be very grateful for donations and gifts of food. Will those willing to help in this way please inform the Vicar or one of the Teachers prior to the next Teachers' Meeting (to be held at The Vicarage on Monday, January 7th).

IN MEMORIAM

Miss Norah Stanley died on Nov. 3rd after a long illness, which she had borne most patiently. She was deeply appreciative of the devotion with which she was nursed, and, whenever she was well enough, always welcomed the visits of her friends. It was indeed a privilege to minister to her, and we shall not readily forget her faith and courage. We offer our deepest sympathy to those who have cared for her during these past few months.

We also extend our sympathy to the relatives of the late **Mrs. T. Major** and the late **Mrs. Waite**. The former passed away after a very short illness, and many of us miss her familiar figure in the village. Mrs. Waite had been ailing for some time, but the end came with unexpected suddenness.

W.B.C.

The Magazine. Owing to the greatly increased cost of printing, we are compelled to raise the price of the Magazine from 3/- to 3/6 in 1952. I wish to express my gratitude to the Magazine distributors for their loyal service during the past year. It would greatly assist them if subscriptions for 1952 were paid in January.

W.B.C.

Congratulations and Best Wishes to Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Double (née Ruth Collett), who were married in Badsey Church on Nov. 10th.

Grateful Thanks to (1) Mr. R. Caswell (who has so often helped us in the past), for his work in connection with the fixing of the Churchyard Lights, (2) Mr. Blake for attending to the heating of the Church during Mr. Mitchell's illness.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
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
Sunday, Dec. 16th		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
Sunday, Dec. 23rd		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
Christmas Eve (Dec. 24th)		
11.30 p.m.	D. Rouse and E. Salter	
Sunday, Dec. 30th		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
Sunday, Jan. 6th		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Dec. 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, Dec. 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, Dec. 16th. — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and E. Velvick.

Sunday, Dec. 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.

Christmas Eve. — 11.30 p.m., Churchwardens.

Sunday, Dec. 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, Jan. 6th. — As Sunday, Dec. 2nd.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Oct. 28th, £3 14s. 6d.; Nov. 4th, £6 18s. 3d.; Nov. 18th, £3 13s. 6d. Total £14 6s. 3d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

Earl Haig's Fund (Nov. 11th) £13; **Use of Organ** 6s.; **Church Box** 9s. 6d.; **October Envelopes**—Church Expenses £3 6s. 4d., Church Overseas 9s. 4d.—**Total** £3 15s. 8d. (No. 3, 5s.; No. 4, 3s.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 8, 4s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 5s.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 14, 7s. 6d.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 4s.; No. 22, 2s. 2d.; No. 23, 10s.).

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Nov. 18th. Colin Richard Grinnell; Paul Martin Halford; Valda Anne Whitford; Gillian Margaret Redgewell.

Marriages

Nov. 10th. John Frederick Double, Watchet, and Ruth Winifred Georgina Collett, Badsey.

Burials

Nov. 10th. Ida Nellie Major, aged 59 years.
Nov. 14th. Annie Louisa Waite, aged 80 years.

WICKHAMFORD NOTES

Sunday, Dec. 2nd (Advent Sunday) 9 a.m. Holy Communion; 5.30 p.m. Evensong. Collections for the Church Overseas.

Sunday, Dec. 23rd. 2.30 p.m., Sunday School Service and Prize-Giving; 5.30 p.m., Evensong and Carols.

Christmas Day. 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion (with Hymns).

Monday, Dec. 31st (New Year's Eve) 11.30 p.m. Community Hymn Singing; 11.45 p.m. "Watchnight Service."

The Offerings on Christmas Day will be given, as in previous years, to the Church of England Children's Society.

NOTES AND NOTICES

Christmas Gift Sale

Please bring your gifts to the Manor not later than **Nov. 30th.** We have a collection of lovely things—luxurious, useful, household, etc.—so we hope to see you all on Wed., Dec. 5th, at 2.30 p.m.

E.C.

P.C.C. Next Meeting, Wed., Jan. 30th. The Meeting on Oct. 31st was held at Robin Cottage (by kind invitation of Mr. and Mrs. E. Cooke). Business was mainly of a routine nature. It was unanimously decided to send a letter of thanks to Mrs. Cecil Cox for her splendid work in beautifying the Churchyard. Thanks were also expressed to all others who had helped in the Churchyard during past months. The members of the Council welcomed the Vicar's suggestion that a "Watchnight Service" should be held on New Year's Eve (Mon., Dec. 31st) at 11.30 p.m. It is hoped that this venture will be supported by members of the congregation.

Church Collections. Church Expenses (Oct. 28th, Nov. 4th, Nov. 18th) £7 2s. 11d.; **Earl Haig's Fund** (Nov. 11th) £7.

Parish Room and Memorial Hall. The Re-opening Ceremony, postponed from Nov. 16th, will take place on Friday, Dec. 7th, at 7 p.m. It will be followed by a Dance at 8 p.m.

Men's Fellowship. Next Meeting, Wed., Jan. 2nd. Details later.

M.U. It is hoped to restart Meetings in January. Members are cordially invited to join with the Badsey M.U. at the Meeting in The Parish Room, Badsey, on Tues., Dec. 11th (see Badsey Notes).

Sunday School. Mr. J. E. Sheppard has kindly consented to present the Awards at a Scholars' Service in Church on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, at 2.30 p.m.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

British Legion (Women's Section). The Annual General Meeting was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, 23rd October. Mrs. Savory presided over a fairly good attendance. In her address the President stressed the importance of Remembrance Day, and hoped that everyone would try to attend Church on that day.

Mrs. W. Keen then gave an interesting report of the Conference at Worcester on Oct. 20th.

After the adoption of the minutes, the Secretary gave her report on the year's work, in which she stated that membership had decreased considerably and hoped for a better membership this year. Meetings had been fairly well attended. The Treasurer's report showed a balance in hand of £34 os. od., which was considered satisfactory.

Officers for the ensuing year were then elected as follows: President, Mrs. Savory; Chairman, Mrs. J. Barnard; Vice-Chairman, Mrs. W. Keen; Secretary, Miss M. J. Cook; Treasurer, Mrs. F. Barnard; Standard Bearer, Mrs. Littlewood; Escorts, Mrs. D. Haynes and Mrs. J. James, junr.; Committee, Mrs. Brotherton, Mrs. James, junr., Mrs. A. Cyril, Miss L. Hartwell, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. J. Barnard, Miss M. Steed, Mrs. Littlewood.

Sick visitors for the month: Mrs. Hurman and Mrs. Rose.

M.J.C.

Women's Institute. Mrs. Carter presided over a crowded Meeting on Nov. 14th. Members stood in silence in memory of Mrs. T. Major, a member of the Institute and W.I. Choir for many years.

An interesting talk was given by Police Woman Sergt. Calder on the work of women in the Police Force. Several questions were asked. Mrs. Moran thanked Sergt. Calder for her talk which was an education to most of us. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Savage and her helpers. The Social Half-Hour consisted of "Have a Go" with Mr. M. Savory in charge. This was most amusing. Mrs. Carter thanked Mr. Savory for his trouble in preparing this part of the programme.

Nominations were handed in for the 1952 Committee.

C.M.