

**Badsey, Aldington and Wickhamford Parish  
Magazine**

**FEBRUARY, 1952**

**BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES**

**LENT SERVICES**

**SUNDAYS.** Services as usual. Course of Sermons at Evensong on "Baptism—Confirmation—Holy Communion."

**WEDNESDAYS** (commencing Ash Wednesday, Feb. 27th). 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 4 p.m., Children's Service; 7 p.m., Lent Service. Course of Addresses on "Messages from The Old Testament."

**N.B. Wed., Mar. 12th.** 7 p.m. The Rite of Confirmation will be administered by The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lasbery.

**Sun., Mar. 23rd.** 3 p.m. "Mothering Sunday" Service.

The Preacher at Evensong on Sunday, Feb. 3rd, will be the Rev. E. F. Waddy, Vicar of The Littletons.

**NOTES AND NOTICES**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.** — This Meeting will be held in the Parish Room on Monday, Mar. 3rd, at 7.15 p.m. It will be preceded at 7 p.m. by the Vestry Meeting for the nomination and election of Churchwardens. All members of the Electoral Roll should regard it as a duty to attend. Reports on the work of the Parochial Church Council during the past year and of the condition of the Fabric and Ornaments of the Church will be presented, in addition to the annual Financial Statement. The Parochial Church Council for the ensuing year will be elected, and representatives to the Ruridecanal Conference appointed.

W.B.C.

**MOTHERS' UNION.** — Meetings will be held on Tuesdays, Feb. 12th and 26th, in the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m. On Feb. 12th we are to have a visit from Mrs. Bowstead Wilson, and I hope that all Members will try to be present. On Feb. 26th we shall begin our preparations for "Mothering Sunday" (Mar. 23rd).

The New Year Party on Jan. 2nd was a very happy occasion. Over fifty members of the Mothers' Union and Sanctuary Guild sat down to a sumptuous tea, made possible by the generous gifts of the Members themselves. Afterwards we were entertained by the W.I. Choir and the Badsey Mummers, to whom hearty thanks are due. Several Members remarked on the friendly atmosphere which prevailed. It was further evidence of the growing "family spirit" among our Members, something for which we may be truly thankful. The experiment of holding the Party in the Parish Room was most successful.

Corporate Communion and Admission of New Members—Ash Wednesday (Feb. 27th) at 10 a.m.

A.M.C.

**SANCTUARY GUILD.**—Next Meeting, Mon., Feb. 4th, in the Parish Room at 2.45 p.m. The Service, which precedes the Meeting, will be held in the Parish Room instead of in Church.

Corporate Communion—Ash Wednesday (Feb. 27th) at 10 a.m.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL.**—The annual Prizes were distributed after Matins on Sunday, Dec. 23rd, by Mr. C. A. Binyon, to whose devoted service for many years the Sunday School owes so much.

The success of the New Year Party on Saturday, Jan. 12th, was again due to the generous gifts of many friends and the hard work put in by parents and teachers in preparing the Teas for the Juniors and Seniors. In addition, we thank (1) Mr. H. Robinson and Mr. A. E. Johnson for the provision of Milk, (2) Mr. L. Mustoe for Apples, (3) Mr. Henry King who, with the assistance of Mr. L. Bott, gave a Film Show after Tea, and (4) The kind friend who sent us such a splendid gift of Tomatoes.

**CHOIR.**—The Choirmen and Bellringers had their Annual Dinner at the Royal Oak on Jan. 10th. After what might truly be described as a "pre-war" repast, the Vicar and Mr. G. A. King expressed the deep appreciation of the members of the congregation of the work of the Choir and Bellringers during the past twelve months. Mr. Henry King and Mr. R. R. Savory responded. Mr. Henry King then entertained the company with a number of most interesting Films. On the previous Saturday he had kindly entertained the Choir Boys to Tea and a Film Show.

**GUILD OF RINGERS.**—Any young person over the age of 14 years who is interested in Church-bell or Hand-bell Ringing is invited to get into touch with Mr. Roger Savory, the Ringing Master, as soon as possible.

**P.C.C.**—At the January Meeting it was agreed that the Church Fête should be held on Sat., June 21st, and the Harvest Thanksgiving and Gift Day on Sunday, Sept. 28th.

**MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.**—It was stated recently in a newspaper that men did not exhibit the enthusiasm of women by regularly gathering together in an organised form of social activity. It can surely be proved, by the fine attendance at our Fellowship each month, that this statement can be definitely denied, as far as Badsey is concerned.

The large gathering on January 7th on the occasion of a visit from Mr. Geoffrey Smith showed that interest was not waning. We were favoured with a most interesting and instructive talk on The Press. Mr. Smith treated his subject from many angles, dating back to the very early days of journalism. It is hoped that all those who are mechanically minded will take advantage of the kind invitation to look in at the Journal Works to see a newspaper in the making. Thank you, Mr. Smith, for a very pleasant evening.

On Tuesday, February 12th, the Rev. A. T. Bartlett (Vicar of Offenham) is paying us a visit to give some of his experiences, including life in a German Prisoners of War Camp. Please turn up as usual to what should be a very interesting chat.

M.G.S.

We offer our sincere sympathy to the relatives of the late Mr. H. E. Wheatley, who died on Dec. 21st.

## BADSEY PARISH CHURCH FABRIC AND CHURCHYARD FUND

1st January, 1950, to 31st December, 1951

**CHRISTMAS.** — We had most inspiring Services throughout the Festival. Our grateful thanks are due (1) to those who decorated the Church so beautifully (Mesdames Chapman, W. H. Reed, L. H. Sparrow, Turrell, A. Reed, C. Stewart, Edwards, Holley, Idiens, R. Hartwell and Miss Agg), (2) the members of the Choir for the Carol Service and for their help at the Midnight Service. On all sides I have heard warm tributes to the way in which the Carols were sung, "The Echo Carol" being outstanding. (3) Miss N. Smith for again lending us the "Christmas Crib." There were less communicants at the Midnight Celebration, but considerably more than usual on Christmas morning. The total number (205) was practically the same as last year. We were very glad to have the Archdeacon of Norwich with us again, and I am most grateful to him for his help.

W.B.C.

**Very Grateful Thanks** to Mrs. Bertram Jones for her work in repairing the Hassocks. This has been a hard task, and one upon which she has been engaged for weeks. A vast improvement has been effected, and such sterling service should not go by unrecognised.

**THE BADSEY MUMMERS.**—The Mummers had another very successful tour. As a result of collections at the various performances they have been able to purchase a new St. George's Flag for the Church and to grant a sum of £9 7s. 6d. to the Sunday School Fund. The cast consisted of Messrs. A. L. Byrd, J. Major, R. Taylor, G. B. Jennings, D. Barrand (whom we were glad to have with us on leave from Germany), B. F. P. Blake and R. Salter. Mr. Austen Jones kindly helped with transport.

### COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Dec. 23rd, £8 1s. 3d.; Dec. 30th, £5 19s. 7d.; Jan. 6th, £5 4s. 3d.; Jan. 13th, £4 19s. 10d.; Jan. 20th, £4 5s. 6d. Total £28 10s. 5d.

### OTHER RECEIPTS

**Church of England Children's Society** (Dec. 24th/25th), £7 7s. 5d.; **Church Box**, 6s. 7d.; **Use of Organ**, 6s.; **December Envelopes**—Church Expenses £4 13s. 5d., Church Overseas 13s.—**Total** £5 6s. 5d. (No. 6, £1 5s. 0d.; No. 7, 5s.; No. 8, 9s.; No. 9, 2s. 6d.; No. 10, 4s.; No. 11, 5s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 5s.; No. 14, 15s.; No. 16, 2s. 6d.; No. 17, 4s. 11d.; No. 22, 2s.; No. 23, 7s. 6d.; No. 24, 15s.).

**Special Collections in 1951.** Collections during 1951 for special objects totalled £70 11s. 5d. — Easter Offering (Vicar) £21; Diocesan Mission Expenses £16 12s. 6d.; Sunday School Fund £7 18s. 0d.; Earl Haig's Fund £13; Church of England Children's Society £7 7s. 5d.; Church Overseas Fund £4 13s. 6d.

### RECEIPTS

	£	s.	d.
To Balance, 1st Jan., 1950	507	19	6
„ £1,000 Appeal Fund (inc. Church Fête, 1950)	1,103	2	8
„ Per Miss E. N. Sladden	120	0	0
„ Church Fête (1951)	213	0	0
„ Sale of Shed	5	10	0
„ Bank Interest	26	14	1
	<u>£1,976</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>

### PAYMENTS

	£	s.	d.
By Repairs to Tower	542	7	3
„ Repairs to Bells	524	6	10
„ Churchyard Extension	348	14	9
„ Repair of Church Roof	310	5	0
„ Decoration of Church	98	0	0
„ Memorial Board	28	5	1
„ External Repairs	49	0	10
„ Sundries	14	15	8
„ Balance in hand, 31st Dec., 1951	60	10	10
	<u>£1,976</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>

- N.B. (1) Outstanding Liabilities: Architects' Fees, £128. Tarmac £30 (approx).  
 (2) The sum of £315 is invested in 3% Defence Bonds on behalf of the Fabric Fund.

Examined and found correct.

D. A. JELFS,  
14th January, 1952

### SIDESMEN ON DUTY

**Sunday, Feb. 3rd.** — 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, Feb. 10th.** — 8 a.m., Mr. A. L. Byrd; 11 a.m., Messrs. D. Agg and E. Velvick; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. J. Major, P. Case and M. Barnard.

**Sunday, Feb. 17th.** — 8 a.m., Mr. B. F. P. Blake; 6.45 p.m., Messrs. R. Hartwell, R. Knight and J. M. Chapman.

**Sunday, Feb. 24th.** — 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, Mar. 2nd.** — As Sunday, Feb. 3rd.

## SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
<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
<b>Sunday, Feb. 17th</b>		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
<b>Sunday, Feb. 24th</b>		
8 a.m.	D. Bott	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
<b>Sunday, Mar. 2nd</b>		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
<b>Sunday, Mar. 9th</b>		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott

## PARISH REGISTERS

### Baptisms

Jan. 20th. Isabelle Janice Gresty.

### Burials

Dec. 24th. Harry Enoch Wheatley, aged 47 years.

Jan. 1st. Julie Leng, aged 2 days.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.**—The New Year Party was voted one of the most enjoyable ever held. An excellent meal was provided, through the gifts of many members. Afterwards games were arranged by Mrs. Chapman, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Pratley, and two amusing Monologues were given by Mrs. I. Knight. Dancing and Singing filled up the remainder of the time, Mrs. Sadler doing yeoman service at the Piano. The President (Mrs. S. B. Carter) thanked all who had contributed to the success of the evening.

**BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION).** — A Branch meeting was held at the Bell Inn on Tuesday, 18th December.

There was a very interesting Cookery Demonstration on "Christmas Fare," after which followed a sale of British Legion Disabled Men's Goods.

Ten members were chosen to go to the Group Meeting, to be held at Bretforton on 18th January.

The Competition for the dressed doll was won by E. Cox, of Wickhamford.

Mrs. Rose and Mrs. James, Jnr.—Sick visitors for the month.

The Annual Party was arranged for January 22nd.  
M.C.

## WICKHAMFORD NOTES

### THE VICAR'S LETTER

My dear Friends,

The Church was, as usual, made very beautiful for the Christmas Festival and we would thank all who were responsible for the work of decoration. On Sun-

day afternoon, Dec. 23rd, following a short Children's Christmas Service, Mr. J. E. Sheppard distributed the Sunday School Prizes in a manner which must have deeply impressed the children. They were made to feel that the Church had a real interest in them individually and were encouraged in their turn to be loyal to their Church and Sunday School. At Evensong the Service was enhanced by the Choir's reverent singing of Christmas Carols, and it was a real preparation for a right observance of the Festival. The Service on Christmas morning was truly joyous and inspiring.

In spite of bad weather the "Watchnight Service" on New Year's Eve was quite well attended, and the experiment was fully justified. We are again indebted to Mr. J. E. Parry for the floodlighting of the Church.

The Rev. F. C. Champion's talk on "Trees" to the Men's Fellowship on Jan. 2nd was even more delightful than his previous talk on "Herbs." The Meeting was very well attended and was most interesting and enjoyable. The next Meeting of the Fellowship will be held on Wed., Feb. 6th, at 7.30 p.m., when the Speaker will be Major Cobb. We extend a hearty welcome to all men.

The Children's New Year Party on Jan. 9th passed off very happily—thanks to the hard work put in by Miss Cox, Miss B. Willis, Mrs. Hodges, Miss Lawley and Mrs. Chapman. We are indebted to the kind friend who sent us Apples for distribution to the children, and to Mr. G. A. King and Mr. A. J. Brazier of Badsey for help with tables, etc.

During the reconstruction of the Parish Room the work of the Sunday School has been carried on under considerable difficulties, but now we have a settled home we look forward to a useful year's work. Parents can help by seeing that the children attend regularly. Once again I wish to acknowledge the devoted service of our Teachers—Miss Cox, Miss B. Willis and Miss B. Hancock.

Lent begins on Wed., Feb. 27th (Ash Wednesday). There will be a Celebration of Holy Communion at 9 a.m.

Your sincere friend and Vicar,

W. B. CHAPMAN.

**MOTHERS' UNION.**—The following Members are asked to be responsible for Teas: Feb. 6th, Mrs. Hodges; Feb. 13th, Mrs. E. Roberts; Feb. 20th, Mrs. Figgitt; Feb. 27th, Mrs. Hancock; March 5th, Mrs. Newbury. Teas on Jan. 2nd, 9th, 16th and 23rd were provided by Mesdames Pearce, Dean, Walters and Sturt.

**Church Collections. Church Expenses** (Dec. 23rd, 30th, Jan. 6th, 13th, 20th) £13 7s. 1d.; **Church of England Children's Society** (Dec. 25th) £4 6s. 0d.

## REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

**WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.**—The Monthly Meeting was held on Jan. 10th. After a short business session, Mrs. Collett played for Community Singing and also sang a Solo, Mrs. Boston being the accompanist. Music for Dancing was supplied by Miss Denise Daffurn (Piano) and Mr. D. Daffurn (Accordion). Refreshments were served by members of the Committee, and Games followed. Competitions were won by Mrs. R. Pethard, and Mrs. Fowkes. The singing of Auld Lang Syne brought a very pleasant Evening to a close.

THELMA B. GARVEY