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## Church of St. James, Badsey

### SUNDAY SERVICES:

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (also at 11.40 a.m. on the Fourth Sunday)

11 a.m.—Sung Eucharist (First Sunday and Festivals)  
Matins (Second, Fourth and Fifth Sundays)

6.45 p.m.—Evensong.

### WEEKDAY SERVICES. According to Notice.

*Churchwardens:* Mr. G. A. King.  
Mr. G. A. Jones.

Tel. Badsey 301

Tel. Badsey 333

*Secretary, P.C.C.:* Mr. J. Major, B.Sc.

*Treasurer, P.C.C.:* Mr. C. A. Binyon, O.B.E.

Tel. Badsey 343

*Clerk and Sexton:* Mr. E. Mitchell, 68 Synehurst.

## Church of St. John the Baptist, Wickhamford

### SUNDAY SERVICES:

9 a.m.—Holy Communion (First Sunday—9.30 a.m. Festivals)

11 a.m.—Matins (Third Sunday)

11.40 a.m.—Holy Communion (Third Sunday)

5.30 p.m.—Evensong.

### WEEKDAY SERVICES. According to Notice.

*Churchwardens:* Mr. E. Cooke.  
Mr. E. W. Sturt.

Tel. Badsey 237

Tel. Badsey 274

*Secretary, P.C.C.:* Mrs. E. Cooke.

*Treasurer, P.C.C.:* Mr. E. Cooke.

*Clerk:* Mr. C. H. Willis, 3 Sandys Avenue.

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish  
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**BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES  
THE VICAR'S LETTER**

My dear Friends,

In the Magazine for January, 1951, I wrote these words, "The international situation is still very serious and there is a most urgent call to all Christian people to pray for the establishment of a true and lasting peace among the nations, and that all who bear the heavy responsibility of government and leadership may be guided aright at this time of crisis." During the past twelve months there has been, alas! little change in the situation and the call to prayer remains. It is a call to pray **together**, as members of God's family in God's House. Will you resolve to do this regularly in 1952? As we look out upon a riven, distracted world, and realise the needs of men everywhere and our own needs, how poor seem the excuses that people make for their neglect to "assemble and meet together (1) to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at His hands, (2) to set forth His most worthy praise, (3) to hear His most holy word, and (4) to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul."

The past year has again been a memorable one in the history of our Church. Following on the repairs to the Tower and the Bells, the work of the repair of the Roof and the decoration of the Church have been completed. As far as we know, the Church is now in first rate order, both externally and internally. The dedication of the Churchyard Extension, the Lych Gate and the Churchyard Lamps is still fresh in our minds. The cost of all these improvements is approximately £2,000, and we can look back on what has been done during the past two years with justifiable pride.

The other outstanding event was the Diocesan Mission in October. I can only repeat that it is very difficult to assess the results of this. Results there have been, and I believe that many have cause to thank God for blessings received. We were indeed fortunate in our Missioner, and no one could have given himself more wholeheartedly to the work of the Mission. The formation of a branch of the Bible Reading Fellowship is a notable result of the Mission, and such a venture has infinite possibilities.

The Rite of Confirmation will be administered by The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lasbery in our Church on Wed., March 12th. Preparation Classes are now being formed.

I pray that God's blessing may rest upon you all in the New Year, and upon all our work and worship in His Name.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,  
W. B. CHAPMAN.

**NOTES AND NOTICES**

**Sunday School.**—The New Year Party will be held on Sat., Jan. 12th. The Junior Scholars will meet at the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m. for games, and will then proceed to the Old School for Tea at 4.15 p.m. Tea for the Senior Scholars will be at 5.30 p.m. in the

Old School. Mr. Henry King has very kindly promised to give a Film Show after Tea.

Gifts in money or in kind for the Tea will be gratefully received.

W.B.C.

**Mothers' Union.**—The New Year Party will be held in the Parish Room on Wed., Jan. 2nd. Tea will be at 5 p.m., and the members of the W.I. Choir have kindly promised to provide a short entertainment. Members are asked to observe the good old custom of paying their annual subscriptions at the Party!

There will be no Branch Meeting on Tuesday, Jan. 8th, but the usual fortnightly Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Tuesday, Jan. 22nd.

Members are invited to a United Meeting in the Walker Hall, Evesham, on Tuesday, Jan. 15th, at 2.45 p.m. Details will be announced later.

The Rev. N. E. Shepherd's address on the work of the British and Foreign Bible Society was very much appreciated. He has promised to preach at Badsey and Wickhamford on the evening of Low Sunday (April 20th).

A.M.C.

**P.C.C.**—Next Meeting, Monday, Jan. 21st, in the Parish Room at 7 p.m. The draft Annual Accounts will be presented, and arrangements made for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting. It is hoped that all members will attend.

**Missionary Boxes** (Total £7 8s. 4d.) have been gratefully received from Mr. C. A. Binyon, Rosalind Major, Mrs. Holley, Angela Chapman, Mrs. L. Sparrow, Misses Sladden, Mrs. W. H. Reed, Mrs. G. A. Jones, Mrs. Savory, Mrs. Ballard, John Hatcher, Miss Ella Jones, Rosemary Jones, Mrs. Stanford and Mr. and Mrs. G. Crisp.

**Church Overseas Fund.**—Receipts during 1951 amounted to £28 10s. 0d. (Envelopes £5 19s. 10d.; Church Collections £4 13s. 6d.; Boxes £7 8s. 4d.; Sunday School £10 8s. 4d.). Of this amount £20 16s. 8d. has been remitted to the S.P.G. Ship Fund, £2 2s. 0d. to the S.P.C.K., £2 2s. 0d. to the British and Foreign Bible Society, and £3 9s. 4d. retained for remittance in 1952.

**Men's Fellowship.**—Those who were present at our Interim Meeting on Nov. 27th seemed to enjoy the Quiz, between the "under twenties" and the "old stagers," which was kindly prepared and conducted by Mr. Turtle. The older generation passed the tape with only one point to the good, which was evidence of a close contest. Afterwards, members aired their opinions on various subjects after the manner of "Dear Sir."

On Dec. 11th a large gathering was honoured by a visit from Dr. K. R. Sturley who, with the added attraction of records and lantern slides, gave an extremely interesting glimpse of the activities behind the scenes of the B.B.C. engineers, both in the sound and vision fields. As an acknowledged master of his highly technical subject, Dr. Sturley must be

congratulated on the manner in which he brought his talk to a level which was understood and greatly appreciated by us all. It can be safely stated that this was one of the highlights of our many happy gatherings.

It is hoped that all members, and maybe a few fresh faces, will be present on **MONDAY, January 7th**, when Mr. Geoffrey Smith, of "The Journal," has kindly consented to give a chat on The Press, which is yet another subject vital to us all.

Please note the change of night for one month only.

M.G.S.

**Guild of Ringers.**—The Annual Meeting of the Guild of Ringers was held at "The Laurels" (by the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Brazier) on Thursday, 8th November, when the Vicar presided.

The following officers were elected: Ringing Master: Mr. R. R. Savory; Deputy Ringing Master: Mr. A. Worthington; Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. Tony Brazier; Tower Keeper: Mr. E. Mitchell.

It was decided to ring at Badsey on the occasion of Mr. Tony Brazier's wedding on 1st December.

For the benefit of residents near the church arrangements were made to block partially the tower louvres as soon as possible.

Mr. R. Savory was thanked for arranging the successful tour of four Cotswold towers on Oct. 27th.

A full peal of Grandsire Triples was rung on December 15th, as arranged at the Worcestershire Ringing Association meeting at Badsey on Sept. 29th.

Those taking part were: Treble, W. J. Newman; 2, G. J. Hemming; 3, J. C. Hemming; 4, J. Hall; 5, A. Worthington; 6, A. Reed; 7, R. R. Savory (conductor); Tenor, L. Mitchell. This was the first peal by A. Worthington and L. Mitchell, and the first peal conducted by R. R. Savory.

### SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<b>Sunday, Jan. 6th</b>		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
<b>Sunday, Jan. 13th</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Bott	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday, Jan. 20th</b>		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday, Jan. 27th</b>		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
<b>Sunday, Feb. 3rd</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
<b>Sunday, Feb. 10th</b>		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey

### SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday, Jan. 6th.** — 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, Jan. 13th.** — 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, Jan. 20th.** — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and E. Velvick.

**Sunday, Jan. 27th.** — 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, Feb. 3rd.** — As Sunday, Jan. 6th.

### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Nov. 25th, £5 17s. 11d.; Dec. 9th, £3 10s. 1d.; Dec. 16th, £3 2s. 4d. Total £12 10s. 4d.

### OTHER RECEIPTS

**Church Overseas Fund** (Dec. 2nd) £3 17s. 6d.; **Church Box**, 8s.; **November Envelopes**, Church Expenses £3 0s. 3d., Church Overseas 8s. **Total** £3 8s. 3d. (No. 4, 5s.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 2s.; No. 14, 5s.; No. 16, 2s.; No. 17, 6s. 3d.; No. 22, 2s.; No. 23, 10s.).

### PARISH REGISTERS

#### Baptisms

Dec. 16th. Malcolm Robert Walters (Acocks Green, Birmingham).

#### Burials

Nov. 30th. Phoebe Ash, aged 78 years.

**Congratulations and Best Wishes** to Mr. and Mrs. Tony Brazier, who were married at Offenham Church on Dec. 1st.

**N.S.P.C.C.**—Mrs. K. G. Johnson wishes to thank all those who kindly acted as Collectors and all who subscribed so generously to the Annual Collection. The sum of £8 16s. 3d. was realised.

### REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**British Legion (Women's Section).**—The monthly Branch Meeting was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, 27th November. There was a fair attendance.

After the adoption of the minutes, the Secretary read letters concerning the dance to be held at the Lifford Hall, Broadway, on 18th January. Tickets and posters were distributed.

It was reported that the sum of £13 had been realised at the recent Whist Drive in aid of Earl Haig's Fund, and £51 from the Poppy Day collections.

Sick visitors for the month: Mrs. A. Cyril and Mrs. Brotherton.

Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Cook offered to help Mrs. James with refreshments at the next Meeting.

After refreshments had been served, there was a Beetle Drive, Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. B. Jones being the prize winners.

M.C.

**Women's Institute.**—Mrs. S. B. Carter presided over the December Meeting, about 70 Members being present. The following officials were appointed for 1952: President, Mrs. S. B. Carter; Committee—Mesdames Shelley, A. Reed, Pratley, Longmore, R. Taylor, A. L. Byrd, Harvey, F. Savage, G. Marshall, J. Major, A. W. Sparrow, Misses E. Jones and V. Sadler.

The Treasurer's Report was read by Mrs. Shelley, who congratulated Mrs. Taylor and Mrs. Mitchell on their work for the Canning Club.

The Annual Report was read by Mrs. Taylor. She was thanked by the President, who also thanked Mr. M. G. Savory for his help, and Mr. D. A. Jelfs for auditing the Accounts.

The Monthly Competition (Six Mince Pies) was won by Mrs. A. W. Sparrow.

A box of Chocolates, won by Mrs. Savory, realised 30s.

During the Social Half Hour the members of the W.I. Choir led the singing of Carols.

JEAN JELFS.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The death of Mr. Ted Hall, with such suddenness, came as a great shock to us all. Even now it is difficult to realise that we shall no longer see his familiar figure. The attendance at the Funeral Service was a sincere tribute to the affection and esteem with which he was regarded, not only in Badsey and Wickhamford, but throughout the Vale of Evesham. His ready wit and humour cheered and helped us on countless occasions. As the Rural Dean, in his address, said, "He radiated happiness because he himself, despite frequent ill-health, knew the secret of true happiness, and he loved his fellow-men because he loved God." Numerous people will remember with gratitude his many acts of kindness. The sick and those in trouble will not readily forget the help and comfort he extended to them. He loved our Church and was ever ready to recount its history to visitors, just as he was invariably among the first to support any special effort on its behalf, e.g. he was making articles for the Christmas Gift Sale on the day before he died. His passing is a grievous loss, but those of us who were privileged to enjoy his friendship will treasure our recollections of one who was in every sense "a happy warrior."

Mrs. Hall and the members of his family are assured of our deepest sympathy.

The Christmas Gift Sale was a very great success and the financial result really amazing. To raise the sum of £262 was a striking testimony to (1) the organising ability of Mrs. Batty and Mrs. Sandys-Lumsdaine, (2) the willing and skilful help of those who made articles for the Sale, (3) the generous gifts of friends over a wide area, (4) the persuasive charm of those who gathered in goods from many sources. It is quite impossible to individualise; all we can do is to offer most sincere thanks to all who helped **in any way**. Mention must be made, however, of the great debt we owe to Mr. and Mrs. Batty and Mrs. Sandys-Lumsdaine for the use of their beautiful house for the Sale, and for their unsparing efforts

to ensure its success. We hope that they feel that such a result was some reward, at any rate, for all they did. There was no doubt regarding the impression made on the crowds of visitors when first they saw the lay-out of the Sale, and when, later, they viewed the flood-lit Church (for which, as for other striking lighting effects, we are indebted to Mr. J. E. Parry). They were unanimous in agreeing that it was a memorable occasion, as indeed it was—something which will be spoken of for a very long time. We are very grateful to Miss Georgie Henschal for coming to Wickhamford to open the Sale, and for her delightful little speech.

Two days after the Sale there came another notable event, the opening (by Mr. R. C. Lees-Milne) of the enlarged and re-constructed Parish Room and Memorial Hall. At last our cherished hopes and ambitions are fulfilled, and the members of the Memorial Hall Committee are to be highly congratulated on the successful result of their unremitting labours. We have an excellent Hall which ought to be sufficient for all our needs, and which one neighbouring village (no names!), at least, may well envy!

Now that the Hall is in use, will all interested please note:—

(1) The Meetings of the Mothers' Union will re-start on Wed., Jan. 2nd, at 2.30 p.m. Prospective new Members will be heartily welcomed.

(2) The Meetings of the Men's Fellowship will re-start on Wed., Jan. 2nd, at 7.30 p.m. The Rector of Hinton-on-the-Green, who gave us a delightful talk on "Herbs" during the last session, will speak on "Trees." All men are invited.

(3) The Children's New Year Party will be held on Wed., Jan. 9th.

(4) The Parochial Church Council will meet on Wed., Jan. 30th, at 7 p.m.

I pray that God's blessing may rest upon you all in the coming year.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

**Collections for (1) Church Expenses** (Nov. 25th, Dec. 9th, Dec. 16th), £6 os. 7d.; **(2) Church Overseas Fund** (Dec. 2nd), £3 4s. 6d.

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Nov. 25th. David Michael Smith.

### Burials

Dec. 1st. Edward Charles Hall, aged 68 years.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**Women's Institute.**—At a well attended Meeting of the newly formed Women's Institute held on Dec. 13th, the following Members were elected to the Committee: Mrs. Dean (President), Mrs. Cooke and Mrs. E. Carter (Vice-Presidents), Mrs. Parry (Secretary), Mrs. Hancock (Treasurer), Mrs. Pilkington, Mrs. Idiens, Mrs. Garvey, Mrs. S. B. Carter, Mrs. Sheaf, Mrs. Arthurs and Miss A. L. Cox.

The next Meeting will be held in the Memorial Hall on Thursday, Jan. 10th, at 7 p.m.

D.M.P.

As we go to press, the news has been received of the death of Mr. John Mason. We offer our deepest sympathy to Mrs. Mason.