

MARCH, 1952

The news of the sudden death of King George VI on Wednesday, February 6th, came as a profound shock to us all. In our Services at Badsey and Wickhamford on Sunday, February 10th, and Friday, February 15th (the day of the Funeral) we added our tribute to countless others. We thanked God for his utter devotion to duty, his moral and physical courage, the love and loyalty he inspired, and the lustre he added to the office of King. His whole life was the outcome of his personal religion—a simple but very deep faith in God which never wavered. This, it has been said, “explained both the man and the King. In him we saw the power of goodness. We read in our papers each Monday morning ‘The King attended Divine Service yesterday morning.’ This was no mere convention, it was the centre of his being.”

At a time when the standard of personal conduct leaves so much to be desired, and when decent people are bewildered at the laxity which so often prevails, the memory of his virtues and his staunch adherence to those standards which in our heart of hearts we all know to be right should stir and help us all.

“SO HE PASSED OVER, AND ALL THE TRUMPETS SOUNDED FOR HIM ON THE OTHER SIDE.”

“OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN ELIZABETH”

Words spoken at her Accession:—

“My heart is too full for me to say more to you than that I shall always work, as my father did throughout his reign, to uphold constitutional government and to advance the happiness and prosperity of my peoples, spread as they are all the world over.

“I know that in my resolve to follow his shining example of service and devotion, I shall be inspired by the loyalty and affection of those whose Queen I have been called to be and by the counsel of their elected Parliaments.

“I pray that God will help me to discharge worthily this heavy task that has been laid upon me so early in my life.”

In response to these words let us constantly pray:—

O God, who are the help of all Thy children, most heartily we beseech Thee to bless Thy servant, Elizabeth, called in Thy providence to be our Queen. Amidst her manifold duties and responsibilities be Thou her strength, guide her in every perplexity, uphold her in every trial, and illumine her heart with the knowledge of Thy will. Bless her in her home with her husband and her children. Grant that in Thy providence she may long be spared in health and strength to reign over a loyal and united people. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

A MESSAGE FOR THE TIMES

The quotation with which the late King concluded a Christmas broadcast in wartime:

“I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year ‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.’ And he said ‘Go out into the darkness, put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than a light, and safer than a known way.’”

BADSEY AND ALDINGTON NOTES

LENT SERVICES

Sun., Mar. 2nd (Lent I). Services as usual.

Wed., Mar. 5th. 10 a.m., H.C.; 4 p.m., Children's Service; 7 p.m., Lent Service.

Sun., Mar. 9th (Lent II). Services as usual.

Tues., Mar. 11th. 4 p.m., Children's Service.

Wed., Mar. 12th. 10 a.m., H.C.; 7 p.m., **The Rite of Confirmation will be administered by The Rt. Rev. Bishop Lasbery.**

Sun., Mar. 16th (Lent III). Services as usual.

Wed., Mar. 19th. 10 a.m., H.C.; 4 p.m., Children's Service; 7 p.m., Lent Service.

Sun., Mar. 23rd (Lent IV—“Mothering Sunday”). 8 a.m., H.C.—**First Communion of the newly Confirmed;** 11 a.m., Matins (no 11.40 a.m. Celebration); 3 p.m. **“Mothering Sunday” Service;** 6.45 p.m., Evensong.

Tues., Mar. 25th (Annunciation of The B.V.M.). 10 a.m., H.C.—**Corporate Communion of The Mothers' Union.** 2.45 p.m., **M.U. Deanery Service in All Saints' Church, Evesham.**

Wed., Mar. 26th. 4 p.m., Children's Service; 7 p.m., Lent Service.

Sun., Mar. 30th (Lent V—Passion Sunday). 8 a.m., H.C.; 11 a.m., Matins; 11.40 a.m., H.C.; 6.45 p.m. Evensong.

Wed., Apr. 2nd. 10 a.m., H.C.; 4 p.m., Children's Service; 7 p.m., Lent Service.

Sun., Apr. 6th (Lent VI—Palm Sunday). 8 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Sung Eucharist; 6.45 p.m., Evensong. Blessing and Distribution of Palms at all Services.

A full list of Services for Holy Week and Easter will be published in the April Magazine.

Subject of Sunday Evening Sermons—“Baptism—Confirmation—Holy Communion.”

Subject of Wednesday Evening Addresses—“Messages from The Old Testament.”

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.

SANCTUARY GUILD.—Next Meeting, Monday, Mar. 3rd, in the Parish Room at 6 p.m. (please note time). Refreshments will be provided by the 1st Sunday Group. It is hoped that Members will stay on for the Vestry Meeting and Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

MOTHERS' UNION.—Will Members please note the following arrangements:—

Tuesday, Mar. 11th. Branch Meeting in the Parish Room at 2.30 p.m.

Sunday, Mar. 23rd. 3 p.m. “Mothering Sunday” Service.

Tuesday, Mar. 25th (Lady Day). 10 a.m. Corporate Communion—Alms for the M.U. Overseas Fund; 2.45 p.m. Deanery Service in All Saints' Church, Evesham. Preacher: Rev. W. P. Wylie.

The "Mothering Sunday" Service will be as in previous years. May we have 100% attendance of Members!

The visit of Mrs. Bowstead Wilson and her helpful address were very much appreciated.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—At the interim Meeting on Jan. 20th a talk of local interest was given by Mr. Binyon, his subject being "Badsey Parish Records." It was nice to have this glimpse into the past history of our village, which encouraged many members to recall interesting items concerned with the district a generation or two back.

There was an excellent muster on Feb. 12th to welcome a newcomer to the Vale in the person of Rev. A. T. Bartlett, Vicar of Offenham. In a very engaging manner he related some of his experiences as a chaplain in the R.A.F., and, in alternating from humour to serious thought, he held the attention of his audience throughout. From comments heard since it would appear that the evening was considered to be one of the most interesting we have had.

It should be placed on record that Mr. Bartlett said it was a thrilling experience for him to realize that a room full of men met regularly of their own free will, year after year, in such a Fellowship as ours.

On Tuesday, March 11th, we are to have a visit from Mr. J. A. Tate, who will show a Film, and talk on Roman England. This should be most interesting and instructive.

M.G.S.

IN MEMORIAM.—Miss Rosabel Allan died peacefully in a Nursing Home on Feb. 2nd, aged 88. Some people will remember her when she lived at Pool House, with the late Mrs. Ashwin. Afterwards she made long visits to Badsey from time to time, always seeing as many old friends as possible. She took an active part in the life of the village, taught in the Church Sunday School, and was always ready to use her musical talent, by playing the Organ for Church Services, acting as accompanist or giving Piano Solos at village Concerts. She retained her interest in news about Badsey Church, the village and old friends there, until the end of her life.

E.N.S.

TO BE PUBLISHED SHORTLY. — "Notes on Badsey and its Church" by C. A. Binyon, O.B.E. 4pp. 3d.

We offer our congratulations and good wishes to Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Crane, who celebrated their Golden Wedding on February 10th. We were very glad that Mrs. Crane arrived home from Hospital in time for the celebration, and we wish her a speedy return to health.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of those who have passed from us during the past month—Henry George Hutchings and Edith Jeffries.

Miss G. V. Price has kindly consented to open the Church Fête on Saturday, June 21st.

COLLECTIONS FOR CHURCH EXPENSES

Jan. 27th, £3 17s. 7d.; Feb. 3rd, £5 12s. 6d.; Feb. 10th, £6 2s. 10d.; Feb. 17th, £4 15s. 0d. Total £20 7s. 11d.

OTHER RECEIPTS

February Envelopes. Church Expenses £3 5s. 6d., Church Overseas 7s. 9d. **Total** £3 13s. 3d. (No. 4, 3s.; No. 6, £1; No. 7, 4s.; No. 10, 5s.; No. 11, 4s.; No. 12, 4s.; No. 13, 3s.; No. 14, 10s.; No. 16, 1s. 6d.; No. 17, 1s. 6d.; No. 19, 2s. 9d.; No. 22, 2s.; No. 23, 12s. 6d.). **Use of Organ** 6s.; **Badsey Medical Aid Society** £5 15s. 1d.; **Church Box** 6s. 3d. **Cancer Research Fund** (Feb. 15th) £3 4s. 3d.

PARISH REGISTERS

Baptisms

Feb. 17th. Barbara Elizabeth Lord; Graham David Smith.

Burials

Jan. 31st. Henry George Hutchings, aged 60 years.
Jan. 31st. Edith Jeffries, aged 79 years.

SERVERS AND CRUCIFERS ON DUTY

	Server	Crucifer
Sunday, Mar. 2nd		
8 a.m.	J. Hatcher	—
11 a.m.	D. Rouse	R. Harvey
6.45 p.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
Sunday, Mar. 9th		
8 a.m.	L. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
Sunday, Mar. 16th		
8 a.m.	D. Knight	—
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Mar. 23rd		
8 a.m.	K. Mitchell	—
11 a.m.	K. Mitchell	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	D. Bott	R. Harvey
Sunday, Mar. 30th		
8 a.m.	B. Jennings	—
11 a.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott
6.45 p.m.	B. Jennings	K. Mitchell
Sunday, Apr. 6th		
8 a.m.	D. Bott	—
11 a.m.	E. Salter	B. Jennings
6.45 p.m.	R. Harvey	D. Bott

SIDESMEN ON DUTY

Sunday, Mar. 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.

The list of Sidesmen on Duty for the remainder of the month will be posted in The Porch, following the election of Sidesmen at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Monday, Mar. 3rd.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE ORGANISATIONS

BRITISH LEGION (WOMEN'S SECTION). — A Dance was held at the Lifford Hall, Broadway, on Friday, 18th January. £8 was realised towards a purse to be presented to Dame Regina Evans at Worcester in March.

An enjoyable Party was held at the Bell Inn, Badsey, on Tuesday, 22nd January. The Evesham Townswomen's Guild kindly rendered a sketch and two or three other items, while Mr. Maberley kindly gave his service as Conjuror. Games and community singing filled in the programme.

M.C.

WOMEN'S INSTITUTE.—At the February Meeting the President (Mrs. S. B. Carter) asked members to stand in silence in memory of the late King.

A most interesting talk was given by Major S. B. Carter on "My Lady's Dress" — a review of women's fashions through the centuries.

The Competition was "A Packed Lunch for a Working Man" and was judged by Mrs. Dean (President, Wickhamford W.I.). The Prizewinners were Mrs. J. Major, Mrs. Pratley, Mrs. A. W. Sparrow, and Mrs. Taylor.

The Social Half-hour was devoted to a demonstration of making an Apron out of Newspapers and six pins.

Competitions were won by Mrs. Bell and Mrs. Goodall. J.J.

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IN MEMORIAM—GEORGE ALBERT AGG

By the death of George Albert Agg, Wickhamford Church has lost one of her most devoted sons. His long service as Churchwarden is well-known, but it is for what he was rather than for what he did that he will chiefly be remembered. He was everywhere esteemed for his absolute integrity and deep sincerity. To his friends he was unfailingly loyal, kindly and understanding. Gentle in manner and speech, anything that was mean, insincere, or underhand roused him to righteous anger. When his strength began to fail, his attachment to the Church he loved grew deeper still, and the reality of his faith became even more apparent as he realised "the call home" might come at any time. No one could have faced the fact of death more calmly. So he slipped quietly away from us, to rest in the nearer presence of his Lord. We are very conscious of the gap in our Church life, but cannot but give thanks for the memory of one who truly "walked with God."

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MEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—Major Cobb's talk ("Reflections of a Nature Lover") on Feb. 6th was thoroughly enjoyed by the members. Delivered in an easy unconventional style and interspersed with a great deal of dry humour, the hearers learned a good deal during a most entertaining hour and a half. The final Meeting of the session will be held in the Parish Room on Wed., Mar. 5th, at 7.30 p.m., when Mr. Betley has kindly promised to give a talk.

MOTHERS' UNION.—The following Members are asked to be responsible for Teas: Mar. 5th, Mrs. Newbury; Mar. 12th, Mrs. G. Halford; Mar. 19th, Mrs. C. Mason; Mar. 26th, Mrs. Martin; Apr. 2nd, Mrs. Boston; Apr. 9th, Mrs. Spragg. Tea on Jan. 30th was provided by Mrs. Colley.

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A very interesting talk by Mrs. Tucker on "The Royal Ladies of England" was most appropriate for the occasion.

Refreshments were served by Mesdames Batty, Boston, Collett, Cox, Andrews and Byron.

Mrs. Sheaf was the winner of a bowl of bulbs, presented by Mrs. Idiens, and a Bring and Buy Sale, organised by Mrs. S. B. Carter, Miss A. L. Cox and Mrs. Arthurs, helped to swell the funds.

Mrs. Dean was elected as Delegate to the A.G.M. at Worcester in March, with Mesdames Phillips, Idiens, Warren and Miss A. L. Cox as visitors.

Mrs. Arkell and Mrs. Taylor were the winners in the team games, and a pleasant evening concluded with the singing of the National Anthem.

THELMA B. GARVEY